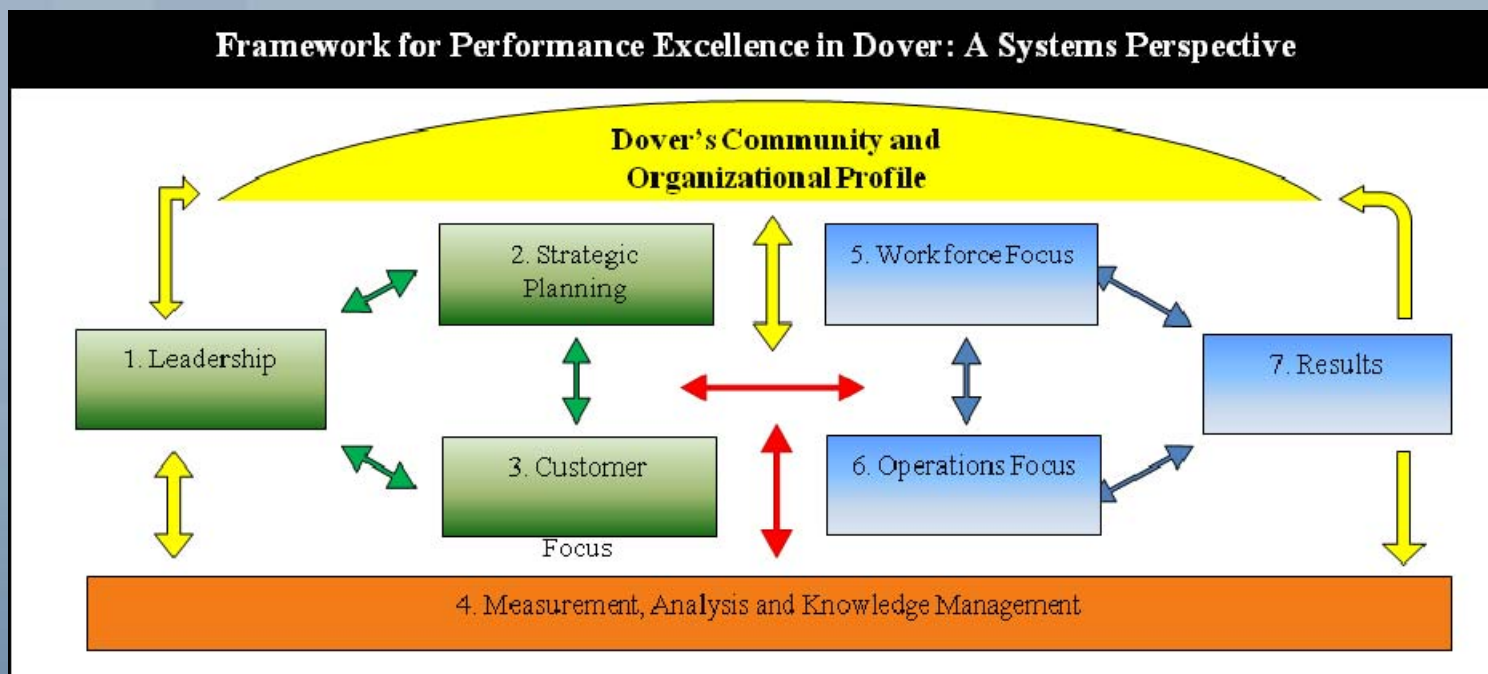


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# City of Dover, New Hampshire

Master Plan Overview and Executive Summary  
March 06, 2013

# Why Dover Has a Master Plan





# Master Plan 101

## A Master Plan

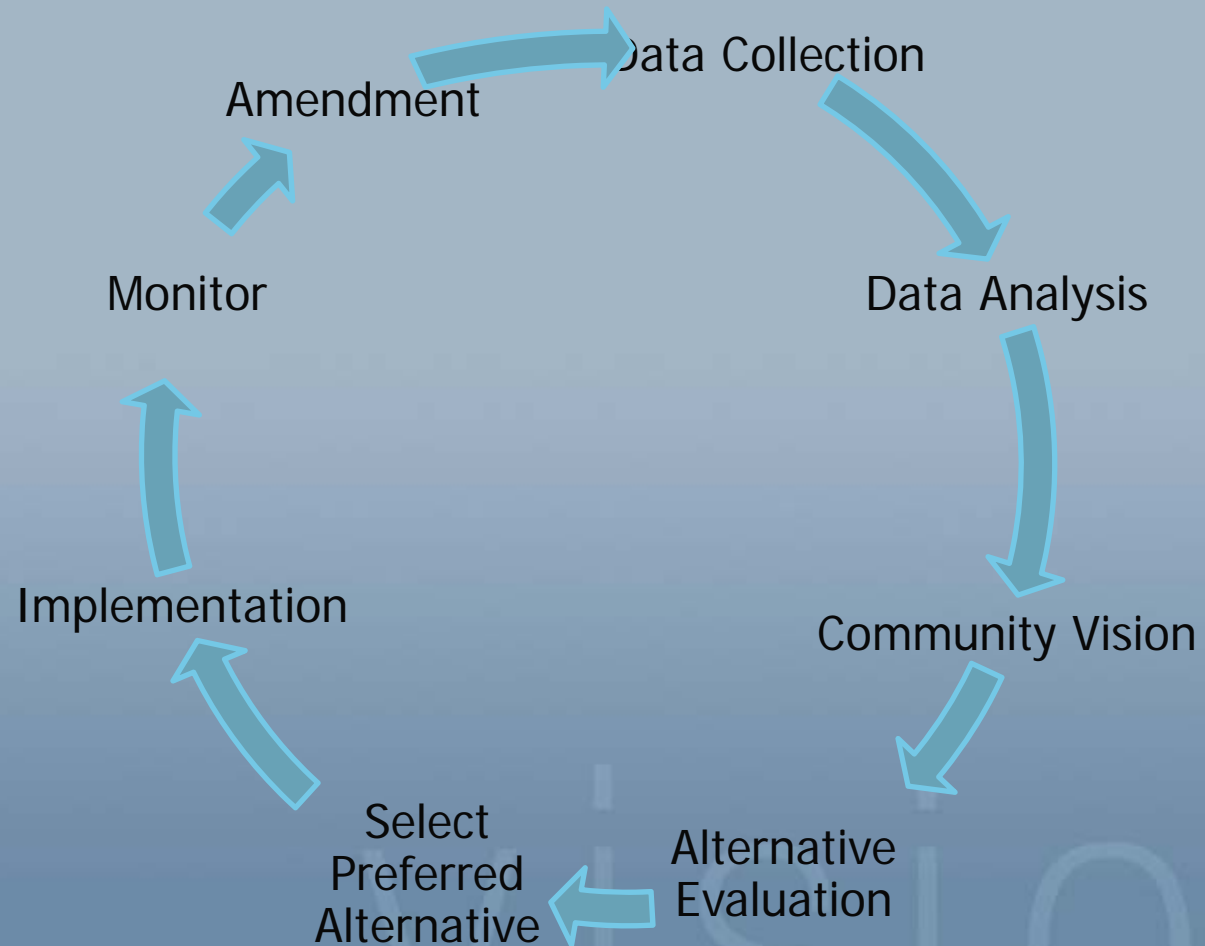
- Is a set of statements about land use and development principles for the municipality with accompanying maps, diagrams, charts and descriptions to give legal standing to the implementation of ordinance and other measures of the Planning Board.
- Should lay out a physical plan which takes into account social and economic values describing how, why, when and where the community should build, rebuild and preserve.



# 50 Years of Master Planning

MP Years

1963,  
1978,  
1988,  
1998,  
2000,  
2007,  
2009,  
2011,  
2012,  
And?



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# 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)
  - Recreation (2009)
  - Natural Hazards
  - Implementation
  - Community Design
  - Neighborhood Plan
  - Cultural Resources
  - Regional Concern
  - Energy
- In Place      To Be Completed      \* = Required      Not Contemplated





# Public Involvement

<b>Visioning</b>	<b>Land Use Analysis</b>	<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Recreation</b>	<b>Community Facilities and Utilities</b>	<b>Conservation</b>
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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 RECOMENDATIONS

### Housing Trends

#### STATUS

Completed 2008

#### 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.

D2 – *Adapt Traditional Neighborhood Development and Transit Orientated Development*

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| <b>C</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Year, Board</b> not to pursue (in red)</li></ul>   |
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# Sample Recommendations

## ■ Land Use

- G1 – Review the dimensional regulations in zones, updating to promote more environmentally sensitive design ratios and promote proportional development.
  - Completed in 2009
- IN1 – Update definitions for elderly care facilities.
  - Completed 2011
- AH4 – Create a separate Housing Chapter of the Master Plan.
  - To Be Reviewed



# 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



# Capital Improvements

- 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 400<sup>th</sup> 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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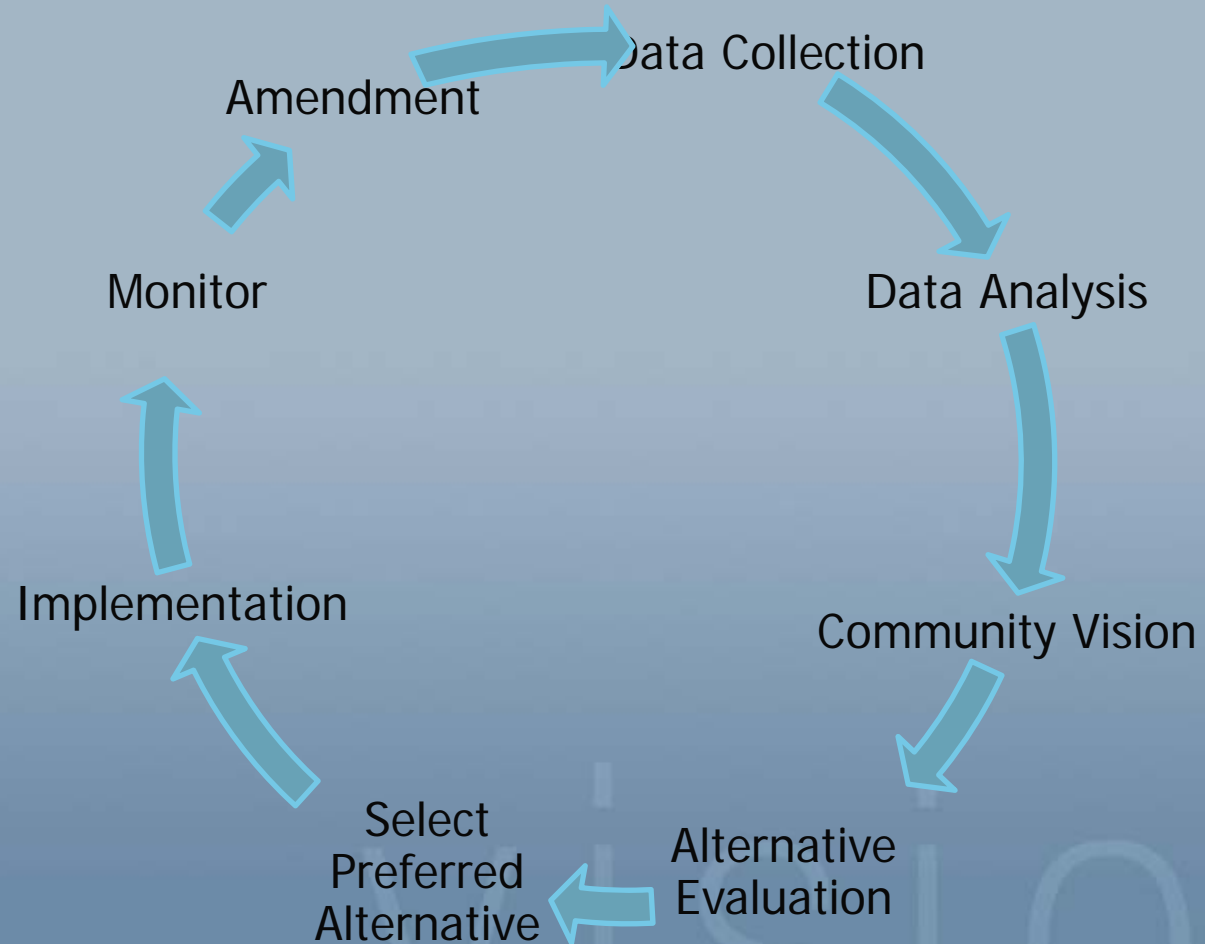
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# Next Steps

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# Next Steps

## ➤ DOVER DATA APPENDIX – 2013

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
4. Energy



# Next Steps

## ➤ LAND USE CHAPTER - 2014

This chapter would include these topics:

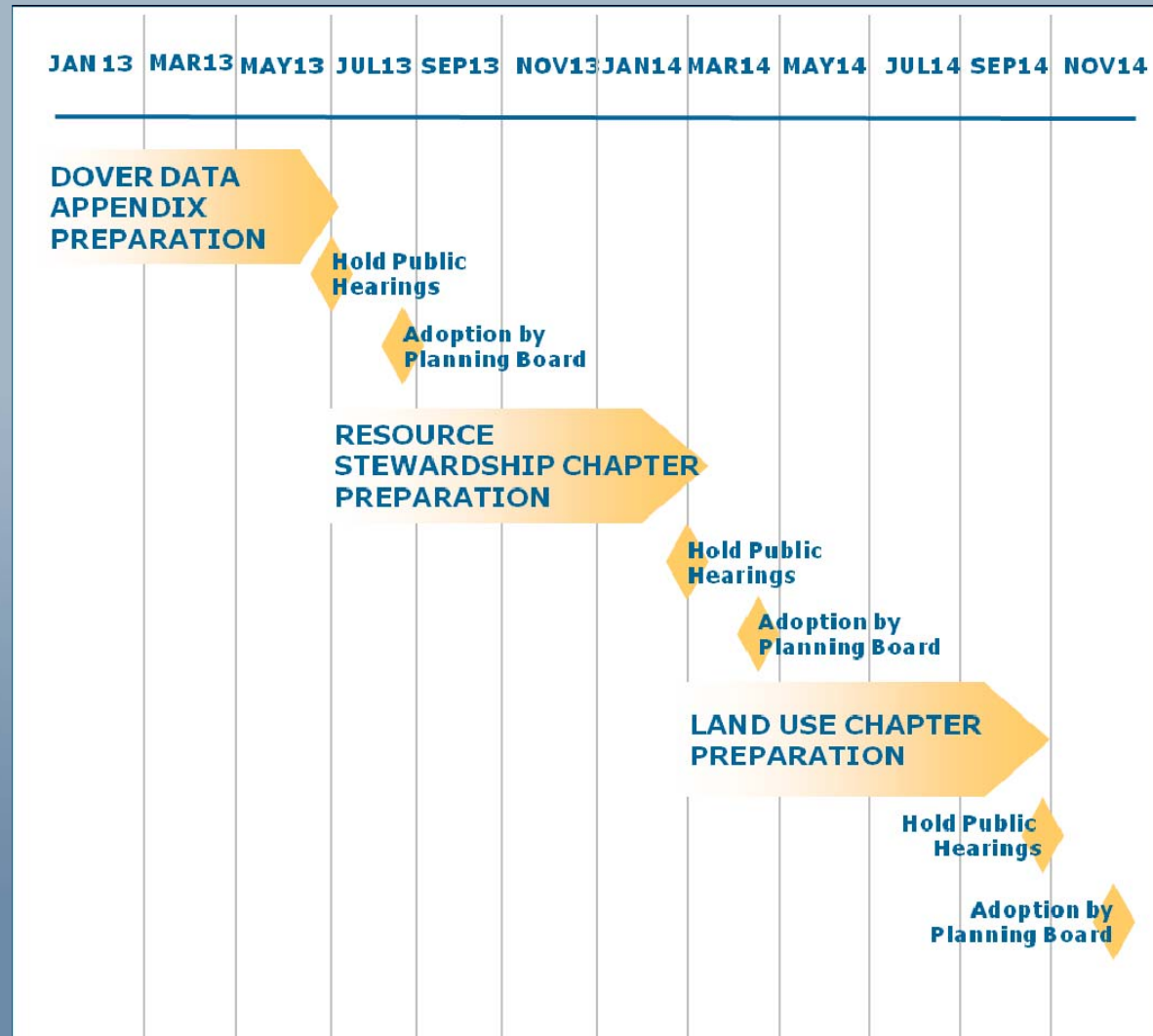
1. Economic Development
2. Housing
3. Community Design

## ➤ TRANSPORTATION- 2015

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



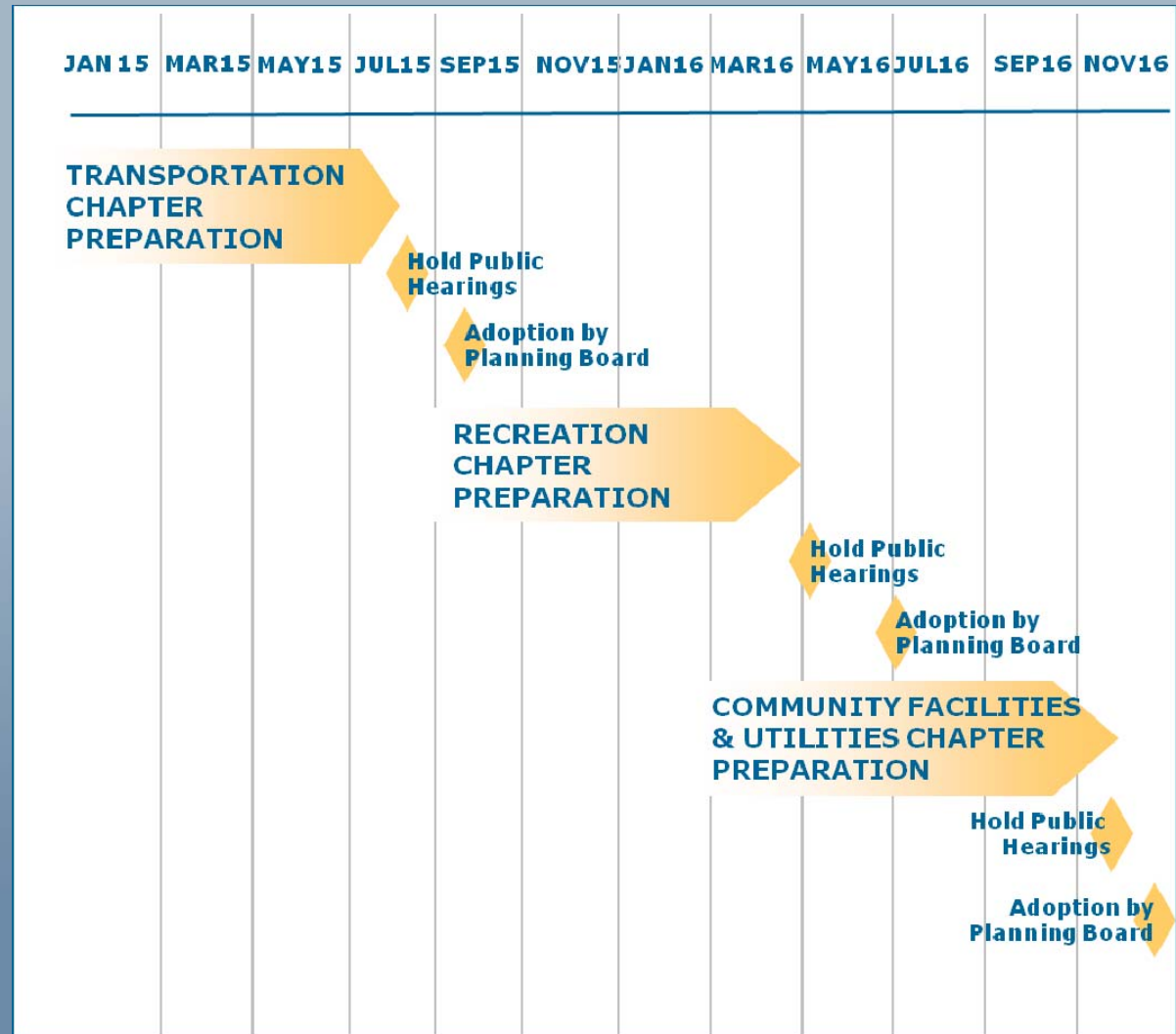
# Timeline 2013







# Timeline 2015





## Questions

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