



Planning Today for Tomorrow's Future

Rye Municipal Facilities and Services Master Plan

What is a Municipal Facilities and Services Master Plan?

The Town of Rye is planning for the development of a comprehensive Municipal Facilities and Services Master Plan to help guide municipal infrastructure investments and service delivery over the next 10 to 20 years.

Before requesting support from residents to undertake a full planning effort, the Town is developing a detailed project scope of work, identifying the expertise that would be needed on a consultant team, and estimating the project cost. The result will be a recommended scope of work and budget that can be considered by Town officials and residents at Town Meeting in 2027.

How could Rye benefit from a long-range plan for its municipal facilities and services?

Like many communities, Rye invests in its municipal buildings, infrastructure, vehicles, equipment, and services over many decades annually. ***While individual projects and facility needs have been studied over time, the Town currently does not have a single, coordinated plan that evaluates all municipal facility and service needs together.***

A comprehensive planning effort would help the Town:

- Understand the ***condition and performance*** of all municipal facilities and properties.
- Identify ***future facility, infrastructure, equipment, and staffing needs.***
- Evaluate opportunities for ***renovation, expansion, replacement, and/or adaptive reuse.***
- Better coordinate ***capital investments and long-term budgeting.***
- Improve communication regarding ***municipal needs and priorities.***
- Establish a framework for ***collaborative decision-making and investment.***
- Aim to ***reduce costs***, in the long-term.

Additionally, the Rye 2035 Master Plan identified the need to review municipal facility assessments and consider a town-wide facilities planning effort to support future municipal investment decisions.



Current Focus: Developing the Scope and Budget

The Town is **currently focused** on:

- ✓ Defining ***project goals*** and ***desired outcomes***
- ✓ Identifying ***the information*** that should be collected and evaluated
- ✓ Determining the ***professional expertise*** needed on the consultant team
- ✓ Developing a detailed ***scope of work***
- ✓ Preparing a ***preliminary budget estimate***

The information gathered during this phase will help inform a clear project scope of work and funding request for **Town Meeting 2027**.

Upcoming Opportunities to Learn More and Participate

The Town will continue discussing this initiative throughout Summer and Fall 2026. The focus of each meeting will be on a review of project direction, goals, and the potential scope of work. The public is welcome and encouraged to join us!

• Select Board Workshop at **2:00-3:30 PM on August 17, 2026 at Rye Town Hall**

• Master Plan Implementation Committee Meeting at **8:00 AM on September 1, 2026 at Rye Town Hall**

• Public Input Session at **5:30-7:00 PM on September 22, 2026 at the Rye Junior High School** (Co-Hosted by the Select Board and the Planning Board)

For additional information, please contact the Town of Rye or visit the Town website for future meeting announcements and updates.