

# Master Plan Goals

## **Land Use**

- Maintain Dunstable's rural character and landscape by preserving trees, stone walls, agricultural fields and pastures, and historic architecture.
- Strengthen and maintain the Town Center as the civic and cultural heart of the community.
- Examine the zoning options to allow for small business enterprises that are compatible with the character and needs of the community.

## **Open Space and Recreation**

- Continue to acquire open space, as opportunities arise and financial resources allow.
- Connect Dunstable's open space and recreation lands through a network of trails and pathways.
- Continue to institute policies and practices that protect and enhance water resources, wildlife habitat, farmland, forests and scenic landscapes.
- Develop a town energy plan and policy focused on renewable energy.

## **Housing**

- Create housing opportunities that meet the needs of the community, as outlined in the Dunstable Housing Production Plan.
- Develop a design guidance document to ensure that future development projects are well-designed, consistent with local needs, respectful of the town's character, and compatible with the goals outlined in the policies documents, including the Master Plan, Open Space and Recreation Plan, and the Housing Production Plan.

## **Economic Development**

- Encourage businesses that are consistent with Dunstable's rural character.
- Identify appropriate development opportunities that will attract private investment to appropriately zoned districts.
- Create policies and regulations that allow entrepreneurial activities that are compatible with local neighborhoods.
- Promote local agricultural enterprises, as well as the work of local artists and craftsmen.
- Improve communication among local businesses and town government.
- Reconsider the town's position relative to alcohol sales.

### **Cultural Resources**

- Preserve, maintain and continue to document Dunstable's legacy of historic farmsteads, buildings and landmarks.
- Preserve Dunstable's historical artifacts and documents.

### **Transportation**

- Study the feasibility of establishing interconnected pathways and trails as an alternative to motorized transportation.
- Continue designating scenic roads as a means of protecting the town's rural character.
- Develop an asset management program for the town's transportation infrastructure.
- Work with NMCOG and MassDOT to study potential traffic calming measures along Route 113 within the Town Center and in neighborhoods.
- Incorporate bicycle and pedestrian accommodations in future transportation improvement projects, whenever possible.

### **Municipal Services and Facilities**

- Evaluate options for generating additional revenue to support town services, including education, and to address infrastructure and facility needs.
- Develop a community building and engagement program to educate residents on town issues, improve communication between residents and town government, and build trust among community members and local government decision-makers.
- Advocate for a stronger regional school system and improve communication between the Town and the regional school district.
- Improve and develop the Town's municipal water infrastructure to address necessary maintenance and meet future needs.