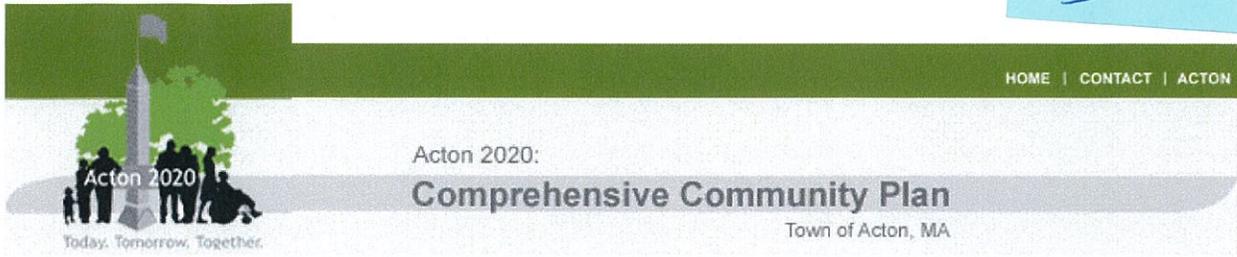


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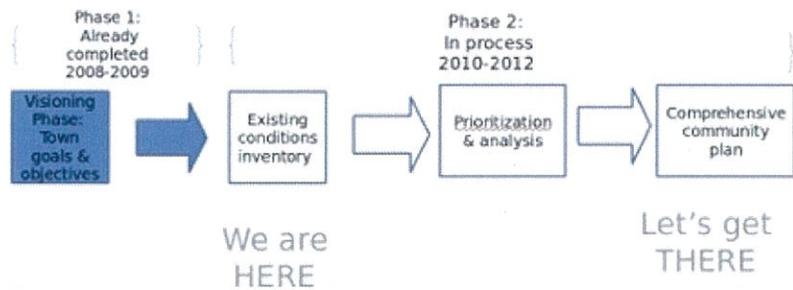


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**Wednesday, October 20th - Save the Date!**

Please see our [news page](#) for more details of a workshop to re-launch town-wide participation in *Acton 2020: the Comprehensive Community Plan*.

**Be a part of creating a better future for Acton!**



Welcome to [Acton2020.info](#), a place where you can contribute to the Town of Acton's effort to craft a plan that will move us forward in the future. We need your thoughts, your inputs, your efforts to help to build a better Acton. We appreciate the tremendous effort that went into the visioning phase of this project during 2008 and 2009. This phase included the work of many dedicated volunteers as well as the results of town surveys, focus groups, and outreach sessions, all of which contributed to [an emerging vision for the town](#) and agreement around [a set of goals and objectives along with a rich record of Acton's opinions](#).

**How do we get from here to there?**

Check out these [process diagrams](#) that provide some roadmaps.

Please [get involved](#). We need your input!

Find out more [about Acton 2020 here](#).

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### NEWS

#### Save the Date!

On the evening of Wednesday October 20 we will need your help to relaunch the planning process. Come review both the visions and goals of Phase I, and the initial results of the data gathering of Phase II.

Watch this space for additional workshops from now until at least June of 2011, to cover brainstorming, refining, revising, evaluating, and prioritizing action ideas, reviewing the draft implementation plan, and presenting the final Acton 2020 Comprehensive Community Plan



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### About the Acton 2020 Project

*Acton 2020: the Comprehensive Community Plan* will be the primary planning document (“Master Plan”) for the Town of Acton, setting our Town’s course for the next ten to fifteen years. This “master planning” process is required by the State of Massachusetts, and gives the residents of the Town of Acton an excellent chance to engage with each other in understanding where we as a town want to see ourselves in the upcoming decades.

The name “**Acton 2020**” represents both the clear “2020” vision we are going to need to see *where* we want to go and *how* to get there, and the decade of the 2020s where this planning effort is aimed.

In Phase II of building the Comprehensive Community Plan, the Acton 2020 Committee will:

- review the emerging vision and core values of the [Phase I Outreach process](#).
- gather data and facts for the existing conditions inventory and analysis report including progress made since the [1998 Master Plan Update and other previous plans](#)
- run a public process to develop a plan for the future of Acton covering each of the major planning areas outlined in [MGL Chapter 41, Section 81 D](#).

After completing the above steps, the Acton 2020 Committee will develop a Comprehensive Community Plan document for which the goals and objectives will be voted at Town Meeting. These goals will be supported by detailed and prioritized strategies and action recommendations. The Committee will oversee implementation of the goals, objectives, strategies and actions.

You can see this process described visually in these [diagrams](#).

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### Acton 2020 - Who's Involved

#### Acton 2020 Committee

Members of the committee were selected based on letters of interest and interviews conducted by Planning Board representatives. Meetings are open to the public and generally scheduled bi-weekly on Wednesdays. The Acton 2020 Committee is working on behalf of the Planning Board and is responsible for overseeing the development of the master plan.

- Margaret Woolley Busse (Chair and Planning Board liaison)
- James Snyder Grant (Vice-Chair)in
- Sue Benson
- Celia Kent
- Sahana Purohit
- Vasilious Marathias - Associate
- Dean Cavaretta – Associate

#### Acton 2020 Advisory Groups - Starting this Fall!

We need your help for new advisory groups - [more info here.](#)

#### Town of Acton Planning Department Staff

- Roland Bartl
- Kristin Alexander

#### Planners Collaborative Staff (our consultants)

- Jim Purdy
- Daphne Politis

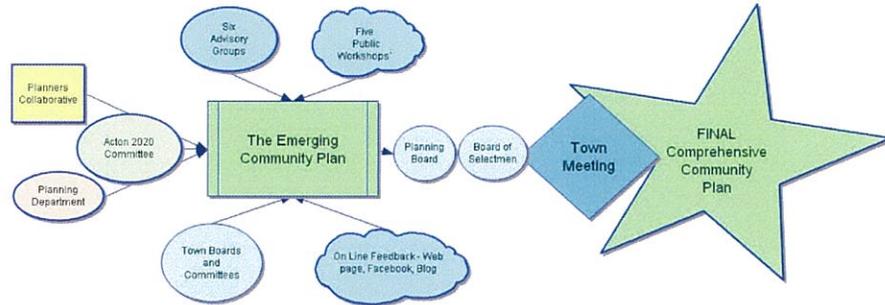
#### Acton Citizens – Multiple Ways to Participate

- Acton 2020 Committee meetings (usually 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday evenings)
- Advisory groups and subcommittees: [more info here.](#)
- Five public workshops to share information and refine the plan
- Online: Acton2020.info, Blog (coming soon), Facebook (coming soon)
- Town Meeting – discuss and vote on the plan

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Acton 2020 - More details on who does what



Acton 2020 - Overall Process Diagram

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\* Public Input: meetings, surveys, opportunity to comment, etc



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### Get Involved!

**Acton needs your ideas. You can help Acton 2020 at various levels of involvement.**

- Advisory groups: If you can commit to somewhat regular meetings, and/or if you have specific area of interest, then consider being a part of one of our [advisory groups](#).
- Events group: If you have a knack for planning events and encouraging participation, we'd love you to join our [events group](#).
- Outreach Session: If you would like to give your input in a more general way and have limited time, please be sure to join us for one or more of our [outreach sessions](#).
- Online feedback: Everyone can make their voice heard by participating on a forthcoming blog, created to elicit ideas and feedback about the emerging plan.
- Town Meeting: Be sure to participate in Town Meeting, where you can discuss and vote on whether or not to accept the Acton 2020 plan.

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### Advisory Groups

The Advisory Groups for the Acton 2020 Committee will be organized by specialty areas that correspond to the six goals articulated in the visioning phase of the master planning process:

- Preserve town character
- Increase awareness regarding the need to plan for sustainability
- Improve connections
- Provide more opportunities for community gathering
- Support inclusion and diversity
- Preserve and enhance town assets

These advisory groups will meet periodically during the master planning process to advise the Acton 2020 committee on issues regarding its assigned specialty area.

Specifically, each group will hold an initial meeting to confer on the specialty area assigned and determine the most important issues the town should consider, based on their expertise as well as on the work completed during the visioning phase. Then, during the formal prioritization phase of the planning process (Fall 2010), each advisory group will give input as to their perspective on how to weigh stated town priorities with respect to their given specialty area. Finally, as the master plan document emerges, advisory groups will have the responsibility of reviewing their respective sections of the plan and advising the Acton 2020 committee on the content.

In addition to being involved at these specific juncture points, we envision the advisory groups to be active and contributing constituents of the master planning process throughout the crafting of the plan.

Each advisory group will be comprised of community experts in the assigned specialty areas as well as any Acton citizen who has an interest in participating. Each advisory group will also have an Acton 2020 committee liaison assigned to it.

If you are interested in participating in an advisory group, please [sign up here](#).

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### Acton 2020 Events Group

#### Goal

To achieve the greatest possible public turnout in numbers and diversity at an Acton 2020 Committee hosted event; where all attendees would (1) recommend the event to a friend, and (2) consider attending a future event; and the Town (and its consultant) receives the input needed for the Acton Comprehensive Community Plan - the Acton 2020 Plan.

#### Responsibilities

Coordinating and overseeing each event with the Acton Planning Department and its consultant, Planners Collaborative, to ensure that the event runs as smoothly possible, PC and the Town have everything they need for the event, and the participants have everything they need during the event.

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### Contact Us

We look forward to hearing from you. You can call the planning department at (978) 929-6631 or contact the Acton 2020 committee using this form

What is your name?

What is your e-mail address?

Would you like Acton 2020 announcements, agendas and minutes emailed to you?

Would you like to be contacted about participating in one of our advisory groups? (If so, please indicate your special areas of interest in the comments box below)

Comments:

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