



# The Waldorf School of Lexington

*Master Planning  
Goals and Values*

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# Goals and Values

## Strategic Planning

- Establish a **“Unified Vision” for the campus** that celebrates the Waldorf School of Lexington’s mission and history and feels like an independent school campus
- Create a new **recognizable face and compelling entry experience for WSL**
- Provide a **better admissions experience that welcomes people** and better demonstrates what the school has to offer.
- Make the Waldorf philosophy central in a way that will **transform the day to day experience** of everyone who comes to WSL.
- Create a long range plan for **how to better use all of the school’s spaces and resources more effectively** to allow the school to move forward.

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## A Waldorf Education

- Demonstrate the ways in which **Waldorf's programs are unique** – showcasing the color, sounds, feel and smells that are part of the inspiration for the school.
- Include inspirational **displays of handcraft and student artwork** to showcase the Waldorf Curriculum
- Create **a vibrant new center** that integrates the Homespun store, Café and early childhood programs (especially parent-tot and nursery)
- Design a place that continues to be **warm and inviting, like the existing school.**
- Develop **a campus which reflects and responds appropriately to the students' developmental stages** in terms of the organization of school and the types and feel of the spaces provided.

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## Fiscal Responsibility & Development

- Develop options to allow the school to understand how to get the **best value for money spent** (considering all three school properties)
- Consider phasing to **ensure the project can succeed** with various levels of fundraising; prioritize the work to meet project goals.
- Create a shared vision to energize and unite the Waldorf School Community and **provide strong momentum for development** and fundraising activities.
- Develop ways the project can help to **generate revenue** through renting out spaces and supporting growth in the summer programs.

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## Nature / Environment / Sustainability

- **Integrate and connect** the facilities with the surrounding landscape to encourage the use of the play spaces, fields, gardens, the Great Meadows, and surrounding community.
- Consider the ways in which WSL can **work with the neighboring Lexington Communities** to create improvements and work toward a common purpose.
- Use **sustainable strategies** such as compact planning, solar orientation, efficient fixtures, **daylighting**, and low VOC, renewable, recycled, and local materials.
- Develop **the campus as a teaching tool** to educate and inspire students and the Waldorf community to understand the environmental impact of choices we make in our daily life.
- Consider ways in which WSL can **use regenerative design practices to heal the land** on the site by increasing biodiversity and habitats.

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## A School that Works

- **Bring the building up to code**, improve accessibility, and **upgrade existing spaces** to resolve the technical issues that currently impede the teachers from doing their work.
- **Add spaces as required to support core programs** such as science, performing and visual arts, and athletics.
- Provide better options for **traffic, parking, drop-off** and pick-up queuing.
- **Improve signage, security, and wayfinding** to make the campus more visible, safer, and easier to understand and navigate.
- Evaluate **building systems** and propose options to provide for healthier air, better energy efficiency and lighting, and long term ease of maintenance and reliability.
- **Evaluate existing building envelope, finishes and structure**, and develop a plan to resolve existing issues.