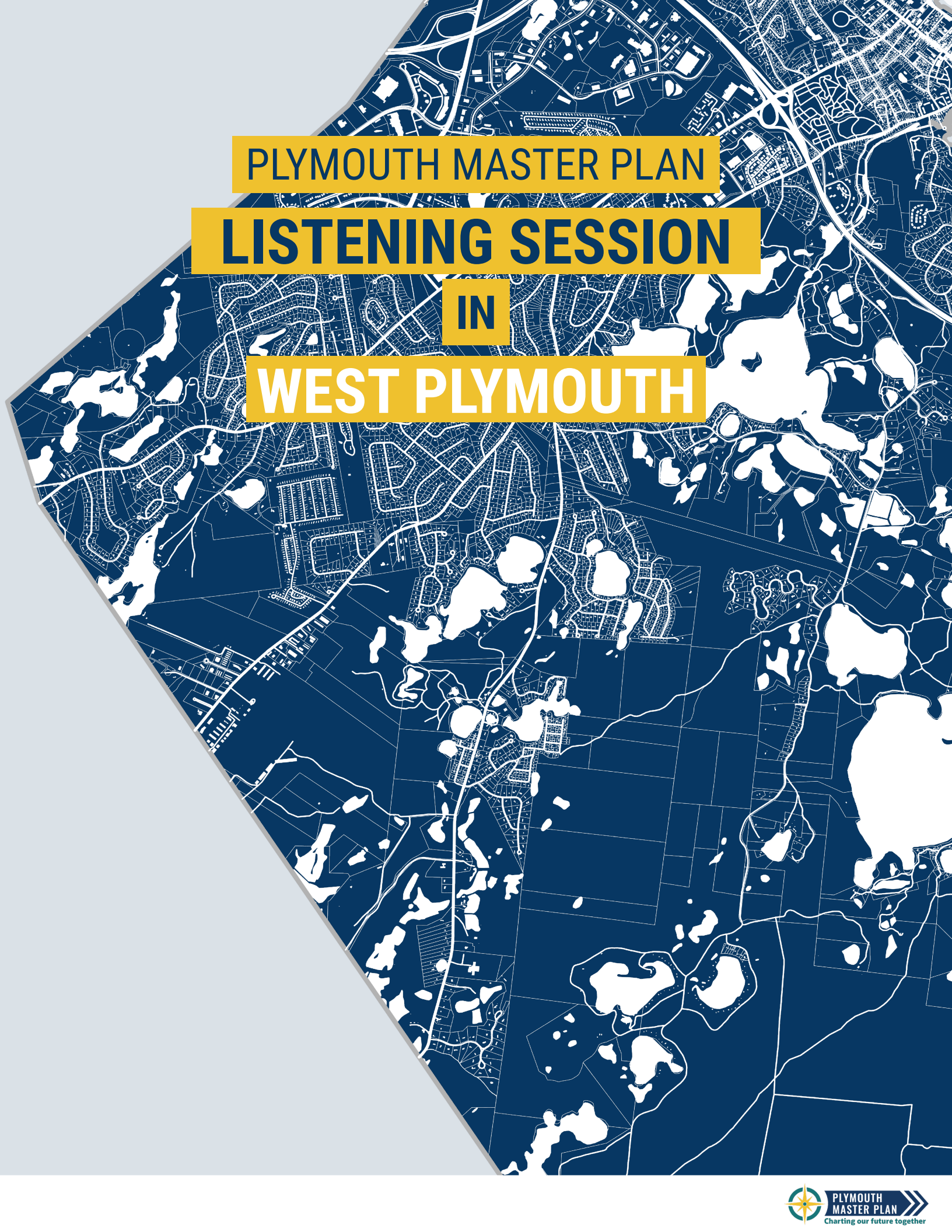


A stylized map of West Plymouth, Massachusetts, rendered in white lines on a dark blue background. The map shows a network of roads, water bodies, and land parcels. The title text is overlaid on the top portion of the map.

PLYMOUTH MASTER PLAN

LISTENING SESSION

IN

WEST PLYMOUTH

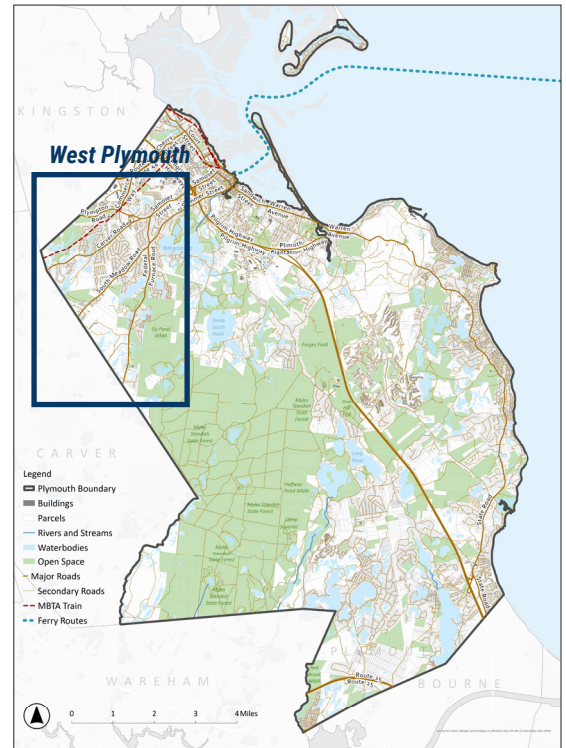
OVERVIEW

DATE: December 16, 2024

LOCATION: West Elementary School, Plymouth

TIME: 6-7:30 PM

SUMMARY: The consultant team and Master Plan Committee started the session by providing a brief overview of the master planning process and highlighting opportunities for community involvement. They then presented high level findings of existing conditions and recent trends for initial context to ground the discussion. The presentation was followed by a community dialogue with attendees sharing what they like about Plymouth and what they see as challenges. Priorities and aspirations for Plymouth to work towards over the next ten years were also explored. The feedback gathered from the listening session will be shared with the full Master Plan Committee and project team. It will be combined with other feedback collected throughout the process and used to inform plan development and potential strategies.



KEY THEMES

WHAT PEOPLE LIKE

- Proximity to waterfront
- Trails and recreational spaces

IDENTIFIED CHALLENGES

- Significant growth and development in recent years without enough planning (especially in West Plymouth)
- Possible airport runway expansion and the potential for increased noise, traffic, environmental impacts, public health concerns, and declining property values that may result from it
- Traffic - especially headed downtown on Route 44, Exit 5 southbound, and at interchanges
- Hospital capacity - it continues to outgrow its facilities and experience high patient demand
- Heat islands in West Plymouth - especially in the area between Market Basket and the airport
- Aquifer protection
 - West Plymouth is especially vulnerable due to a high level of impervious (paved) surfaces
- Transportation and mobility around town - there is limited infrastructure and public transit options
- Insufficient sidewalks, bikeways, and other safety infrastructure in West Plymouth
- Lack of a unified West Plymouth identity - what does West Plymouth want to be now and in the future?

IDENTIFIED OPPORTUNITIES

- Holtec Site - an opportunity for open space and recreation alongside commercial or other development
- 1,000 Acres site - potential for becoming a recreation and job center
- Hospital expansion plan - how can the hospital's plans support town goals?
 - Master Plan should support and leverage these plans
- State funding for free fares on GATRA
- Existing interchanges and exits - opportunities for new development that align with community needs

- Increase education and awareness about existing incentives or other funding programs for attracting businesses to Plymouth
 - What State and Federal funding and grants are available?
- Require new development to incorporate more public realm and climate resilience elements
- Leverage developer interests to improve sidewalk network, wayfinding and signage, and expand green infrastructure

PRIORITIES

- Enforce existing laws for aquifer protection for new development, especially in West Plymouth
- Increasing capacity for light industrial zoning throughout town
- Ensure Town maintains an active role in decision-making about airport runway expansion
- Climate resilience
 - Focus on heat island mitigation in addition to other climate risks
 - Require new development to integrate strategies
 - Integrate more solar in town
- Identify the best mix of land uses and development for Plymouth as a community
- Develop an identity for West Plymouth that reinforces it as one of Plymouth's five Villages
- Continue strengths of last master plan into new master plan

COMMUNITY QUOTES

COMMUNITY MEMBERS SAY IT BEST!

The quotes shared below capture the community's comments about Plymouth today and in thinking about the future.

"What do we want West Plymouth to look like in 5 years?"

"In the last two years the **airport's use has changed dramatically**"

"West Plymouth has been **tremendously inundated with growth**"



The Oasis housing development in West Plymouth



West Plymouth Recreation Area