

→ ACTION ITEMS RELATED TO STRATEGIC ASSET PLAN  
(TOWN), SCHOOL & CULTURAL FACILITIES ELEMENTS

Regulatory	Elements	Pages	Timeframe
Adopt bylaw standardizing placement and maintenance of news racks	Economic Development	p. 128	In Progress
Adopt local wetlands bylaw	Natural Resources, Open Space, Parks & Recreation	p. 92	In Progress
Consider adopting MGL c. 44 s. 53G	Transportation and Mobility	p. 141 & 142	
Consider allowing vegetated parking areas that can support vehicles in developments whose parking requirements are lower than required	Natural Resources, Open Space, Parks & Recreation	p. 91	Medium Term
Consider pursuing additional conservation restrictions on important historic sites	Historic Resources	p. 78	
→ Consider rezoning of DPW Service Center to a new Municipal Service category (from Ind. Services)	Town, School & Cultural Facilities	p. 150	
Consider sanctuary buffer zone bylaw	Natural Resources, Open Space, Parks & Recreation	p. 90	Short Term
Consider use of Neighborhood Conservation Districts	Historic Resources	p. 78	In Progress
Create an Open Space zoning district	Natural Resources, Open Space, Parks & Recreation	p. 94	Medium Term
Create Greenway buffer zone on designated roads	Natural Resources, Open Space, Parks & Recreation	p. 94	
Create incentives for adaptive reuse of historic buildings through zoning amendments	Historic Resources	p. 79	Medium Term
Create Planned Development Districts as zoning overlays for institutional properties	Affordable Housing Land Use & Housing Natural Resources, Open Space, Parks & Recreation	p. 58, 95, 112 & 116	Short Term
Designate UCH-TIF districts	Affordable Housing	p. 59	Short Term
Establish Greenway/Open Space cluster zoning as of right in large lot residential zones	Affordable Housing Land Use & Housing Natural Resources, Open Space, Parks & Recreation	p. 58, 92, 112 & 116	Medium Term
Establish targeted affordable housing overlay districts in commercial areas	Affordable Housing	p. 58	
Evaluate inclusion of heritage trees, landscape elements, and other structures as part of their designation of historic resources	Historic Resources	p. 79	Medium Term
Evaluate lot coverage maximums	Natural Resources, Open Space, Parks & Recreation Land Use & Housing	p. 96 & 114	Medium Term
Evaluate potential of landmarks bylaw	Historic Resources	p. 78	
Explore development of Transit Oriented Development districts	Transportation and Mobility	p. 138	Medium Term
Explore potential for Parking Districts in Coolidge Corner and Brookline Village	Transportation and Mobility	p. 138	
Explore use of Chapter 40R	Affordable Housing	p. 59	Short Term
→ Explore zoning amendment requiring fiscal impact statements for residential developments over six units	Town, School & Cultural Facilities	p. 152	

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Explore zoning incentives to support development of mixed-use infill in commercial areas	<i>Economic Development</i>	p. 128 & 129	
Identify and certify vernal pools	<i>Natural Resources, Open Space, Parks &amp; Recreation</i>	p. 91	In Progress
Include affordable housing in the Public Benefits sections of the Zoning Bylaw	<i>Affordable Housing</i>	p. 59	Short Term
Include considerations of permeability, infiltration of stormwater, and nonpoint source pollution in zoning revisions	<i>Natural Resources, Open Space, Parks &amp; Recreation</i>	p. 90	Medium Term
Include promotion of green building standards in development review	<i>Natural Resources, Open Space, Parks &amp; Recreation</i>	p. 90	Medium Term
Incorporate new bicycle parking facilities in development projects	<i>Transportation and Mobility</i>	p. 139	
Investigate Transfer of Development Rights	<i>Natural Resources, Open Space, Parks &amp; Recreation</i>	p. 97 & 117	Medium Term
Make demolition delay bylaw more effective	<i>Historic Resources</i>	p. 78	In Progress
Permit multi-family housing in commercial districts	<i>Land Use and Housing</i>	p. 112	
Recommend reforms to Approval Not Required language in state law	<i>Natural Resources, Open Space, Parks &amp; Recreation</i>	p. 97	Medium Term
Reconsider Heritage Tree Bylaw	<i>Natural Resources, Open Space, Parks &amp; Recreation</i>	p. 93	In Progress
Require Transportation Demand Management programs as part of large commercial developments	<i>Transportation and Mobility</i>	p. 138	Short Term
Review and revise parking standards for commercial districts	<i>Transportation and Mobility</i>	p. 139	
Review public benefits sections of zoning bylaw with respect to open space benefits	<i>Natural Resources, Open Space, Parks &amp; Recreation</i>	p. 96	Medium Term
Review requirements for open space and off-street parking requirements in Zoning Bylaw	<i>Natural Resources, Open Space, Parks &amp; Recreation</i>	p. 96	Medium Term
Review requirements for open space in the dimensional requirements of the Zoning Bylaw	<i>Natural Resources, Open Space, Parks &amp; Recreation</i>	p. 91	Medium Term
Review setback requirements adjacent to sanctuaries	<i>Natural Resources, Open Space, Parks &amp; Recreation</i>	p. 96	Short Term
Review zoning bylaw for unnecessary nonconformity conditions	<i>Land Use and Housing</i>	p. 114	
Review zoning in parts of Town where existing land use does not match	<i>Land Use and Housing</i>	p. 112	Medium Term
Revise transportation studies section of Town Bylaw	<i>Transportation and Mobility</i>	p. 138	Short Term
Revise zoning along Route Nine in Chestnut Hill	<i>Route Nine Economic Development</i>	p. 70, 71 & 128	Short Term
Revise zoning at Brookline Place	<i>Economic Development</i>	p. 128	Completed

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Revise zoning to establish limits on development of residential use on the ground floor in commercial districts	<i>Economic Development</i>	p. 128	Completed
Revise zoning to require special permits for the development of retail/restaurants over 10,000 square feet in G districts	<i>Economic Development</i>	p. 128	Completed
Seeks amendments to Chapter 40B that take into consideration the accomplishments and challenges of Brookline	<i>Affordable Housing</i>	p. 60	In Progress

## Planning & Management

	<i>Elements</i>	<i>Pages</i>	<i>Timeframe</i>
Adopt a Town conservation-restriction program	<i>Natural Resources, Open Space, Parks &amp; Recreation</i>	p. 90	Medium Term
✓ Advance relocation and improvement of the DPW facility located at the Town reservoir (Fisher Hill)	<i>Town, School &amp; Cultural Facilities</i>	p. 149	COMPLETED
Assess opportunities for air rights development along Massachusetts Turnpike	<i>Economic Development</i>	p. 129	
→ Assess potential need for enhanced or expanded facilities and programs at the Senior Center	<i>Town, School &amp; Cultural Facilities</i>	p. 150	
Consider creation of a standing housing/open space/commercial interest task force	<i>Affordable Housing</i> <i>Natural Resources, Open Space, Parks &amp; Recreation</i>	p. 58, 99 & 130	Short Term
Consider feasibility of establishing a Business Improvement District in Coolidge Corner	<i>Economic Development</i>	p. 131	Short Term
Consider Inner West Transportation Study	<i>Transportation and Mobility</i>	p. 140	
Consider Town involvement in creation of a Transportation Management Association	<i>Transportation and Mobility</i>	p. 141	
Convert existing market rate units into affordable units	<i>Affordable Housing</i>	p. 56	In Progress
Create a formal referral process from the Building Department to the Economic Development Office	<i>Economic Development</i>	p. 129	
Create a Street Tree Master Plan	<i>Natural Resources, Open Space, Parks &amp; Recreation</i>	p. 90	In Progress
Create an office tenant recruitment plan to bring more daytime employees to commercial areas	<i>Economic Development</i>	p. 130	
Create and distribute educational materials on historic resources	<i>Historic Resources</i>	p. 79	
Create Brookline Heritage Greenway Trail	<i>Natural Resources, Open Space, Parks &amp; Recreation</i>	p. 99 & 100	
Create District Plans for Coolidge Corner, Brookline Village and Chestnut Hill	<i>Neighborhood and Districts</i> <i>Land Use &amp; Housing</i>	p. 31 & 115	Short Term

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	Elements	Pages	Timeframe
Design and implement town-wide signage program for parking	<i>Economic Development</i>	p. 133 & 142	
→ Develop a strategic plan for programs and services for seniors	<i>Town, School &amp; Cultural Facilities</i>	p. 150	
Develop a system for preserving historic documents and materials	<i>Historic Resources</i>	p. 80	
Develop and disseminate trail maps, including maps for the proposed Heritage Greenway Trail	<i>Natural Resources, Open Space, Parks &amp; Recreation</i>	p. 98	In Progress
Develop long-term plan for burying utilities	<i>Historic Resources Economic Development</i>	p. 80, 131 & 149	In Progress
→ Develop long-term plan to fund art in public spaces	<i>Town, School &amp; Cultural Facilities</i>	p. 148	
Develop a Planned Production Plan for affordable housing production	<i>Affordable Housing</i>	p. 46	In Progress
Develop Route Nine Plan	<i>Route Nine Economic Development</i>	p. 70, 129 & 139	Short Term
Evaluate feasibility of program to promote creation of affordable accessory units	<i>Affordable Housing</i>	p. 56	
→ Evaluate potential uses of the Old Lincoln School	<i>Town, School &amp; Cultural Facilities</i>	p. 149	
Examine incentives for office development in Brookline Village and Coolidge Corner	<i>Economic Development</i>	p. 128	In Progress
Explore partnerships with institutions in the Longwood Medical and Academic Area to finance creation of affordable units in existing or new housing	<i>Affordable Housing</i>	p. 59	Medium Term
Improve the Town's transportation planning capacity	<i>Transportation and Mobility</i>	p. 141	Short Term
Include boards and commissions with planning and regulatory responsibilities in a system of coordination for development review	<i>Natural Resources, Open Space, Parks &amp; Recreation</i>	p. 99	Short Term
Increase procurement of environmentally friendly products	<i>Natural Resources, Open Space, Parks &amp; Recreation</i>	p. 91	
Prepare a list of at-risk Town-owned buildings	<i>Historic Resources</i>	p. 80	
Prepare a market study and marketing plan for retail and service business recruitment	<i>Economic Development</i>	p. 130	Medium Term
Prepare bicycle/pedestrian master plan	<i>Transportation and Mobility</i>	p. 140	
Prepare feasibility study for fitness center	<i>Natural Resources, Open Space, Parks &amp; Recreation</i>	p. 102	Medium Term
Prepare feasibility study for outdoor pool	<i>Natural Resources, Open Space, Parks &amp; Recreation</i>	p. 102	Medium Term
Prepare Parks and Recreation facilities master plan	<i>Natural Resources, Open Space, Parks &amp; Recreation</i>	p. 102	In Progress
Preserve existing affordable units	<i>Affordable Housing</i>	p. 56	In Progress
Produce 25 new affordable units a year	<i>Affordable Housing</i>	p. 46	Short Term

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Promote & disseminate information on permeable alternatives to asphalt for parking	<i>Natural Resources, Open Space, Parks &amp; Recreation</i>	p. 91	In Progress
Promote formation of more "friends" groups	<i>Natural Resources, Open Space, Parks &amp; Recreation</i>	p. 90	Short Term
Promote municipal purchase of renewable energy through consortia of towns	<i>Natural Resources, Open Space, Parks &amp; Recreation</i>	p. 91	Medium Term
Seek Transportation Board review of current parking strategies and needs	<i>Transportation and Mobility</i>	p. 141	Short Term
Study need for artists live/work space	<i>Town, School &amp; Cultural Facilities</i>	p. 150	
Update Open Space Plan	<i>Natural Resources, Open Space, Parks &amp; Recreation</i>	p. 99	In Progress
Use Town or other publicly owned land as potential sites for affordable housing	<i>Affordable Housing</i>	p. 57	In Progress
Work with the MBTA to achieve peak-period capacity improvements on Green Line services	<i>Transportation and Mobility</i>	p. 140	

## Financial

	<i>Elements</i>	<i>Pages</i>	<i>Timeframe</i>
Actively fund Open Space Trust Fund	<i>Natural Resources, Open Space, Parks &amp; Recreation</i>	p. 97	Medium Term
Develop a long-term plan to provide sustained funding for public art through the CIP	<i>Town, School and Cultural Facilities</i>	p. 150	
Develop criteria for use of CDBG funds to assist rehabilitation of historic buildings	<i>Historic Resources</i>	p. 80	
Increase funding for affordable housing through a formula in the Capital Improvement Program and by an increased allocation of CDBG funds	<i>Affordable Housing</i>	p. 59	Completed
Increase procurement of environmentally friendly products	<i>Natural Resources, Open Space, Parks &amp; Recreation</i>	p. 91	Medium Term
Pursue alternative local funding programs	<i>Affordable Housing</i>	p. 59	Short Term
Seek grants and other support for the continued inventory of historic buildings and sites	<i>Historic Resources</i>	p. 80	
Seek partnerships with private groups and consider fee-based services to promote education about historic resources	<i>Historic Resources</i>	p. 80	
Utilize tax title laws for development of affordable housing	<i>Affordable Housing</i>	p. 59	
Work with "friends groups" to raise funds for improvements and protection	<i>Natural Resources, Open Space, Parks &amp; Recreation</i>	p. 98	In Progress

Design & Physical	Elements	Pages	Timeframe
Address traffic calming needs	<i>Transportation and Mobility</i>	p. 142	In Progress
Advance Health Department renovations	<i>Town, School &amp; Cultural Facilities</i>	p. 152	COMPLETED In Progress
Advance improvements to Devotion School and Runkle School and universal access to all schools	<i>Town, School &amp; Cultural Facilities</i>	p. 151	RUNKLE COMPLETE; DEVOTION UNDERWAY
Advance Town Hall renovations	<i>Town, School &amp; Cultural Facilities</i>	p. 152	COMPLETED In Progress
Analyze, improve, and repair the storm drain system.	<i>Natural Resources, Open Space, Parks &amp; Recreation</i>	p. 91	In Progress
Assess need to expand services at Senior Center	<i>Town, School &amp; Cultural Facilities</i>	p. 150	
Consider a public art program in public works projects	<i>Economic Development</i>	p. 131	
Consider telecommunication leases on Town-owned property	<i>Town, School &amp; Cultural Facilities</i>	p. 149	In Progress
Create Gateway East	<i>Route Nine</i>	p. 71	Short Term
Create Gateway West	<i>Route Nine</i>	p. 71	Short Term
Develop a program to make sure public signage is compatible with local historic districts	<i>Historic Resources</i>	p. 80	
Enhance the attractiveness of business areas through beautification program	<i>Economic Development</i>	p. 131	
Evaluate the feasibility of reducing the number of lanes on certain streets	<i>Transportation and Mobility</i>	p. 142	
Identify location for Building Maintenance Facility	<i>Town, School &amp; Cultural Facilities</i>	p. 150	
Identify location for Parks and Open Space Office and maintenance facility	<i>Town, School &amp; Cultural Facilities</i>	p. 150	Medium Term
Maintain and improve commercial area open spaces through implementation of Commercial Areas Streetscape Master Plan	<i>Natural Resources, Open Space, Parks &amp; Recreation, Economic Development, Town, School &amp; Cultural Facilities</i>	p. 100, 131 & 149	In Progress
Organize a collaborative process including the Preservation Commission, Conservation Commission, and private groups to develop a Brookline Greenway Heritage Trail	<i>Natural Resources, Open Space, Parks &amp; Recreation</i>	p. 102	Medium Term
Purchase replacement street lighting in selected locations	<i>Transportation and Mobility</i>	p. 142	
Repair and reopen Carlton Street footbridge	<i>Transportation and Mobility</i>	p. 143	In Progress
Repair and restore Devotion House, Putterham School and Widow Harris House	<i>Historic Resources</i>	p. 80	
Restore and improve small green open spaces program	<i>Natural Resources, Open Space, Parks &amp; Recreation</i>	p. 91	In Progress
Support programs for historic markers and plaques	<i>Historic Resources</i>	p. 79	In Progress