

MASTER PLAN & REEXAMINATION REPORT – FAQ's

What is The Princeton Community Master Plan and why is it important?

The Princeton Community Master Plan is a comprehensive, long range plan intended to guide the growth and development of the community. It establishes a vision of how the municipality will grow over time. As such it provides Princeton Council with the basis for the municipal land use code. The Master Plan contains the following elements: *Land Use; Future Housing; Circulation; Utility Service; Community Facilities; Historic Preservation; and Conservation (containing Sustainability)*. Also included are: *Strategic Overview; Goals & Objectives*.

Who prepares the Princeton Community Master Plan? Who prepares the Reexamination Report of the Princeton Community Master Plan?

Under the Municipal Land Use Law, Section 40:55D-25 (a), 40:55D-28 et al and 40:55D-89 et al – The Planning Board creates and adopts these documents during a public hearing process.

When was the Princeton Community Master Plan adopted and how often is it updated or amended?

The Master Plan can be amended at any time. The most recent amendments [the Princeton Community Master Plan] were adopted by the Planning Board in [February 7, 2013 and was last amended on November] 2013. As the community embraces changes to policies and issues, amendments are made from time to time or as the need occurs. Prior Master Plans, while no longer valid, are kept on file and are available for viewing in the Planning office.

What is the Princeton Community Master Plan's Reexamination Report?

Under State law, Community Master Plans must be reexamined every 10 years. This reexamination report is prepared by the Planning Board in a public process and is currently due in 2017. The adoption of the reexamination report protects Princeton's Land Use Ordinances from being challenged in court as invalid. It also provides the Planning Board with an outline from which to draft future elements or amendments.

What information is included in the Reexamination Report?

The reexamination report must state:

- *Major problems & objectives relating to land development in Princeton at the time of the adoption of the last reexamination report (October 2007)*
- *Extent to which these problems & objectives have been reduced or increased since that date*
- *Significant changes in the assumptions, policies, and objectives that form the basis of the master plan or development regulations as last revised*
- *Specific changes recommended for the master plan and/or the development regulations to include underlying objectives, policies & standards or whether a new plan or regulations should be prepared*
- *Recommendations of the planning board concerning the incorporation of redevelopment plans into the Land Use Element, pursuant to the Local Redevelopment & Housing Law, if any changes are being proposed or considered.*

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Does everything that's proposed in the Reexamination Report have to be done prior to the adoption?

No, the Reexamination Report outlines recommendations for changes, updates, adoption of elements to be done in the future. There is no deadline or time frame to present these items for adoption consideration by the Planning Board or ordinance recommendations to the governing body.

Where can I find a copy of the Princeton Community Master Plan to review and/or purchase?

A complete hard copy of the current Princeton Community Master Plan and the Reexamination Report is available for review at Planning Office, 400 Witherspoon Street – 2nd floor and is also at the Reference Desk of the Princeton Library.

An electronic version of the Master Plan and Reexamination report can be found at [Princeton Community Master Plan](#). This site also provides information on draft documents and reports that are still be reviewed by not yet adopted by the Planning Board. Everything on this site can be downloaded.