

Strategic Options Worksheet – Page 1

Strategic Options	Short-Term Years 1-2	Med.- Term Years 3-5	Long- Term Years 6+
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>			