



PLANNING PROJECT FACTS

MASTER PLAN

A Master Plan is the City's strategic plan, guiding long-term physical development for Dover.

Each plan should be reviewed every 5—10 years. We have updated four sections the plan:

- **Utilities/Facilities (2009):** A review of infrastructure to ensure the City's needs are met.
- **Recreation (2009):** Recreational needs and suggested improvements to maintain and promote current facilities before building new ones.
- **Open Space (2011):** An outline of conservation and preservations goals.
- **Visioning (2012):** The tone for all future Master Plan work, outlining the goals and vision for the community.

AT A GLANCE:

- One Director
- 1 City Planner
- 1 Zoning Administrator
- 1 Community Development Coordinator
- 2 Clerical staff (1FT, 1 PT)

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Planning Projects in Dover

Introduction

In Dover, land use and community development is administered by the Department of Planning and Community Development, which works with the community to preserve and shape a safe, sustainable, vital and well planned City.

In FY13, the department reviewed and processed 150,000 square feet of building space and 180 lots/housing units.

The department has worked to implement changes to the land use regulations, which are geared toward promoting *context sensitive development*. This type of growth looks to balance environmental needs with human/economic needs, and ensure that community character is preserved.

Special Projects

In addition to day to day duties, the department is involved in the following special projects:

Capital Improvements Program (CIP)

- Annually, in October, the Department presents the City's CIP which is the link between the City's fiscal policies and its infrastructure needs.

Transportation

Planning staff:

- Act as the City liaisons for the Downeaster, and COAST transportation networks
- Represent City to the Strafford Metropolitan Planning Organization on transit issues.

Riverfront Redevelopment

- The Dover Housing Authority's waterfront advisory committee continues to work towards a redevelopment scenario. In May of 2009, the LDA (Land Disposition Agreement) was signed by the developer and the City.

- The City Council extended the agreement until 2014.

Conservation Efforts

Planning staff:

- Provide fiscal oversight for the Conservation Fund working with committee members to monitor the expenditures of the fund.
- Support ongoing efforts of the Conservation Commission and Open Lands Committee in preservation of open space in the City through ongoing monitoring of easements.

Community Trail

- The urban portion of the trail has been open since spring 2010, with amenities like a rr bridge and Silver St underpass.
- A rural portion of the trail exists along the Cochecho River parallel to Sixth Street. A proposed section of the trail connecting Whittier Falls Way and the portion behind Liberty Mutual, underneath the Spaulding Turnpike is being implemented for an opening in 2014.

Energy Improvements

- Staff oversaw the implementation of the City's contract with Johnson Controls to implement energy savings infrastructure within City facilities. In the first year the City saved over \$300,000 due to improvements.

GOALS FOR THE DEPARTMENT

- Develop process to review projects and services before they begin to increase quality of end product.
- Perform daily work more efficiently (e.g., plan review, tax map updates).
- Increase public awareness of planning function and department.
- Improve the quality of life in Dover, both residential and commercial.
- Assist the Economic Development Director with promoting Dover to the business community.