

***What We Believe***

***A living, breathing document to serve as a guide and filter for projects and innovations***

**Growth of the community**

We believe Newton is fortunate to be located in one of the largest growth corridors in the United States. Continued residential, commercial and industrial growth ensures that Newton will remain a thriving community.

**Quality of life**

We believe Newton should be an attractive place to live and work, with arts and culture, parks and recreation, entertainment, high-quality education, and other amenities that citizens want in their community.

**Health and safety**

We believe that ensuring the well-being of citizens is among the most basic responsibilities of local government, from providing clean drinking water and safe roadways to police and fire protection.

**Respect for the environment**

We believe that in all projects the City must work to minimize the impact to the natural environment and seek greater energy efficiency and conservation of resources.

**Civic engagement**

We believe citizen involvement should be an integral part of local governance. The City will encourage private citizens to become involved in civic dialogue and help promote leadership development in the community.

**Fiscal responsibility**

We believe the City must be committed to managing resources wisely, preparing effectively for the future, and serving as conscientious stewards of taxpayer dollars.

**Progressive, innovative solutions**

We believe the City must continually explore new ways of doing business, taking advantage of technological innovations and creative ideas to better serve citizens and improve the community.

