



Acton 2020: Youth Art Contest

What will Acton be like in 5 years? 10 years? 20 years. What would we like to change? How shall we go about making Acton an even better place to live, work and play? What shall we do to protect what we most appreciate about our Town and prepare for the future? A comprehensive community plan identifies what most people feel is important, what we should be working on to make sure the future is the way we want it to be.

On **March 6th 2012 at 7pm in Acton Town Hall**, Acton 2020 will be presenting the full and final comprehensive community plan for Acton. This presentation represents the culmination of several years of hard work, including thousands of volunteer hours as well as thousands of community members providing valuable inspiration, ideas, and feedback. Come learn more about what the future holds for Acton.

As members of the Acton 2020 committee, we believe that art can represent the community of Acton like nothing else. And so, in order to both make the plan complete as well as celebrate the ending of this planning process, we are hosting a Youth Art Contest. **The contest is open to youth from ages 6 to 21.** Winners of the Youth Art Contest will have their artwork published in the Comprehensive Community Plan. Winners will receive certificates during the event on March 6th. Contest entrants should submit an original artwork that illustrates one of the seven goals developed to guide our Town's future (see ***Goals & Objectives*** at end of packet). For example, artwork can pertain to more environmentally aware Acton, an Acton with more parks and open space, more ways to get around, and more places to hang out. Contestants should read through all the goals and choose one to illustrate. All artwork must adhere to the contest rules and artwork guidelines.

Contest Rules

1. Artwork submission must be an original creation and the work of the contestant. It must adhere to one of the 7 Goals and must be identified on the artwork. (e.g. *Goal 1: Preserve and Enhance Town Character*)
2. Contestants must fill out the entry form to enter the contest. Only one entry per contestant will be accepted.
3. Contestants must be an Acton resident or enrolled in school in Acton, and contestants must submit entries to the appropriate age group:
 - a. Group 1: Ages 6-11
 - b. Group 2: Ages 12-15
 - c. Group 3: Ages 16-21
4. Contestants must send a hard copy of the original artwork. Contestants will retain copyrights to their artwork, but Acton 2020 reserves the right to display, publish, and make work available to the public.
5. Artwork submitted to the contest will not be returned.
6. There is NO ENTRY FEE.

Artwork Guidelines

1. Contestants should write their name on the back of their artwork and the name and number of the goal they are illustrating.
2. Artwork should show the contestant's vision of what Acton could or should be in the future. Think about who will be living, working and playing in our Town, what kinds of activities will take place there, and what it will look like – identify any features that make Acton special.
3. Eligible entries must be one of the following: drawing/sketch, painting, design created with an art software/program, or photography.
4. Artwork must be produced on material that can be easily reproduced (i.e. paper, canvas).
5. Entries must be at least 3” by 5” and no larger than 30” by 50”.

Judging and Prizes

1. A total of 6 winners will be selected. A first and second place winner will be selected from each of the three age groups
 - a. 1st Place: winners will be published in the final report and their artwork will be displayed at the public workshop on March 6th as well as at other exhibits planned for the Library and/or Town Hall.
 - b. 2nd Place: artwork will be displayed at the public workshop on March 6th as well as at other exhibits planned for the Library and/or Town Hall.
 - c. Additional artwork may be selected for display in public exhibits.
2. The Acton 2020 Committee, members of the Town of Acton Planning Department, and Consultants working on the Acton 2020 Plan will act as the judges for the contest.
3. Judges will select the best pieces of artwork based on the following criteria:
 - a. Creativity
 - b. Originality
 - c. Artistic quality

Schedule and Deadlines

1. Submission deadline: March 1, 2012. Entries must be postmarked or dropped off to the Planning Department at Town Hall by 5:00 pm. Or
Send to: Town Hall
Planning Department
472 Main Street
Acton, MA 01720
2. Winners will be contacted and announced at Acton 2020 public meeting on March 6, 2012

Please contact Acton 2020 with additional questions at:

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OR call (978) – 929-6631 (Town Planning Department)

Acton 2020 Youth Art Contest Entry Form

To enter, please submit artwork with completed entry form to:

Acton 2020
c/o Town Hall
Acton Planning Department
472 Main Street
Acton, MA 01720

Please print clearly.

Check Age Group:

Group 1: Ages 6-11

Group 2: Ages 12-15

Group 3: Ages 16-21

Contestant Name

Address

Apt. No.

City

State

Zip Code

Phone

Email

School

Brief description of artwork (if you need more space please attach an additional sheet of paper): _____

By signing below, the contestant agrees to allow Acton 2020 to reproduce the submitted artwork at its discretion. Artwork will be published, displayed, and made available to the public.

Signature

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian (if under 18 years old)

Date

Printed Name of Parent of Guardian



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Goals & Objectives

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GOAL 1: Preserve and Enhance Town Character

Objective 1.1: Strengthen tools to manage growth proactively

Objective 1.2: Preserve and enhance village centers

Objective 1.3: Preserve rural characteristics and open space

Objective 1.4: Preserve historic buildings and landscapes

Objective 1.5: Foster an understanding and appreciation for what makes Acton unique, including its history

GOAL 2: Ensure Environmental Sustainability

Objective 2.1: Protect the quality and quantity of Acton's water

Objective 2.2: Reduce waste and the accumulation of toxins

Objective 2.3: Reduce emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases

Objective 2.4: Move toward patterns of land use and land protection that support broad biodiversity, soil preservation, and healthy local agriculture

GOAL 3: Improve Connections

Objective 3.1: Make walking and biking easier and safer

Objective 3.2: Improve transportation around town

Objective 3.3: Promote communication among town government, citizens, schools, and the business community

Objective 3.4: Support and strengthen neighborhoods

Visit www.Acton2020.info & blog.Acton2020.info for more information.

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GOAL 4: Provide More Opportunities for Community Gathering & Recreation

Objective 4.1: Provide a community facility large enough to accommodate a variety of uses and a wide range of programming

Objective 4.2: Provide more playgrounds, fields for team sports, parks, and conservation lands

Objective 4.3: Create new gathering spaces and better use existing ones

Objective 4.4: Support additional cultural activities

GOAL 5: Support Inclusion and Diversity

Objective 5.1: Support residents of all ages

Objective 5.2: Support households of all income levels

Objective 5.3: Embrace cultural diversity

Objective 5.4: Support citizens with disabilities in participating fully in the life of the community

GOAL 6: Preserve and Enhance Town-owned Assets & Services

Objective 6.1: Protect Town-owned open space

Objective 6.2: Support excellence in schools

Objective 6.3: Manage the Town's facilities efficiently

Objective 6.4: Continue to provide high quality services that are responsive to Town needs

Objective 6.5: Provide excellent public health and safety services

GOAL 7: Maintain and Improve Financial Well-being of the Town

Objective 7.1: Promote fiscal responsibility

Objective 7.2: Promote economic development that supports other goals

Objective 7.3: Improve existing commercial areas

Objective 7.4: Support the financial ability of all residents to stay in Acton for a lifetime

