

TENTATIVE MASTER PLAN MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2007



All Advisory Committee meetings start at 7:00pm at Borough Hall. Please check the Borough's website (www.rutherford-nj.com) or call the Planning Board secretary at 201-460-3010 for any changes in dates, times and locations.

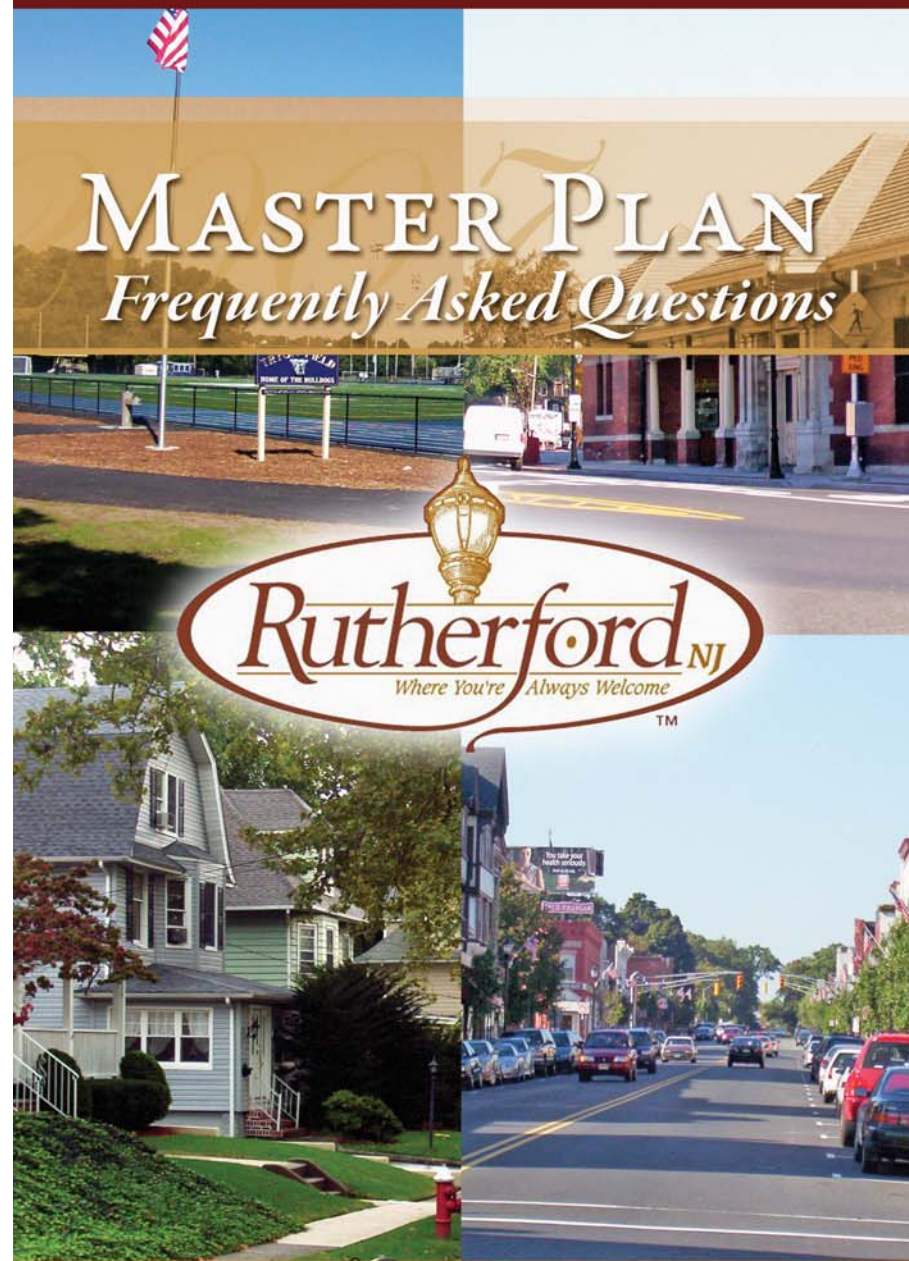


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| January 8 | Master Plan Advisory Committee kick off |
| February 12 | Master Plan Advisory Committee |
| February/March | Community meeting <i>(Date, time & location to be determined)</i> |
| March 12 | Master Plan Advisory Committee |
| April 9 | Master Plan Advisory Committee |
| April/May | Community meeting <i>(Date, time & location to be determined)</i> |
| May 17 | Planning Board public meeting on draft plan |
| June 21 | Planning Board public hearing and adoption of final plan |

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THE BOROUGH OF RUTHERFORD has begun the process of preparing a new comprehensive master plan. The key to a successful plan will be the involvement and input of the community – those who live, work and play in Rutherford, and those who provide the everyday goods and services that we depend on. To that end, the Borough is providing this overview to generate interest and help citizens better navigate the process.



Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is a master plan?

A master plan provides a blueprint for achieving the community's desired future. It forms the basis for sound land use, infrastructure and capital spending decisions. Both the content of the plan and the adoption process are governed by the NJ Municipal Land Use Law.

2. Doesn't Rutherford already have a master plan?

Although several studies and plans have been prepared over the years, and the Borough has met its statutory obligations with the adoption of Reexamination Reports in 1997 and 2003, the last comprehensive plan was adopted 30 years ago in 1977. It is time to update and consolidate the Borough's planning efforts.

3. How does the master plan relate to the Vision Statement that was prepared in 2004?

The Vision Statement established a vision for the year 2025 and presented an agenda for achieving that vision. It will serve as a stepping off point for the master plan and will form the basis for the plan's goals and objectives.

4. Will the master plan change the zoning in town?

The master plan is a policy document adopted by the Planning Board. The zoning ordinance is a regulatory tool adopted by the Borough Council to implement the master plan. While the master plan will contain recommendations for revisions to the zoning ordinance, they will not take effect unless and until they are adopted by the Council.

5. What will be covered in the master plan?

The master plan will include a community profile – a description of existing conditions related to demographics and the built and natural environment – and the following major elements:

- Goals and Objectives
- Land Use
- Community Facilities
- Open Space & Recreation
- Economic Development
- Historic Preservation
- Circulation
- Utilities
- Recycling

6. Who will prepare the master plan?

The Planning Board has the statutory authority to prepare and adopt the master plan. An advisory committee consisting of the full Board has been established to oversee the development of the plan and conduct all of the public meetings. Preparation of the plan will rely on input from residents as well as municipal boards, agencies and departments, and from the general public.

7. How can I get involved?

The Master Plan Advisory Committee will be discussing the master plan at regularly scheduled meetings on the second Monday of each month from January through April of 2007. Two community meetings will also be held. Presentation of the final plan and eventual adoption by the Planning Board will take place at an open public hearing. A schedule of meeting dates is provided on the back cover and will appear on the Borough's website. All meetings are open to the public.

8. How long will this process take?

Final adoption of the master plan is expected by June 2007.

