

**Belmont 2050 – Comprehensive Plan Vision Statements**

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The Town of Belmont’s Comprehensive Plan consultant (VHB) and the Belmont Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee (ComPAC) have worked meticulously to develop vision statements for the Plan. The vision statements in this Plan describe the kind of Belmont we want to be in the future. A general overarching vision captures our community’s overall hopes and values, while chapter-specific visions highlight goals for housing, transportation, economic vitality, natural resources, and more. Together, they provide a clear guide for shaping Belmont’s future in ways that reflect what matters most to residents.

**Overarching Vision**

Belmont’s historic charm, natural beauty, strong schools, and vibrant community provide the foundation for a thriving future. We envision a Belmont where strategic economic growth, effective governance, and robust public services support an excellent quality of life. Carefully stewarding our assets and leveraging proximity to world-class universities, research, and health services, Belmont will maintain a stable and resilient municipal budget and foster a connected and thriving town where all can live, work, and flourish.

**Land Use**

Enhancing our heritage and natural resources, Belmont envisions balanced land use that fosters compact, walkable, and mixed-use neighborhoods while protecting open space and historic assets. Zoning and regulatory tools will guide sustainable growth and preservation.

**Economic Development**

We envision a balanced and vibrant economy that sustains Belmont’s long-term financial health and high quality of life while supporting investment in community facilities and services. Through a comprehensive economic development strategy, the Town will strengthen existing businesses, attract new businesses across diverse sectors, and foster job creation. This approach will broaden the revenue base, mitigate the residential tax burden, and preserve cultural and natural resources.

**Transportation & Mobility**

Belmont is accessible for all. With a focus on access and safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, those using mobility devices, and those traveling in motor vehicles; with efforts to minimize cut-through traffic, and mitigate the detrimental effects of traffic and congestion; and with a government that is responsive to community concerns about transportation through

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a resident-led Transportation Advisory Committee, Belmont transportation initiatives and amenities enhance a sense of community and facilitate access and connectivity between residences, services, businesses, and other uses.

### **Housing**

In 2050, Belmont will offer diverse, affordable, and thoughtfully integrated housing that addresses the needs of current and future residents, supports aging in place, promotes socioeconomic diversity, and preserves neighborhood character.

### **Open Space & Recreation**

Belmont envisions responsible stewardship and enhancement of its natural resources, open spaces, and recreation assets. The Town will pursue innovative strategies to increase awareness, connectivity, and accessibility of these resources, supporting wellness for current and future generations.

### **Arts & Culture**

Building on our rich history and cultural heritage, Belmont will conserve historic sites, support a vibrant arts community, and leverage culture as a tool for economic vitality and community cohesion.

### **Community Facilities & Services**

Belmont will invest in proactive maintenance of public facilities to equitably serve all residents, integrating modern technologies and energy efficiency to safeguard assets and provide the high-quality services expected by the Town.

### **Resiliency & Climate**

An engaged and adaptive community will work to turn climate challenges into opportunities for lasting environmental and community well-being by investing in resilient infrastructure, reducing carbon emissions, leveraging nature-based solutions, and protecting natural resources.

### **Community Cohesion**

We envision an inclusive and vibrant community where every voice is valued, civic engagement is accessible and thriving, leadership reflects our rich diversity, collaboration strengthens our collective well-being, and meaningful connections bridge differences across cultures, generations, lived experiences, and identities.