



TOWN OF NORTHUMBERLAND MASTER PLAN SURVEY



The Town of Northumberland is updating the Master Plan. We need your participation, your knowledge, experience and visions for the town in this survey. The Master Plan is about you and your family, your town, and your future. What should the Town preserve? What should the Town change? What do you want Northumberland to be like in the future? Please participate and complete the survey. **Additional copies are available at the Town Hall** to be shared with your family and friends. Thank you.

GENERAL ISSUES

What are the most important general issues that must be addressed in Northumberland over the next five years? Please select **up to five** items from the list below:

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Increase recreational opportunities
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase availability of water service
Location: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase availability of sewer service
Location: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Create elderly housing
<input type="checkbox"/> Create affordable housing
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase parking. Location: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Downtown revitalization | <input type="checkbox"/> Preserve agricultural lands/open spaces
<input type="checkbox"/> Attract new retail or office development

<input type="checkbox"/> Attract new industries and businesses

<input type="checkbox"/> Improve road quality and traffic control
<input type="checkbox"/> Encourage residential growth to be clustered
<input type="checkbox"/> Protect drinking water supply and quality
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
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RESPONDENT PROFILE

1. Are you a Northumberland Resident Business Owner Tax Payor/ Investor
 If a business owner, do you plan on expanding your business? Yes No Unsure at this time

2. Do you own your home rent your home own property you rent to others

3. What type of home do you live in?
 single family duplex apartment townhouse/condominium manufactured home

4. How long have you lived in Northumberland?
 Less than 1 year 1-5 Years 6-10 Years 11-20 Years More than 20 Years

5. What is your age group? 20 and Under 21-34 35-44 45-64 65 and Over

6. How many adults or persons 18 years of age or older are in your household including yourself? _____

7. How many children under the age of 18 are in your household? _____

8. Please indicate the age of each child:
 Child 1: _____ Child 2: _____ Child 3: _____ Child 4: _____
 Child 5: _____ Child 6: _____ Child 7: _____ Child 8: _____

COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES

1. Please rank the following Town Departments, facilities, and services as excellent, good, adequate, or poor by checking the appropriate box. Please indicate "Don't Know" if you are uncertain.

<u>Facilities & Services</u>	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Adequate</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
Ambulance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Building Inspections/Code Enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cemetery Maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Medical Clinic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
River and waterfront access	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Conservation Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Library	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fire Department	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Welfare Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Planning Board/Zoning Board of Adjustment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community/Business Development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Police Department	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recreational areas/facilities/programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Road maintenance & reconstruction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
School System	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Town Administration	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transfer station/recycling/curbside pick-up	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water & Sewer Department	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Town Website	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. For any items above that you are dissatisfied with, please explain how Town staff and volunteers may improve their services:

REGIONAL CONCERNS

1. What impacts from **outside** Northumberland concern you most? Please check **up to three** items from the list below:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Loss of Jobs & Businesses | <input type="checkbox"/> Loss of Agriculture and Farms |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Loss of Employment Opportunities | <input type="checkbox"/> Growth and Development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing Affordability | <input type="checkbox"/> Potential watershed contamination |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

2. What do you feel are Northumberland’s greatest assets?

- | | |
|----------|----------|
| 1. _____ | 2. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 4. _____ |

LAND USE

1. Do you feel that adequate amounts of land have been set aside for appropriate uses (ex. Single family homes, apartments, agricultural, commercial and business, industrial and manufacturing, etc)

- YES NO Don't Know

2. If you feel that the zoning for a particular area is wrong, what is the location and what would you suggest?

3. Please indicate the level of importance that the Town should give to the following land use development methods for guiding future growth in Northumberland:

<u>Land Use and Development</u>	<u>Very Important</u>	<u>Important</u>	<u>Somewhat Important</u>	<u>Not Important</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
Encourage “green spaces” in parking lots and with new construction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Concentrate development into already developed areas in order to preserve a rural character	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Permit higher residential density as a bonus for the creation of affordable housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Renewable Energy Resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other:

HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

- 1. Should the town promote the protection of historical and cultural sites? YES NO Don't Know
- 2. Which sites are important to you?

NATURAL RESOURCES AND OPEN SPACE

Note: Open space land includes lands that are undeveloped, forested, or in their natural state.

- 1. How important is the preservation of open space in Northumberland to you?
 Very Important Important Somewhat Important Not Important Don't Know
- 2. How should open space preservation be funded? (Check all that apply)
 Through conservation easements Through a bond issue (town borrowing)
 Through Current Use Change Tax Fund Through donations
 Through general tax revenues Through grants
- 3. Please indicate the level of importance you feel the Town should devote to the following natural resource and open space protection methods:

<u>Natural Resources and Open Spaces</u>	<u>Very Important</u>	<u>Important</u>	<u>Somewhat Important</u>	<u>Not Important</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
Protect rivers, ponds and other surface waters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Preserve and protect forested areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Preserve agricultural lands/open fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maintain outdoor recreational areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discourage hillside and steep slope development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- 4. Do you think developers should be **required** to include **NEW** trees as part of the Site Plan Review process? YES NO Don't Know
- 5. Should Stone Walls be protected? YES NO Don't Know

TRANSPORTATION

1. What are the most pressing transportation problems facing Northumberland?
Please check up to **three** items from the list below:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Road Quality | <input type="checkbox"/> Improve school bus service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Road maintenance program | <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient police presence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of public transit or buses | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of parking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of bicycle lanes | <input type="checkbox"/> Narrow side streets |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Quality of or Lack of sidewalks | <input type="checkbox"/> School traffic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy trucking | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic violation |

2. Do you feel there needs to be more bicycle and pedestrian opportunities in Town?
 YES NO Don't Know

3. Are Northumberland's streets safe for bicycles and pedestrians?
 YES NO Don't Know

4. What do you feel is the general year-round condition of roads in Northumberland?
 Excellent Good Adequate Poor Don't Know

5. What major routes do employed members of your household use?
 Route 3 (North/South) Route 110 Local Streets in Town Not Applicable

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

1. Please indicate the level of importance that the town should give to the following economic development actions:

<u>Economic Development</u>	<u>Very Important</u>	<u>Important</u>	<u>Somewhat Important</u>	<u>Not Important</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
Attract new office development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attract new small scale retail development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attract new large scale retail development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attract new light industrial development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Encourage downtown revitalization	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. Is there a type of retail business, industry or service that does not exist in Northumberland that you wish were available? YES NO

3. If yes, what kind? Please check up to **three** items from the list below.

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boutiques | <input type="checkbox"/> Department Store |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Offices | <input type="checkbox"/> General Offices |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing | <input type="checkbox"/> Light Industry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outlet stores | <input type="checkbox"/> Big Box Stores |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional Restaurants | <input type="checkbox"/> Automotive Repair |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

COMMUNITY VISION

1. What is the BEST thing about Northumberland? _____
2. What is the WORST thing about Northumberland? _____
3. If you could identify one vision of Northumberland, what would it be?

Vision: What do you want Northumberland to look and feel like in 5 to 10 years?

Community Service:

Have you ever considered serving on the Planning Board, Zoning Board or other municipal board?
 YES NO

If yes, please reach out to Liz Ball at the Town Hall.

Thank you for completing the survey!

Please return the survey by March 31, 2023

Extra copies of this survey can be obtained at the Northumberland Town Hall or the Town Website at www.northumberlandnh.org.

Feel free to download a copy or make your own photocopies, however, please only submit one survey per person.

Surveys can be returned by using one of these methods:

- Drop off: Northumberland Town Office (Lockbox available outside for after hours)
- Mail: Town of Northumberland
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