



2022 STATE OF THE TOWN MEETING: LINCOLN IN 2050





2022 - 2023 INITIATIVES



Inclusion,
Diversity,
Equity, &
Anti-Racism
Committee



Housing
Choice Act
Working
Group



Climate
Action Plan



Community
Center
Building
Committee

	Thumbs + Comments			<p>Frequency of Comments</p> <p>Night 1 Feedback + Online survey</p>
Community Center	157	68	12	
Housing	117	66	8	
Transportation	96	48	12	
Affordability	71 (related to Community Center)	44	2	
Conservation	74	41	2	
Character of Town	74	34	1	
Green	59	36	3	
Diversity	51	32	3	
Process	29	12	1	
Miscellaneous	19	6	2	
Education	11	3	0	
Misc.	17			
Grand Total	759	390	46	

AGENDA



- Presentations (60 min)
 - Green Energy Committee/Climate Action Lincoln
 - Conservation Commission
 - Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee
 - Housing Commission
 - Rural Land Foundation/Lincoln Land Conservation Trust
 - Planning Board
- Q&A about the presentations (30 min)
 - 20 minutes about tonight's presentations
 - 10 minutes about the community center
 - Use the hand-raise feature
- Breakout rooms (20 min)
 - 4 breakout rooms – these are not recorded
- Report out from breakout rooms (20 min)
- Meeting wrap-up



Green Energy Committee

State of the Town

November 15, 2022

Big Picture

Climate action planning process



Green electricity for Lincoln



Opt-in stretch energy code



All-electric new construction

Lincoln Got the Grant!

- ▶ Award: \$100,000 to write a Climate Action Plan
- ▶ Grant Program: Massachusetts Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP)
- ▶ Consultants: Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC)
- ▶ Participants: All of Lincoln!

A Climate Action Plan Will Help Lincoln:



Develop strategies and actions to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050



Address climate impacts on public health



Address water quality and quantity issues



Reduce climate impacts on agriculture

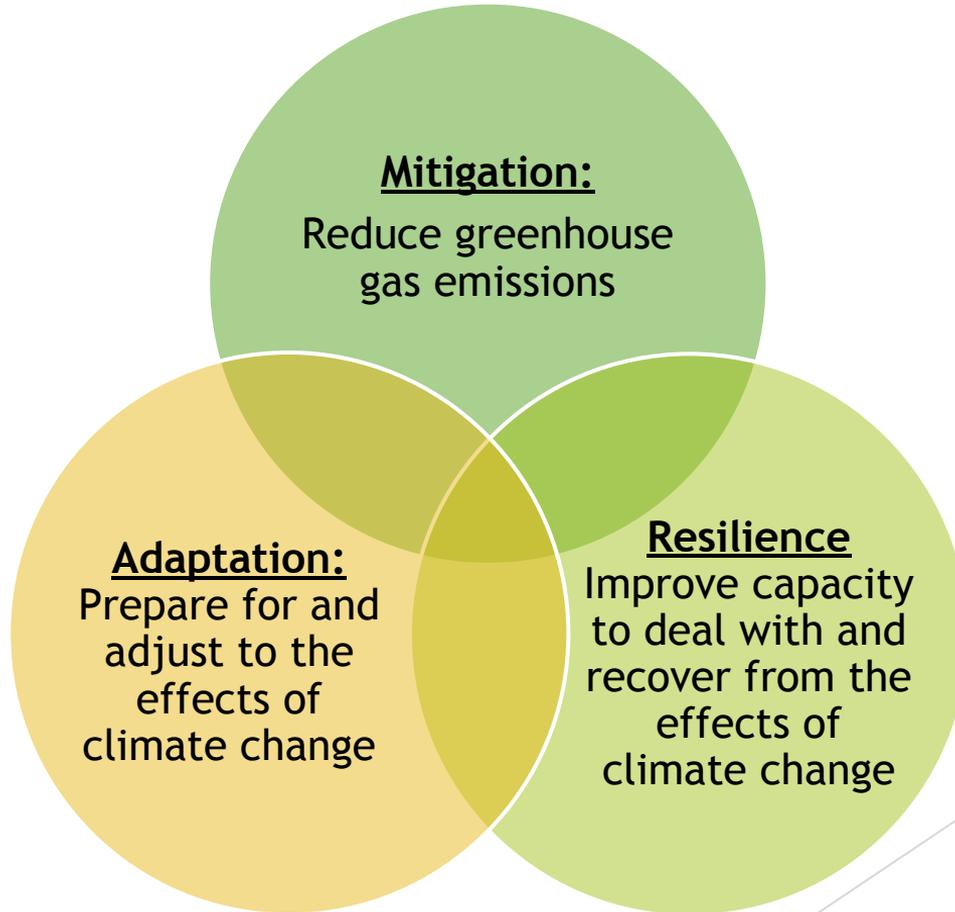


Develop contingencies for infrastructure failures



Address climate equity and impacts on vulnerable populations

The Goals of a Climate Action Plan



What Is Next?



November - December
2022

Engage Community
Set Goals
Develop Action Strategies



January - May 2023

Select Strategies
Draft and Review Plan
Finalize Plan



June 2023

Release Plan!

Fossil Fuels Used for Buildings Cause 1/3 of Lincoln Carbon Emissions

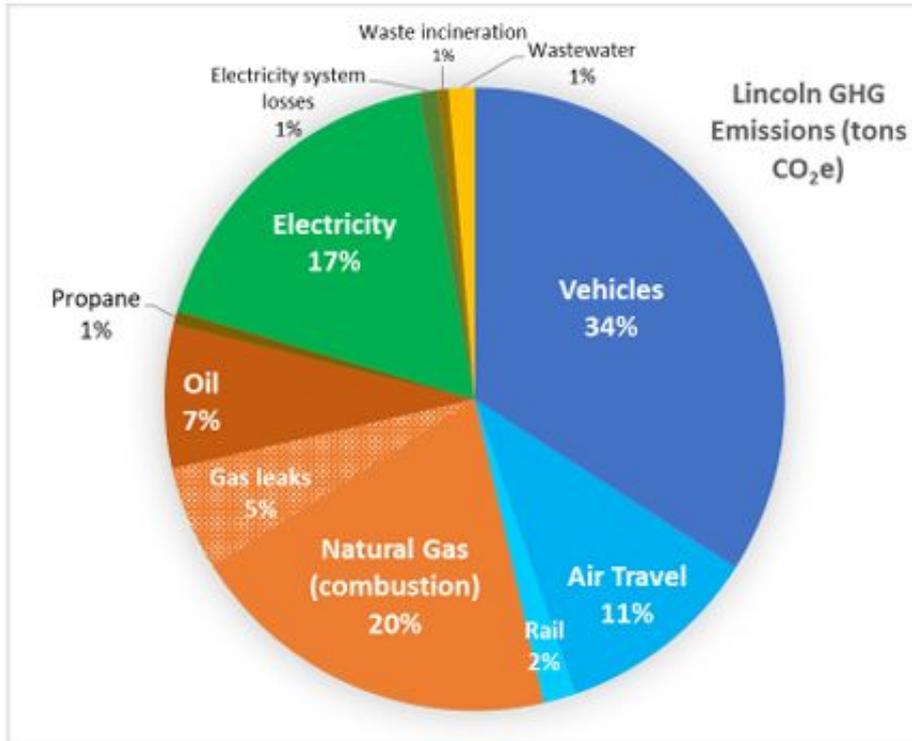


Figure 1 – Emissions Summary (2017)

So buildings need to:

- Be more energy-efficient
- Be all-electric (not burn fossil fuels)
- Get electricity from “green” sources

Lincoln Green Energy Choice

Success to date

- Over \$1 million saved
- Over 10% have chosen "100% Green"
- Emissions reduced 50%!

New contract for 2023

- Big unavoidable increase in underlying power costs
- Green electricity costs held steady
- Opting up to 100% still available

Path to 100% green?

New “Specialized” Energy Code

- ▶ Published September 2022
 - ▶ Optional for each town
 - ▶ Requires higher efficiency (insulation, etc.) than code that otherwise would apply
 - ▶ But does not require that all new construction be all-electric
- ▶ Lincoln can adopt at 2023 Town Meeting

Ten-Town Pilot Program for All-Electric New Construction



**Town Meeting
March 2022**

Voted to seek
legislative authority



**Climate Act signed
Aug. 2022**

Allows Lincoln to
participate in pilot
program



**Town Meeting
2023**

Vote on specific
bylaw

We Seek Your Input

- ▶ Attend public meetings coming up
- ▶ How to sign up for text/email notices: bit.ly/LincolnNotices
- ▶ Get more details at GEC websites: (see same link as above)
- ▶ Want to volunteer? Contact Jen Curtin at the Planning Board or any GEC member:
 - ▶ Roy Harvey
 - ▶ Ed Kern
 - ▶ Sue Klem
 - ▶ Ed Lang
 - ▶ Paul Shorb
 - ▶ C.J. Volpone



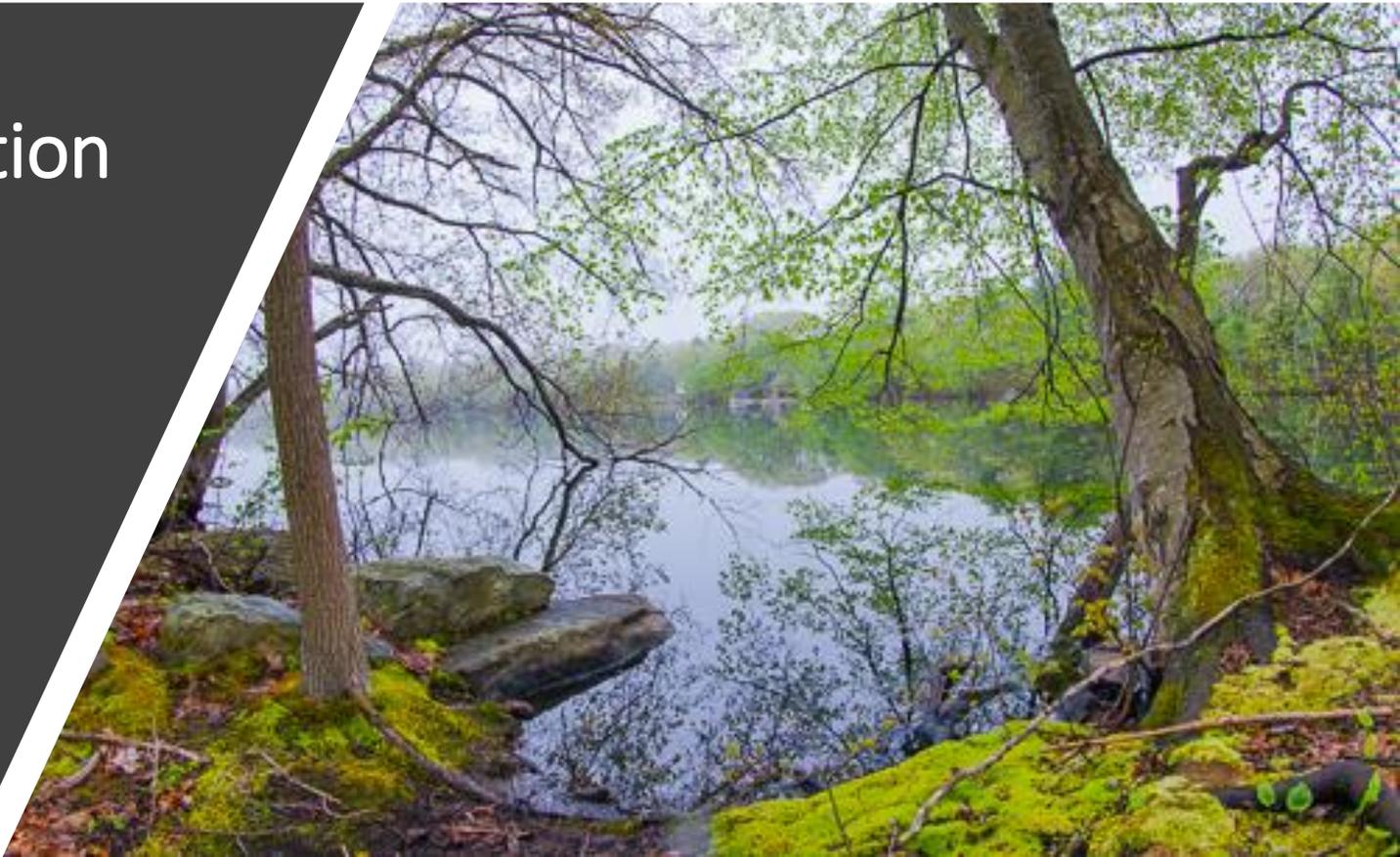
Thank you!



State of the Town: Conservation

November 15, 2022

- Conservation Commission's 5-part Mission
- Current Projects
- Vision for 2050

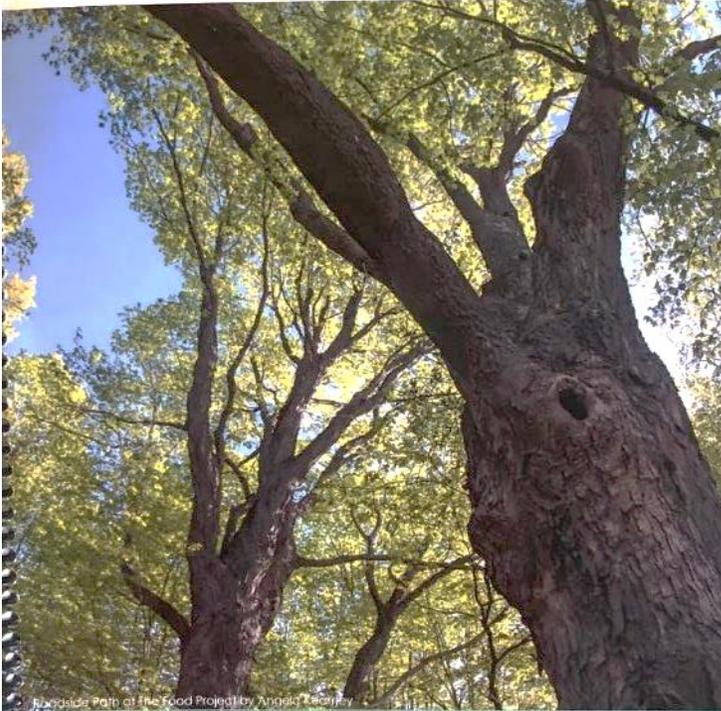


Conservation Commission's Five-Part Mission



- Managing Lincoln's conservation land
- Protecting wetlands
- Creating partnerships
- Educating the Public
- Acquiring land for Conservation Purposes

OPEN SPACE & RECREATION PLAN



Riverside Park at The Food Project by Angela Kearney

Town of Lincoln, Massachusetts
June 2017

2017 Open Space Plan - Goals

1. Identify, acquire, & protect land for agriculture, conservation, habitat protection, & recreation
2. Steward conservation, agricultural, & recreational lands to promote long-term sustainable production, ecological diversity and resiliency.
3. Promote appropriate public access to, and use of, open space & recreation lands.
4. Educate residents and local officials.
Coordinate on programs and policies at the local and regional level.





1. Caring for Lincoln's Conservation Land



2. Promoting Agriculture on Conservation land



3. Promoting public access to, and use of, open space and recreation lands

80-miles of Trails and Roadside Paths



Did you know...

Lincoln has more than 80 miles of trails & roadside paths

Provide us Feedback Here: → 

Learn about Lincoln Trail Rules → 

Use our map on your mobile device
Want to see where you are on Lincoln's trail system? Use OuterSpatial on your mobile device to navigate our trails. Just scan the code, download, press 'explore', and look for the blue dot.
<https://www.outerspatial.com> 

Land Stewardship
The Conservation Department manages 1,600 acres of conservation land for wildlife habitat, passive recreation, and promotion of agricultural resources. If you see a tree down along a trail or other issues, please contact the Conservation Department at 781-259-2612 or conservation@lincolntown.org

Support Lincoln's Open Space
The Lincoln Land Conservation Trust and Rural Land Foundation are Lincoln's non-profit conservation organizations, which work together to acquire and protect land of conservation value in Lincoln. Scan the QR Code to learn more and to donate.
www.lincolnconservation.org 

3. Promoting public access to, and use of, open space and recreation lands.

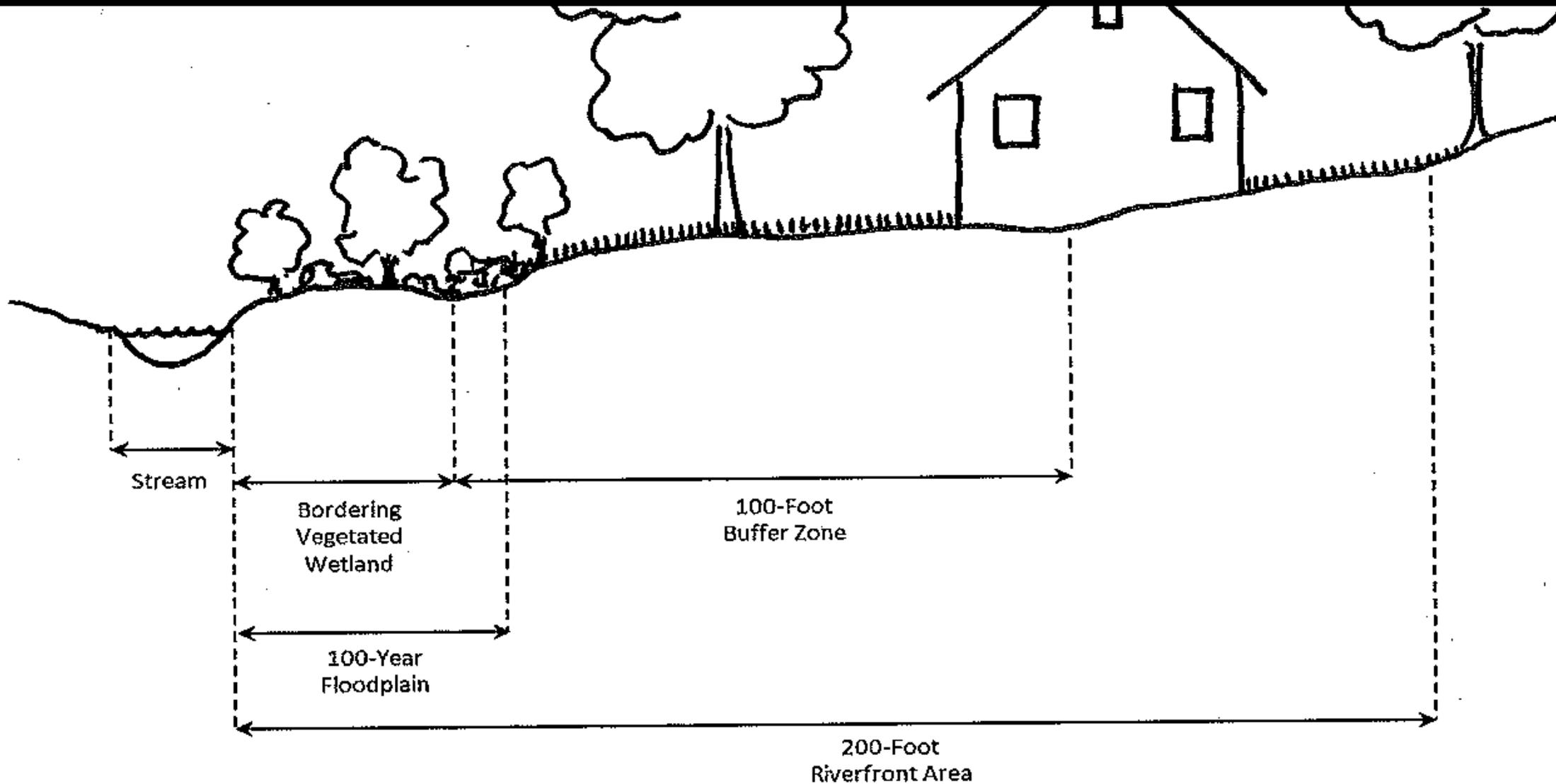
Trail Rules Implementation & Signage Plan



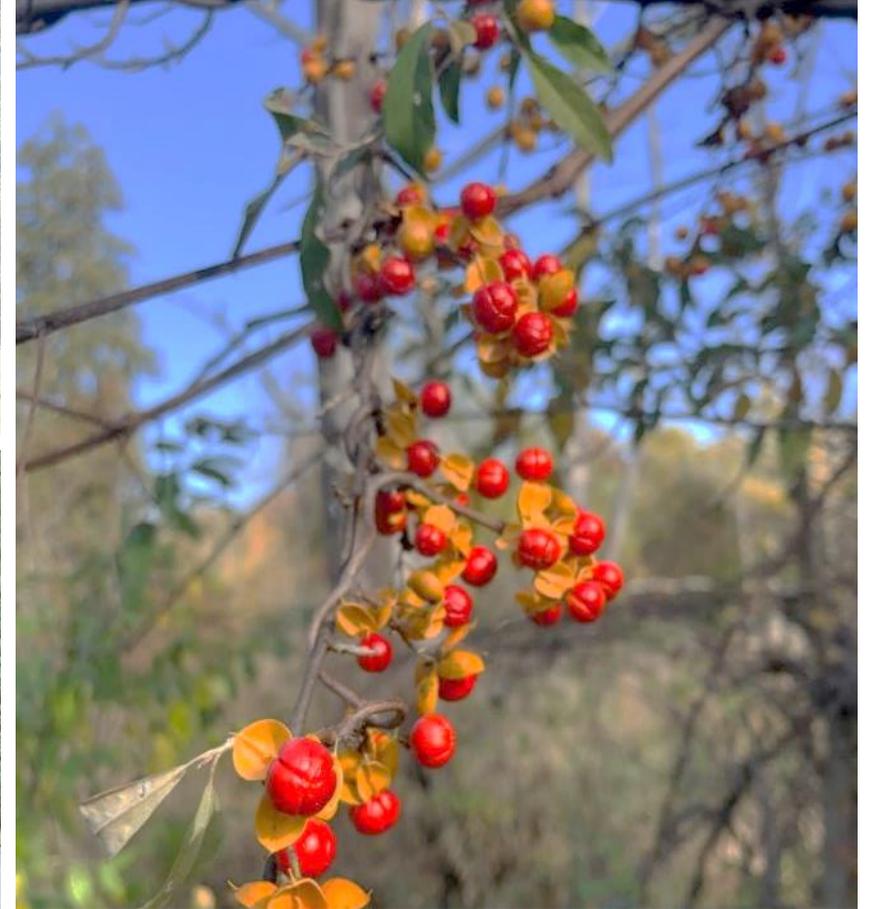
4. Education/Outreach

Join our Conservation email list:
Conservation@lincolntown.org

5. Protecting Wetlands and Buffer Zones



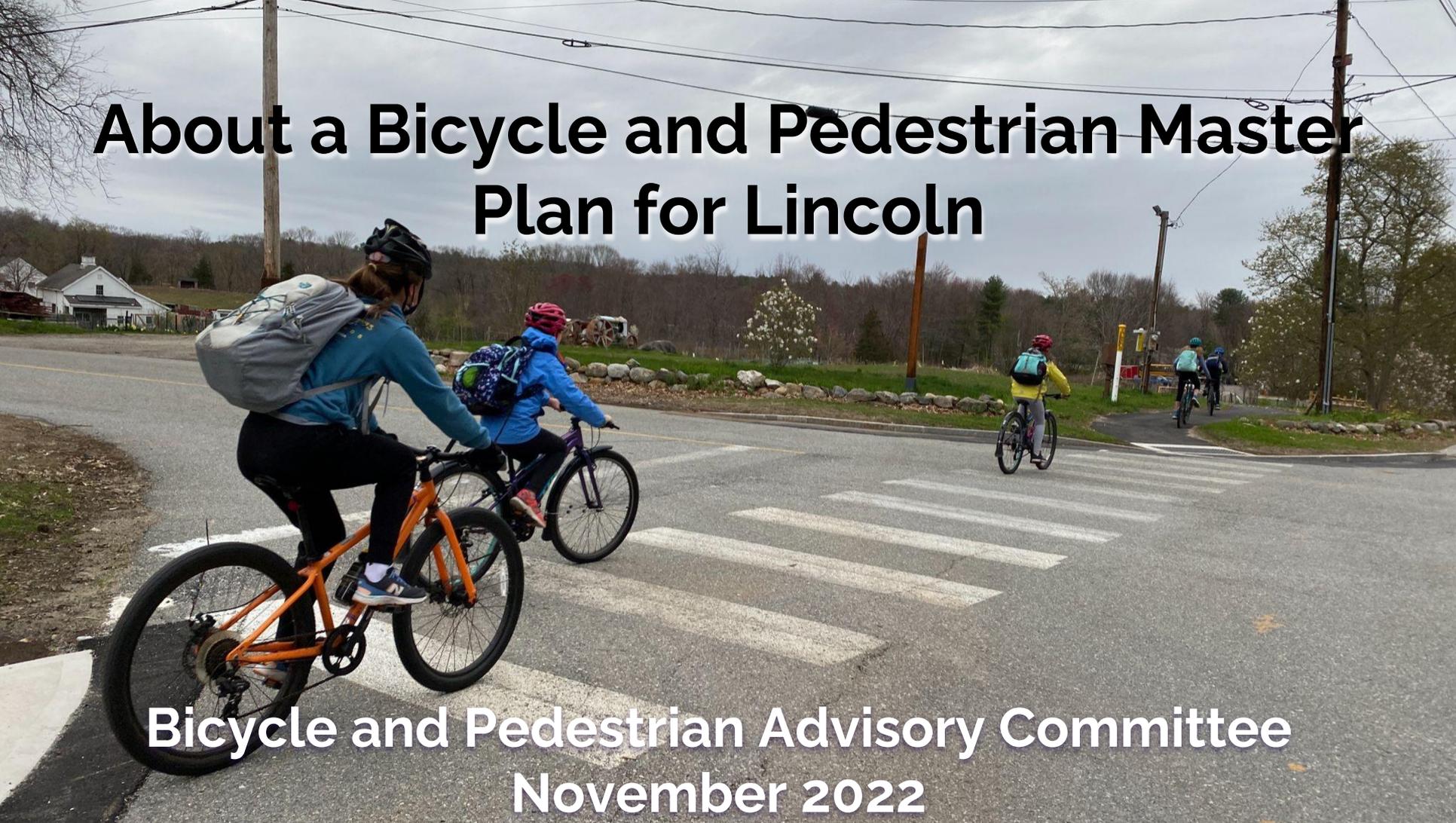
6. Preserving the Ecological Integrity of Lincoln





Vision for 2050

About a Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan for Lincoln



Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
November 2022

Why create a Biking & Walking Master Plan?



Lincolntites want to walk and bike, and want to feel safe doing so.

A person wearing a green long-sleeved shirt and dark pants is riding a bicycle on a paved path. The person is positioned in the center of the frame, facing away from the camera. The path is surrounded by trees with vibrant autumn foliage in shades of yellow, orange, and red. The path curves gently to the right in the distance. The overall scene is bright and scenic, suggesting a park or recreational area.

What is a Biking & Walking Master Plan?

A roadmap, to take us from where we are today to a place where walking and biking in Lincoln feel safe and accessible for all.

How do we get to a place where walking and biking in Lincoln feel safe and accessible for all?



**We improve the network:
Connect all neighborhoods to the town's institutional corridor.
Ensure safe passage to neighboring towns and rail trails.**

In addition...

Align biker, walker, and driver behavior for safety

- Education
- Encouragement
- Enforcement

Culture change on our roads

Evaluation & Adjustment



Where do we go from here?

Commit to maintenance of our roads and roadside paths

Execute on projects that connect the town safely

- **Prioritize based on importance to the network, opportunity, ease**
- **Fund with grants to the extent possible**



To learn more, visit: www.lincolntown.org/1083/Bicycle-Pedestrian-Advisory-Committee

Lincoln Housing Commission

State of the Town 2022



Lincoln Housing Commission Mission Statement

The Lincoln Housing Commission is a welcoming and inclusive group that works to fulfill the town's mission and ensure a range of diverse housing options are available in town to meet the current and future needs of Lincoln's residents. We fulfill this mission by:

- developing and promoting policies, programs, and regulations that preserve and/or increase housing that addresses such needs;
- maintaining Lincoln's inventory of housing affordable for low- and moderate-income households in compliance with state policy;
- and supporting town, regional, and state housing goals

The Housing Commission also administers Lincoln's town-owned rental housing units.



LHC Perennial Responsibilities

- Monitor affordable housing supply in town to ensure compliance with state 40B requirements (2020 estimate: 12.5%)
- Certification and lease renewal for residents in town-owned affordable units
- Address maintenance needs at town-owned units
- Work with other town boards and organizations to support affordable housing needs in town

Other Recent Activity

- Seeking funding-for significant exterior maintenance & renovation projects at several of Lincoln's town-owned affordable rental units.
- Planning to replace fossil fuel systems with heat pumps at all 7 town-owned affordable units.
- Integrating the capabilities and expertise of the RHSO into the Housing Commission's work
- Adding a liaison position representing residents living in affordable housing and reactivating the liaison role from COA&HS, with plans to eventually make both into full voting members.



On the horizon

- Town housing needs assessment pending release of relevant 2020 Census data
- Participation in Community Center and Housing Choice Act committees
- Begin discussions on future structure and composition of the Commission



RLF/LLCT Vision for 2050

**A Vibrant, Mixed-Use Mall that
Includes Housing**



Bobolink in Farm Meadow, Norman Levey

Mall at Lincoln Station History

One of RLF's earliest conservation development projects (1970s)

Includes Mall, Lincoln Woods Housing, and 55 acres of conservation land (Farm Meadow)

RLF owns and operates the Mall for the benefit of Lincoln residents.

Proceeds help fund RLF's conservation work

Mall at Lincoln Station Redevelopment Constraints

Need to support existing retail
Sewage Treatment Plant
owned by Lincoln Woods (Mall
shares use)





Mall at Lincoln Station Opportunities

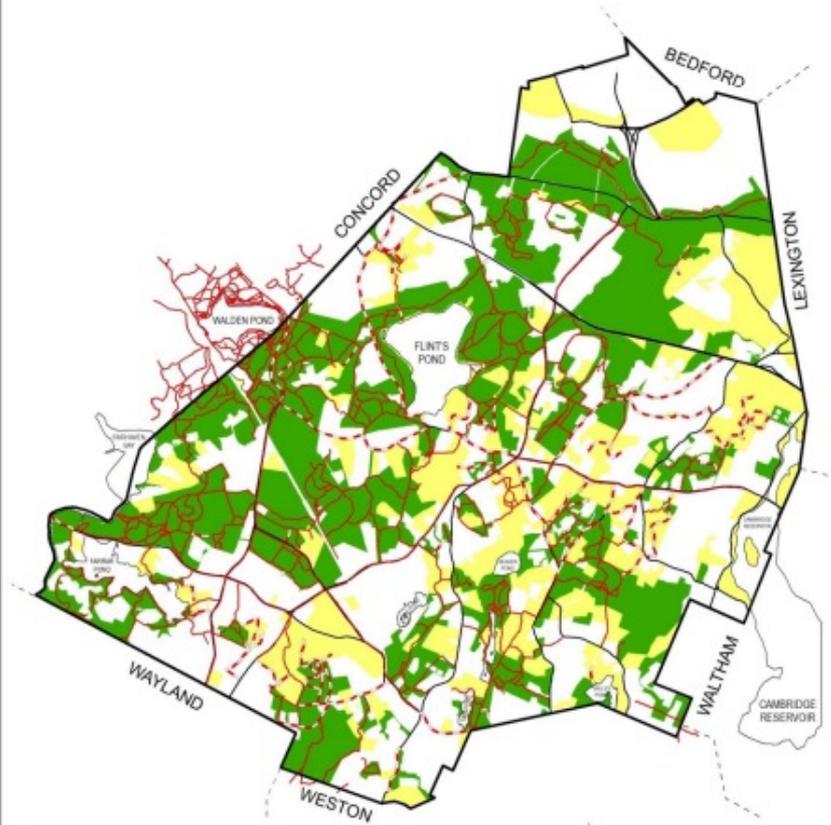
Expanding Housing diversity is
a Town Goal

Housing near public
transportation makes climate
sense

RLF is a private organization but
will work with Town and go
through Town Meeting
approvals

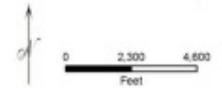
Additional Lands of Conservation Interest Protected

Lands of Open Space and Recreation Interest



LEGEND

- Existing Trails
- Proposed Trails
- Existing Protected Land
- Lands of Open Space and Recreation Interest



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PIGIS\Raw Data & Maps\Open Space\MAPS

Opportunities to Conserve Land and Meet Other Town Needs

Many parcels still need to be
conserved

Creative examples: Wang Project
resulted in Conservation Land,
Recreation Field, and home for
Birches School

Other Potential Conservation
Opportunities: Housing, DPW,
Cemetery





More Native Pollinator
and Vegetable Gardens



Pollinator Action Plan

Planting for biodiversity and climate change resilience

Lawn conversion to improve biodiversity

Opportunities for connectivity





More Leaves and Rakes
Less Blowers and
Mowers

Climate and Habitat Friendly Backyard Practices

Leave your leaves

Convert lawn equipment to
electric





More Quietness to Listen
to Nature and Less
Lighting to Disturb Nature

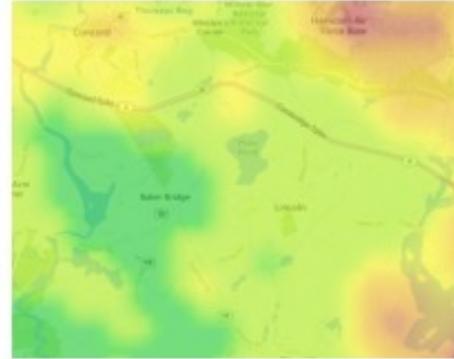


Reduce Light Pollution

Expanded dark sky initiative
Consistent with climate action
initiatives

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2021



2012





Improved Non-Vehicular
Access to our
Trails/Roadside Paths
and Roads



Balance of Trail Access and Habitat Preservation

Well marked trails for enjoyment
of nature and passive recreation

Roadside paths and one-way
roads to help better connect
Lincoln

Pileated by Jay Dia, Raccoon by Marina Reiser



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Planning Board 2022/2023 Initiatives: Village Center Business Districts and Accessory Apartments

Goals

- Simplify Regulations and Procedures.
- Update Regulations to better reflect Town's Priorities.
- Continue efforts to promote Housing Diversity.
- Preserve the Town's Rural Character.



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Accessory Apartments

Important Definitions

- **By Right:** Provided that dimensional requirements are met, the use is allowed.
 - *Boards can shape the project but cannot deny permission.*
 - *Every zoning district must have at least one “by right” use.*
- **Special Permit:** A discretionary permit by the permit granting authority - the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) or the Planning Board.
 - *Boards can deny permission for a project.*

Purpose of the Accessory Apartment Bylaw

- Increase diversity of the Town's housing stock.
- Allow owners of single-family homes to share space and burdens of home ownership.
- Preserve the appearance and character of the Town.

Apartment in the Main Dwelling

NOW:

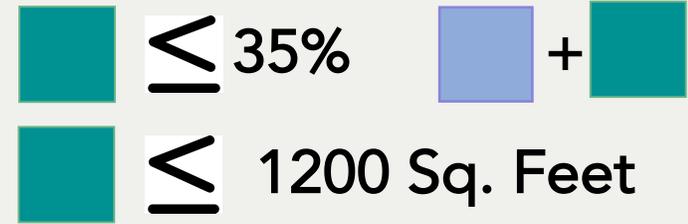
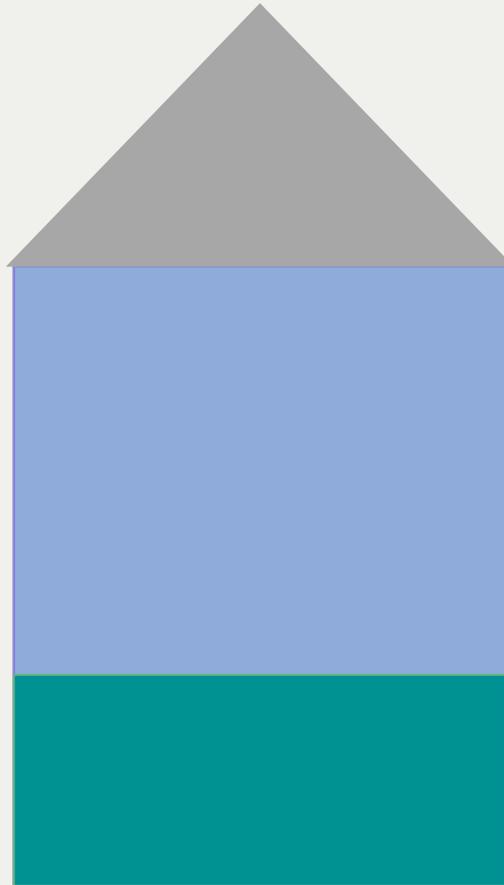
Apartment must comply with regulations

AND

Planning Board must make recommendation to the ZBA

AND

ZBA must hold a hearing to decide whether to grant a special permit.



PROPOSED:

Apartment must comply with the regulations (i.e., By Right).

Apartment in an Accessory Building

NOW: Same as above:

Regulations

+ PB recommendation

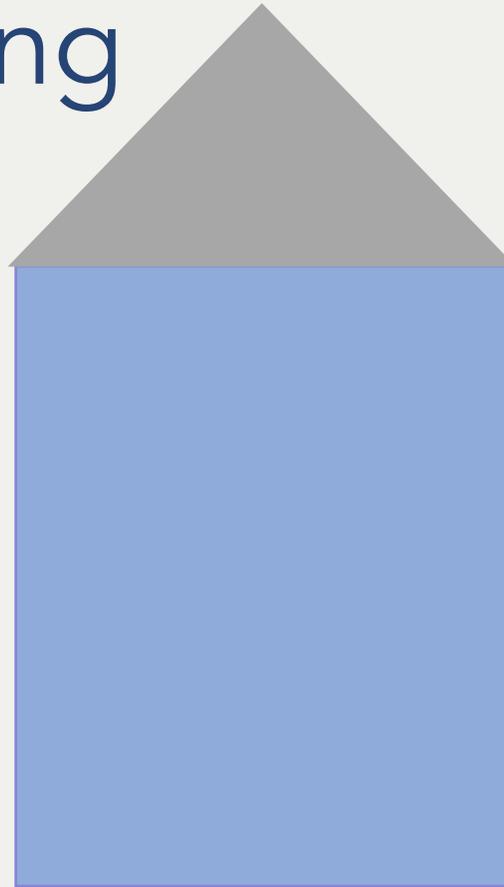
+ ZBA special permit

PROPOSED:

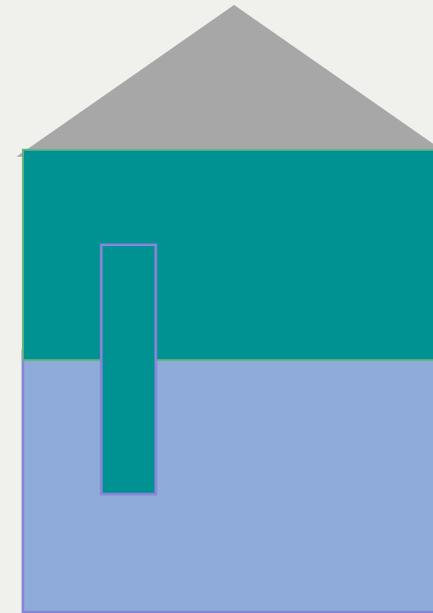
Apartment must comply with the
regulations

+ ZBA special permit

No Planning Board
recommendation required.



 \leq 1200 Square Feet



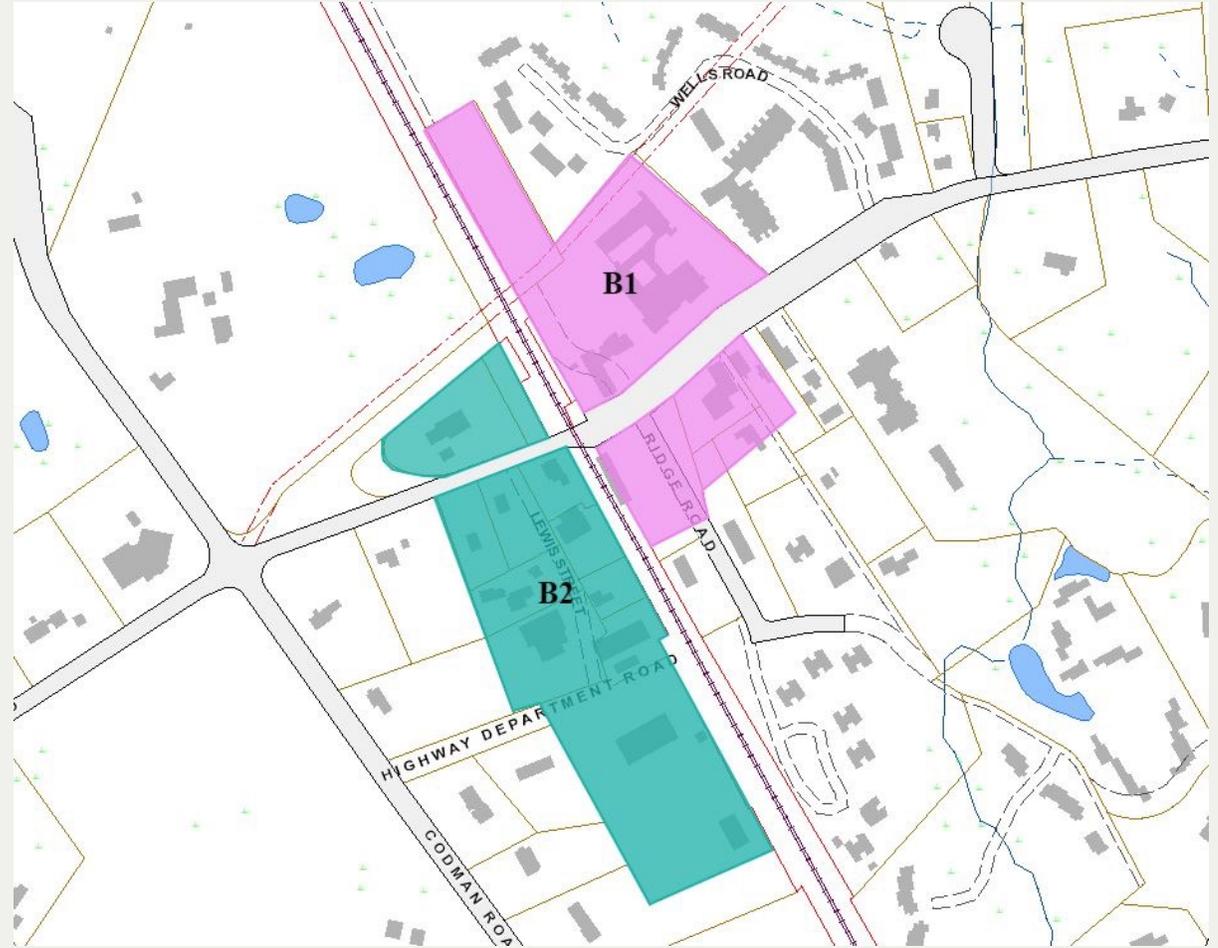
Proposed Changes

- Allow Apartments “by right” in the main dwelling unit.
- Apartments in accessory buildings still require special permit but no recommendation from the Planning Board.
- Require a parking space on the property.
- Prohibit split ownership (e.g. condo conversion).

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Village Center: B-1 and B-2 Business Districts

The B-1 and B-2 Zoning Districts

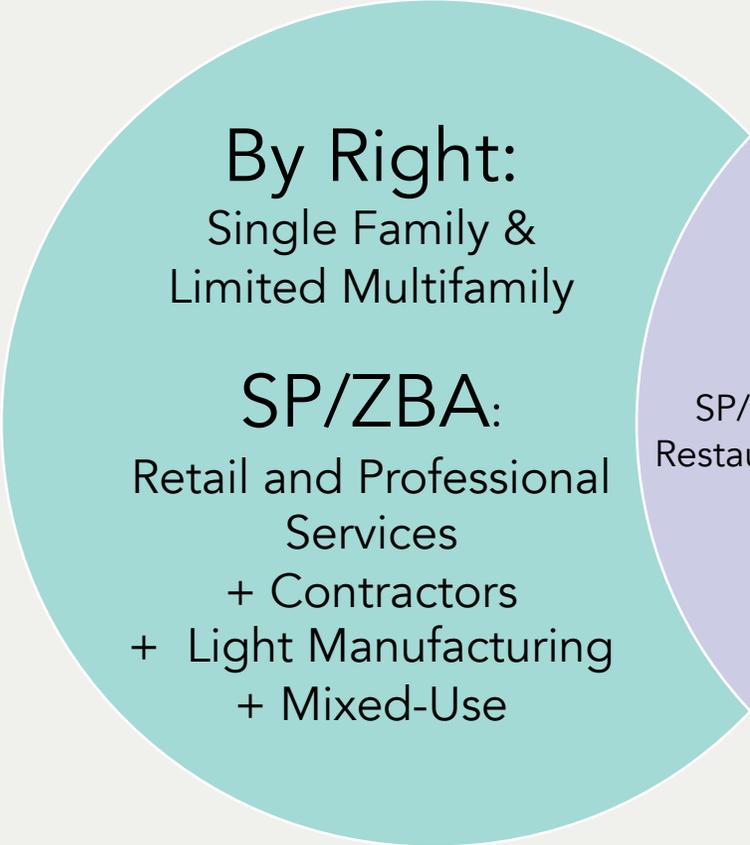


What is the Problem?

- The Village Center has remained almost completely static for 20 years. The 2009 Long Range Plan's vision of a "vibrant" village center?...Not much progress:
 - 144 Lincoln Road expanded but **no new business moved in.**
 - ZBA allowed expansion of the "Pickle Factory" Apartments to 8 but it was **never implemented.**
 - Clark Gallery moved from the Mall to 2 Lewis St. and a Dog Training business moved into the Mall.
 - Building at 9-11 Lewis Street was improved for an existing ambulance service.
- **One new business outside of the Mall!**

Current Zoning

B2



SP/PB:
Restaurants

By Right:
Retail and Professional
Services

B1

Elements of a Proposed Zoning Amendment for B1 and B2

- Drop Special Permit requirement for uses in B2 that are By Right in B1
- Merge B1 and B2?
- Encourage mixed use with higher residential density
- Preserve the character of the Village Center area

Next Steps

For details, please attend the
Planning Board Public Hearing

Thank You!

The Planning Board:

Bob Domnitz, Chair

Lynn DeLisi, Vice-Chair

Margaret Olson

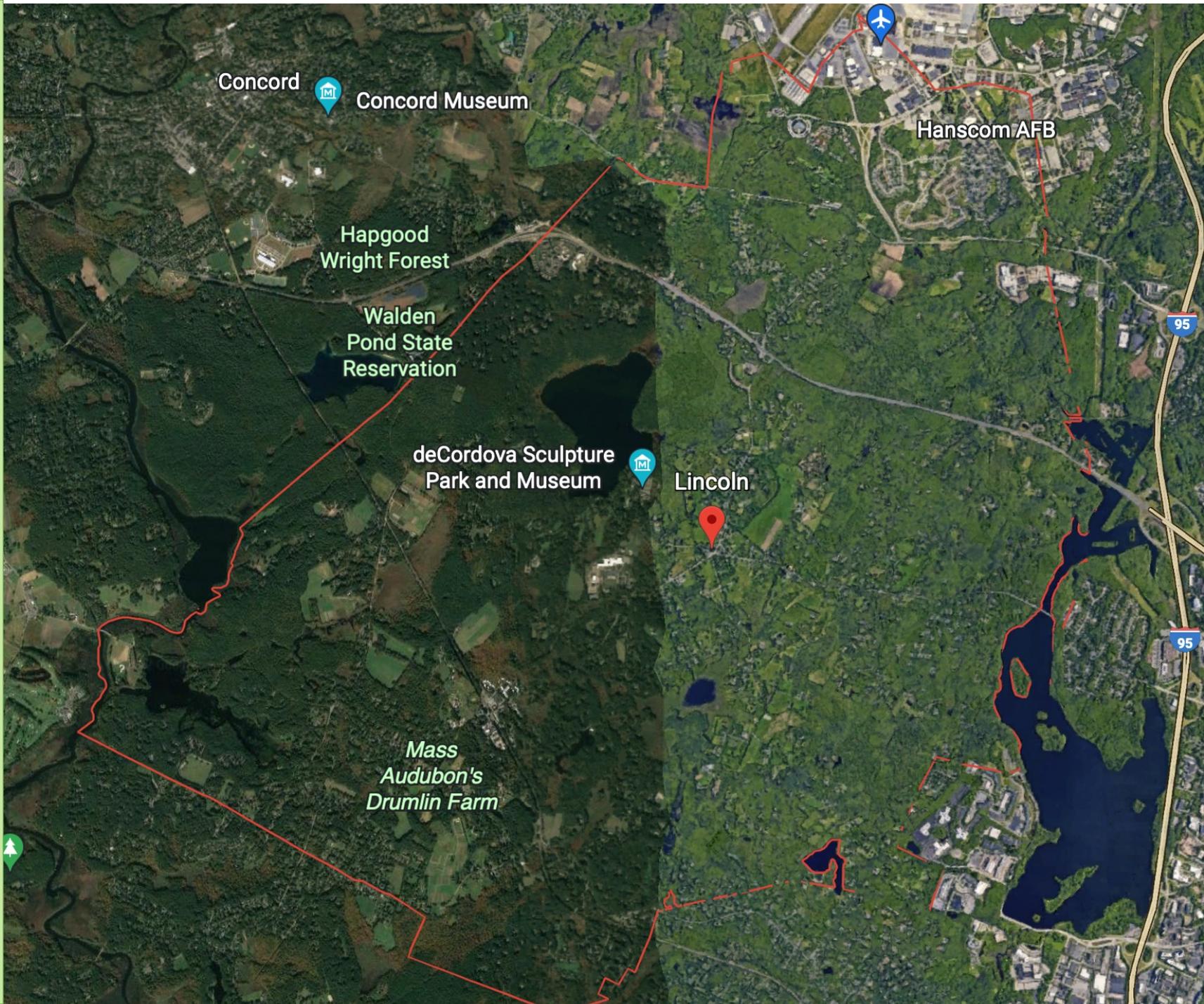
Gary Taylor

Ephraim Flint

BREAKOUT ROOMS:

WHAT SHOULD LINCOLN
BE LIKE IN 2050 &
WHAT ACTIONS TO WE
NEED TO TAKE TO GET
THERE?

QUESTIONS &
COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC
TOPICS



- Speaker
- ✓ Gallery
- Immersive
- Hide Self View
- Hide Non-video Participants
- Stop Incoming Video
- Exit Fullscreen

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