

NEWTON'S HISTORIC VILLAGES

Newton's villages began as relatively dense clusters of mixed land uses at bridges, dams, major intersections & railroad stations.

These clusters were surrounded by lower-density land uses: mostly farms, forests, & wetlands.

river mill
villages

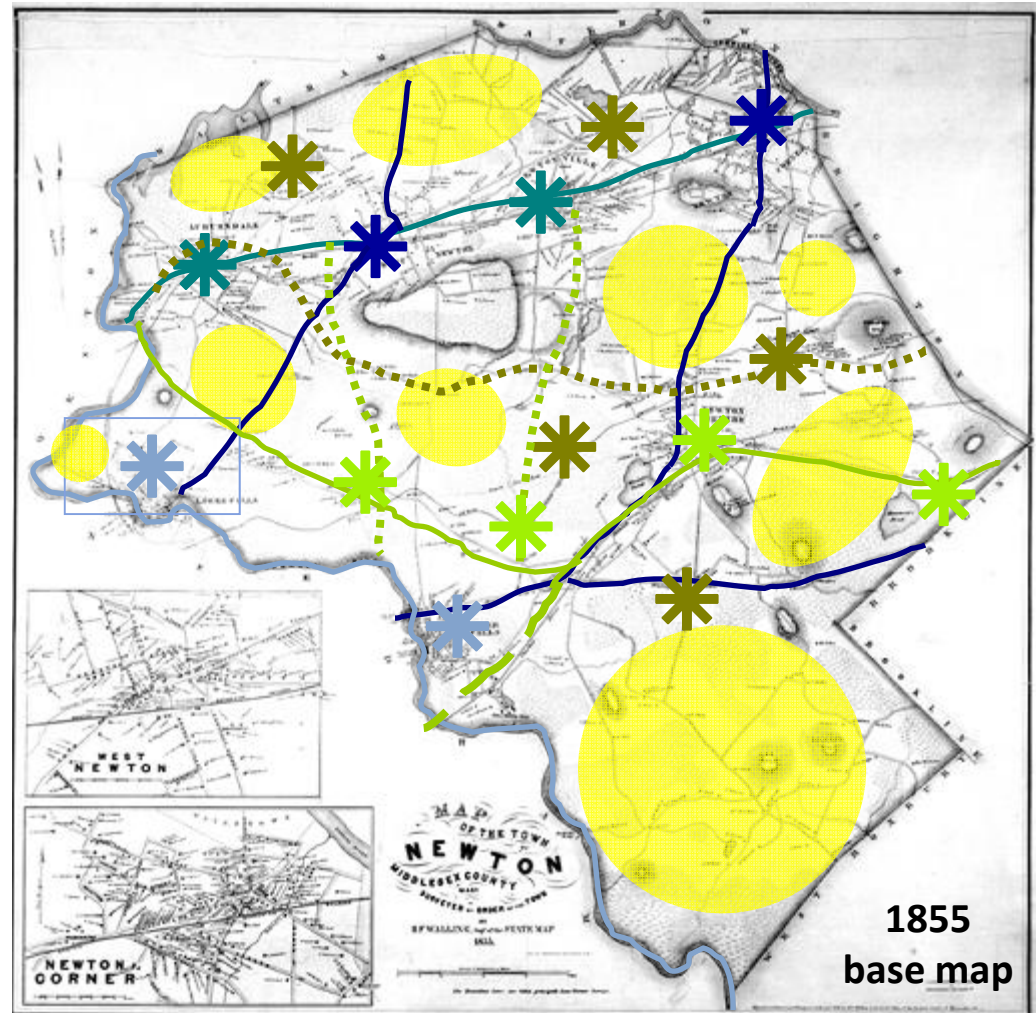
18th-early
19th c.
villages

1840s-70s
railroad
villages

1880s-
1920
railroad
suburb

1890s-
1930s
streetcar
suburb

postwar
auto-
mobile
suburb



Newton's Land Use Structure & Intentions

2004 draft

Newton's history still shapes the City:

Denser, mixed-use village centers & corridors

are still surrounded by lower-density areas – now filled with houses rather than farms.

