

Town of Colebrook, NH

Master Plan Survey

Every Planning Board in New Hampshire is obligated to update its Master Plan every 5 years. A Master Plan is a vision of where the town sees itself and where it would like to be. It is a guide for future improvements, zoning, and is often a help in obtaining grants.

Our Master Plan has not been updated since 1989, but general property usage has changed as has the needs and demands of the community.

This is your opportunity to participate in the updating process. By participating in this survey, you'll be furnishing important data and opinions that will help the Planning Board create a useful Master Plan.

Your opinions are very important to us and we have mailed out many of these surveys, but if we missed you, please complete it and return it to the Town Hall by **March 15, 2004**.

Thank you.

The first questions will help us get a current view of our town.

1. Age:
 - a. Under 25
 - b. 25-40
 - c. 41-55
 - d. 56-64
 - e. 65-69
 - f. 70 or older

2. Education:
 - a. Less than high school
 - b. High school graduate
 - c. 2 year college graduate
 - d. 4 year college graduate
 - e. Graduate school

3. Resident Status: (you may select more than one)
 - a. Summer resident
 - b. Permanent resident
 - c. Rental resident
 - d. Own your own home
 - e. Non-resident property owner

4. If you are a resident, how many in your household?

5. How many years have you lived in Colebrook?
 - a. Less than 5 years
 - b. 5 – 10 years
 - c. 10 – 20 years
 - d. Over 20 years

6. How many children (if any) fall into each category:
 - a. Pre-school (toddlers/infants)
 - b. Grades K – 6
 - c. Grades 7 – 12

These questions deal with your opinions of Colebrook

7. How satisfied are you with Colebrook:
 - a. Very satisfied
 - b. Somewhat satisfied
 - c. Somewhat unsatisfied
 - d. Very unsatisfied
 - e. No opinion

8. Why do you feel Colebrook is a desirable place to live (check all that apply)

- a. Small town atmosphere
- b. Uncrowded & quiet living conditions
- c. Outdoor recreation opportunities
- d. Rivers
- e. Employment opportunities
- f. School system
- g. Friendly people
- h. Community spirit
- i. Scenic & unpolluted natural environment

9. Check five of the following that you believe to be the most serious problems in Colebrook:

- a. Lack of multi-family housing
- b. Lack of housing development
- c. Loss of farm land
- d. Lack of affordable housing
- e. Excessive housing development
- f. Lack of land use control
- g. Excessive land use control
- h. High taxes
- i. Lack of recreational facilities
- j. Traffic/Roads
- k. Lack of community buildings
- l. Lack of commercial development
- m. Excessive commercial development
- n. Lack of industrial development
- o. Downtown parking

10. Are the following services or facilities satisfactory?

Y=YES N=NO U=Undecided

	Facilities	Services
a. Police	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Fire	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Emergency Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Roads	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Health Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Recreation Areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Town Offices	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Trash	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Recycling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. Library	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
k. Cemetery	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

11. Should the town add, improve, or allow the following recreational opportunities:

Y=YES N=NO U=Undecided

	Facilities	Services
a. Skating	___	___
b. Indoor gym	___	___
c. Tennis courts	___	___
d. Basketball	___	___
e. Swimming pool	___	___
f. Biking trails	___	___
g. Downhill skiing	___	___
h. Hiking trails	___	___
i. Cross-country ski trails	___	___
j. Hunting access	___	___
k. Game preserves	___	___
l. Baseball field	___	___

12. Would you favor locating any of the following businesses in Colebrook? (Check those you would favor)

- a. ___ Hotels and Motels
- b. ___ Small Inns
- c. ___ Bed & Breakfasts
- d. ___ Supermarkets
- e. ___ Bars or Taverns
- f. ___ Restaurants
- g. ___ Fast food stores
- h. ___ Convenience stores
- i. ___ Banks
- j. ___ Light industry
- k. ___ High tech industry
- l. ___ Retail sales
- m. ___ Discount chains
- n. ___ Farms
- o. ___ Professional offices
- p. ___ Auto service and repair
- q. ___ Shopping centers
- r. ___ Gas stations

13. Should Colebrook encourage development of:

Y=YES N=NO U=Undecided

- a. Manufacturing
- b. Home occupations
- c. Landscaped buffer zones
- d. Architectural control

14. What pattern of commercial development would you prefer to see in Colebrook? (check one)

- a. Scattered throughout town
- b. Focused within or adjacent to Village center
- c. Strip development along Rte 3.
- d. Concentrated outside Village center
- e. No further development

15. How should Colebrook address its legal and social responsibility to accommodate affordable housing for those individuals with limited and fixed incomes? (check all that apply)

- a. Permit one accessory apartment within a residence
- b. Permit greater residential density in designated projects
- c. Encourage multi-family housing
- d. Provide more elderly housing.
- e. Sufficient housing already exists.

16. Do you feel rivers and ponds in Colebrook are: (check one)

- a. Currently over-regulated and over-protected
- b. In need of additional protection
- c. Adequate
- d. Do not know.

17. Are existing Planning Board ordinances (Zoning, Site Plan, Subdivision, Flood Plain) sufficient to protect critical resources? (cluster housing ordinance to be proposed to the voters at town meeting)

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Do not know

18. Do you support town involvement in preserving the following?

Y=YES N=NO U=Undecided

- a. Historic Buildings _____
- b. Farmlands _____
- c. Working farms _____
- d. Wetlands _____
- e. Mohawk River _____
- f. Areas of scenic beauty _____
- g. Wildlife Habitat _____

These questions relate to specific projects being considered for our town.

19. Should Colebrook taxpayers sponsor, consider, or otherwise help in the development of a river walk from Main Street to the Connecticut River along the Mohawk river?

- a. _____ Develop project
- b. _____ Participate in development
- c. _____ Encourage but not participate
- d. _____ Neither encourage nor participate
- e. _____ Do not know

20. Should Colebrook taxpayers sponsor, consider, or otherwise help in development of a Rails to Trails project using the abandoned railroad right-of-way north of the proposed Community Recreation Center?

- a. _____ Develop project
- b. _____ Participate in development
- c. _____ Encourage but not participate
- d. _____ Neither encourage nor participate
- e. _____ Do not know

21. Should Colebrook sponsor, consider, or otherwise help in the direct burial of utilities along Main Street in the "Downtown District"?

- a. _____ Develop project
- b. _____ Participate in development
- c. _____ Encourage but not participate
- d. _____ Neither encourage nor participate
- e. _____ Do not know

