

Acknowledgements

Strategic Planning Process Participants

Over six percent of Natick's entire population participated directly in this strategic planning process:

- In July 2006, three preliminary focus groups sought input from 21 residents.
- Three business forums, in September and December 2006 and April 2007, brought 20 Natick business leaders into the process.
- The Town's 18 senior staff provided input to the process in two meetings in October 2006 and February 2007.
- More than 150 residents attended the October 2006 Values and Vision Weekend Friday evening event, featuring presentations on Natick's past and present and the "new urbanism" movement.
- More than 325 participated in the Values and Vision Workshops on Saturday and Sunday.
- Another nearly 200 people provided written input through the *Natick 360* web site.
- About 40 residents overcame February 2007 snows to provide input at public meetings at the Morse Institute Library and the Senior Center.
- More than 30 state and regional leaders attended the Key Informant meeting in February 2007.
- A forum at Natick High School involved 90 Junior and Senior students in March 2007.
- More than 100 Natick photographers submitted works for the "Focus on Natick" contest. Selected photographs were displayed at The Center for the Arts in Natick during May and June 2007.
- More than 100 residents came to the June 2007 Strategic Choices Weekend Friday evening event featuring presentations about State and regional planning activities.
- More than 140 residents participated directly in the Strategic Choices Workshops on Saturday and Sunday, and several more provided written input.
- Nearly 1,200 residents responded to the July-August 2007 scientific random sample survey.
- The 42 members of the five sponsoring boards and committees met several times to consider *Natick 360* issues in both joint sessions and board and committee meetings over the 1½ years of the initiative. They include the Board of Selectmen, Conservation Commission, Finance Committee, Planning Board and School Committee.

The Strategic Planning Oversight Committee thanks all the participants for their commitment to making our community a better place to live, work and thrive.

Special Thanks

The Strategic Planning Oversight Committee thanks following participants who brought new ideas and spirit to the *Natick 360* strategic planning process:

- Joel Barrera of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council spoke at the October 2006 Values and Vision Weekend Friday evening event.
- Elyssa Conley won the “Focus on Natick” contest for her photograph of a rower on Lake Cochituate (see www.natickart.org/gallery/past/2007-4/present.html).
- Marc Draisen, Executive Director of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council, spoke at the June 2007 Strategic Choices Weekend Friday evening event.
- Anthony Flint of the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy spoke at the October 2006 Values and Vision Weekend Friday evening event.
- The Center for the Arts in Natick, David Lavalley, Executive Director, co-sponsored the “Focus on Natick” photography contest with *Natick 360*.
- State Representative David Linsky spoke at both the October 2006 Values and Vision Weekend and the June 2007 Strategic Choices Weekend Friday evening events.
- Doug Rubin, Chief of Staff to Governor Deval Patrick, spoke at the October 2006 Values and Vision Weekend Friday evening event.
- State Senator Karen Spilka supported the *Natick 360* initiative.