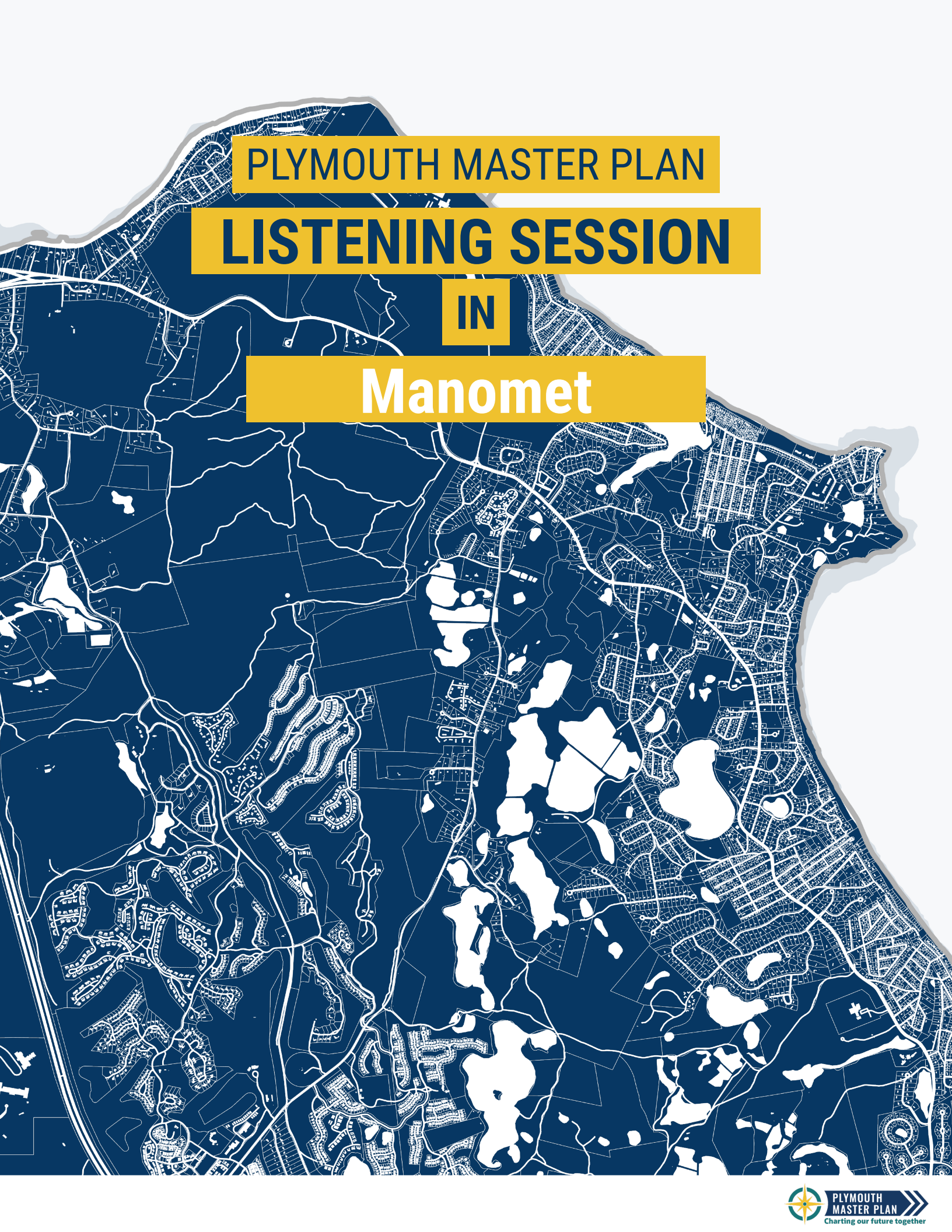




PLYMOUTH MASTER PLAN

LISTENING SESSION

IN

Manomet

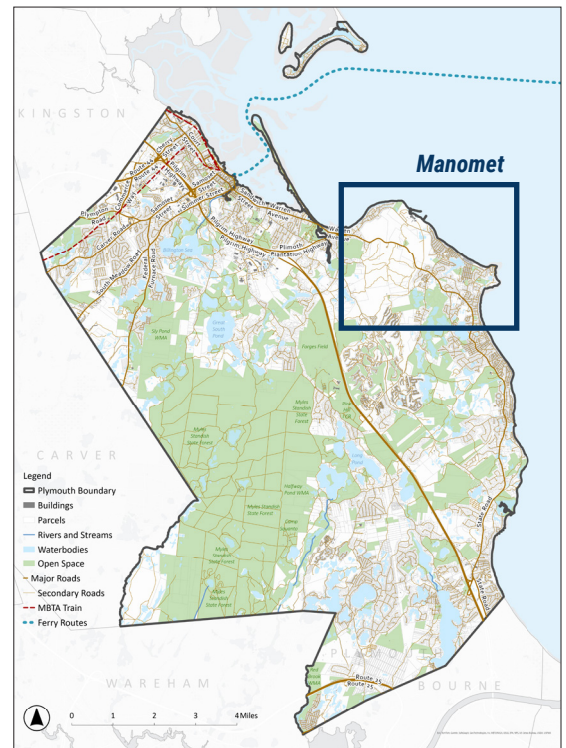
OVERVIEW

DATE: January 16, 2025

LOCATION: Manomet 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

- Nice village center
- Walking distance to beach and Fresh Pond

IDENTIFIED CHALLENGES

- Manomet does not have infrastructure or roads to support much more housing
- Would like more recreational assets and programming in Manomet
- Would like improvements to Bartlett Hall (Manomet Youth Center), especially its interior
- Buses do not take you where you want to go - instead of connecting to hospital, what about medical office buildings?
- Route 3A/Rocky Hill Road is a dangerous intersection
- Important places like Fresh Pond and Cleft Rock are not being taken care of by visitors (e.g., litter)
- Water quality concerns due to failing septic systems
- Concern about firefighting capacity in light of Los Angeles wildfires. Is there water supply, fire hydrants, equipment if needed?
- Residents on fixed incomes, especially seniors, need quality affordable housing options
- Concern about earth removal in Town
- Will Plimoth Plantation remain solvent?
- Can the commuter rail station be reopened?
- Vacant Cordage Park buildings and water access there

IDENTIFIED OPPORTUNITIES

- Expand the trail network
- Re-open fishing access at Holtec site that closed after 9/11
- Build a community center as a place to meet neighbors
- Expand bicycle connections beyond Taylor Avenue
- Increase access for recreational boaters to bring visitors downtown who will spend money there without bringing more cars
- Infrastructure and service improvements; “trash as revenue” using a zero-waste strategy (consider an Advanced Material Recovery Facility - expensive but generates revenue)
- Incentivizing people to conserve water (free or reduced price rain barrels for example); also look at water rates compared to other communities, they seem too low
- Consider golf as an attraction for the Town
- Eco-park at Holtec site with a world-class dirt bike track
- Identify case study community with a healthy balance of people living and working there
- Include land bank in master plan recommendations (pending Legislature decision)
- Include implementation tracking in master plan - are priorities being accomplished and are they benefiting people?

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.

“Manomet is unique because there is space to spread out and we have a nice village center”

“I love living within walking distance of Fresh Pond and the beach”

“Plymouth has more potential than Newport!”

“Focus on the waterfront”



Listening Session at Manomet Elementary



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