



East Jordan

is updating its Master Plan & we want to hear from YOU

Help Shape the Future of Your Community!

What is a Master Plan?

A master plan is a guiding document intended to set forth a community's vision of its long-term future, usually 10 to 20 years. It covers just about everything—an analysis of the community's residential, commercial, industrial sectors; transportation; and natural features.

Typically, a master plan describes the community, outlines goals and objectives and maps areas of different land uses ranging from agricultural to industrial. Plans for new development are then reviewed to ensure consistency with what was planned. While the content and format of comprehensive plans can vary considerably from place to place, there are still a number of common characteristics that help distinguish these plans from other types of local plans. Common elements include community history and profile, existing conditions, goals and strategies, future land use, and an implementation plan.

Planning & Zoning in Michigan

The Michigan Planning Enabling Act (MPEA) of 2008 is the enabling statute for creation of a planning commission and development and adoption of a master plan. The MPEA requires jurisdictions with a master plan to review their plan at least every five years. The Michigan Zoning Enabling Act of 2006 is the enabling statute for creation of a zoning ordinance for counties, townships, cities and villages.

How will it impact me?

The master plan will set the stage for private investment in East Jordan like new housing and waterfront development, the provision of public services, and placemaking initiatives. This roadmap helps to define a coordinated vision for the future of the City—for local officials, developers, and members of the public alike.

It is important to note that the master plan is different than a zoning ordinance and does not regulate what can be done on private property at a parcel-by-parcel basis. Instead, it includes a future land use map that identifies the intended use of land, which could be many years in the future.

How can I get involved?

As a part of the master planning process, the City plans to solicit public input in a number of ways. There will be a community survey open to all residents, visitors, and businesses; a two-day design charrette focused on ideas for waterfront and other redevelopment sites; a youth engagement process; meetings with downtown businesses; and a community open house. The planning commission will also be conducting monthly meetings to work on the master plan. These meetings will all be open to the public. Please stay tuned for dates and details of when these public engagement opportunities will be held.