EXAMPLE LOCAL GOVERNMENT VISION STATEMENTS

Tybee Island, GA	As concerned citizens of The City of Tybee Island, we will be conscientious stewards of our unique historic and cultural heritage, environmental resources, and diverse economic community. We will also ensure that our growth does not exceed the Island's carrying capacity. We will foster a vibrant, year-round economy and support our business community in its goal to provide quality services and facilities for both residents and visitors. We will provide increased recreational and educational opportunities for all age groups to promote Tybee Island as a family-friendly, four season vacation destination, while enhancing the
Isle of Palms, SC	distinctive atmosphere of our Island life. Isle of Palms has developed into a premier barrier island residential community with a variety of housing styles, commercial uses and recreational facilities and the natural resources that make Isle of Palms such a wonderful place to live and visit remain intact and in good condition. Measures that will enhance the existing character of the island as a quality place to live, and protect the environment both on and around the island, must be taken to guide development and preserve the quality of life for generations to come.
Key West, FL	Our mission is to protect our natural and built environment and honor our local heritage and cultural identity with citizens actively engaged in the life of our neighborhoods and community. Together we shall promote ongoing redevelopment of a sustainable economy, quality of life, and modern city infrastructure. Our government shall act on behalf of the long-term, generational interests of residents and visitors of Key West.
Manteo, NC	Manteo will maintain its character as a small town occupied year round, with an economy that accommodates intensive tourism during the summer. The town will promote limited, planned growth, encourage the provision of affordable housing, and integrate the various parts of the town through a combination of improved traffic management and pedestrian improvements, while celebrating the past history and continuity of life of the early settlers and recent arrivals alike. The town encourages new building and redevelopment alike respect and maintain their compatibility with the town's standards and styles.
Franklin County, FL (Apalachicola)	Ensure that the character and location of land uses in Franklin County minimize the threat to the natural environment or public health, safety, and welfare, and maximize the protection of the Apalachicola Bay, while respecting individual property rights.
St Marys, GA	The City of St. Marys goals are to maintain our welcoming, small-town community atmosphere as a Georgia gateway and destination; and to remain committed to investing in our natural and cultural resources while proactively planning for continued myriad growth opportunities. Our priorities include: creating an open and engaging community that is committed to improving quality of life through expanding opportunities for economic development and implementing policies that will foster sustainable growth.

EXAMPLE VISION STATEMENTS: ISLANDS ACCESSIBLE ONLY BY BOAT

Bald Head Island, NC	Bald Head Island is a residential, family oriented community and major family
Yr. Round Pop: 177	vacation destination committed to living in harmony with nature while being
Area: ~ 9.5 sq. mi.	supportive of activities and services necessary to enhance the quality of life
Private ferry operator	on the island.
Mackinac Island, MI	Maintain a high quality of life for both present and future island residents;
Yr. Round Pop: 489	preserve the physical, social, environmental, historical and cultural
Area: ~4 sq. mi.	characteristics of the island; guide new development in a manner that
Private ferry operators	conserves natural features, protects environmentally sensitive areas, and
, ,	meets the long term needs of the community while recognize land owners'
	rights to reasonable use of their land; balance the rate of land development
	with the available public facilities, services and infrastructure.
Avalon, CA (Catalina Island)	Maintain a population size, both residents and visitors, that is consistent with
Yr. Round Pop: 3,802	the natural resources, public service and other factors while continuing to
Area: ~ 3 sq. mi. (Village)	attract, accommodate and satisfy tourists upon which the local community is
~ 76 sq. mi. (Isl.)	dependent; maintain and enhance the unique ecology and environmental
(85% in Conservancy)	features; Exemplify environmental awareness and stewardship; provide
Private ferry operators	services to all type of visitors and maintain the sense of place that is the draw
	for tourists and residents alike.
Little Gasparilla Island, FL	Little Gasparilla Island is a pristine piece of old Florida, conveniently located
Yr. Round Pop: ~100	minutes from the mainland and its amenities and services. Quiet, peaceful
Area: ~ 3 sq. mi.	and uncrowded, the island is an informal, yet cooperative collection of
Private water taxi	residents who cherish the breathtaking beauty of their unique island home
	and easy-going lifestyle. The island combines history, nature and
	individuality.
Anderson Island, WA	Anderson Island is a historic and rural residential community with an attractive
Yr. Round Pop: 1,037	and compact central node. Growth on the island is managed to retain the
Area: ~8 sq. mi.	historic and caring character, foster a sense of community and diversity and
Pierce Co. operated ferry	preserve the natural environment. Residential and commercial development
	is designed to integrate into the natural surroundings and infrastructure and
	services supports a diversity of resident's needs.
Guemes Island, WA	To allow growth that will conserve the island's groundwater resources, rural
Yr. Round Pop: 605	character, and sense of community. Rural character includes both the
Area: ~ 8 sq. mi.	amenities of the natural environment and the lack of urban-scale
Skagit Co. operated ferry	development and applies the non-visual aspects of rural life, including self-
	sufficiency, sense of community and mix of land uses.
Nantucket, MA	To create and sustain a healthy community, one whose residents have
Yr. Round Pop: 10,000	stability and security with resources protected for future generations.
Area: ~ 49 sq. mi. (40% Cons.)	
State and private ferries	

Guemes Island Sub-Area Plan: Island Welcome: Capturing the Vision

"As you walk here step gently, enjoy the young raven in the ancient fir tree that shades the cattail marsh just up from the beach

Sense the harmony of the islanders as they go about with an unhurried pace, a kind wave of the hand for all passers by

Admire the quiet. Breathe the peace we all try to preserve for each other; and do no harm here to our place...to our home." — Gary Davis, Guemes Island Poet