Why Dover Has a Master Plan

Framework for Performance Excellence in Dover: A Systems Perspective

Dover’s Community and Organizational Profile

1. Leadership
2. Strategic Planning
3. Customer Focus
5. Workforce Focus
6. Operations Focus
7. Results
A Master Plan

- Is a set of statements about land use and development principles for the municipality with accompanying maps, diagrams, charts and descriptions to give legal standing to the implementation of ordinance and other measures of the Planning Board.

- Should lay out a physical plan which takes into account social and economic values describing how, why, when and where the community should build, rebuild and preserve.
Master Plan Adoption

Planning Board Oversees

(Guided by RSAs 674:3, 674:4 and 675:6)

- The Board may adopt the master plan as a whole, or in sections or parts.
- Plan updates should be every 5 to 10 years.
- The Board shall inform the general public and the Office of Energy and Planning and regional planning commission of updates.
- Public hearing must be held prior to adoption or amendment.
Chapters Of a Master Plan

- Vision (2012)*
- Land Use (2007)*
- Transportation (2000)
- Historic Resources (2000)
- Community Facilities (2009)
- Economic Development (2011)
- Natural Resources (2012)
- Utilities (2009)
- Housing (1998)

In Place  To Be Completed

- Recreation (2009)
- Natural Hazards
- Implementation (ongoing)
- Community Design
- Neighborhood Plan
- Cultural Resources
- Regional Concern
- Energy
- Coastal Management

* = Required  Not Contemplated
## Public Involvement

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- Steve Wells

*Recreation*

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Do’s and Don’ts

Do think of the Master Plan as:
- The community’s vision
- A living/dynamic document
- A tool for managing growth
- A guide for capital spending
- The City’s strategic plan

Don’t think of the Master Plan as:
- Regulations
- A static document
- Funding
- A burden
- A place holder
Master Plan Layout

- Readability is important
  - Chapter text shall be no more than 50 pages
  - White Space for notations
  - Visual elements are embedded with text
  - Reduced redundancy
- Maintain cohesive layout and format
  - Land Use Analysis
  - Recreation
  - Community Facilities and Utilities
- Realistic goals and objectives
Executive Summary Layout

- Introduction
- Recommendations
  - Vision
  - Land Use
    - Economic Development
  - Transportation
  - Recreation
  - Conservation and Open Space
  - Natural and Historic Resources
  - Community Facilities and Utilities
  - Transportation Tables
**Executive Summary Elements**

**LAND USE ANALYSIS RECOMMENDATIONS**

### Housing Trends

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#### Residential

R1 – Eliminate the existing “density bonus” allowances (Chapter 155-22.D1) in the Open Space Subdivision Regulations and consider incentives based on Landscaping, Building Materials, LEEDS Certification, and other environmentally progressive requirements.

R2 – Most Traditional Neighborhood Development and Transit-Oriented Development

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Sample Recommendations

- **Land Use**
  - **IN1** – Update definitions for elderly care facilities.
    - Completed 2011
  - **AH4** – Create a separate Housing Chapter of the Master Plan.
    - To Be Reviewed
  - **C6** – Designate areas as Business Investment Districts to improve infrastructure & streetscape by taking advantage of income created by an increased tax assessment.
    - Completed 2014
Sample Recommendations

- Transportation
  - In addition to the funding sources described in this section, The City should consider impact fees when feasible and appropriate. As developers implement projects that have an identifiable impact on the surrounding transportation system, a fee should be exacted. This fee would be used towards offsetting impacts of the development in the form of roadway, intersection and related improvements.
  - Not recommended, 2010, Planning Board
674:5 - 9. Capital Improvements Program

- [Amended July, 2002 by NH Legislature]
- Allows any community with a Master Plan to prepare a six-year capital improvements program
- “The planning board… shall review the recommendations of the master plan in relation to the proposed capital improvements program.”
Visioning

Vision Statement

A City with an emerging urban vibrancy guided by a small town sense of community.

When Dover celebrates its 400th anniversary in 2023 it will be a dynamic community with an outstanding quality of life because it has achieved the following interconnected characteristics:
Vision Elements

- Safe family friendly neighborhoods, a strong sense of community and an excellent school system,
- The historic downtown is alive and vibrant,
- Government and schools are run effectively and efficiently with full transparency,
- Multiple transportation modes present,
- Traffic volumes/speeds are well managed,
- Dover attracts and retains stable, well-paying jobs,
- Rural character is preserved and infill development is encouraged,
- Enhanced environmental quality in all the City’s activities.
Chapters And Status

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- Utilities (2009)
- Land Use (2014)
- Transportation (2000)
- Historic Resources (2014)
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- Housing (2014)
- Implementation*
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- Cultural Resources (2014)
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* Included in each chapter
Next Steps

MP Years

Data Collection
Data Analysis
Community Vision
Alternative Evaluation
Select Preferred Alternative
Implementation
Monitor
Amendment

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Next Steps

➢ DOVER DATA APPENDIX – 2014
A collection of demographic data covering US Census statistics, housing, employment, land use, economic indicators, energy, and transportation. Other chapters will reference this data and utilize the information to support recommendations.

➢ STEWARDSHIP OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES CHAPTER - 2013
This chapter would include these topics:
1. Natural Resources
2. Natural Hazards
3. Cultural and Historic Resources
LAND USE CHAPTER - 2014
This chapter includes these topics:

1. Economic Development
2. Housing
3. Community Design

TRANSPORTATION - 2015
This chapter will guide how Dover invests in, maintains and properly manages a coordinated, safe, efficient and effective transportation system.
Timeline 2015

Transportation Chapter Preparation

JAN 15  MAR 15  MAY 15  JUL 15  SEP 15  NOV 15  JAN 16  MAR 16  MAY 16  JUL 16  SEP 16  NOV 16

Hold Public Hearings

Adoption by Planning Board

Recreation Chapter Preparation

Hold Public Hearings

Adoption by Planning Board

Community Facilities & Utilities Chapter Preparation

Hold Public Hearings

Adoption by Planning Board
Questions

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