

Revised Draft Volume I - Vision and Goals (and Volume II – Appendix)
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Page, Section, Paragraph Number	Comment/Concern	Rationale	Suggested Change
Overall	Organization- need to split report up with a “quick read” summary, main report (with Table of Contents) and appendix with detail.	People will not read; too long as is and hard to follow.	Report should have three major sections: 1) Executive Summary (max. 2 pages with focus on results) 2) Report (results, methodology, etc.) 3) Appendix Also: for main Report, add Table of Contents
Overall	Open-ended data from surveys not included in results.	Results may or may not change- should include for accuracy. Will not know until data complete.	Kathy Acerbo-Bachmann agreed to code and enter open-ended data- excel file received from PC 1/26. Will send to DP when complete. PC checking to see if open-ended results from web survey can be retrieved.
Overall	See Xuan’s comments re: numbers	Use totals/percentages as he suggests (ie, if 800 out of 1440 people say X, use that number and percent.	Discussed with Brian and Daphne in detail on 1/19- I believe changes in progress

<p>Visioning Statement</p>	<p>Do not mention specific items mentioned by a few as part of the overall Vision- need to keep it general.</p>	<p>Vision should be broad. If using examples, use things mentioned by a majority of people (ie, Open Space) rather than a few (Kelly's Corner)</p>	<p>See previous.</p>
<p>Overall- Schools</p>	<p>Schools is a major subject that is mentioned in several contexts, but gets lost under "Town Assets"</p>	<p>Good schools are perhaps the single defining characteristic of Acton- the number one reason why residents move here, why property values are high compared to other towns, reason for existing resource allocation, etc. Compare with Maynard, for example.</p>	<p>"Schools" should remain in the general categories when looking broadly, but is important enough to warrant breaking out on its own.</p>
<p>Overall- Missing Analysis re: property values (which leads into identity, values, etc. past and present)</p>	<p>Why are property values so much lower in Acton than towns such as Concord, Lexington, Lincoln, Weston, Dover, Wellesley, Harvard, etc.</p>	<p>What does Acton lack that these towns have in place? Proximity to Boston cannot account for all of it, as Harvard and Carlisle are even further...</p>	<p>Add section- even if it's to say it will be explored in further phases....</p>