



LEXINGTON NEXT

FALL 2018 PUBLIC OUTREACH EVENTS

Lexington Next is our Comprehensive Plan update. It will lay out a vision for the town's future by codifying the goals for land use and guiding the work of town bodies. In all areas of the plan, we will be guided by these principles:

- Livable Community
- Accessible and Connected Community
- Harmony with Nature
- Healthy and Socially Responsible Community
- Vital and Resilient Economy
- Good Governance



WHAT IS A WORLD CAFE?

Fun, interactive meetings designed build connections between participants and facilitate productive conversations in small groups. In rotating groups of 4-3, we asked people to discuss a series of questions about values, wants, needs, concerns, and tensions. Three meetings were held:

- September 25th at Cary Memorial Hall
- October 23rd at Estabrook Elementary
- November 27th at the Lexington Community Center

WHAT DID WE HEAR?

We talked with more than 120 people between three World Cafés about roughly 60 topics facing Lexington. To help digest these conversations, we've organized categories and picked out some highlights. The graphic recordings and detailed notes from these meetings can be found on the plan website.

LAND USE (50 COMMENTS)

- **50%** mentioned zoning regulations, with most identifying them as a concern and a priority.

HOUSING (169 COMMENTS)

- **56%** referenced creating and maintaining affordable housing options, including **22%** specifically about affordability for seniors.

TRANSPORTATION (203 COMMENTS)

- Across a wide variety of issues, **20%** talked about bike infrastructure, **17%** about traffic, and **14%** about walkability.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND VITALITY (137 COMMENTS)

- Across a wide variety of comments, **31%** referenced the importance of the Town Center and **26%** on the need for diversity in commercial development.

DEMOGRAPHICS (105 COMMENTS)

- Most conversations centered around ethnic (**45%**) and economic diversity (**33%**), both as areas of concern, with some positive progress identified regarding ethnic diversity.

PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SCHOOLS (163 COMMENTS)

- **45%** mentioned public schools, focusing on value and the need to plan for the future. Town facilities of all types are highly valued.

CULTURAL & NATURAL RESOURCES (112 COMMENTS)

- **70%** of comments dealt with 'traditional' resources—open space, conservation areas, parks, and recreation facilities. Residents also consider climate change resilience and sustainability a core component of the Town's work.

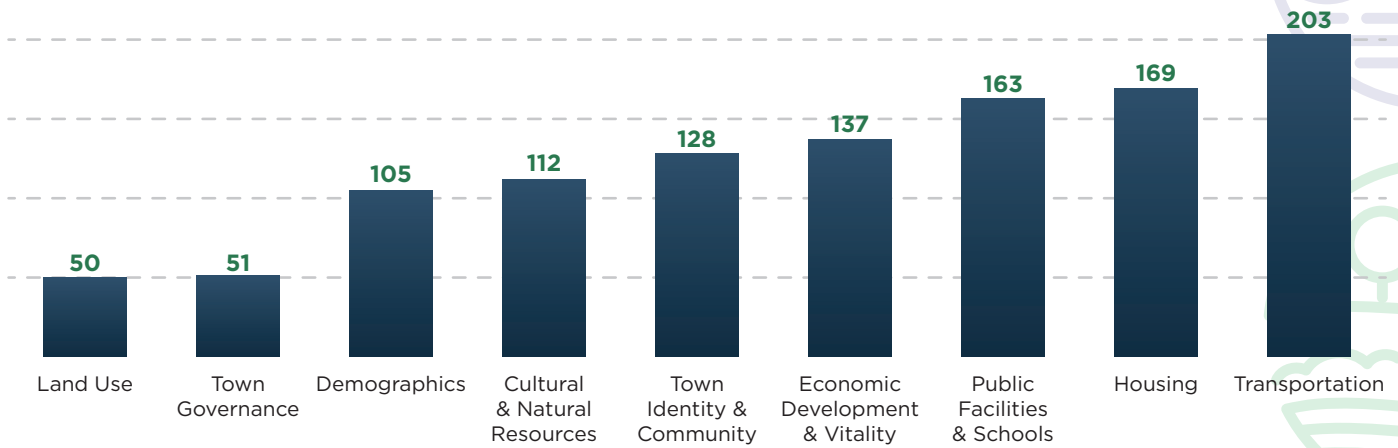
TOWN IDENTITY & COMMUNITY (128 COMMENTS)

- Residents highly value the sense of community, history, and civic participation in Lexington, with **75%** of comments valuing, seeing progress in, and prioritizing these items.



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NUMBER OF COMMENTS PER CATEGORY



TOPICS BY THE NUMBERS

