

HOUSING & BUILT ENVIRONMENT

1. Use techniques such as Smart Growth and higher density in target areas to achieve town's Affordable Housing goals to fulfill State requirements and to address the needs of other segments of the population, including youth, the adult disabled, the elderly and those of moderate income.
2. Integrate, coordinate and clarify the review process with respect to demolition and mansionization, and encourage greater use of neighborhood conservation districts and expanded historic districts to include more types of homes at risk.
3. Determine the key elements that define and differentiate Lincoln from surrounding communities, and create a Visual Preference Document that conveys these characteristics to developers and those new to the community.
4. Implement greater public review of development that might impact or occur adjacent to Lincoln's conservation lands, key viewsapes and scenic roads.

LAND USE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

1. Encourage cluster development as the development of choice for greater-than-two-acre parcels. In so doing, consider the possibility of “mandatory/conservation clusters” provided certain criteria are met.
2. Maintain a strong presumption against commercial rezoning of properties currently zoned residential, except in cases where a carefully planned and approved overlay scheme is in place.
3. Promote the development of the Lincoln Station area as a compact, dense, and walkable neighborhood that provides services to residents, opportunities for social interaction, and new housing choices.
4. Promote economic development within the Town that protects our rural character, adds to the vitality of residential life, encourages human interaction at Lincoln Station, and maintains/improves the delivery of services to residents.

CULTURAL & HISTORIC RESOURCES

1. Identify the Key Strengths and Contributions of the Town's Cultural Organizations
 - (a) Codify the contributions of Lincoln's most important cultural organizations and town-sponsored cultural resources with the objective of setting priorities for maintaining and enriching them.
 - (b) Develop mechanisms and incentives for cooperation between Lincoln's cultural organizations, town government and business.
2. Codify Historical Principles and Assets that Best Characterize Lincoln
 - (a) Identify key elements of our historical assets, set priorities for protecting them for future generations, and establish steps to be taken to protect them in the face of limited resources and competing priorities

GOVERNANCE

1. Evaluate Current Town Governance with the Goals of Identifying its Major Strengths and Weaknesses
 - (a) Explore opportunities to encourage more citizens—especially newer and younger residents—to attend town meeting and participate in town government.
 - (b) Explore ways to reduce the time commitments of board members and volunteers.
 - (c) Enhance training for new board members and promote inter-board communications in areas of overlapping jurisdiction.
 - (d) Explore ways to make town government continue to deliver more value at less cost and effort.

SERVICES

1. Provide appropriate services which meet the needs of the Town
 - (a) Determine ongoing satisfaction of residents with level of services provided
 - (b) Determine satisfaction of Town staff with services being offered and need for changes in services offered and resources available.
 - (c) Gather input from elected and appointed officials on current services offered and changes considered appropriate.
 - (d) Investigate, analyze, and articulate current process for determining level of services provided by the town.
 - (e) As part of documenting the process consider
 - (i) Departmental budgeting processes
 - (ii) Finance Committee analyses, modeling, and specifications
 - (iii) State of the Town deliberations and public hearings
 - (iv) Board meetings
 - (v) Staff input
 - (vi) Strategic planning sessions
2. Create mechanisms for provisioning of future services
 - (a) An output of this effort would include
 - (i) Determination of proper mix of personnel to deliver desired services
 - (ii) Optimal organizational structure to deliver such services
 - (iii) Opportunities to deliver more cost effective services through regional arrangements
 - (iv) Effective use of elected and appointed officials and necessary support staff
 - (b) At conclusion of analysis, propose modification of town processes to determine level of services to be offered.
 - (c) Propose periodic reevaluation and update of this evaluation of processes.
 - (d) After appropriate analysis of current regional dialogue between Lincoln and Sudbury, make suggestions on how there could be an improved dialogue aimed at making L-S an even more effective school.
 - (e) Determine what steps should be taken to increase water conservation and protect quantity and quality of Lincoln drinking water.
3. Collaborate with non-governmental services providers to offer robust services which improve quality of life in town
 - (a) Consider developers, private services providers, public/private partnerships, etc.

FACILITIES

1. Provide appropriate facilities that support town-provided services
 - (a) Identify services that drive specific facility use
 - (b) Reaffirm and define Lincoln's expectation that its facilities are good but not great
 - (c) Recommend processes for creation (or reduction of) town-owned facilities
2. Undertake a critical examination of town-owned facilities:
 - (a) Recognize history of current facilities and end of life issues
 - (b) Examine existing facilities and their ability to satisfy present requirements
 - (c) Seek opportunities to limit single-use types of facilities

TRANSPORTATION

1. Create an integrated transportation plan that reflects 21st century realities
 - (a) All transportation facilities should reflect Lincoln’s character and environmental stewardship.
 - (b) Emphasis should be placed on multi-modal types of transportation serving the needs of Lincoln’s residents.
 - (c) Non-vehicular efforts shall be coordinated with the open space and recreation elements of the master plan.
 - (d) Participate in regional planning efforts to mitigate the effect of commuter traffic crossing town.
2. Create a mechanism for prioritization of future transportation resources
 - (a) Evaluate the relative benefits of different modes of transport, for community benefit, safety, efficiency and environmental impact:
 - (i) Foot/bike/pedestrian
 - (ii) Vehicular
 - (iii) Public transport
 - (iv) Ride sharing and other resource sharing
 - (b) Explore short-term fixes for flashpoint areas in town, including:
 - (i) Lincoln School entry/exit
 - (ii) Walden Pond overflow
 - (iii) Private school/non-profit drop-off and pickup
 - (iv) 5-way stop
 - (v) Bemis Hall crosswalk

OPEN SPACE & RECREATION

1. Preserve Lincoln's natural resource, agricultural and recreational values.
 - (a) Protect existing conservation land and open space from conversion.
 - (b) Protect lands of conservation and recreation interest including:
 - (c) Explore opportunities for maintaining and expanding agriculture in Lincoln.
2. Promote active stewardship of existing agriculture and conservation land.
 - (a) Maintain baseline inventory and monitoring program.
 - (b) Encourage best land management practices including:
 - (c) Acquire funds and resources for long-term land stewardship and scientific study.
3. Foster recreational opportunities on recreational and conservation land.
 - (a) Encourage multiple and diverse uses on recreation and conservation land.
 - (b) Evaluate maintenance needs and expansion opportunities of roadside paths and trails.
 - (c) Provide new facilities and maintain current facilities as appropriate.
4. Foster coordination, education and outreach regionally and locally.
 - (a) Coordinate with boards and organizations to promote current goals.
 - (b) Partner with regional organizations to promote conservation and recreation goals.
 - (c) Foster a long-term stewardship ethic among all property owners in Town including:
 - (d) Provide opportunities for community-building and individualized recreation.
 - (e) Continue to develop and retain professional and highly competent staff.