

# Townwide Issues



What transportation related issues should be addressed in the plan?

What would you tell guests they have to see/do while in Natick?

What do you do/what would you like to do on date night in Natick?

Where do you go in Natick for eating, shopping and entertainment? Outside Natick?

# Recent Planning Efforts



Natick Center Plan: Are there other issues you would like to see studied?

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# Neighborhood Issues

What is your neighborhood and what do you like about it?

What other facilities/resources would you like to see in your neighborhood?

What else should we know about your neighborhood?

# **What Else Do You Want the Planners To Know or Think About?**

# Recent Studies & Projects

- Natick Center Plan (2016)
- Master plan for Parks and Fields Study (2016)
- Economic Development study and action plan (Ongoing)
- Exit 13/Golden Triangle Plan (Ongoing)
- Route 27 Upgrade (Ongoing)
- Complete streets plan (Ongoing)
- Cochituate Rail Trail Plan (Ongoing)
- Natick Center Station Improvements Plan (Ongoing)



# Master Plan for Parks & Fields Study, Weston & Sampson, 2016

## Findings:

- There are insufficient playing venues to meet the increasing demands of the Natick community.
- Turf conditions are stressed at many locations due to heavy and excessive use.
- Natick should look for opportunities to create new playing venues at alternate properties.
- Natick should set aside funds to renovate existing facilities as new venues come online.
- Natick should aggressively pursue other funding sources to reduce the financial burden on residents and should use local funding authorizations to leverage other funds from both public and private sources.
- General recreational amenity shortfalls include:
  - Shade structures/picnic areas/seating
  - Signage – wayfinding, identification and emergency information
  - Restroom and storage facilities
  - Drinking fountains/bottle-filling stations
  - Trail heads and connections to natural resources
  - Splash pads
  - Dog parks
  - Community gardens
  - Canoe/kayak launches



# Natick Center Plan, MAPC, 2016

## Summary of Recommendations

### Economic Development

- Expand the market of Natick Center for business development.
- Market Natick Center as an attractive place to do business and visit.
- Improve existing properties.
- Support existing local businesses.
- Ensure permitting and procedures are business friendly.

### Zoning & Land Use

- Expand slightly the Downtown Mixed Use (DM) and Housing Overlay Option Program (HOOP) districts to key parcels to encourage redevelopment.
- Make modifications to the DM district to ensure the form of new developments is consistent with the existing built context of Natick Center, including: parking requirements, lot coverage, frontage requirements, etc..
- Make modifications to the HOOP to improve the quality of development and allow additional ancillary uses (e.g., café, small-scale retail) in addition to residences.
- Make modifications to the Residential General (RG) zoning to discourage “tear-down” of modest sized homes, and preserve neighborhood character and scale.
- Support development of housing that is accommodating to seniors and people with disabilities.
- Continue to focus on keeping Natick affordable and accessible.

### Mobility

- Install traffic calming measures throughout Natick Center and on residential side streets.
- Examine key intersections for pedestrian improvements.
- Install bicycle facilities and amenities at transit station and other key locations.

### Parking

- Assess the impact of recent parking changes.
- Consider converting the existing angle-in parking along Main Street.
- Improve management and access to existing parking accommodations.
- Explore construction of a new parking facility.

