

2019 UPDATE



HOLDEN



MASTER PLAN

CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION



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IMAGINE HOLDEN TOMORROW...

a community of caring and involved citizens who live in a town with a distinctly New England character that preserves its historic buildings and rural atmosphere. A Town that is walkable with sidewalks and other paths connecting neighborhoods to the center, and that preserves a small town feeling where people know each other and see each other frequently.



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a Town defined by its abundance of open space with passive and active recreation areas and natural features connected by walking and biking trails, and accessible and enjoyed by a large number of residents as well as visitors, who see Holden as a biking and hiking destination.

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with an attractive Town Center that has aesthetically pleasing buildings and signs and a variety of shops and restaurants along Main Street. The Town Center will also provide opportunities for gathering such as a Town Common. Additional gathering spots will be provided throughout the community in the form of pocket parks and other meeting places. The Town will also have more to do in terms of recreation and entertainment, with a variety of places to go and things to do.



VISION



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where the needs of all segments of the population are met including housing and healthcare facilities and services for seniors, and safe and enjoyable activities for teenagers.

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where traffic flows well, intersections are not congested, and access to and within the Town is improved.



IMAGINE HOLDEN TOMORROW...

a Town with excellent and responsive Town government. Public services are provided in state of the art facilities. The citizens are involved in Town governance and are aware of decision making because of good communication and accurate dissemination of information on the part of Town officials.



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a Town that is guided by the vision created by its citizens and actively implements it. A Town that is proactive, tries to anticipate change, and is engaged in shaping its future in positive ways.

