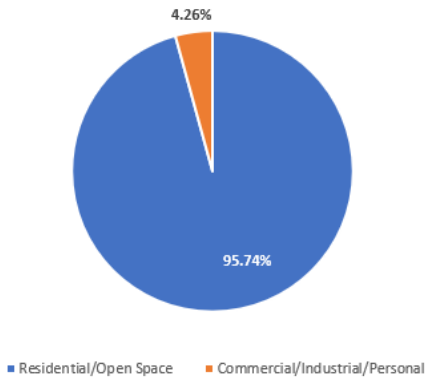


Commercial District Citizen-Based Vision Plan

The Current Situation

Current Fiscal Status

FY2021 Taxy Classifications as % of Levy



As of FY2021, Harvard's Residential and Open Space Valuation as a percentage of the Levy was 95.74% which was 20th of 351 Massachusetts Cities and Towns. This is a fundamental structural budget flaw that will only become more pronounced without action to better balance the Levy.

Current Character



Both prior to zoning and up to now, the character of buildings along Ayer Road hasn't reflected how Harvard perceives itself. This zoning, still in place, does not dissuade this type of development and in fact in some cases facilitates it.



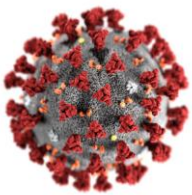
Current Inquiries



Recent development inquiries to the Planning Board indicate the type and quality of uses interested in Harvard based on current bylaws.

The time to update bylaws is NOW!

Migratory Influencers



Another city to suburb migration is happening. First sparked by ever increasing housing costs in Boston and inner-ring suburbs and recently by people seeking more space due to COVID-19. Harvard is a desired destination. We need to be PROACTIVE to set up tools to make sure that development occurs the way we want...