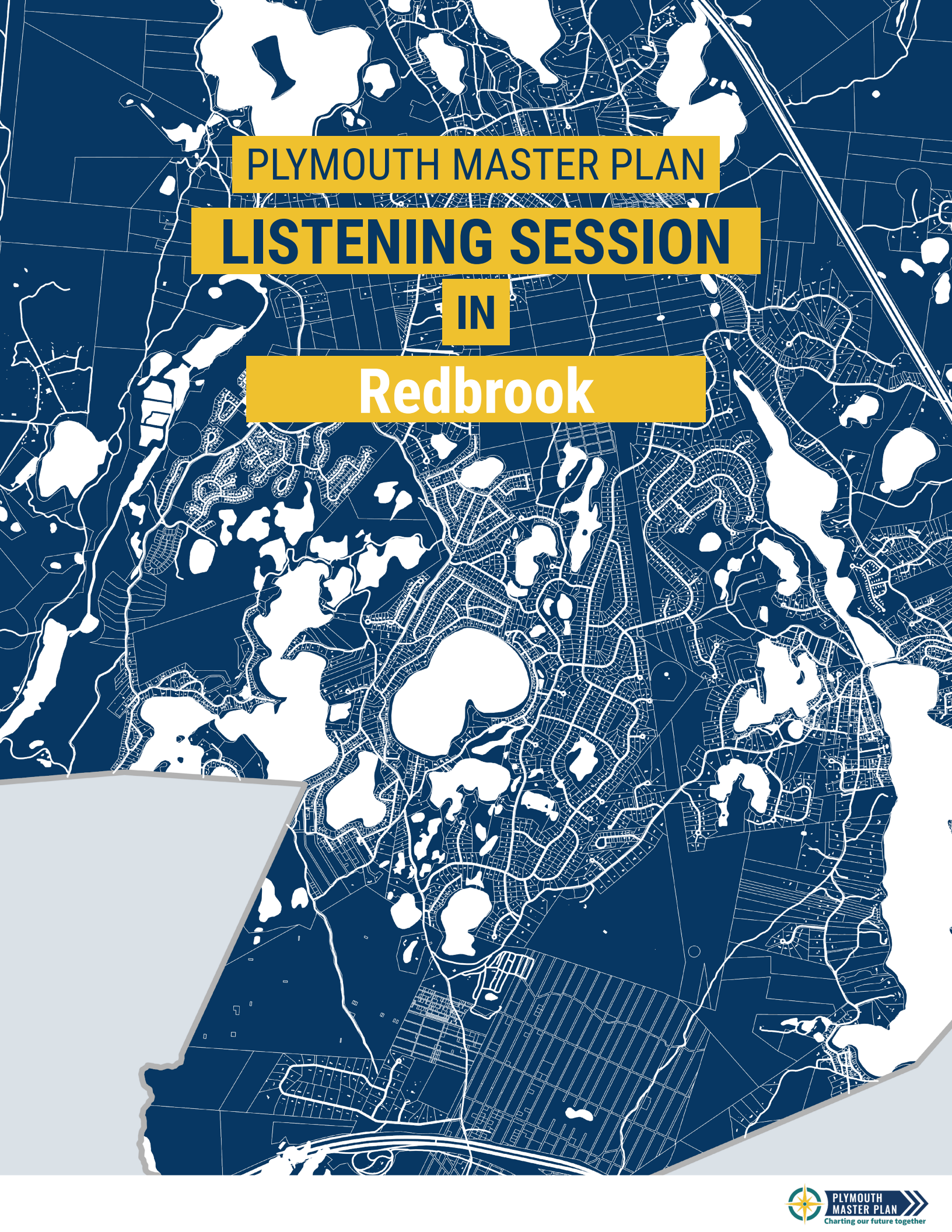




PLYMOUTH MASTER PLAN

LISTENING SESSION

IN

Redbrook

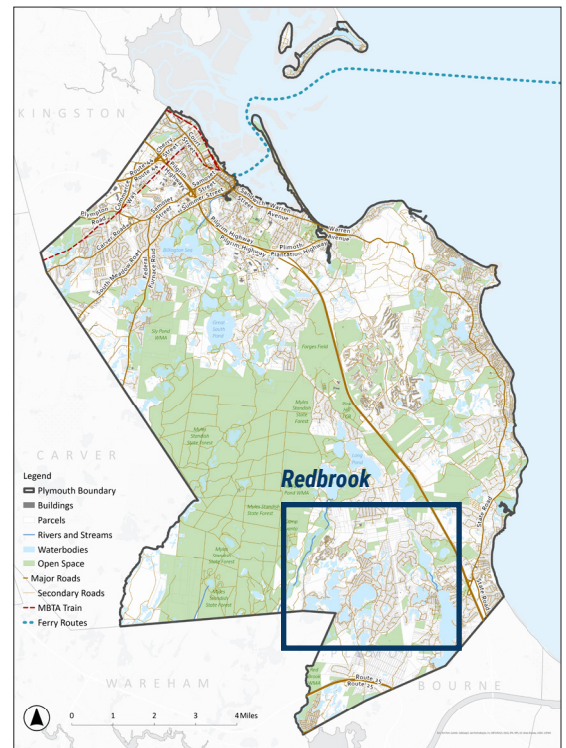
OVERVIEW

DATE: January 29, 2025

LOCATION: Community Room at Redbrook, 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

- Location on Plymouth Bay
- Open spaces and nature areas
- Agawam River and ponds
- Downtown and its independent small businesses, good restaurants
- Cultural richness
- People from different backgrounds live together, not pretentious
- People come together if there is a tragedy
- Walking trails in Redbrook and other places
- Industrial parks - that's where people are making things, starting businesses
- Waterfront, Ellisville
- Schools - teachers really cared about students during the pandemic
- The YMCA - like walking to exercise classes
- Coastal pine barrens habitat

IDENTIFIED CHALLENGES

- Long Pond Road is supposedly a bike route but not safe to use
- Concerned about children riding bikes on rural roads, wish there were more bicycle trails
- Would like more public transportation but also recognize the Town is large so it is challenging
- Many roads have historic origins and it's hard to fit car culture to them - want more walking and biking options.

- Parking in the summer can be a challenge
- Expanding hospital to accommodate demand
- Wareham Road not designed for the amount of traffic it sees now
- Balancing open space preservation and commercial development to increase tax base
- Many developers cut down too many trees - detracts from visual appeal, degrades stormwater management and habitat
- Lack of housing affordability and different price points
- Community college options are not close - could Holtec site include educational opportunities?
- Plymouth is big - any consideration for creating separate town/village?
- Mitigating climate change impacts, such as droughts that increase risk of wildfires
- Are teens and young people participating and sharing their views?
- Shoreline and sea level rise
- Reduce herbicide and pesticide use.
- Sewering is expensive but protects water quality

IDENTIFIED OPPORTUNITIES

- Create a bike trail south from Downtown, even to the new Bourne Bridge. The annual Pan-Mass Challenge uses Long Pond Road - could it be improved for safer bicycle use?
- Widen lanes on roads and/or pave shoulders to allow more space for bicyclists (and help pedestrians feel more comfortable)
- More spaces for people to make things or start businesses
- Consider designating scenic roads to protect views
- Improve design review outside of historic district
- Create multi-generational housing
- Attract a supermarket near the Home Depot

PRIORITIES

- Aquifer protection - protect critical areas and develop where there is infrastructure
- Keep momentum after planning process by tracking implementation

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.

*"The **cultural richness** in Plymouth is amazing"*

*"A **real place** where real people have real jobs - **not a tourist trap**... A solid, well-rounded community"*

*"Plymouth is blessed to have **Route 3**, but also cursed. It cuts off many local roads"*

*"I enjoy walking the trails in the morning—and there are **so many different trails**."*

*"I love that **Downtown Plymouth** is not loaded up with chain stores."*

*"In the future, the Town has to be very careful about **land use decisions**."*

*"What I think we really value is the **open space**."*