

Strategic Options Worksheet – Page 1

| Strategic Options | Short-Term Years 1-2 | Med.- Term Years 3-5 | Long- Term Years 6+ |
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| 1. <u>Continuous Improvement of Public Education</u> | | | |
| 1.a. Continue to improve educational outcomes for students of all abilities at all levels. * | | | |
| 1.b. Increase the communication and collaboration between the school district and the community. | | | |
| 1.c. Build a new high school * | | | |
| 1.d. Facilitate efforts to secure outside funding for educational enhancements where appropriate | | | |
| 2. <u>Increasing Civic Engagement and Leadership</u> | | | |
| 2.a. Improve communications with citizens. * | | | |
| 2.b. Increase citizen participation in Town government. | | | |
| 2.c. Integrate residents of new developments and Rte. 9 business community more fully into the Natick community * | | | |
| 3. <u>Improving Natick’s Environment, Health and Safety</u> | | | |
| 3.a. Increase open space and accessibility. * | | | |
| 3.b. Reduce impacts on the environment. | | | |
| 3.c. Maintain public safety commensurate with population growth * | | | |
| 3.d. Increase access to health care and social services. | | | |
| 4. <u>Enlivening Natick Center</u> | | | |
| 4.a. Provide downtown parking for shoppers, visitors, commuters and employees. * | | | |
| 4.b. Increase diversity and vibrancy of people and activities downtown. | | | |
| 4.c. Increase economic development in Natick Center. * | | | |

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| 5. <u>Improving the Town's Infrastructure and Transportation Options</u> | | | |
| 5.a. Improve transportation options. * | | | |
| 5.b. Improve traffic flows on major routes. * | | | |
| 5.c. Improve pedestrian access. | | | |
| 5.d. Build a senior/community center in Natick Center. | | | |
| 5.e. Build the Rail Trail connecting Cochituate State Park and Natick Center. | | | |
| 5.f. Improve the management of Town capital investments. | | | |
| 6. <u>Planning for Change and Managing Growth</u> | | | |
| 6.a. Plan proactively for growth. | | | |
| 6.b. Educate the public about growth issues. | | | |
| 6.c. Encourage population diversity. | | | |
| 6.d. Investigate opportunities for regionalization | | | |
| 7. <u>Town Financing Strategies</u> | | | |
| 7.a. Improve the budget process. | | | |
| 7.b. Improve the capital planning and budgeting process. | | | |
| 7.c. Increase the Town's operational efficiency | | | |
| 7.d. Expand the Town's tax base | | | |
| 7.e. Work to change State tax policies and formulas | | | |
| <u>Balancing the Town Budget</u> | | | |