



*Lexington Visitors Center  
Lexington, Massachusetts*

The Visitors Center in Lexington was constructed in 1966 for tourists and residents alike to learn about the historic and contemporary resources in this important birthplace of the American Revolution. Located adjacent to the Battle Green, where the first shots were fired between British Regulars and Minutemen, this facility welcomes and orients over 125,000 people annually.



Mills Whitaker Architects was retained to study an expansion or replacement of the building due to its inability to adequately serve its myriad functions. Working with input from various stakeholder committees, all agreed that the most effective way to address the facility's shortcomings was to replace it with a new building. Slated for opening in 2020, this new facility meets LEED v4 Silver standards, will showcase events surrounding the conflict of April 19, 1775, and will better commemorate the five "USS Lexington" naval vessels that were named in recognition of this important battle. The construction period will be sandwiched between two successive annual Patriot's Day battle reenactments.

