

# Worcester Now | Next Questionnaire

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Worcester's Citywide Plan

**How to participate:** The following draft priority goals for Worcester's long-range citywide plan have emerged based on community and city engagement throughout 2022. Read the draft goals below and tell us what's missing, if anything!

**A note about the format:** Keep in mind that these draft goals are intentionally broad. They will each have detailed policy recommendations and actions nested below them in the final plan. Public review to refine recommendations and actions will be at the Draft Plan Open House in early 2023.

**About:** Worcester Now | Next is an eighteen-month-long citywide planning process exploring issues such as housing, economic opportunity, transportation and mobility, among others. The final citywide plan will provide a coordinated roadmap for the future development and evolution of the city, and will establish a framework for more detailed studies down the road.

<b>Housing Goals</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Neutral</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>
1. Improve the quality of Worcester's existing housing.				
2. Increase Worcester's housing supply with a diversity of housing types.				
3. Protect and expand affordable housing.				
4. Expand and create new opportunities for homeownership.				
5. Prioritize pathways out of homelessness.				

Do you feel that anything is missing from the Housing Goals? Would you change anything about these goals? (Please indicate # goal associated with your comment.)

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<b>Transportation &amp; Mobility Goals</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Neutral</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>
1. Redesign streets to reprioritize safety, comfort, and sustainability for all users.				
2. Invest in Worcester's public transit.				
3. Create the regulatory framework to achieve equitable transit-oriented development.				
4. Expand and enhance regional transportation options.				

Do you feel that anything is missing from the Transportation & Mobility Goals? Would you change anything about these goals? (Please indicate # goal associated with your comment.)

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<b>Economic Opportunity Goals</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Neutral</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>
1. Support neighborhood-scale commerce and local entrepreneurship.				
2. Welcome a balance of industries that provide living-wage jobs to all.				
3. Attract, support, and retain a diverse workforce.				
4. Support streamlined and accessible workforce development resources for all.				
5. Continue to cultivate a vibrant downtown.				

Do you feel that anything is missing from the Economic Opportunity Goals? Would you change anything about these goals? (Please indicate # goal associated with your comment.)

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<b>Culture &amp; Creativity Goals</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Neutral</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>
1. Celebrate Worcester's diversity.				
2. Cultivate a thriving arts and creative economy.				
3. Support the expansion and improvement of equitable local food systems.				
4. Create a supportive city for all ages and abilities.				
5. Support the preservation of buildings, sites, and districts that tell the stories of Worcester's diverse communities.				

Do you feel that anything is missing from the Culture & Creativity Goals? Would you change anything about these goals? (Please indicate # goal associated with your comment.)

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<b>Recreation, Open Space &amp; Environment Goals</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Neutral</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>
1. Prioritize parks, playgrounds, and trees.				
2. Ensure equitable access and programming throughout Worcester's parks, open spaces, and recreational facilities.				
3. Design for improved water quality, increased stormwater retention, and urban heat island effect mitigation.				
4. Develop and maintain a connected open space network accessible by walking, cycling, and public transit.				

Do you feel that anything is missing from the Recreation, Open Space & Environment Goals? Would you change anything about these goals? (Please indicate # goal associated with your comment.)

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<b>Services &amp; Facilities Goals</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Neutral</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>
1. Improve trash and recycling pickup policies and programs.				
2. Increase the options and improve the quality of internet services available in the City of Worcester.				
3. Modernize Worcester's water, sewer, and stormwater infrastructure to meet projected needs and environmental standards.				
4. Partner to improve Worcester's electrical infrastructure.				
5. Reach net zero energy efficiency for the City of Worcester's facilities and operations.				

Do you feel that anything is missing from the Services & Facilities Goals? Would you change anything about these goals? (Please indicate # goal associated with your comment.)

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## Optional Demographic Data (1/2)

Voluntary and anonymous demographic information will help us understand the mix of voices that we're hearing from this survey.

<b>Please check the box at right for all that apply:</b>	
I live in Worcester	<input type="checkbox"/>
I work in Worcester	<input type="checkbox"/>
I rent my home.	<input type="checkbox"/>
I own my home.	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am a parent or caretaker.	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have a disability.	<input type="checkbox"/>

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## Optional Demographic Data (2/2)

Voluntary and anonymous demographic information will help us understand the mix of voices that we're hearing from this survey.

Please indicate your age:	
Under 25	<input type="checkbox"/>
26-40	<input type="checkbox"/>
41-60	<input type="checkbox"/>
61 or over	<input type="checkbox"/>

What race/ethnicity best describes you?	
Asian or Pacific Islander	<input type="checkbox"/>
Black or African American	<input type="checkbox"/>
Native American or Alaskan Native	<input type="checkbox"/>
White or Caucasian	<input type="checkbox"/>
Multiracial or Biracial	<input type="checkbox"/>
A race/ethnicity not listed here	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>

***Thank you for sharing your thoughts!***

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