

Vision

The Beaver Archipelago's natural resources—habitats and wildlife—will provide a strong foundation for an economically thriving, sustainable community with a unique character and satisfying quality of life. The community will share a reverence for the natural environment and a commitment to preserve it for future generations.

Draft Goals

1) Effective Management of the Beaver Archipelago's Natural Resources. Habitats and wildlife, including rare and endangered species, are monitored, protected, preserved, and restored for their ecological and economic value and the well-being of the Island community.

2) Economic Growth Derived from Our Natural Resources. Island business owners, residents, and developers value and protect the Beaver Archipelago's natural resources and beauty as a sustainable source of economic benefits, while expanding traditional and new economic activities. These include, but are not limited to, recreation, ecotourism, home and business development, and subsistence, commercial, and recreational hunting and fishing.

3) An Environmentally Informed Public. Island residents and visitors value, learn about, and experience the Beaver Archipelago's natural, historical, and cultural resources, and participate in and support efforts to sustain their beauty and health.

4) A Broad Base of On- and Off-Island Partnerships Aligned With Our Vision. Relationships between individuals and organizations—governments, tribes, non-profits, educational institutions, philanthropies, Island residents, businesses and others—are established that ensure long-term sustainability of the Beaver Archipelago's ecosystems, economy, and community.

Draft Objectives

1) Effective Management of Natural Resources

Establish inventory and ongoing monitoring of habitats and wildlife.

Determine conservation priorities, scientifically and aesthetically, for habitats and wildlife.

Provide effective management, based on conservation priorities, for habitats and wildlife.

2) Economic Growth Derived from Natural Resources

Promote awareness of natural-resource based opportunities for ecotourism, recreation, hunting and fishing, and other recreational activities for visitors, seasonal residents, and businesses.

Increase seasonal and year-round housing, building in harmony with the Island's traditional look, natural beauty, and environmental standards.

Enhance public access, infrastructure, and educational capacity that showcase the rich diversity of natural resources.

Increase value-added businesses using natural resources, such as forest products.

3) Environmentally Informed Public

Increase educational opportunities that allow Islanders and visitors to understand, appreciate, and protect the unique natural, historical, and cultural features of the Beaver Archipelago.

Raise community awareness of conservation threats and best practices to sustain the natural features and species diversity of the Beaver Archipelago.

Develop more ways to engage students/youth in activities that manage natural resources and enhance their learning about the Beaver Archipelago's habitats and wildlife.

Increase positive ecological practices and decrease behaviors that harm habitats and wildlife.

4) Broad Base of Partnerships Aligned with Vision

Establish mechanisms by which the Island community and stakeholders together determine and update conservation priorities.

Increase the number of stakeholders aligned with our vision.

Foster partnerships to encourage and support research.

Raise long-term funding locally, from stakeholders and potential funders, to preserve and restore habitats and wildlife.

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Strategies (in no particular order):

Increase number of natural resource managers

Increase natural resource funding

Create a way to monitor resources and deal with threats

Identify core wild areas and key species

Identify human activities which impact resources

Control the introduction of invasives to the Island

Enforce zoning rules relevant for resources

Adopt an Island-wide blight ordinance

Increase private property conservation easements

Establish sustainable forest management practices

2nd Goal: Economic Growth Derived from Natural Resources

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Strategies (in no particular order):

Increase population by 10%, especially of young families

Increase visitors

Increase ecotourism businesses

Decrease blight

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Strategies (in no particular order):

Create natural resource educational materials in various formats

Cultivate bird habitat and provide guidance

Educate landowners about stewardship values and options

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Strategies (in no particular order):

Develop specific partnerships for each island in the Beaver Archipelago

Seek regulatory policies consistent with our goals