



Common Pathways

Bringing the community together to build a
common pathway to a better **Worcester** for all

The 12 themes from the First Community FORUM

- **City Governance:** Responsiveness and community input; leadership and inclusion.
- **Culture and Recreation:** Availability of accessible cultural and recreational institutions/events.
- **Diversity and Multiculturalism:** City's composition and the rich multicultural population and the responsiveness that is given to this diverse population.
- **Economic Development:** Represents economic factors such as employment opportunities, access to shopping, vibrant downtown, presence of abandoned buildings, business friendly – especially small businesses.
- **Education:** K-12, post-secondary education, lifelong learning, and English as a Second Language.
- **Environment:** Geographical location, green space, attractions, surroundings.
- **Housing:** Affordable and available housing.
- **Medical and Social Services:** Availability and access to social and medical facilities; quality of services and health-insurance coverage.
- **People and Social Environment:** Focus on people, the strength of the neighborhoods, and diversity.
- **Public Safety:** Police visibility and response, drugs/violence issues, the desire to feel safe, and impact on diverse/low income populations.
- **Transportation:** Access and effectiveness to public and private transportation (air, bus, car, train, pedestrian) and the impact it has on employment/economic development, access to health care.
- **Youth:** Youth employment, after-school activities, child care, youth involvement in community/activities.