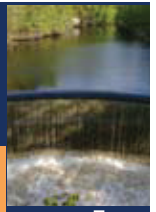


A BLUEPRINT

PROMOTING OUR ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE GROWTH



for Newton's Future

SUMMARY

IMPROVE THE AVAILABILITY OF SERVICES

Newton residents benefit from public services such as libraries and trash collection, as well as private-sector services like grocery stores, movie theatres, and cell phone reception. We propose the following initiatives to improve the quality and responsiveness of services valued by our community:

- Measuring public satisfaction and priorities
- Support village-based initiatives
- Adopt smart growth strategies to encourage desired private-sector services via zoning reform directly engaging business

REDUCE OR ELIMINATE NEGATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

Newton residents place a premium on environmental protection. Consistent with the adage, "Think Globally, Act Locally," they expect local government sustainable and resource efficient.

- Improve recycling by eliminating barriers to participation, offering containers at public facilities, improving residential containers and tracking progress while adjusting incentives
- Community based open space and tree management plan • Reduce carbon footprint by taking a City-wide capital asset inventory, tracking energy usage, implementing green building ideals, and having a comprehensive vehicle policy
- Reduce vehicle congestion and pollution

ADDRESS QUALITY OF LIFE CONCERNS

Some of the same issues that cause negative environmental impacts in Newton, such as poorly-maintained streets and overflowing garbage cans in our parks, also negatively affect our quality of life. It is our vision to address these concerns and preserve Newton's village character.

- Reduce traffic congestion through smart intersections, enhanced public transit through Needham Street light rail and Mass Pike commuter rail and improved pedestrian and bicycle access
- Keep our parks clean through improved waste container management, locally-accountable open space management, community partnerships and strict littering enforcement
- Maintain our infrastructure and streets through preventative maintenance, good planning and public input
- Protect public safety through community policing, improved emergency response times and a modernized dispatch center

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ADHERE TO SMART GROWTH PRINCIPLES

Newton is a city of villages, commercial corridors, and residential neighborhoods. This pattern of mixed land use, located between residential, work, and commercial places adds to the livability of our city and is a sustainable type of development for our future. Development standards should reflect the diversity and individuality of our villages and neighborhoods while being open to modest new growth. Our zoning codes and land use policies should reflect the values and direction we wish to take for our City and help us accomplish planned efforts that help achieve excellence in place-making.

- Implement comprehensive plan
- Environmentally-sound mixed-use growth
- Meet Newton's changing housing needs through small residential development and an affordable housing plan
- Targeted areas for commercial development