

Natick 360

Honoring Our Past. Planning Our Future



Other Community Planning Efforts

There are a number of planning efforts under way in Natick. Natick 360 is taking a very broad look at the entire community. Other planning efforts are taking a more focused look at individual populations or locations. One of Natick 360's goals is to help integrate results of multiple planning efforts and to raise awareness in the community of these efforts.

Natick 360 does not have authority or responsibility for the results of these individual planning efforts. Our role is to alert citizens and Town Leaders to these efforts so that they can participate and/or integrate results with the broader town planning efforts. Questions about these planning efforts should be directed to the contacts listed for each organization.

Here is a summary of on-going planning efforts in the community. It is not an exhaustive list. If you are interested in publicizing your planning efforts through Natick 360, please contact Craig Ross (508-655-2545) or David Parish (508-650-1145) Co-Chairs. The Strategic Planning Oversight Committee reserves the right to determine which planning processes should be included in this list.

Natick CARES “Health Needs and Opportunities Facing Children, Youth, and Families in Natick”

Natick CARES is a community-led initiative dedicated to improving the health and well being of Natick's children and youth, from birth to age 18. The organization received support from the Leonard Morse Grants Panel of the MetroWest Community Health Foundation to conduct a strategic planning process focusing on the health and well being of Natick's youth. The strategic planning process was executed during the summer of 2006.

A copy of the final report and recommendations for the Natick CARES strategic plan is included in your packet today.

For more information about Natick CARES, please contact Christine Robinson at 508-545-2336.

Natick Center Associates Community Charettes

Natick Center Associates is a “nonprofit partnership of friends, neighbors and businesses --- committed to making downtown Natick a vital, exciting place.” In 2004, Natick Center Associates hosted a community charette that asked Natick Citizens to establish a vision for Natick Center.

The process resulted in the following shared vision of downtown Natick for the future.

The people of Natick envision downtown Natick as a vibrant and diverse center for arts, commerce, and cultural resources. The vision includes preservation of the historical character of the downtown, affordability for residents and local businesses and accessibility to the Center through a wide range of transportation options.

The process next identified six goals:

- to promote mixed-uses that increase night activities and reasons to walk
- to develop a Master Plan for downtown
- to expand the role of existing mass transit system
- to promote affordable housing and affordable businesses
- to provide more parking
- to expand the mixed use district and allow taller buildings in the downtown core

Natick Center Associates is now hosting additional community charettes to explore each of the six goals and to prioritize them. You are welcome to participate in these planning exercises.

Charettes will be held on:

- December 5, 2006
- February 6, 2007
- April 3, 2007
- June 5, 2007

For more information about the Natick Center Associates downtown Natick planning efforts, as well as details about location of these charettes, please contact Margaret Sleeper at 508-655-8848. Natick Center Associates' website is www.natickcenter.org.

Morse Institute Library Strategic Plan

The Morse Institute Library is in the process of creating a strategic plan for their organization. For more information about the strategic planning efforts at the Morse Institute Library, please contact Joan Craig at 508-647-6524. The Morse Institute Library's website is www.morseinstitute.org.