

# City of Newburgh

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## Press Release

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### City of Newburgh Sets Dates For Public Discussion of Final Draft of the Sustainable Master Plan

The Sustainable Master Plan, which will guide the course of the City of Newburgh throughout the next 40 years, is in the home stretch. Following three public discussion meetings, the final draft of the plan will go to a public hearing at the January 28 City Council meeting.

The meetings will be held on Saturday, Jan. 5 at 9:30 a.m. at the Newburgh Enlarged City School District Board of Education Auditorium, 123 Grand Street; Monday, Jan. 7 at 6:30 p.m. at Delano Hitch Activity Center, 401 Washington St., and Wednesday, Jan. 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Heights Community Center (City of Newburgh Youth Bureau), 104 S. Lander Street.

The draft Sustainable Master Plan, completed by the Department of Planning & Development, is available for download on the City website, [www.cityofnewburgh-ny.gov](http://www.cityofnewburgh-ny.gov). A copy of the document is also available for review at the office of the City Clerk and in the Department of Planning & Development, third floor, City Hall, 83 Broadway, and at the Newburgh Free Library, 123 Grand Street.

The first City of Newburgh Master Plan in more than 30 years was created with input from all segments of the community. An intensive community outreach effort dubbed Plan-It Newburgh began in 2005 under the guidance of Gwendolyn Hallsmith of Global Community Initiatives, Inc. Volunteer citizen stakeholders received training on the planning process, formed focus groups and committed to meet together study a particular area vital to Newburgh's sustainable master plan. These areas include Built Environment, Culture & Heritage, Economic Opportunities, Education & Recreation, Governance Systems, Housing, Land Use & Environment, and Transportation. These groups met monthly through June of 2006 to assess resources, identify needs, and set goals. In addition, stakeholders met once a month in a general meeting to hear speakers on various subjects and to share insights, concerns, tips, and goals.

Following this process, the task of drafting the Sustainable Master Plan began, incorporating the work of these focus groups and stakeholders, including a Vision Statement.

Comments received during the upcoming discussion sessions and the public hearing will be considered, helping to ensure that the final version presented to the City Council for approval will reflect a collective vision for the City of Newburgh in the year 2040.

For more information on the Sustainable Master Plan, please visit [www.cityofnewburgh-ny.gov](http://www.cityofnewburgh-ny.gov) or call Ian MacDougal at the City Department of Planning & Development at 569-7400.