

Conversation on Elevate Black Mountain

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

Elevate Black Mountain is a process to build upon Black Mountain's successes and update the Town's comprehensive plan.

The "Elevate Black Mountain" community workshop is a chance for the entire town to come together to learn about critical planning influences and provide ideas on how to make Black Mountain an even better place to live.

December 16, 2019
3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Town Hall
160 Midland Avenue



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What will happen at the Conversation on Elevate Black Mountain workshop?

At this two hour workshop, you will learn about conditions that are shaping Black Mountain and its future and engage in activities to generate essential insight on community goals, values, principles, and more.

2. What is a comprehensive plan?

A comprehensive plan is the leading policy document and tool to help a community create a vision and guiding principles for decision-making for their town. This consolidated set of policies covers a range of topics including: land use; transportation; economic development; demographics; housing; health; environment; and, others.

3. Why are we undertaking a comprehensive plan update?

The comprehensive plan was last updated in 2015 and most communities update or create a new plan every five to ten years. This is especially true for communities in high-growth areas.

4. Who's involved in updating the comprehensive plan?

Everyone! First and foremost, it's a community centered process. The comprehensive plan process entails an extended community conversation that intentionally engages all stakeholders – residents, neighborhoods, businesses, town government, non-profits and institutions. To assist with public engagement, vision, and plan composition, the Town has hired Clarion Associates and Chipley Consulting.

5. Are there other ways to get involved?

There will be many opportunities to contribute your ideas to the Elevate Black Mountain process. Whether at an in-person workshop, a small focus group, or through the online public input tool, everyone is invited to contribute their thoughts and ideas. Meetings will be announced well in advance through traditional media, social media, and the project website www.townofblackmountain.org/2533/Comprehensive-Plan-Update.

6. Do I have to be an expert to contribute ideas?

Absolutely not! By living, working, or raising a family in Black Mountain, you know so much about our community. Your intuition is vital to the plan's success. Whether you've just moved to the community or are a fourth-generation life-long resident, your perspective is important.

7. How will my input be used?

When you contribute an idea to Elevate Black Mountain you are contributing directly to the comprehensive plan. Depending on when you get involved, your ideas could serve as the foundation for the community's vision statement, contribute to one of the plan's goals, inspire a specific action (like a new project, policy, or program), or set the course for implementation. Each comment will be recorded, databased, categorized, and analyzed.

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Where can I learn more?

The website (www.townofblackmountain.org/2533/Comprehensive-Plan-Update) includes more information about the process and how you can get involved – please explore! Sign up for news alerts and we'll keep updated on upcoming meetings and major announcements.