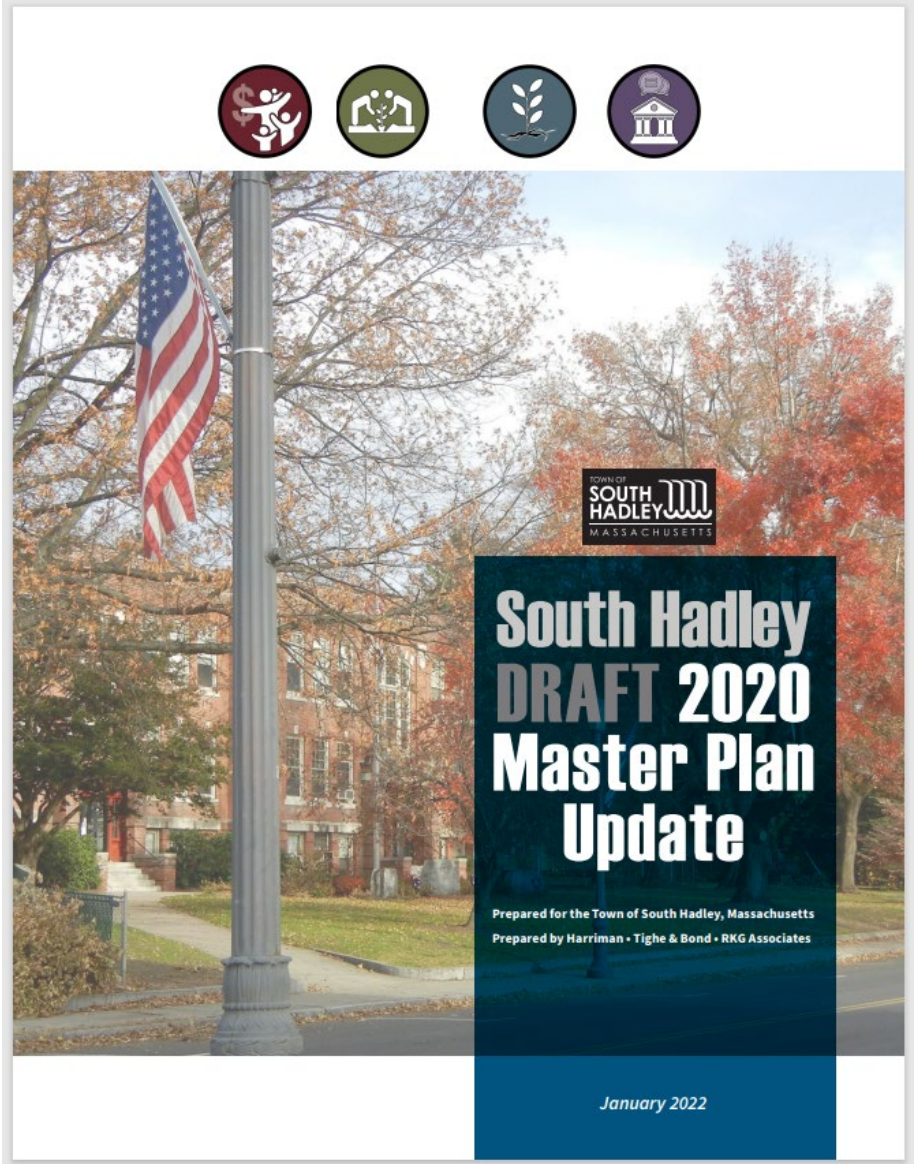
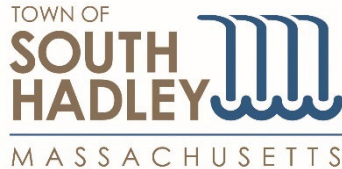


2020 Master Plan Update Public Hearing

March 28, 2022

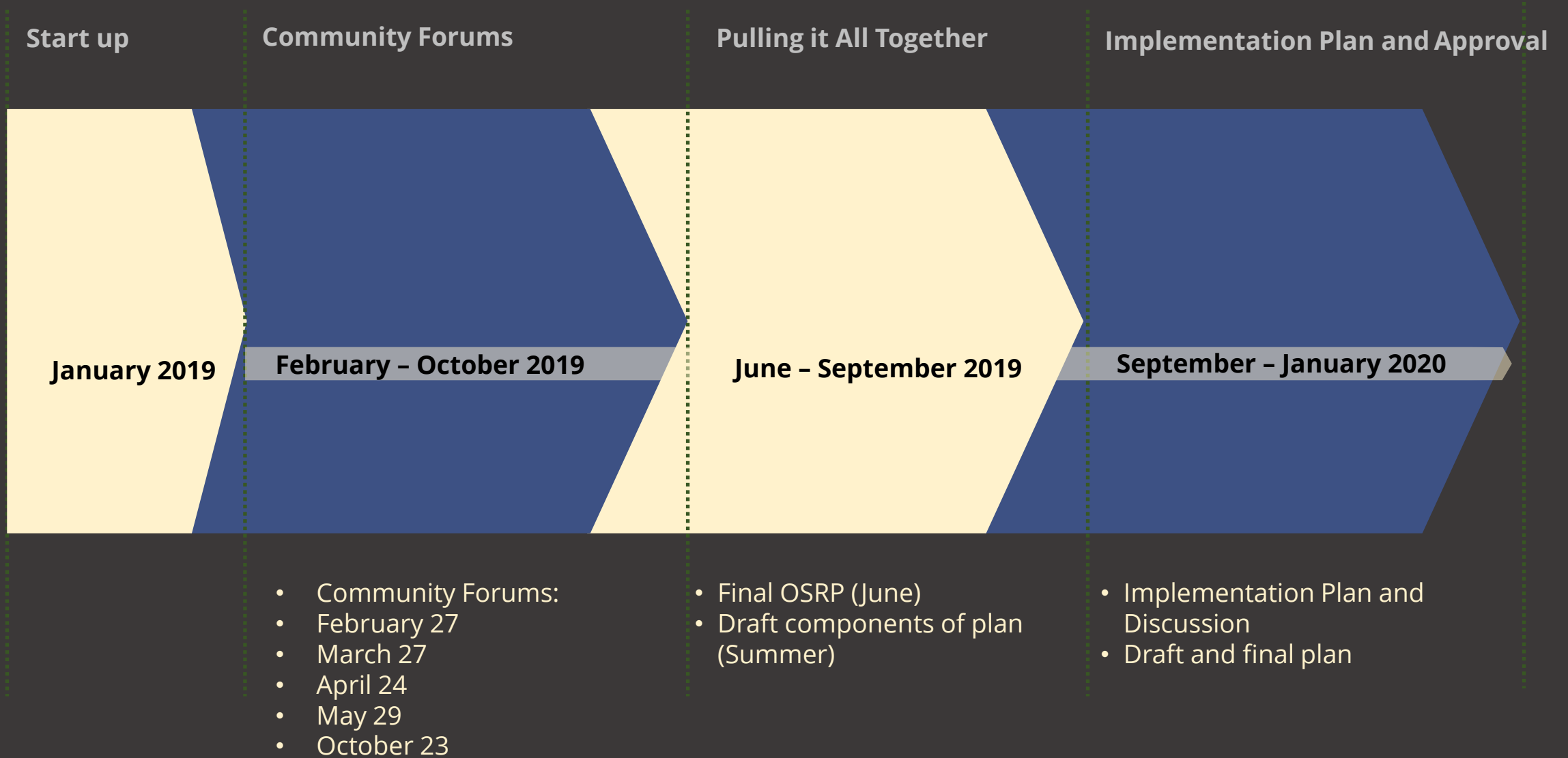


2020 Master Plan Update

- **Update of 2010 Master Plan**
- **Contracted with Harriman Associates, Tighe & Bond and RKG Associates – October 2018**
- **Updated the Open Space and Recreation Plan 2019-2026 –Approved 2019**



Master Plan Timeline





Draft Plan Issued

Planning Board Review & Final Edits

Final Edits

Final Draft Plan issued January 2022

January 2020

January - June 2021

July - December 2021

January - March 2022

COVID Pandemic Began

- Town Board and Committee comments
- Available for public comment
- Planning Board met **11** times to deliberate on draft plan

- Harriman Associates
- Planning Director

- Public Comment
- Public Hearing March 28, 2022

Master Plan Requirements



Vision & Goals



Implementation Plan

Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 41, Section 81D



Housing



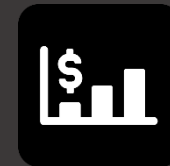
Services and Facilities



Land Use



Natural, Cultural, and Historic Resources



Economic Development



Open Space and Recreation



Circulation and Transportation

Community Forums - 2019



TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY MASSACHUSETTS



Planning for the future of South Hadley:
What do YOU think?

JOIN US!

Community Forum #4

MAY 29, 6-8 PM


Town Hall Auditorium
116 Main Street

Come share your ideas about **Sustainability and Resiliency**. What do these terms mean to you? to South Hadley? How can this community address these concepts in terms of social, environmental, economic, and fiscal impacts?

Take the SURVEY before the meeting!
www.southhadleyplans.com

■ 2019 Master Plan and Open Space and Recreation Plan Updates ■

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MEETINGS IN A BOX

Balancing Preservation and Development - Growing Smarter

Tuesday, March 12th at 6pm
South Hadley Public Library, Canal Street

Wednesday, March 20th at 6pm
District 2 Fire Station, 20 Woodbridge Street

Thursday, March 21st at 11am & 1pm
South Hadley Senior Center, 45 Dayton Street

Couldn't make the community forum? Still time to share your ideas in our small group meetings about Balancing Preservation and Development — Growing Smarter. What do you think this means for South Hadley? How would you balance preservation with change?

Save the date for Community Forum #2
March 27: **Healthy Neighborhoods for all Ages**

■ 2019 Master Plan and Open Space and Recreation Plan Updates ■

Community Forums - 2019

February 27	March 27	April 24	May 29	October 23
Balance Preservation and Development	Neighborhoods for All Ages	People, Prosperity, Housing, and Connections	Sustainability and Resiliency	Vision, Goals & Strategies

19 “Meetings in a Box” – Master Plan Implementation Committee

Section 3 Community Vision

“The community and the municipal government share a focus on maintaining a positive, mutually supportive relationship that establishes and implements policies that support a healthy and sustainable natural, physical and economic environment in which the entire community can prosper.

These policies encourage access to a variety of jobs, goods, services, housing types, and educational, social cultural, and recreational opportunities for individuals who live, work, play and learn in South Hadley.”

Vision

To accomplish the vision, the South Hadley community will:

- Create a respectful and welcoming environment in which all community members can prosper and thrive.
- Provide community-wide stewardship of its natural, cultural, and historic resources.
- Incorporate measures in its policies and practices to increase the Town's resiliency and ability to prosper and thrive in response to challenges such as a significant economic downturn, climate change, or other stressors.
- Be a leader in municipal communication, with the public and among municipal staff, boards and volunteer committees.

Goals



1. South Hadley creates an environment in which all community members can prosper and thrive.



2. South Hadley provides community-wide stewardship of its natural, cultural, and historic resources.



3. South Hadley incorporates measures in its policies and practices to increase the Town's resiliency and ability to prosper and thrive in response to challenges such as a significant economic downturn, climate change, or other stressors.



4. South Hadley is a leader in municipal communication, with the public and among municipal staff, boards and volunteer committees.



Goal 1: A Thriving Community

Objectives*

- 1-1 Support job retention and growth
- 1-2 Economic development provides well-paying jobs
- 1-3 Creation of variety of housing types and price ranges
- 1-4 Improve connections to open space and recreation
- 1-5 Multi-generational programming
- 1-6 Support educational resources
- 1-7 Welcoming to diverse population

** Objectives are paraphrased*



Goal 2: Caring For Our Resources

Objectives*

- 2-1 Protect drinking water supplies
- 2-2 Support acquisition and maintenance of open space
- 2-3 Protect agricultural land
- 2-4 Protect historic buildings, land use patterns and viewsheds
- 2-5 Integrate cultural opportunities
- 2-6 Seek funding sources
- 2-7 Protect woodlands

** Objectives are paraphrased*



Goal 3: A Resilient Community

Objectives*

- 3-1 Address climate change and resiliency
- 3-2 Diversify tax base
- 3-3 Encourage participation in town boards and committees
- 3-4 Connect all to high-speed fiber network
- 3-5 Utilize non-tax base revenue sources

** Objectives are paraphrased*



Goal 4: Excellent Communication

Objectives*

- 4-1 Support multi-ethnic, multiracial community identity
- 4-2 Provide consistent and positive messaging
- 4-3 Clear and consistent messaging on Town policies
- 4-4 Provide timely information
- 4-5 Function well in emergencies
- 4-6 Communicate progress in Master Plan goals
- 4-7 Improve access to information and participation in town governance

** Objectives are paraphrased*



Section 4 Plan Recommendations

Major Areas of Discussion:

- Balance between housing and commercial development.
- The need to accommodate an aging population and the resources needed.
- Need to attract business that would provide jobs, goods, and services to all residents.
- Impacts of climate change on residents and significant natural resources.

- Strengths, Weakness & Opportunities
- Sustainability and Resiliency
- Housing Variety
- Economic Development
- Preservation
- Connections

Section 5 Implementation Plan

- Goals
- Objectives
- Actions
- Priority
- Timeline
- Responsible Entity

Appendix F lists subentity

- Proposed Metrics



GOAL 3: A RESILIENT COMMUNITY

#	Goal 3 Objectives	Proposed Metrics
3-3	Encourage participation on Town boards and committees by people who are under-represented in the community to ensure broad-based representation in decision-making and support for Town policies and actions.	Number of people recruited. Number of people appointed to Town boards and committees. Number of people new to board and committee service. Number of participants in town-wide forums and discussions about civic affairs.
3-4	Develop a program to connect all residents and businesses to the internet. Provide appropriate training and devices for low income and/or elderly households.	Number of households and businesses connected. Number of people receiving devices and training.
3-5	Identify and use non-tax base revenue sources.	Date sources identified. Amount and sources of funds applied for. Amount and sources of funds received.

#	Goal 3 Actions	Entities Responsible	Priority
G3-1	Change boilers in Town buildings to heat pump systems when the boilers need to be replaced.	Sustainability & Energy Commission Administration	ST/MT
G3-2	Develop a campaign for sponsorship of benches to increase public seating.	Bike/Walk Committee	ST
G3-3	Develop an urban forestry plan for public shade trees, including a management plan to improve the health of existing shade trees and a plan to increase the urban forest canopy.	Planning & Conservation Department Department of Public Works Tree Committee and Tree Warden	ST/MT
G3-4	Assess tree health; prune or remove hazardous trees.	Tree Committee and Tree Warden Department of Public Works	ST/MT

NEXT STEPS

- **Public Hearing - March 28, 2022**
- **Final edits**
- **Planning Board votes to adopt plan**
- **Town Meeting Endorsement – May 11, 2022**

