

Lexington 2020 Vision
Town-Wide Vision Statement
(Written in 2000 as if in the year 2020)

The Town of Lexington prides itself on being a great place to live. Residents and visitors alike characterize it as a vibrant and active community, which places a high value on learning at all ages. Its residents and employees welcome the diversity of people who are attracted to Lexington and choose to call it their home and/or place of employment.

Lexington is, and will stay, a primarily residential community with a tradition of offering quality, broad-reaching municipal services. It is committed to preserving and maintaining a sense of community that includes its historic tradition, its public and private open spaces, and its public support for civic life. It strives, however, to maintain a range of affordability. Residents recognize that these qualities are always difficult to balance.

An open and structured process of community conversation and long-term planning help the town remain forward-looking. Major elements, which are consistently addressed and evaluated, include: fiscal responsibility; sustainability of natural and human resources; transportation issues; education, and regional cooperation and integration. Residents are invested in and rely on this process as they reconcile competing needs and interests.