



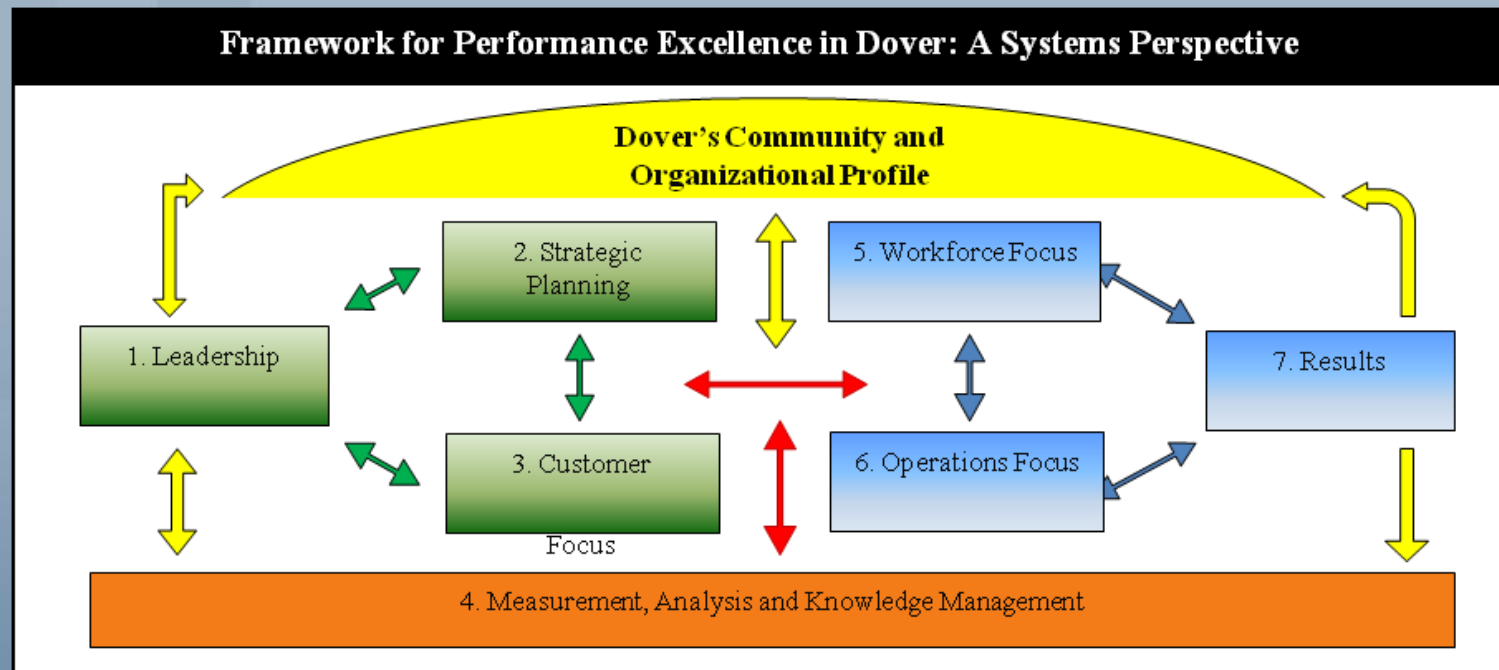
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# City of Dover, New Hampshire

Master Plan Overview and Executive Summary

March 16, 2016

# Why Dover Has a Master Plan



# Master Plan 101

**Driving directions**

via 6th St **6 min**  
5 min without traffic · [Show traffic](#) **2.0 miles**

**288 Central Ave**  
Dover, NH 03820

- ↑ Head northwest on Central Ave toward St Thomas St  
328 ft
- ↑ Central Ave turns right and becomes Washington St  
0.2 mi
- ↶ Turn left onto Main St  
0.3 mi
- ↑ Continue onto Central Ave  
0.1 mi
- ↶ Turn left onto 6th St  
Destination will be on the left  
1.4 mi

**262 6th St**  
Dover, NH 03820

These directions are for planning purposes only. You may find that construction projects, traffic, weather, or other events may cause conditions to differ from the map results, and you should plan your route accordingly. You must obey all signs or notices regarding your route.



# Master Plan Adoption

## Planning Board Oversees

(Guided by RSAs 674:2 - 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 are part of the adoption or amendment.



# Chapters Of a Master Plan

- Vision (2012)\*
  - Land Use (2015)\*
  - Community Facilities (2009)
  - Utilities (2009)
  - Recreation (2009)
  - Natural Resources (2012)
  - Economic Dev. (2015)
  - Housing (2015)
  - Transportation (2016)
  - Implementation (Ongoing)
  - Historic Resources (2016)
  - Natural Hazards
  - Cultural Resources (2016)
  - Energy
  - Coastal Mgmt. (2017)
  - Regional Concern
  - Community Design
  - Neighborhood Plan
- In Place      To Be Completed      \* = Required      Not Contemplated



# Public Involvement

<b>Visioning</b> Robert Carrier Dana Lynch Jack Mettee Jan Nedelka Anne Ross <b>Kirt Schuman</b> Alison Webb	<b>Land Use Analysis</b> Gina Cruikshank Fergus Cullen Norm Fracassa Marcia Gasses Robert Paolini <b>Jerry Reese</b>	<b>Transportation</b> Matt Hanson Dana Lynch Jon Niehof Moe Olivier Lee Skinner Eric Swanson <b>Daniel Toland</b>	<b>Recreation</b> Robert Carrier Ronald A. Cole Cova Greig Carrie Keech Jan Nedelka Diana Schuman Kirt Schuman Brian Wilson	<b>Community Facilities and Utilities</b> Donald Andolina Bill Boulanger Bill Colbath Tom Humphrey <b>David Landry</b> Paul Vlasich	<b>Conservation</b> Samuel Chouinard Thomas Fargo William Hunt Anne Kotlus Barbara Lehocky <b>Lee Skinner</b> Dorothy Wagner
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Chair in bold

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# Do's and Don'ts

- A Master Plan is:
  - The community's vision
  - A living/dynamic document
  - A tool for managing growth
  - A guide for capital spending
  - The City's strategic plan
- A Master Plan is not:
  - Regulations
  - A static document
  - A burden
  - Funding
  - A place holder

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# Executive Summary Layout

- Introduction
- Recommendations
  - Vision
  - Land Use
  - Transportation
  - Recreation
  - Conservation and Open Space
  - Natural and Historic Resources
  - Community Facilities and Utilities
  - Transportation Tables





# Executive Summary Elements

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## CONSERVATION AND OPEN SPACE RECOMMENDATIONS

### CONSERVATION AND OPEN SPACE

#### STATUS

- **Completed Year:** This indicates the year a recommendation was completed
- **To Be Reviewed:** This recommendation has not been considered yet. (in blue)
- **Not Recommended: Year, Board** This recommendation was not recommended, the year and who decided not to pursue (in red)
- **Ongoing:** The recommendation has been implemented and is not one with a completion date. – usually a policy or procedure change
- **In Progress (Year):** The recommendation is underway, and has a tentative completion date
- **Other:** Other note or information regarding the recommendation

and referal agencies and private land trusts.

complete 2014

- Re-intigorate the Open Lands Committee



# Sample Recommendations

## ■ Recreation

- A Dog Park should be constructed
  - Completed, 2010

## ■ Conservation/Open Space

- Raise awareness of accessible conservation lands
  - Ongoing

## ■ Community Facilities/Utilities

- Construct a Police Facility in conjunction with a parking garage downtown
  - In Progress , 2016



# Sample Recommendations

## ■ Land Use

- Revise regulations to ensure that low impact storm water facilities, natural resource protection, and other ecological approaches to land use change are required through development review.
  - In Progress, 2016

## ■ Natural/Historic Resources

- Include a biosolid section in the Zoning Code.
  - Not recommended, 2000, Planning Board
- Establish a Heritage Commission
  - Completed 2015



# Connections to Goals

Goal	Vision	Land Use	Trans	Rec	Open Space	Com Facility	Stewardship
Citizen Engagement	X	X	X	X	X		X
Economic Development	X	X	X	X		X	X
Infrastructure	X	X	X	X		X	X
Downtown Access	X	X	X				

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# Visioning

*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.





# Transportation Chapter

- Focus Area Goals for the Chapter– 2015/16
  - 1. Traffic Calming
    - 1. Local speed
    - 2. infrastructure
  - 2. Access to Transit
  - 3. Connections
    - 1. Sidewalk
    - 2. Neighborhood
    - 3. Bike
  - 4. Smart City
    - 1. Technology
    - 2. Performance measures



# Next Steps

## MP Years

1963,

1978,

1988,

1998,

2000,

2007,

2009,

2011,

2012,

2015...





# Next Steps

- STEWARDSHIP - 2016
  1. Natural Resources
  2. Cultural and Historic Resources
  3. Energy
  4. Social Capital
- Coastal Management – 2016/2017
  1. Climate Adaptation
  2. Coastal Management
- Community Facilities – 2017
  1. Maintenance and Investment strategies
  2. Building and Infrastructure Needs



## Questions

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