Master Plan 101

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 History

MP Years
1963,
1978,
1988,
1998,
2000,
2007 and
2009.

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

- Transportation (2000)
- Cultural Resources
- Historic Resources (2000)
- Community Facilities (2009)
- Regional Concern
- Economic Development (1998)
- Natural Resources (2000)
- Community Facilities and Public Service (2009)

In Place

- Natural Hazards
- Housing (1998)
- Recreation (2009)
- Implementation
- Community Design
- Neighborhood Plan
  - Vision (2007)
  - Land Use (2007)

To Be Completed

- Not Contemplated
Public Involvement

- 411
- 220
- 50
- 522
- 36
- 1000
Do’s and Don’ts

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

Don’t think of the Master Plan as:
- Regulations
- A static document
- Funding
- A burden
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
  - Land Use
  - Transportation
  - Recreation
  - Open Space
  - Natural and Historic Resources
  - Community Facilities and Utilities
  - Transportation Tables
LAND USE ANALYSIS RECOMMENDATIONS

Housing Trends

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.

C • Completed Year:
   This indicates the year a recommendation was completed

C • To Be Reviewed:
   This recommendation has not been considered yet. (in blue)

C • Not Recommended:
   This recommendation was not recommended, the year and who decided not to pursue (in red)

C • Year, Board
   The recommendation has been implemented and is not one with a completion date. – usually a policy or procedure change

C • Ongoing:
   The recommendation is underway, and has a tentative completion date

C • In Progress (Year):
   Other note or information regarding the recommendation

C • Other:
Sample Recommendations

- **Land Use**
  - **C5** – Require tax positive development on lots which cross municipal boundaries, the Dover portion of the lot should provide the positive revenue.
    - Completed 2008
  - **G2** Form a committee or hire a consultant to transition to an illustrated or smart code style of regulations.
    - Completed 2009
Sample Recommendations

- **Open Space**
  - Establish a standing Open Space Committee to improve open space and recreation opportunities in Dover
    - Completed 2000
  - Complete an accurate inventory of currently protected open space parcels
    - In Progress, 2010
Sample Recommendations

- Recreation
  - Community Parks
    - Long Hill Memorial Park
      - “...this park can be enhanced with minimal investment to include an element not currently existing among Dover’s parks. A dog park should consist of adequate fencing around the perimeter to contain dogs and prove them a safe place to run free with owner supervision.”
Questions?

http://www.dover.nh.gov/planzoning.htm