# TOWN OF HATFIELD COMPREHENSIVE PLAN KEY PRIORITIES

# HATFIELD 2040

## Together as a Community
WELCOMING & SUPPORTIVE FOR ALL

PROTECT
PREPARE and
PROSPER

In 2023 and 2024, the Town of Hatfield engaged in a Comprehensive Planning Process. Residents identified priorities, actions, and strategies to help Hatfield protect what it holds dear, to prepare for the effects of a changing climate, and to prosper as a community that is welcoming and supportive for all.

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## MAKING ROOM FOR THE RIVER

- ○ Address climate challenges for farmers with strong collaborations and partnerships
- ○ Reduce flood risk to Town-owned facilities
- ○ Plan for Resiliency of Hatfield's Historic and Cultural Resources

## THRIVING LOCAL ECONOMY

- ○ Give greater shape to commercial development along Route 5/10 corridor
- ○ Support continued viability of Hatfield's farms
- ○ Maintain and create opportunities for development within the context of the Town's distinctive New England characteristics
- ○ Enhance economic vitality through a well-maintained transportation network
- ○ Assess potential for renewable and alternative energy production, associated manufacturing, and services
- ○ Encourage temporary commercial uses in Town Center with pop-up and mobile commercial offerings

## AFFORDABLE HOMES & VIBRANT NEIGHBORHOODS

- ○ Explore where there may be options for other village centers in Town with livable, workable, and walkable neighborhoods
- ○ Provide housing stock that protects and maintains the scenic, natural, and historic resources of the Town. This includes ensuring open space protection when building new housing, as well as adopting low impact development standards for all development.
- ○ Promote housing that is financially attainable for all ages and housing configurations
- ○ Increase affordability and add affordable housing units to make progress toward the goal of 10% affordable housing in MGL Chapter 40b
- ○ Protect Hatfield's community character
- ○ Encourage stewardship of Hatfield's historic resources and landscapes
- ○ Continue to advance pedestrian safety within the Town's transportation network

## OUR NATURAL RESOURCES

- ○ Conserve farmlands (where soils are best suited to growing food)
- ○ Protect drinking water supply
- ○ Support sustainable forestry practices to ensure healthy forest ecosystems and prevent erosion

## TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY

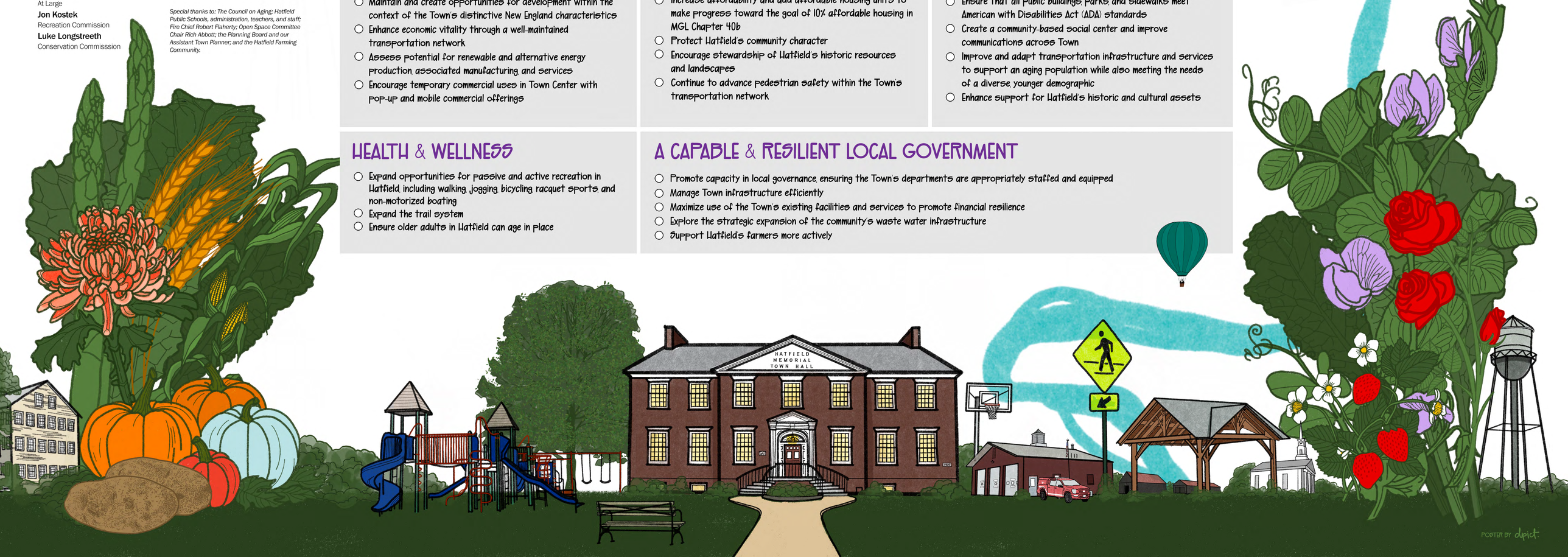
- ○ Ensure that Hatfield keeps its schools, retaining full enrollment of local students, and attracting new school-choice students
- ○ Celebrate local agriculture
- ○ Ensure that all public buildings, parks, and sidewalks meet American with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards
- ○ Create a community-based social center and improve communications across Town
- ○ Improve and adapt transportation infrastructure and services to support an aging population while also meeting the needs of a diverse, younger demographic
- ○ Enhance support for Hatfield's historic and cultural assets

## HEALTH & WELLNESS

- ○ Expand opportunities for passive and active recreation in Hatfield, including walking, jogging, bicycling, racquet sports, and non-motorized boating
- ○ Expand the trail system
- ○ Ensure older adults in Hatfield can age in place

## A CAPABLE & RESILIENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- ○ Promote capacity in local governance, ensuring the Town's departments are appropriately staffed and equipped
- ○ Manage Town infrastructure efficiently
- ○ Maximize use of the Town's existing facilities and services to promote financial resilience
- ○ Explore the strategic expansion of the community's waste water infrastructure
- ○ Support Hatfield's farmers more actively

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