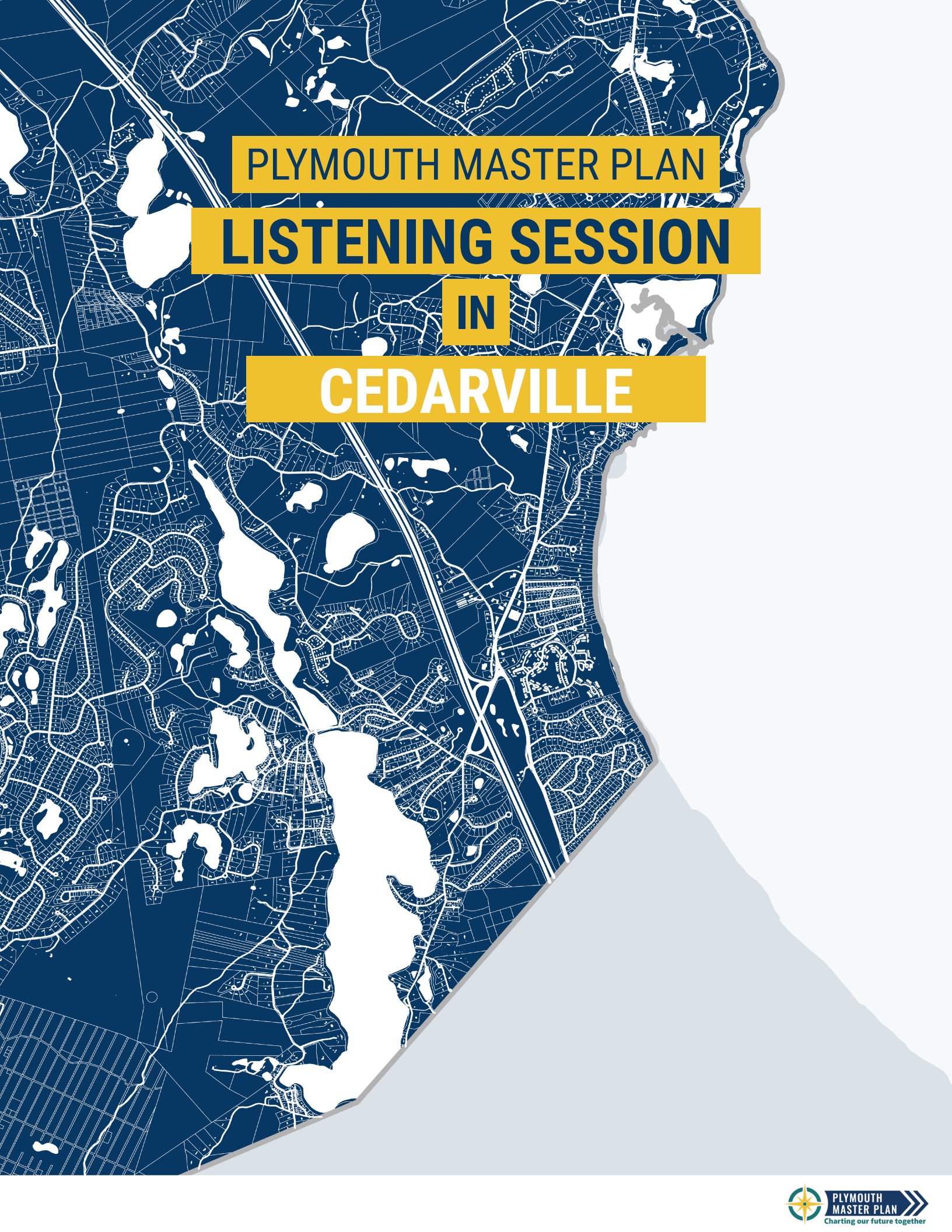




PLYMOUTH MASTER PLAN

LISTENING SESSION

IN

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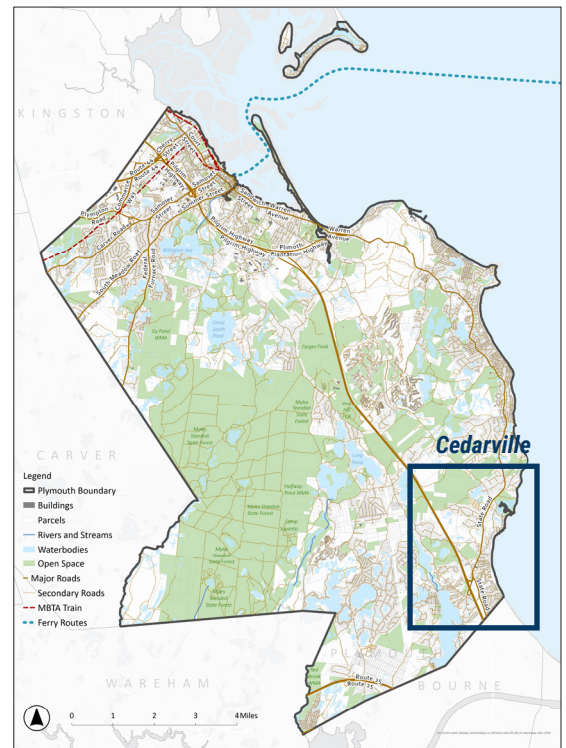
OVERVIEW

DATE: January 6, 2025

LOCATION: Cedarville Fire Station, 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

- The amount of open space
- Unique coastal opportunities

IDENTIFIED CHALLENGES

- Deterioration of town buildings including Bartlett Hall, Little Red School House, and Lodge at the Hedges
- Concerns about development near Town dump/landfill - any development nearby must be done carefully
- Lack of pedestrian safety due to narrow roads, fast drivers, lack of lighting, and limited sidewalks
- Insufficient investment in community infrastructure, particularly in traffic controls and pedestrian crossings and sidewalks in Cedarville and South Plymouth
- Road jurisdiction - especially on 3A and by White Cliffs
- Road traffic and safety issues at the Hedges Pond Road and 3A intersection
- Lack of communication and transparency in town decision-making, particularly around land use
- Sagamore Bridge project - how will this state project impact traffic and development in Cedarville?
- Plymouth's size and how it contributes to a fragmented community feel

IDENTIFIED OPPORTUNITIES

- 1,000 Acres site - while not a good fit for industrial development, could be an opportunity for commercial or other uses
- Recommendations in the Village specific master plans - the Master Plan should reference these
- Improve communications between Village Steering Committees and Plymouth municipal government
- Expand hospital and healthcare infrastructure in town - Plymouth's population is aging
- Encourage more industrial development throughout town
- Clear brush on roadsides to create space for pedestrians. This would also increase light and visibility on roadways.

PRIORITIES

- Enforce existing laws for aquifer protection on new development
- Address Hedges Pond Road and 3A intersection and apply dedicated resources
- Improve the quality of Plymouth's schools
- Increase industry throughout town, especially in sectors that will bring high paying jobs
- Create metrics for measurable impact that can be used to screen and evaluate development projects
 - For example, metrics could measure whether the project will lead to wage increases or infrastructure improvements in town?
 - Master Plan should also include related metrics to support implementation and measuring the progress and impact of its recommendations
 - Metrics should tie to economic development to ensure decisions support Plymouth's economic wellbeing and growth
- Prioritize the 2009 Cedarville Master Plan infrastructure improvements and identify relevant funding to support their implementation
- Develop a Master Plan addendum that identifies which town bylaws should be amended to support implementation of the Master Plan's recommendations as well as their enforcement
- Increasing Plymouth's tax revenue base
- Consistent enforcement of town bylaws and other regulations

COMMUNITY QUOTES

COMMUNITY MEMBERS SAY IT BEST!

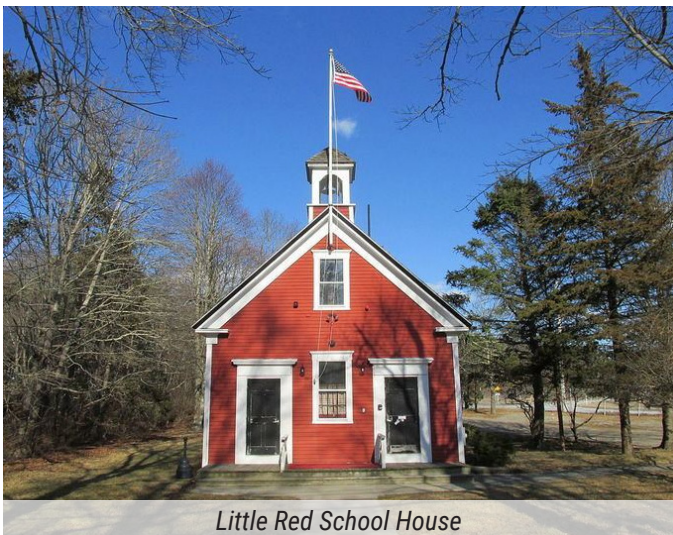
The quotes shared below capture the community's comments about Plymouth today and in thinking about the future.

*"I would like to see **our area preserved - its flavor and history.**"*

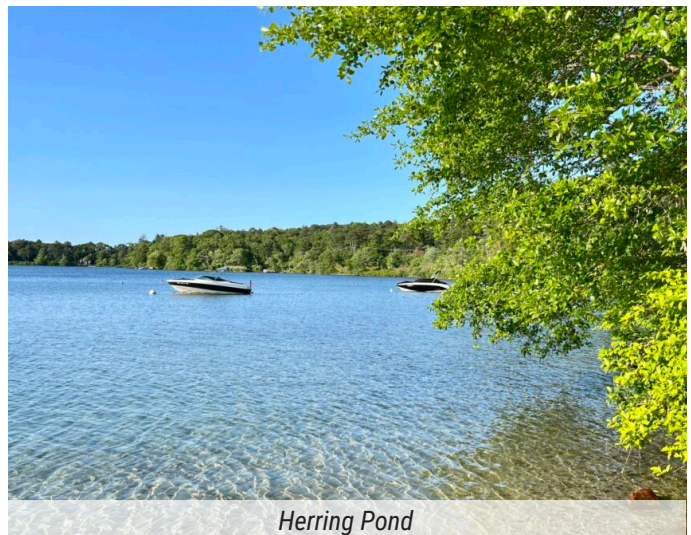
*"I want Cedarville to turn into **a nice village setting with services that meet resident needs without having to drive 20-30 minutes.**"*

*"**I can't walk in my own neighborhood; I have to get in my car to walk my dog.**"*

*"The **Village Steering Committees need to get together and talk** and then go before Town government to **share what residents are saying.**"*



Little Red School House



Herring Pond