



Bolton Long Range Planning Committee
663 Main Street
Bolton, Massachusetts 01740

LRPC Overview Presentation

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A Brief Overview



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Objective

Develop a comprehensive and practical Long Range Plan to guide the growth & development of Bolton for the foreseeable future which:

- Reflects the residents' perspective
- Has political consensus and will
- Is a "Living Document"



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The Planning Process

- Establish a project plan (Plan-for-the-Plan)
- Divide work into short & focused tasks
 - No more than 100 days long
 - Solicit committed & skilled volunteers for specific tasks
 - Detailed Plan for each task
- Coordination/continuity with a Steering Committee
- “Plan the work - work the Plan”



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Planning Guidelines

- Base the Plan on a Town-wide vision
- Prioritize tasks to address near-term needs
- Produce useful interim results
- Archive all source material for future reference
- Communicate, communicate, communicate



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Accomplishments

- **Population**
 - Developed population growth projections
 - Established criteria for future projections
- **Land Use**
 - Evaluated and catalogued land for possible municipal use.
 - Evaluated parcels along a ¼ mile by 2 mile stretch of Route 117.
- **Water / Sewer**
 - Documented septic & well failures throughout the Town
 - Evaluated sewer needs within the town center for municipal and private use.
- **Housing**
 - Evaluated state of the town in meeting State Affordable Housing requirements.



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Accomplishments

- **Financial Modeling**
 - Assessing the State Financial Impact Tool
- **Municipal Facilities**
 - Questionnaire sent out to a range of surrounding towns for benchmarking.
 - Land use, services, infrastructure, costs, etc.
- **Services**
 - Police Station committee is very active
 - Coordinating activity with other municipal needs.
- **Survey**
 - Results compiled & analysis completed
 - presentation to Town ongoing



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The Survey – What's Next ?

- An accurate measure of residents' opinions on the future of Bolton
- The cornerstone of the Long Range Plan
- Possible additional survey to clarify specific issues
- Provide information on important issues (Housing, Population, etc.)



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The Survey – What's Next ?

- **Shape the major elements of the Plan**
 - Housing
 - Priorities for land Use
 - Priorities for services
 - Balance in Financial analysis
 - Grouping of facilities
- **Communicate / educate on several issues**



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What Can You Do ?

- **Learn More About the LRP Process**
- **Volunteer for specific Task Groups**
- **Provide input and resource material**
- **Spread the word !**



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