

Introduction

A master plan is a planning document that serves to guide the overall character, physical form, growth, and development of a community. It provides guidance to local officials when they are making decisions on budgets, ordinances, capital improvements, and zoning and subdivision matters. The master plan is a tool that can help officials deal responsibly with change and control growth in an orderly and constructive manner. Since a master plan serves as an official policy guide for a community, any ordinance pertaining to the use of land or the growth and development of the municipality should conform to the goals and policies of the plan.

Under state statutes, the preparation of a master plan is the official duty and responsibility of the planning board. The statutes (RSA 674:1) specifically require that the planning board will update and amend the master plan from time to time.

Since the last update to the master plan was adopted in August, 2001, the planning board established the master plan subcommittee in 2006 to review and update the plan for 2009. After several draft revisions and additional input from Antrim residents, the final version of the master plan was adopted by the planning board in July of 2010. This document is the result of many hours of work performed on behalf of the Planning Board and people of Antrim by a committee of citizen volunteers. The master plan was created by the citizens of Antrim, for the citizens of Antrim, to serve the citizens of Antrim. Therefore, the Antrim Planning Board would like to take this opportunity to recognize and express our gratitude for the professionalism and commitment the members of the master plan subcommittee have shown over the past two years in preparing this document. The master plan subcommittee members and other community members who contributed their personal time and talents to this project are:

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| - Missy Taylor, Chair | - Bob Holmes | - Steve Schacht |
| - Mary Allen | - Bradley Houseworth | - Mary Schmidt |
| - Scott Burnside | - Joseph Koziell | - Sandy Snow |
| - Diane Chauncey | - Ben Pratt | - Paul Vasques |
| - Bob Edwards | - Bill Prokop | - Kathi Wasserloos |
| - Ron Haggett | - Andrew Robblee | - C.R. Willeke |

When asked what they liked about Antrim, survey respondents indicated that they liked Antrim's small town character and knowing their neighbors. It is through the dedication and commitment of citizen volunteers like those listed above that Antrim remains blessed with an abundance of social capital and will continue to provide our citizens with a safe and supportive community in which to raise their families.

Sincerely,

Brian Sawich
Chair, 2006 – 2007
Antrim Planning Board

Andrew Robblee
Chair, 2008 - 2009
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