

Bordentown City Master Plan Update Summary

An Introduction

What *is* a Master Plan?

A master plan, or comprehensive plan, is a municipality's blueprint for future growth and development. It includes a vision statement and a set of goals and recommendations to guide land use and infrastructure planning in a manner that protects the public health, safety, and general welfare. Upon adoption by the Planning Board, the master plan reaffirms the City's legal basis for zoning and planning board decisions.

What *isn't* a Master Plan

A master plan is *not* a law or regulation. Instead, it lays the groundwork for laws and decisions made by governing bodies such as the City Commission, Planning Board, and Zoning Board. Because the master plan is based on data analysis and public input, government decisions that are based on the master plan are made in a more strategic and democratic manner.

Why is the City Updating its Master Plan?

The New Jersey Municipal Land Use Law (MLUL) requires municipalities to update or reexamine their master plans at least once every 10 years. The original master plan for the City of Bordentown was adopted in 1983 and last reexamined in 2011. A broad update of the City's master plan is necessary to reconfirm and realign the City's vision to new information and ideas.

How to Participate

Input from the Bordentown community is an essential component of the master plan and remains an ongoing process. While the Planning Board will hold a public meeting on **May 3rd 2021 and again on June 7th**, all members of the public are warmly invited to share their comments and concerns on an ongoing basis via **office@latinigleitz.com**. Your input will help shape the City's collective vision for growth, preservation, and economic sustainability well into the future. Help make the master plan the best it can be!



