



Canton Master Plan Update Public Workshop #1 Summary

Introduction

A public workshop for the Canton Master Plan update was held on October 25, 2018 at the Canton Public Library, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. The purpose of the workshop was to understand what the community feels makes Canton a great place to live and work, and how people would like to see the town in 10 to 20 years.

The evening was organized around small group discussions. After a brief introductory presentation about the Master Plan update process, groups focused on three questions:

1. What is something positive happening in Canton and why is it positive?
2. What has potential in Canton but needs improvement? What are some of those improvements?
3. How would you like to see transformed in Canton? What are the opportunities and challenges to making that happen?

Approximately 40 people attended the workshop and were divided into seven small groups. Participants were given broad direction for their responses and encouraged to include programs, projects, areas of town, or local policies. Group discussions were recorded on flip charts. Large maps of the Town were provided at each table for participants to circle locations related to their ideas.

For Questions 2 and 3 above, prioritization techniques (dot voting) helped to focus the discussion and to highlight the most important issues for each group. Participants voted on the ideas listed on the flip chart from the discussion, identifying what they feel should be a priority and would have the largest benefit to the community as a whole. For the idea that received the most votes in Question 3, the top “big idea” for Canton’s transformation, the groups brainstormed challenges and opportunities to achieving this vision. Attachment A includes notes taken on the flip charts.

Because it was anticipated that an individual would not be able to talk about all their ideas that night, attendees were encouraged to write as many comments and suggestions on Participant Worksheets that were provided. Worksheets were collected at the end of the evening and all ideas were taken into account when developing this summary. Attachment A lists all responses received on the Participant Worksheets.

In addition to the group discussions, the workshop included a gallery with informational posters and maps as well as “ice breaker” activities, intended to get attendees thinking about what they love about Canton and about ideas for its future. A summary of the ice breaker responses is included at the end of this summary.

Workshop Outcomes

Themes

A wide range of topics and ideas were covered by participants during the workshop. For the purposes of this summary, they are organized under the following themes (presented in no particular order):

Natural Resources and Open Space: Responses that focused on open spaces and natural areas in Canton. Specifics included Pequitside Farm and Earl Newhouse and the new opportunities at these sites for public access.

Town Services: Responses about Town services and the different departments, including Planning, Police and Fire, Parks and Recreation, Senior Center, Library, and Public Schools.

Community: Responses that focused on the social aspects of life in Canton, including the arts, events, community involvement, diversity, and safety.

Housing: Responses on neighborhoods, housing costs, and options available.

Economic Development: Responses about Town finances, business development, and commercial activity. Some specified activity at Cobbs Corner and along Route 138.

Mobility: Responses focusing on walking, biking, and driving in Canton, as well as the commuter train and the Town's overall proximity to other destinations.

Land Uses: Responses that focused on general development in Town, where it might be appropriate, what it looks like, and how it impacts the town as a whole. Specific areas were the Downtown/Town Center, Route 138, and the Paul Revere Heritage site.

Green Energy: Responses around sustainability and energy topics.

Historic Resources: Responses around the Town's historic resources and character.

Public Health: Responses that focus on healthy foods and community health.

It should be noted that these themes are not mutually exclusive and ideas often crossed topics and encompassed many issues.

The summary below incorporates all comments from the Participant Worksheets and notes recorded on the flip charts from the group discussion sessions.

Question 1: What is something positive happening in Canton?

Top answers focused on Natural Resources and Open Space, Town Services, Community, Economic Development, and Mobility.

Natural Resources and Open Space: Participants felt there is an abundance and diversity of open space and the Town supports conservation of natural areas. Responses point out Ponkapoag Pond, Blue Hills Reservation, Reservoir Pond, Earl Newhouse Waterfront, and Pequitside Farm.

Town Services: Participants are happy with the work of the Police and Fire Departments, Planning Department, library, senior services, and schools. Programs and facilities of the Parks and Recreation Department offer a lot of opportunities and participants are pleased with recent upkeep and new facilities (e.g. Neponset Street/Canton Airport).

Community: Participants find Canton a safe place to live. People are friendly and there are many community events. There are opportunities for citizen involvement and residents are engaged and dedicated to the Town.

Economic Development: Participants note specific businesses in Town that they support, including new places that have recently opened. Town policies support businesses and business development.

Mobility: Canton's location offers proximity to Boston and Providence, including by highway and the MBTA commuter rail. The Complete Streets effort has support.

Question 2: What has potential in Canton but needs improvement?

Participant answers primarily focused on Mobility, Town Services, and Land Uses.

Mobility: Improvements can be made to increase sidewalks and bike lanes throughout Town. Specific locations include the area around the Senior Center, Cobbs Corner, MBTA stations, and to and through Downtown/Town Center, specifically connecting it to the Paul Revere Heritage site. Improvements are needed to address traffic at the intersection of Pleasant and Washington Streets and Washington Street overall, Randolph Street, Greenlodge Street, and Cobbs Corner.

Town Services: Most improvements focused on recreational programming and facilities. Improvements are needed to some playgrounds, athletic fields, and the town pool. Handicap accessibility needs to be addressed at these facilities as well. Connecting parks and recreational areas with walking and biking paths could enhance these resources. Reuse of Gridley School was also highlighted.

Land Uses: Canton's Downtown/Town Center is good but could be better with more diverse shops and restaurants. Many cited the need for parking. It should be connected to the Paul Revere Heritage site with walking/biking paths. A local shuttle was suggested that looped through destinations in Town. Improvements could be made to development along Route 138. Some thought residential areas were becoming too dense.

Question 3: What would you like to see transformed in Canton?

Most discussions focused on Land Uses, Mobility, and Economic Development.

Land Uses: Downtown/Town Center could be transformed by increasing activity, connecting to Canton Junction and the Paul Revere Heritage site, addressing parking, and incorporating more affordable housing. Gridley School could also be transformed through reuse. Route 138 could have a mix of businesses and better walking and biking amenities.

Mobility: Town-wide, more connections between destinations by walking and biking should be developed to make it safer and to get cars off local roads. Specific areas where connections could be made were: Downtown/Town Center-Paul Revere Site-Canton Junction, between recreation/open space areas, and to and along Route 138. Transit may be another option to manage traffic.

Big Ideas

From the ideas generated in response to Question 3, workshop participants were asked to vote on which one they felt should be a priority and would have the largest benefit to the community as a whole. The top selections from each group are referred to herein as “big ideas.” The small group discussions dove deep and identified the challenges and opportunities to move their big idea forward. The following summary lists each group’s “big idea” and the challenges and opportunities that were discussed in the available time.

Route 138

Opportunities to Making this Happen	Challenges to Making this Happen
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Funding/taxes/etc.▪ Physical space▪ Where can parking go? Garage? Multi-level?▪ Market research regarding community buy-in/business and citizens▪ Incentives to invest▪ Zoning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ None listed

Downtown

Opportunities to Making this Happen	Challenges to Making this Happen
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Kid Stores (e.g. ice cream/diversity of biz)▪ Parking - small fee but could make businesses happy▪ Make it look better▪ Angled parking - economic benefit▪ Improvements to Walgreens site - green space▪ Municipal parking lot?▪ Limited options after 5pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Space issues▪ Location▪ Parking▪ Washington St. not that wide - private residences on other side

Slower, safer roads

Opportunities to Making this Happen	Challenges to Making this Happen
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete Streets, safe routes to schools "Sharrows" for bikes in roads - signage Rail with Trail? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last 5 miles from T station to destination Money - State funding and DPW funding There will be more walking and biking if there were more infrastructure Attracting business - how do we bring in new businesses Transportation Sidewalk use by bikes makes sidewalks unsafe

Pedestrian/Bike-oriented master plan for downtown w/ connections out to perimeter areas.

Opportunities to Making this Happen	Challenges to Making this Happen
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Energy/Public Health Business opportunities Resident Retention New Sustainable Committee (mission) Multi-generational opportunities Intentional Vision to M.P. Planning Process Paul Revere Heritage Park (proximity to others) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diverse set of priorities Citizen involvement Water and sewer Holding developers accountable to plans - making sure zoning regulations are reflective of Master Plan goals

Calming traffic

Opportunities to Making this Happen	Challenges to Making this Happen
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Study of traffic at problem intersections Make it more bicycle friendly/need Washington Street to be more bike friendly, connecting to important places Alternate ways to get kids to school, e.g., walking, school bus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None listed

Downtown

Opportunities to Making this Happen	Challenges to Making this Happen
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Farmers market Events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Actively market business spaces to desirable businesses Review zoning for business friendliness Need multiple things to do. No green space or places to hang out. Need a community gathering place. Kid friendly, casual, higher quality food.

"Smart" Housing

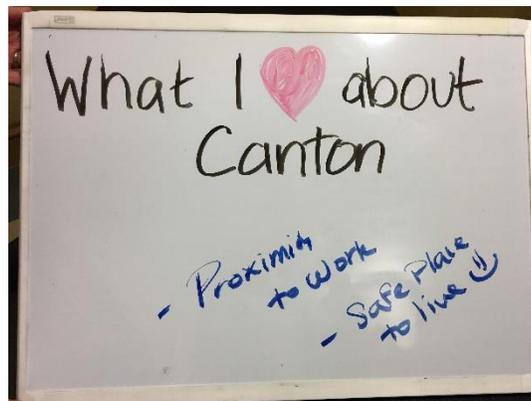
Opportunities to Making this Happen	Challenges to Making this Happen
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plymouth Rubber People who grew up in Canton can live in Canton Attracts young people with families, will bring life to the town Need to accommodate with schools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Economic feasibility with high cost of land Canton sch at capacity and heavy cost of building housing Not as friendly for families with kids to make housing available / the type of housing available

Evening Ice Breakers

As people arrived, a gallery was set up with informational posters and maps as well as “ice breaker” questions. These activities were intended to get attendees thinking about what they love about Canton and about ideas for its future. The following section provides photos of the gallery and summaries of participant responses to the ice breakers.

What I love about Canton!

- Small town feel, you can easily be involved, meet new people
- The MBTA and Grape Leaf Café
- It feels like a small town. Everywhere you go you see someone you know
- Proximity to work, safe place to live



My Favorite Place in Canton to...

Buy a unique gift

- Kramer Jewelry
- Cobbs Corner
- Hallmark Store in Cobbs Corner

Grab a bite to eat

- Bertucci
- Rota's or Fit Fuel
- Amber Road (breakfast)
- 99
- Pakeen Farm - Cider donuts!

Meet a friend

- Waterfall
- Hillside

Take the kids

- Pakeen Farm
- Pequitside
- Park by 95 on/off ramp (Lt. Arthur E. Farnham)

Show an out-of-towner

- Bradley Estate
- Blue Hills
- Wompatuck
- Trillium

Spend the afternoon

- On the rez
- Playground – Rodman/CHS

Get some exercise

- Blue Hills or Audubon
- Walk our neighborhood
- Anywhere but the roads because the cars drive too fast
- Bradley Estate (2x)
- Jog on sidewalks around center of town, at old airport, Bradley Estate, and Pequitside

I wish Canton had ... because...

- A plan to stop developing housing in every backyard.
- A useful downtown center with good/decent restaurants, shops, parking!!! Why... because it builds community, draws people in for commerce and helps motivate people to live here.
- Pickleball courts
- All solar, completely off the "grid". 100% renewable energy.
- Sharrows and bike lanes
- Yard waste pickup (we have a lot of leaves). Sidewalks! Would love to walk more.
- Better bars/restaurants and more vibrant downtown. Maintenance of sidewalks/roads (e.g. Elm/Greenlodge)
- Sidewalks and bike lanes. More roadway capacity to deal with congestion
- Community theater and arts center. Think Dedham, Norwood, other small local towns
- Sidewalk on Randolph St east of Route 138

- A lake/pond to swim in. Better sidewalks
- Walpole street due to Eversource putting in conduits no longer has a clear sidewalk. Needs a sidewalk
- Better traffic flow!
- Yard waste pickup. Community/diversity gatherings (social). Taste of Canton (food festival)
- A place where fashion was made because I like to go shopping
- More affordable housing
- Inter-linking pedestrian paths and park system. Bolivar Pond to Forge Pond to Town Center to Neponset River to Revere Heritage site
- Sidewalks on Route 138
- Show faster progress because we don't stay in one place forever. Make small improvements.
- MBTA commuter rail parking lots with alternative use on weekends
- Dog park because we all need exercise!
- Outdoor basketball courts

What factors are important for economic development in Canton?

- Business-friendly culture – 5 dots
- Efficient transportation infrastructure – 10 dots
- Availability of development sites – 1 dot
- Diversity of housing options – 6 dots
- High quality schools – 10 dots
- Other – consistent cell/data coverage

Getting Around

Challenging or enjoyable route by car

- Washington Street congestions
- Pleasant Street project a mess; Washington Street congestion
- Messinger Park, no sidewalk
- Bus around rotary feels unsafe, like it will tip over

Challenging or enjoyable by walking or biking

- No sidewalk on Walpole Street
- 45-55 mph in a school zone
- Pleasant Street and Sherman Street need a stop sign
- Crossing Route 138

Attachment A: Responses from Participant Worksheets and Flip Charts

QUESTION 1 - Flip Chart	
Table #	What is something positive happening in Canton? Why is it positive?
6	Copper City Espresso! Trillium Brewery Good location close to Boston/transportation Good school system Plentiful forests and open spaces, trees and natural open space Lakes and other water bodies Community Gardens Good Town Staff - Planner! Canton Citizen Newspaper
2	Revere H. Redevelopment New playgrounds Reservoir Pond TOP Golf Fireworks Access to MBTA
1	School Admin. Prioritizing diversifying staff Preservation of green space - Pequitside - Old Canton Airport Existing open space - Blue Hills Senior Center - facility and programming Commuter rail stations
3	Availability of different housing types Paul Revere Heritage Site Planning:OSRP,MP process,trails Plan, Pequitside, Green Zoning, Cultural History, Complete Street Well maintained public spaces Age Diversity MBTA - Access to BOS/PVD Planned Path from Canton Jct. to Paul Revere Site Schools Attractive Desinations (Blue Hills, trillium Brew, Top Golf) Public Participation - meeting ,planning Distribution of business and housing Open Space
5	Opportunities for school involvement Variety of parks/hiking trails Increasing diversity of the population Variety of sports programs/leagues through rec. dept.

Paul Revere Heritage Site
Political activism efficacy i.e environmental preservation
Cable access TV
7 Repair of dam, more to enjoy Reservoir Pond
Development of sports and recreation - fields, playgrounds, Neponset St./Canton Airport
Coffee Shop @ Canton Jct.
Canton Little League - snack shack @ Kennedy Elem. School
New COA Center, programs
Strong proximity to Boston
Transportation options to locations
2 commuter rails stops
Rally @ community events
Library, a community center, friend of library.org
Walkable, do not pass thru a bad area - it's a pleasant place
Convenient to get places
Atmosphere is pleasant

QUESTION 2 - Flip Chart			
Table #	What has potential but needs improvement?	What are some of those improvements?	# of dots
6	Cobb Corner	Buildings need to be revitalized Make easier to walk around Layout is not cohesive Unnavigable parking lots	
6	Crime	Home and vehicle break-ins	
6	Bicycle access is limited	Some streets are too narrow for bikes Washington St. was narrowed - hard to bike downtown	
6	Sidewalks and streets need better maintenance		
6	Maintenance in general		
6	Many playgrounds, but quality not good: outdated and unsafe		
6	Some quiet streets becoming denser	Single family homes replaced w/ 2-family	
6	Make street safer - more neighbors	Or, many houses being added on to.	
6	Problem - tearing down single family homes, replacing with more than one home		
6	Improve Public Outreach & Engagement	Newspaper Town website Posters in public areas Go through schools to reach parents	
2	Sidewalks near Cobbs Corner	Hayden Ct. Issues with access and seniors	1
2	Randolph St. - flashing yellow for left turn		
2	Sidewalks in general		3

2	Access from Revere St. development to town center/CJ train station		1
2	Gridley school pre-school is closed (empty space)		
2	Continued playground improvement	Age applicable (e.g. inclusive for all ages) Poison ivy @ Luce in botton field	1
2	R. Pond	Complete Sts., need more accessibility More activities outdoors for all ages	1
2	More advertising of town activities		2
2	Lack of public outdoor basketball		
1	Town pool	Expand hours Rules about food An area for kids Renovate Kayak rentals along waterfront expanded snack bar	1
1	Diverse community events	Bring back block parties of Taste of Canton Community parades Multicultural- Cultural Heritage Night (middle school) in downtown?	4
1	Downtown	beautification commerce-development of business Parking More restaurants shuttles - local public transportation provide public access to ponds, rivers, etc.	5
1	Expand bike/pedestrian infrastrurcture		
1	Improve Athletic fields/facilities		
3	Downtown- Washington Street is a NASCAR track	accessibility	1
3	Traffic @138, 95 interchange		1
3	Preserving Affordable Housing		1
3	Sidewalk snow clearing (phone pole and hydrant issues)	need year-round accessibility	1
3	Pedestrian Access through viaduct		1
3	Improve public transportation		1
3	New/improved developments near south end 138		2
3	Intermodal/Pedestrian/Bicycle		
3	East/west connectivity		
3	Greenlodge Repurposing	repairing Greenlodge extension	
3	Sidewalks and bike lanes for major throughfares		2
5	Evaluate regional traffic patterns to ease congestion		5
5	Prioritize residential zones as 'residential'		
5	Main St. (Washington St.) uplist/variety of businesses/parking		2

5	Bike paths (dedicated bike lanes/off-road)		1
5	Recycling education/reducing carbon footprint/ build on existing		2
5	Maintenance/update playgrounds (safety concerns)		1
5	Improve transportation system/networks (cut-through)		1
5	Paul Revere: expand programming (antique vehicle show)		1
5	More sidewalks		
5	Connectivity to activities		1
7	Center of town	Places to hang out in the evening way to park cars - diagonally or 1 side?	1
7	Paul Revere Site - integrate into town center/town activities, etc.		3
7	Veterans and affordable housing - unused and vacant town sites		1
7	Washington St. that may be condemned, used to be (Griddle) Conners furniture		1
7	Getting around w/o cars, more bike friendly, bike share @ stn w/o building		1
7	Lots of pass-thru commuters, how do we make them stop, become a destination		1
7	Internal bus service - who would take it		1
7	More younger people - housing costs/activities		
QUESTION 3 - Flip Chart			
Table #	What could be transformed?	What does it look like?	# of dots
6	Traffic	Too many people from other towns cutting through	2
6	Limiting new growth to a certain density/pop.		1
6	Have comprehensive development planning. Development now seems piecemeal.		
6	Better transparency in government decision-making - no deal making		1
	Downtown	Need better shops and restaurants	2
6		Needs more activity Needs more parking Maybe host a farmers market	
2	Downtown business district	Central parking place/lack of parking/nothing attractive - angle parking?	5
2	Old hockey rink		1
2	Gridley school - what can we do?		
2	Traffic 138/Washington in AM to go to 93/95	traffic (in general) reconfigure	2
2	Waterfront and placement of business	Transform sidewalks on boulevard to access open	1
1	Downtown	Connections to Canton Jct./Revere site Parking	
1	Community space/recreation center	Expansion/addition	
1	Rt. 138	Community/biz potential See #2 wish list	2
1	Traffic on Washington Street		
3	Control Housing Costs through economic development	maintain tax base	1
3	93/95 interchange satisfactory to all		2

3	More housing downtown: mixed use development, consider mixed use for commercial development	Affordable housing units	1
3	Better Public transportation to 138	Fixing to 138 for less dangerous traffic More pedestrian access Car or pedestrian e/w access public transit or bike access to station	
3	Slower and safer roads		3
3	Work with State to market and preserve affordable housing units		
3	Development of 138 to mixed use		2
5	Old Cumberland Farm Headquarters (new business)		3
5	Pedestrian/Bike-oriented master plan for downtown w/ connections out to perimeter areas.	Sustainable/equitable Canton - Vibrant Downtown: renewal traffic solutions, control/planned business development, bike/oriented connecting green space.	4
5	Moratorium on Res. Development		3
5	Railroad Tracks (Paul Revere Park) History		
5	Tilden House Restoration		
7	Finish Plymouth Rubber (P. Revere), a money-making circumstance, the most valuable place in town		1
7	Finish Reservoir Pond - kayak rental etc, how to access?		1
7	Canton Center Station - beautifying Walgreens parking		2
7	More jobs in Canton - the mix/types		
7	More smart housing - close to commuter rail, shared bikes, smaller, mixed us		2
7	138 Corridor - what could be done?		1

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10	2	Revere Heritage Site Redevelopment(open space). Earl Newhouse Waterfront-Planning. Trillium Brewery. Top Golf.	Walkable access to /from/through Town Center, Revere Heritage site, and the 2 MBTA commuter rail stations. Better/Wider sidewalks everywhere. Cobbs Corner, not walkable, terrible traffic patterns.	Inter-linked park & path system, allowing pedestrians to easily navigate from Bolivar Pond along bolivar street, Forge Pond/Washington Street. Canton center MBTA-Revere Heritage Site-Canton Junction MBTA Station. 2. Canton Junction MBTA Station: Consolidate surface parking into parking garage. Transform remaining existing parking lot into alternate uses: open green space, small retail. Housing. 3. Walgreens in Canton Center: Reconfigure site-push building up to street front. Demolish existing building and open up for public space on water front of forge pond. 4. Neponset Street: Very wide-need to widen sidewalks & add bike lanes, potentially add trees/greenery.	Downtown business district	Challenges: Businesses may struggle to attract enough foot traffic because of combination: Not enough residents that live within walking distance. Not enough parking for people who drive. Congestion on Washington Street. Opportunities: Walgreens-reconfigure lot bring building up to street front. Structural parking behind Canton Bank. Improve sidewalks & bike paths. Add Height to Canton Center Buildings, increase from 1-2 story to 3-4 story.
11	2	Efforts to involve everyone in the decisions made for Canton. Safe place to live. Fireworks (Irish Cultural Center). This workshop. Access to a lot of places, highway, proximity to work. Blue Hills (hiking).	Rt. 138 Dangerous for pedestrians. Left turn signals flashing yellow. Randolph St. Dangerous. More notification for Town Elections. Notices in Canton Citizen regarding local channel presentations of town meetings, etc.	traffic on rt. 138? Make it safer for pedestrians?	Improving downtown business district	Challenge would be where to place municipal parking. Opportunity: Would allow more people to go to local businesses.
12	3	Public spaces are well maintained. Pequitside farm. MBTA take you into either PVD or Bos city QUICK! Mix bag of ages.	Downtown! Great restaurants already. Proximity to Boston.	Bike infrastructure. Auto road tammed. Skinny roads, slower speed limit. This looks a more active town. More walkers & bikers, less stressful driving, smaller jeans & bigger pockets. Less money spent on commute= more money spent downtown.		Transitioning from old school thinking. Draw sharrows. Start small.
13	3	Revere Heritage Park. Complete streets. Path from Revere Heritage to Canton Junction Schools.	Clearing of snow from sidewalks. Ped access thru viaduct & across Walpole @ Neponset. Sidewalks, bike lanes for main thorough fares (route 138, randolph st, washington, dedham, neponset, revere and sherman)	High end Restaurant		DPW support and funding.
14	3	Interest in the town given its location/proximity to Boston and connected transportation infrastructure. Increased focus on smart & green planning + zoning initiatives. Focus on culture/history. TopGolf! Tuillium-Destination locations - Tree Top., etc. Waterfront. The Master Plan.	Downtown! Layout, traffic, commerce, housing, beautification. Public Health Initiatives. Use/focus on public transportation. 138. Repurpose Greerlodge St-for recreation? Ext.	Rt 138-smart planning to improve connectivity and mix of economic development. Possibly through incentive programs to attract a particular industry or type of business, and improve access via public transit.		zoning changes. Economic incentives.
15	3	Representative Public Participation in Community/Government. Pro-Business Policies tax distribution. Open space + recreation. Education good for development. Solvency due to mixed uses. Commitment to Green Energy. Healthy Community (Public Health)	Transportation (public + non-public) improve public transit options. Intermodular/mitigation of traffic parking in commercial district. Further development of infrastructure to keep quality of life and economic development. Housing options.	Transportation - Better Public transit better for traffic flow. Housing costs - improved affordability through economic development + housing options mixed use.	Transportation improvement.	
16	3	Availability of different housing types. P&HS. Financial wherewithal. TIFs & attractive to business. Planning. Masterplan, Pequitside, Earl Newhouse, Draper land, OSRP, Trails, Complete streets. Parking. Open Space.	Ability to preserve affordable housing. Public Participation. Traffic, 95/93 interchange. Rt 138 development/road improvements.	Database: need for affordable housing-marketing by town. Master plan with property owners SE 138. State funding of 95/93 with design satisfactory is all.		95/93 Challenge-Cost \$250 million. Opportunity: Political justification, Big Dig mitigation. Rt 138 Challenge-No. of different property owners, Heavy planning effort. Affordable Housing, state interest, lack of Town staff. Work with Housing authority?
17	5	Schools/School involvement opportunities community building		Main St, needs better variety of businesses, needs uplift. Traffic, especially larger trucks, overflow traffic from highways. More sidewalks.		
18	5	Green spaces. Sustainability committee. Political organizing. The Public Library. CPSchools. Cobbs corner. Canton BOS-No new high pressure tracked gas pipelines. Diversity.	138-look at and evaluate 24/95/93 feeding trucks and traffic into 138. Eliminate intermediate freight transport. Tighten up restrictions on business zones. Specifically particularly residential. Intersection @ Randolph&Turnpike is dangerous and improperly timed to all pedestrian crossing.	Sustainable equitable Canton. A. Evaluate and control regional traffic. B. Increase opportunity for bike and pedestrian traffic. C. Connect green spaces with bike & pedestrian. D. Controlled business development. E. Vibrant downtown. F. Smarthousing - affordable houses with shared green space.	Achieve our vision	Vision: Advancing our sustainable Equitable Canton MP.
19	5	Paul Revere heritage. Road work on Dedham St. Location-close to Boston. Businesses like Dunkin Brands-Taxes.	We need better restaurants other than pizza. Improve infrastructure, traffic on Washington St vBS! Traffic on Dedham during emergency! I need to be able to exit my street Charles Drive & be able to leave town safely.	Old Mill Factory building on Dedham St need to be sold. Old Cumberland farms head quarters. Old reebok headquarters.		Challenges, time. Costs. Traffic. No public transportation.
20	5	Paul Revere heritage site. Solar power generation. Cable access TV esp town Meetings/Boards. Addition to Quabin Water is our well water.	Paul Revere Heritage have lawn events like antique autos, ... maybe a covered bridge.	Wish they kept the historic RR tracks from Paul Revere heritage site to Canton Junction. Tildon House (little red house) like to see it restored.		
21	5	in town sports - lots of kids participating in all different sports. Activities at school, many of which are provided by CAPT. Trains, proximity to Boston.	Playgrounds are good, but need to be updated and redone consistently so they don't get so old. Elementary schools are good but need more consistency between the 3 of them. Canton center could be better but parking needs to be fixed.	Stop building new houses/condos/apartments will overcrowd our schools. Use a vacant public building for a rec center for kids to use after school or weekends. Middle school needs to be rebuilt. Fix all intersection where more accidents occur...add traffic lights, especially to the intersection near schools.		

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22	5	Beautiful hiking spots and parks helped us to choose Canton to raise our family. Scenic ways-trees, trees, trees. Public library programs. Really good schools, high SAT scores and many sports. Pequitside Park rec activities for kids-we loved the summer camps. Our Town Pool a great resource for kids.	Hiking and historic sites: it would be great to have a single source on list of these places so they are easy to find. Like a guide. More sidewalks and bike paths to allow kids to get around safely, and adults to get around without using a car. CLEAN UP LITTER. Great community service for CHS students. Protect our wildlife conservation areas keep wild areas.			
23	5	Paul revere heritage site. Schools. Blue hills. Ponkapoag Trail. Access to Boston. Mass Audubon. Reservoir Pond. Diversity of People. Historical Places. Library ... Arts-Canton Theater & CHS theater/music trillium.	Parks-would like to see them better connected. Increased participation from diverse groups. Better parking for downtown. Open library on Sundays. Town Website. Solar farm/increased sustainability. Recycling education. Plastic bag ban. Carbon footprint.	Downtown w/ parking & pedestrian areas, connected by walking or bike paths to other parks and amenities, historic bldgs in town.	Sustainable/Equitable	Challenge: Pay for it, Private property. Opportunity: Cost
24	6	Very good location. Library.				
25	6	Copper City Espresso, train station coffee house. Library.	Playgrounds, call all use updates. Cobb Corner, traffic.	Energy interpretation, (Eversource or canton energy). Canton center as MBTA quiet zone. 138 splits the town.		
26	6	New coffee shop @ canton junction. Trillium. Natural resources-Bradley estate. Proximity- Boston, University Ave, highway.	Sidewalk repair. Playgrounds.	Downtown: restaurants. Traffic.		
27	6	Repair of Dam + redevelopment of the Earl New House waterfront. Will allow more people in the town to enjoy the Reservoir Pond.	Heritage Park.			