

**City of Portsmouth
Master Plan
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A master plan . . .

- . . . is a reference document about current & projected conditions
- . . . is a collection of text, maps, & data relevant to the community's development
- . . . is a collection of policies, goals and recommendations about how the community should, or should not, develop
- . . . establishes a broad future community vision and direction
- . . . provides a rational basis for zoning and land use regulation
- . . . serves as a guide to orderly community growth
- . . . assists residents and policymakers to understand current conditions and trends, as well as their future implications
- . . . is, by state law, the responsibility of the Planning Board

A master plan is not . . .

- . . . the final word on the community's future
- . . . the "end all-be all" panacea for a community's problems & challenges

Portsmouth's Master Plan will be developed over the next 18 months by . . .

- . . . the Portsmouth Planning Board
- . . . residents, business owners, property owners, & other City stakeholders
- . . . City policy makers and staff

Portsmouth's Master Plan will encompass the following areas:

- Vision Statement
- Population & Social Characteristics
- Land Use
- Housing
- Economic Development
- Transportation
- Public Facilities & Services
- Natural Resources
- Natural Hazards & Emergency Management
- Recreation
- Cultural & Historic Resources
- Social Services
- Regional Concerns

Each of these topical areas will contain these components:

- Goals & Policies
- Inventory & Analysis
- Implementation Strategy