



Lexington 2020 Vision Now and in the Year 2020

1. What's New?

At the halfway point to the 2020 time horizon, the 2020 Vision Committee is looking back at what has been accomplished over the past decade, looking around at what factors have changed that affect the community's vision and goals, and looking ahead to frame the Committee's work for the years ahead.

2. What Did We Set Out to Do?

The 2020 Vision Committee obtained community input to develop a framework for what residents want Lexington to be in the year 2020. Ongoing community input has validated the original goals developed in 2001, which continue to provide a framework for thinking about Lexington's future. The Committee has been working to create a community-based process to be used over and over again to keep the long-range framework current. The Lexington 2020 Vision process promotes and provides for increased community participation and hearing a broader range of voices.

3. Why is Long-Range Planning Important?

Complex factors beyond local control often drive the challenges a town like Lexington faces. In addition, there are fewer resources at all levels of government to address the needs. Engaging a broad spectrum of the community in strategic planning for the future can increase the likelihood of successfully working together to solve problems. When people come together to define shared interests, identify goals, and develop tools and strategies, a community works more effectively and can bring about positive change for the future.

4. Where Have We Been? *(see timeline on reverse)*

5. Where Are We Going?

The Lexington 2020 Vision Committee seeks to engage the elected boards and the wider community in discussions of how to move the vision and goals forward. The 2020 Vision Committee is discussing next steps with the Board of Selectmen, the School Committee, and the Planning Board, who created this process of community visioning and strategic planning. Community groups and organizations, committees and boards, businesses, and individuals are invited to take ownership and participate in bringing the vision and goals to fruition.

If you would like to learn more about Lexington 2020 Vision, call Candy McLaughlin in the Town Manager's Office at 781-862-0500 x244 or go to the Town's website at <http://lexingtonma.gov>

2020 Vision Committee Historical Membership

The following list reflects both past and current members of the 2020 Vision Committee since the beginning of the process in 1998. Current members are indicated with an asterisk ().*

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Brief History of Lexington 2020 Vision

2010

Demographic Change Task Force report completed

2009

Nine-session Citizens' Academy graduated 19 participants; Futures Panel discussed trends in economics, environment, health, and education.

2008

Economic Development Task Force report recommended enhancing commercial tax base and creation of an ED Advisory Committee; held an Economic Development forum

2007

Sustainable Lexington Task Force recommended Town join Cities for Climate Protection (ICLEI) and create a Climate Action Plan

2006

Progress Report identified actions toward Task Force goals, including training for board and committee members and creation of a Financial Policy Review Committee.

2005

Task Forces completed work; final reports on Budget and Community Discourse identified recommendations and follow-up actions

2004

Task Forces formed to investigate three areas of current significance for the community: Forging Constructive Community Discourse, Strengthening Lexington's Budget Process and Communications, and Fostering Economic Development

2003

Citizen feedback received on town-wide Progress Report; Town Meeting Members Association and 2020 Vision jointly sponsored nine public meetings in precincts to narrow 27 goals down to 10-12; elected boards jointly identified five key issues

2002

School and Town staff collaborated to plan and implement some of the recommended actions and developed a progress tracking matrix

2001

Status Report integrated previous work into five Themes including 27 Goals with Recommended Actions; town-wide survey validated report's content

2000

Work Groups of citizen volunteers developed vision, goals and recommended actions for the six topics; Core Participants Group created town-wide vision; Futures Panel discussed long-term trends

1999

Four Public Workshops and Fall Forum held to discuss issues and values; six major topics identified

1998

2020 Vision launched with introductory letter to community