CHATHAM BOROUGH
2016 MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Community Workshop #1
February 18th, 2016
Agenda

- Study Overview
- Master Plan Update Process
- Questions and Answers
- Interactive Session
Master Plan Update Team

- Planning Board Subcommittee
- Borough Planning Consultants
- Planning Board – ultimately adopts the plan via a public hearing
Study Overview
Master Plan Update Overview

- What is a Master Plan?
  - Community-wide land use policy guide adopted by the Planning Board
  - Sets the vision/blueprint for the community’s growth, development and preservation
  - It is NOT a law or a mandate
  - It contains the goals and vision that inform zoning and public decisions around infrastructure
  - Reviewed every 10 years under NJ law
  - Last Master Plan review 2006
Why Plan?
Recent Borough Planning Efforts

- Updated residential development standards
- Updated signage regulations and standards
- Updated lighting regulations
- Adopted standards for ground-based mechanical equipment, including stand-by generators
Recent Borough Planning Efforts

- Expanded permitted uses and updated development parameters in the Borough’s Business Zones
- Expanded permitted uses in the Borough’s M Zones
- Modified development parameters and created Gateway Overlay District around Watchung Ave/River Road node (2013 Master Plan Amendment)
Study Timeline

Feb 2016
Community Workshop #1

Spring 2016
Information Gathering:
- Data/Trends
- Downtown
- Residential Districts
- Focus Groups

May 2016
Develop Recommendations

May/June 2016
Community Workshop #2

July 2016
Refine Recommendations

Fall 2016
Final Plan
Downtown Vision Development
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- Alice Waters

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Tonight’s Workshop Session

- Focus on identifying what you most like about living in Chatham, your current perception of the downtown, and changes you would like to see.
- Complete short survey
- Break into groups and/or move through stations to provide input
- Please hand in your survey

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FEBRUARY 18, 2016
MASTER PLAN OPEN HOUSE MEETING

1. Participant Status (check ALL that apply):
   - Borough resident
   - Borough business owner/doctor
   - Chatham Borough commercial property owner
   - Other: _______________________

2. What are the three best things about living in Chatham Borough?
   1. __________________________
   2. __________________________
   3. __________________________
Next Steps

- Workshop Session Tonight – discussion/input essential to the plan
- Spring – targeted outreach efforts; initial downtown concepts; Community Workshop #2
- Plan refinement (spring/early summer)
- Plan adoption (fall 2016)
Brief Q & A: 10 Minutes
Workshop Session