

MARY, MARY, QUITE CONTRARY, HOW DOES YOUR TOWN GROW?

What is your vision for the future of Wakefield?

Town of Wakefield Master Plan Update 2009

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TOWN OF WAKEFIELD MASTER PLAN UPDATE 2009

What is your vision for the future of Wakefield – more commercial development and increased employment opportunities; preservation of open space to protect our surface waters and wildlife habitats; development of more housing; protection of our town’s historic structures and landscapes; more recreational opportunities; an expanded library and other cultural facilities; maintaining Wakefield’s small town feel and rural character? What is it that *you* would like to see in Wakefield?

This is your opportunity to help shape the future growth of our town as the Town of Wakefield Planning Board begins to update the town’s Master Plan.

WHAT IS A “MASTER PLAN”?

The Master Plan is a policy document to guide growth and development within the town. It includes a set of statements and guiding principles that serve to protect and enhance the unique quality of life that makes Wakefield *Wakefield*.

The Master Plan begins with a Vision Statement that describes in general terms the desires of the citizens of town as related to future growth and development. These statements are then expanded upon in subsequent chapters into guiding principles and priorities to implement that vision. Maps, diagrams and charts are included to support and provide visual explanation of the written text.

The key factor in creating a Master Plan that is truly representative of what the citizens of the community want for their town is *PUBLIC PARTICIPATION* in the development of the Master Plan. And this is where *you* come in.

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

Serve on a committee that will help research and write various sections of the Master Plan. During 2009 in addition to an updated Vision Statement, the Planning Board plans to work on chapters to address Land Use, Community Facilities, Natural Resources, Natural Hazards, and Cultural and Historic Resources.

- The Land Use section translates the vision statements into physical terms. Based on a study of population, economic activity, and natural, historic, and cultural resources, it discusses existing conditions and the proposed location, extent, and intensity of future land use.
- The Community Facilities section identifies facilities needed to support the future land use pattern and to meet the projected needs of the community. Included in this section are schools, recreation, library, Fire, Police, Transfer Station, water, sewer, etc.
- The Natural Resources section identifies and inventories any critical or sensitive areas or resources, not only those in the local community, but also those shared with abutting communities. This section provides a factual basis for any land development regulations that may be enacted to protect natural areas and should include a local water resources management and protection plan.
- The Natural Hazards section documents the physical characteristics, severity, frequency, and extent of any potential natural hazards to the community. It should also identify those elements of the built environment at risk from natural hazards as well as extent of current and future vulnerability that may result from current zoning and development policies.
- The Cultural and Historic Resources section identifies these resources and protects them for rehabilitation or preservation from the impact of other land uses.

Committees will participate in joint meetings with the Planning Board to obtain input from the public. Based on this input, the committee will then research information with the assistance of our Town Planner and draft the chapter of the Master Plan for public review and comment before adoption into the Master Plan.

Can't commit to serving on a committee? Then plan to attend the public input sessions to offer your thoughts and suggestions. These sessions will be held throughout the year at Town Hall in the first floor conference room.

The public input sessions will be noticed in the Carroll County Independent and Granite State News, and notices will be posted in Town Hall, the Sanbornville Post Office and on the Town's website at www.wakefieldnh.com. Just click on the tab for "Town Meeting Info" and you'll be transferred to the meeting calendar and schedules.

What else can you do? Tell a friend, tell many friends. The more input we have, the better our Master Plan will be.

So please join us as we plan for Wakefield's future. Wakefield will then be a better place for us all.

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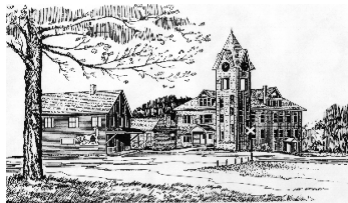
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Please join us to discuss your vision for the future of Wakefield. We'll discuss the Master Plan process and committee participation opportunities.

We'll also be treated to a presentation by Pam Judge of the recently completed Union Village Historical Resources Survey.



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