

Value and Vision Word Choice Definitions

The following definitions are based on the comments and conversations collected during the Community Vision Process. The values and phrases included below are the basis for the North Haven Vision Statement.

Community Value Definitions

Sense of Community

Connection to and dependence on and trust of one another; caring for each other – a feeling that “we’re all in this together”

Scenic Beauty

The natural geography and landscapes of the island

Friends and Family live here

Living close to or with some if not all of one's immediate friends and relatives

Island Culture and Heritage

The resourceful, interdependent, intergenerational nature of island living; valuing traditions and heritage occupations; having a strong sense of place

Quality of life

A combination of all of the above with emphasis on feeling “at home”, safe, and secure—able to live, work, and play with overall satisfaction

Vision Statement Word Choice Definitions

Resourceful

Describes the self-sufficiency, creativity, collaboration, and grit that is required for living, solving problems, and ultimately thriving in a remote and isolated location.

Caring

Community members are engaged, supportive, and responsive, helping each other out during times of need and acting from a place of compassion.

Safe

Reflects the trust within the community and the aspiration that people feel safe and secure in their housing, livelihoods, and way of life.

Inclusive

Welcoming, respectful, transparent, open-minded; embracing everyone who cares about North Haven as a part of the community, regardless of their identity or background.

Thriving year-round economy

Encompasses aspects of viable year-round living on the island, including a diverse economy, adequate housing, and the infrastructure to support year-round and summer community members (grocery store, health care, school, emergency services, an active workforce, childcare, arts and culture programs, etc.).

Stewarding natural resources

Recognizing, protecting, and thoughtfully using the naturally occurring resources on and around the island to both sustain the island ecosystem and ensure the availability of these resources for future generations (freshwater, healthy farming land, clean surrounding water, healthy fishing stocks, etc.).

Preserving scenic beauty

Recognizing and working with the natural geography and landscapes of the island to ensure the character of North Haven's natural environment remains unique and accessible for all to enjoy.