

# NEWTON RIVERSIDE SITE VISION PLAN

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*Open House*  
February 10, 2019

# RIVERSIDE VISION PLANNING TEAM

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- City of Newton, Department of Planning and Development
- CivicMoxie
- Urban Focus



# WHY CREATE THIS VISION PLAN?

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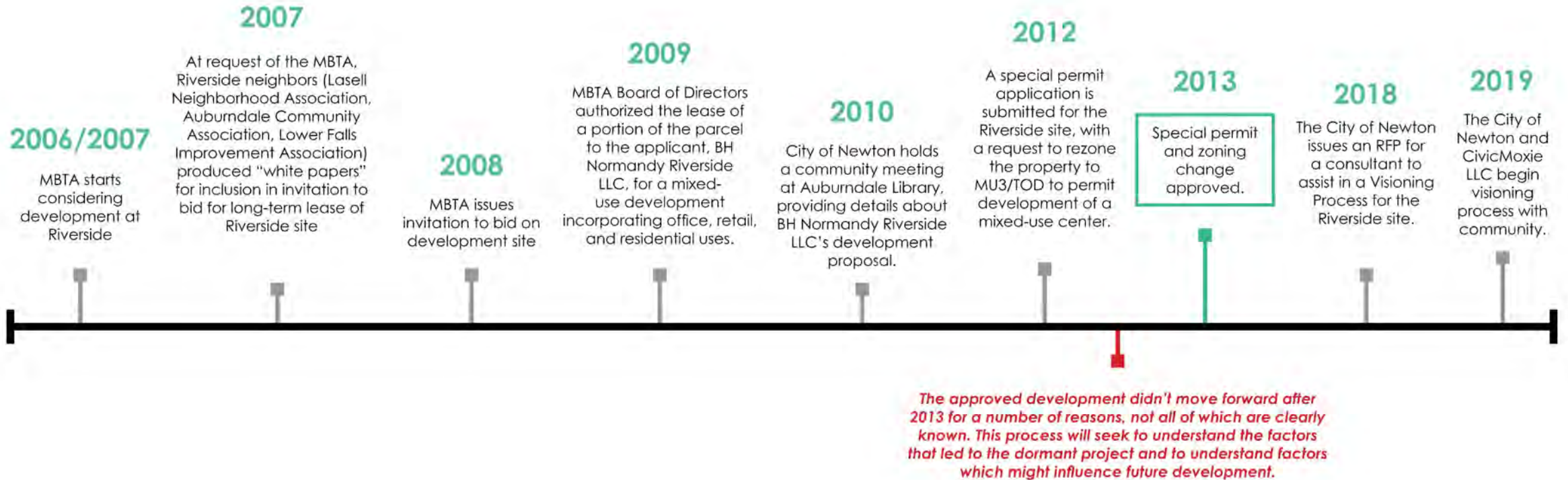
- To gain community input and perspective in the development of a future vision for the site
- To produce a plan with development principles for the site that can be provided to the City Council Land Use Committee
- To develop principles and desired community benefits for future development of the Riverside site.



# HOW DID WE GET HERE? RECENT SITE HISTORY

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# RIVERSIDE RECENT SITE HISTORY



# 2012 RIVERSIDE SITE



Base Photo Source: [www.riversidewton.com](http://www.riversidewton.com)

**WHY PLAN NOW?**  
**STATE OF THE SITE TODAY**



# SINCE 2012

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- Proposed development from Normandy stalled; Mark Development became a lead partner
- Proposed site for redevelopment expanded to include Indigo Hotel property
- New citywide and regional considerations and trends



THAT BRINGS US TO THIS....

2019  
VISION PLAN



# HOW WILL THIS VISION PLAN BE USED?

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The Planning Department will present the vision plan to the Land Use Committee of City Council at the culmination of the planning process. The goal is for the vision plan to be used as a reference to guide decision-making for the Riverside site.





## THIS VISION PLAN WILL INCLUDE:

- A summary of feedback heard during the vision planning process.
- Recommended principles for development based on themes presented at the stations seen around the room tonight.



## THIS VISION PLAN WILL NOT INCLUDE:

- Environmental impact assessments.
- Shadow studies and other studies that are the responsibility of any applicant for a special permit.
- A detailed plan or design for what should go on the Riverside site.

# RULES FOR CIVIC DISCOURSE

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This vision planning process provides a space for an exchange of information and is a forum for input and discussion.

With these goals in mind, the following guidelines are presented for civic discourse:

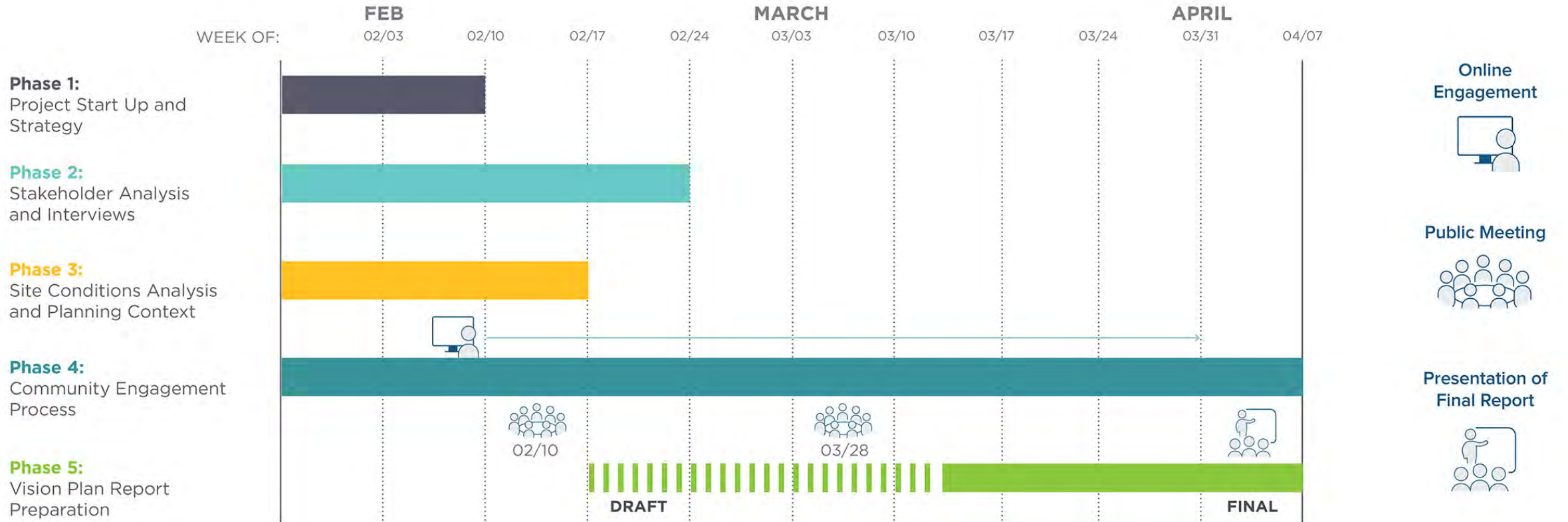
The Riverside Vision Planning Team pledges to:

- Listen to a wide range of ideas from all who participate.
- Read all comments.
- Explain how community input is being incorporated in the planning process.

**We ask of you:**

- Be respectful.
- Be concise.
- Be creative.
- Be constructive.

# TIMELINE + SCOPE OF WORK



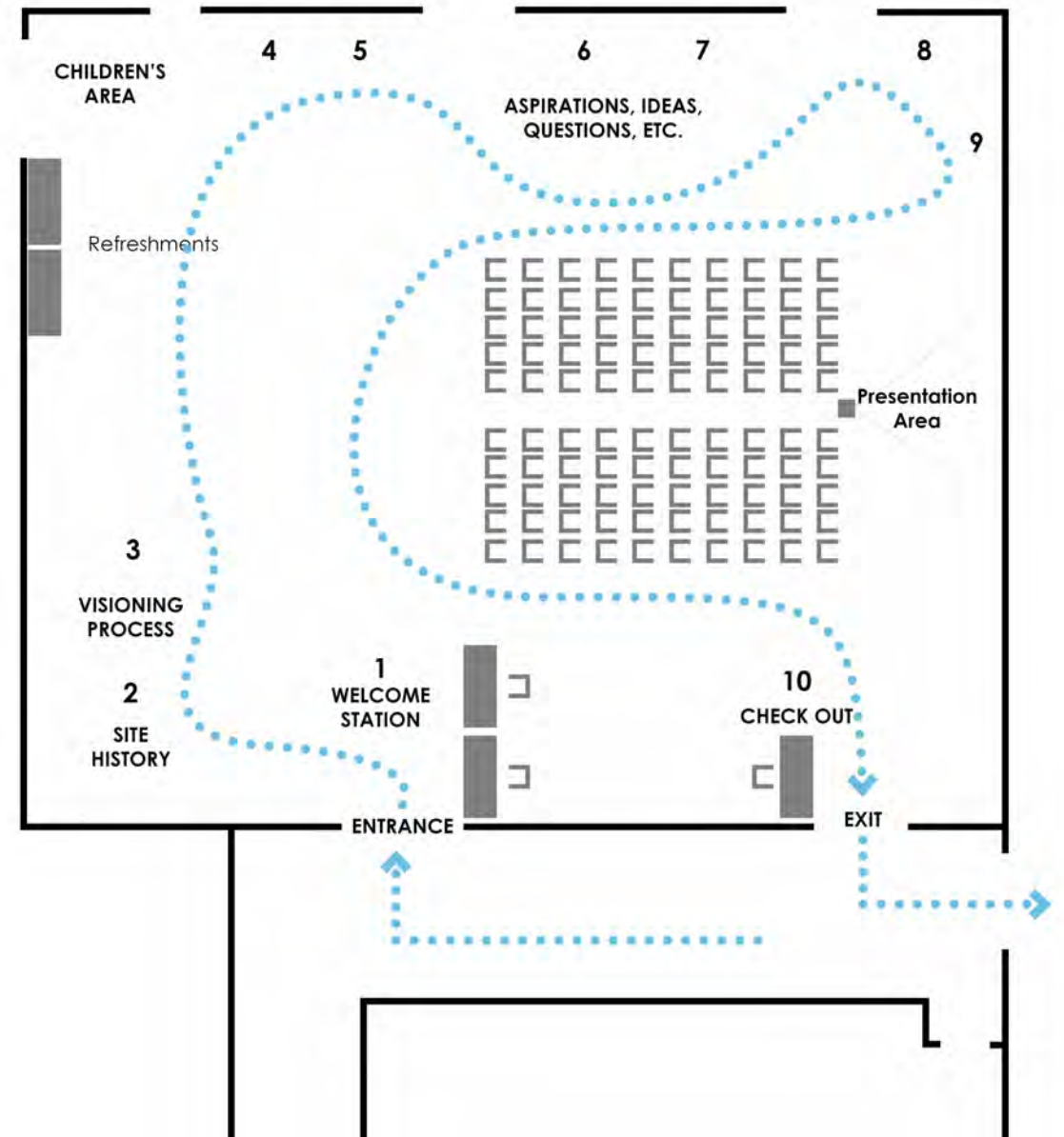
**Tonight!**

**STATIONS  
OVERVIEW**



# STATIONS

- 1: Welcome
- 2: History of Riverside Site
- 3: This Visioning Process
- 4-9: Listening: your aspirations, ideas, questions
- 10: Thank you/ Checkout  
*Bocca Bella \$50 gift certificates*



# LISTENING STATIONS 4 – 9

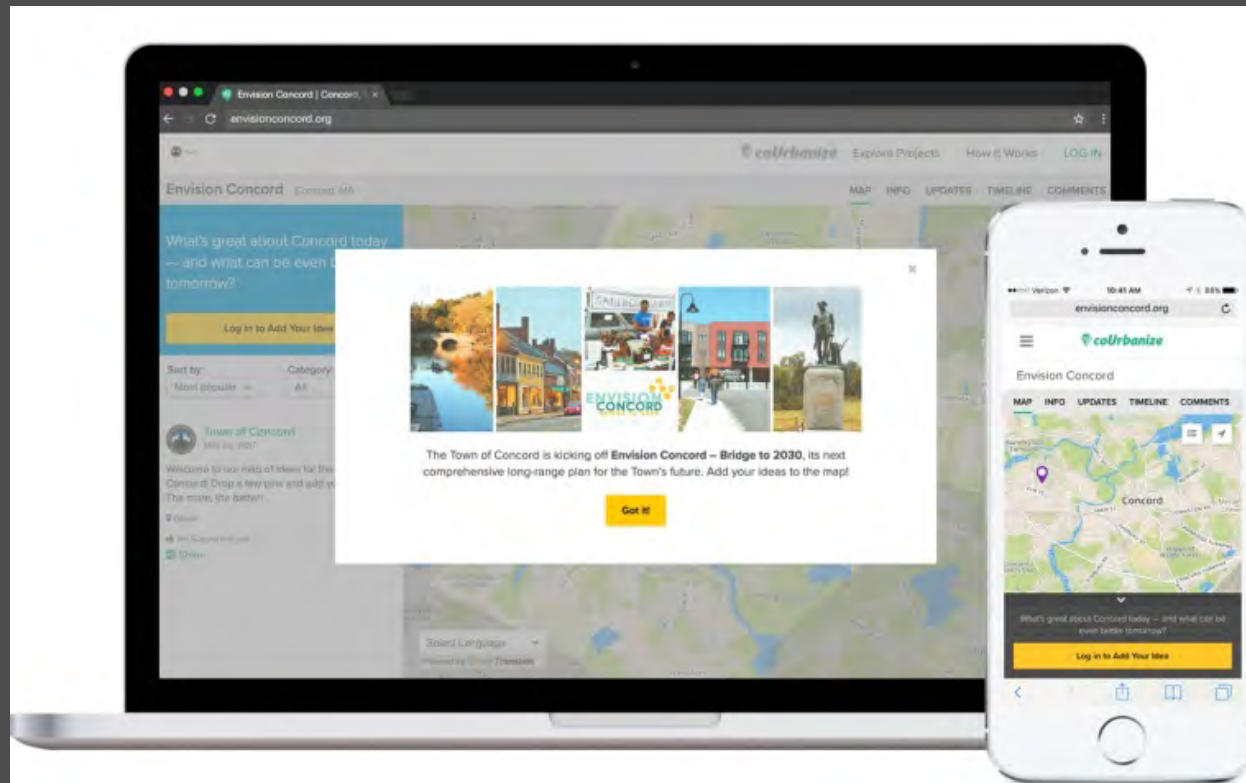
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- 4 – Community Amenities + Public Realm
- 5 – Connectivity + Transport
- 6 – Housing
- 7 – Design + Neighborhood Context
- 8 – Economic Development
- 9 – What Did We Miss?



# THE VISION PLAN WEBSITE

Please sign up on the Vision Plan website at [www.courb.co/riverside](http://www.courb.co/riverside) to receive updates and participate in the planning process online.



## NEXT MEETINGS

**THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2019**

6:30 – 8:30 PM

*location to be confirmed*

**THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2019**

6:30 – 8:30 PM

*location to be confirmed*

TONIGHT, YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN REAL TIME  
TRACKING OF MEETING PARTICIPANTS' INPUT  
BY ANSWERING THIS QUESTION:

*WHAT ARE YOUR ASPIRATIONS FOR THE  
NEWTON RIVERSIDE SITE?*

TEXT YOUR ANSWER TO 617-925-6779