Leverett Comprehensive Planning Project Timeline

2019 to 2022 Preliminaries

April 2019 to May 2021
Revenue Committee researches potential sources of Town revenue, recommends broadening property tax base to improve affordability

Summer 2020 Townwide Survey

April 2021: FY21 Year End Report

May 2021 to Jan 2022
Planning Board wins $39K grant & issues RFP

2022 Phase 1

March to June 2022
Community Working Group reviews "existing conditions" data collection with Innes Associates

June 2022: Leverett Comprehensive Plan Phase 1 Report

Oct 2022 to Jan 2023
Planning Board wins $75K grant & issues RFP

2023 Phase 2

Feb to March 2023
Planning Board recruits community Steering Group to work with Innes Assoc.

April to December 2023
Steering & Innes examine existing conditions, and conduct community outeach & data collection

Questionnaire #1: Community Vision (Oct to December)

Community meetings on existing conditions and community values

2024 Conclusion

Jan to March 2024
Steering & Innes finish community data collection

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Community meetings on forecasts, choices, and trade-offs

May 2024
Public review & comment, & confer with other Town committees, on Plan drafts

June 2024
Planning Board review and approval of final Plan

June 2024: Leverett Comprehensive Plan

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Leverett Comprehensive Plan Implementation Timeline

June 2024: Leverett Comprehensive Plan

What is a Comprehensive Plan?

a. Guidance for consistent Town policy change

b. A power tool for citizens to hold Town govt accountable

c. A program for winning grants to meet Town needs

Answer: All of the above.

A Plan is not law: It doesn't obligate or prohibit the Town with respect to any policy or action. Instead, it's a reference manual for Town law-making consistent with conditions and community values.

2024 - 2025

Creation of a Plan Implementation Committee

Planning Board begins public process of considering incremental improvements to Leverett zoning bylaw

2025 - 2034

Implementation Committee:

1) Assists Town committees with grants and projects to achieve Plan targets.
2) Measures community satisfaction & plan performance indicators.
3) Annual progress report to Town.

Planning Board:

1) Continues public process of considering incremental improvements to Leverett zoning bylaw.
2) As needed, supplements or modifies the plan in proportion to change in conditions or community values.

2034 - 2036

Implementation Committee & Planning Board produce final report evaluating Plan impact

Planning Board considers developing a new Comprehensive Plan

This Implementation timeline is speculative: Our approach to Implementation will be part of the Comprehensive Plan, which has not yet been written, deliberated over, or approved by the Planning Board.

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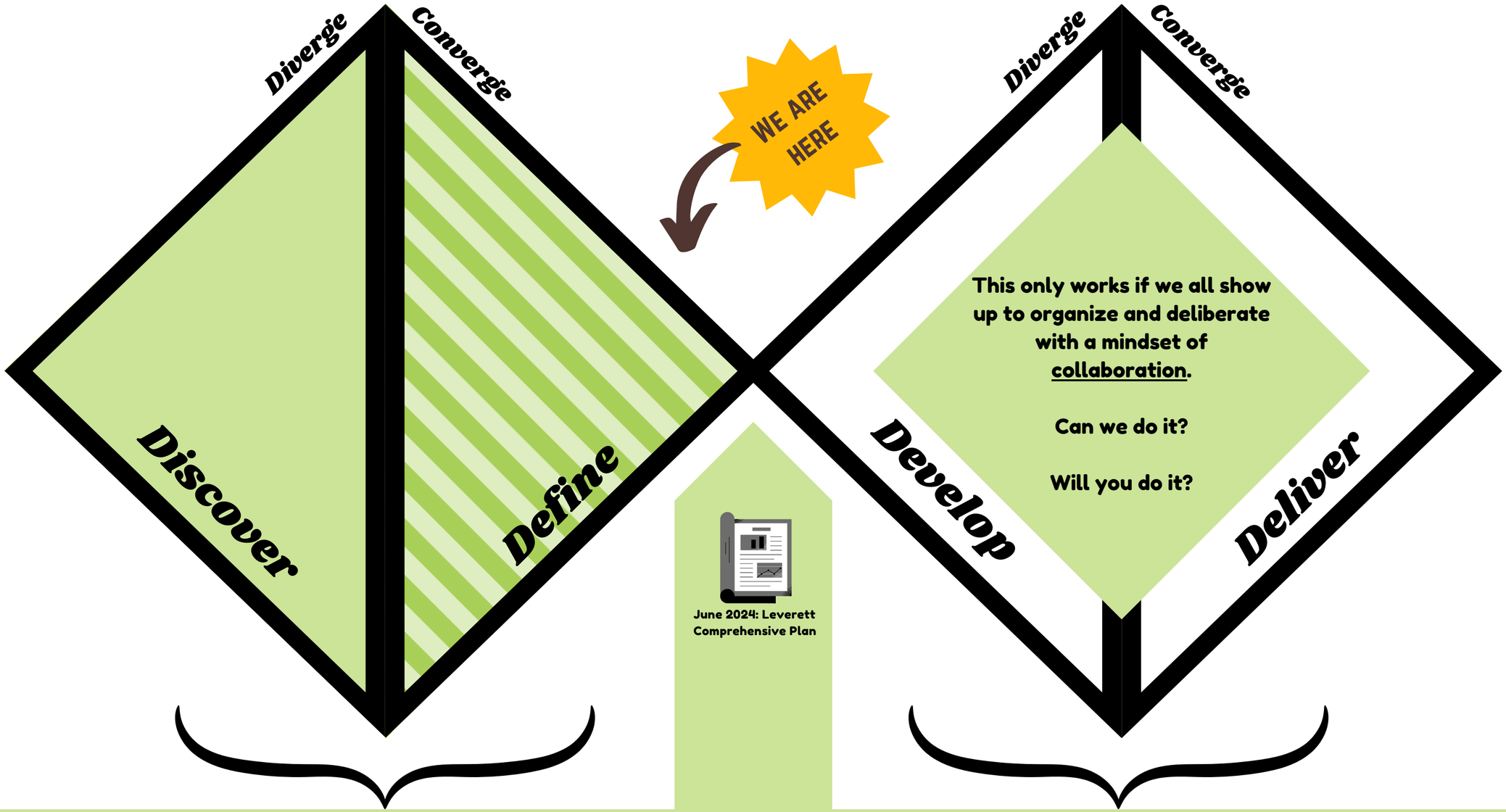

The Double Diamond model is a design thinking tool that describes how human groups can solve the right problems and deliver the best solutions. Design thinking isn't about how to discover, define, develop, and deliver. It's about how invite everyone to help with this critical work.

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