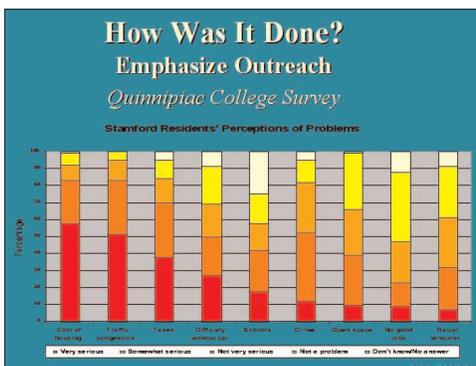


# INTRODUCTION

This report presents plans for five neighborhood groupings, as one component of the Master Plan for the City of Stamford, Connecticut.

Stamford last prepared a comprehensive Master Plan in 1977; updated it in 1984; and supplemented it in a series of plan addenda and amendments for Downtown and other neighborhoods. These have been augmented by several neighborhood plans prepared by local civic and community groups.

Although Stamford is largely built out, it is subject to significant development and redevelopment pressure, increasing traffic and demand on its infrastructure, and threats to its social and economic diversity. Two major thrusts were thus incorporated into the Master Plan. The first is a Growth Management Study, to create the policy context for land use and other decisions. The second is a full appreciation of local neighborhood quality of life, recognizing that Stamford's citizens will ultimately judge the Master Plan according to how it affects their own neighborhoods.



The planning process included a resident's survey conducted by Quinnipiac College.

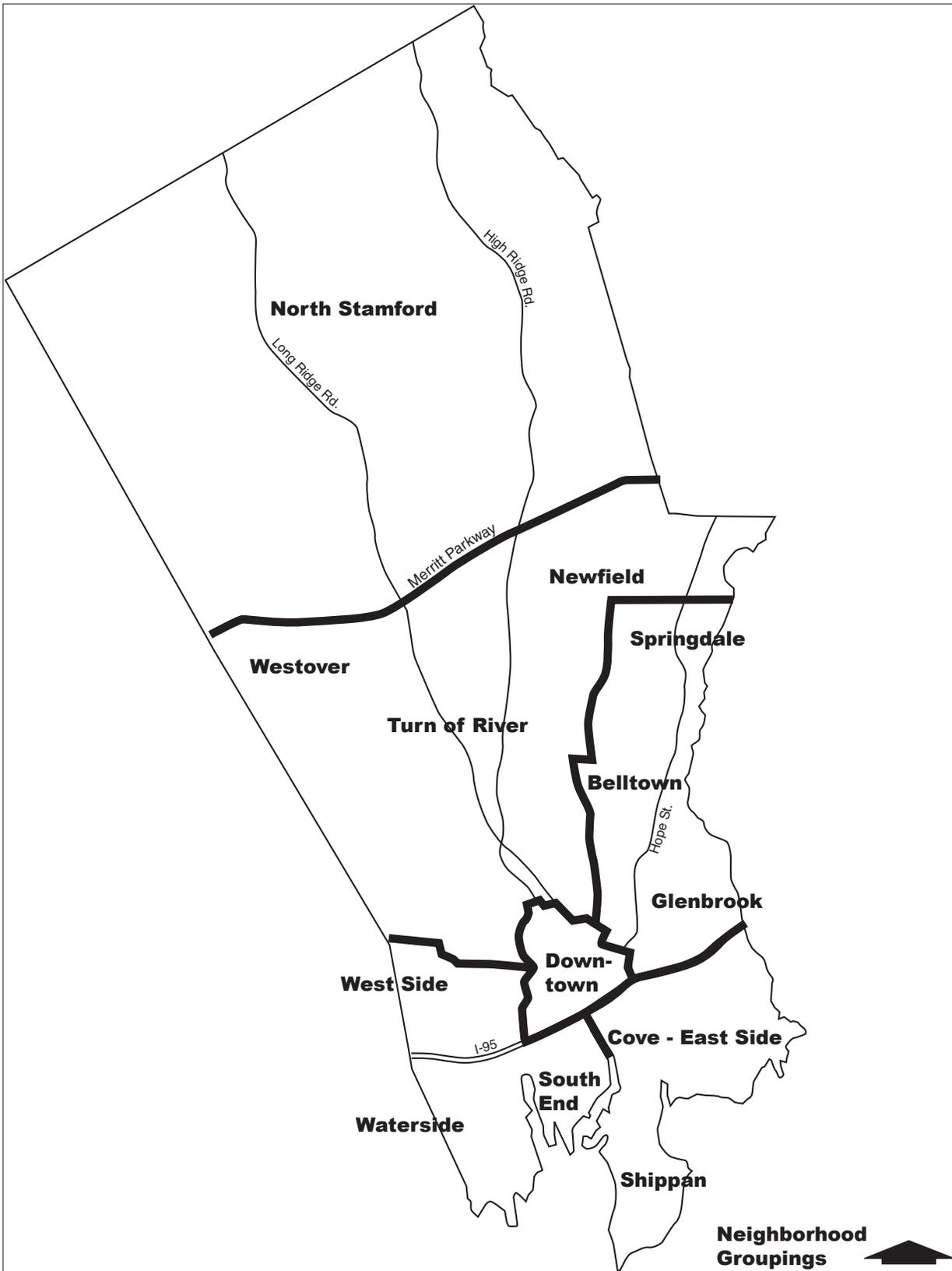
## ORGANIZATION OF THE MASTER PLAN AND THIS REPORT:

The Master Plan consists of a number of documents.

The key document is the Citywide Policies Report. It is intended that this document – along with the land use map – will be adopted as the official Master Plan, incorporating all or most of the other documents by reference.

Another five companion reports summarize the Growth Management Study, address the major concerns raised by the Planning Board and community, and document the results of the community outreach effort. They present the bulk of the research conducted in connection with the Master Plan. These five studies are as follows:

- Economic Development (Growth Management)
- Urban Design (Growth Management)
- Traffic and Transit (Growth Management)



# NEIGHBORHOOD PLANS REPORT

Opposite: For planning purposes the City was divided into five neighborhood groupings, in addition to Downtown.

- Affordable Housing
- Community Input

The final Master Plan report is this Neighborhood Plans report, which are also officially adopted as part of the Master Plan. In the Plan – as well as the workshops for the Master Plan – the neighborhoods were grouped as follows:

- Cove-East Side, Shippan
- South End, Waterside, West Side
- North Stamford
- Newfield, Turn of River, Westover
- Belltown, Glenbrook, Springdale

The same organization of neighborhoods is employed in this report; however, Downtown is its own priority area in the main Master Plan Policies Report, and thus is not subject to a redundant presentation here. For each neighborhood grouping, the recommendations are organized around the four main themes adopted for the entire Master Plan, namely:

- Preserving the city's social and economic diversity
- Protecting the beauty of the city's natural and built environments
- Enhancing the quality of life of Stamford's varied neighborhoods
- Promoting the vitality of the city's Downtown



The planning process featured over a dozen neighborhood workshops, in all of the neighborhood groupings.



It should be noted that each chapter presents the most pertinent citywide policies for the neighborhood grouping under consideration. Demographic data is based on compilation in 2002 by Claritas, based on 2000 and 1990 U.S. Census data. Each chapter has been designed to allow an independent reading – the idea is to make it easy for local residents and others to understand the main policies bearing on each neighborhood grouping. It is intended that this Plan will have a positive impact on the quality of life of each and every neighborhood in Stamford.

