



# MASTER PLAN FACTS

## MASTER PLAN CHAPTERS

RSA 674:2 states: "The master plan shall include, at a minimum, the following required sections:"

- Vision Section
- Land Use Section

"The master plan may also include the following sections:"

- Transportation
- Community Facilities
- Economic Development
- Natural Resources
- Natural Hazards
- Recreation
- Utility and Public Service
- Cultural and Historic Resources
- Regional Concerns
- Neighborhood Plan
- Community Design
- Housing Section
- Implementation Section\*

\* = contained within all Dover chapters

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## Master Plan Chapters in Dover

### Introduction

A Master Plan guides the long-term physical development for a community. Each plan should be reviewed every 5—10 years, and have a 10—20 year horizon. The City of Dover has the following chapters within its Master Plan (*year adopted*).

### Land Use Analysis (2007)

The place we know as the City of Dover will become a different place in the course of our lifetimes. In some small way, it may even be different tomorrow. This chapter evaluates the past and makes recommendations toward the future, in the hopes that we can ensure that the community develops and grows in a managed and meaningful way. (Includes Vision and Economic Development sections.)

### Recreation (2009)

Recreation is an integral component of a healthy, sustainable community and should receive commensurate investment. In Dover, it is believed that Recreation issues are complex and require high attention, wise

decisions, sensible implementation, and collaboration among different city departments.

### Natural and Historical Resources (2000)

Dover's natural and historic resources are a critical consideration in establishing a proper approach for land management. Understanding resource values provides a rational basis for determining which areas of the City are more appropriate for protection and open space and which areas are more suitable for development. Natural and historic resources add to Dover's character, provide recreational opportunities and contribute to the quality of life for Dover residents.

### Community Facilities and Utilities (2009)

The City of Dover and its employees are recognized as providing a high level of effective services. The Dover government is a large, complex organization delivering a wide and diverse range of services to the residents and businesses of the City. This has resulted in adding

new people, facilities, equipment, and activities at ever-increasing costs. This chapter reviews the City's facilities and their long term needs.

### Open Space (2000—currently being updated)

Dover has a long history of placing a priority on environmental protection and management. Open Space and Recreation Plans were developed in 1973, 1978, and 1988. This chapter serves as an update to the 1988 Master Plan and integrates the information and recommendations contained in previous plans with the most recent needs that have been identified in Dover.

### Transportation (2000)

This chapter of the City of Dover Master Plan is intended to set policies and goals while providing a comprehensive vision for transportation. Dover will invest in, maintain and properly manage or regulate a coordinated, safe, efficient, and effective transportation system that promotes the long-term goals of its citizens and businesses expressed in this chapter.

## MASTER PLAN CYCLE

- Visioning;
- Data collection and inventory;
- Data analysis and evaluation;
- Plan preparation and recommendations;
- Plan implementation; and,
- Monitor Plan