

Municipal Services & Facilities

In our updated Master Plan, we are required by state law to include a section that addresses municipal services and facilities. This section of the plan will identify and analyze existing and forecasted needs for services and facilities used by the public, and it will include specific goals, objectives, and actions for the Town to pursue in the coming years.

Did you know?...

In recent years, the Town has completed a number of planning and assessment projects related to municipal services and facilities. These include:

- Municipal Building Conditions Assessment Report (June 2022)
- Old Fire House Structural Evaluation (June 2022)
- ♦ Hazard Mitigation Plan (November 2018)
- ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan (June 2018)

The Nashoba Regional School District is separately responsible for carrying out similar planning and assessment projects for its services and facilities. Some recent efforts include:

- NRSD High School Building Project
- NRSD Strategic Plan 2022-2027

Goals and Objectives - Current Draft for inclusion in Master Plan

Below is the draft list of Goals and Objectives for Municipal Services and Facilities that we anticipate including in the final version of the new Master Plan.

- Goal 1: Ensure municipal facilities are efficient, safe, and accessible.
 - Objective 1: Initiate a planning process to improve the function of town offices.
- Goal 2: Plan to create a multi-purpose community gathering space for all.
 - Objective 1: Engage in a community visioning and planning process to pursue a multi-use intergenerational community center in Bolton.
- Goal 3: Implement emergency preparedness planning.
 - Objective 1: Review the Town's emergency preparedness plan to enhance the community's resilience and response capabilities.
 - Objective 2: Recommend strategies and actions to reduce or eliminate the risk of hazards to people and property.
- Goal 4: Prioritize Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) recommendations at municipal facilities.
 - Objective 1: Adopt ADA recommendations identified in the Town's ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan.
- Goal 5: Develop a capital planning process

Other Key Points

When it comes to specific actions that could be taken to improve municipal services and facilities, the elephant in the room is always "How much will it cost?" The Master Plan Steering Committee believes that cost should always be a factor when considering how and when to implement a recommendation from the Master Plan. We understand that <u>taxes</u> are a perennial concern for Bolton's residents, and there are often trade-offs to be made when deciding whether to pursue improvement in facilities or services. That's why the implementation matrix for all recommended actions in the new Master Plan will include a column for "Magnitude of Cost" and a column for "Resources".