

# HANOVER SUSTAINABILITY MASTER PLAN

## Town of Hanover, NH Sustainability Master Plan

The Hanover community is undertaking the development of a Sustainability Master Plan (SMP) in accordance with New Hampshire statutes relating to master planning ([RSA 674:2](#)). This undertaking will be community driven—with a focus on broad and inclusive public engagement and guided by an Advisory Committee that is comprised of a diverse group of community representatives.

The purpose of the Sustainability Master Plan is to inform residents and businesses on Hanover’s characteristics, trends, and policies, and to promote a higher quality of life for all—including the environment—through the implementation of relevant and timely actions. The Plan will also guide municipal decision-making, such as the coordination of future residential, commercial, and industrial activities, based on a shared community vision and associated goals.

### Defining Sustainability

Meeting the needs of the town and region in the present without compromising abilities of future generations to meet their own needs in consideration of changing climate conditions. Supporting a cohesive community that can take action to balance the environment and economics, with a strong focus on justice and equity.

### What is a Sustainable Master Plan?

Sustainability Master Plans consider a broader set of indicators than is typical for a master plan, for example, performance measures relating to preventing and preparing for the impacts of climate change. Such plans also have a greater focus on addressing challenges and opportunities more regionally and even globally. The planning process is more reliant on stakeholder engagement, with emphasis on participation of marginalized communities and a focus on transparency.

Hanover’s upcoming Master Plan will have its foundations in sustainability principles to ensure the holistic consideration of social, environmental, and economic concerns. It will be guided by the definition of “sustainability” presented to the left.



### What will the SMP cover?

-  Land Use
-  Housing
-  Economic Development
-  Natural and Cultural Resources
-  Open Space and Recreation
-  Public Facilities and Services
-  Transportation and Mobility
-  Energy
-  Public Health - and more!

### The Role of Residents

Anyone who lives, works, and/or plays in Hanover is welcome to participate in the planning process! If you are interested in what the Town might look like 10 years from now, your vision is desired.

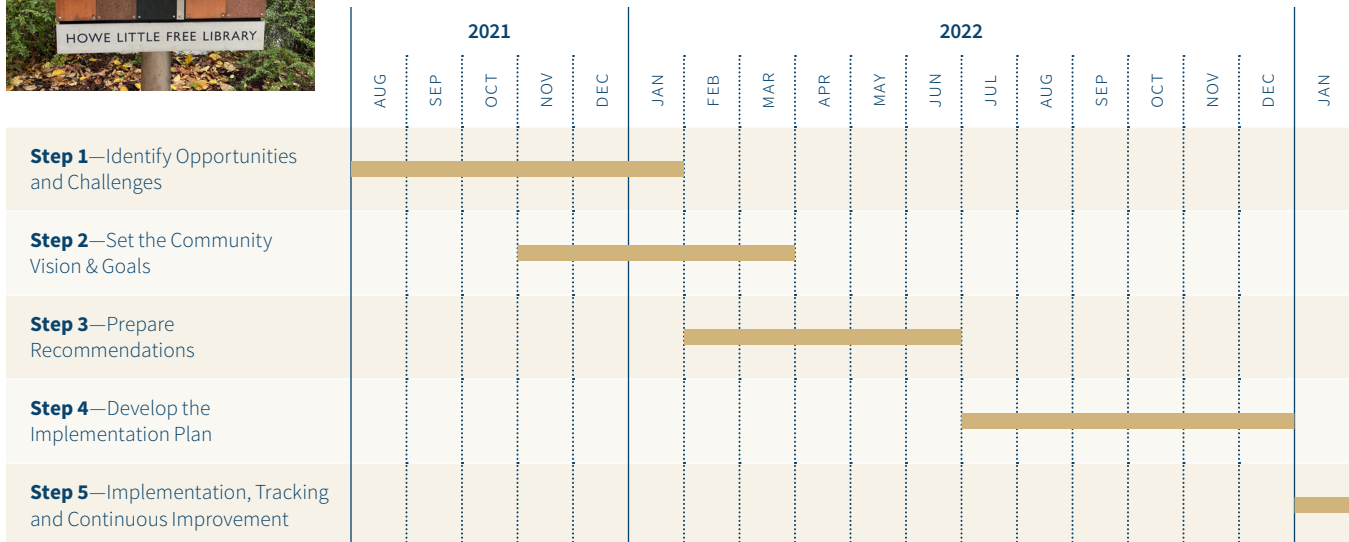
Throughout this planning process, public engagement will serve as a fundamental component. The Advisory Committee seeks to engage the community broadly in an open and transparent way. Creating shared knowledge and building consensus will be key to the success of this Master Plan.

Visit the “Get Involved” page on [www.hanovernhmasterplan.com](http://www.hanovernhmasterplan.com) to find the next opportunity to participate in the planning process—whether it be a public meeting or pop-up event. At this site, you can also sign up for updates and send the Advisory Committee your comments.



### Timeline

The development of the Hanover Sustainability Master Plan is expected to run the course of up to 18 months. The anticipated completion date is January 2023. Public workshops and surveys will begin to occur in early 2022, with further events planned throughout the remainder of the schedule.



Use this QR code to go to [www.hanovernhmasterplan.com](http://www.hanovernhmasterplan.com) and learn more about the Hanover Sustainability Master Plan.



Use this QR code to email the Hanover Master Plan Advisory Committee or send your comments to Vicki Smith, Senior Planner, at [vicki.smith@hanovernh.org](mailto:vicki.smith@hanovernh.org).