

CHATHAM BOROUGH 2016 MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Community Workshop #1
February 18th, 2016



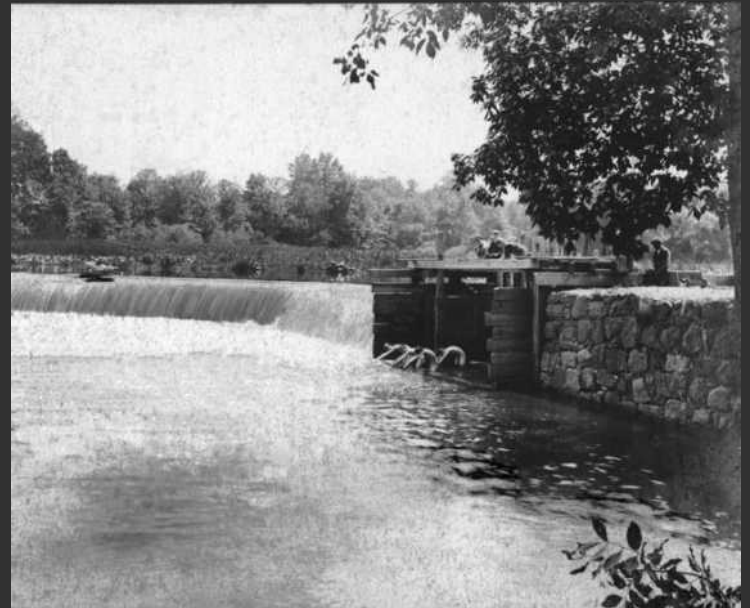
Agenda

- 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?



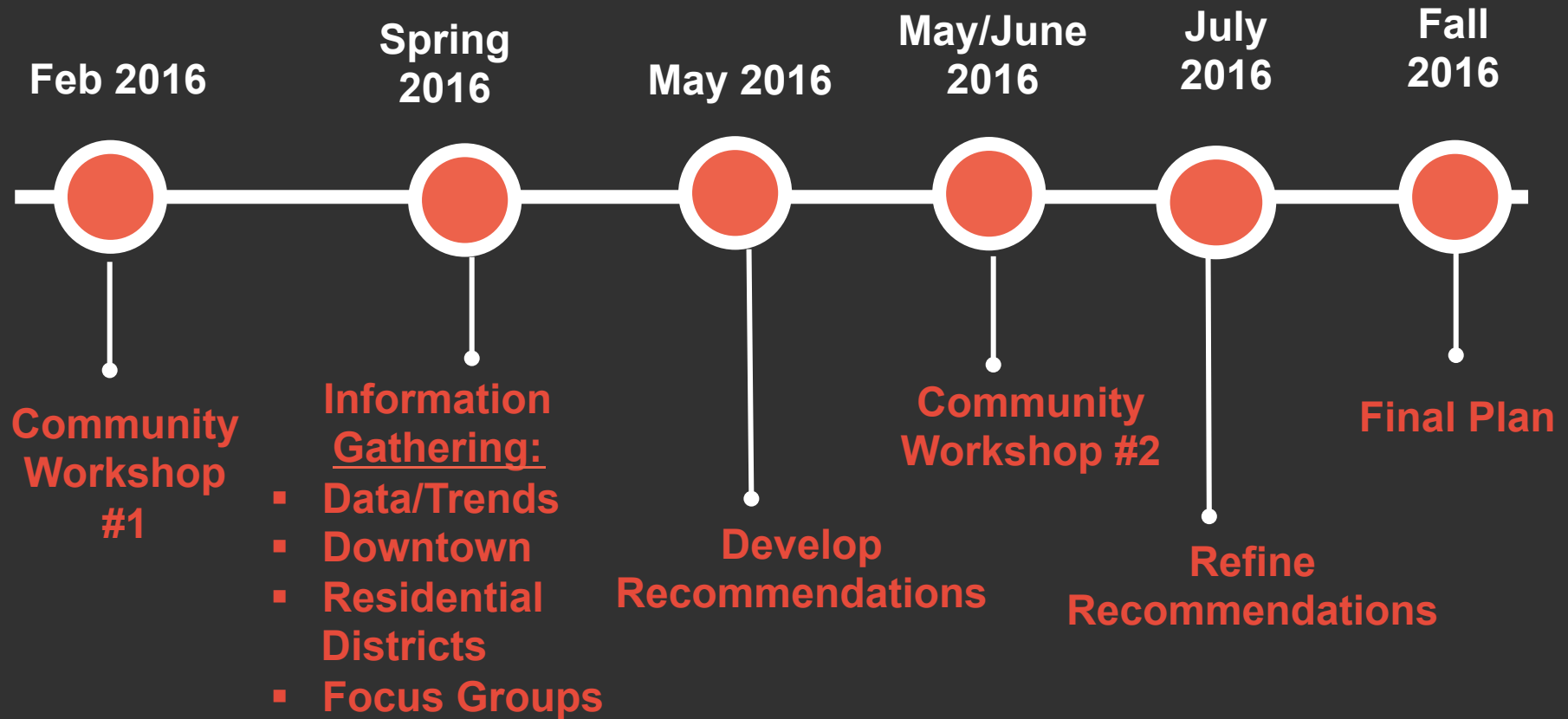
Recent Borough Planning Efforts

- 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



Downtown Vision Development



Downtown Vision Development



This is the power of gathering; it inspires us, delightfully, to be more hopeful, more joyful, more thoughtful: in a word, more alive.

- Alice Waters

This is the power of ***community***; it inspires us, delightfully, to be more hopeful, more joyful, more thoughtful: in a word, more alive.

When you keep changing philosophies ...
you change what your prototype is for
what you think a good player is... if you're
constantly changing, you get caught in
that hamster wheel. - Bob Papa

When you keep changing ***visions*** ...you change what your prototype is for what you think a good ***community*** is... if you're constantly changing, you get caught in that hamster wheel.

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

FEBRUARY 18, 2016
MASTER PLAN OPEN HOUSE MEETING

1. Participant Status (check ALL that apply):

- ☐ Borough resident
- ☐ Borough business owner/operator
- ☐ Chatham Borough commercial property owner
- ☐ Other: _____

2. What are the three best things about living in Chatham Borough?

- 1- _____
- 2- _____
- 3- _____

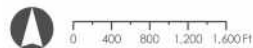
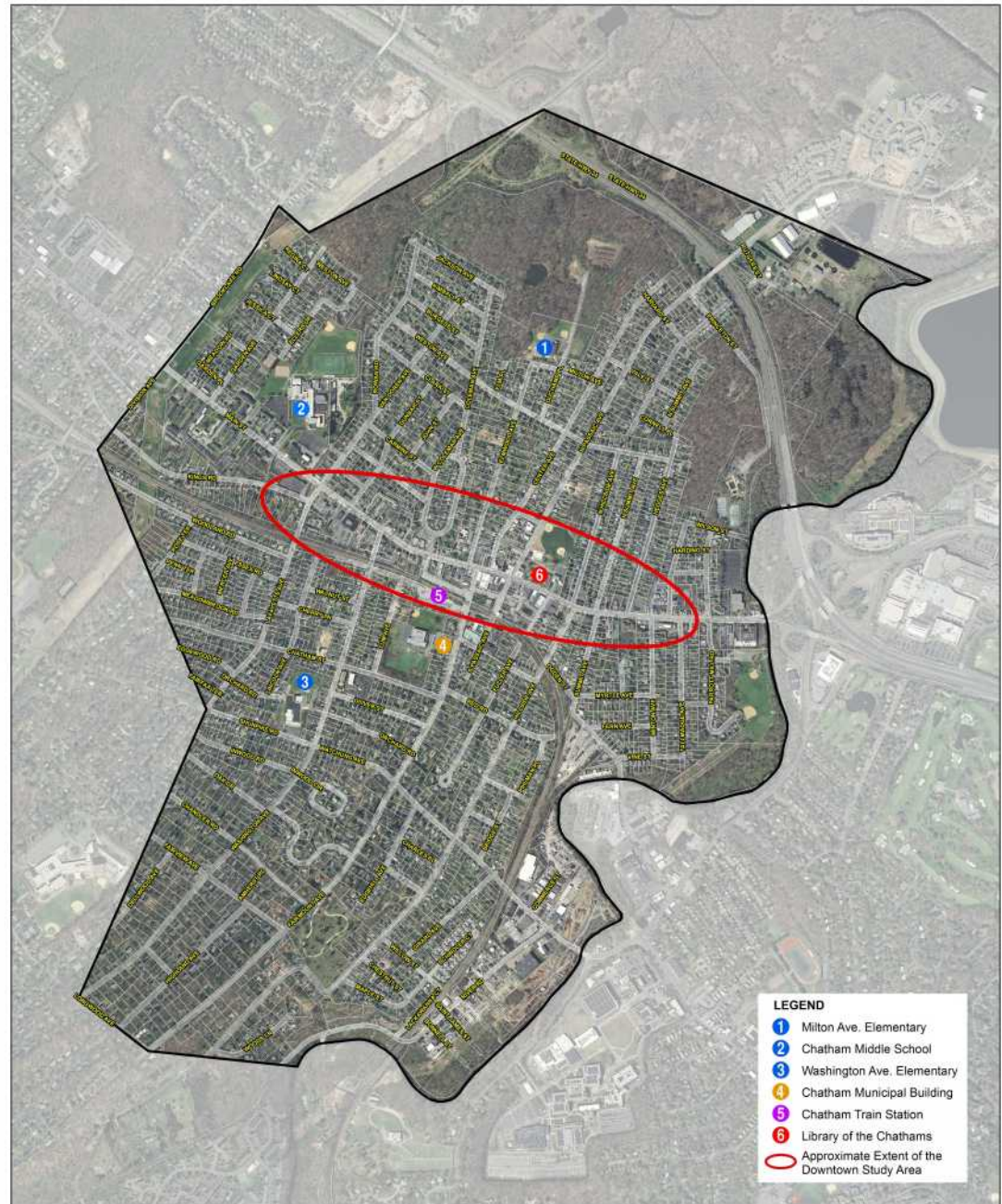
Next Steps

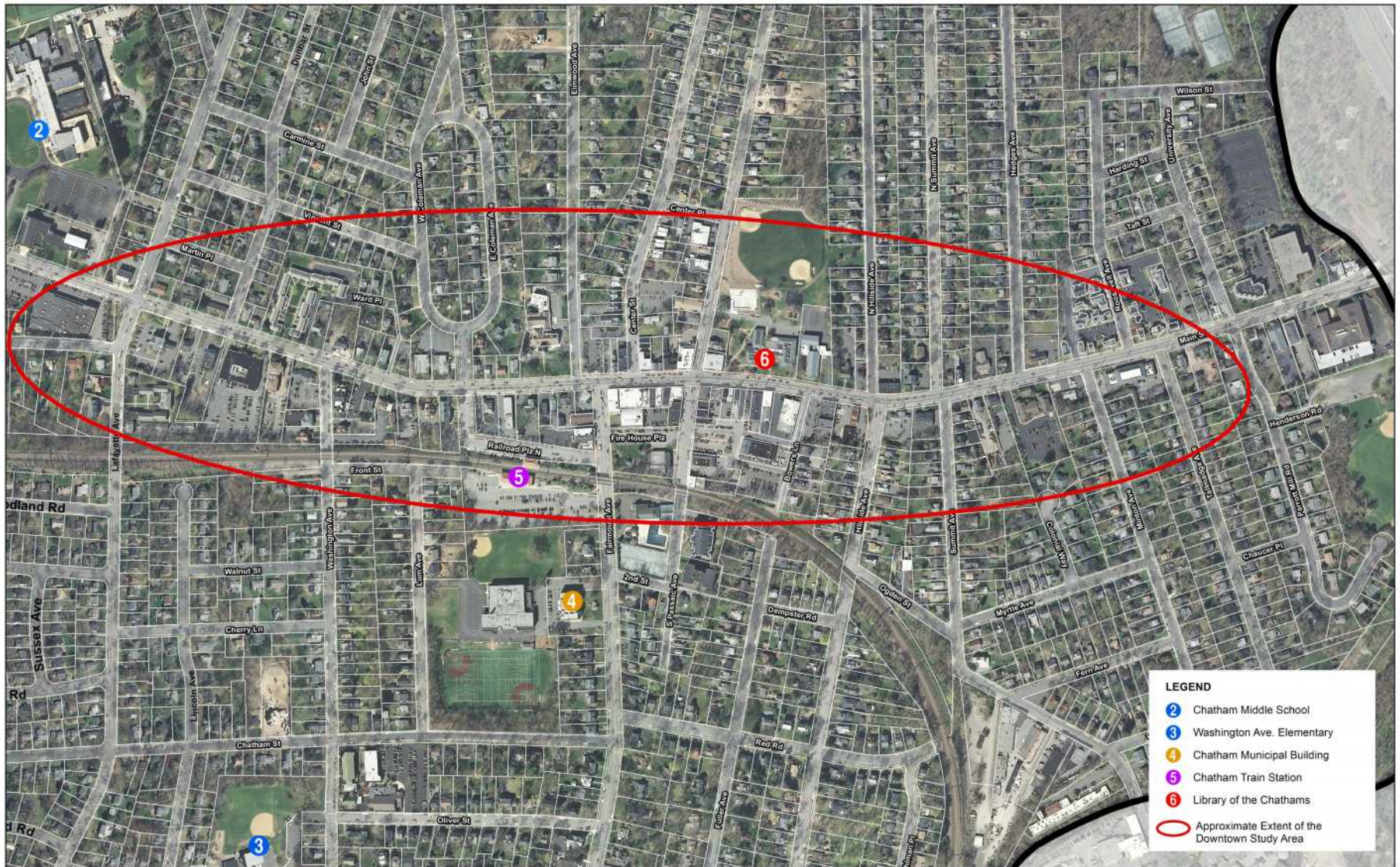
- Workshop Session Tonight – discussion/input essential to the plan
- Spring – targeted outreach efforts; initial downtown concepts; Community Workshop #2
- Plan refinement (spring/early summer)
- Plan adoption (fall 2016)

Brief Q & A: 10 Minutes



Workshop Session





LEGEND

- 2 Chatham Middle School
- 3 Washington Ave. Elementary
- 4 Chatham Municipal Building
- 5 Chatham Train Station
- 6 Library of the Chathams
- Approximate Extent of the Downtown Study Area



2016 MASTER PLAN REEXAMINATION

Downtown Chatham Borough

LOCATION:
Chatham Borough, Morris County, NJ

DATE:
February 18, 2016