

Town of North Hampton

New Hampshire 03862

*Office of the
Planning Board*



NORTH HAMPTON PLANNING BOARD CITIZEN SURVEY

This survey is being administered by the North Hampton Planning Board in an effort to ascertain the opinions and attitudes of all property owners and residents regarding a full range of issues. The Planning Board last administered a citizens survey in 1988; many of the questions contained in this survey are similar. The use of the same questions was purposely done so that the Planning Board could gauge changes in responses over the ten year period from 1988 to present.

This survey was distributed to all recipients of US Mail within North Hampton. If your business or household would like additional surveys, copies can be obtained at the Town Office, or from any member of the Planning Board or Board of Selectmen.

COMPLETED SURVEYS MAY BE RETURNED BY PLACING IT IN ONE OF THREE COLLECTION BOXES LOCATED AT THE POST OFFICE, TOWN OFFICE, AND THE LIBRARY; **OR** BY RETURNING IT TO ANY MEMBER OF THE PLANNING BOARD OR BOARD OF SELECTMEN; **OR** VIA U.S. MAIL.

PLEASE RETURN YOUR COMPLETED SURVEYS NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH, 1998. THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATION!

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| 1. | How many people live in your household?
(CIRCLE ONE) | A. | 1 | 15.9% |
| | | B. | 2 | 45.3% |
| | | C. | 3 | 12.1% |
| | | D. | 4 | 16.3% |
| | | E. | more than 4 | 6.7% |
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| 2. | Why did you choose to live in North Hampton?
(CIRCLE TWO) | A. | Rural atmosphere | 43.1% |
| | | B. | Quality of public schools | 22.6% |
| | | C. | Close to employer | 18.6% |
| | | D. | Economy of living | 12.3% |
| | | E. | Hometown | 14.1% |
| | | F. | Friendly atmosphere | 9.9% |
| | | G. | Proximity to major highways | 12.9% |
| | | H. | Proximity to the ocean | 42.1% |

11. What do you think North Hampton needs more of?
(RANK ALL ITEMS)

		VERY IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	LEAST IMPORTANT	NO OPINION
A.	Restaurants	■ 9.7% ■	■ 19.4% ■	■ 50.8% ■	■ 8.3% ■
B.	Retail stores	■ 15.1% ■	■ 29.5% ■	■ 38.6% ■	■ 6.3% ■
C.	Supermarkets	■ 46.1% ■	■ 22.3% ■	■ 23.2% ■	■ 2.6% ■
D.	Office buildings	■ 7.2% ■	■ 19.6% ■	■ 49.1% ■	■ 10.9% ■
E.	Industry	■ 15.1% ■	■ 20.6% ■	■ 41.4% ■	■ 9.9% ■
F.	Protected open space	■ 51.0% ■	■ 23.6% ■	■ 11.5% ■	■ 4.6% ■
G.	Protected wetlands	■ 50.8% ■	■ 22.8% ■	■ 10.5% ■	■ 4.6% ■
H.	Single family homes	■ 18.2% ■	■ 22.8% ■	■ 38.2% ■	■ 9.1% ■
I.	Elderly housing	■ 19.0% ■	■ 30.9% ■	■ 28.1% ■	■ 9.1% ■
J.	Apartments	■ 6.4% ■	■ 13.3% ■	■ 55.8% ■	■ 11.3% ■
K.	Mobile homes	■ 6.8% ■	■ 5.6% ■	■ 64.5% ■	■ 9.5% ■
L.	Recreation facilities	■ 20.6% ■	■ 35.6% ■	■ 25.3% ■	■ 9.1% ■
M.	Organized teenage activities	■ 26.1% ■	■ 35.2% ■	■ 17.4% ■	■ 6.6% ■
N.	Bed & breakfasts	■ 7.0% ■	■ 18.4% ■	■ 43.9% ■	■ 13.5% ■

12. Which of these three categories best describes your living situation?
(CIRCLE ONE)
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| A. | Homeowner | 92.7% |
| B. | Renter | 4.2% |
| C. | Live with family | .4% |
13. Where (geographically) do you shop for the majority of your groceries?
(CIRCLE ONE)
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| A. | Portsmouth | 31.5% |
| B. | Hampton | 58.7% |
| C. | North Hampton | 3.0% |
| D. | Massachusetts | 2.4% |
14. Where (geographically) do you shop for the majority of your non-food items?
(CIRCLE ONE)
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|----|---------------|-------|
| A. | Portsmouth | 81.1% |
| B. | Hampton | 3.8% |
| C. | North Hampton | 9.9% |
| D. | Massachusetts | 5.4% |
15. Should North Hampton provide improved opportunities for multi-family developments?
(CIRCLE ONE)
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| A. | Yes | 19.0% |
| B. | No | 72.4% |

21. Would you ride a bicycle more than you do presently if there were more bicycle paths/lanes throughout Town?
(CIRCLE ONE)
- A. Yes 61.7%
B. No 33.6%
22. Would you walk more than you do presently if there were more sidewalks throughout Town?
(CIRCLE ONE)
- A. Yes 60.5%
B. No 33.6%

23. Listed below are possible future Town Capital Expenditures. Please rank all of the items listed below:

		VERY IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	LEAST IMPORTANT	NO OPINION
A.	Expanding water lines/hydrants	■ 22.6%	■ 32.9%	■ 28.1%	■ 8.7%
B.	Library expansion	■ 16.0%	■ 33.6%	■ 37.2%	■ 5.1%
C.	Highway Dept. Equipment	■ 10.3%	■ 45.1%	■ 27.1%	■ 9.3%
D.	Purchase land for conservation	■ 34.6%	■ 33.0%	■ 23.1%	■ 4.6%
E.	Purchase easements to protect rivers	■ 35.2%	■ 31.1%	■ 19.2%	■ 6.7%
F.	Town recreational facilities	■ 22.2%	■ 34.2%	■ 33.6%	■ 5.7%
G.	Elementary school expansion	■ 10.1%	■ 19.4%	■ 50.0%	■ 10.1%
H.	Consolidation of town offices	■ 7.3%	■ 25.5%	■ 49.6%	■ 9.7%

24. The North Hampton Planning Board strives to make decisions which are in the best interest of the Town's residents, in consideration of the laws of the State of NH, Town Ordinances and sound planning policy. Your comments or suggestions on how the Board could improve its efforts regarding planning and/or zoning in North Hampton are equally important:

494 RESPONSES TOTAL

*Thanks again for completing the Planning Board's
1998 Survey!*