

Looking ahead to  
**HINGHAM'S 400<sup>TH</sup>**



**2020 MASTER PLAN**

# Hingham Master Plan

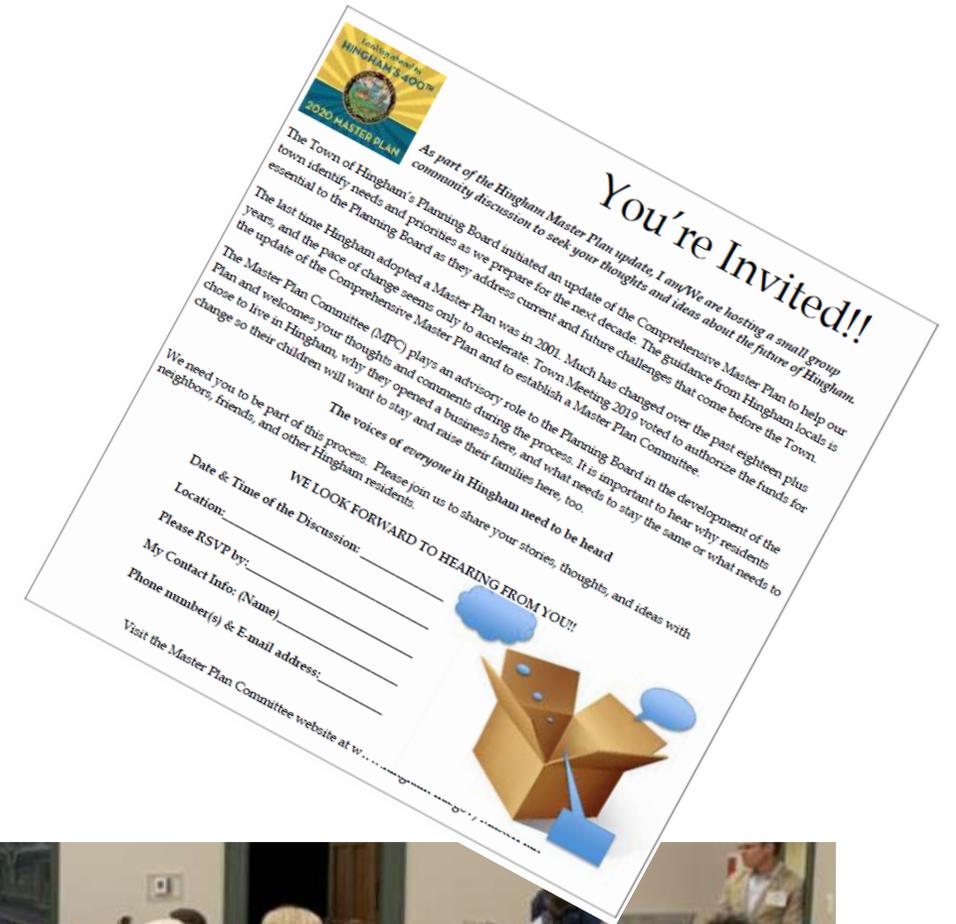
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June 6, 2023 Select Board  
Meeting

Update and Implementation  
Presentation

# Master Plan Background

- What is a Master Plan?
- Visioning Process
- Goals and Policy Recommendations
- Implementation



# Community Vision: In 2035, Hingham will be a place that...

**Honors** its coastal New England heritage and celebrates its place and role throughout our country's history.

**Safeguards** its coastal and inland natural resources.

**Enhances** public access to Hingham Harbor and its amenities.

**Strengthens** its pride of place and sense of community through town-wide events and celebrations.

**Provides** infrastructure and services to encourage multimodal mobility linking key locations throughout town, such as the Shipyard, Harbor, Downtown, and South Hingham.

**Promotes** the safety and well-being of older adults and supports aging in community by providing high-quality amenities and services and encouraging housing that meets the needs of seniors.

**Provides** excellent schools and supports families by meeting the needs of children and youth, offering a wide range of recreation, athletic, social, and cultural activities.

**Provides** for strong, resilient commercial districts by supporting responsible development that brings economic growth and diversifies our tax base.

**Welcomes** racial, cultural, and economic diversity.

**Encourages** a range of housing types and prices.

**Systematically plans for and invests** in planned preventive maintenance and capital improvements to municipal and school facilities and infrastructure.

**Encourages and values** its tradition of public participation in government.

# Core Elements



Economic  
Development



Natural,  
Open Space  
and  
Recreation  
Resources



Sustainability  
Water and  
Energy



Population  
and Housing



Historic and  
Cultural  
Resources



Services and  
Facilities



Transportation  
and Circulation

*Each Element includes an Inventory of Existing Conditions, Forecast of Needs,  
and Policies and Strategies to Achieve our Future Vision...*

# Master Plan Goals

<b>Honor</b>	Honor town character.
<b>Protect</b>	Protect the environment and prepare for the impacts of climate change.
<b>Improve</b>	Improve safety for all modes of travel and reduce traffic congestion.
<b>Provide</b>	Provide a variety of housing to encourage population diversity and aging in the community.
<b>Support</b>	Support a vibrant, resilient local economy.
<b>Provide</b>	Provide high-quality services that support the health and wellness of residents of all ages.
<b>Provide</b>	Provide public facilities and infrastructure that support the Town's need to manage growth and town services.

# Policies and Recommendations



The Implementation Matrix Identifies the following for each Recommendation:

- Plan Element
- Responsible Party
- Land Use Element
- Level of Complexity
- Timeframe
- Resources Needed
- Associated Chapter

**The Select Board is responsible for 65 Policy Recommendations!**

# Example Recommendations

## Policy 2.3. Protect critical public infrastructure along the coast from sea level rise.

Recommendations	Elements	Responsibility	Element of Land Use Plan	Level of Complexity	Timeframe	Resources Needed	Chapter
Proactively budget for and implement the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness project recommendations and the Climate Change Vulnerability, Risk Assessment, and Adaptation Study.	S; CSF, NOS	SB, AC		Complicated	Near term and ongoing	Funding	5

## Policy 5.4. Guide development to desired locations with regulatory incentives and adequate infrastructure.

Recommendations	Elements	Responsibility	Element of Land Use Plan	Level of Complexity	Timeframe	Resources Needed	Chapter
Prioritize public facilities, utilities, and infrastructure improvements in locations targeted for concentrated development and redevelopment: Downtown/Harbor, Hingham Shipyard, and South Hingham.	CSF; ED	SB	X	Difficult	Ongoing	Funding	9

## Policy 7.1. Conduct long-range capital planning and service delivery with the foresight to anticipate and address future needs.

Recommendations	Elements	Responsibility	Element of Land Use Plan	Level of Complexity	Timeframe	Resources Needed	Chapter
Establish a process for long-term capital planning and investigate the establishment of a Permanent Building and Facilities Management Study Committee to explore alternative approaches to prioritize and manage capital improvement projects.	CSF	SB		Moderate	Ongoing	Programmatic	8

# Master Plan Implementation Committee

- **Advisory to the Planning Board**
- **Mission and Scope**
- **Core Responsibilities**
  - Education and Outreach
  - Monitor and Track Progress
  - Review and Assess Timeframes and Level of Complexity
  - Host Master Plan Summits with Planning Board
  - Prepare a Draft Annual Report
- **Membership**
  - Planning Board and Select Board Representatives
  - Representatives of Core Elements
- **2-Year, Staggered Terms**
- **Staff Support**



# Questions and Discussion

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