

WELCOME!

**Natural Resources,
Open Space & Recreation**

Sudbury Master Plan
Community Conversation

October 29, 2019

Tonight

- ❑ Master Plan Overview
- ❑ Update Process
- ❑ Snapshot & Issues
- ❑ Conversations



What is the Master Plan?

- ❑ Your vision ...
 - ❑ *Where you are*
 - ❑ *Where you want to be*
 - ❑ *How you're going to get there*
- ❑ 10-20 year outlook (2040)

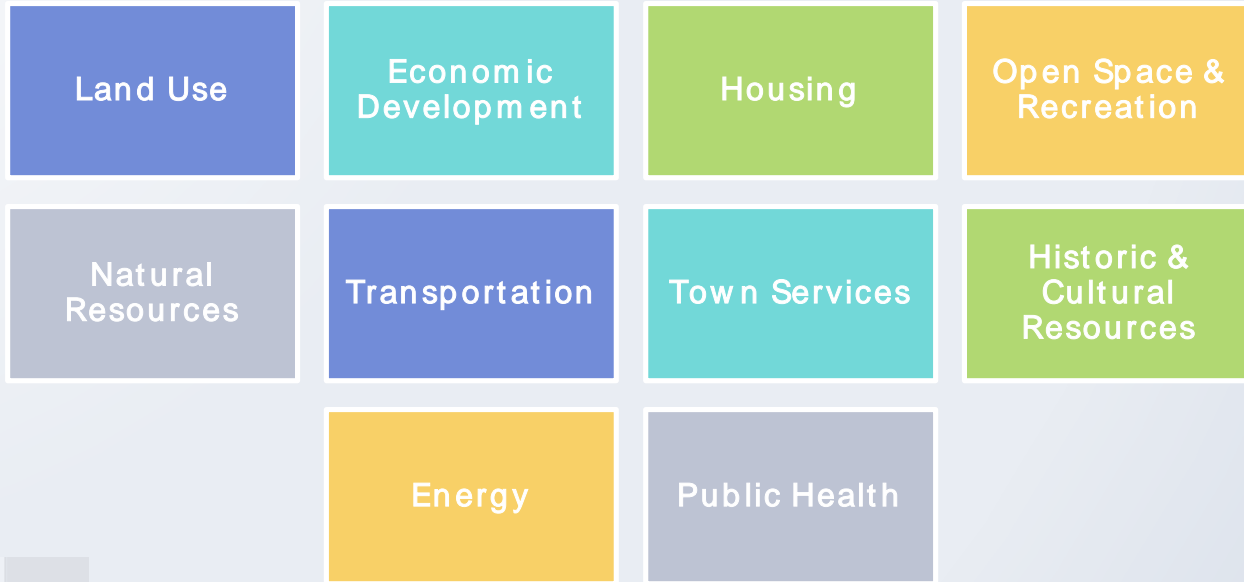


How is the Master Plan used?

- ❑ Make local decisions
- ❑ Guide public investments
- ❑ Act as leverage for funding



What is in the Master Plan?



Update Process



Master Plan
Steering
Committee



Research,
review, &
collection



Public
outreach



Draft plan

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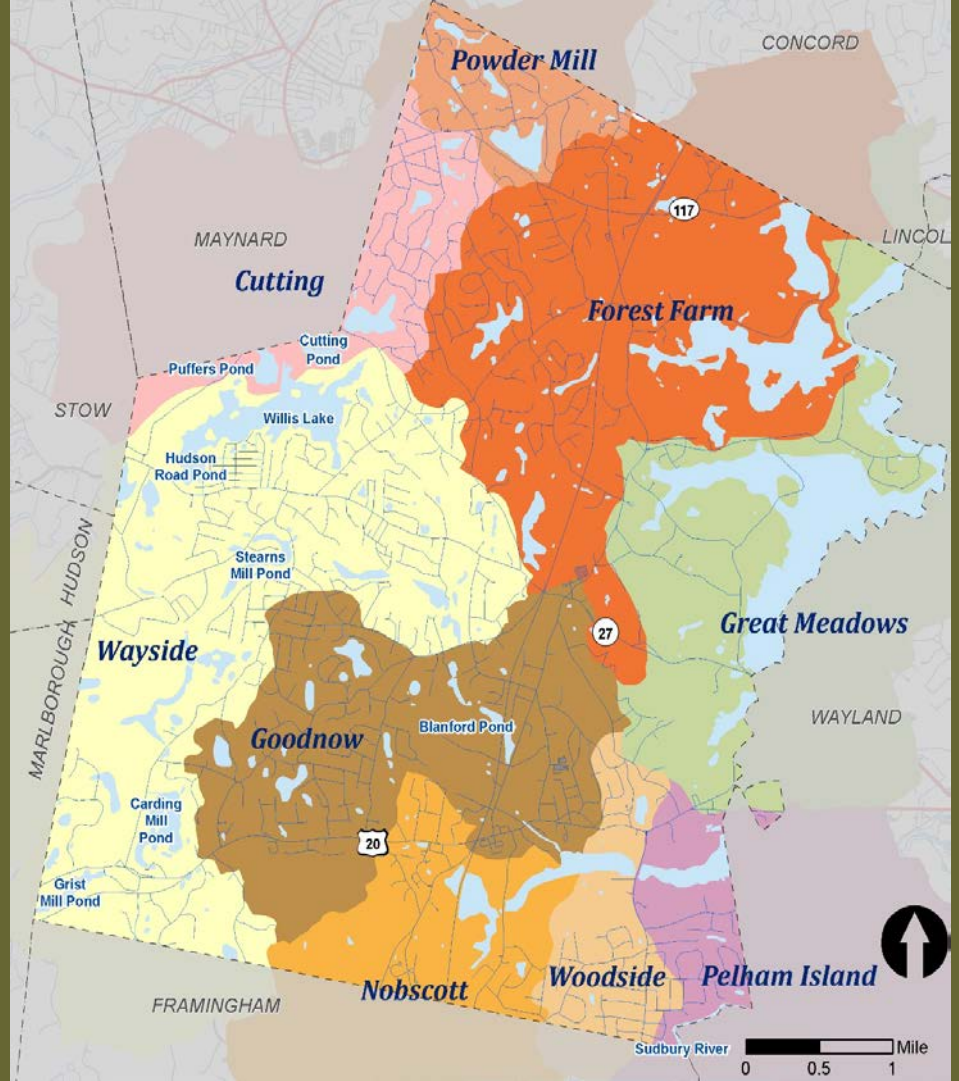


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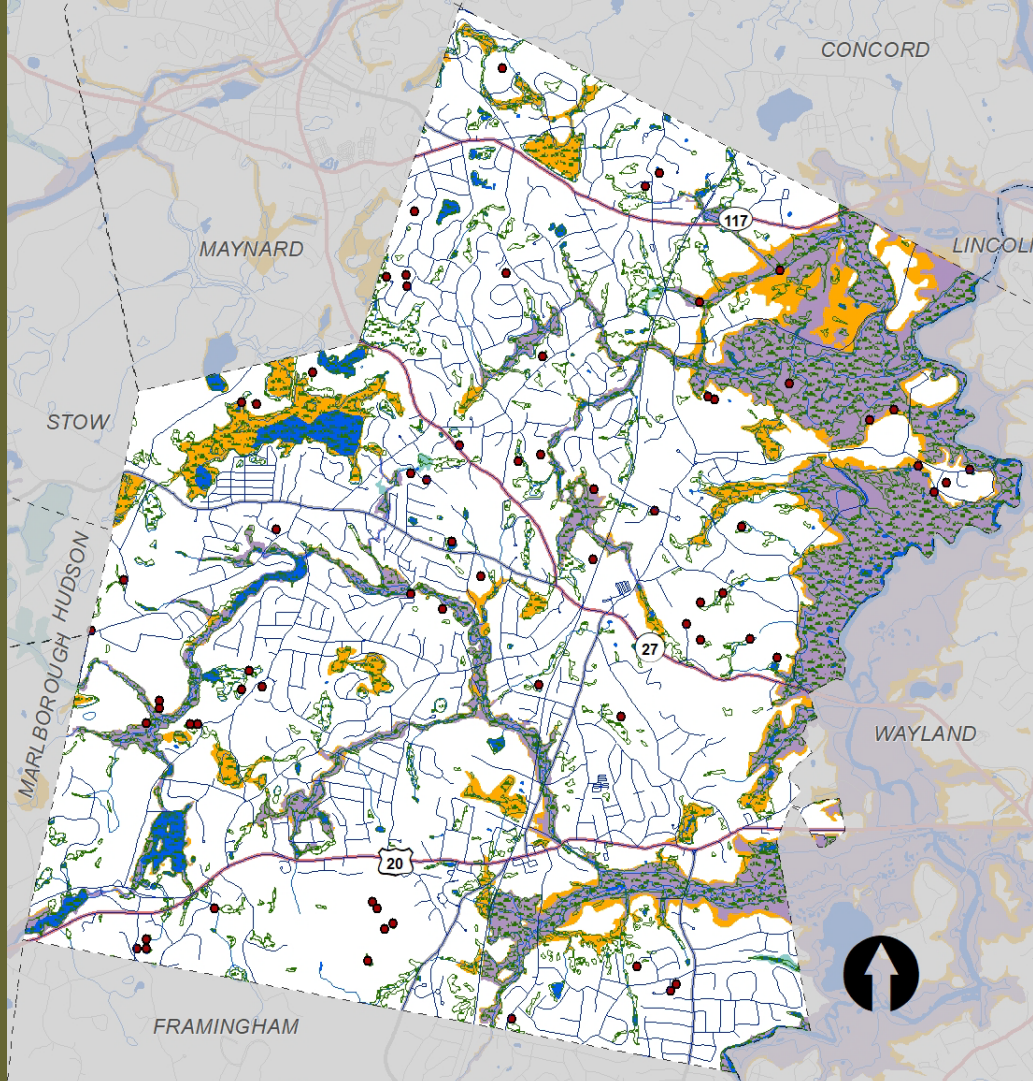
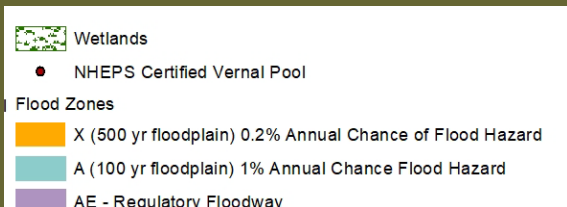


Natural Resources




Watersheds

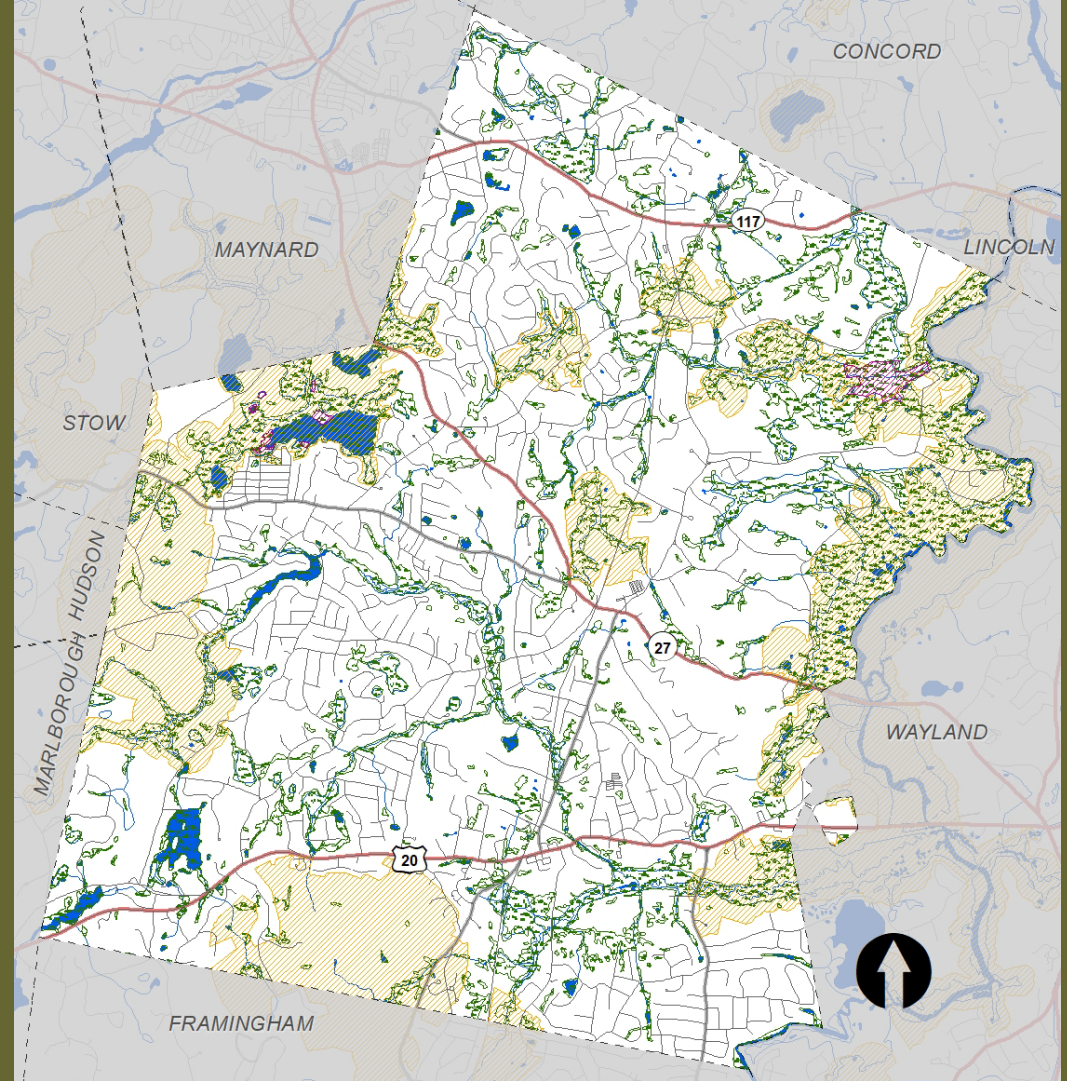


Water Resources






Important Habitat

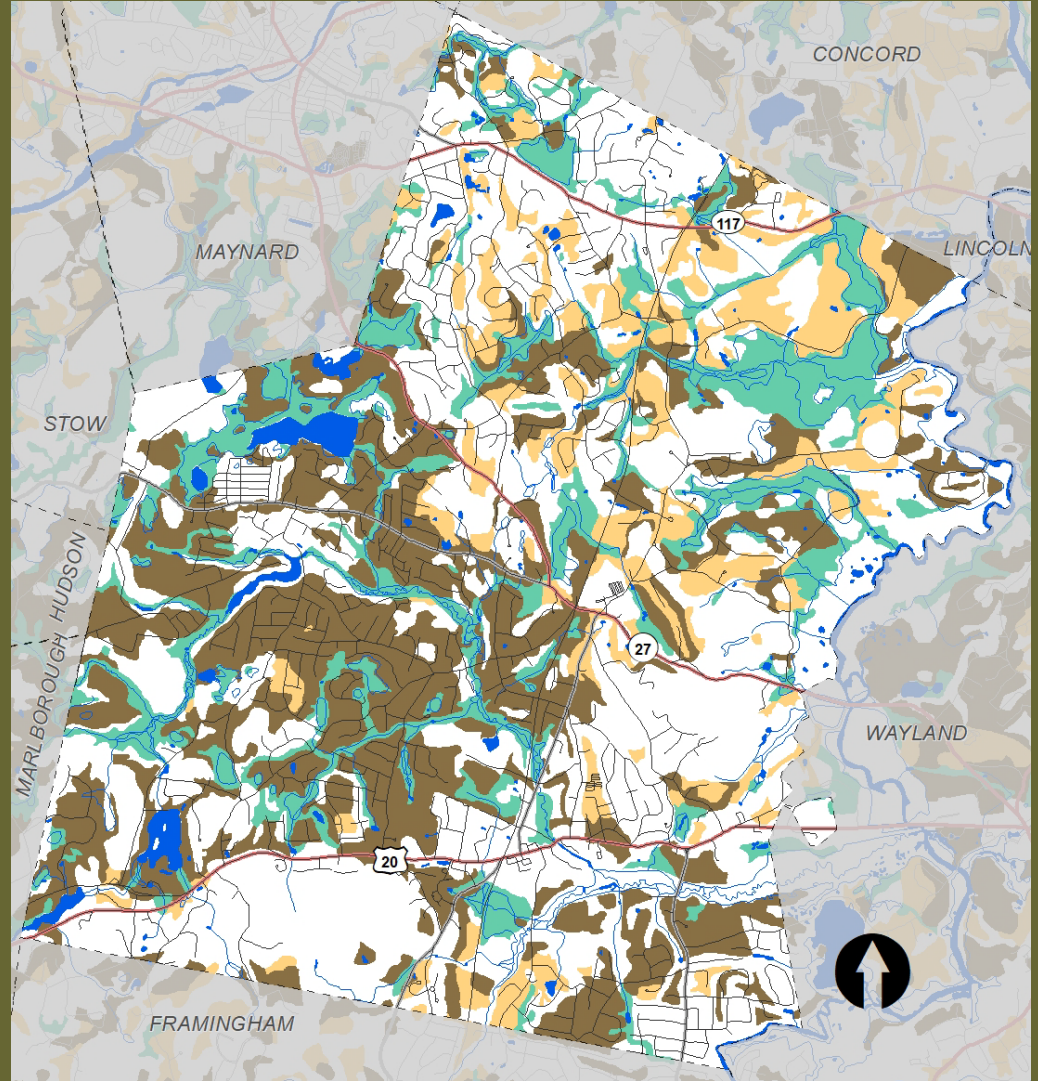
-  Wetlands
-  NHESP Natural Communities
-  NHESP Priority Habitats of Rare Species






Important Farm land

Prime Farmland



-  Prime farmland
-  Farmland of statewide importance
-  Farmland of unique importance

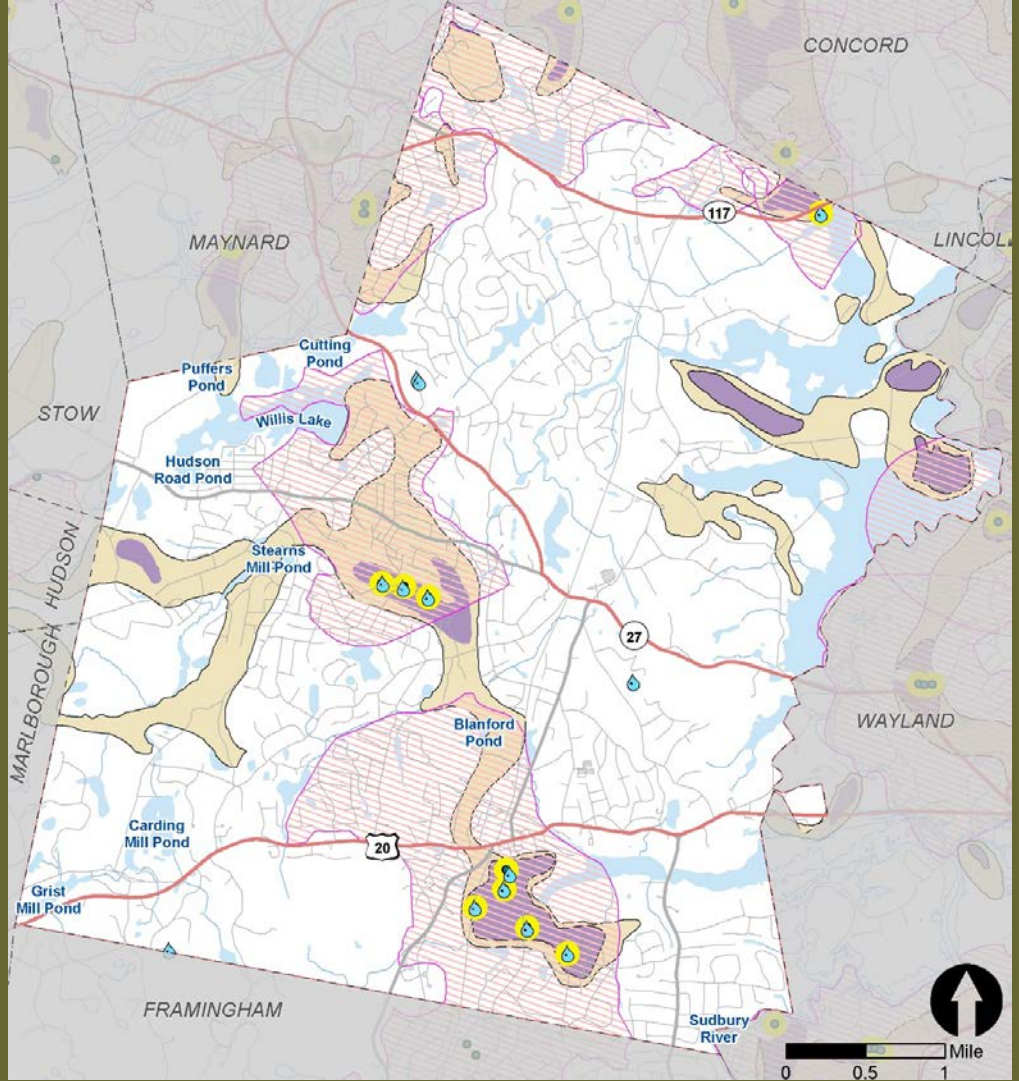


Aquifers

-  Public Water Supply Well (DEP)
-  Zone I Water Supply Protection
-  Zone II Water Supply Protection

AQUIFERS

-  High yield (> 300 gallons per minute)
-  Medium yield (100-300 gpm)



Tools for Protection

- ❑ Health Dept regulations
- ❑ Wetlands Bylaw
- ❑ Storm water Management Bylaw

Tools for Protection

- Land Development Regulations
 - Flood Plain Overlay
 - Water Resource Protection Overlay
 - Subdivision Regulations

Committees & Departments

- Conservation Commission
- Ponds & Waterways Committee
- Health Dept
- Dept Planning & Community Development
- Dept of Public Works

Plans

- Storm water Management Plan
- Ponds & Waterways Master Plan
- Open Space & Recreation Plan



Open Space & Recreation

What is open space?

- Land that is undeveloped for...
 - Public access to nature (e.g. walking trails)
 - Protecting water quality
 - Protecting habitat (e.g. wetlands, threatened species)



What is recreation?

□ Indoor and outdoor facilities

- Playgrounds
- Parks
- Multi-use fields
- Courts
- Ball fields



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Open Space & Recreation Plan

Why have an OSPR?

- ❑ Maintain and enhance benefits of resources
- ❑ Understand where we are, where we need to be, and how to get there
- ❑ Remain eligible for funding

What's in it?

- ❑ Inventory of resources
- ❑ Resource protection, community, and management needs
- ❑ Goals and objectives
- ❑ Action Plan

Other Tools for Conservation & Recreation

- ❑ Conservation Easements & Restrictions
- ❑ Community Preservation Act Funds
- ❑ Chapter 61 Tax Program
- ❑ Article 97



Committees & Departments

- ❑ Park & Recreation Commission
- ❑ Conservation Commission
- ❑ Land Acquisition Committee
- ❑ Ponds & Waterways Committee
- ❑ Community Preservation Committee
- ❑ Sudbury Valley Trustees
- ❑ Conservation Office
- ❑ Planning & Community Development
- ❑ Park and Recreation Department

Conversation



1. **What are the issues – Now & Future**
2. **Where should we be headed?**
3. **How do we get there?**
 - What's working?
 - What could be better?
 - New ideas!

Ground Rules

- Everyone should have an equal opportunity to talk.
- Focus on your group's discussion.
- Land the plane.
- Listen, be honest, and avoid criticizing other's ideas.
- Silence your phone, take calls outside.
- **THINK BIG! HAVE FUN!**

Next Steps

- Work with Steering Committee
- Come back to you
How do we move forward?

Thank you!

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