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Master Plan Committee Meeting #12

Tuesday, December 15th, 2020



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Zoom Meeting Protocols

- The meeting is being recorded
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- If available, please turn your video on
- Committee members if you have a question or comment,
 please raise your hand or unmute yourself
- Public if you have a question or comment, please use raise your hand function or type in the Q+A box

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Meeting Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions (5 minutes)
- Open House Discussion (10 minutes)



Natural, Cultural, Historic Resources (90 minutes)

- MAPC Presentation Existing Data and Analysis
- MAPC Presentation Survey Results
- Facilitated Committee Discussion Defining Topic Area Goals
- Community Engagement Update (10 minutes)
- Next Steps (10 minutes)
- Public Comment/Adjourn (10 minutes)



Committee Values and Expectations

- Open-mindedness
- Respect
- Address conflict
- Organized
- Transparent
- Goal minded
- Respect history without fearing change

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Welcome and Introductions

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Steering Committee

Jessica Porter, Co-chair Daniel T. Maher

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James Antonizick Alix M. O'Connell

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Josh Donati Scott Steeves

Nathan Gauthier Andrew Tittler

Dan Hart Jeremy Rosenberger, Planning Director

Justin A. Humphreys Michelle Tinger, Planning Specialist

Quick Committee Ice-breaker

What is your favorite natural, historic or cultural resource in Dedham, and why?

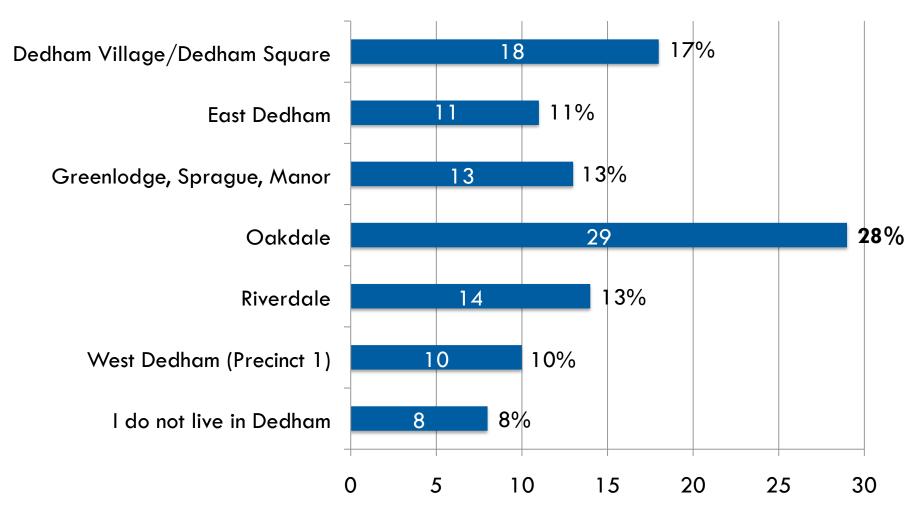


Open House Discussion

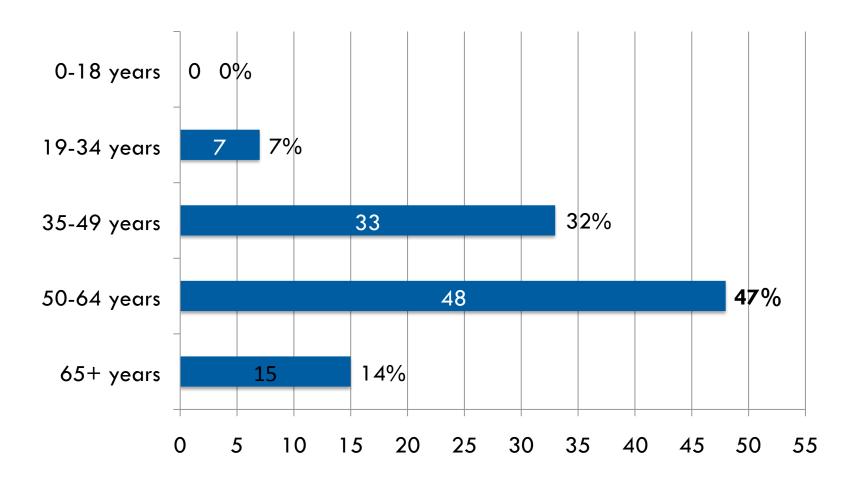


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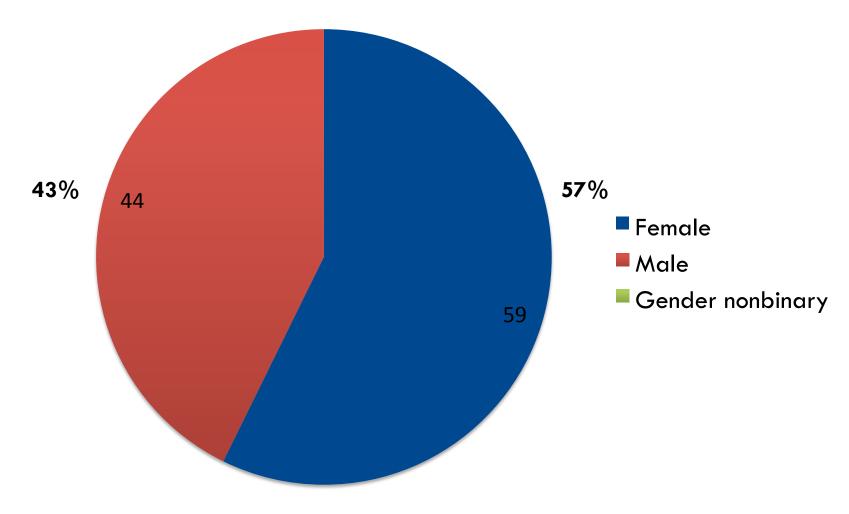
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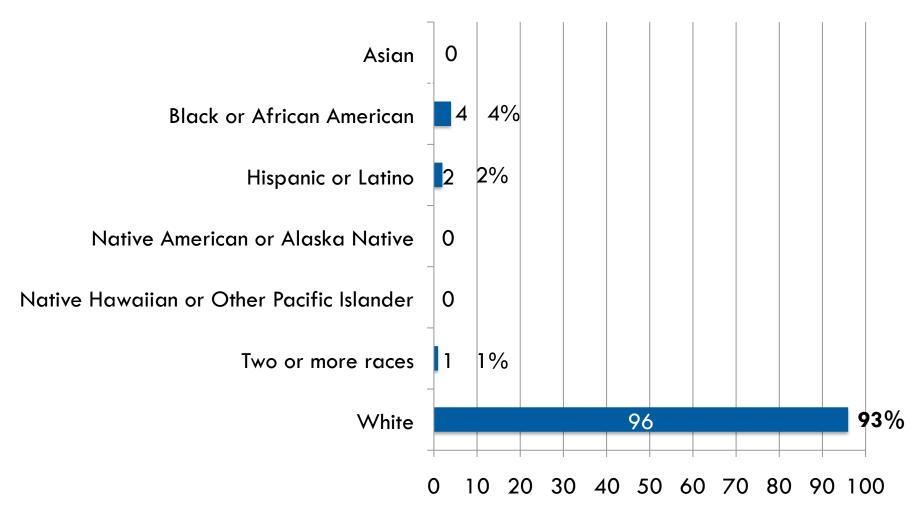


What gender do you identify with?





What race or ethnicity do you identify with?

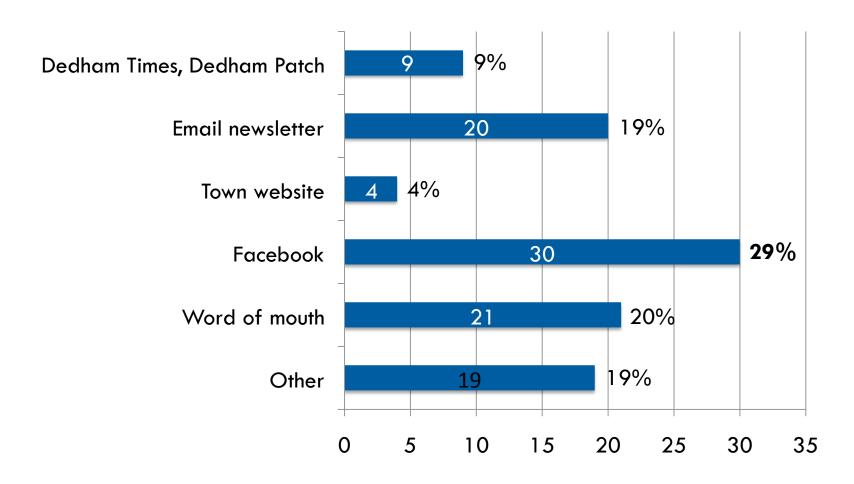


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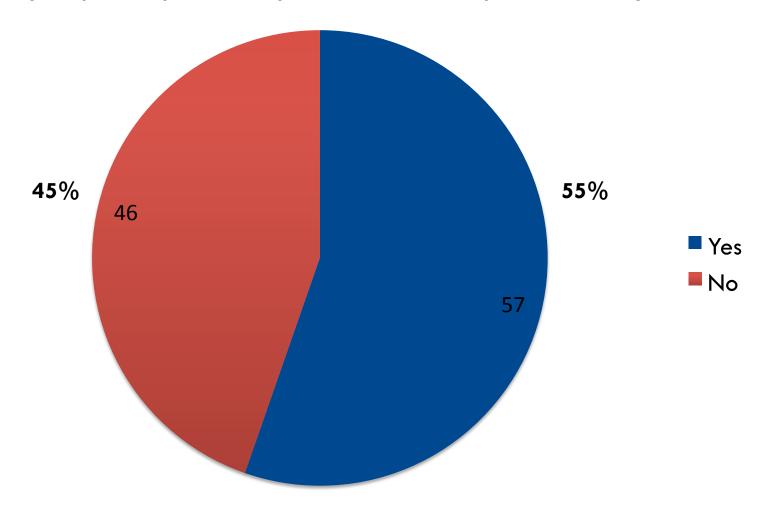
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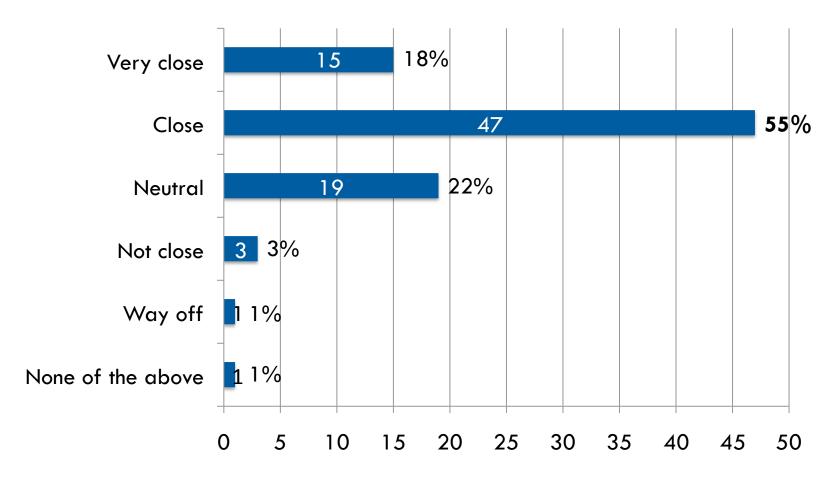
Have you participated in previous master plan meetings?





Economic Development Draft Goals Poll Results

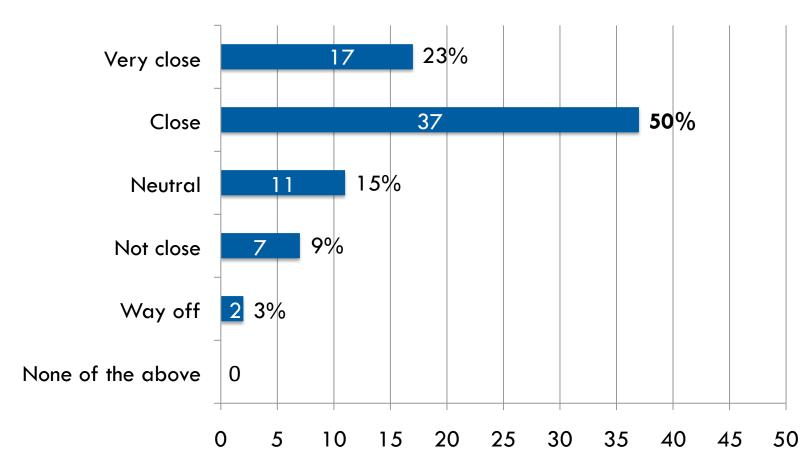
Did you feel the set of draft economic development goals is about right for the master plan?



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Transportation Draft Goals Poll Results

Did you feel the set of draft transportation goals is about right for the master plan?





Open House Discussion

Help Design Dedham! **Community Open Houses**



Review meeting from December 7th, 2020

Topics covered:



Economic Development

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Transportation

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View a video of this event: https://bit.ly/DD2030-12-07-2020-Video Natural, Cultural and Historic Resources (8:15 PM)

6:30 pm

Topics covered:

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January 26th, 2021

Housing (6:45 PM)

Public Health (7:30 PM)

March 30th, 2021 6:30 pm

Topics covered:



Land Use (6:45 PM)



Municipal Facilities and Services (7:30 PM)



Governance (8:15 PM)

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Relationship to Plan



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Topic Area Meetings

Meeting 1 7/21/2020



Meeting 2 8/18/2020



Meeting 3 9/15/2020



Meeting 4 10/20/2020



Meeting 5 12/15/2020



Meeting 6 01/19/2021





Meeting 7 02/16/2021



- Brief presentation by MAPC staff leads
- Committee discussion focused on priorities and goals for the topic
- Initial drafting of a topic one-sheet summary
- Broader community engagement around topics at open houses



Topic - Natural, Cultural, Historic Resources



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Natural Resources

- Dedham's 2019 Open Space and Recreation Plan
- Natural Resources Map
- Survey Results
- Breakout Group Discussion

Historic Resources

- Historical Points in Dedham's History
- Historic Resources Map
 (National Register of Historic Places, Local Historic Districts, and Landmarks)
- Survey Results
- Breakout Group Discussion

Cultural Resources

- Cultural Assets
 (Arts and Culture Organizations, Institutions, Special Events and Creative Industry Establishments)
- Cultural Resources Map
- Survey Results

Potential Goals

Breakout Group Discussion

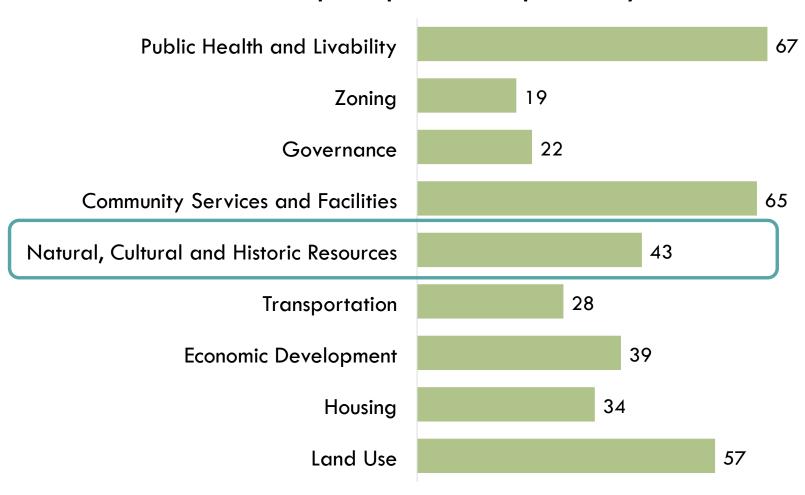


Data Sources

- Census and American Community Survey (5-year estimates)
- Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System (MACRIS)
- ParkServe®
- Walk Score®
- Community Tool Box, Center for Community Health and Development, University of Kansas
- Dedham Open Space and Recreation Plan (2019)
- Parks and Recreation Master Plan (2018)
- Mother Brook Canal Cultural and Architectural Study (2020)
- Survey results
- Previous planning studies

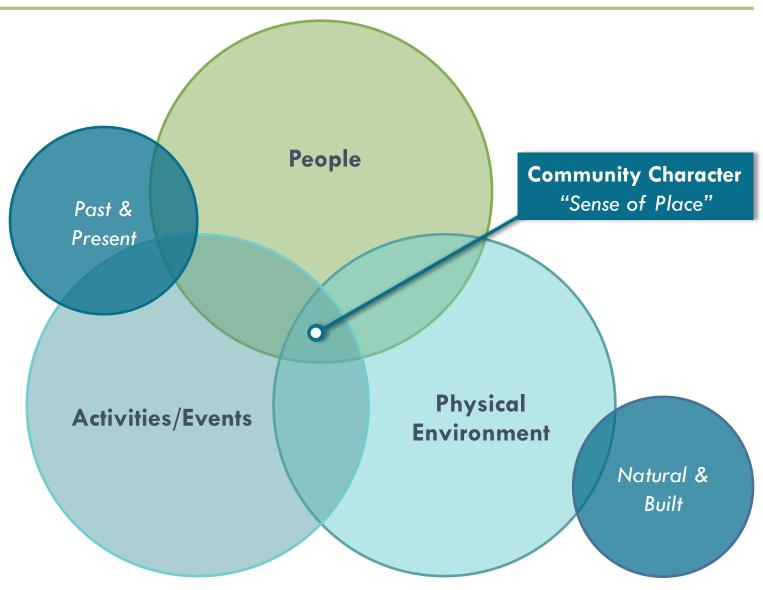
Survey Results

What master plan topic is most important to you?





Dedham's Identity



Natural Resources



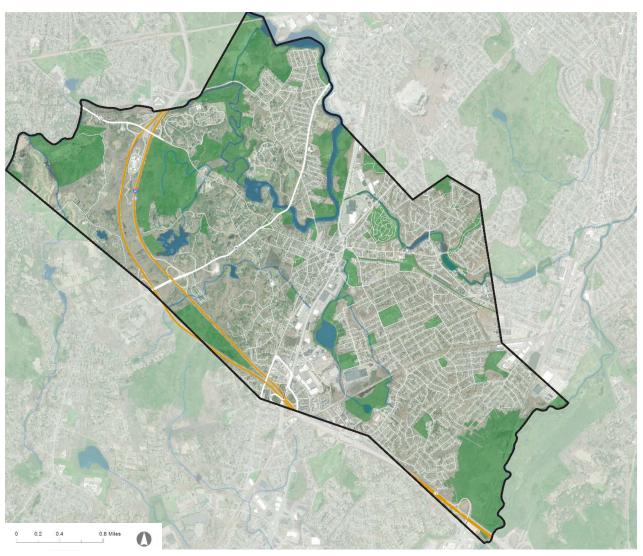
Photo: Mother Brook Corridor Study

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Topic Area – Natural, Cultural, and Historic Resources

Just some of Dedham's Natural Resources



Quick Facts

PROTECTED OPEN SPACE:

1,362± ac.

MAJOR WATER RESOURCES:

- Charles River
- Neponset River
- Mother Brook
- Wigwam Pond

SCENIC & UNIQUE ENVIRONMENTS:

- Wilson Mountain Reservation
- Fowl Meadow and Ponkapoag Bog ACEC

TREE CITY USA COMMUNITY



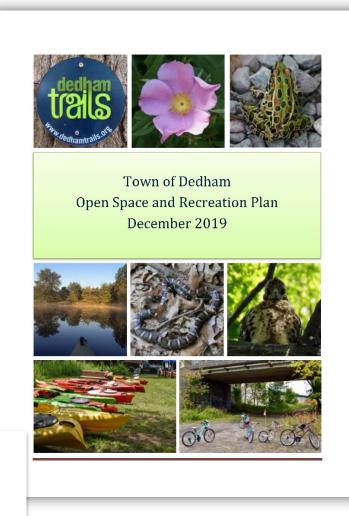


Natural Resources

OPEN SPACE AND
RECREATION PLANNER'S
WORKBOOK

Open Space and Recreation Plan

- The OSRP provides information about the community, its environmental and recreational resources, and what residents want to achieve in the next 7 years
- The OSRP helps encourage community protection and stewardship of these vital resources
- Completion of an OSRP makes
 municipalities eligible to apply for State
 grants through the EOEEA to acquire and
 improve land for conservation and
 recreation

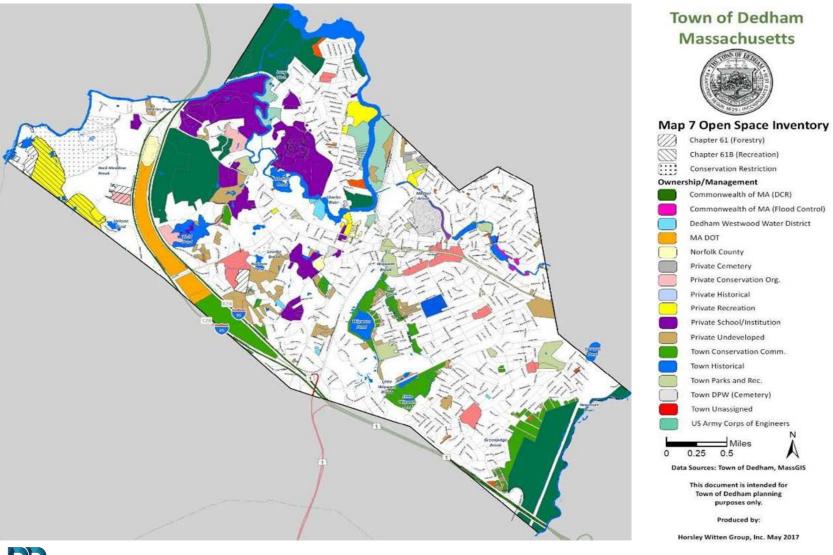






Topic Area – Natural, Cultural, and Historic Resources

Map of Town Parks & Open Space





Parks and Open Space Benefits:



Promote Healthy Lifestyles



Increase Access to Healthy Foods



Capture & Clean Stormwater



Stabilize Neighborhoods



Clean Soil



Create Habitat for Wildlife



Promote Social Interaction

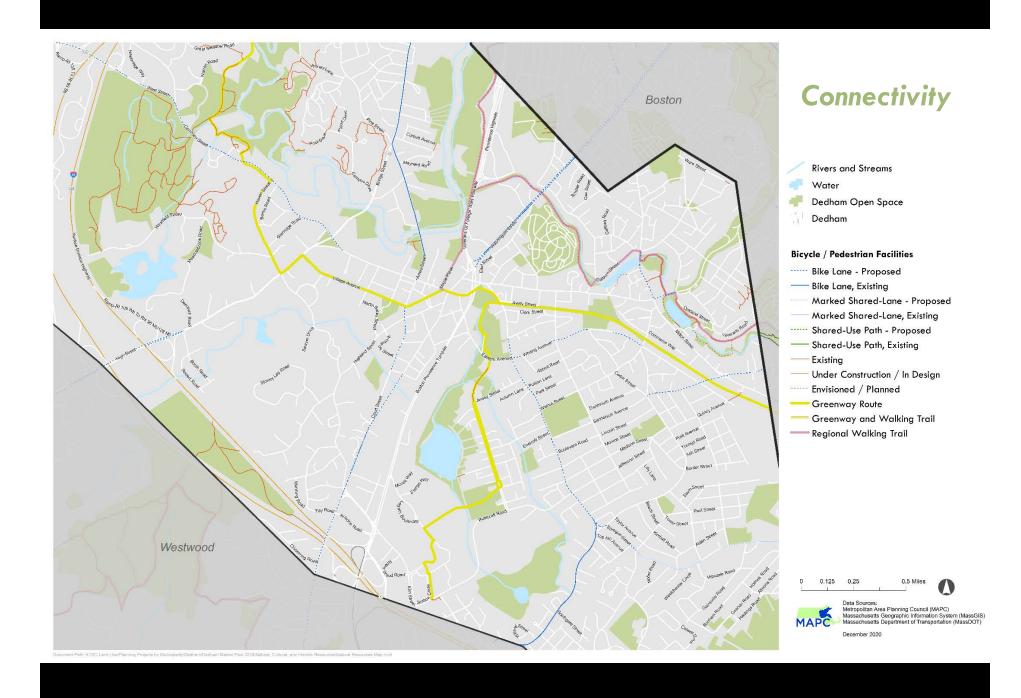


Improve Air Quality



Provide Flood Protection







Topic Area – Natural, Cultural, and Historic Resources

Natural Resources



Walking

40/100 Walk Score

75% of residents live within a 10-minute walk of a park



Transit

29/100 Transit Score

Five MBTA bus routes, two commuter rail stations



Biking

37/100 Bike Score

Limited bicycle infrastructure throughout town and limited network of trails, bike paths, and sidewalks connecting parks and recreation centers.

SNAPSHOT OF SOME OF DEDHAM'S RESOURCES

 20^{\pm} 12^{\pm} $1,362^{\pm}$ ac. $1,200^{\pm}$ ac.

PARKS PLAYGROUNDS PROTECTED WETLANDS
OPEN SPACE

3 4,700+ 665_{ac.} 77 ac.

PUBLIC AREA OF CRITICAL

MAJOR RIVERS/STREAMS SHADE TREES ENVIRONMENTAL TOWN FOREST CONCERN (ACEC)



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What we heard...

Do you have any additional reflections on this topic or natural, cultural and historic resources data?

"We should celebrate, preserve and open our natural resources for all to use" "Would like to see more walking & hiking paths and greater access to some natural areas"

"The Mother Brook Arts Center is a great asset and could be promoted further."

"The green spaces that connect people and communities are the most important resource a town can have. They can be used everyday in multiple ways. Houses and buildings are exclusive. Natural areas are inclusive"

"We need to **preserve** the welcoming look of the square while encouraging more **local businesses**, particularly bars, bodegas, and bookstores that are essential **community-gather spots**."

"We should celebrate, preserve and open our natural resources for all to use"





Natural Resources

Assets



A number of activities for youth and a wide range of programming options within parks and recreational facilities

Challenges



Funding for maintenance or expansion of existing parks and acquisition of new parks.



A variety of natural resources that are both local and regional assets



Poor overall connectivity (e.g., trails, bike lanes, and greenways) and quality of experience getting to parks, open space, and recreation centers.



Progress toward safe and Complete Streets



Natural Resources

Breakout Group Discussion

Historic Resources



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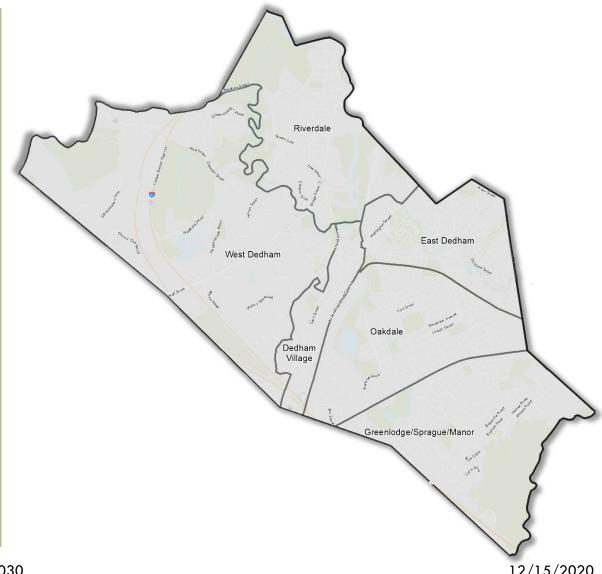


Historic Resources

Dedham Neighborhoods

- East Dedham

- West Dedham





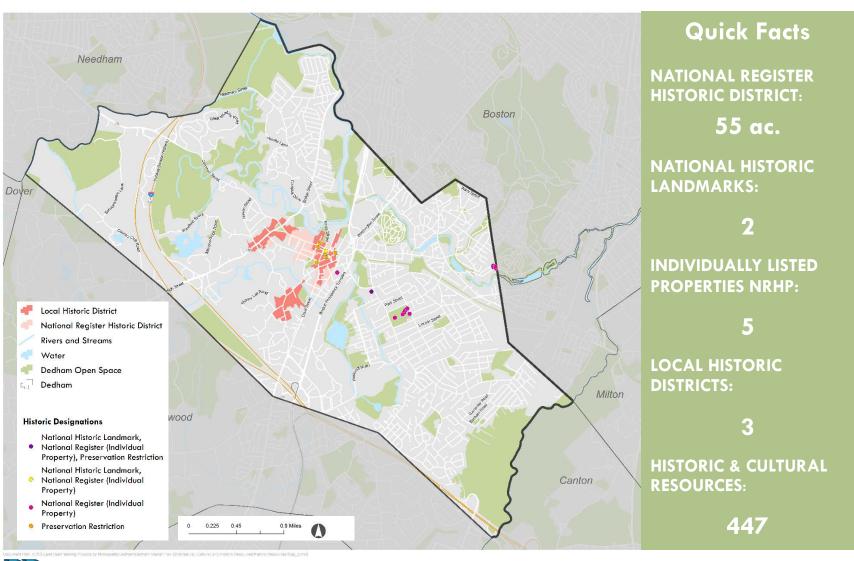
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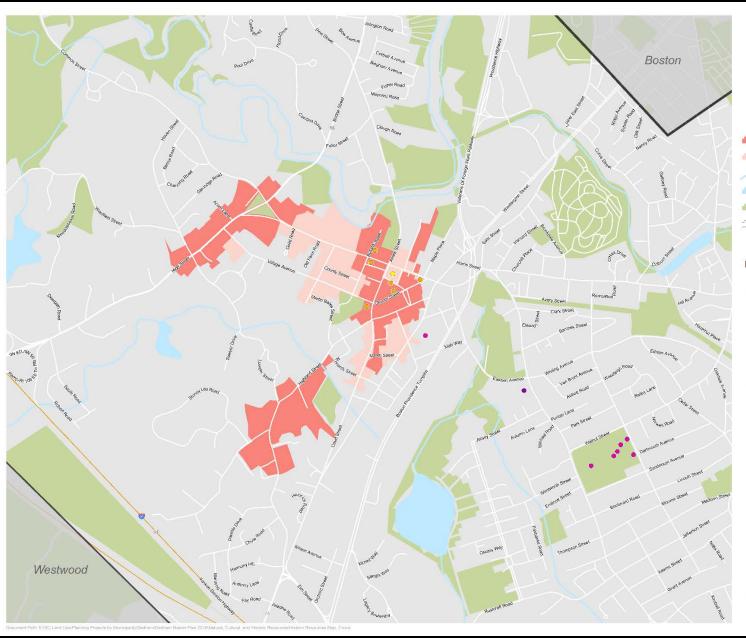
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Topic Area – Natural, Cultural, and Historic Resources

Map of Historic Resources





Historic Resources

- Local Historic District
- National Register Historic District
 - Rivers and Streams
- Water
- Pedham Open Space
- Dedham

Historic Designations

Property)

- National Historic Landmark,
- National Register (Individual Property), Preservation Restriction
 - National Historic Landmark, National Register (Individual
- Property)

 National Register (Individual
- Preservation Restriction

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Designated Historic Resources

What is Historic Preservation?

Historic preservation is safeguarding the existence and appearance of historic properties (buildings, sites, structures, objects, and districts).

What does it mean?

Listing on the National
Register for Historic Places
recognizes historic and
cultural significance.

Designations **DO NOT** come with preservation restrictions

It **DOES NOT** protect properties from demolition or redevelopment and **DOES NOT** restrict use.

HISTORIC NAME	DESIGNATION	# OF PROPERTIES
Historic Districts		
Dedham Village	National Register District	342
Connecticut Corner Historic District	Local Historic District	34
Franklin Square-Court Street Historic District	Local Historic District	87
Federal Hill Historic District	Local Historic District	19
Landmarks		
Norfolk County Courthouse	National Historic Landmark	
Fairbanks House	National Historic Landmark	
Individual Listings		
Ames School	National Register	1
Endicott Estate	National Register	6
Fairbanks House	National Register	1
Norfolk County Courthouse	National Register	1



Topic Area – Natural, Cultural, and Historic Resources Regulatory Tools for Historic Preservation

TOOL	DESCRIPTION	USED IN DEDHAM
Preservation Restrictions	A Preservation Restriction (PR) is a voluntary legal agreement that protects a significant historic, archaeological, or cultural resource. It provides assurance that an historic or culturally significant property's intrinsic values will be preserved through subsequent ownership by restricting the demolition or alteration of its significant historic feature	Yes
Local Historic Districts	Local Historic Districts (LHD) can protect the appearance of historic properties and encourage new construction to be designed to complement the district's historic setting. The designation of a LHD imposes a review and approval process by the Historic District Commission for proposed exterior changes to properties.	Yes
Neighborhood Conservation Districts	A neighborhood conservation district (NCD) is a tool used to preserve, protect, and enhance significant areas within a community beyond what is specified in the zoning bylaw.	No
Demolition Delay Bylaw	Demolition delay is a preservation tool that can help to preserve significant historic buildings and structures. It provides communities with the opportunity to work with property owners to try to find an alternative to demolition	No
Scenic Road Bylaw	Scenic Roads is Commonwealth General Law Chapter 40, Section 15C. Allows towns to protect existing stone walls and trees within the right-of-way.	No
Community Preservation Act (CPA)	The CPA allows communities to create a local Community Preservation Fund for open space, housing, and historic preservation through a small surcharge on the annual tax levy on real property (from 1% to 3%) and a contribution from the State (currently an 11% match that should increase in future years based on recently passed legislation).	No





What we heard...

Where does history live in Dedham?

"We need to acknowledge the **Indigenous People** who originated on this land."

When we talk about **Dedham's history**, we should make sure to recognize the role Dedham played in violence against **Indigenous Peoples** to this area during its formation, and how redlining affected **Black people** from accessing Dedham's housing stock

"It lives everywhere. History is in the eye of those telling the story. It will be important to bring to life all stories including the role of Dedham in the forced removal of Indigenous People.

"All over! The waterways, architecture, Town Forest, historic landmarks are all important.

Some have been nicely highlighted, and others overlooked."

"There is much history in our town in Various neighborhoods, not just in Precinct 1. East Dedham, Riverdale the Manor and Oakdale all have important historical places."

"In the historic buildings. More needs to be done by the town to encourage the rehab of historic buildings (tax relief, other incentives) as it's currently more feasible for developers to tear down older buildings to build new ones that meet current building codes (ADA requirements for example)



Historic Resources

Assets



Dedham has a rich and interesting history that is well-recognized and celebrated

Challenges



Many historic narratives have been excluded and need recognition, awareness, and promotion



Dedham has an extensive collection of well-preserved buildings of architectural and cultural significance



Maintenance and preservation of older structures of historical and cultural value



Nationally and locally designated historic districts



Limited state and local funding for historic preservation



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In 1620, Massachusett territory encompassed the Boston peninsula and suburbs to the south and southwest, as well as the southeast coast and adjacent inland territories.





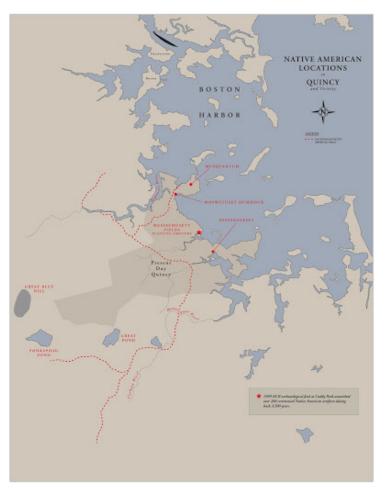


Wigwam Pond





Case Study: The Passanageset Project



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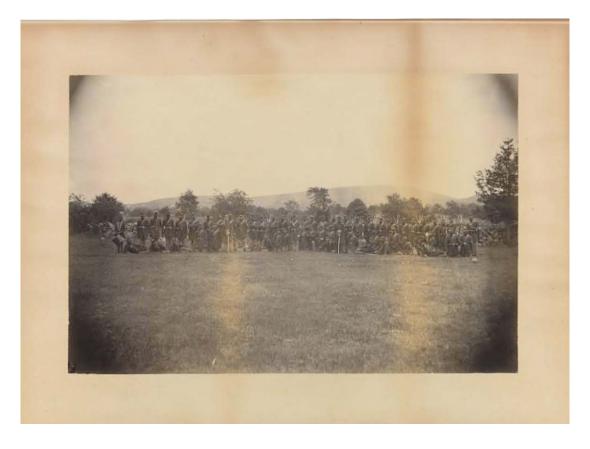


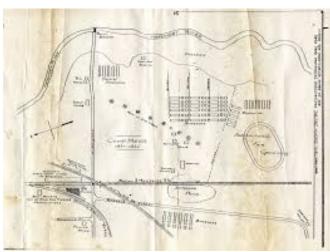


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Topic Area – Natural, Cultural, and Historic Resources Dedham's Hidden Histories





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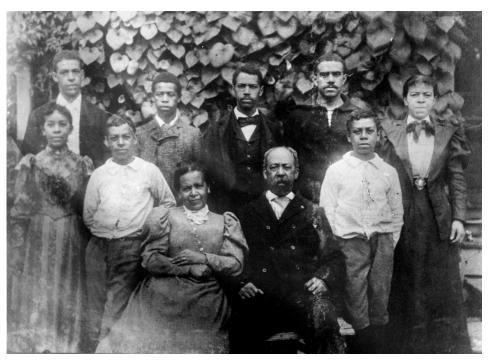
Right: Map of Camp Meigs





Case Study: William B. Gould Memorial





Left: William B. Gould

Right: William B. Gould, Cornelia W. (Read) Gould, and their eight children.



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Natural Resources

Breakout Group Discussion

Cultural Resources

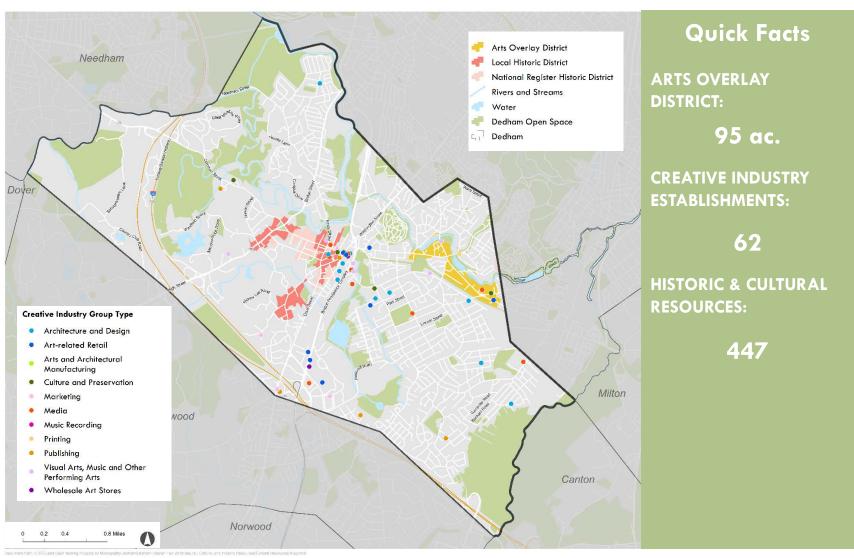


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Topic Area – Natural, Cultural, and Historic Resources

Cultural Resources







Cultural Assets

What is a cultural asset?

A cultural asset is something that has value because of its creativity, knowledge, traditions, culture, meaning,

They can be the places you one uses to pursue a creative practice.

They can be tangible assets such as cultural facilities, specific buildings, or physical works of art.

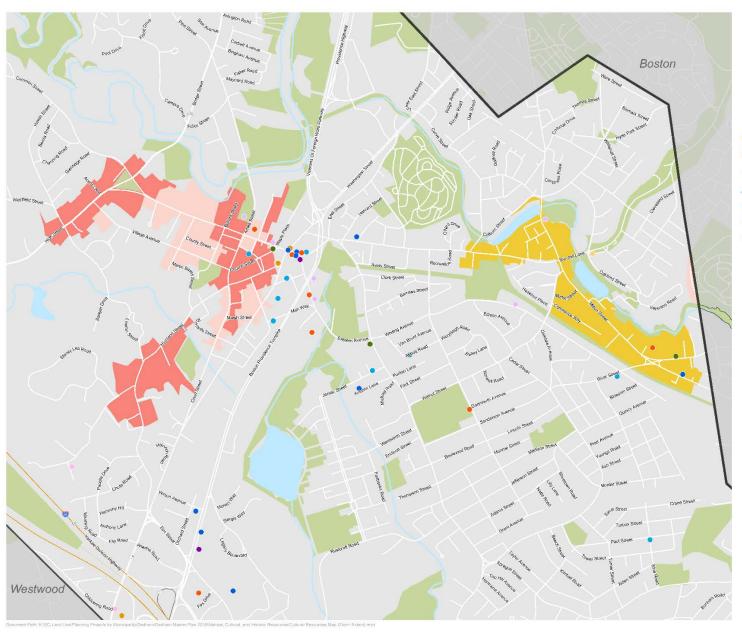
and temporal things such as annual events, shared cultural stories, or cultural landmarks

City of Austin, TX



- Historic, Cultural & Art Organizations (e.g., Dedham Historical Society, Mother Brook Arts and Community Center)
- Institutions (e.g., Dedham Library, Dedham Schools, Churches etc.)
- Creative Businesses & Spaces (e.g., performance venues, theaters, and art galleries)
- Special Events (e.g., Dedham Day, Flag Day, etc.)
- Historic Properties and Sites (e.g., Fairbanks House, Endicott Estate Mother Book, etc.)





Creative Industry Establishments

- Arts Overlay District
- Local Historic District
- National Register Historic District
- Rivers and Streams
- Water
- 🥐 Dedham Open Space
- Dedham

Creative Industry Group Type

- Architecture and Design
- Art-related Retail
- Arts and Architectural
 Manufacturing
- Culture and Preservation
- Marketing
- Media
- Music Recording
- Printing
- Publishing
- Visual Arts, Music and Other Performing Arts
- Wholesale Art Stores

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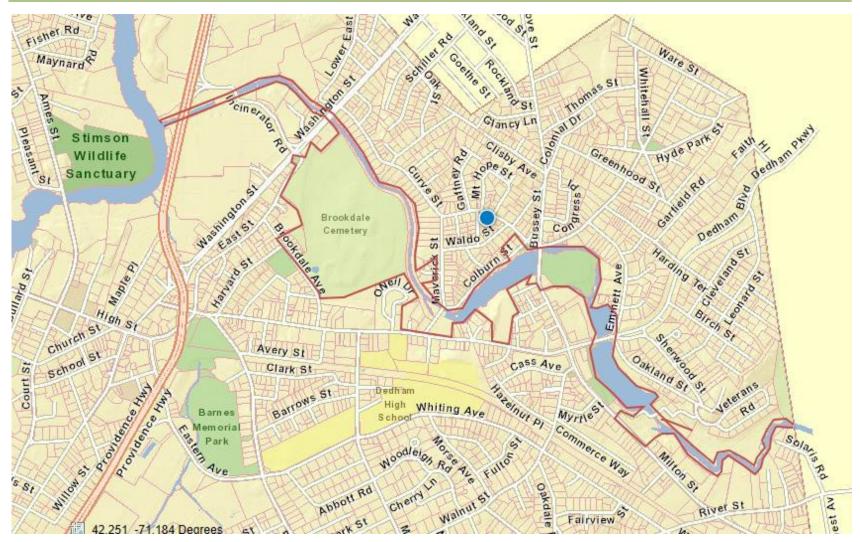


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Topic Area – Natural, Cultural, and Historic Resources

Mother Brook National Historic District





(Proposed Boundary)

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What we heard...

When do you feel the greatest sense of belonging in Dedham? Is there a particular

place or event that sparks that feeling?

"When I walk or bike through my community and into the center. I encounter neighbors or other people and we have conversations and make connections."

"Right now, I do **NOT feel a sense of belonging** in Dedham. There is a lot of
gatekeeping around people that have not
grown up in Dedham, which makes me **feel like an outsider** in a community I live and raise
a family in."

"Many people in Dedham seem resistant to change or newness, which makes newer members of the community feel unwelcomed"

"There is a richness in the diversity of people that the town has failed to tap and enlist. Instead, a few vocal people have power. The town needs to amplify the voices of people of color and other marginalized groups"





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Events that deal with people. The Flag Day parade, the Endicott Car Show, 2020 DHS Graduation parade.

People make a community not the physical space. How those events interact with the physical space of Dedham is important. We need the Endicott Estate area to have the Car Show & the James Joyce Ramble.

"Schools and community events, libraries- summer concerts at Endicott, events in the square" "Dedham Square--going to dinner and a movie, getting ice cream after, or stopping by to drop off mail at the post office and popping into Boston General Store, or attending a church concert."

"The library and Dedham Square. They feel open, interesting, and lively."



Cultural Resources

Assets



Established Artist Community



Arts Overlay District (AOD)



Challenges



Communicating value of arts and culture in economic terms



Limited state and local funding for arts and culture



Mother Brook Arts & Community Center (MBACC)



Fostering a stronger sense of community, inclusivity, and neighborliness



Vibrant community events



Racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic divide

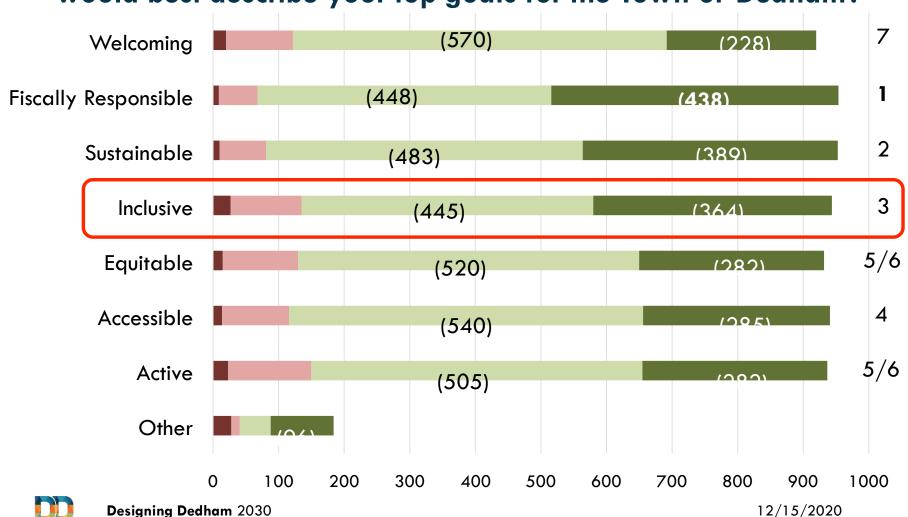


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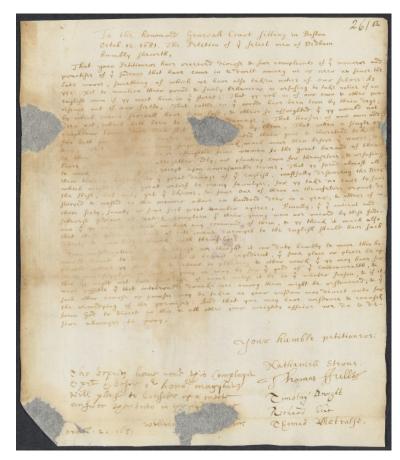
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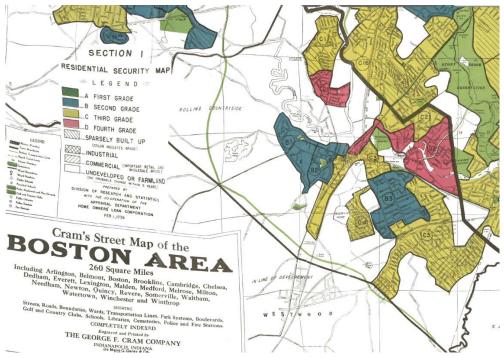
Initial Community Survey (Question 1): What set of words would best describe your top goals for the Town of Dedham?





Building Inclusive Communities





Left: 1681 Petition of the Selectmen of Dedham to the Massachusetts General Court

Right: Home Owner'ss Loan Corporation map showing redlining in East Dedham



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What is an inclusive community?

A community that:

- Promotes respect, equal treatment and opportunities
- Eliminates all forms of discrimination
- Engages all citizens in decision-making
- Values diversity
- Responds to racist and discriminating incidents

Source: The Community Toolbox, Center for Community Health and Development, University of Kansas





Why is building an inclusive community important?

- Injustice should not be tolerated
- Each citizen has the right to help make decisions
- Diversity enriches our lives

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- 1. Preserve, restore, and promote Dedham's natural, cultural, and historic resources.
- 2. Design and create welcoming and inclusive spaces and programs that serve a diverse community and enable residents to participate in and take advantage of all that Dedham has to offer.
- 3. Utilize parks, recreation, open space, trails, greenways, and waterways to promote health and exercise, connect residents, foster social interaction, and increase community cohesion.
- 4. Create an equitable and connected multimodal network that improves access for residents of all ages and abilities to parks and open space, economic and educational opportunities and community resources and services.
- 5. Increase arts and cultural access and education for all Dedham residents and support creative placemaking to strengthen community.
- 6. Communicate and promote the value and economic impact of arts and culture in the creative economy.



DRAFI



Are these goals close to what should be addressed for the Natural, Cultural and Historic Resources topic?

Do additional goals need to be defined?





Draft Goals

Breakout Group Discussion

Community Engagement Update

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Community Open Houses

Help Design Dedham! Community Open Houses



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January 26th, 2021 6:30 pm

Topics covered:



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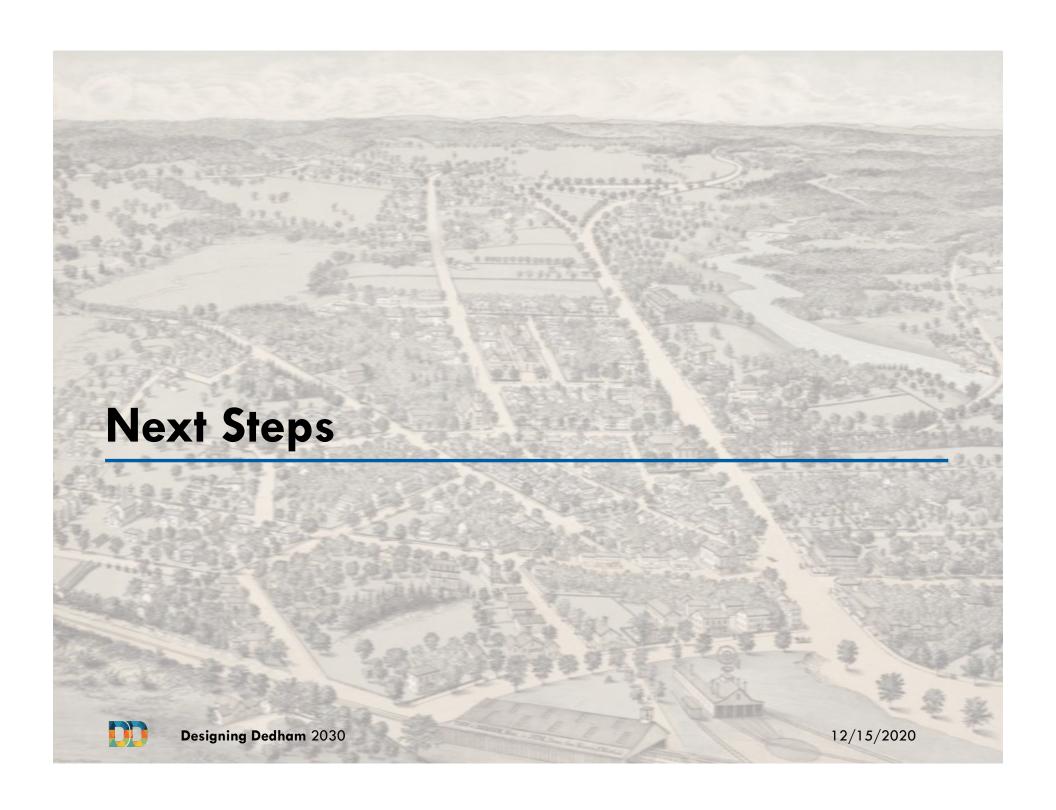




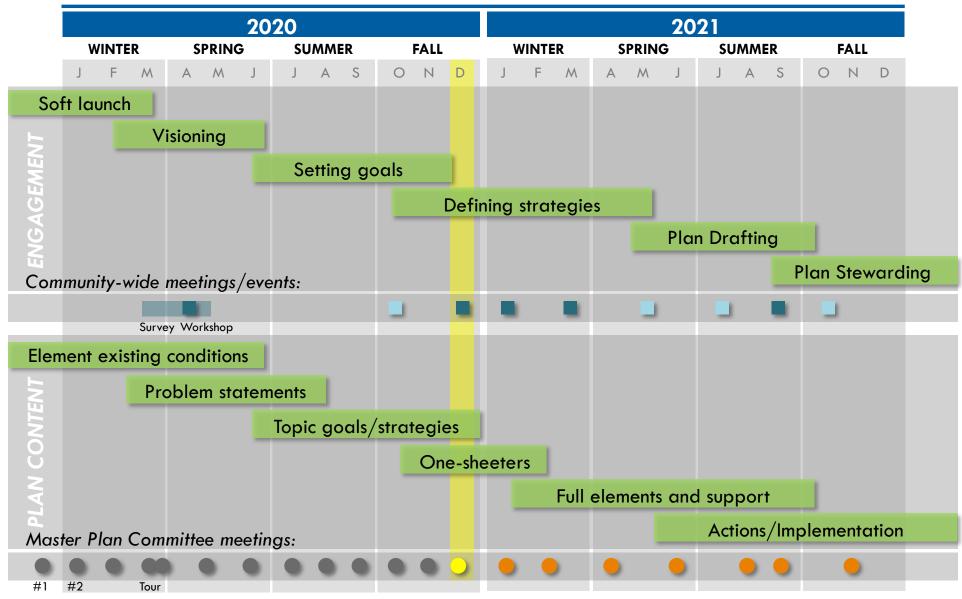




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Process outline and approach



Next Steps

- Second round of topic summaries
- Promote open house on 01/26/21
- RSVP for the open house on 1/26
 - https://bit.ly/DD2030-01-26-2021
- Topic Area presentation on Community Services and Facilities and Governance on 01/19/21 at 7:00 pm

Stay Involved

http://DesigningDedham2030.org





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Public Comment/Adjourn

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