

Swanton's Shared Future



What's Being Proposed

The Town and Village of Swanton are exploring the adoption of a **1% Local Option Tax (LOT)** on **sales, meals, and rooms**.

This small local tax—used successfully in many Vermont communities—would help fund projects that improve life for everyone in Swanton.

Why It Matters

Swanton is growing and changing. Our community deserves:

- Safe, modern **infrastructure**
 - Well-maintained **parks, recreation spaces, and public buildings**
 - A strong, welcoming **downtown**
 - A vibrant **local economy** that supports residents and businesses
- A Local Option Tax provides a **new funding tool** that keeps money **in Swanton** to reinvest in Swanton.

How Funds Would Be Used

Revenue from the LOT would be placed into a **Swanton Capital Investment Fund** and used for projects that benefit the whole community, such as:

- **Downtown improvements** – sidewalks, lighting, and beautification
- **Building upgrades** – libraries, recreation centers, and municipal buildings for both the Village and Town municipalities
- **Parks and green spaces** – trails, playgrounds, and riverfront access, beach access
- **Marketing and promotion** – showcasing Swanton as a desired destination in the Vermont dynamic and attracting visitors to our community

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Transparency & Oversight

To ensure accountability, the Town and Village would:

- Establish a **Joint LOT Advisory Panel** with community representatives
 - Provide **annual public reports** on how funds are spent
- Use LOT dollars **only for capital projects** that serve the public good of all residents of Swanton

Benefits for All of Swanton

Funds stay local — invested right here in our community

Reduces reliance on property taxes

Attracts new businesses, visitors, and opportunities

Creates a more vibrant and connected Swanton for everyone

So what are the next steps..

- **Joint Board Action** – Town and Village leadership will consider placing the LOT proposal on the ballot
- **Public Information Sessions** – Learn, ask questions, and share feedback
- **Community Vote** – Residents decide whether to approve the Local Option Tax

Together, We Can Build “One Swanton”

The Local Option Tax is an investment **by our community, for our community.**

Let's work together to build a stronger, more vibrant Swanton—today and for generations to come.