

Hopkinton Vision Statement
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Hopkinton Overarching Vision

Hopkinton is a vibrant welcoming community centrally located in New England and nestled 26.2 miles west of Boston. We are endowed with open space, natural resources, facilities and programs that promote a well educated and healthy community. We are respectful of our past, engaged in our present, and actively preparing for our future.

**Based on our history, our values and our creativity,
we the citizens of Hopkinton will:**

- Foster a culture of respect, collaboration and communication among Hopkinton citizens using an array of innovative methods and new technologies to make bold forward thinking decisions on Town issues over the next ten years.
- Actively build consensus for a citizen-focused, well managed, fiscally sound, open and fair town government.
- Sustain and support an educational system of excellence.
- Maintain Hopkinton as a safe community through continued support of public safety functions.
- Encourage new growth and redevelopment consistent with our values and desires to protect the unique features of the town while allowing expanded employment, housing and revenue opportunities.
- **Ensure future growth that provides an appropriate balance of distinct residential, commercial, institutional and government buildings and public spaces reflecting the attractive and historic town character of Hopkinton.**
- **Encourage public/private partnerships that revitalize and invigorate the downtown, creating a more vibrant and walkable center with an exciting mix of stores, offices, services, and restaurants.**

- Collaborate with local and regional officials in the MetroWest area to increase transportation options for all residents, including the creation of a biking system throughout Hopkinton that provides a safe mode of travel and a healthy and valued activity.
- Promote sustainability and energy conservation throughout our town plans, actions and public investments to maintain Hopkinton's status as a green community leader.
- Protect open spaces and natural resources, build upon the town's history and cultural heritage, and treasure our beautiful and special places as they define our community identity and character.

Hopkinton Vision Themes

ARTS, CULTURE & COMMUNITY

In 2025, Hopkinton continues to be a community that values art, cultural and community based institutions with an array of venues offering citizen centered activities and gathering spaces for cultural and artistic activities as well as other local and regional events.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

In 2025, Hopkinton is an energetic town with a variety of affordable community services that enrich the quality of community life for all residents from youth through seniors.

EDUCATION

In 2025, Hopkinton continues to be recognized and respected for its excellent education system. The town carries on its long tradition of support for the people and facilities that are the foundation for its educational distinction.

OPEN SPACE, RECREATION & NATURAL RESOURCES

In 2025, Hopkinton has protected additional lands for ensuring water quality, and for active and passive open space; created more recreational opportunities for a variety of age groups; and conserved additional natural resources and view sheds that help define the rural quality that is characteristic of much of the town.

TOWN CENTER

In 2025, Hopkinton's Town Center is a vibrant part of the town's identity where civic events, including the Boston Marathon are celebrated. It is a hub of community and commercial activity, with shops, restaurants and an attractive streetscape. It is pedestrian friendly with new development that respects the character and heritage of the town.

MANAGED GROWTH, DEVELOPMENT & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

In 2025, Hopkinton has appropriately scaled, well designed and sited new commercial development including retail, service and office uses in the town center and along the I-495 corridor and also a mix of housing types that all serve to enhance Hopkinton's community character.

TOWN GOVERNMENT, FACILITIES AND FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

In 2025, Hopkinton continues to have an exceptional quality of life in a vibrant and sustainable community with an open, democratic and efficient local government, a balanced budget, and well-maintained town facilities.

TRANSPORTATION

In 2025, Hopkinton has a transportation system that offers community choice regarding travel for a driver, bicyclist, pedestrian, or someone using public transportation and that has addressed parking, traffic congestion, and other transportation issues.

INFRASTRUCTURE

In 2025, Hopkinton has a system of infrastructure improvements that support targeted growth and development while protecting the environment through the use of sustainable practices and materials.