



# LEXINGTON next

Comprehensive Plan, Update

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NEWSLETTER

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The Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee (CPAC) is excited to release this monthly newsletter to help inform the Lexington community with a regular status update on *LexingtonNext*, Lexington's Comprehensive Plan.

### What is *LexingtonNext*?

*LexingtonNext* is Lexington's Comprehensive Plan update, which is the first update since 2002/2003. A comprehensive plan provides direction to a community on how it intends to develop over the next several years. It is written based on feedback from the community on what our vision is for a better Lexington. It helps our Select Board, Planning Board, Planning Office, and community make decisions about land use, zoning, affordable housing, transportation, sustainability, equity, open space usage, and development.

### Who is considered to be a member of the Lexington Community?

The Lexington Community includes anyone interested in the future of Lexington – those who live, work, play, learn, visits used to live but moved away, travel through, etc. All are welcome to be a member of the community!

## Events

**September 21st—Housing in Lexington**  
Participate in an interactive conversation to discuss the future of housing in Lexington (input from this forum will inform *LexingtonNext* Plan recommendations) - [CLICK HERE](#) to access the event

## Get Involved

- **August 16th—Ideas Wall**  
Share your ideas about Lexington through electronic post notes on the ideas wall. [CLICK HERE](#) to access the ideas wall
- **September 1st—Survey & Mapping**  
Provide your thoughts on a Lexington specific survey that will guide the drafting of *LexingtonNext*. Plus, tell the CPAC about specific ideas of Lexington (what features should be preserved, what needs improvement, what is missing) through a virtual map exercise! [CLICK HERE](#) to access the Mapping and Survey

To access these opportunities and to share your input at [www.lexingtonnext.org](http://www.lexingtonnext.org)

## Components of LexingtonNext

LexingtonNext focuses on providing a plan for the eight elements required under Mass General Law (MGL), including transportation, housing, economic development, historic resources, public facilities, open space and recreation, and land use. Additionally, the following principles will guide the recommendations and therefore, the Town's actions moving forward:

- ◆ An Accessible & Connected Community...
- ◆ A Livable Community...
- ◆ A Healthy & Socially Responsible Community...
- ◆ A Community with a Vital & Resilient Economy...
- ◆ A Community in Harmony with Nature...
- ◆ A Community with Good Governance...
- ◆ A Community Committed to Equity...

To learn more about the various components of *LexingtonNext* please visit [www.lexingtonnext.org](http://www.lexingtonnext.org)

## Timeline

It is the goal of the CPAC to deliver *LexingtonNext* to the Planning Board for approval in December of 2021. Over the next several months leading up to December, the CPAC will be looking to engage with the Lexington Community to help develop the final Plan.

## Past events

On June 15<sup>th</sup>, 117 members of the Lexington community attended a virtual public forum to review the inventory reports, refine a vision and future goals that will guide *LexingtonNext*. Missed the June 15<sup>th</sup> Public Forum for Lexington-Next? Or want to watch again? Please visit [www.lexingtonnext.org/](http://www.lexingtonnext.org/)



## Planning Board

Who manages Lexington's Comprehensive Plan and ensures implementation? A community's planning board is the keepers and approvers of a comprehensive or master plan. It is the responsibility of the planning board to report out regular progress of the plan to the community and lead the charge of implementation.

## New logo and website

New for 2020, the CPAC redesigned both the *Lexington-Next* Logo and the website.

## LexingtonNext Project Team

### CPAC

Established in 2018, the CPAC, comprised of thirteen (13) members of the Lexington Community, appointed by the Planning Board, has been charged with the development of a visionary plan for the future physical development of Lexington

### CPAC Liaison

Members of the Select Board, School Board, and Planning Board who serve as liaisons between the CPAC and the board they serve on

### Community Circle

Daphne Politis, Co-Lead of Lexington Next, focus on community engagement, leading community discussions, and drafting the Plan

### Martha Lyon Landscape Architecture (MLLA)

Martha Lyon, Co-Lead of Lexington-Next, with a focus on leading community discussions and drafting of the Plan

### Stantec

Alison LeFlore, Technical Editor/ Publisher for Trends & Existing Conditions Reports, supports graphics and mapping efforts, and social media engagement



## LexingtonNext ~ A Pathway Forward

Please visit [www.lexingtonnext.org](http://www.lexingtonnext.org) to learn more, participate and have your voice heard, review drafts of documents and data, etc. Have questions, please email [planning@lexingtonma.gov](mailto:planning@lexingtonma.gov)