



Your voice shapes **Arlington's future**

What is Envision Arlington?

Our mission is to foster an engaged, culturally diverse and civically active community. Our main focus is on updating the Town Goals, created in 1993, as statements of Arlington's values and aspirations. Through a series of public surveys and forums, we are exploring how to reframe the Town Goals to better reflect Arlington's changing community.

Envision Arlington began in 1990 as Vision 2020, and changed our name in 2018. The original Vision 2020 gathered community input to create nine statements expressing Arlington's values. Each value statement was accompanied by a set of goals and actions. The statements were adopted by Town Meeting in 1993 as the "Vision 2020 Goals" and a bylaw was written to require officials and employees to be guided by these statements.

It was the intention to set new goals every few years to encourage community input and reflection on our collective progress. The task groups that are organized under Envision Arlington continue to identify new actions that work toward the ideals of the nine broad value statements, and public input through the Town Survey every year supports the process.

Envision Arlington seeks to create a cycle of discussion, work and review so we regularly gather the people who have been working on any number of key issues – such as diversity, education or environment – to share progress and ideas. We hope to develop multiple ways that the community can engage in this effort and ultimately put forth a new set of value statements and goals to be adopted by Town Meeting.

If you want **to get involved** or have ideas for small group engagements, online discussion, or smart phone apps that could help, please email envision@town.arlington.ma.us.

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