



# PLANNING PROJECT FACTS

## MASTER PLAN

A Master Plan is one which guides the long-term physical development for a community.

Each plan should be reviewed every 5—10 years. Dover's was last updated in 2000.

Currently, Dover is updating two sections of its master plan:

- **Utilities/Facilities** This chapter reviews infrastructure to see if it meets the needs of the City.
- **Open Space** This chapter reviews the natural resources and open space opportunities within Dover.

## AT A GLANCE:

- One Director
- 1 Planner
- 1 Transportation Coordinator
- 1 Community Development Coordinator/
- 2 Clerical staff (1FT, 1 PT)

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## Planning Projects in Dover

### Introduction

In Dover, planning and community development is administered by the Planning Department.

In FY 09, the department reviewed and processed 306,000 square feet of building space and 200 lots/housing units.

The department has worked to implement changes to the land use regulations, which are geared toward promoting smart growth. This type of growth looks to balance environmental needs with human/economic needs.

### Special Projects

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

#### Cochecho River Dredge

- The dredging is ongoing as part of a project to deepen the river to allow for larger vessels to come up the river.

#### Washington Street Bridge

- Construction began on the new vehicular bridge to span the Cochecho River connecting Washington and River Streets in November of 2008.
- The bridge is expected to be finished in the 2009 and 2010 construction season.

#### 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.

#### FastTrans

- COAST began to operate the first downtown transit loop in December of 2008, and a second route was added in March of 2009.
- COAST is reviewing potentials to update the routes and adding a third loop.

#### Community Trail

- The urban portion of the project is expected to complete and open the trail by fall 2009.
- A section of the trail connecting Whittier Falls Way and the portion behind Liberty Mutual, underneath the Spaulding Turnpike is being designed and hopefully will be implemented in the fall/winter 2009.

#### Form Based Code

- The Planning Board reviewed the results of a consultants work to develop a Form Based Code for downtown Dover.
- These changes look to promote development that is context sensitive and promotes historic building styles and forms.

#### Energy Advocacy

- The Planning Department is overseeing the implementation of the City's contract with Johnson Controls to implement energy savings infrastructure within City facilities.

## GOALS FOR THE DEPARTMENT

- More effectively manage and implement the City's Master Plan
- Perform daily work more efficiently (e.g., plan review, tax map updates)
- Increase public awareness of regulations and code
- Improve the quality of life in Dover, both residential and commercial
- Assist the Economic Development Director with promoting Dover to the business community.