



# GOAL 1:

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## Preserve Town Character

We feel strongly about preserving and enhancing what makes Acton special and unique, including its rural characteristics, historic buildings and landscapes, and its village centers.

**Objective 1.1: Preserve rural characteristics and open space**

**Objective 1.2: Preserve historic buildings and landscapes**

**Objective 1.3: Foster an understanding and appreciation for what makes Acton unique, including its history.**

**Objective 1.4: Preserve and enhance village centers**



# GOAL 2:

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## Ensure Environmental Sustainability

As Acton residents, we recognize that our health and well-being depend on protecting the web of life of which we are a part. Therefore, it is vital that we live and work here in a manner that supports that web and the well-being of people everywhere, including future Acton citizens.

**Objective 2.1: Protect the quality and quantity of the water that cycles through our ground water, surface water, drinking water, waste water, and storm water systems.**

**Objective 2.2: Reduce waste and the accumulation of toxins in our environment.**

**Objective 2.3: Reduce emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases from residential, commercial, industrial, and municipal uses.**

**Objective 2.4: Move toward patterns of land use and land protection that support broad biodiversity, soil preservation, and healthy local agriculture.**



# GOAL 3:

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## Improve Connections

We recognize that a community that is connected is safer, stronger, and provides more opportunities for meaningful interaction. We envision supporting these connections through physical means including sidewalks, bike paths, trails and public transportation to connect people and places, and to support independent and safe travel for all. We also envision open communication as a means to further connect residents (e.g., through the web, cable TV, community bulletin boards, etc.).

**Objective 3.1: Improve walking and biking experience**

**Objective 3.2: Improve circulation around town**

**Objective 3.3: Promote communication amongst town government, citizens, schools, and the business community.**

**Objective 3.4: Support and strengthen neighborhoods**



# GOAL 4:

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## Provide More Opportunities for Community Gathering and Recreation

We value the small town feeling and appreciate the sense of community that results from frequent opportunities for interaction. We support providing places for casual social interaction and organized events that bring members of the community together. We believe in offering opportunities for intergenerational experiences and for sharing of inter-cultural celebration, and we aim to provide recreational opportunities for all ages.

**Objective 4.1: Provide a community facility large enough to accommodate a variety of uses and a wide range of programming**

**Objective 4.2: Maintain and improve existing gathering spaces and look for opportunities to create informal gathering spaces.**

**Objective 4.3: Support additional cultural activities**

**Objective 4.4: Maintain and increase recreational opportunities strengthen neighborhoods**

# GOAL 5:

## Support Inclusion and Diversity

We value our diversity in all its forms, reflecting a range of ages and socio-economic, cultural, and ethnic backgrounds. We wish to foster respect, promote interaction and actively encourage a wide variety of individuals to live, work, and play in our community.

**Objective 5.1: Support all ages**

**Objective 5.2: Support households of all income levels**

**Objective 5.3: Embrace cultural diversity**

**Objective 5.4: Support citizens with disabilities in participating fully in the life of the community**

# GOAL 6:

## Preserve and Enhance Town-owned Assets

We value our Town assets and wish to preserve and enhance them. These include our open spaces, schools, municipal properties and facilities.

**Objective 6.1:**

**Protect Town-owned open space**

**Objective 6.2:**

**Support excellence in schools**

**Objective 6.3:**

**Maintain municipal properties and facilities**



# GOAL 7:

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## Maintain and Improve Financial Well-being of the Town

We believe it is critical for us to sustain and strengthen our town's financial well-being. This includes commercial and economic development that reflects the long-term goals of both businesses and residents of the community.

**Objective 7.1: Improve existing commercial areas**

**Objective 7.2: Promote economic development that supports our other goals**

**Objective 7.3: Achieve a balance of services and taxes**

**Objective 7.4: Support the ability of all residents to stay in Acton for a lifetime**