

INTRODUCTION TO THE MASTER PLAN UPDATE

ABOUT

The Town of Northwood initiated the process of updating its 2004 Master Plan in June 2022. The Planning Board created a Master Plan Subcommittee to oversee the development of the plan. The Town anticipated updating two to four chapters per year.

LIST OF CHAPTERS AND ANTICIPATED DATE OF PREPARATION AND ADOPTION

Chapter Title	Anticipated Date Drafted	Anticipated Date to be Considered for Adoption
Vision Statement	September-November 2022	January 2023
Existing Land Use Chapter	September-December 2022	January 2023
Housing Chapter	April 2023 – January 2024	February 2024
Recreation Chapter	April 2023 – January 2024	February 2024
Natural Resources & Water Resources Chapter	April 2023 – January 2024	February 2024
Community Facilities Chapter	March 2024 – June 2024	July 2024
Future Land Use Chapter	August 2024 – Dec 2024	January 2025

The Master Plan Subcommittee and/or Planning Board may determine that chapter for additional planning topics are necessary.

PUBLIC INPUT

Public input and involvement in the development of the plan is critical to developing a meaningful, appropriate, and adoptable plan in Northwood. Opportunities and methods to collect input from the community will be integrated throughout the process.

Additionally, all Master Plan Subcommittee and Planning Board meetings are open to the public. A project website (www.northwoodmp.info) has been created to serve as a one stop shop to learn about the Master Plan, ways to get involved, and to review drafts.

Information obtained from surveys, public workshops, and other events will inform key areas of focus and the recommendations in the plan. All public input received will be compiled into a summary document.

Public Input Themes, Concept, and Values

Several themes, concepts, and values were identified during the preliminary public input process for the Master Plan update. This input directly informed the Vision Chapter.

Representative icons are included throughout the Master Plan to highlight where and how these themes, concepts, and values are reflected in the content and information explored in each chapter.



Welcoming



Rural Character



Diverse Housing



Communication



Historic Structures



Connectivity



Preparedness



Natural Resources
Preservation



Recreation for
all Ages



Economy and
Business Viability



Village Center
Development



Safety