

PUBLIC FORUM:

LEEDS, BAYSTATE AND FLORENCE

JULY 27 at 7 PM

The Northampton Design Forum, in cooperation with the Baystate Village Association, Florence Civic and Business Association and the Leeds Civic Association is sponsoring a public forum at the Florence Civic Center. The purpose of the forum is to facilitate public dialogue about the principles of sustainability and neighborhood design, including the concepts presented by the Notre Dame Urban Design Studio for two areas of Florence, as well as for Baystate center and Leeds.

The moderator of the event will be Dan Berrien, Chair of the Northampton Design Forum. The first speaker will be Joel Russell, local planner and attorney, who will discuss how sustainability can be achieved through good neighborhood design. Joel will speak for about 15 minutes. Aaron Helfand, a Northampton native who was one of the Notre Dame graduate students who participated in the Design Studio, will then briefly explain the 4 concepts created by the student team and project images of them on a screen. After Aaron's presentation, Dan Berrien will moderate a public discussion about sustainability, neighborhood design, and the conceptual neighborhood plans shown..

Public discussion will follow.

We encourage all interested citizens from any part of the City to attend this meeting. These concepts are intended to serve as a starting point for what we hope will be a substantial public discussion of how we would like Northampton to be in the future. We hope that such discussion will help to guide our City's planning process, including the work of the Zoning Revision Committee.