

## WHAT ARE RESPONSES TO OTHER HOUSING-RELATED CONCERNS AND COMMENTS ON THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN?

A) A large share of people who desire housing alternatives in Bedford are not “outsider low-income people” but existing residents, including empty-nesters, retirees, and Bedford’s own daughters and sons.

B) Executives of companies in MA have long stated that the high cost of housing and a lack of housing choices damages the state’s economy, and that their labor force needs an array of housing options. As noted, Bedford’s business and retail areas are becoming functionally obsolete and need invigoration through creative, modern development incentives. Such development might potentially include modest amounts of housing in some areas of town. Without such incentives, Bedford will not be able to stabilize the residential tax burden and provide revenue to keep Bedford’s services, facilities, and schools first rate.