

# Dover's Stewardship of Resources Master Plan Chapter (2016)

## Summary:

The Stewardship of Resources Chapter inventories critical resources and related issues and is intended to inform policy decisions made within the community.

The strategies and implementation actions identified in this Chapter provide a roadmap for Dover's elected officials, citizens and staff as they work towards becoming a more resilient community. Topics addressed include: Natural Resources, Historic and Cultural Resources, Social Capital, Energy Resources, Natural Hazards, and Coastal Management.

## Key Points:

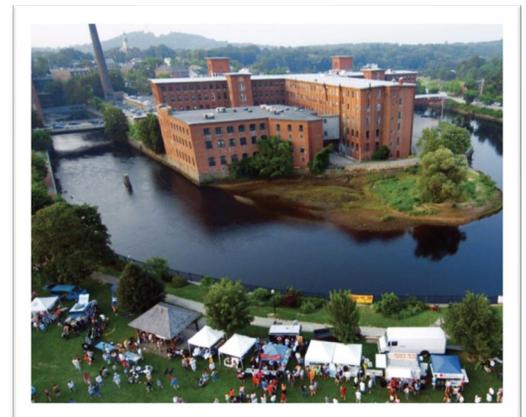
- "Downtown," "Community," and the "Cochecho River" were identified by Dover citizens as the most important resources.
- Ground water aquifers, NHDES wellhead protection areas, prime agricultural soils and Tier 3 wildlife habitats are the resources most impacted by development.
- Significant cultural resources identified include the McConnell Community Center, City Hall, churches, the Library, Woodman Museum, mill buildings, Community Trail and Strand Theatre.
- Social capital was identified as a strength of the Dover Community.
- The most likely geophysical hazards to impact Dover are: floods, winter storms, nor'easters, hurricanes, severe wind storms, thunderstorms and lightning.
- Impervious cover in Dover exceeds the NHDES recommendation for communities within the watershed.

## Suggested Uses:

The implementation strategy in this chapter provides a valuable framework for addressing the identified resources and issues. The framework is structured as follows: Outreach and Education, Studies and Initiatives, Regulatory Changes, and City Operations, Policies and Procedures. The City Council, Boards, Committees, Commissions, and City Departments should consult the Implementation Strategy and use the corresponding Chapter sections to inform efforts to preserve Dover's resources.

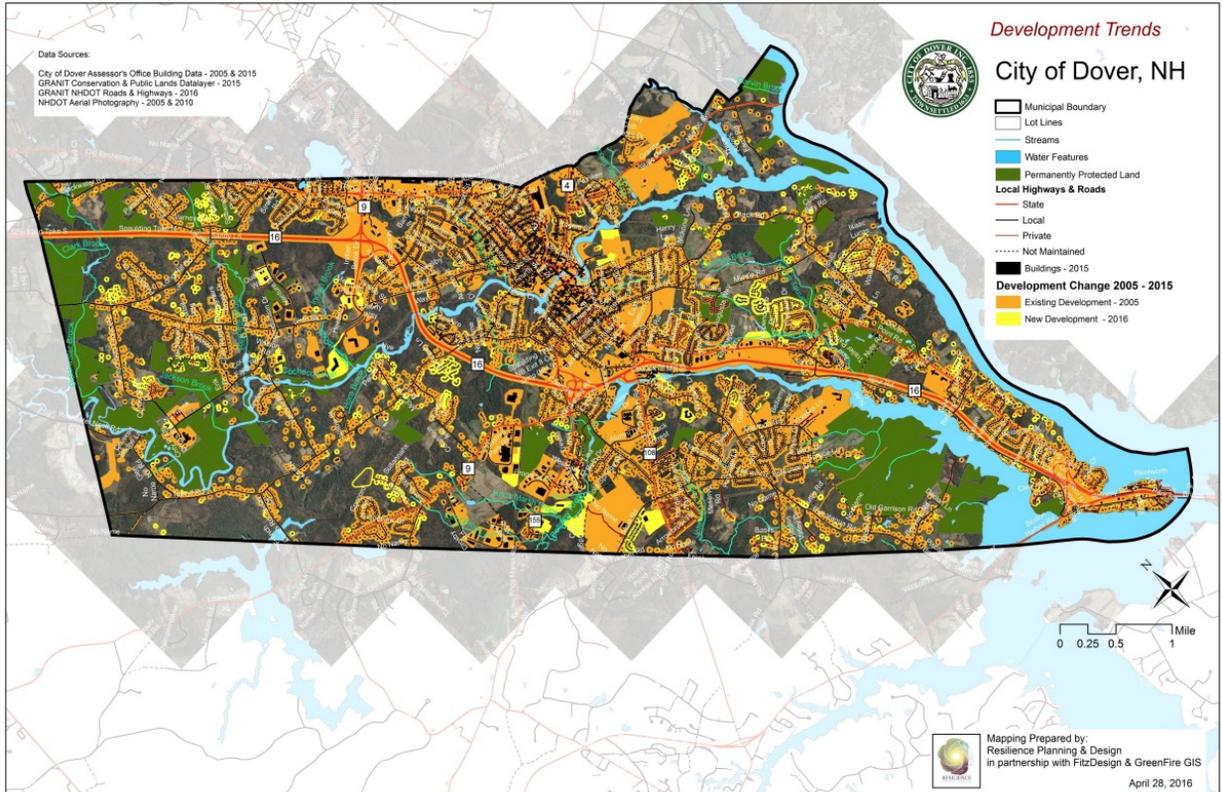
## Keywords:

- Infrastructure
- Energy
- Social capital
- Stewardship
- Natural hazards
- Management

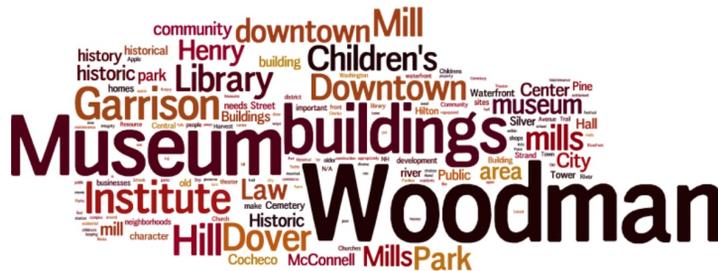


## Example Figures

The figure below represents the development change in Dover between 2005 and 2015. Orange indicates development as of 2005 and yellow shows new development between 2005 and 2015.



Many word clouds are used in this Chapter. This word cloud highlights what the community views to be the most significant historic and cultural resources. Words that appear larger were mentioned more frequently in survey responses.



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