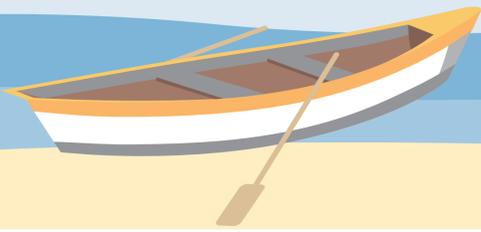


# Hull Master Plan



Let's make this a hull of a plan!

## What is a Master Plan?

A Master Plan is a type of long-range plan that is used by cities and towns throughout Massachusetts to manage change.

These plans set a vision and identify goals to help local elected officials, boards and committees, and staff work together toward shared community goals.

## What Will the Master Plan Look Like?

A typical Master Plan is formatted as a report-style document. It will include a vision for the town 10 years from now; recommended goals, strategies, and actions to achieve that vision; and a roadmap for implementation.

## How Is a Master Plan Different From Other Plans?

Unlike technical studies that focus on a single subject or plans that focus on one neighborhood, Master Plans look at multiple topics and helps cities and towns connect the dots.

Master plans do not provide detailed solutions for individual sites, facilities, and issues; instead, they provide a shared foundation and common language.

## What Topics are Covered By a Master Plan?

Massachusetts General Law requires that master plans cover the following topics:



Housing



Transportation



Climate Resilience & Sustainability



Economic Development & Opportunity



Open Space & Recreation



Community Facilities & Services



Art, Culture & Heritage



Land Use & Zoning

## Who Makes the Hull Master Plan?

Massachusetts General Law Chapter 41, Section 81D gives **Planning Boards** the responsibility of overseeing the preparation and adoption of their community's master plan.

Sometimes, the Planning Board creates an ad hoc committee to manage the process for them. In Hull, that group is the **Hull Master Plan Steering Committee**.

Most cities and towns work with a planning consultant to provide expertise since master plans are very technical. For the Hull Master Plan, the Town is working with the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC). The best plans are also guided by **robust community input**.

If you would like to learn more about what a Master Plan is, please visit the project website and see the FAQs!



# What's the Planning Process and Timeline?

You can get involved by...



## Research Existing Conditions

Spring-Summer 2025

We are analyzing data to understand the current state of Hull, such as demographic changes over the past decade and commuting patterns of Hull residents. We developed a community engagement plan that outlines our approaches and methods to engage Hull residents.

## Establish Community Vision

Fall 2025

We launched an initial visioning survey to gather public input on the community's aspirations for the next decade. We are also hosting an open house! Afterwards, we will analyze the feedback collected from this open house to help inform the development of Hull's vision statement, while preparing for more in-depth focus group conversations with residents to gather feedback on draft goals and launch a community-wide goals survey.

## Develop Goals

Winter 2025/2026

We will gather input from Hull residents through focus group conversations and a second community survey focused on goals. These community insights will guide the development of clear, specific goals that the Town can work toward over the next 10 to 15 years.

## Identifying Strategies and Actions

Spring 2026

We will develop specific strategies and actions to help achieve the goals set by the community. These strategies may include updates to policies and regulations, recommendations for future infrastructure and capital improvements, and initiatives to strengthen local programs and partnerships.

## Draft Plan Comment Period

Summer 2026

Once a draft plan is ready, we will invite community-wide feedback on the draft plan!

## Planning Board Adoption of the Hull Master Plan

Take the survey, attend the open house, join a monthly Steering Committee meeting

Take the survey, help organize or participate in a small group conversation, join a monthly Steering Committee meeting

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Provide feedback on the draft plan, join a monthly Steering Committee meeting