



## ENVISION WINCHESTER



Winchester is a charming town distinguished by its appealing panorama of residential neighborhoods, rich architecture, and vital town center. Adorned by a ribbon of serene parks, forests, and waterways, Winchester is an engaging community enriched by its proximity to Boston, its accessibility to greater New England and its tradition of exceptional education.



## **Our Community Vision**

Winchester is committed to a vibrant future informed by its treasured past, inspired by its energetic, dedicated, and talented residents, and ignited by its shared belief in the value of communication, cooperation, and caring. As we move toward tomorrow together, we will:

### ***Strengthen and Promote...***

- Our tradition of outstanding education for all by setting the highest goals and providing programs, facilities, and resources to achieve those goals.
- Our commitment to being a caring and connected community by fostering an environment that enables citizens of all ages to gather for conversation, communication, recreation, education and entertainment and by facilitating communication between citizens and local government.
- Our economic vitality by enhancing the town center and other commercial venues by fostering business retention and diversification, improving attractiveness and infrastructure, and by encouraging and facilitating use.
- Our fundamental belief in respect for all by embracing diversity that helps educate our children, supports local economic development, fosters a varied housing stock, and creates an atmosphere of tolerance and acceptance that enriches all of our community.

### ***Preserve, Protect and Enhance...***

- Our investment in capital assets, including our municipal and school facilities, public library, and utility infrastructure by making necessary improvements to address critical issues such as storm water management, flooding, and deferred maintenance.
- Our access to the region through the train and highway system and within our community by ensuring bikeable and walkable neighborhoods, including mechanisms to reduce speed and volume of traffic and improve pedestrian routes for increased safety, and by seeking ways to promote and improve regional bike paths.
- Our historic architectural heritage by better articulating its context and value to our community and by identifying appropriate and broadly supported methods for preservation.
- Our distinctive landscape by promoting the renewal and revitalization of our fields, parks, parkways, waterways and other green open spaces and by improving access, facilitating use, enhancing environmental quality, and improving connections to neighborhoods and the town center.