

## **Town-wide Vision**

Mansfield is a family-oriented community that values its neighborhoods and open spaces, embraces sustainable and green development, and celebrates its downtown. Residents enjoy quality education, cultural events and organized sports, and well-managed municipal services supported by a diverse tax base. Future development will reflect more intensive use of limited available land while respecting finite natural resources and the need to protect the quality of the sole source aquifer. Industrial and commercial development will be balanced with revitalization of Mansfield's downtown as a vibrant, pedestrian-oriented center with a range of attractive and unique shops, services and small businesses. Housing in neighborhoods will meet the needs of residents at all life stages.

### **Town-wide Vision – Consensus**

- Vibrant lively downtown (11)
- Protection of conservation land for wildlife, recreation, and protection of wetlands (9)
- Diverse population that cultivates culture and the arts (8)
- Green, sustainable community (6)
- Quality education (5)
- Protection of water resources – Canoe and Wading Rivers (3)
- Continuously addresses circulation problems including train station access (3)
- Access to multi-modal transportation (2)
- Ease of circulation within town boundaries. (2)

### **Town-wide Vision Priorities by Group**

#### **Group 1**

- Protect water quality through land acquisition and regulation of development practices in the Canoe and Wading Rivers aquifers (6)
- Maintain and continue to improve and promote the high level of public services (schools, police, utilities, etc. (6)
- Continuously address traffic accessibility, including secondary egress to the train station (5)
- Protection of conservation land for wildlife, wetlands, and recreation purposes (4)
- Support an attractive, diverse downtown business areas with important essential services and unique restaurants and retail. (4)
- Mansfield downtown will be beautiful and will maintain the character of a small New England town (4)
- Mansfield will strive to be a green community (4)

#### **Group 3**

- Family oriented
- Ease of circulation within town
- Quality education
- Cultural resources
- Celebrates small businesses in a vibrant downtown.

#### **Group 7**

- Green / sustainable community
- Diversified community that cultivates culture and the arts
- Excels in education
- Provides a vibrant downtown
- Encourages businesses and services