

What is the Mansfield Master Plan Update?

The Town of Mansfield is updating its comprehensive master plan which will provide local policy-makers with a roadmap to shape future development, prepare for future challenges, and preserve its existing community. The Master Plan will pay particular attention to certain areas of town, such as Downtown Mansfield, that may be opportunities for transformation.

Why create a Master Plan?

A master plan is a long-range (10-year) visionary plan for the community's physical evolution that embodies the community's goals and values and provides qualitative, quantitative, and logistical guidance for implementing this community vision. A master plan helps the community imagine—and create a better future. Only by first imagining where we want to go, can we figure out how to get there.

What information is included within a Master Plan?

By law, a Master Plan must include plans for the Town's future growth and development, specifically addressing issues of land use; housing; economic development; transportation; significant natural, cultural, and historic resources; open space and recreation areas; and public facilities and services.

What is the timeline for Mansfield's Master Plan?

The Master Plan is broken into four phases. Phase I, wrapping up in September 2019, focuses on Mansfield today—the Town's physical, environmental, cultural, and demographic characteristics. Phase II, which will launch in Fall 2019, asks residents to envision the Town's future and goals by attending a public workshop on Saturday, October 19th, 2019. Phases III and IV, launching in 2020, will focus on implementation, adoption, and finalization of the final plan. The plan is expected to be completed by April 2020 for adoption at Spring Town Meeting in May 2020.

View the project schedule here:

[Phase I and II project schedule](#)

[Phase III and IV project schedule](#)

Who is working on Mansfield's Master Plan?

A Master Plan Steering Committee (MPSC), composed of the Planning Board; representatives from the Select Board, School Committee, Finance Committee, Housing Partnership, and IDC; and ten citizens-at-large, aids the Master Plan consultant team by providing feedback and analyses throughout the process.

The project is led by JM Goldson community preservation + planning, a Boston-based planning firm that provides expertise in community visioning and master planning; historic preservation; housing; and community preservation. The consultant team also includes BETA Group Inc. and RKG Associates.

How do I get involved?

Attend an Event. Save the date for the project's community workshop which will be held on Saturday October 19th 2019. Time and Location TBD.

In addition to this workshop, members of the public are encouraged and welcome to attend any of the MPSC meetings held at Town Hall on the following Wednesdays:

- May 15th *Project Kickoff
- September 18th *Phase II Kickoff
- October 30th
- November 20th
- January 8th *Phases III and IV Kickoff
- February 12th
- March 18th
- April 8th

These meetings are a great opportunity to stay informed about the project as it develops and provide ongoing feedback to the project consultants. We hope to meet you at one of these events!

Write to Us. Submit a comment by email or in writing to the [Mansfield Master Plan email](#). All comments become part of the public record.