RESPONSES AND COMMENTS FROM MASTER PLAN SURVEYS (Electronic and Written)

1. Why do you choose to live in Greenfield? "Other" responses

- Good people
- I cannot afford to move.
- Reliable broadband
- Taxes are bad
- NH culture still intact – not destroyed by suburbanization
- Affordable housing
- Where I landed; house was cheap 33 years ago
- Spouse came with house in Greenfield
- Massachusetts political climate of 1990

2. What kind of town would you like Greenfield to be? "Other" comments

- Rural, with new small businesses
- Affordable!!!
- Balanced mix gateway
- Rural, but with cell/internet access
- Safe and healthy
- Keep the character, add a few more services

4. What are your biggest concerns about population growth? Additional comments

- Biggest fear about population decline – so fast it destabilizes town's finances and social fabric.
- Loss of farm land (additional greatest concern check box)

5. What types of new residential developments would you like to see in Greenfield? Comments

- Those of us who live in large old homes and want to stay in Greenfield need nice individual small (2 bedroom) homes like Coburn Woods in Jaffrey .
- A bit of all types
- Rehab what exists. (comment on "none of these" checkmark)
- Redevelop empty housing and/or tear it down (additional check box)
- Multi/mixed use specific to land types (comment on all residential development types checked).
- We have Greenfield Commons. Do we need more capacity? (comment on Senior citizen housing/developments (box not checked).

6. Do you view using town property for large scale events as having a positive or negative impact on the town? Comments

- Depends on event / size or scale of event
- As long as well managed
- No Football league!
- Depends on the event, when and where in town

7. Do you favor the purchase of additional land by the town for these purposes? If checked, would you be willing to pay additional taxes for them? Additional comments

- Only the recycling center. We need more storage so we can make more on plastics! (comment on yes with tax increase for Updated/Expanded town facilities)
- Donations? (comment on yes but no tax increase for conservation and recreation)

8. How would you rate the following community services? Additional comments

- needs new department head (comment on Recycling facilities need improvement)
- not enough equipment / qualified staff (comment on Fire department services need improvement)

9. Would you like to see more, or less, or the same emphasis as has been placed on each of the following? Additional comments and "Other" responses

- fire pond development (comment for more emphasis on fire protection)
- needs improvement (comment for more emphasis on snow plowing)
- need less nonprofits in town
- by whom?
- Identification & preservation of farm land
- No public funds in support of religious activities (comment for same amount of emphasis on religious activity)
- Emphasis to support farming / food growing
- The town should not be promoting any type of religion
- Meeting House (comment for more emphasis on maintenance of town buildings)

- Better (comment for more emphasis on public schools)
- most roads are horrible to travel on in town
- my answer of more on cemetary/park maintenance is more in regards to Oak Park maintanence.
- The DPW needs a serious review. They are very inexperienced and are destoying our expensive equipment. We need another director like Duffy Fox.
- Why are Religious Activites of concern in a town government survey? Is the motive to turn the town over to some specific church to run/maintain? And the same in the next question
- "If my Greenfield home were rented now, over 50% of the rent would go to the town for taxes.
- If proper road maintenance is established, support of other current services is continued at the same functional levels, and school costs continue to escalate, then taxes will increase faster than resident's incomes. If fuel prices continue to rise, then property values will decrease as property taxes rise.
- Attracting growth is unlikely to be successful in a time of national decline. But growth will put off the need to face the sustainability issue with temporary income, but when growth stops the underlying problem will be larger. "
- "The town does own Oak Park and the beaches at Sunset and Zephyr, quite a bit of land for events. They should do more activities in these areas to make them more appealing."

10. Are any household members actively involved in the following activities?

- School (but not Parent Teacher Organization)

11. Do you favor encouraging the following types of economic development? If yes, where? "Other" responses and additional comments

- Make it possible to sell locally produced products and services; (village and elsewhere)
- Family friendly social opportunities and services
- Ice cream stand/mini golf course
- Ice cream stand
- Bakery – village
- The arts/museums/gardens, (provide access to)
- "village /outside village only, is not clear"
- My answer of no on non-profit organizations is based on them not having to pay property taxes.
- "For the items I have checked as ""Yes, Village,"" I mean anywhere except the general residence district."
- "We have way too much non-profit in this town already!!! We need more ""profit""!!!!"
- "Light industry should be incourage in the two locations one on Forest Road at the Monadnock Paper Facility and the second on Saw Mill Road around the Saw Mill, American Steel and The DPW.
- "with the exception of fast food restaurants, the items I checked ""no"" for would get a ""yes"" if in limited special district or along state highway."
- I also feel that the down town area should have more density with smaller setbacks to the street. This will encourage density in this location. Multi Family housing and in-law apartments should be encouraged. We have a wonderful trail system that serves the downtown so that a dense housing stock will be able to access the trails that lead to the protected outer edges of town. The envy of any place in America.
- independent local businesses
- I'd like people to be able to minimize their commute yet still retain the essential nature of Greenfield. I definitely don't want Greenfield to turn into an Amherst or Milford.
- "I am torn on these options because I don't feel it is the job of a town government to encourage or discourage property use at all. If you're operating anywhere in town, that is fine. The only issues come when you alter things negatively for those around you, encroaching on their rights. To me this is a ""common sense"" approach."
- more business= better tax base = lower taxes overall

12. Is there a greater need for these recreational opportunities in Greenfield? Additional comments and "Other" responses

- could be improved (referring to Playgrounds/Playing fields and Tennis courts)
- mini-golf
- Theater, mini-golf
- The clubs/groups needed to bring families together
- All of above already exists
- Dog friendly paths
- Don't know, never use them
- could there be a place for dogs to swim? maybe only at 6 am with careful attention to clean up. many of us have dogs that love to swim but no place to legally take them.

- "Other park based facilities such as basketball, raquetball, etc. not being spoken to here should be considered."
- all of these besides skate park already exist. Granted some need some attention. I think we need to do a better job at marketing what assets we do have here. We may be able to bring more people here to use our recreational areas and ultimately spend their money here at our local businesses.
- The top three are the same so I have catorgorized them all as one.
- "I would like to see the roads made safe for bicycle travel, but realize it may be too costly to do so. Otherwise I see no need for such facilities."
- Wish we could make the old railroad tracks into trails for biking and walking.
- "I think it's just fine as is though a map (not online!) of the town hiking trails would be nice. Arline Guinn has told me that having trail maps online ends up with those trails being destroyed by ATVs, etc.

13. Do any household members use any of the following? Additional comments

- Some would be used if they were more available; Where are Public Trails – Town Forest?
- When grandchildren visit

14. Do any household members go out of town for additional recreational opportunities? If so, where and for what?

- Peterboro - Groceries
- Peterborough
- Anywhere in NH for astronomy
- Swimming
- White Mts. Hiking
- Claremont, NH ATV riding
- Crotched Mt. – skiing; White Mts. – hiking; Wapack & Barbara C. Harris – hiking.
- Plays, movies, concerts, eating out, sports
- Fishing, boating, ATV
- Peterborough / Francestown – better tennis courts
- White Mountains: Backpacking
- Premier Youth Soccer; skiing
- Tennis lessons, music lessons, theater
- The Bond Wellness Center, Peterborough, Cross country skiing
- Movies, plays/ theater, concerts, sporting events
- Additional hiking and camping opportunities
- Soccer, son is on Nashua World Cup Soccer team
- Premier soccer in Nashua
- Trails for horse riding, mountain hikes
- North Pack, cycling
- Lots of stuff
- All over New Hampshire
- Peterborough / Antrim – Sports
- Atlantic Ocean! White Mountains!
- Mountain climbing and hiking at various New England locations
- Peterborough Recreation Dept.
- Gym
- Nashua Rail Trail
- Cultural activities
- Walking trail in Peterborough
- Francestown, Temple, Peterborough
- All over New England
- Hiking, camping
- Swimming & boating; snowshoeing; cross-country skiing
- Dunbarton, ATV & trailbike / fishing & hunting
- Movies in Wilton & Peterborough
- Organized trips, other sports (Peterborough)
- Fishing – Peterborough, Hancock & Bennington
- Snowmobiling – North
- Beaches
- Kayaking
- Deering Reservoir
- "Peterborough Recreation Department programs
- Temple - gymnastics"
- "Peterborough playground, trails in Milford, Temple"
- dog swimming
- "Peterborough: Soccer, basketball"
- "Golf, hiking, shooting, "
- Snowmobiling
- "bowling,movies"
- Multiple places for multiple purposes.
- "snowmobiling, biking, volleyball, "
- Numerous sport and recreational activities in region
- "Hiking trails anywhere in NH, VT, ME and northern MA"
- "mountain biking trails that connect to other trail systems~ Francestown forest, Lyndeborough trail network. And ""field trips"" to other places for same~ Harold Parker, Walden Pond, Tyngesboro/Dracut..."
- "Movies, Dinner, Theater, Music, Camping, Hiking, *Coffee Shops, Breakfast"
- "We ski at Sunapee and Crotched Mountains. We also ride downhill mountain bike at

Highlands Mountain Bike Park in Northfield, NH. We also travel to the Whites for larger mountain hikes."
- Canoeing
- "Hiking larger mountains, berry picking on Pitcher Mountain, etc."
- "NH, VT, ME. Hiking and biking."
- "To the bike path/walking path in Peterborough (the paved one). To the Peterborough rec dept playground for the large sandbox. To Sheiling state forest for a simple hiking in woods trail for dogs and kids."
- auto racing
- Mainly Mt Monadnock.
- To hike various parks and mountains throughout New Hampshire
- warmer weather
- "Used to go to Peterborough for coed softball. Also, basketball in Peterborough and Wilton."
- Programs at Peterborough Recreation.

15. Where do you think planning is MOST needed in Greenfield today? "Other" responses and additional comments

- 3 – Attract young, well-educated 30-somethings with enough capital to create their own home-based jobs and raise families, to offset the coming population DECLINE! Do focus groups with families that fit this demographic now in Greenfield.
- 2 – environment (air & water);
- 3 – recycling
- Need to get Cable TV/Internet services in Greenfield. Upgrade Fairpoint services
- "I believe we need to keep population growth in check, limit residential development and conserve as much land as possible; rehabbing old houses and NOT building new ones. Light industry and research/business is OK."
- Recreation is up there as well - it's a draw for a town like us for people to move here and be happy here.
- With more conservation planning we can look for additional expansion of our housing stock. The down town area is a great area to look at greater density because of the conservation land that is available to all for recreation and a healthy life style of outdoor living.
- difficult question Is it what is most needed or what is most needed of government to do?
- I put roads only because it will be a continuing need into the future.
- 2 - Local food production
- Long term, as fuel becomes expensive, maintaining the railroad connection could become important agai

16. If you work, where do you work? "Other" responses

- Wilton
- Harrisville, Francestown
- Francestown
- Jaffrey
- Bennington
- State of NH – Sales
- Jaffrey
- Internet
- Rindge
- All over
- Vermont
- Hillsborough and Cheshire Counties
- Merrimack
- Merrimack
- Hancock
- Merrimack

17. Number the top three places where you do most of your retail shopping (groceries, clothing and household goods)?

- Online – 3
- Online – 3
- Rindge – 2
- Rindge – 1
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- Delays/Harvest Market is a great market. Their prices are reasonable and selection is good. I take advantage of their truckload meat sales. And I shop there for convenience. I do major grocery shopping at Market Basket.
- Manchester after that
- I do shop a lot at Harvesters Market & I really apppreciate having it in town!
- The ratings above reflect groceries and some household goods. All new clothing and most household goods are purchased online.
- Plus online

18. If you own (or are planning to own) a business in Greenfield, to what extent are you concerned about the following?
Other concerns? (PLEASE SPECIFY)

- Fastest broadband possible (FIOS?)
- "Fairpoint is planning to upgrade our wiring, we have access to satellite and adequate cell service. If a business needs a T1, they can have it. Our IT access if fine."
- We have thought about opening a business -- top concern would be number of customers!
- Small home based business.
- Don't own or don't plan to own a business

19. What do you like most about Greenfield, or what do you want preserved?

- Rural, country living – peace, quiet, low traffic; proximity to many recreational opportunities
- The people
- (12) Rural character
- Beautiful scenery, mountains, sunsets, full moon, rural character
- Rural charm, clean air & water
- Open spaces, forests, trails, woods and wildlife. Also love the small village – make it a bit nicer.
- People & rural atmosphere
- Rural small town and its history
- Rural town – Forests – Lakes – Dirt Roads
- Rural atmosphere – low density development
- Rural peaceful character
- Small community
- Rural character, wide open fields. No development. Farms, trails.
- New England charm/ it's not crowded feel
- Its rural character and scenic roads and watersheds and open spaces
- Small town life
- The community of people
- The small town community feeling
- The ease of living and community spirit
- Rural, village, quality of life
- Rural, friendly
- Everything
- No matter where I go I am surrounded by woods
- Rural, friendly people, country living, wildlife
- Center of town, the New England look
- Rural
- Town character, people
- The rural character and the community aspect.
- Walking – Hiking – Quiet – keep taxes down – keep things simple – preserve what we have
- The privacy and quiet surroundings
- Rural quality of life
- I like the small town feel and how everyone knows everyone
- The people; the peacefulness; center of all large cities; all the trees and flowers
- Country roads (dirt), small town feel, wide open spaces
- I think it is mostly a friendly place and a safe place to live
- Rural
- Quiet rural character, love outdoor recreation
- Its small rural character
- Rural
- Greenfield is a typical, small NH town which preserves NH culture and is still run by locals with deep roots in this place.
- Quiet, rural lifestyle
- The natural beauty, enhance
- Small town feel
- Rural character – stonewalls – the DPW has really ruined the character of stonewalls that line our dirt roads over the past 10 years!
- The small town friendly feeling
- Location, location, location! Conveniently near Keene, Concord, Manchester, Nashua. Small town feel.
- Rural life style. Keep taxes low.
- Beauty, variety of activity (lakes, hiking, etc.) Preservation – everything of historical value, open space
- The peace, quiet. No light pollution.
- Small, rural, usually quiet town character.
- "I love so much about Greenfield; the Village (especially after the remodeling of the carriage house),the old time values; neighbor helping neighbor, the Blueberry Festival, the Town Hall, the beauty, the mountains, the green grass; the peace that is so apparent here; I want all of it preserved. "
- Sunset Lake and surroundings
- Quiet
- "hiking paths; natural beauty, swimming at sunset lake."
- "rural, friendly, small"
- available hiking trails/bike paths and conservation.
- "It is small, quaint, picturesque"
- "Rural character, open spaces, close proximity to larger cities and little over one hour drive to Boston"
- "I like the quiet, rural character,"
- "The Residents, quietness & privacy"
- "Rural town, excellent school, residents very friendly and helpful"
- "Rural character ,natural beauty, peace and quiet"
- "Non-urban, low density suburban population with decent schools, low crime rates, and

extensive access to multiple outdoor recreational opportunities."
- "Rural character, unpaved roads, open space, small town feeling, community"
- I like that we are a rural town. The residents care about each other.
- I want to see the rural NH town feel be preserved. As well as our recreational areas.
- The land
- "I like Greenfield the way it is: small, and with rural character. We have enough ""bedroom."" I would like to see more farming and small business. We have enough houses!"
- No more Non-Profit. No more building. Why are we building and allowing this stuff with the economy the way it is? Hellllooooooo!
- "*We had liked Sidetracks when it was here- one reason we thought we could make the move to such a small town - it had character and gave the town a bit of a heart. Hopefully this new place can develop a bit more character and appeal to it. Not a comfortable space inside as of yet. I know they just opened.
- We also liked the nickel and dime store Carbee's Corner. That gave the town character, history - the commercial spots are often the first impression in a little town.
- **Shops that can be family-owned and that stay affordable so they don't leave -- this should be a priority. It's essential to the life of the town.
- I like the rural nature of the town, the lifeguard being available, swim lessons for children. I like how clean and kept up it is.
- I like the annual events that happen.
- *Our library needs support.*"
- quiet
- Rural nature.
- The rural character of the town. This can disappear fast so the town should beware. The creation of private conservation land for all to use is wonderful and should be viewed as a plus rather than the old view that it costs the town in lost tax revenue which is a false pretence.
- "awake, personal sense of responsibility of residents"
- Quiet. Rural.
- "I love the fact that people will reach out to each other and help. I want to preserve the smiles, the willingness to give of our time and the desire to continue working to create a great place to live."
- Rural character. It is the primary reason I built a house in the town.
- It’s just far away from everything
- "I like the silence, the rural character, and the community feeling."
- Rural character and rural characters
- I like the quiet rural character of the town.
- The quiet way of life and the open space.
- "Large lot size, low population per square mile, potential for local food production."
- The lakes and the small town feel of Greenfield.
- I would most like to preserve our rural character and views.

20. What do you like least about Greenfield, or feels need change?

- Taxes need to be lowered
- Too many non-profits in town
- Can’t think of anything
- The incivility of a growing number of town residents. Quality of life is valuable with a price we need to be willing to pay.
- Be more proactive in town needs
- High taxes
- Buildings in poor repair/appearance.
- Roads – public transportation
- Less spending on excess – more on infrastructure
- Tax assessment problems – drive-by assessing
- The DPW needs to scale back the aggressive behavior! Keep the dirt roads narrow and the small stone walls intact!
- That we have put ourselves into a corner with many services. I believe the current Board of Selectmen want to be known as the board that kept taxes flat. That is great & admirable but at what cost to the town at large. Example – roads.
- The provincial mentality, e.g. snob zoning.
- Conservatism/Liberalism
- I dislike modern homes that do not have a rural Colonial character. UGH!
- Roads
- More upkeep of all properties in the village area. Stricter rules on junk and abandoned properties – Need to clean up those whose property is not in use!
- Bad roads
- Better information
- Too many “Big Brother” ordinances
- Nothing
- Lack of support for town
- Traffic (large transport) on major roads
- The governing body – need professionals
- Derelict, eye-sore buildings in center of town should be repaired, removed, or replaced.
- Trash poor internet
- The disproportional property taxes, too much real property is non profit
- Recycling center restrictions

- Litter
- Follow up and enforcement of town regulations
- Taxes – thinking of moving because they are too high
- Town government refuses to open up voter participation ± 100 voters deciding for ± 1000 voters is not always representative. SB2 format? Tax cap? Budget cap?
- There is not enough for children and teenagers to do.
- The town's stand with Crotched Mtn. I think they should pay taxes.
- Bad roads
- Residents not taking care of their properties
- Generating needed revenue to fund beyond base services
- Drift toward cheap suburban housing and attendant suburban culture.
- Education and sports teams
- Property taxes are high, worried about being able to enjoy my retirement here
- Transparency of governance
- Not enough community involvement – Town government needs to be more transparent and be sure they represent the people of town
- Needs more commercial/industrial to support tax base – no more tax exempt properties
- This town is not at all industry friendly
- Resident's attitudes
- Lack of attention to preserving our way of life
- So far from major shopping
- I don't feel anything needs to change
- Traffic noise
- The recycling center – charging for trashbags would only serve to pay a full time salary to part time employee
- Road maintenance
- People moving here, and the rural character being dissolved
- Growing too fast, Crime
- My neighbors with helicopter pads & cell towers
- That there isn't any more ATV trails
- A statewide problem – unfair taxes / should not depend on property taxes for schools!!!
- Over spending in some departments. Too much debt.
- Roads stink, Town Meeting should be at elementary school not the meeting house dump.
- My only concerned is road maintenance on my road; yet this year I have seen more effort made to smooth out the holes and the deep tire tracks.
- A laundromat would be good
- "Lack of shopping, restaurants, and internet access."
- population growth
- the roads need attention
- "I wish it was possible for dogs to swim at sunset or zephyr; possibly at 6 am in the summer with the understanding that all dogs have tags, are leashed on the sand and that owners will pick up after their dogs. "
- "Can be better managed in the town office area. More friendly, helpful. "
- "The push by selectman to make Oak Park and other town facilities available for outside (non-Greenfield) use, especially for $$."
- "HIGH PROPERTY TAXES INCLUDING THE RIDICULOUS VIEW TAX!! NOT ALL TOWNS HAVE A VIEW TAX BUT SOME TOWNS ARE GREEDY!! HMMMMMM, SEEMS LIKE WE HAVE A GREEDY TOWN WITH A GREEDY TOWN GOVERNMENT!!"
- No Cable TV/Internet service. Need to improve Fairpoint services.
- "Negative support for education. Need more innovative approach to education, not just penny pinching!"
- Limited tax base and result on individual property tax rates. Limited options for town youth recreation apart from outdoor activities.
- People's attitudes towards each other
- The attitude of people moving in. The taxpayers can't afford all the amenities that are demanded.
- "TAXES!
- Hours at recycling center.
- I also think that we need to use the assets we have to help this town grow. It is sad to see Oak Park empty so much. It should be the homes of events and rented for income. "
- property view tax
- I wish people wouldn't be stuck on the idea that we need more housing development to get more taxes. This is an old-fashioned way of thinking that goes back to the days when everybody was leaving NH. We don't have THAT problem anymore.
- The DPW are clueless. Can't we get some people there who actually have some engineering background and can fix things the right way the first time. Duct tape doesn't work.
  "The roads are deplorable. The upkeep throughout the winter MUST be more frequent. It is costing us hundreds of dollars every single year in vehicle wear, tear and damage. I promise I am not exaggerating this. PLEASE make it a priority."
- "poor roads, no cable."

- The downtown needs further work on zoning to allow more density. The farm fields across from Oak Park should be zoned at ¼ acre to allow cluster housing. I am afraid that is already lost to suburban sprawl.
- cannot get around without a car
- "There seems to be a growing and/or more apparent mean-spirited ""arrogance"" (""my way or the highway"") mentality being demonstrated at public meetings. The squeaky wheels are taking over the discourse and direction of the town."
- "When someone acts in a manner that does not consider the impact to the environment, the neighborhood, or the overall community, I find that to be a problem. Cases such as clear cutting without regard to erosion, ""mudding"" without regard to our town's DPW working hard to maintain the roads for residents, leaving animal waste to foul our town beaches are all examples of this behavior. I don't want to legislate our lives but over the years, I've come to the unfortunate realization that some people will just not think beyond the moment and their immediate desires."
- Roads. They need to be improved.
- lowering taxes
- I wish people did not drive so fast on the back roads
- "Not much, but, if pressed, I'd have to say that it's that eyesore of an abandoned, decrepit house that guards the entrance to the NHDOT Barn on Sawmill Rd (route 31). It's has to come down, otherwise, it will become a metaphor for our little hamlet."
- Dilapidated properties
- "I feel that many in town are too worried about controlling or limiting what others can do with their property. I don't support town regulations which do this. Not liking something someone wants to do isn't enough, there needs to be a clear damage done to someone or their property for a refusal."
- "The lack of agricultural land and opportunities. As land is put into housing and business development, we have less for growing food and I think in the future we will want more food grown locally."
- road construction is at a snail’s pace
- Increased development of suburban type developments.
- The tendency to become a high priced suburb or bedroom community. Tillable acres should not become subdivisions.
- Lack of public enthusiasm for town events. Understandable though as most people have to work out of town and possibly have a long commute and therefore are not home in time to participate.

23. Residency: Number of years in Greenfield

1(1)	20(5)	45(2)
2(6)	21(1)	50(1)
3(3)	22(3)	55(1)
4(1)	23(1)	60(1)
5(6)	24(1)	62(1)
6(9)	25(2)	70(1)
7(10)	26(1)	71(1)Summer Resident
8(3)	27(3)	All(1)
9(2)	29(1)	
10(4)	30(4)	
11(4)	31(1)	
12(10)	32(3)	
13(2)	34(4)	
14(4)	35(2)	Total 120
15(3)	39(1)	
16(2)	40(2)	
18(2)	44(1)	