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Local Solutions for the Strafford Region

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Part I Public Outreach Plan

This plan was written early in the outreach processes that took place for **Local Solutions for the Strafford Region**. The following sections include: an overview of Strafford Regional Planning Commission as an Organization; the staff involved with the project at the beginning of the project (staff members have changed in the three year project period); an overview of master planning efforts, an overview of the overall project goals, an introduction to the Local Solutions advisory team, and the plan for outreach including some strategies that were already in place.

Strafford Regional Planning Commission



Background

Strafford Regional Planning Commission's fundamental mission is to plan and act to achieve sustainable development and improve the quality of life. Sustainable development is balanced economic progress with environmental protection and community well-being. The Commission has been active in regional planning for over 40 years as one of the nine Regional Planning Commissions established by the New Hampshire legislature. Our region is composed of eighteen communities including all thirteen municipalities in Strafford County, three communities in Rockingham County, and two communities in Carroll County. Operating as a political subdivision of the State, Strafford Regional Planning serves an advisory role to local governments and organizations.

Strafford Regional Planning Commission works to improve the region by coordinating local planning, promoting orderly growth and efficient land use and transportation systems, and addressing issues of regional concern.

Our professional planning staff assists in land use, transportation, environmental planning, economic development, hazard mitigation planning, support services, and project management.

Staff - 2012

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Regional Master Planning

In addition to providing assistance to local communities, Regional Planning Commissions must “prepare a coordinated plan for the development of a region, taking into account present and future needs with a view toward facilitating the most appropriate use of land... the facilitation of transportation and communication... the proper and economic location of public utilities and services; the development of adequate recreational areas; the promotion of good civic design; and the wise and efficient expenditure of public funds.” (RSA 36:45) Regional master plans are advisory documents aimed at coordinating the actions of communities and assisting with the writing of municipal master plans. The RSA’s state: “A regional planning commission’s powers shall be advisory, and shall generally pertain to the development of the region within its jurisdiction as a whole. Nothing in this subdivision shall be deemed to limit any of the powers, duties or obligations of planning boards in individual municipalities.” (RSA 36:47)

Regional Plan Content

Regional comprehensive plans may use either the framework of the state development plan in RSA 9:A, or that of a local master plan as provided in RSA 674:2. Local master plans use the following content outline:

Overall vision

- Land use
- Transportation
- Community Facilities
- Economic Development
- Natural Resources
- Natural Hazards
- Recreation
- Utility and Public Service
- Cultural and Historic Resources
- Regional Concerns
- Neighborhood Plan
- Community Design
- Housing
- Implementation
- Energy

During the Regional Master Planning Process, each Regional Planning Commission must “make a good faith effort to inform and respond to their local communities”, as stated in RSA 36:47,IV.

Before adoption by the Strafford Regional Planning Commission, draft regional plans are distributed to each library, planning board, and board of selectmen/aldermen/city council in each of the communities within the region. All comments received prior to publication of a final draft will be considered by the Regional Planning Commission. Following the creation of a final draft, Regional Planning Commissions must hold a public hearing that is public noticed at least 30 days prior. Only after a public hearing, may the plan be officially adopted by the Strafford Regional Planning Commission. If adopted, the Regional Master Plan must then be filed with each planning board in the region in accordance with RSAs 36:47,III and 36:50.

Granite State Future: Local Solutions for the Strafford Region Purpose

Granite State Future is a statewide project among all of the Regional Planning Commissions coordinated by the Nashua Regional Planning Commission, and funded through a grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development

The objectives of this project are to:

- Protect New Hampshire's unique beauty and character.
- Identify local assets that are important to the lasting prosperity of our communities, regions and State.
- Capitalize on and incorporate shared values and opportunities included in existing plans and research.
- Plan for public infrastructure investment through an open and transparent process.
- Direct capital investments toward locally identified needs

New Hampshire's Livability Principles

Granite State Future: Local Solutions for the Strafford Region will reflect the New Hampshire Livability Principles, a set of concepts which will provide a common framework for all nine Regional Plans and are supported by RSA 9-B. The Livability Principles encompass:

Traditional Settlement Patterns & Development Design – maintain the traditional New Hampshire landscape intact by focusing development in town centers and village areas, while leaving open and rural areas for agriculture, recreation, and other suitable uses.

Housing Choices – ensure that everyone, no matter what their income level, has convenient and affordable housing choices. This includes the availability of a variety of housing options and ownership types that appeal to people at any stage of life, and is convenient to where they work, shop, and play.

Transportation Choices – provide a number of options that help people safely and efficiently get where they need to go, whether it is by walking, biking, public transportation, carpooling, or taking a train or plane. Transportation networks should make it easy to get from one place to another, and should also allow the efficient movement of goods to support the economy (commercial freight, rail, marine, and air transport).

Natural Resource Functions & Quality – make sure that we protect New Hampshire’s beautiful natural landscape, which is home to all of us as well as a wide range of plant and wildlife species. This includes protecting and improving the water we drink, the air we breathe, the forests we love, and the farmland that sustains us.

Community and Economic Vitality – continue to make New Hampshire a great place in which to do business, raise a family, recreate, visit, and retire. Our neighborhoods and communities offer opportunities for an excellent education, good health, cultural happenings, and social connections.

Climate Change and Energy Efficiency – In recent decades, New Hampshire has seen an increase in extreme storms, flooding, and warmer weather throughout the year. Coupled with this, are steadily rising fuel and energy prices. To adapt to these changes, communities should focus on constructing homes and buildings that use less energy and are more efficient. Landscaping and stormwater management should be designed to keep as much rainwater and snowmelt onsite to prevent flooding elsewhere. Where possible and appropriate, renewable energy generation should be encouraged to reduce dependence on outside sources of energy.

Commitment to Our Communities

Years One and Two of the Public Outreach Plan concentrate on engaging citizens and leaders in a range of ways, first in broad visioning, and then within specific areas of local interest.

Through Year Two, each region will conduct a comprehensive regional needs assessment in order to set goals and priorities, and will develop the component elements of a Regional Plan. Though priorities and goals will be different in each region of the state, all the Plans are expected to include appendices addressing Housing, Transportation, Water Infrastructure (Utility and Public Service), Environment (Natural Resources and Recreation), Economic Development, Climate Change Impacts and Hazard Mitigation, and Energy Efficiency and Green Building.

In Year Three, each region will review and complete its Plan for local endorsement, and begin implementation strategies on some of the identified priorities. At the state level, the nine Plans will be consolidated into a state-wide snapshot, and analyzed for shared opportunities.

Outreach and Engagement

Advisory Team

The Regional Advisory Committee is a subcommittee of the Regional Planning Commission. The Regional Advisory Committee was created in order to provide guidance to the staff of the Commission on the Regional Plan project that will take place between Spring of 2012 and 2015. The Regional Advisory Committee will participate in and promote outreach for the initiative within the region. They will assist staff with review of data and public input and advise the staff on the overall concept and goals of the initiative. The Committee will review and amend templates from statewide Advisory Committees to meet any unique regional context, review local information, and track Regional Plan progress. The Regional Advisory Committee may from time to time form subcommittees of local and regional experts and volunteers, to work on specific tasks and projects if and when needed. After the Regional Plan is completed the Regional Advisory Team will present it to the Strafford Regional Planning Commission for their adoption. Over the coming months, Commission staff will keep the Regional Advisory Committee apprised of the many aspects of the Regional Plan. Additionally, Regional Advisory Committee members will participate in an outreach training workshop that will be held in the summer of 2012.

Members

The members of the Strafford Regional Planning Commission (SRPC) **Local Solutions for the Strafford Region** advisory team are as follows:

Victoria Parmele (Northwood) – Chair

Sam Reid (Dover) – Vice-Chair

Christine Sutter (Somersworth)

John Scruton (Barrington)

Each member is featured in an advisory team member profile beginning on the next page. SRPC would also like to recognize the following, as advisors during the process:

Lisa Henderson (Workforce Housing Coalition)

Karen Pollard (Rochester)

Deanna Strand (Dover Adult Learning Center)

Samuel Reid Advisory Team Member

Hometown: South Bend, IN

Lives in: Dover

Education: Bachelor's Degree, Economics (University of New Hampshire), Juris Doctorate, Law (University of Maine School of Law)

Career Path: Computer Programmer (CT), Law Firm (NH), Sports Industry Apparel Company (NH), Certified Financial Planner (NH)

Committees/Volunteer Efforts: Strafford Rivers Conservancy, Inc. (President) which is merging with Southeast Land Trust of NH (Secretary), Dover ZBA (Chair), Strafford Economic Development Corp. (Vice President), Strafford Regional Planning Commission (Past Chair), and Seacoast Metropolitan Organization (Past Member)

Why the Strafford Region?

I chose to live here because of the natural beauty of the area and the proximity of the Seacoast to Boston, Portland and the lakes and mountains of northern New England. I also love the friendliness of the people in this area.

Why is volunteerism so important?

Volunteerism is important as we cannot rely on others to advance our vision of what is right. While I think we are fortunate to have volunteers working on a myriad of worthwhile causes, there is always a need for my hands and brains and perspectives. Volunteering is important to create a meaningful sense of community and a link with other folks in the region. It is very rewarding.

Why do you think regional planning is important/ why were you interested in being involved on the Strafford Regional Advisory Team?

I believe regional planning is important in that it avoids unnecessary duplication of services. Many New England cities and towns seem to think they are an island unto themselves. That is myopic. Each of us can learn from each other. Roads and transportation systems head in all directions. It is absurd to not employ the impressive expertise from the Planning Commission staff. I became interested in the Advisory Team to learn more about how our region is part of the State plan and how we are different from other areas of the State.

How do you hope people will use the regional master plan?

I hope that the data compiled by staff is useful in setting priorities for the future in all of the areas covered by the plan. There is a very impressive amount of information that can be drawn upon to make educated decisions about future challenges.



John Scruton Advisory Team Member

Why the Strafford Region?

I live here because it is home. My children and grandchildren, mother, sister and other family members all live close. I like the open fields and forests, while at the same time being close to cultural and historical places. There is a good selection of restaurants in the area. It is a short trip by mass transit to Boston and world class museums and historical places.

Why is volunteerism so important?

There is a great need for more people to be involved in local government. There are many factors that have caused volunteers to become scarce, including long commute times, second jobs, youth sports activities, the Internet, changes in family structure, home entertainment systems, etc. Sadly when people do not volunteer, their opinions are not heard. Sometimes the opinions of only a few are heard, with the apathetic being disenfranchised. We need much broader participation in the decisions that are being made for the benefit of all.

Why do you think regional planning is important/ why were you interested in being involved on the Strafford Regional Advisory Team?

I am convinced we need regional cooperation and solutions to solve our problems. The roads, rivers, air, and jobs, are all regional. No community can close itself off from the need of connecting with others. That is why I have supported Strafford Regional Planning Commission and volunteered to work on the Regional Advisory Team.

Hometown: Farmington, NH

Lives in: Farmington, NH

Education: Bachelor's Degree, Dairy Science,, (University of New Hampshire), Master's Degree, Divinity (Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary , Master's Degree, Public Administration (University of New Hampshire)

Career Path:

Pastor (NH), Scruton's Dairy (NH), Farmington Town Administrator (NH), UNH Master's Student (NH), Local Government Administrator (multiple locations NH), Barrington Town Administrator (NH)

Committees/Volunteer Efforts:

Farmington Conservation Commission, Zoning Board, Planning Board, Budget Committee, and Boarding of Selectman (Past member), PRIMEX member, and the NH Municipal Association (Serves on Governing Board)

How do you hope people will use the regional master plan?

I hope this will enable people to see how complex and interrelated the towns and cities are. Regional solutions require knowing what the issues are first. A second benefit is being able to find examples of how others have addressed the issue.



Christine Soutter

Advisory Team Member

Hometown: Canterbury, NH

Lives in: Exeter, NH

Education: Bachelor's Degree, French (Rollins College), Master's Degree, French (University of Georgia)

Career Path:

Women's Business Center Executive Director (NH), State Division of Economic Development (NH) Business Resource Specialist, City of Somersworth Economic Development Manager, Somersworth Chamber of Commerce (Board Member)

Committees/Volunteer Efforts:

Local High School Career Technical Center (CTC) Committee and CTC Renovation Committee (Member), in addition to participation on other committee the support the overall economic health of the region.

Why the Strafford Region?

We love New Hampshire for its diversity of seasons, topography, activities and education. Stafford County is a great area as it is close to both the mountains and the ocean which isn't something most areas of the United States can boast. It also has great jobs and good people.

Why is volunteerism so important?

Volunteerism is absolutely critical to the health and prosperity of our region and our State. It is what makes the difference between a good place to live and a great place to live. We do have a lot of individuals who care greatly about the region and who give of their time, talent and treasure to a variety of charitable causes. The State, however, is not particularly generous with their "treasure" and could use some education about the impact on the nonprofit community and how their financial support can really make a difference in not just the lives of those less fortunate but their own lives through community events, recreation and more.

Why do you think regional planning is important/ why were you interested in being involved on the Strafford Regional Advisory Team?

NH is a small state made up of small cities and towns. If we are not thinking regionally then we are not thinking clearly. Everything we do affects our surrounding communities. We have strength in numbers and the more we approach decisions with a regional view the better off all of our communities will be.

How do you hope people will use the regional master plan?

I hope that they realize the amount of time and care that went into the master plan which enables them to make informed decisions without putting the same time into the work needed to come up with the information provided in the plan. I hope they refer to the plan as they create their own set of priorities and development strategy.



Victoria Parmele Advisory Team Member

Hometown: Massapequa, NY

Lives in: Northwood, NH

Education: Bachelor's Degree, English (University of New Hampshire), Technical courses, Cornell, University of Washington, Essex Agricultural and Technical Institute, Master's Degree, Natural Resources Management and Administration (University of New Hampshire)

Career Path: Two Environmental Non-Profits (WA), NH Office of State Planning Land Use Planner (NH), Environmental Film Company (MA), Environmental Consulting Firm (NH), Town of Durham Minutes Taker (NH)

Committees/Volunteer Efforts: Northwood Planning Board (Alternate Member), Upper Lamprey Scenic Byways Committee (Member), Saving Johnson's Field Committee (Member), Strafford Regional Planning Commission (Commissioners), SRPC Executive Committee (Vice Chair)

Why the Strafford Region?

I eventually made my way back east [from Washington state], and after living in Newburyport, MA, I moved to Exeter, and then to Northwood just before entering graduate school at UNH. I was drawn to Northwood's rural character and its proximity to the Seacoast area.

Why is volunteerism so important?

I learned over time how essential volunteerism is to community life in NH. There are many reasons for this, and one is that while the needs are there, funding at whatever level often isn't there. There is a good sense of volunteerism in the Strafford region, but it could be greater. There are many problems and projects to take on, including in the area of land use planning, but often there are too few hands to do the work required.

Why do you think regional planning is important/ why were you interested in being involved on the Strafford Regional Advisory Team?

I believe regional planning can play a vital role in helping people to think about the linkages between transportation, economic development, environmental protection, and other planning issues. It's not easy for NH towns to do this on their own, because of a lack of data, technology and/or manpower to do the analyses needed in order to understand the linkages. Also, many planning issues extend beyond town/city boundaries. Regional planning allows volunteers and staff working on these issues to see the bigger picture and hopefully develop solutions that will work for as many people as possible.

I'm especially pleased to have served on the Advisory Team. Getting to see up close the work SRPC planners have been doing on the Regional Master Plan has been fascinating, and heartening. As a result of their efforts, a tremendous amount of useful information will be available to municipalities, to do with as they see fit.

How do you hope people will use the regional master plan?

I hope the regional master plan will be poured over by believers as well as by skeptics, and that it will spark many spirited debates about the planning issues facing the Strafford region. I hope the plan will help towns and cities find solutions to their particular problems, by allowing them to devise unique solutions for their particular problems based on some really good information in the regional plan.



Outreach Strategy

Regional Outreach Strategy

Regional community outreach events will be used to engage local populations. Outreach will include participation in conferences, fairs, and established community events. Strategies to be used at outreach events include interviewing participants, as well as encouraging them to map out their ideas on the **Local Solutions for the Strafford Region** interactive display. This bulls-eye-like chart was designed to help participants identify what is important to them at a home, regional, and state level. After each event Strafford Regional Planning Commission staff will create a report describing what was learned and the areas that can be improved on in the future. The goal is to reach out to 1% of the population, or roughly 1400 individuals who live, work, or visit the Strafford Region.

Targeted Outreach Groups

Homeless populations	Business Leaders
Public Transportation Agencies	Taxpayers Associations
Moderate Income groups	Local Citizen Interest Groups
Faith-Based Organizations	Arts/Culture Commissions
Economic Development Groups (Chambers of Commerce)	Historic Preservation
Working Poor/Low Income	Public Safety/Emergency Management Professionals
Refugees/Immigrants	Conservation Groups
Minorities	Workforce Housing
English Language Learners	Healthcare Facilities
Disabled/Handicapped	Agricultural Groups
Veterans Groups	Welfare Agencies
Youth/At-Risk Groups	Food Pantries
Senior Citizens	University Population
Elected Officials	Political Action Groups

Listening Boxes

Listening boxes will be used to collect community input. A list of locations was compiled for targeting the placement of listening boxes. This system will include comment cards, and flyers explaining Granite State Future: Local Solutions for the Strafford Region effort attached to a collection box. Boxes will be located around the region allowing individuals to contribute their ideas. Examples of where these listening boxes will be placed include: town halls, libraries, coffee shops, community centers and other private establishments. Incentives for citizens to participate will occur in the form of raffle prizes from local vendors and businesses. Participants

may decide to participate in the raffle by providing their name and phone number. Listening boxes will be rotated to different regional locations and the input collected will be entered onto the Granite State Future website. The data provided will also be analyzed and reported on by Strafford Regional Planning Commission staff.



Listening Box and comment card

Online/Print Media Outreach

Website

Strafford Regional Planning Commission plans to continue to utilize feedback gathered via A Granite State Future’s statewide collaboration web page housed at www.granitestatefuture.org. Staff will also utilize the Granite State Future website to input data gathered via the regional listening boxes in order to share the community input from citizens concerning the Strafford Region.

Newsletter

The Strafford Regional Planning Commission has continued building our agency newsletter. This newsletter is a cost effective, easy way to create an open communication channel for a wide variety of people. Our newsletter informs readers about the latest happenings, news, events and achievements, and information that may not be readily available. It encourages readers to attend public meetings, become more aware of new policies and regulations, and take part in municipal matters. In the past year, we have expanded the distribution list, added more contacts, and created new templates to send out information. Strafford Regional Planning Commission will continue to use the Internet as a resource tool throughout this project. The newsletter often has hyperlinks at the end of each article, which directs readers to other websites with additional information. Readers have the opportunity to browse these directories available online. As Strafford Regional Planning Commission moves forward, we will be

developing a more interactive media where users can share opinions and have their voices heard.

Facebook

Strafford Regional Planning Commission will utilize the organization's Facebook page in conjunction with the Granite State Future Facebook page to convey important information to subscribed members. Our page may be used to poll subscribers as well as keep them up to date on what is new with the Granite State Future project in relation to the Strafford Region. Granite State Future will maintain its' Facebook page, Granite State Future, to keep followers up to date about what is happening with the project in each of the different regions in NH.

Twitter

Strafford Regional Planning Commission will continue to utilize its current Twitter account **@straffordrpc** as both a communications tool for interactions with Granite State Future project partners and as an outreach outlet for Local Solutions for the Strafford Region news and upcoming events. Granite State Future, as a statewide entity, will also maintain its own Twitter account at **@granitestatefut** for announcements regarding the project.

Collaborative Statewide Outreach Strategy

Neighborhood Conversations recognize that some people are uncomfortable participating in public meetings. It establishes a mechanism to engage individuals at a more casual neighborhood location (i.e. local diners and coffee shops, PTA group meetings, local transfer stations, etc.). These conversations would provide further input concerning what citizens want to see improved and what they like about the Strafford Region. These conversations further hold importance as they allow a range of opinions to be heard and not just individuals who have a tendency to speak up on issues at public meetings find important.

NH Listens

In light of the statewide focus on engaging underserved and underrepresented populations in regional planning, the Carsey Institute of the University New Hampshire will work closely with University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension to create a series of local and regional public dialogues that will give a total of 400-500 statewide participants an opportunity to express their views on issues related to livability, sustainability, and long-range planning. Specifically, the Carsey Institute's engagement initiative, New Hampshire Listens, will partner with UNH Cooperative Extension. NH Listens operates at both the local and state level to engage and facilitate conversations and dialogues surrounding complex and often polarizing issues. They will be working to develop a three-tiered Community Engagement Framework, implemented in chronological order as follows:

Communities of Interest

In each of the nine regional planning commission areas in New Hampshire, our partners will identify and engage specific interest groups made up of underserved populations. This will include but not be limited to the NH Minority Health Coalition, the Latin American Center (Manchester), NH ABLE (a self-advocacy group for people with disabilities), the Interfaith Refugee Resettlement Program (Concord) and International Institute of NH (Manchester), New Hampshire Legal Assistance (representing welfare rights organizations), resident-owned communities, New Hampshire's six community action programs, youth advocacy organizations across the state, and senior citizen centers. Our Partners will conduct two to three dialogue events in each of the nine regions with representatives from these constituencies (for a total of 27 focus groups). Partners will work with these constituencies on their home territory and design processes that allow for safe, confidential expression of views. Our focus in these dialogues will be on interests, how natural and built environments affect their social, economic, and cultural lives of these populations. Participants in the focus groups will be invited to send representatives to community-wide forums, as described later in this document. University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension will be responsible for identifying and conducting these interviews and focus groups. Cooperative Extension staff will conduct meetings, focus groups and interviews from August 2012 through February of 2013. Results will be presented to

Regional Planning Commissions and the Equity and Engagement Technical Advisory Statewide Committee from March 2013 through April 2013.

Communities of Place

UNH Cooperative Extension will identify 9 to 12 communities across New Hampshire, representing geographic and demographic diversity, to conduct public conversations on the question, “How can the places we live, work, and learn become sustainable, livable, and meaningful for ALL our residents?” Grounded in the NH Livability Principles and guided by NH Listens’ core commitments to inclusive, civil, and safe dialogue, these community-based, facilitated dialogues will draw on the results of the Communities of Interest focus groups, create expanded opportunities for wider participation from both the “usual suspects” and underserved, underrepresented populations, and emphasize the particular nature of the place in which the conversations are occurring. Our partners will support the participation of members of the Communities of Interest focus groups through provision of transportation, child care, and other services necessary to offset financial and personal costs. UNH Cooperative Extension will be responsible for the Communities of Place, coordinating with NH Listens for facilitators and outreach. These public conversations will be carried out from March 2013 through May 2013. Results will be presented to RPC’s and Equity and Engagement Technical Advisory Statewide Committee in the summer of 2013.

Regional Forums

The third stage of the Community Engagement Framework will entail four regional public forums, tentatively to take place in Lebanon, Laconia, Portsmouth, and Berlin. [Note that each of the regional forums may encompass two or three regional planning regions (i.e. consolidated regions).] Participants in the Regional Forums will include people from the Communities of Interest and Communities of Place dialogues; and they will be open to residents of our region.

The purposes of the Regional Forums will be to a) aggregate the recommendations that emerge from the Communities of Interest and Communities of Place dialogues; b) modify and expand those recommendations to reflect regional interests; and c) recruit members of Regional Advisory Team for each of the nine Regional Planning Commissions.

NH Listens will be responsible for the Regional Forums which will be scheduled for August through September 2013. Results will be presented to the Planning Commissions and the Equity and Engagement Technical Advisory Statewide Committee in October and November 2013.

Part II Public Outreach Report

This report was written and updated as Strafford Regional Planning Commission (SRPC) attended different community outreach events across the region. SRPC was committed to capturing the voices of as many residents in the Stafford Region as possible. The comments received were the basis for the visions for each section of the plan, and shaped much of the plan content. The following sections include: an overview of the outreach conducted by SRPC, what we heard, and a summary and results from each outreach event.

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Outreach Overview

27 outreach events
1,343 participants
3,300 comments

Outreach events included:

- 1 Transportation Survey
- 2 Community Assistance Events
- 5 Community Events
- 2 Town Meetings
- 2 School Events
- 3 Blood Drives
- 2 Farmer’s Markets
- 4 Community Festivals
- 3 Senior Luncheons
- 1 Young Professionals Luncheon
- 2 Expos

Commitment to Our Communities

For the purpose of the Regional Master Plan, as well as to gain an understanding of what the resident of the Strafford region view was important in their communities, an extensive outreach process was conducted. Citizens were engaged in a variety of outreach events, surveys, listening sessions, and interviews. As part of the Strafford Regional Planning Commission’s mission is “to assure that the region is responsive to the needs of its residents through cooperation with the federal and state agencies and its member communities...” this outreach is a vital component of the Regional Master Plan update. From attending 27 events in the region, and reaching out to upwards of 1,300 participants, SRPC gained a sense of what individuals in the region find most important when planning for a shared future.

Outreach Process

SRPC attended 27 different outreach events across the region and received approximately 3,300 comments from over 1,343 participants. This was an important component of the Regional Master Plan process. Residents, workers, and visitors shared what they like about the Strafford Region and what they thought could be improved. SRPC reviewed and analyzed comments and identified common themes and ideas that emerged repeatedly. Comments were then coded and tallied by theme. This information helped SRPC staff gain a sense of what was important to citizens in the region. Results of this outreach process are summarized in the Telling Our Story section of this document.

What We Heard

An analysis process was conducted using the comments received from SRPC’s regional outreach events. Each of the 3000 comments received were reviewed, and the concepts

addressed were sorted into 65 categories. The questions asked at the majority of outreach events concerned what participants like about the Strafford region, as well as areas that they believe need improvement. The categories were based off the comments themselves and include categorizations such as recreational opportunities, education on, access and proximity to recreation on and services, business and economy, rural environment, land conservation, affordable housing, and transportation, among others

Education

Education was the number one priority for improvement among regional respondents at SRPC outreach events. Citing inadequate funding for school systems, the need for improved educational programs, options for primary education, and more affordable secondary education, this topic was continually addressed by respondents.

Taxes

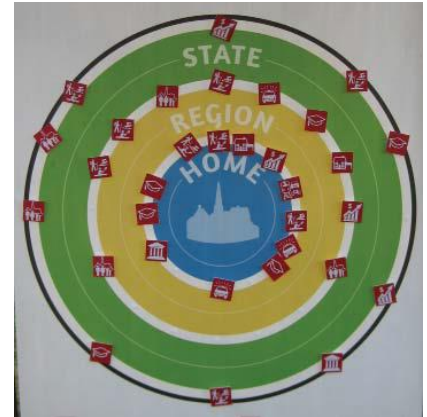
While many participants expressed satisfaction on with the lack of income and sales tax, others were vocal about high property taxes in the region. Conversely, some participants shared how they would not oppose an increase in taxes if money supported improvements in the region, such as an improved education on system.

Recreation

Participants requested more recreational opportunities in the region including the addition of bike lanes for major traffic routes, the extension and addition of trails in the region, and keeping land open for recreational uses.

Housing

Regional housing needs were addressed multiple times as well when participants considered necessary improvements in the region. Many cited the need for more affordable housing. Participants also expressed the need for public assisted housing through the Section 8 Housing Voucher system, as well as an



Interactive Outreach Display

The purpose of conducting outreach at various community events was to gain input to guide the regional master plan appendices.

Each comment was reviewed and analyzed. The data was compiled and then used to shape the vision statements and content of each of the Master Plan appendices.

The regional implementation strategies and projects outlined in this plan also reflect the comments that were received during the outreach process.

In general, the citizens sharing their opinions indicated that:

- What happens in the region is important to them
- Their voice is important in the planning process.

At multiple outreach events, individuals expressed appreciation that their opinions were being considered in SRPC's planning process.

“What do you like about the Strafford Region?”



increase in low-income housing units, sharing that there is often a long list for this type of housing. The parameters concerning housing development and where it should occur were also addressed. Many participants felt development should occur in already developed areas, instead of areas that are currently undeveloped or could be conservation land.

Transportation

Transportation on concerns included route and schedule expansion for regional transit. Expansion of current regional routes was requested, as well increased service on night and weekends. In terms of regional service, many participants mentioned COAST specifically. The need for inter-regional transportation options was also mentioned repeatedly.

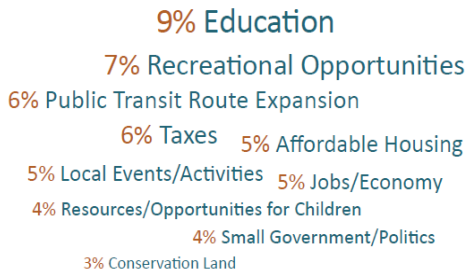
Economic Development

The economy was addressed by multiple participants at varying outreach events. Many participants discussed the need for more local business to encourage growth in our communities' local economies. There were a fair number of individuals who wanted more commercial business. In addition, job creation and security was undeniably important to participants.

Local Events and Engagement

The need for more local events to encourage a sense of community was addressed at multiple outreach events. Individuals discussed the importance of community events such as fairs and farmers markets and the increased need for these types of events. Governmental concerns such as changes in funding and keeping local citizens involved, the need for more resources and programs for children in the region, and the importance and necessity for preservation of regional lands, were possible improvements discussed as well. Categories in 'Other' included a desire for: more residential development; support of agricultural efforts in the region; and improved road conditions.

“What could be improved in the Strafford Region?”



Outreach Events Summaries and Category Results

List of Events

Newmarket Heritage Festival
September 22, 2012 | Newmarket

Dover Apple Harvest Day
October 6, 2012 | Dover

Seacoast Business Expo
October 18, 2012 | Durham

NH Local Government Center
Conference
November 15, 2012 | Concord

Gerry's Food Pantry Turkey Day
November 15, 2012 &
November 26, 2013 | Rochester

Rochester Area Senior Center
Luncheon
January 23, 2013 | Rochester

St. Anthony's Senior Luncheon
January 25, 2013 | Wakefield

Winter Farmer's Market
January 26, 2013 | Rollinsford

Greater Wakefield Resource Center
February 7, 2013 | Wakefield

University of New Hampshire
February 5-7, 2013 | Durham

Winter Farmer's Market
March 23, 2013 | Rollinsford

Great Bay Half Marathon
April 6, 2013 | Newmarket

COAST Bus Outreach
April 2-16, 2013 | Somersworth,
Rochester

Catapult Young Professionals
April 24, 2013 | Portsmouth

McConnell Center Blood Drive
May 2, 2013 | Dover

Rochester Armed Forces Day
May 18, 2013 | Rochester

SAU Outreach
May 31, 2013-June 10, 2013
Nottingham,
New Durham, Northwood,
Farmington, Milton, Madbury, Lee,
Durham, Barrington, Strafford

Newmarket Blood Drive
June 7, 2013 | Newmarket

Middleton Yard Sale
June 22, 2013 | Middleton

Northwood Bean Hile Bash
July 27, 2013 | Northwood

Loyal Order of the Moose Blood Drive
July 29, 2013 | Dover

Dover Apple Harvest Day
October 5, 2013 | Dover

Brookfield Town Coffee Hour
December 7, 2013 | Brookfield

Milton Town Board Joint Meeting
April 28, 2014 | Milton

Promoting Tourism in the Moose
Mountain Region
September 25, 2014 &
October 23, 2014 | Sanbornville

Overview

The following section contains a written summary for each event attended as part of SRPC's outreach process for **Local Solutions for the Strafford Region**. The summaries are followed by pie-charts depicting the *categories* the comments received from participants fall into, and a record of all comments received at that event. The eight *categories* identified at the beginning of this process include*:

- Housing
- Economy
- Recreation/Environment
- Education
- Community
- Business/Economy
- Government
- Public Safety
- Transportation

*The comments were also reviewed individually and further sorted into one of 65 categories as explained above.

It is important to note that the outreach strategy utilized for the first couple of outreach events was slightly different than the one used for the majority of the process. For the first couple of events SRPC used an interactive display and asked participants to identify what was important on a home, region, and state level, marking these *categories* when reviewing comments. Beginning with the Rochester Area Senior Luncheon SRPC began to ask respondents what they like about living in the region, and what could be improved. Analysis of these comments led to SRPC staff identifying which *categories* were relevant.

For every outreach event up until the second Gerry's Food Pantry Turkey Donation Day in November 2013, this is how the outreach process was conducted, whether by asking the participant in person, or asking them to fill out a comment card with the same questions. At the second Gerry's Food Pantry Turkey Donation Day in November 2013 staff asked participants where they would like to see funding in their community.

SRPC also attended two town meeting events where staff prepared a PowerPoint that allowed polling on questions pulled and adapted from the *NH Regional Planning Commissions: A Granite State Future 2013 Statewide Survey*. Participants were given an opportunity to anonymously express their opinions concerning the future of the region. SRPC also attended two visioning sessions focused on the Moose Mountain Region, and their ideas for the future.



Newmarket Heritage Festival

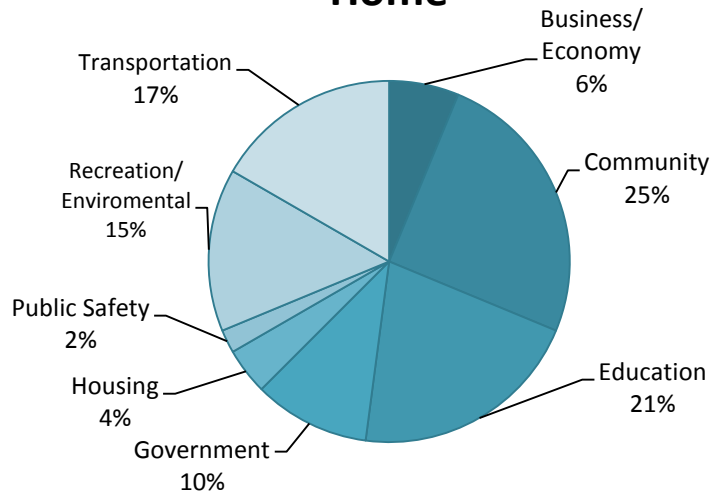
September 22, 2012 31 Participants

The Newmarket Heritage Festival took place on September 22, 2012. The Strafford Regional Planning Commission (SRPC) staff attended this event in order to gain a sense of what is important to citizens in their region.

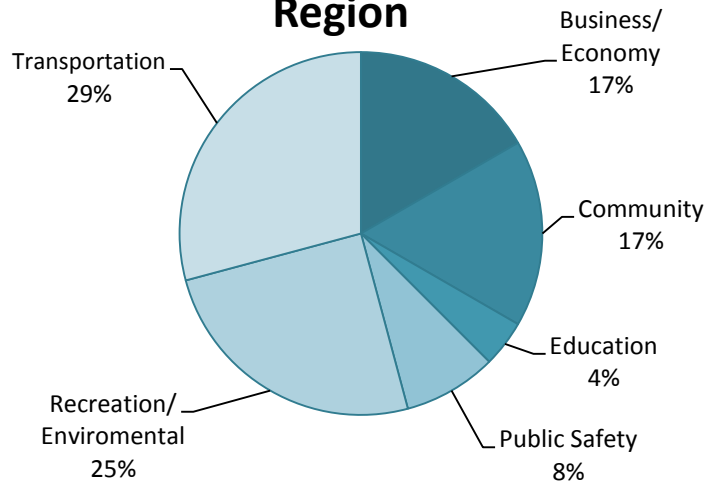
At the event a booth was set up that included an interactive display so that participants could map out what is important to them in their region. The display required these participants to determine what was important on a home, regional, and state level. After talking to over 30 people, it was apparent that citizens had different ideas of what was important at the different levels identified by SRPC staff. On a home level, people found community and education to be most important. On a regional level, participants found recreation and environmental factors, as well as transportation to be most important. Lastly, on a state level, government and recreational and environmental factors were highlighted as most important.

When discussing community on a home level, participants expressed how they like local business, strong downtown communities, and also how community involvement could be improved by increased community events and getting citizens involved in the planning process. Education concerns include gaining support from the state for local education, as well as improving education in general, and offering affordable college options. Considering recreation and environmental factors, participants like the recreation opportunities offered in the Strafford Region, and expressed that the location of our region is the key to this. For transportation, concerns were focused on more bus service, and specifically the integration of COAST and Wildcat. Lastly, government concerns ranged from fixing our tax system to improving the economy through the creation of more jobs.

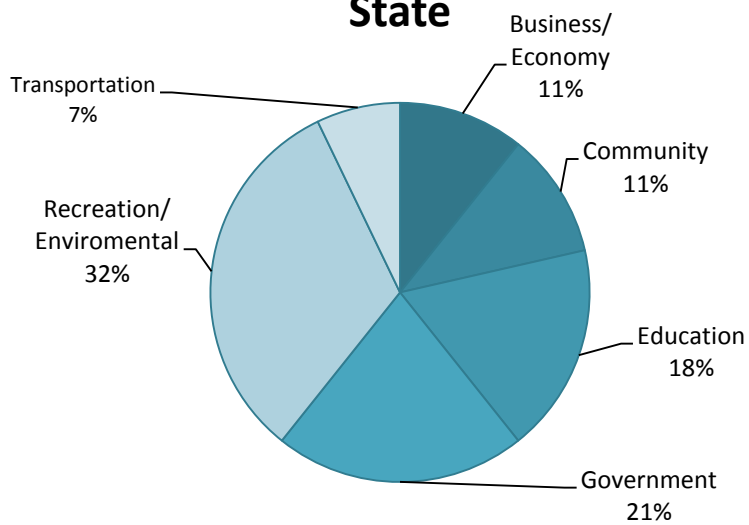
Home



Region



State



Newmarket Heritage Festival (9/22/2012)

	Home	Notes	Region	Notes	State	Notes
1	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Better Bike Lanes/Wildcat transit needs to provide full year service	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government		Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	
2	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Access to different things to do/ Focus on Natural and Organic Food	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government		Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	New Hampshire has a relaxed way of life/Access to different activities
3	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Sports/Recreation	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government		Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Fishing
4	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Lee needs more after-school opportunities. We have to bring our children outside of our community	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government		Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	We love to be able to visit the beach one day and hike in the White Mountains the next.
5	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	I am a teacher, so I'm biased. But we struggle in Newmarket with education.	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Hiking trails, playgrounds, rail trail projects	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Government is too much of a top-down, trickle down process.
6	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	We need bus service into Portsmouth, but this is more of a socio-economic issue than people think. Newmarket is not business friendly currently. More space should be converted to commercial first-floor and living space on the second floor.	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government		Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Our municipalities more support from the state for local education.
7	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Students should have a choice about whether to attend private/public/home school. The traditional education system is failing our children. Although the seacoast is beautiful, it is very expensive to live here.	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government		Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Our government needs to do a better job of protecting children's rights.
8	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	I'd like to more access to local/downtown shopping instead of having to travel to Newington for all my shopping. Safe bicycling routes need to be created along our major roads.	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	A new funding source for Wildcat Transit needs to be found. COAST and Wildcat transit also need to integrate service better than they already have. Transportation is the key to all of these other issues.	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	We need access to more local food and agriculture at home.
9	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Safer bicycle routes. Better intergration between train times and other public transit routes.	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government		Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	
10	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Universal access to affordable housing with close proximity to downtown areas.	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Safe bicycle lanes.	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Affordable university education for in-state students
11	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	There is a great balance in Newmarket between people of different types of income. More reuse of historic structures like the mill redevelopment that is currently going on in the region. Everyone must be cautious about balancing development and preservation.	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	More agricultural grants and funding support for local farmers.	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	
12	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Engaging people in local planning decisions.	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Must preserve our historic structures.	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	In meetings with representatives, I find that they are much more "with it" than people claim.
13	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	I used to ride my bike to work every day but I can't anymore due to safety. Our communities need to provide road infrastructure that is more conducive to bicycle travel.	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Expansion of public transit routes while maintaining current service.	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	

14	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government		Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government		Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	
15	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	In Newmarket, we struggle to provide both a good education and a good/safe education environment for our students.	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government		Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	
16	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Newmarket has a wonderful, vibrant downtown area around the waterfront development. But, I am worried that young families will choose not to live here because the education system is struggling in town.	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government		Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	
17	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Newmarket property taxes make it difficult for families to stay here - resulting in a low-school enrollment and a crumbling facility.	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government		Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	
18	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Newmarket's property taxes need to be lowered. I love the community events that we have access to like this one. Newmarket is in a very difficult spot currently with it's school system and under-enrollment. We must find a solution.	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	We need to promote our local and downtown business by having more community events like this.	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Our state government needs to exhibit a greater concern for local education issues.
19	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government		Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government		Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	
20	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Our community, state, and region need to start thinking about how to address the repairs of our transportation network.	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government		Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	
21	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Increased bus transportation routes. Recreation like kayaking on the river would be great to see in waterfront communities like Newmarket. Newmarket is constantly under a water use warning - we need to find new water sources.	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	The University of New Hampshire is such a great resource for businesses in our region.	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	We are lucky to have a true four-season climate. Access to mountains and seacoast is unparalleled.
22	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Our region needs to continue to promote not just mass transit, but environmentally friendly mass transit. Walkability in our downtown area leads to opportunity for small business. I'd like to see more common recreation areas (i.e. Europe).	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Region needs "Economic Vigor"	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Leisure activities in our state are fantastic. Recreation actually draws many people here to work.
23	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Newmarket school facilities are unsafe and horrendous. Property taxes make it difficult to stay in the town.	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	I'd like to ride my bike more, but the current situation on most roads makes it difficult to relax while riding.	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	The state relies too much on tourism for economic support. We need to bring more technology jobs up from the Boston metro area. Property tax issues need to be rectified.
24	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Open space and farmland need to be protected by organizations like Friends of Lee.	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Our region has excellent ambulance service.	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Our tax system is broken.
25	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Small town feel is what makes New England so amazing to live in. I like to be left alone in the rural area where I live, but am close with my neighbors and they're always there to help when it's needed.	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government		Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Proximity to coastal area, beaches, and mountains is something I've never seen anywhere. We'll never leave because of it.
26	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Transportation impacts everything that is listed here in one way or another. It is the roots or "tentacles".	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government		Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	

27	Transportation	Enjoy the small town feel that this area has to offer.	Transportation		Transportation	Concerns with public vs private schooling. Feels as though if there was a state income tax, it could generate more funding for the education system and offer more affordable private schools.
	Housing		Housing			
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			
	Public Safety		Public Safety			
	Education		Education			
	Community		Community			
Business/Economy	Business/Economy					
Government	Government					
28	Transportation	Enjoy the close proximity to UNH. The University has a number of resources.	Transportation	Love the diversity this region has to offer. Specifically arts and culture. Enjoys the close proximity to Boston.	Transportation	Believes that our government practices good engagement and discourse. Focus on conservation and agricultural efforts.
	Housing		Housing			
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			
	Public Safety		Public Safety			
	Education		Education			
	Community		Community			
Business/Economy	Business/Economy					
Government	Government					
29	Transportation	Feels strongly about downtown main streets. Hates malls and large commercial developments like Walmart. Wants the agricultural community to have more of a voice in planning, specifically with regards to zoning. Towns should preserve farmland and promote local farmers. Believes there is a younger	Transportation	Moved to this area to start a farm.	Transportation	
	Housing		Housing			
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			
	Public Safety		Public Safety			
	Education		Education			
	Community		Community			
Business/Economy	Business/Economy					
Government	Government					
30	Transportation	There needs to be more of an effort to involve citizens in the planning process. Feels left out. A need for more choices. There used to be a local newspaper that detailed projects and plans for the future, but has been discontinued. Not everyone has time to read through the minutes of planning board	Transportation	Would like to see business and local economy incorporated with recreational and environmental opportunities. Restaurants near the waterfront. Kayaking business near the boat ramp.	Transportation	
	Housing		Housing			
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			
	Public Safety		Public Safety			
	Education		Education			
	Community		Community			
Business/Economy	Business/Economy					
Government	Government					
31	Transportation	Enjoys that even living in the City (Manchester) there are parks and recreational opportunities. Places to kayak.	Transportation	The region is full of diversity. Ability to travel to some of the major hubs in the area: Boston, Portsmouth, Nashua. All are fairly close to one another; same distance.	Transportation	NH has more job opportunities than some of the other surrounding New England states. Fair tax rate.
	Housing		Housing			
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			
	Public Safety		Public Safety			
	Education		Education			
	Community		Community			
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Dover Apple Harvest

October 6, 2012

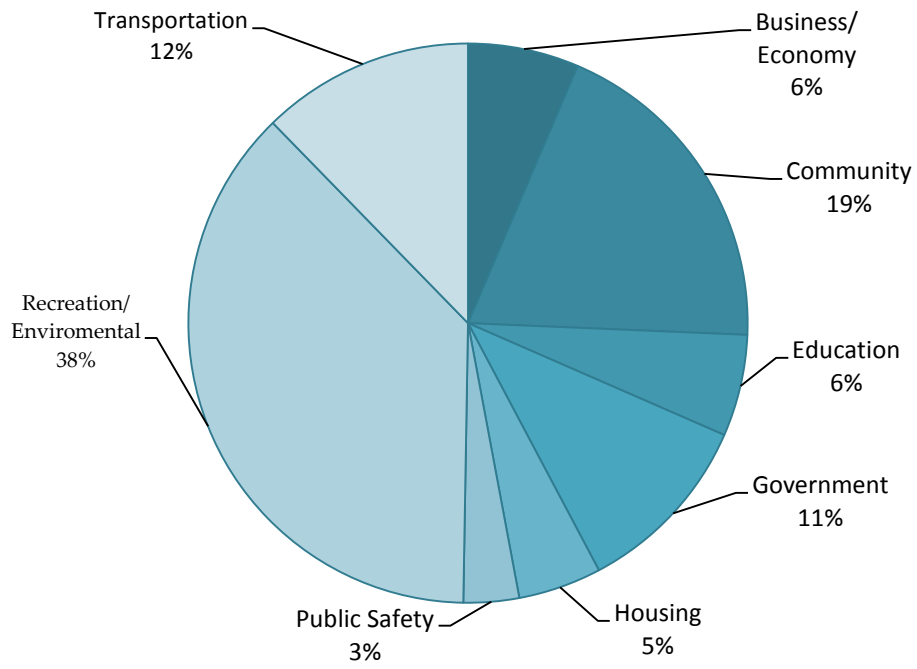
117 Participants

Strafford Regional Planning Commission (SRPC) attended the Apple Harvest Day in Dover, NH. The purpose of attending this local event was to gain input about what the citizens in the region like, and would like to see improved in their area. SRPC staff set up a booth at the festival and used an interactive display for people to map out what they think is important in their home area, region, and state. This setup made it so people could identify what is important on each of these three levels. Participants were given tiles with pictures representing one of eight different themes. These themes included Education, Transportation, Community, Recreation/Environmental, Health and Public Safety, Housing, Business/Economy, and the Government. They were then asked to identify their importance on each of the three levels.

The planners running the event also engaged participants in conversation recording what the participants like and would like to see improved in their area. Overall, recreation, community, and transportation were most important to the people who participated in this event.

Recreation and Environment comments included how participants like the location of the Strafford Region, the region's recreation, the natural resources, and also how more parks should be created. Transportation concerns included improving roads, increasing bus service and stops, and improving transportation for disabled individuals. In terms of community, participants liked the region, and that it is family centered, and also the preservation efforts such as the revitalization of the mills in different towns in the region.

Responses from Apple Harvest Day



Dover Apple Harvest Day (10/8/12)

Participant	Home	Notes	Region	Notes	State	Notes
1	Transportation	Enjoys the parks in Dover Park Street (Please fix slide at Henry Law Park)	Transportation	Recreation everyweek spoiled for choice of what to do originally from the midwest. Raise children in a small town with lots of amenities.	Transportation	Doesn't want NH to add strip malls. Perseve the farmland. Taxes are high here.
	Housing		Housing			
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			
	Public Safety		Public Safety			
	Education		Education			
	Community		Community			
	Business/Economy		Business/Economy			
Government	Government					
2	Transportation	Everything about the region is great. The downtown mills.	Transportation	The area is close to the ocean.	Transportation	Vacationing here from Rhode Island the fall foliage is worth the trip.
	Housing		Housing			
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			
	Public Safety		Public Safety			
	Education		Education			
	Community		Community			
	Business/Economy		Business/Economy			
Government	Government					
3	Transportation	Health public community. Region recreation and environment. The improvement could be Dover education, The tax cap effects the infrastructure.	Transportation	Preieved rural character and the four seasons	Transportation	The streets and roads in Somersworth need improvement. The new school in Somersworth raised taxes. Rollinsford pulls out of the Somersworth school system will be an issue for Somersworth and taxes.
	Housing		Housing			
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			
	Public Safety		Public Safety			
	Education		Education			
	Community		Community			
	Business/Economy		Business/Economy			
Government	Government					
4	Transportation	The regional is in close proximity to the ocean, lakes, woods. Boston cultural events entertainment. The outdoors are safe. Improvement could be the bike trails.	Transportation	Improvement could be the public transit system. Keep historical preservation.	Transportation	The sidewalks need improvement for people in wheelchairs. The wheelchairs get stuck on the sidewalks. On the corner in Dover on Central Avenue people don't stop safety issue.
	Housing		Housing			
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			
	Public Safety		Public Safety			
	Education		Education			
	Community		Community			
	Business/Economy		Business/Economy			
Government	Government					
5	Transportation	The NH no sales tax. Just moved from another state to NH.	Transportation	Family centered community and people are friendly.	Transportation	There are good jobs in the region for people
	Housing		Housing			
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			
	Public Safety		Public Safety			
	Education		Education			
	Community		Community			
	Business/Economy		Business/Economy			
Government	Government					
6	Transportation	Lakes and outdoor activities. Enjoys the four seasons. Great restaurants. The improvement could be lower taxes.	Transportation	Currently attending University of New Hampshire great school.	Transportation	Tax free. Lower property taxes would help. Close to mountains, beaches, and lakes.
	Housing		Housing			
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			
	Public Safety		Public Safety			
	Education		Education			
	Community		Community			
	Business/Economy		Business/Economy			
Government	Government					
7	Transportation	Dover resident grew up here. Close to everyting so able to travel on Sundays. Proximity to land and open space.	Transportation	Natural resources and environment is important part of NH.	Transportation	From Massachusetts but owns small cottage at Hampton beach. NH has the seacoast and open and green space.
	Housing		Housing			
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			
	Public Safety		Public Safety			
	Education		Education			
	Community		Community			
	Business/Economy		Business/Economy			
Government	Government					
8	Transportation	Education lives in Nottingham. Lived in other places in NH. The education is what people put into it.	Transportation	Dover is up and coming mill town revitalized. Great place to raise family with good schools.	Transportation	Recreation hiking, swimming, boating important part of NH, Affordable housing.
	Housing		Housing			
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			
	Public Safety		Public Safety			
	Education		Education			
	Community		Community			
	Business/Economy		Business/Economy			
Government	Government					
9	Transportation	NH from Central Massachusetts brings grandchild every weekend to NH. Member of the Childrens Museum, Portsmouth Prescott Park Arts Festival, NH Film Festival. The diverse cultural events that are easy to get to.	Transportation	Diversity of seasons is the best part about NH.	Transportation	The brick walkways are not good for wheelchairs and walkers. The historic brick are required in Portsmouth historic district.
	Housing		Housing			
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			
	Public Safety		Public Safety			
	Education		Education			
	Community		Community			
	Business/Economy		Business/Economy			
Government	Government					
10	Transportation	The natural beauty of NH the fall foliage is the best part. Lack of sales tax. Rochester doesn't have a lot of traffic. Local businesses thrive in Rochester.	Transportation	likes the sense of community in area; education system is good; doesn't like the polarizing political scene and need to preserve lcoal history-old building and architecture of homes	Transportation	loves the area and sense of community; need to preserve historic sites
	Housing		Housing			
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			
	Public Safety		Public Safety			
	Education		Education			
	Community		Community			
	Business/Economy		Business/Economy			
Government	Government					
11	Transportation	Dover mounted police horses important to children. Dover public safety is important.	Transportation	lives here because family is here; thought living expenses were too high and there should more long term care facilities in the area.	Transportation	loves the four seasons and recreation activities; need to preserve rural charcter of the state
	Housing		Housing			
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			
	Public Safety		Public Safety			
	Education		Education			
	Community		Community			
	Business/Economy		Business/Economy			
Government	Government					

12	Transportation	Property taxes are the only source of revenue is a problem for NH. NH attracts talented people. NH needs a fair source of revenue.	Transportation	likes the location to various recreation sites and Boston/Portland, ME; does not like the traffic in Dover; too busy.	Transportation	not enough public transit; not enough times to access transit; need to keep historical preservation
	Housing		Housing			
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			
	Public Safety		Public Safety			
	Education		Education			
Community	Community					
Business/Economy	Business/Economy					
Government	Government					
Transportation	Transportation					
13	Housing	The Dover community is great. Transportation such as COAST needs more services waiting less than an hour for bus. Uses the bus for doctor appointments.	Transportation	likes the school system in area; and wants to keep state income tax away	Transportation	likes the sense of community; family oriented, friendly
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			
	Public Safety		Public Safety			
	Education		Education			
	Community		Community			
Business/Economy	Business/Economy					
Government	Government					
Transportation	Transportation					
14	Housing	The COAST bus is important for the region and people with disabilities. It could be improved for people with disabilities that are living independently. The connection is a problem for doing errands. The wheeled	Transportation	thinks the cost of living is high; would like to see a sense of community preserved and enjoys attending events in the area	Transportation	loves the area; thinks there is good planning in the area; need to have more rail in state and doesn't want the Northern Pass in NH
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			
	Public Safety		Public Safety			
	Education		Education			
	Community		Community			
Business/Economy	Business/Economy					
Government	Government					
Transportation	Transportation					
15	Housing	Enjoys the recreation such as hiking.	Transportation	Was in area on vacation from Maryland; likes the area and recreational activities it has to offer	Transportation	likes the four seasons, need to preserve Garrison Hill in Dover and trails
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			
	Public Safety		Public Safety			
	Education		Education			
	Community		Community			
Business/Economy	Business/Economy					
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Transportation	Transportation					
16	Housing	Rent is high in Dover, Rochester, and Somersworth. The economy is better here than other parts of the county.	Transportation	likes the four seasons; and the seacoast area in particular; doesn't like the toll roads; too expensive; feels iconic signs along road should be preserved; keep the covered bridges	Transportation	Likes the four seasons; low crime rate and recreational activities; area needs better paying jobs and revitalization of downtown (Rochester)
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			
	Public Safety		Public Safety			
	Education		Education			
	Community		Community			
Business/Economy	Business/Economy					
Government	Government					
Transportation	Transportation					
17	Housing	New Hampshire is close to the mountains, ocean, and close to Boston. The four seasons are an important part of NH.	Transportation	feels area needs more passenger rail service and more public transit; traffic is heavy; doesn't like that; keeps historical preservation-old mill buildings	Transportation	likes the sense of community; lots to do; preserve history of state by preserving old buildings, etc.
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			
	Public Safety		Public Safety			
	Education		Education			
	Community		Community			
Business/Economy	Business/Economy					
Government	Government					
Transportation	Transportation					
18	Housing	Loves Dover. It feels like a small town with lots of amenities sense of community. The river area is great. The shopping is great with many things to do. The rails to trails completed would be great.	Transportation	likes the safety and security of the area and that it's clean; thinks the real estate taxes are too high; would like to see more land to build on	Transportation	likes proximity to recreational activities; likes freedoms here; thinks real estate taxes are too high; need to preserve our freedom, democracy and liberty
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			
	Public Safety		Public Safety			
	Education		Education			
	Community		Community			
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Transportation	Transportation					
19	Housing	Dover is great just as is. Lower the property taxes would be helpful will be moving to Florida for warmer weather.	Transportation	thinks public transit is not accessible enough; need to preserve rural character of area; likes the sense of community	Transportation	likes that there is no sales tax and likes the rural character of the state; does not like the high real estate taxes and feels we need to preserve historic landmarks
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			
	Public Safety		Public Safety			
	Education		Education			
	Community		Community			
Business/Economy	Business/Economy					
Government	Government					
Transportation	Transportation					
20	Housing	More support for education in Dover is important. Transportation statewide including public, bike, and walking safety needs improvement.	Transportation	likes the summer/fall and proximity to recreational activities; doesn't like the high taxes	Transportation	likes living in a small town (rolling rd) because it's rural; does not like the education system; need to preserve open spaces
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			
	Public Safety		Public Safety			
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21	Housing	Less building more natural beauty. Preserve the beauty and historic buildings. Enjoy the seasons.	Transportation	likes the open spaces/nature and beauty; thinks Dover is a very walkable community; street signage is terrible; needs better street signs; keep historic preservation and land	Transportation	From Maine; comes to NH as part of her daily activities; need to preserve open spaces
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			
	Public Safety		Public Safety			
	Education		Education			
	Community		Community			
Business/Economy	Business/Economy					
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Transportation	Transportation					
22	Housing	Pedestrian safety needs improvement in Dover, Rochester, and Somersworth.	Transportation	need more lower-income housing	Transportation	likes the proximity of area to recreational activities and Boston/Portland ME, and need to keep the rural feel of the area and keep community involved
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			
	Public Safety		Public Safety			
	Education		Education			
	Community		Community			
Business/Economy	Business/Economy					
Government	Government					
Transportation	Transportation					
23	Housing	Recreation is important to NH. Concerned about gambling. Locals at beaches get charged for parking. Potential revenue from tourist for parking.	Transportation	lives here because family is here; thinks there are unfair legal practices here; need to preserve open spaces	Transportation	likes the healthy living aspect of area and the rural areas and the friendliness; does not like the high property taxes; need to preserve: wetlands, open lands and clean water.
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			
	Public Safety		Public Safety			
	Education		Education			
	Community		Community			
Business/Economy	Business/Economy					
Government	Government					
Transportation	Transportation					
24	Housing	The NH Man of the Mountain needs a statue or something to symbolize that.	Transportation	loves the 4 seasons and location to recreational activities; loves there is no state income tax; need to preserve rural character	Transportation	likes the rural character; feels safe in the area and likes the proximity to recreation activities; does not like the high cost of living and taxes; need to preserve open space
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			
	Public Safety		Public Safety			
	Education		Education			
	Community		Community			
Business/Economy	Business/Economy					
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Transportation	Transportation					
25	Housing	Rides the COAST bus. Doesn't like to see change in New Hampshire way.	Transportation	likes the 4 seasons and location of area; loves the school system (Dover); and the sense of community; need to preserve historical preservation; hates high gas prices	Transportation	likes the recreational activities in the area; doesn't like winter weather; need to preserve rural character of the state
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			
	Public Safety		Public Safety			
	Education		Education			
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26	Housing	Stated they liked the proximity of the area; i.e., close to Boston, Portland, ME, the mountains, the lakes, the beach, etc. Preserve the natural resources-particularly the marshlands. Would like to see more eye pleasing	Transportation	need to preserve the sense of community; keep trails local; likes the Dover school system	Transportation	The rent is high in Dover, Rochester, and Somersworth. The economy here is better than other parts of the country.
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			
	Public Safety		Public Safety			
	Education		Education			
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27	Transportation	Likes the recreational activities in area; likes the 4 seasons; need to preserve conservation trails	Transportation	likes the lifestyle of the area and proximity to other recreational activities; need to keep open spaces	Transportation	The parks have a lot to offer. There are adult swings. There is a wide variety of shopping. New Hampshire is a long standing economy. The apartments are more affordable for low income.
	Housing		Housing			
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			
	Public Safety		Public Safety			
	Education		Education			
Community	Community					
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28	Transportation	likes the rural character of the area; likes the schools in the area; feels kids are getting good education (Dover); originally from Chicago; would like to see a variety of ethnic restaurants	Transportation	likes the region and public transit; need more funding for health and human services-state wide; loves the recreation areas in region	Transportation	There are great schools in Portsmouth. The Market Square day is an annual event. The beach and businesses located near it have restaurants, and retail. Tuttle Farm in Dover going out of business was sad.
	Housing		Housing			
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			
	Public Safety		Public Safety			
	Education		Education			
Community	Community					
Business/Economy	Business/Economy					
Government	Government					
29	Transportation	likes attending events such as AHD and enjoys the real sense of community here, prefers NH to VT where they are from	Transportation	likes the four seasons in the area; needs state income tax or sales tax; need to preserve historical buildings	Transportation	Originally from Ohio moved back to NH in August. Retired from education. Moved to NH because of the small town rural character. The proximity to Bean Town and access to natural environment was appealing. Improvement would
	Housing		Housing			
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			
	Public Safety		Public Safety			
	Education		Education			
Community	Community					
Business/Economy	Business/Economy					
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30	Transportation	Thought spending at local level too high; Dover is good at historic preservation	Transportation	likes there is no sales tax and the property taxes could be lowered	Transportation	Loves the natural character of area. Preserve open space.
	Housing		Housing			
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			
	Public Safety		Public Safety			
	Education		Education			
Community	Community					
Business/Economy	Business/Economy					
Government	Government					
31	Transportation	likes the variety of recreational activities in area; need to preserve the open spaces in region; being built up too much	Transportation	Family friendly community with downtown revitalization. The region needs higher paying better jobs. The working poor and elderly need welfare can't get welfare but in need. Need better jobs so that people don't have to work multiple jobs 3-4.	Transportation	Freedom,
	Housing		Housing			
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			
	Public Safety		Public Safety			
	Education		Education			
Community	Community					
Business/Economy	Business/Economy					
Government	Government					
32	Transportation	Education is very important to the plan.	Transportation	The area is becoming too developed with housing. The animals and wildlife are no longer here.	Transportation	Enjoys Dover the way it is. The budget the way it is run, Concerned about open space.
	Housing		Housing			
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			
	Public Safety		Public Safety			
	Education		Education			
Community	Community					
Business/Economy	Business/Economy					
Government	Government					
33	Transportation	Enjoys COAST uses the transit system uses it to go to job in Portsmouth.	Transportation	Grew up in Sunapee, NH area but moved to Dover, Enjoys the community events in the area. People need to slow down, meet neighbors, and vote.	Transportation	Dog friendly community. Originally from Berlin which was not a dog friendly community. Enjoys the dog parks and walking trails. Dover issues are parking, Apartment parking only has 5 spaces. On a fixed income and the extra \$15
	Housing		Housing			
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			
	Public Safety		Public Safety			
	Education		Education			
Community	Community					
Business/Economy	Business/Economy					
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34	Transportation	Lives in Lee moved here from out west. Attracted to the rural beauty and character. Route 125 is a dangerous transportation.	Transportation	Recreation is Dover is great.	Transportation	Beautiful walking trails in Durham and Exter woods.
	Housing		Housing			
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			
	Public Safety		Public Safety			
	Education		Education			
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35	Transportation	The mounted Police in Dover and public safety in the community.	Transportation	New England is a lot like Canada. It needs more walking trails in the region.	Transportation	Road conditions. Uses the parks. There is not enough community involvement.
	Housing		Housing			
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			
	Public Safety		Public Safety			
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36	Transportation	From Nepal originally. Enjoys living in the seacoast.	Transportation		Transportation	
	Housing		Housing			
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			
	Public Safety		Public Safety			
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37	Transportation	Enjoys the outdoors activities such as the 5K.	Transportation	The area is becoming too developed with housing. The animals and wildlife are no longer here.	Transportation	Lots of activities for elderly and children enjoys Apple Harvest Fest annually. Dover is the best
	Housing		Housing			
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			
	Public Safety		Public Safety			
	Education		Education			
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38	Transportation	Close to the mountains and ocean that's want is best about living here.	Transportation	Transportation is important on the State level, county level, regional, and local level.	Transportation	Close to water bodies ocean or lakes. Also close to Boston cultural events. Lots of entertainment safe outdoors area. Bike trails could be improved.
	Housing		Housing			
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			
	Public Safety		Public Safety			
	Education		Education			
Community	Community					
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39	Transportation	No sales tax just moved here.	Transportation	Healthy public community. The region has a lot to offer in recreation and environment. Dover could improve the education tax cap and is worried about the effects on infrastructure.	Transportation	Enjoys the downtown mills.
	Housing		Housing			
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			
	Public Safety		Public Safety			
	Education		Education			
Community	Community					
Business/Economy	Business/Economy					
Government	Government					
40	Transportation	The lake activities good the seasons in NH. There are restaurants. The improvement could be taxes lowered.	Transportation		Transportation	
	Housing		Housing			
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			
	Public Safety		Public Safety			
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2012 Seacoast Business Expo

October 18, 2012

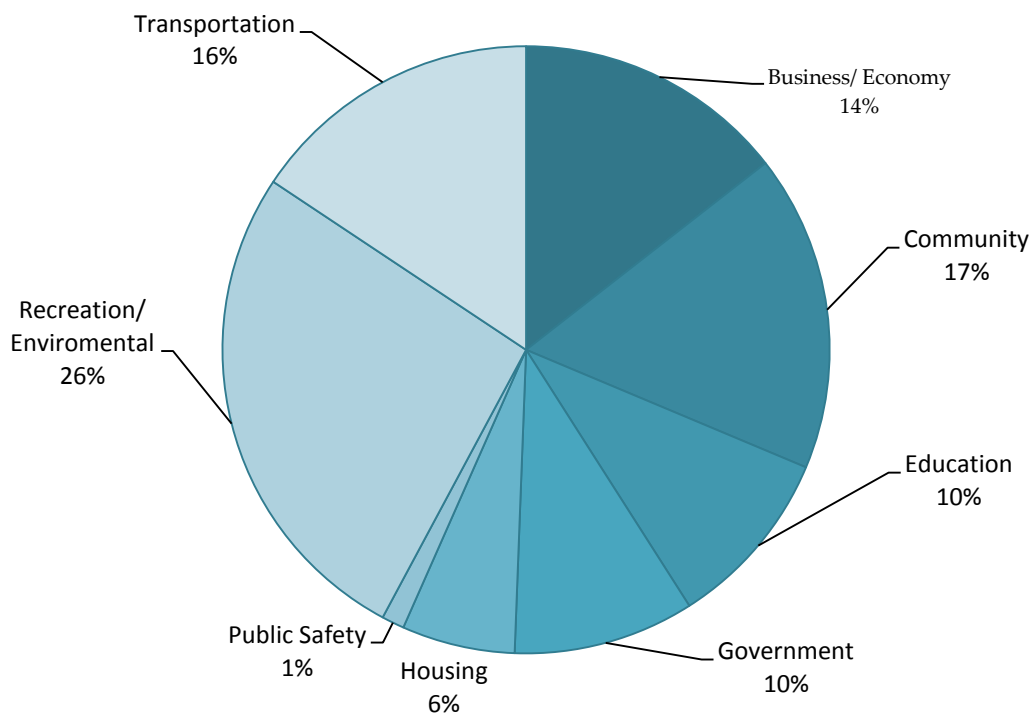
60 Participants

The SRPC was in attendance at the 2012 Seacoast Business Expo in mid-October. By attending this event the SRPC staff hoped to gain insight at to what professionals in the Strafford Regional deem important in their home area, region, and state.

When interviewing participants SRPC staff focused on the citizens on one level, i.e. what they like and think needed to be improved on a home/regional level. Overall, people found recreational and environmental factors, along with community, to be the most important

Ideas relating to recreation and environment included participants' enjoyment of the lakes, mountains, and ocean, as well as the natural resources, and beauty/aesthetics of the region. Transportation concerns were focused on the improvement of public transportation, traffic congestion, and transportation for those who are disabled. When it came to community factors, participants like the sense of community in the Strafford Region, as well as the location, and also emphasized that young people should be encouraged to stay in the area.

Responses from the Seacoast Business Expo



Participant 40	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Lives in Dover. Enjoys the library. Has a great staff and great resources. Government needs to change. Spending too much money.	Participant 41	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Ambience of Portsmouth. Urban area. Saw real change with the airport at Pease.	Participant 42	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Loves the state. Independent in nature. People have a sense of reliance. Natural resources.
Participant 43	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Lives in Portsmouth. Accessibility and walkability. Enjoys to no income tax.	Participant 44	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Mountains. Lakes. Lots of lifestyle choices.	Participant 45	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	No income tax. Hope that it doesn't change.
Participant 46	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	From Newmarket. Enjoys his quiet piece of land. Enjoys the downtown.	Participant 47	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Loves the Seacoast. Beach. Volleyball. Recreational opportunities.	Participant 48	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Could care less about the state as a whole.
Participant 49	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Resident of Farmington, primarily because of its affordable housing availability. As a daily commuter to the Wolfeboro area, very appreciative of the wonderful transportation network on his route. Loves the various scenic areas of New Hampshire but	Participant 50	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Very fortunate to have access to extremely good education system as a state.	Participant 51	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Although NH is doing well as a state in the employment sector, we are struggling to provide "decent" jobs (40K+)
Participant 52	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	NH has vast regional differences that many do not realize. Demographic changes that are happening (aging) have a remarkable impact on the business outlook of the state. There is always room for improvement in higher education as well as keep	Participant 53	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Originally from the Seacoast area. Appreciative of the proximity that the Seacoast has to so many valuable assets such as ocean and lakes. There are huge tax benefits to living in NH and school systems educate our children well.	Participant 54	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Rochester education system needs to be improved. Things are likely to change with the implementation of tax cap. Broadband service needs to be improved on all levels to allow for NH to remain competitive.
Participant 55	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Loves the proximity between hometown of Derry and the recreation opportunities in NH as well as Boston metro area. Would like to see more bicycle recreation areas in region.	Participant 56	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	I love being close to the lakes and mountains. Recreation opportunities like Lake Umbagog can still remain quiet despite their beauty. Would like to see more noise mitigation from vehicles (motorcycles)	Participant 57	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Moved to the Seacoast area when his wife was looking at graduate school. Fell in love with the UNH campus and its beauty. Loves being close to the mountains where he can ski.
Participant 58	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Better transportation to work at office in Pease from home in Dover. Works in family assisted living.	Participant 59	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Bruce Montwalk. Teachers are currently so overloaded. Teaches a water education classes across the state to children. Capable of doing so because of NH science association endorsement.	Participant 60	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	We need to do a better job of protecting our natural areas. Improve the network of walking trails in communities.
Participant 61	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	President of the Pawtuckaway Lake Association. Loves annual orienteering events in Pawtuckaway State Park. Excellent opportunity to protect resources. Would like to see a more protective Conservation Commission Body.						



Local Government Center's 71st Annual Conference

November 15, 2012

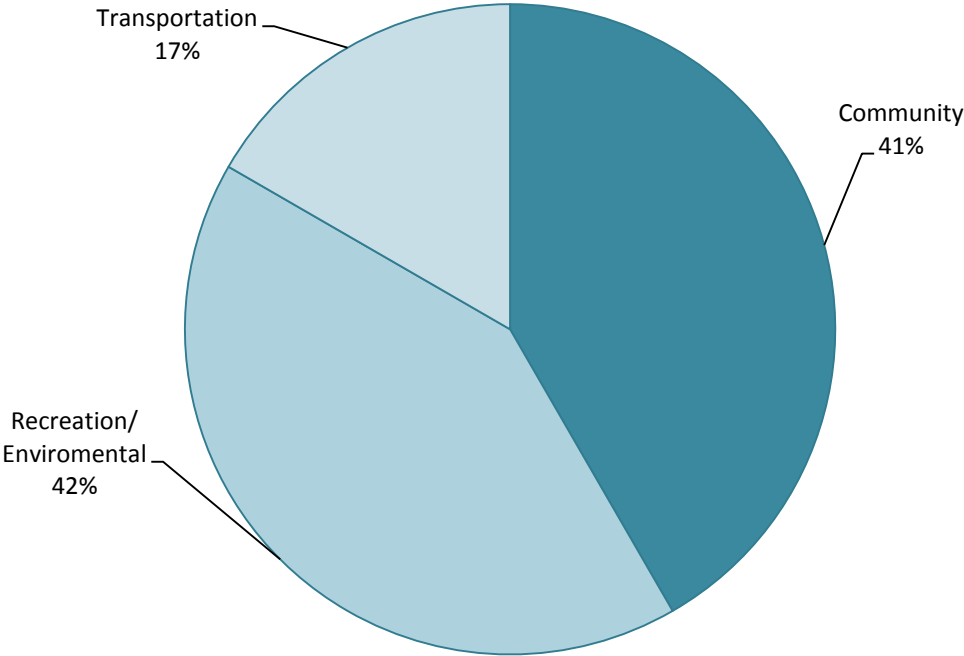
13 Participants

Recently SRPC staff attended the Local Government Center's 71st Annual Conference. Here SRPC set up an interactive display to allow participants to map what they think is important to NH at a home, region, and state level. SRPC staff also conversed with participants asking them what they like, and what they think needs to be improved in their home/region. The event was conducted so that individuals could provide input as to what they'd like to see improved, and also what they like about their state.

After talking to participants, it was apparent that community, recreation, and transportation were considered the most important. At this particular event only three areas were mentioned as being important to those interviewed..

When addressing community, participants liked our small communities in the Strafford Region. Also, participants expressed that we had a good mix of rural atmosphere and opportunity. Participants expressed positives ideas concerning recreation/environment including the array of recreational activities, and how they like the beauty of the State in general. Transportation concerns included improvement of traffic and safety in terms of road/exit work.

NH Local Government Center Responses



NH Local Government Center (11/15/2012)

	Categories	Notes		Categories	Notes
1	Transportation	Like: Beauty of state, recreational activities. Needs improvement: traffic, Route 125 too dangerous, safety improvements From: Rochester	2	Transportation	From: Londonderry, Good mix in neighborhoods, shopping, downtown
	Housing			Housing	
	Recreation/ Environmental			Recreation/ Environmental	
	Public Safety			Public Safety	
	Education			Education	
	Community			Community	
	Business/Economy			Business/Economy	
	Government			Government	
3	Transportation	From Hampton, Great community, seashore, brought their vision committee, MP-working on listening box= waste of time/cumbersome, better way...recommends Poster/ bulletin boards, flyers for GSF advertising-flyers to give the planning board	4	Transportation	Manchester- local planning commission, Exit 6 293 needs improvement
	Housing			Housing	
	Recreation/ Environmental			Recreation/ Environmental	
	Public Safety			Public Safety	
	Education			Education	
	Community			Community	
	Business/Economy			Business/Economy	
	Government			Government	
5	Transportation	Likes the community, likes the things the community does. Spending-cost of living, taxes too high. From :Francestown	6	Transportation	Likes recreational activities, doesn't like traffic, 93 from toll to concord need to widen road from: Pembroke
	Housing			Housing	
	Recreation/ Environmental			Recreation/ Environmental	
	Public Safety			Public Safety	
	Education			Education	
	Community			Community	
	Business/Economy			Business/Economy	
	Government			Government	
7	Transportation	Loves the location to mountains, airport, and Boston. Doesn't like: bike lanes, sidewalks, traffic congestion. From: Bedford	8	Transportation	Small community, good location. Adjacent to Dover/Portsmouth Doesn't like: Don't have a middle/high school, funding for it has to grow, the rate went up From:Rollinsford
	Housing			Housing	
	Recreation/ Environmental			Recreation/ Environmental	
	Public Safety			Public Safety	
	Education			Education	
	Community			Community	
	Business/Economy			Business/Economy	
	Government			Government	
9	Transportation	Likes: recreational activites, rails/trails. Wouldn't like to live anywhere else. From: Haverhill, NH	10	Transportation	likes: state's independent spirit, more thoughtful of the environment . Doesn't like: traffic, need more cooperation among towns From:Derry
	Housing			Housing	
	Recreation/ Environmental			Recreation/ Environmental	
	Public Safety			Public Safety	
	Education			Education	
	Community			Community	
	Business/Economy			Business/Economy	
	Government			Government	
11	Transportation	Recreation-Windham	12	Transportation	Likes recreational activites, doesn't like traffic lights, not signaling correctly. from:Dover
	Housing			Housing	
	Recreation/ Environmental			Recreation/ Environmental	
	Public Safety			Public Safety	
	Education			Education	
	Community			Community	
	Business/Economy			Business/Economy	
	Government			Government	
13	Transportation	Likes: the mix of rural and oppurtunity, small town feel. Challenges: viability of village area and not enough jobs From: Moutonboro		Transportation	
	Housing			Housing	
	Recreation/ Environmental			Recreation/ Environmental	
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Gerry's Food Pantry Turkey Donation Day

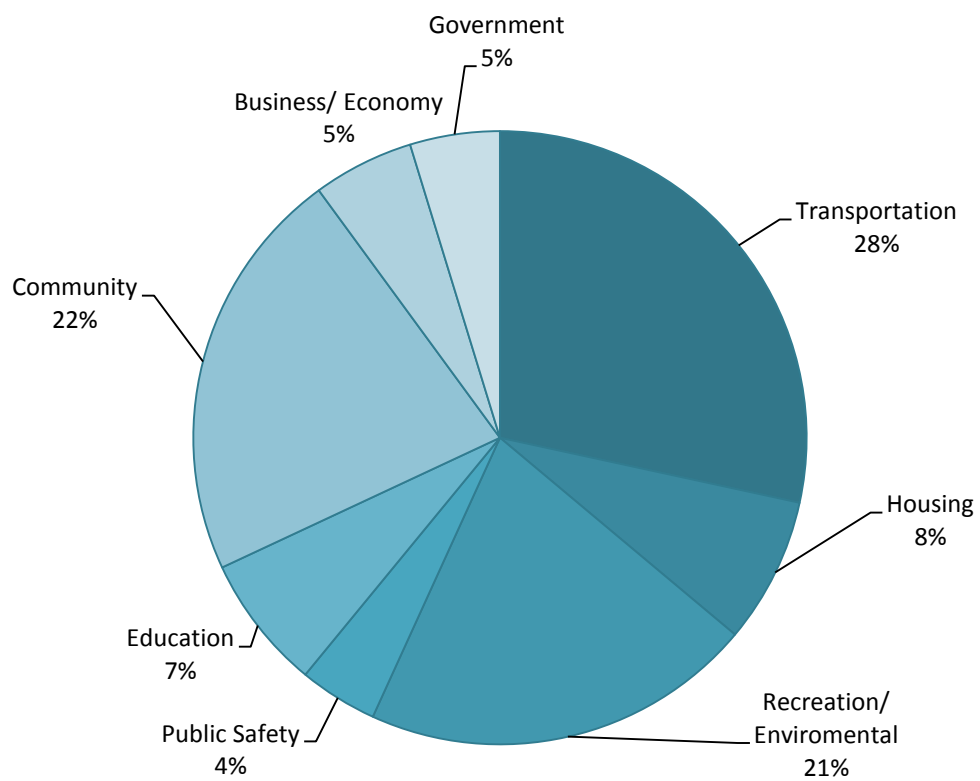
November 20, 2012

117 Participants

In order to further gather input for the first phase of the master plan process a community outreach event was conducted by the Strafford Regional Planning Commission (SRPC) at Gerry's Food Pantry in the Rochester Community center on November 20, 2012. This event took place during the 2012 Gerry's food pantry turkey donation, in which individuals could register to receive assistance for food supplies, intended for the Thanksgiving holiday. In order to gain input from these individuals a team from the SRPC staff conversed with people waiting in the line to receive their donations. The types of questions asked included what these individuals would like to see improved in their town or area, as well as what they liked about the area in which they lived. Individuals were very receptive to these questions and the SRPC received some substantial input concerning the improvement of Rochester specifically, as well as the region.

The three most common areas that these individuals believed needed improvement were transportation, the recreation/environment, and the community. When discussions about transportation arose, many people expressed concerns over littering, fixing the streets and surrounding areas in terms of potholes and sidewalks, improving bus routes in terms of increased service and stops, and fixing traffic problems. When discussing recreation and environment, the biggest focus was placed on affordable and safe activities for children. Many individuals mentioned the cost of sports to be excessively high, and also mentioned a lack of activities such as after school programs to keep children busy and out of trouble. A lot of concerns about the community related with the concern for the children. It was mentioned by multiple people that the Commons in Rochester should be fixed up so children can play there safely. More community activities, mostly in relation to children, were requested as well.

Responses from Turkey Day



Gerry's Food Pantry Turkey Donation Day (11/20/2012)

Notes		Notes	
Participant 1	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>Wants to go home to Ohio, because people are not as friendly here. Most people are strangers. People mind their own business. After 4 years here only one friend.</p>	Participant 2	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>Rochester, SDN go back again. Roads need improvement. Doesn't like that rent is high in the area. Trash system should get some gas for equal work.</p>
Participant 3	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>Doesn't like standing in lines at Turkey Day and that chairs aren't provided. It's not good for disabled people.</p>	Participant 4	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>Doesn't like the school system in Rochester. It's bad that kids get kicked out of school and expelled. The Rochester learning center in Genoa is good. Child is a straight A student - one with 10 credits per school year. Volunteers at a nursing home. Think highway needs improvement, as well as potholes. There should be mandatory PEE testing for workers.</p>
Participant 5	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>Minimum wage should be increased, things in this area should be more affordable.</p>	Participant 6	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>Rochester is dangerous. Citizens need to change. Road changes need to be made. Dishes are now downtown. There'd be more business if downtown was less work. Can't work to equalizing high school because it's dangerous for pedestrians.</p>
Participant 7	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>Want kids to play sports but its expensive. Rotary cost is too expensive. Buses should be run till midnight for work purposes. COAST Bus should be more like the Washou bus system. There should be transfer passes - i.e. one \$1.00 ticket for two buses to get you to the point where you get on the bus.</p>	Participant 8	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>Transportation should be improved. Not enough bus more stops. Safety issues with transportation should be corrected as well.</p>
Participant 9	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>There needs to be a computer based system at schools. There should be programs for those with learning disabilities.</p>	Participant 10	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>Assistance with food/gas. Bus service improved for those with a disability. Bus service available in Secretary Exeter. Also there should be bus service to corners all day.</p>
Participant 11	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>Bus service to senior citizens improved/fortified. Trailer parks should have scheduled bus service available to them. Chestnut Hill & West Wing Estates, need improved bus service. Transportation for shopping to the Blue mall and to pick up meals would be helpful.</p>	Participant 12	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>Affordable activities for kids. Available activities improved, and better sports and community programs.</p>
Participant 13	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>Lower income housing costs, and improvements to the Farmington school system.</p>	Participant 14	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>Get people to work, improve young ladies driving, something should be done about cell phones causing accidents.</p>
Participant 15	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>Education needs improvement.</p>	Participant 16	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>Cross walk needs lights, Jimmy's smoke shop area is dangerous and needs this type of system to be improved.</p>
Participant 17	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>More activities for teens so they don't get in trouble. For example, recreation halls with nighttime activities for young adults. Need a better walkway system.</p>	Participant 18	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>Clean up certain areas. In Ward 4 there is a lot of trash, people get excited and leave their stuff and trash only gets picked up twice a month.</p>
Participant 19	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>Downtown Rochester, would like to see it how it used to be in the 70s. Maybe have a 10th anniversary there.</p>	Participant 20	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>Roads need to be maintained and potholes need to be fixed.</p>
Participant 21	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>There should be more opportunities for teens, sports, activities, places to hang out, pool table halls etc.</p>	Participant 22	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>Streets need to be fixed and there needs to be more police enforcement.</p>
Participant 23	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>Stop us on COAST couldn't get on bus. Also, the school's curriculum should be updated.</p>	Participant 24	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>Need for more affordable housing.</p>
Participant 25	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>There needs to be lights near the Crosswalk near Jimmy's Smoke Shop. It needs a light-dimensions walking across.</p>	Participant 26	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>People aren't health, reminding doctors, dirty in areas. Downtown areas need to be improved. Back roads need to be improved.</p>
Participant 27	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>More police. The Commons need to be improved as a place for recreation for teens.</p>	Participant 28	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>Legal system changed in this city. Motor vehicle department-eligitation system. Truck drivers in NH, want to get drivers license so needs improvements so individuals can work.</p>
Participant 29	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>Should have two bins at the food pantry. There should be help for those with a disability. Also, they should have coffee. Community assistance in the form of baskets delivered to homes.</p>	Participant 30	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>Reduce indoor swimming pool in Rochester.</p>
Participant 31	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>Closed girls inc., they should reopen that program and a boys inc. (more funding for that)</p>	Participant 32	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>The streets need to be fixed. More activities for teens. Lower rent, affordable housing.</p>
Participant 33	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>Lower rent, public transportation improved. Rochester is their hometown.</p>	Participant 34	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>The people who work upstairs in this building need to change their attitudes and be more friendly, improve the adults to work program.</p>
Participant 35	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>More activities for kids especially in the Lafayette area.</p>	Participant 36	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>Better money for retirees. Inflation problems.</p>

	<p>Transportation</p> <p>Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>		<p>Transportation</p> <p>Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>		
Participant 10	<p>Transportation</p> <p>Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	<p>Does that the bus goes to E Rochester CDAST, and they mutual in Dover. Transportation, need better bus routes/stops</p>	Participant 18	<p>Transportation</p> <p>Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	<p>Less one way, 125 to Gonic needs a bus stop. Transportation, no more axis in the area. Need for more buses. Transfer bus papers. Bus running 60-70pm.</p>
Participant 19	<p>Transportation</p> <p>Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	<p>Cheaper rent, lower taxes are good, water went up which is bad. School system in Rochester needs better communication. They like the security system in place at the school, they just you in. Food stamp program need a better system to determine how much money you get.</p>	Participant 40	<p>Transportation</p> <p>Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	<p>Sidewalks, buses by 125, a stop near Will Willa. They like the recreation and pools.</p>
Participant 41	<p>Transportation</p> <p>Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	<p>Sidewalks need to be fixed, sidewalks on Washington St. They like the bridge by the grove and the commons.</p>	Participant 42	<p>Transportation</p> <p>Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	<p>Transportation, they like the improved connection from CDAST to axis. More programs needed for kids, recreation, it needs to be cheaper. More "teen nights." Get Rochester bus should run more often.</p>
Participant 43	<p>Transportation</p> <p>Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	<p>Needs to be easier for blind people to get around, safer crosswalks, be able to know when to cross.</p>	Participant 44	<p>Transportation</p> <p>Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	<p>The whole town needs to be improved, the streets, Earl rd., streets to be cleaned up, problems with littering.</p>
Participant 45	<p>Transportation</p> <p>Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	<p>Less drugs, clean it up. Less violence. There is need for monitors on the school bus to Scouting for children with behavioral/mental problems. Bullying improvements, no parking to children in school. Walking to school for children on bus.</p>	Participant 46	<p>Transportation</p> <p>Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	<p>Better lines, smoother running of this event. Community giving and receiving. The bus/shuttle improved, better handicapped transportation.</p>
Participant 47	<p>Transportation</p> <p>Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	<p>Fix the roads, sidewalks. The detouring of schoolbuses shouldn't be happening and is.</p>	Participant 48	<p>Transportation</p> <p>Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	<p>More activities for kids, improved recreation opportunities.</p>
Participant 49	<p>Transportation</p> <p>Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	<p>More jobs in the area, don't like loss of business to overseas.</p>	Participant 50	<p>Transportation</p> <p>Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	<p>For event, chain inside, no pictures, better school system, programs against bullying.</p>
Participant 51	<p>Transportation</p> <p>Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	<p>Farmington and Rochester turkey day programs being correctly coordinated so people know which one to go to.</p>	Participant 52	<p>Transportation</p> <p>Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	<p>Community - very impressed with how the community has developed, the attitude, appearance is good. The food party is great. Feels lucky, stressed. People shouldn't take advantage of the system. More funding for the food party, and get the word out about it and the program. Good community.</p>
Participant 53	<p>Transportation</p> <p>Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	<p>Real assistance program implemented. Eligibility, and how the system works to be more easily accessible.</p>	Participant 54	<p>Transportation</p> <p>Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	<p>Better bus routes to Elder Estates East</p>
Participant 55	<p>Transportation</p> <p>Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	<p>Sports/recreation programs, more jobs, less potholes. More community events for people.</p>	Participant 56	<p>Transportation</p> <p>Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	<p>Use the area, would like a more clear direction.</p>
Participant 57	<p>Transportation</p> <p>Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	<p>Clean up the streets, more police down on Lafayette street.</p>	Participant 58	<p>Transportation</p> <p>Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	<p>Education and business improvements. Some kind of safe area for items to hang out and have their own space but not causing trouble, maybe with wifi. Some kind of group meeting/support system for young mothers, a church in the area used to have one. Elementary school playground improved. More police presence. Clean programs like Boy Scouts.</p>
Participant 59	<p>Transportation</p> <p>Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	<p>Food pantry system takes too long, better system needed. People shouldn't be turned away.</p>	Participant 60	<p>Transportation</p> <p>Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	<p>Ability for parents to become involved in the education system. Checking for sex offenders for school field trip chaperones.</p>
Participant 61	<p>Transportation</p> <p>Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	<p>More activities for the teens, more hangout areas to keep kids out of trouble.</p>	Participant 62	<p>Transportation</p> <p>Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	<p>Transportation improved would be a bus stop closer to KMART and expanded service.</p>
Participant 63	<p>Transportation</p> <p>Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	<p>Good community, like the terrain.</p>	Participant 64	<p>Transportation</p> <p>Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	<p>Transportation, Farmington they like the bus stops. They would like extended hours and a Saturday route.</p>
Participant 65	<p>Transportation</p> <p>Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	<p>Baller skating - recreational activities for both kids and adults. They dislike that there is no more arcade/bowling. Need these type of activities to keep kids busy. Commons not a safe place to play. There should be community pick up the trash events.</p>	Participant 66	<p>Transportation</p> <p>Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	<p>Littering is an issue, needs to be improved.</p>
Participant 67	<p>Transportation</p> <p>Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	<p>Need more jobs, transportation, more shops. Its tons limited.</p>	Participant 68	<p>Transportation</p> <p>Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	<p>Transportation. CDAST bus should run 24 hrs. Like that the town provides the commons with food and helpful programs.</p>
Participant 69	<p>Transportation</p> <p>Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	<p>Senior center vehicle, more activities. Transportation needs improvement.</p>	Participant 70	<p>Transportation</p> <p>Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	<p>There should be some kind of get together for people between 50 and seniors. Also a support center for singles/divorced of this age.</p>
Participant 71	<p>Transportation</p> <p>Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	<p>Fix the roads, get rid of potholes. Uses the area, lived here all their life.</p>	Participant 72	<p>Transportation</p> <p>Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	<p>Lower taxes, cheaper rents, more jobs, jobs with paid training.</p>

Participant 73	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	improvement on traffic	Participant 74	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	More programs for the senior center, transportation. Rochester is getting larger
Participant 75	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	less trees	Participant 76	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	Cost of living is too high
Participant 77	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	usability requirements, people using the system. City welfare dept. Develop a line update because it has high volume of "customers" and needs people to help. Enabled to get benefits, enforce that people get welfare needs.	Participant 78	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	More playgrounds, movie theaters, too much smoking in the commons. Hampton Basin playground is good. Need jobs for kids to get learning.
Participant 79	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	Items need something to do, sports are too expensive to join.	Participant 80	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	Needs need to be fixed, too many potholes. Maintenance of trees cut down on roads.
Participant 81	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	hospitality manager- went to University of Phoenix. Need more jobs. Would like a convention center with a hotel.	Participant 82	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	More affordable housing. Salvation Army food center more available instead of only once per month. Transportation to food banks, gas cards to get there.
Participant 83	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	Recreation for older children, a center with wifi that's free.	Participant 84	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	Food pantry should be more organized, parking, better system for turkey day. Maybe event could be stretched over 1-2 days. There should be a volunteer incentive program so more volunteers.
Participant 85	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	Bus available for individual to get back and forth to dialysis.	Participant 86	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	Community center improved, more recreation. Teen center should be available with pool tables, video games, a ball. There should be more to do.
Participant 87	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	Recreation for teens, keeps them busy and out of trouble.	Participant 88	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	LOST, there is a horrible need for more service. The bus should be able to stop whenever the person wants.
Participant 89	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	More sidewalks. Portland Street should be fixed. Beach program and walk to school program requires sidewalks to be fixed.	Participant 90	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	Off Portland sidewalks need to be fixed. Spruce street improved. Get rid of bars, more entertainment for children.
Participant 91	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	Gutters fixed. Not enough for children to do in downtown. Need more road maintenance.	Participant 92	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	They want the Commons cleaned up, more opportunities for children, not enough after school programs.
Participant 93	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	Best of both worlds, close to big cities and rural areas, they've seen Rochester developed, and want to put a cap on it. Liked the change to seasons, always come back, hasn't changed that much. Likes hiking, likes the independence of NE, agrees with state motto.	Participant 94	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	Cap program in Farmington, community action partners, there is a law treasury at the food bank, small towns having to go to bigger cities for the turkey day program is an issue.
Participant 95	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	More programs for children, enjoy golf course, different activities for people. Better bus system, cleaner. More stops by Salton Falls Road. More buses to East Rochester.	Participant 96	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	Peaceful, moved from Revere so large improvement from there, a lot cleaner. Has rural communities. Sense of security. Doesn't worry about locking doors, good public transportation. The train should have more stops. More outreach to be people with disabilities know how to get around, the complimented fire and police dept. for being helpful/wise.
Participant 97	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	Enjoyed being close to the coast, her goals to move to Kennebunkport, monetary is main- important to her, enjoys snow, people nature. Upset about the mills being gone. Needs to be more jobs, beautiful state enjoys hunting, camping, fishing. Tourist season - important off population doubles in summer, which she enjoys.	Participant 98	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	From govt, like the quiet, wants it to stay the same, likes outside, likes community help system, should be more. More parks for kids, not enough challenging things to do at Roger Allen Park, not enough for the kids to do. Same with Commons.
Participant 99	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	Lived here forever, biggest thing was the scrap kitchen, people of lower income never seem to matter, complaints about police officers not facing real crimes instead focusing on things that aren't important, Rochester care facility on Charles, issue with person with a sexual assault background lives there and its right next to a daycare. Parking issues.	Participant 100	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	Transportation, there needs to be better driver education classes, and more stringent driver's test.
Participant 101	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	Lack of entire presence in unsafe neighborhoods, particularly in areas close to Pine, Lafayette, and Academy streets.	Participant 102	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	Too many traffic lights, would like to see the community center be more handicapped and disability friendly(benches).
Participant 103	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	Should be more mandatory testing for welfare receipt in drug testing.	Participant 104	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	Network for widows of veterans, should be better communication between production officers and people receiving benefits.
Participant 105	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	There should be more senior housing.	Participant 106	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	Close to lakes, ocean, mountains, which they like. They want more fast service.
Participant 107	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	More things handicapped accessible, i.e. at Turkey Day seating problems. Problems with a two year waiting list for housing.	Participant 108	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p>	Really liked what the Salvation Army does, they collect and give christmas toys. Also, the City try at the events it does have, need more events.

Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy		Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy	
Participant 109 Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Really like to see more activities for young adults, they would like to see the movie theater be reopened.	Participant 110 Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Big dropoff between the quality of education at elementary and highschool level, elementary strong but highschool is weak.
Participant 111 Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Courses taught at highschool too focused on traditional education, need more vocational courses.	Participant 112 Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	For many schools (4 elementary schools) and its tough when they all come together for highschool.
Participant 113 Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Public transportation system not good, traditional transfer system needs to be implemented, housing too expensive.	Participant 114 Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Public transportation is great, and she uses it to get to the doctor. A lot of her older friends also take the bus. Rochester East, they have really good programs for elderly individuals.
Participant 115 Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Teacher needs to take Farmington's lead on handling out Turkey (their method)	Participant 116 Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	There needs to be more headstart programs for children, she mentioned that she went to cosmetology school and that it was a really great program.
Participant 117 Transportation Housing Recreation/Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	There used to be a program called right attitudes and they would like to see it brought back, would like to see more places and activities for children to do on weekends and after school, to bring back bowling alley.		



Rochester Area Senior Center

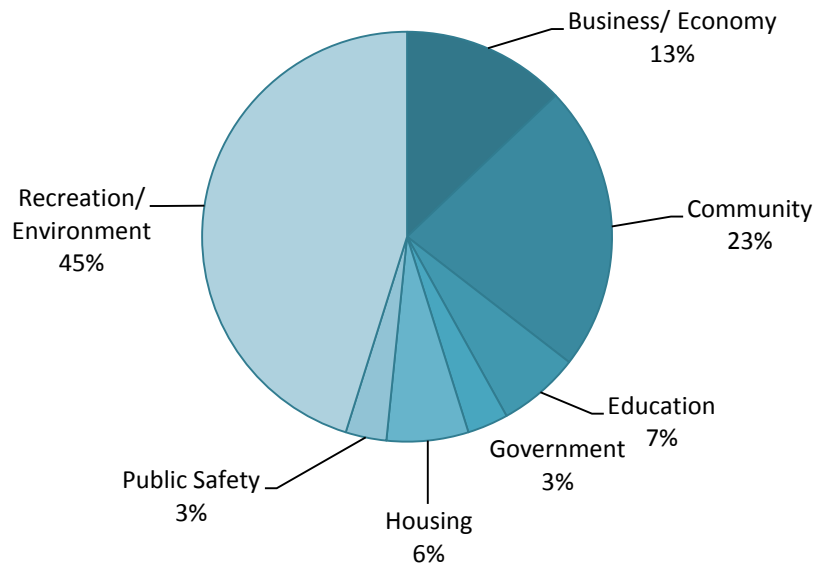
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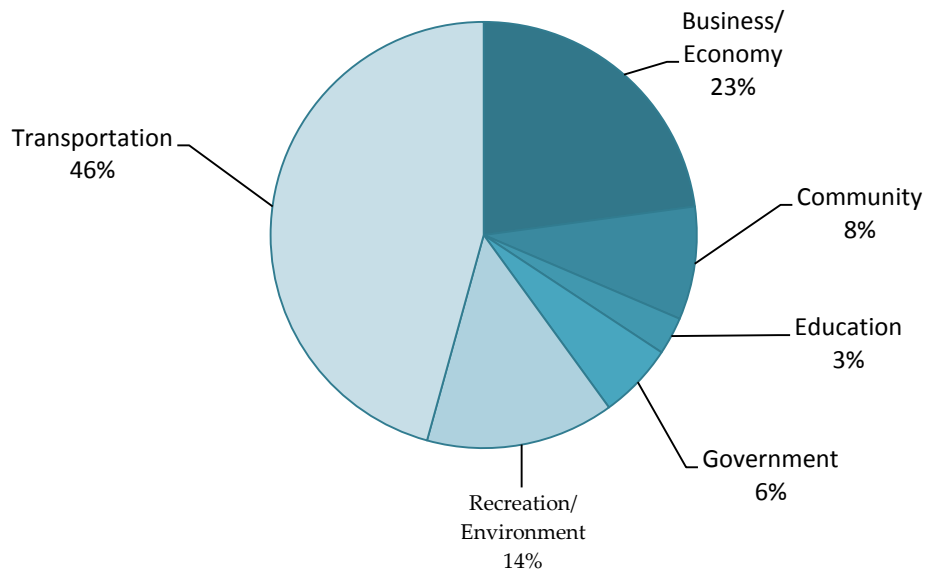
Strafford Regional Planning Commission (SRPC) attended a luncheon at the Rochester Area Senior Center on January 23, 2013. In order to maximize input, SRPC staff handed out copies of the comment cards to every person as they were arriving. During this process, SRPC staff explained that they were looking for input concerning participants' thoughts about the region. After the meal was served, and individuals had finished eating, SRPC staff briefly presented on the master plan process and again asked individuals to fill out the comment cards with their thoughts.

Participant input was sorted into two categories, likes and dislikes/need improvement. Overall, people were happy with the recreation and environment in our region. Particularly, people liked being close to the beach, mountains, and lakes. Also, people liked the recreational opportunities like trails for hiking. Considering what participants thought could be improved, transportation was a big issue. Many seniors wanted there to be a better public transportation system to take them to and from doctor's appointments and shopping centers. Also, the biggest factor, which was continually voiced, was that the senior parking be improved specifically at the Rochester Senior Center. Many expressed concern over having to park far away from the senior center and walk, which is especially hard for those with oxygen tanks and those who have a difficult time getting around.

Likes



Dislikes/Needs Improvement





St. Anthony's Luncheon

January 25, 2013

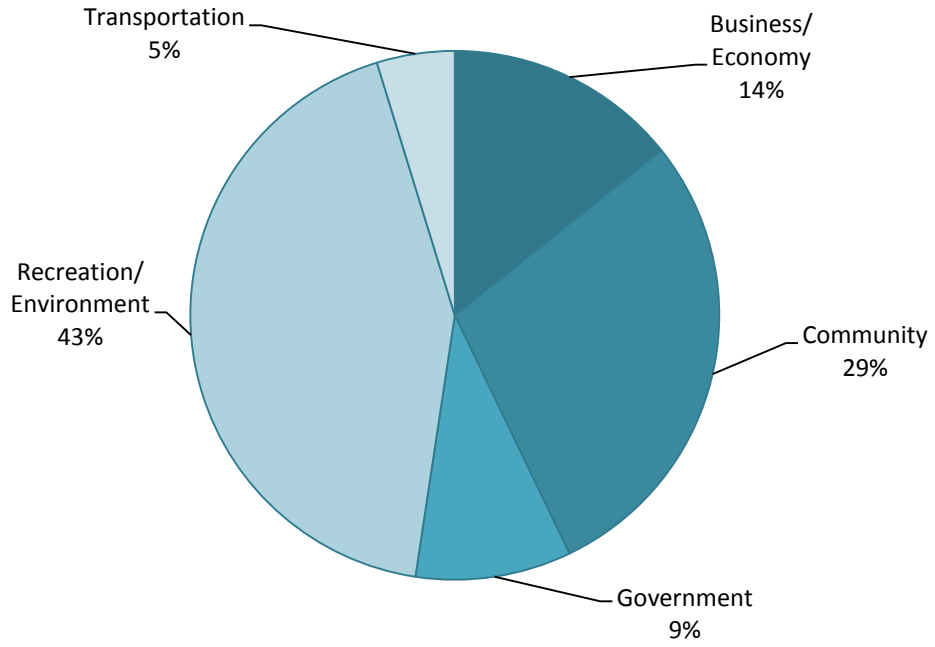
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On January 25, 2013 Strafford Regional Planning Commission (SRPC) attended a senior luncheon at St. Anthony's Church in Sanbornville.

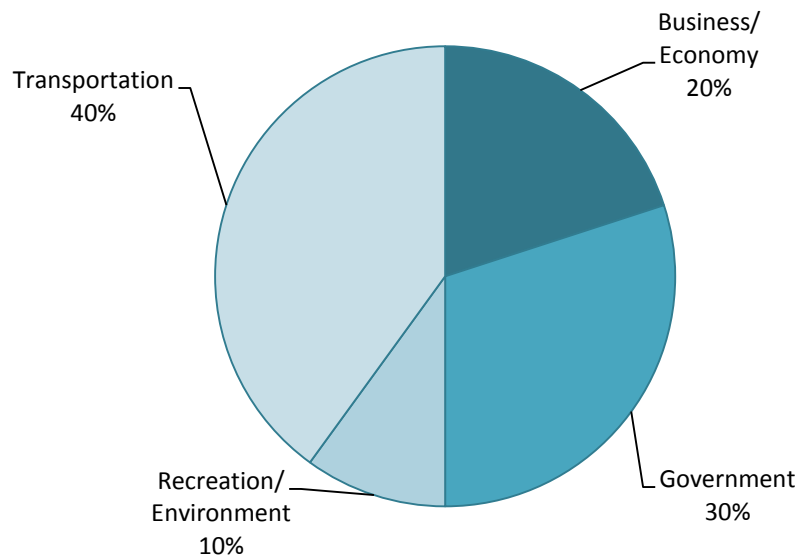
SRPC staff arrived before the start of the event to set up. This included placing comment cards at each place setting. As the seniors came in SRPC staff briefly explained the use of the comment cards and how participants input would be appreciated. Along with handing out the cards, SRPC staff walked around and talked with participants, recording their likes and dislikes, as well as what they thought needed improvement in the Strafford Region.

After analyzing the data it is apparent that certain themes emerged. In terms of what participants like about the region, lots of comments mentioned the recreation and environment. Specifically, people liked living close to the lakes and mountains, snowmobiling, and other area recreation. Community was also highlighted as important. Many people liked the community in and around Wakefield. For improvements, most of the focus was on transportation. Many seniors expressed concern over better senior public transportation. While many of the seniors currently drive they were thinking towards the future and so transportation was a big concern. Participants also expressed concern about the government in terms of lowering taxes.

Likes



Dislikes/Needs Improvement



St. Anthony's Senior Luncheon (1/25/2013)

Likes		Dislike/Needs Improvement		Likes		Dislike/Needs Improvement	
Participant 1	Transportation	Lakes, & mountains. Wakefield Market Basket, Pharmacy.	Transportation	Participant 2	Transportation	The mountains.	Transportation
	Housing		Housing		Housing		
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental		
	Public Safety		Public Safety		Public Safety		
	Education		Education		Education		
Community	Community	Community	Community				
Business/Economy	Business/Economy	Business/Economy	Business/Economy				
Government	Government	Government	Government				
Participant 3	Transportation	Participant 4	Transportation	It is close to the ocean, lakes, and mountains	Transportation	Property taxes should be lowered	Transportation
	Housing		Housing		Housing		
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental		
	Public Safety		Public Safety		Public Safety		
	Education		Education		Education		
Community	Community	Community	Community				
Business/Economy	Business/Economy	Business/Economy	Business/Economy				
Government	Government	Government	Government				
Participant 5	Transportation	Great, caring people.	Transportation	Participant 6	Transportation	Wakefield	Transportation
	Housing		Housing		Housing		
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental		
	Public Safety		Public Safety		Public Safety		
	Education		Education		Education		
Community	Community	Community	Community				
Business/Economy	Business/Economy	Business/Economy	Business/Economy				
Government	Government	Government	Government				
Participant 7	Transportation	Good living and people.	Transportation	Participant 8	Transportation	Peace and quiet, nice people	Transportation
	Housing		Housing		Housing		
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental		
	Public Safety		Public Safety		Public Safety		
	Education		Education		Education		
Community	Community	Community	Community				
Business/Economy	Business/Economy	Business/Economy	Business/Economy				
Government	Government	Government	Government				
Participant 9	Transportation	Taxes are cheap.	Transportation	Participant 10	Transportation	Countryside, mountains, and the ocean. Likes restaurants and weather changes	Transportation
	Housing		Housing		Housing		
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental		
	Public Safety		Public Safety		Public Safety		
	Education		Education		Education		
Community	Community	Community	Community				
Business/Economy	Business/Economy	Business/Economy	Business/Economy				
Government	Government	Government	Government				
Participant 11	Transportation	Easy driving. Beautiful lakes and mountains.	Transportation	Participant 12	Transportation	Snow mobile riding and motor cycle riding.	Transportation
	Housing		Housing		Housing		
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental		
	Public Safety		Public Safety		Public Safety		
	Education		Education		Education		
Community	Community	Community	Community				
Business/Economy	Business/Economy	Business/Economy	Business/Economy				
Government	Government	Government	Government				
Participant 13	Transportation	Mountains and Seacoast are handy to get to. Nice restaurants.	Transportation	Participant 14	Transportation	Snow mobile course, the senior meals available, senior bingo.	Transportation
	Housing		Housing		Housing		
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental		
	Public Safety		Public Safety		Public Safety		
	Education		Education		Education		
Community	Community	Community	Community				
Business/Economy	Business/Economy	Business/Economy	Business/Economy				
Government	Government	Government	Government				
Participant 15	Transportation	The people, the weather, and the snow.	Transportation	Participant 16	Transportation	Taxes are great, the third lowest in NH.	Transportation
	Housing		Housing		Housing		
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental		
	Public Safety		Public Safety		Public Safety		
	Education		Education		Education		
Community	Community	Community	Community				
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Seacoast Eat Local Winter Farmer's Market

January 26, 2013

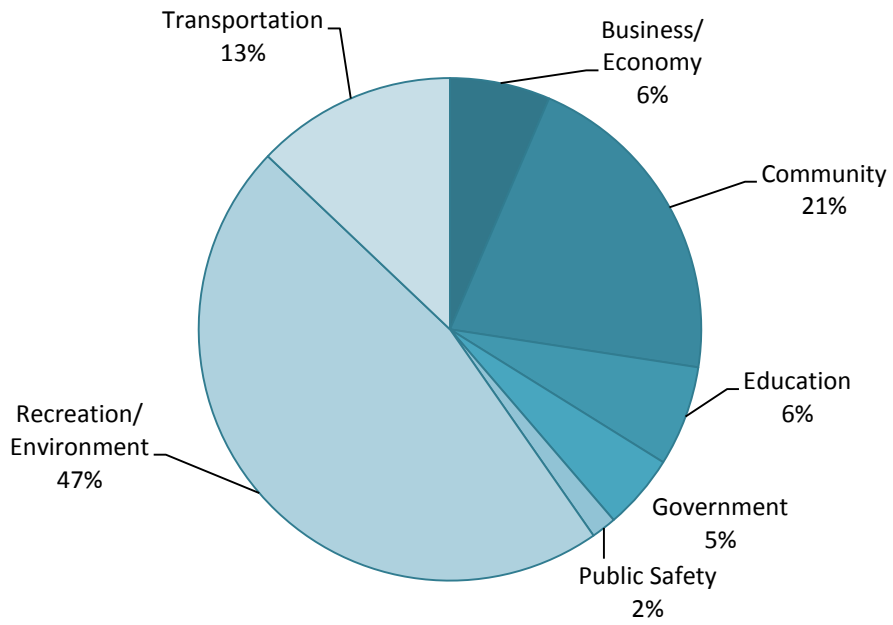
58 Participants

On January 26, 2013 Strafford Regional Planning Commission (SRPC) attended Seacoast Eat Local's Winter Farmer's Market at Wentworth Greenhouses in Rollinsford. This was SRPC's eighth outreach event completed to gain community input for the master plan process. This project seeks to determine what citizens in each of the nine planning regions like and dislike about their region. From talking with close to people at this event, SRPC was able to gain important input from citizens in the Strafford Region.

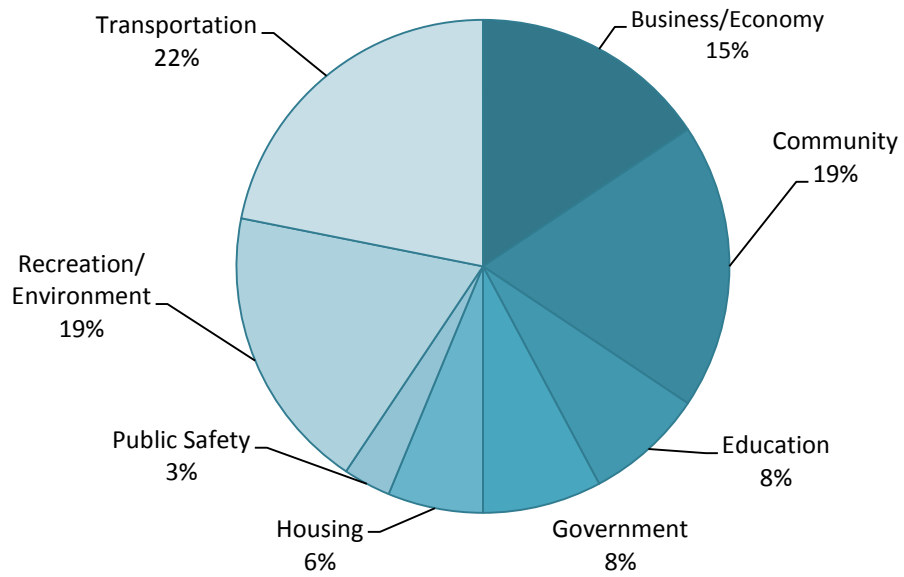
Considering what participants like, the most common themes were community and recreation/environment. Participants like the walkability of cities like Dover and Portsmouth, community events like the Winter Farmer's Market, the safe communities, and the overall good community feel of the region. Recreation and environment likes included the location of our region to the mountains and ocean, the abundance of wild/conservation space, the parks and trails, and the overall availability of recreational opportunities.

Concerns about the region were focused on transportation, recreation/environment, community, and business/economy. Transportation concerns include improved transportation, improved safety for bike riders, and a better Senior transportation system in our region. Participants discussed the recreation and environment expressing the need for more outdoor recreation, and the importance of keeping land open for recreational use. Community concerns addressed participants asking for more community events, meeting places, and volunteers, as well as keeping decisions, i.e. planning decisions, at the local level. Lastly, business and economy concerns were focused on increasing jobs, encouraging shopping local, and the need for skilled jobs.

Likes



Dislikes/Needs Improvement





Greater Wakefield Resource Center Senior Luncheon

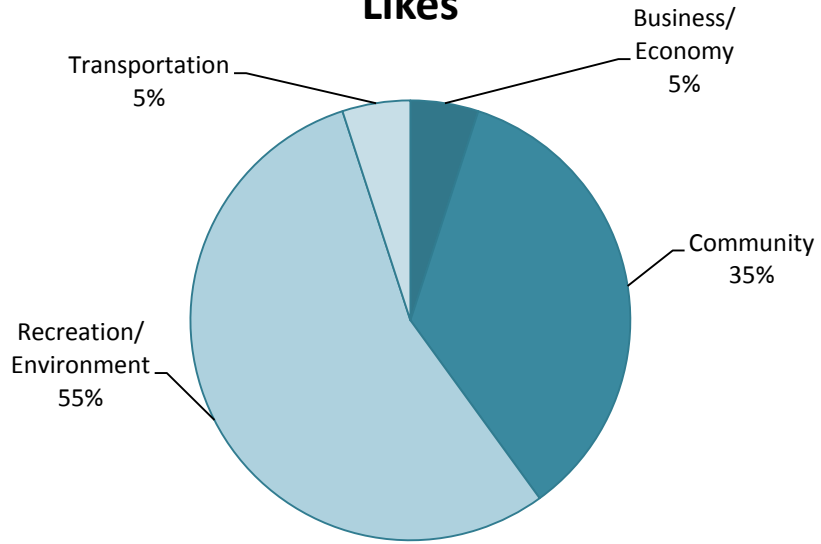
February 7, 2013

15 Participants

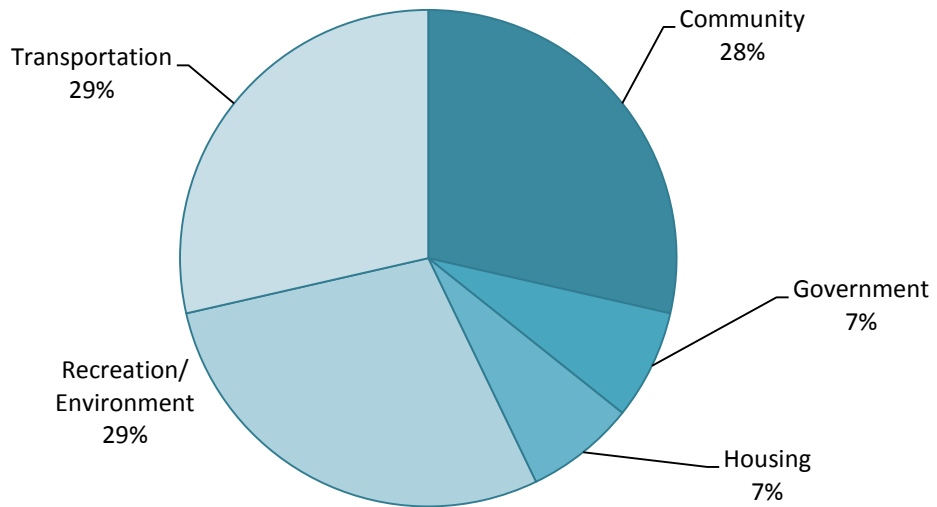
On February 7, 2013 Strafford Regional Planning Commission (SRPC) attended an event at the Greater Wakefield Resource Center in Union on February 7th, 2013. This event was a Senior luncheon and allowed SRPC staff to talk with people who may not be comfortable being addressed in a more public setting. Our question to participants focused on what they like about the Strafford Region, as well as what they think could be improved. We heard from 15 individuals.

Overall, participants like the recreation/environment and the community in the region. Specifically, participants like the openness of the region, the seasons, the programs for Seniors, and the accessibility and easiness of getting around in the region. Areas participants believed could be improved on include recreation/environment, community, and transportation. Community and recreation/environment improvements include more activities for seniors, and more senior trips. Transportation concerns were focused on improving roads, the availability of more buses, and cleaner roadsides.

Likes



Dislikes/Needs Improvement



Greater Wakefield Resource Center Senior Luncheon (2/07/2013)

	Likes		Dislikes/Needs Improvement		Likes		Dislikes/Needs Improvement	
Participant 1	Transportation	Weather is good	Transportation	Wolfeboro needs more senior activities/ things to do	Transportation	Openness-fresh air	Transportation	Roadsides should be cleaner
	Housing		Housing		Housing			
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			
	Public Safety		Public Safety		Public Safety			
	Education		Education		Education			
Participant 3	Community	Lots for seniors, good cook in Union (at the Greater Wakefield Resource Center)	Community		Community	Nice places to go for seniors, good cooks at the Greater Wakefield Resource Center, bingo	Community	Better roads.
	Business/Economy		Business/Economy		Business/Economy			
	Government		Government		Government			
	Transportation		Transportation		Transportation			
	Housing		Housing		Housing			
Participant 5	Recreation/ Environmental	We have a lot going on for seniors, bingo, lunches, etc.	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental	
	Public Safety		Public Safety		Public Safety			
	Education		Education		Education			
	Community		Community		Community			
	Business/Economy		Business/Economy		Business/Economy			
Participant 7	Government	The seasons	Government		Government		Government	
	Transportation		Transportation		Transportation			
	Housing		Housing		Housing			
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			
	Public Safety		Public Safety		Public Safety			
Participant 9	Education	Easy access- like bingo and lunches, and shopping access	Education	Need for more senior trips	Education	Like the amount of stores and thinks it is nice to live here, the quality is great.	Education	More buses/transportation
	Community		Community		Community			
	Business/Economy		Business/Economy		Business/Economy			
	Government		Government		Government			
	Transportation		Transportation		Transportation			
Participant 11	Housing	Easy to get around	Housing	Trips to casinos	Housing	Good food pantry in Wakefield/Union area	Housing	
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			
	Public Safety		Public Safety		Public Safety			
	Education		Education		Education			
	Community		Community		Community			
Participant 13	Business/Economy	Bingo at the senior center	Business/Economy		Business/Economy		Business/Economy	Transportation, more programs for seniors
	Government		Government		Government			
	Transportation		Transportation		Transportation			
	Housing		Housing		Housing			
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			
Participant 15	Public Safety		Public Safety	Better oil assistance, health and human services should do something about that	Public Safety		Public Safety	
	Education		Education		Education			
	Community		Community		Community			
	Business/Economy		Business/Economy		Business/Economy			
	Government		Government		Government			
Participant 16	Government		Government		Government		Government	
	Transportation		Transportation		Transportation			
	Housing		Housing		Housing			
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			
	Public Safety		Public Safety		Public Safety			



UNH Memorial Union Building Booth

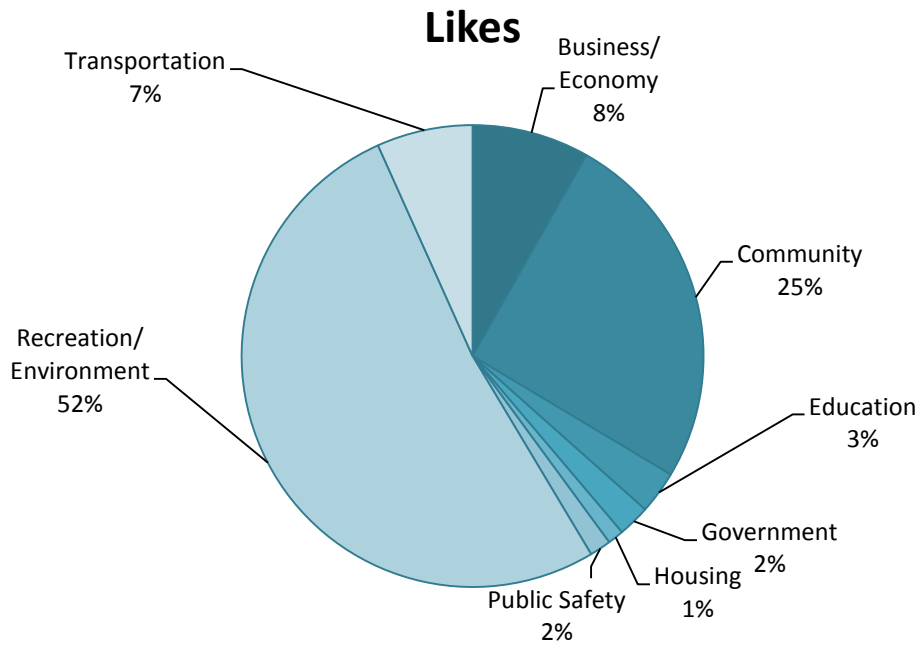
February 5-7, 2013

199 Participants

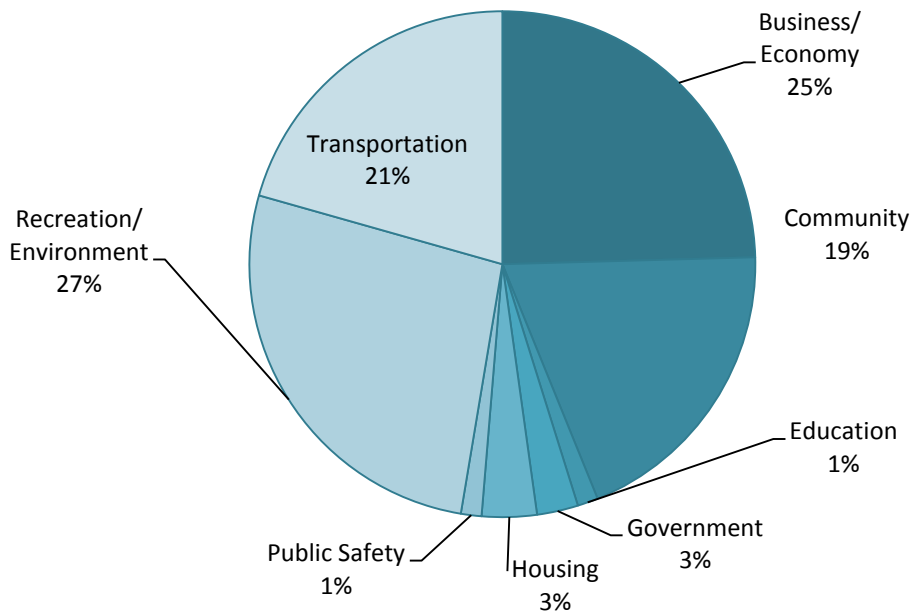
In order to gain input from the college student population in the Strafford Region, Strafford Regional Planning Commission (SRPC) was sponsored by NH Listens and the UNH Carsey Institute to set up a booth at the University of New Hampshire Memorial Union Building. SRPC staff heard from close to 200 students.

In terms of what students like, the majority like the recreation and environment in our region, as well as the community. When addressing the recreation and environment, students expressed how they like the scenery of the region, its' proximity to cities like Boston, but also its location in relation to the mountains, lakes, beaches, and forests. Participants also enjoy recreational opportunities in the area like skiing, as well parks, and the openness and natural beauty of the state. Community was the second highest among the themes students regarded as important in the region. Many students like the sense of community in Durham, and the other close knit communities in the region. Students find UNH to have a good atmosphere with cultural diversity and a good sense of community. Participants particularly addressed Durham's downtown and how the local shops create a better sense of community

Popular themes concerning what students think could be improved, or aspects of the region they dislike are transportation, business/economy, recreation/environment, and community. Transportation concerns include improvement of public transportation for increased regional accessibility for students, increased student parking, bus routes that expand to areas outside the region (i.e. NYC, Manchester, Concord, and local beaches), better snow removal on campus, and more bus service and routes. Addressing business/economy, students request more small and local business, as well as more stores and restaurants in general. There were complaints concerning the types of stores in downtown Durham, and how there needs to be a greater variety of store types as well as more restaurants. A desire for more restaurants, and more venues for music and arts were expressed as well.



Dislikes/Needs Improvement



UNH Memorial Union Building Outreach (2/7/2013)

		Likes		Dislikes/Needs Improvement		Likes		Dislikes/Needs Improvement	
Participant 1	Transportation	I think this area is convenient. I tend to find that I can get most places very easily and I can find all the resources I need.	Transportation	The only thing I don't like about this area is the cold weather. I suppose the area could also use more attractions to generate more money.	Participant 2	Transportation	Mountains, rivers, small state, relatively nice people. Independence, summer and the seasons in general	Transportation	More recreational attractions, some form of revenue boost
	Housing		Housing			Housing			
	Recreation/ Environment		Recreation/ Environment			Recreation/ Environment			
	Public Safety		Public Safety			Public Safety			
	Education		Education			Education			
Participant 3	Community	UNH	Community	Better snow plows for safety	Participant 4	Community	The fall and the beaches	Community	No snow.
	Business/Economy		Business/Economy			Business/Economy			
	Government		Government			Government			
	Transportation		Transportation			Transportation			
	Housing		Housing			Housing			
Participant 5	Recreation/ Environment	Seeing new faces and the food and music.	Recreation/ Environment	Having events every weekend.	Participant 6	Recreation/ Environment	Always recycling plastics and going green	Recreation/ Environment	Nothing comes to mind.
	Public Safety		Public Safety			Public Safety			
	Education		Education			Education			
	Community		Community			Community			
	Business/Economy		Business/Economy			Business/Economy			
Participant 7	Government	The wildlife and overall vibe of the people.	Government	Better cell service, decriminalization of marijuana	Participant 8	Government	The best part about this area is the atmosphere. People may seem spread out but they feel close	Government	More places open later in the area
	Transportation		Transportation			Transportation			
	Housing		Housing			Housing			
	Recreation/ Environment		Recreation/ Environment			Recreation/ Environment			
	Public Safety		Public Safety			Public Safety			
Participant 9	Education	Sense of community, local businesses are able to still exist!	Education	Less potholes, more parks	Participant 10	Education	Being close to the ocean, not over crowded	Education	Keep the area clean. I like the openness. No need for more parking lots or malls.
	Community		Community			Community			
	Business/Economy		Business/Economy			Business/Economy			
	Government		Government			Government			
	Transportation		Transportation			Transportation			
Participant 11	Housing	Four seasons	Housing	Less full time Durham Residents	Participant 12	Housing	Great activities, restaurants, and nightlife	Housing	
	Recreation/ Environment		Recreation/ Environment			Recreation/ Environment			
	Public Safety		Public Safety			Public Safety			
	Education		Education			Education			
	Community		Community			Community			
Participant 13	Business/Economy	Portsmouth has a lot of interesting shops and restaurants	Business/Economy	Improve the roads	Participant 14	Business/Economy	Smaller communities, friendly environment, the New England atmosphere.	Business/Economy	Maybe more shops downtown. More outdoor seating on Main Street.
	Government		Government			Government			
	Transportation		Transportation			Transportation			
	Housing		Housing			Housing			
	Recreation/ Environment		Recreation/ Environment			Recreation/ Environment			
Participant 15	Public Safety	The school, the nature around here.	Public Safety		Participant 16	Public Safety	Its populated but still removed at the same time	Public Safety	
	Education		Education			Education			
	Community		Community			Community			
	Business/Economy		Business/Economy			Business/Economy			
	Government		Government			Government			
Participant 17	Community	Proximity to the ocean, shopping centers, city, state parks/forests, skiing/snow boarding, mountains	Community		Participant 18	Community	Close knit small community, proximity to the beach and Portsmouth, no big corporations	Community	More outdoor seating on main street
	Business/Economy		Business/Economy			Business/Economy			
	Government		Government			Government			
	Transportation		Transportation			Transportation			
	Housing		Housing			Housing			
Participant 19	Recreation/ Environment	I like that we are close to the ocean and there are lots of things to do. Coming from a small town it was a nice change for me. I also enjoy the sense of community.	Recreation/ Environment	More outdoor seating on main street to add to our community	Participant 20	Recreation/ Environment	Proximity to the seacoast, forestry, snow	Recreation/ Environment	
	Public Safety		Public Safety			Public Safety			
	Education		Education			Education			
	Community		Community			Community			
	Business/Economy		Business/Economy			Business/Economy			
Participant 21	Government	Transportation is good in the area	Government		Participant 22	Government	UNH, great outdoors providing bountiful opportunities for recreation. McGregor is all volunteers for EMTs	Government	It's a problem that not all towns have their own EMS because it slows down response times. Also the Newmarket housing authority has a huge deficit. There was a recent problem with multiple fires in Durham
	Transportation		Transportation			Transportation			
	Housing		Housing			Housing			
	Recreation/ Environment		Recreation/ Environment			Recreation/ Environment			
	Public Safety		Public Safety			Public Safety			
Participant 23	Education	Community	Education	More weekend transit	Participant 24	Education	Public transit is very good in these areas	Education	Improved transportation around the state. Public education is too expensive
	Community		Community			Community			
	Business/Economy		Business/Economy			Business/Economy			
	Government		Government			Government			
	Transportation		Transportation			Transportation			
Participant 25	Housing	Works in land use, and visioning for land use, thinks it's helpful, data collection this spring, scenario building, EPSCORE	Housing	Better transportation infrastructure, more public transportation encompassing Lee (i.e. COAST to the Lee traffic circle). Better balance for housing- affordable housing for mid and low	Participant 26	Housing	Close to everything	Housing	More safe biking routes, all the main roads go through traffic, needs to be improved, there are no sidewalks in Nottingham, which is a problem for kids walking to school along 152, it's not safe
	Recreation/ Environment		Recreation/ Environment			Recreation/ Environment			
	Public Safety		Public Safety			Public Safety			
	Education		Education			Education			
	Community		Community			Community			

Participant 27	Transportation	Food culture, shop local, and eat	Transportation	More shop local eat local	Participant 28	Transportation	Nature, Recreation, Community, On average we have a higher household income than in other states	Transportation	
	Housing		Housing			Housing		Housing	
Participant 29	Recreation/ Environment	Ocean is nearby, close to home for this individual, close to Boston	Recreation/ Environment	The relationship between the university and the town could be improved	Participant 30	Recreation/ Environmental	Good sense of community	Recreation/ Environmental	Spreading awareness of being accepting of everyone
	Public Safety		Public Safety			Public Safety		Public Safety	
Participant 31	Education	Aesthetics, community, UNH	Education	Pollution improved, accessibility improved	Participant 32	Education	Beach, close to the coast, close to Boston	Education	
	Community		Community			Community		Community	
Participant 33	Business/Economy	Beauty, nature, surrounding environment	Business/Economy	Less developments/suburban sprawl. People from MA move here and want everything their way, they want to change the way NH is in terms of rural land use, the idea of	Participant 34	Business/Economy	Feels safe here	Business/Economy	More activities to keep busy, there should be more bus transportation out of state
	Government		Government			Government		Government	
Participant 35	Recreation/ Environment	Likes the mix between city and rural	Recreation/ Environment	availability of low grade ethanol here, its cheaper and they use it in other states like North Carolina. People don't like high gas prices. Cost of living should be lower, doesn't	Participant 36	Recreation/ Environmental	UNH, Portsmouth, local restaurants, community fairs/event(Farmer's Markets, festivals), recreational land (college woods, east foss farm), downtown Dover, the beauty of the area, rural	Recreation/ Environmental	UNH bus service to Target in Somersworth, cheaper bus/train fare
	Public Safety		Public Safety			Public Safety		Public Safety	
Participant 37	Education	Likes small government, likes that people have a say and were able to get rid of the straight ticket, legislators are accessible	Education	We should have the	Participant 38	Education	Most beautiful, beach and mountains are so accessible, built for walking	Education	Rent is extremely expensive
	Community		Community			Community		Community	
Participant 39	Business/Economy	Strong education system, Likes/Did Americorps/Peacecorps, works with sex trafficking advocacy. Plans to settle down in New England.	Business/Economy	Not enough hands on education, dislikes how schools teach to tests.	Participant 40	Business/Economy	Public transit makes sense.	Business/Economy	Would like to be able to afford living by their self
	Government		Government			Government		Government	
Participant 41	Recreation/ Environment	Beautiful	Recreation/ Environment	Would like to see bus service to Durham from Exeter	Participant 42	Recreation/ Environmental	Lots of open spaces, undeveloped land and agriculture use. Loves the transportation system and environmental awareness.	Recreation/ Environmental	More communal environment, green transportation, would like to see a Durham or Portsmouth bike share combined with bus service that would increase green transportation and access
	Public Safety		Public Safety			Public Safety		Public Safety	
Participant 43	Education	Environment-it's beautiful	Education	Better stores downtown (right now its all stores geared towards students), better/more restaurants	Participant 44	Education	There is a lot of things to do and its easy to get to places around the area.	Education	Would like to be able to get places quicker
	Community		Community			Community		Community	
Participant 45	Business/Economy	The beautiful view at the lakes and oceans.	Business/Economy	Less rain	Participant 46	Business/Economy	Portsmouth, beaches, small town feel	Business/Economy	
	Government		Government			Government		Government	
Participant 47	Community	Portsmouth restaurants, natural reservation areas, The Big Bean in Newmarket	Community	Use of clean energy	Participant 48	Community	The scenery and the woods	Community	Better community
	Business/Economy		Business/Economy			Business/Economy		Business/Economy	
Participant 49	Government	The scenery	Government	Better community	Participant 50	Government	The scenery, lots of young people	Government	More restaurants and shops. More nightlife activities
	Recreation/ Environment		Recreation/ Environment			Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental	
Participant 51	Public Safety	The mountains! They are not too far away and it's awesome to get a college ski pass to ski them	Public Safety		Participant 52	Public Safety	The scenery	Public Safety	Better public transportation. More restaurants and nightlife.
	Education		Education			Education		Education	
Participant 53	Community	The scenery	Community	Transportation	Participant 54	Community	Likes the calm atmosphere	Community	Some more attractions for site seeing or tourism, public transportation
	Business/Economy		Business/Economy			Business/Economy		Business/Economy	
Participant 55	Government	Beaches	Government	I like everything	Participant 56	Government	UNH, loves the look and feel of campus	Government	More parking
	Recreation/ Environment		Recreation/ Environment			Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental	

Participant 57	Housing	UNH	Housing	Participant 58	Housing	Local businesses	Housing	More public parks, more local farming, better transportation options for distance travel
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			
	Public Safety		Public Safety		Public Safety			
	Education		Education		Education			
	Community		Community		Community			
	Business/Economy		Business/Economy		Business/Economy			
	Government		Government		Government			

Participant 59	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	The Cottages apartments in Durham	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	UNH should build a football stadium	Participant 60	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	The Cottages of Durham is the best	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	More bars, maybe a club, a football stadium, some lights
Participant 61	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	NH is quiet and homey. Also not too built up like other cities/states	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government		Participant 62	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	The quiet and safe atmosphere	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	More restaurants or shops
Participant 63	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Scenery	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	More transportation available for students	Participant 64	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	scenery, climate, weather	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Larger variety of transportation
Participant 65	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	scenery/weather	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	More transportation	Participant 66	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	There is a lot of fun things to do with friends	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Better and more transportation between communities
Participant 67	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	The college campus and activities	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	More places to go nearby	Participant 68	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	The beach, the weather, and the people.	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Warmer weather
Participant 69	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	The wildlife, the school	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Better internet connection, more little shops, more parks and playgrounds	Participant 70	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	The scenery, the people on campus	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	
Participant 71	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	The quaint feel of Durham	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	More restaurants	Participant 72	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	The forests and the pathways	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	More recreational walking pathways that utilize the forests
Participant 73	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	The wide open space is a nice change from the city	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	More activities like bowling and mini-golf	Participant 74	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Likes UNH and people, there is a lot of activities to keep busy with	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Could have more activities, bowling, dancing, food, cheaper shops
Participant 75	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	The popularity of local businesses, balance of commercial/residential space, likes woods and undeveloped land	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Even more local business	Participant 76	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Transportation and relative closeness to things. Love NH in general	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Better bus hours
Participant 77	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	openness	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	More forms of transportation	Participant 78	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	The towns are the quaintest towns around and have so much to do. The parks are great.	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	A few more transportation routes could be helpful
Participant 79	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	The trees are nice	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government		Participant 80	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Activities and community/history	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Bus to more areas/towns/small towns
Participant 81	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Lakes, recreational areas such as ski mountains	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	More public awareness	Participant 82	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Transportation, Portsmouth downtown	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Recreation programs/departments. More activities and programs offered.
Participant 83	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Access to cities as well as natural attractions	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	More conservation of natural areas	Participant 84	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Skiing, cheap cost of living, such cute small town life	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Better plowing, more support for small business, Dislikes Aroma Joes/new franchises moving in
Participant 85	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Likes the Verizon Wireless Arena and Hampton Beach casino Bar Concerts	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	More venues for musicians	Participant 86	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	It looks great-natural beauty-keep it that way. Natural parks, places to hang out	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Keep it natural. More cabs
Participant 87	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Bike paths, hiking/walking paths, parks, trees	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Keep urban things out (aka why did Panache turn into Dunkins Donuts in the Memorial Union Building?)	Participant 88	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Trees	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	More environmental consciousness

Participant 89	Transportation	Sidewalks, bike paths, and over cleanliness	Transportation	More environmental awareness	Participant 90	Transportation	A lot of different types of outdoor activities, beaches, trails, mountains, lakes, etc.	Transportation	Would like a train line from Manchester to Portsmouth and the mountain area.
	Housing		Housing			Housing		Housing	
Participant 91	Recreation/ Environment	scenery, rural setting	Recreation/ Environment	Keep it the way it is	Participant 92	Recreation/ Environmental	The UNH campus/location	Recreation/ Environmental	
	Public Safety		Public Safety			Public Safety		Public Safety	
Participant 93	Education	Has a little of everything, great food	Education	Comic shops, game stops, museums	Participant 94	Education	Green areas, open spaces	Education	More public transportation available
	Community		Community			Community		Community	
Participant 95	Business/Economy	Age population, public buses	Business/Economy	More variety restaurants	Participant 96	Business/Economy	Close to seacoast and not far from mountains/other nice outing areas	Business/Economy	
	Government		Government			Government		Government	
Participant 97	Government	Likes how the area isn't crowded, likes downtown Durham, likes Amtrak and thinks the train is convenient	Government	More advertisements or more readily available information about local activities	Participant 98	Government	Transportation services are very convenient with UNH and COAST buses	Government	More recreational services (hiking trails etc.)
	Housing		Housing			Housing		Housing	
Participant 99	Recreation/ Environment	Ease of transportation via buses, Scenery/abundance of farms and forest area	Recreation/ Environment	more local art/music venues, Roads in Somersworth (High Street specifically), more reserved wilderness(like Patuckaway)	Participant 100	Recreation/ Environmental	The lakes	Recreation/ Environmental	
	Public Safety		Public Safety			Public Safety		Public Safety	
Participant 101	Education	Public buses, mountains	Education	Nothing	Participant 102	Education		Education	More public transportation (especially to oceans/beaches)
	Community		Community			Community		Community	
Participant 103	Business/Economy	Everything's close to the school that you need	Business/Economy	Nothing	Participant 104	Business/Economy	Living in the dorms is convenient, campus	Business/Economy	More good restaurants
	Government		Government			Government		Government	
Participant 105	Government	You can ski, hike, and do lots of other activities	Government		Participant 106	Government	The surrounding towns and historical towns	Government	More parking, easier campus roads
	Housing		Housing			Housing		Housing	
Participant 107	Recreation/ Environment	Community, downtown	Recreation/ Environment		Participant 108	Recreation/ Environmental	The seasons, small town feel, friendly people	Recreation/ Environmental	More activities for underage student
	Public Safety		Public Safety			Public Safety		Public Safety	
Participant 109	Education	The great outdoors, from the beach to the forests, to the rivers	Education	More parks	Participant 110	Education	I like the mix of nature and more populated cities like Portsmouth.	Education	More places to shop in Northern NH
	Community		Community			Community		Community	
Participant 111	Business/Economy	Pretty seasons and outdoors	Business/Economy	More stores and restaurants	Participant 112	Business/Economy	The sense of community and that all my friends are here	Business/Economy	
	Government		Government			Government		Government	
Participant 113	Government	Portsmouth water area	Government	More shops	Participant 114	Government	The fall foliage is unlike an other	Government	More old New England attractions i.e. drive ins, historical attractions
	Housing		Housing			Housing		Housing	
Participant 115	Recreation/ Environment	Loves the Seacoast area, especially Portsmouth. Likes shopping, eating out, and traveling.	Recreation/ Environment	More art and museums, More cultural events (art, plays, etc.). Buses more common and free	Participant 116	Recreation/ Environmental	Seacoast Area	Recreation/ Environmental	Transportation from Durham to the Manchester Airport
	Public Safety		Public Safety			Public Safety		Public Safety	
Participant 117	Community	Natural beauty	Community	State taxes to improve the state's infrastructure and Education system	Participant 118	Community	The community atmosphere	Community	Better transportation to certain areas, parking restrictions
	Business/Economy		Business/Economy			Business/Economy		Business/Economy	

Participant 119	Transportation	The transitions of the season	Transportation	More sports facilities	Participant 120	Transportation	Bars within walking distance, walkability	Transportation	Rent-a-scooters, more public parking, better snow removal
	Housing		Housing			Housing		Housing	
Participant 121	Recreation/ Environment	Safety access to educational opportunities	Recreation/ Environment	More diversity, improve Dover's Downtown and living options for students	Participant 122	Recreation/ Environmental	Beaches, weather	Recreation/ Environmental	Hampton beach could be improved
	Public Safety		Public Safety			Public Safety		Public Safety	
Participant 123	Education	4 seasons and every climate	Education	More attractions	Participant 124	Education	The nature, there is a lot of diversity, and the seasons	Education	Nothing comes to mind.
	Community		Community			Community		Community	
Participant 125	Business/Economy	The roads, and the people	Business/Economy	More transportation, better bus service	Participant 126	Business/Economy	The nature filled view of most of the region, how close we are to the water	Business/Economy	Less industrial/ big businesses, more focus on community
	Government		Government			Government		Government	
Participant 127	Government	The community and the people in it	Government	More stores, more of a variety of stores	Participant 128	Government	The natural beauty	Government	UNH bus to Boston for free
	Housing		Housing			Housing		Housing	
Participant 129	Recreation/ Environment	Skiing	Recreation/ Environment	Less development(big name stores), more small shops/ businesses	Participant 130	Recreation/ Environmental	Bars within walking distance, restaurants, lots of coffee shops	Recreation/ Environmental	Better Chinese food restaurant, better parking options better snow removal (walking paths are often unplowed and icy), liquor store
	Public Safety		Public Safety			Public Safety		Public Safety	
Participant 131	Education	Beach and mountains are close, it's relaxing and peaceful	Education	More cultural entertainment options	Participant 132	Education	Being at college	Education	More stores, restaurants, and things to do off campus
	Community		Community			Community		Community	
Participant 133	Business/Economy	Seasons, we have it all, mountains and beach	Business/Economy	More cultural entertainment options	Participant 134	Business/Economy	Small town, nice scenery, not too much industrial pollution	Business/Economy	New recreational facility, more markets/shops (not coffee shops), bars
	Government		Government			Government		Government	
Participant 135	Government	Mountains, and the oceans, forests and easily accessible wilderness	Government	More snow!	Participant 136	Government	The seasons, ocean, mountains	Government	More entertainment, cultural entertainment
	Housing		Housing			Housing		Housing	
Participant 137	Recreation/ Environment	There's a perfect mix of rural, suburban, and urban culture. Everyone can fit in somewhere in this area.	Recreation/ Environment	Better/more public transportation, cleaner cities	Participant 138	Recreation/ Environmental	The scenery and how close we are to the ocean	Recreation/ Environmental	Nothing comes to mind.
	Public Safety		Public Safety			Public Safety		Public Safety	
Participant 139	Education	The New England spirit of things, feels like they belong here overall (has lived in NJ and GA)	Education	More activities/enriching events geared toward younger i.e. high school, college kids, too rural feeling everywhere	Participant 140	Education	Peaceful, friendly	Education	be more like Maine
	Community		Community			Community		Community	
Participant 141	Business/Economy	The community	Business/Economy	More aroma Joes	Participant 142	Business/Economy	Good people, small community feel	Business/Economy	More/ bigger music venues
	Government		Government			Government		Government	
Participant 143	Government	It's close to Boston and Maine, Portsmouth is gorgeous	Government	Durham could be developed a bit more. It is kind of underwhelming for a college town	Participant 144	Government	Short trip to Boston, Maine, Seacoast, Lakes Region, and Manchester. There is a lot to do around here and you can get to any location easily	Government	Perhaps greater development of Durham, a fan of Keene and jealous that Keene State has such a nice town. Durham is pretty, but going to Portsmouth all the time gets annoying
	Housing		Housing			Housing		Housing	
Participant 145	Recreation/ Environment	Atmosphere, convenient facilities	Recreation/ Environment	More activities geared towards students	Participant 146	Recreation/ Environmental	Lots of things to do within walking/bus distance	Recreation/ Environmental	More activities in Durham (bowling,etc), more food
	Public Safety		Public Safety			Public Safety		Public Safety	
Participant 147	Education	That it's easy to get where you want to go	Education	More activities geared towards students	Participant 148	Education	No sales tax, no income tax, very nice highway/road system (I am from NY)	Education	
	Community		Community			Community		Community	

Participant 149	Transportation	Froyo world	Transportation	More people, more restaurants	Participant 150	Transportation	I like the snow/seasons	Transportation	More people. WiFi everywhere, big skyscrapers
	Housing		Housing			Housing		Housing	
Participant 151	Recreation/ Environment	The friendliness of everyone	Recreation/ Environment	A more consistent recycling/trash pick up program	Participant 152	Recreation/ Environmental	I like the snow/seasons	Recreation/ Environmental	More snow days UNH
	Public Safety		Public Safety			Public Safety		Public Safety	
Participant 153	Education	The seasons	Education	The cold, if there was actually a NH city	Participant 154	Education	I love the different seasons, no sales tax, and the size of the state	Education	
	Community		Community			Community		Community	
Participant 155	Business/Economy	Foliage, seasons	Business/Economy	More diversity	Participant 156	Business/Economy		Business/Economy	A chipotle in Durham
	Government		Government			Government		Government	
Participant 157	Government	Farmington, NH	Government	Walmart	Participant 158	Government	Small town feel, close to Boston, there's still something to do like go to the beach, shop in Portsmouth	Government	More places to eat out near campus, at least more of a variety of places
	Housing		Housing			Housing		Housing	
Participant 159	Recreation/ Environment	Downtown area-coffee, restaurants, sitting areas	Recreation/ Environment	more off-campus student housing, affordable housing	Participant 160	Recreation/ Environmental	Close to the beach, city, ski areas, something for every season	Recreation/ Environmental	Organized off campus events
	Public Safety		Public Safety			Public Safety		Public Safety	
Participant 161	Education	The stores all around campus	Education		Participant 162	Education	Best thing about the area is probably the scenery	Education	Need more local businesses to go to during the day
	Community		Community			Community		Community	
Participant 163	Business/Economy	Really likes all of the seasonal activities such as apple picking during the fall. Everyone is also genuinely nice.	Business/Economy	Having more affordable shops and less time on transportation	Participant 164	Business/Economy	Everything is close	Business/Economy	A nicer community
	Government		Government			Government		Government	
Participant 165	Government	College Woods	Government	More trails in the woods	Participant 166	Government	Skiing, seasonal temperatures, Portsmouth, UNH	Government	
	Housing		Housing			Housing		Housing	
Participant 167	Recreation/ Environment	The mountains and skiing, loves the weather of NH and New England	Recreation/ Environment	The use of more alternative energy sources, "going green"	Participant 168	Recreation/ Environmental	Cost of living, open spaces	Recreation/ Environmental	More recreation stores, diversity
	Public Safety		Public Safety			Public Safety		Public Safety	
Participant 169	Education	Cost of living, fairly green area with good wildlife, relatively safe area	Education	More recreational activities, more diverse population	Participant 170	Education	Close to Boston and skiing, and the beach. Beautiful landscape; mostly undeveloped	Education	A large city in the area, maybe if Portsmouth expanded to 50,000 residents
	Community		Community			Community		Community	
Participant 171	Business/Economy	The environment is beautiful along with the small town feel. Durham is welcoming, feels safe and comfortable. It's a beautiful outdoor place to live.	Business/Economy	More college bars or stores downtown. More local events around campus and a larger variety of restaurants	Participant 172	Business/Economy	The weather is nice	Business/Economy	
	Government		Government			Government		Government	
Participant 173	Government	The Durham area is kept in great condition and has done a good job of preserving the natural scenic aspects of its' town	Government	A better community	Participant 174	Government	The community and the atmosphere it brings	Government	More parking
	Housing		Housing			Housing		Housing	
Participant 175	Recreation/ Environment	Rural, no traffic, places to enjoy recreation	Recreation/ Environment		Participant 176	Recreation/ Environmental	The bay, as well as the proximity to Portsmouth and Boston	Recreation/ Environmental	More shopping and outdoor opportunities/walking trails
	Public Safety		Public Safety			Public Safety		Public Safety	
Participant 177	Education	Close to Boston, the beach, mountains, and lakes	Education	Easier/cheaper access to NYC, more attractive post college jobs i.e. Finance	Participant 178	Education	The seasons are all very different. Lots of water around.	Education	Could be cleaner.
	Community		Community			Community		Community	

Participant 179	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Lots to do and you get all four seasons living here.	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	More areas for young adults to hang around	Participant 180	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Loves the ocean, hates the drug policy	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	More community involvement, less isolation of people.
Participant 181	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Portsmouth(waterfront), great bars, restaurants, etc. Dover-food, community path, bars, Durham-great community	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Durham-better downtown area, community path going from town to town. Dover, more/better bars	Participant 182	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	The evergreen tree cover, undisturbed natural environment	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	More regulatory natural reserve
Participant 183	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	The weather and the fall leaves	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	More town activities	Participant 184	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Quiet, no taxes, weather	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	
Participant 185	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Very pretty, good place to raise kids	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	More town activities	Participant 186	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	It's really pretty, no taxes	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	More town activities
Participant 187	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	The scenery and small town feel	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government		Participant 188	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Seasons and close to everything; beach, cities, farmland etc...	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	More jobs and cheaper living
Participant 189	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Portsmouth- from Northern NH- at home the mountains are the best	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	More expansive public transportation (to farther places)	Participant 190	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Beaches, that's it	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Better weather, more fun activities, skyscrapers, less trees
Participant 191	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	The seasons. Its' beauty(the region), the different activities people can be a part of	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	More friendly people	Participant 192	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Mountains, beaches, Portsmouth restaurants	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Better department stores
Participant 193	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Scenic areas, i.e. White Mountains	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	More opportunities for the arts (live music, theater, etc.)	Participant 194	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	It is very beautiful and near both the wilderness and the community (cows vs. small cities!)	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	A few extra shops and maybe more public transportation.
Participant 195	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	The people and the scenery	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Less development	Participant 196	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	The calm atmosphere and scenic views	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Increase in parking for students
Participant 197	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	More night life. Portsmouth has it the best	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Public transportation, the Durham improved so it has the downtown feel of Portsmouth	Participant 198	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Woods, mountains	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	More pathways through the woods
Participant 199	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	The UNH campus and the strong New England feel	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	More affordable living options around the UNH area	Participant 200	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government		Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	



COAST Bus Comment Boxes

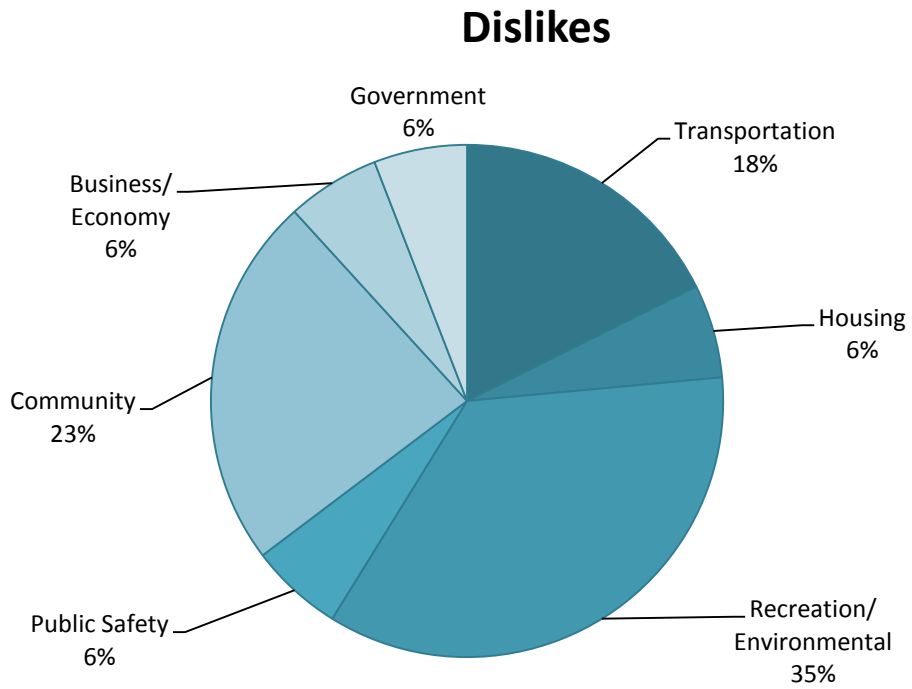
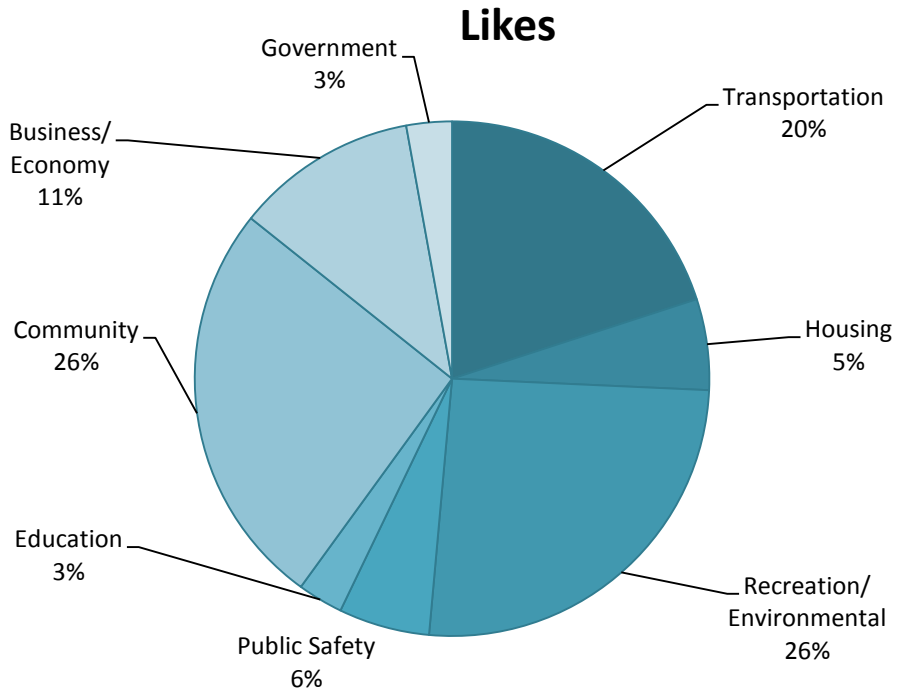
March 18-April 16, 2013

55 Participants

After placing listening boxes all over the region in summer 2012 and not receiving the level of input Strafford Regional Planning Commission (SRPC) hoped to gain, updates were made in order to make this data collection strategy more successful. In order to ensure a higher response rate improvements were made to the comment cards and SRPC staff looked into ways they could create incentive to encourage participants to share their thoughts. The new comment card included a map of the region for participants to reference, which would be useful in helping them answer the questions, “What do you like most about this region? Why?” and “What do you like least about this region? Why and/or how could be improved?”

For incentives, gift cards were donated from Hannaford and the Portsmouth Brewery. With the new comment cards, and the incentives, SRPC decided to team up with COAST to place listening boxes on different COAST bus routes. An SRPC staff member rode the COAST bus after the boxes were first introduced in order to spread the word about the master plan process and why we would like participants’ input. After having the boxes on the buses for between two and three weeks, SRPC received over 50 responses.

Many comments related specifically with COAST buses including a number of individuals who like COAST and use their services regularly, as well as those who would like to see Sunday service, along with route and schedule expansion. Participants like the recreation in our region, and were also expressive of the friendly community, and the feeling of safety where they live. While participants like the recreation in the region, they also thought there could be improvements. Increasing recreation opportunities was a topic that came up a significant amount of time. Another big concern was affordable housing in the region, as well as an increase in available jobs.



Participant 29	Transportation	Beautiful, kind place, reasonable payments	Transportation	children not safe, more jobs	Participant 30	Transportation	Basically gets me around	Transportation	Route 35 bus should be brought back, it would help many people out, housing wise apartments normal size, not small, for business and economy the focus should be on everyone, keep decisions local
	Housing		Housing			Housing			
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			Recreation/ Environmental			
	Public Safety		Public Safety			Public Safety			
	Education		Education			Education			
Community	Community	Community	Community						
Business/Economy	Business/Economy	Business/Economy	Business/Economy	Business/Economy	Business/Economy	Business/Economy	Business/Economy	Business/Economy	Business/Economy
Government	Government	Government	Government	Government	Government	Government	Government	Government	Government
Participant 31	Transportation		Transportation	more transportation	Participant 32	Transportation	Rides the bus all the time	Transportation	Sunday bus runs
	Housing		Housing			Housing		Housing	
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental	
	Public Safety		Public Safety			Public Safety		Public Safety	
	Education		Education			Education		Education	
	Community		Community			Community		Community	
	Business/Economy		Business/Economy			Business/Economy		Business/Economy	
	Government		Government			Government		Government	
Participant 33	Transportation		Transportation		Participant 34	Transportation	Uses it to get to work	Transportation	
	Housing		Housing			Housing		Housing	
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental	
	Public Safety		Public Safety			Public Safety		Public Safety	
	Education		Education			Education		Education	
	Community		Community			Community		Community	
	Business/Economy		Business/Economy			Business/Economy		Business/Economy	
	Government		Government			Government		Government	
Participant 35	Transportation	Trolley's are great, most people are friendly, great parks and wildlife	Transportation	More and better jobs, crosswalks signs need to be longer, crosswalks should be pink instead of white	Participant 36	Transportation	Buses are convenient for those without cars	Transportation	more bus stops and times
	Housing		Housing			Housing		Housing	
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental	
	Public Safety		Public Safety			Public Safety		Public Safety	
	Education		Education			Education		Education	
	Community		Community			Community		Community	
	Business/Economy		Business/Economy			Business/Economy		Business/Economy	
	Government		Government			Government		Government	
Participant 37	Transportation		Transportation		Participant 38	Transportation		Transportation	Lack of affordable housing, 3+ bedroom
	Housing		Housing			Housing		Housing	
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental	
	Public Safety		Public Safety			Public Safety		Public Safety	
	Education		Education			Education		Education	
	Community		Community			Community		Community	
	Business/Economy		Business/Economy			Business/Economy		Business/Economy	
	Government		Government			Government		Government	
Participant 39	Transportation	Minutes from all forms of environemnt, mountains, beach, woods, etc.	Transportation	mishandling the public trust/money	Participant 40	Transportation	I feel supremely fortunate to live in the Strafford and Rockingham region	Transportation	
	Housing		Housing			Housing		Housing	
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental	
	Public Safety		Public Safety			Public Safety		Public Safety	
	Education		Education			Education		Education	
	Community		Community			Community		Community	
	Business/Economy		Business/Economy			Business/Economy		Business/Economy	
	Government		Government			Government		Government	
Participant 41	Transportation	Loves going places and loves the community	Transportation		Participant 42	Transportation	The variety of restaurants	Transportation	Building more low to middle income housing
	Housing		Housing			Housing		Housing	
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental	
	Public Safety		Public Safety			Public Safety		Public Safety	
	Education		Education			Education		Education	
	Community		Community			Community		Community	
	Business/Economy		Business/Economy			Business/Economy		Business/Economy	
	Government		Government			Government		Government	
Participant 43	Transportation	Transportation to Portsmouth good bus service	Transportation		Participant 44	Transportation	Great community in terms of art, music, culture and small business(in Portsmouth), love the COAST bus	Transportation	later running bus times, cheaper housing prices, would like the government to focus more on community building than commerce. I would also be happy to pay higher tax if it meant more public service
	Housing		Housing			Housing		Housing	
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental	
	Public Safety		Public Safety			Public Safety		Public Safety	
	Education		Education			Education		Education	
	Community		Community			Community		Community	
	Business/Economy		Business/Economy			Business/Economy		Business/Economy	
	Government		Government			Government		Government	
Participant 45	Transportation		Transportation	COAST should improve Saturday trolley schedule	Participant 46	Transportation		Transportation	More buses
	Housing		Housing			Housing		Housing	
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental	
	Public Safety		Public Safety			Public Safety		Public Safety	
	Education		Education			Education		Education	
	Community		Community			Community		Community	
	Business/Economy		Business/Economy			Business/Economy		Business/Economy	
	Government		Government			Government		Government	
Participant 47	Transportation	Feels safe, Nice drivers	Transportation		Participant 48	Transportation		Transportation	More affordable housing
	Housing		Housing			Housing		Housing	
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental	
	Public Safety		Public Safety			Public Safety		Public Safety	
	Education		Education			Education		Education	
	Community		Community			Community		Community	
	Business/Economy		Business/Economy			Business/Economy		Business/Economy	
	Government		Government			Government		Government	
Participant 49	Transportation	Likes the COAST bus, likes where they live and the recreation	Transportation	More things to do , more bus service, more businesses should be open	Participant 50	Transportation	Likes the abundance of buses available and the law enforcement in the area	Transportation	Get teachers to teach students, not preach to them
	Housing		Housing			Housing		Housing	
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental	
	Public Safety		Public Safety			Public Safety		Public Safety	
	Education		Education			Education		Education	
	Community		Community			Community		Community	
	Business/Economy		Business/Economy			Business/Economy		Business/Economy	
	Government		Government			Government		Government	
Participant 51	Transportation		Transportation	Should have transportation 2 hours later than now at each community	Participant 52	Transportation	Outgoing people willing to share their individual perspectives. Affordable options to serve various means/budgets. Improved respect from law enforcement and public service providers.	Transportation	Limited options and access for affordable housing options. Often inflate prices with excess tax rates for meals.
	Housing		Housing			Housing		Housing	
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental	
	Public Safety		Public Safety			Public Safety		Public Safety	
	Education		Education			Education		Education	
	Community		Community			Community		Community	
	Business/Economy		Business/Economy			Business/Economy		Business/Economy	
	Government		Government			Government		Government	
Participant 53	Transportation		Transportation	Everytime I try and catch the bus I show up on time and it has already left. I end up having to wait another hour.	Participant 54	Transportation	Buses are very effective	Transportation	Run buses on Sundays
	Housing		Housing			Housing		Housing	
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental	
	Public Safety		Public Safety			Public Safety		Public Safety	
	Education		Education			Education		Education	
	Community		Community			Community		Community	
	Business/Economy		Business/Economy			Business/Economy		Business/Economy	
	Government		Government			Government		Government	
Participant 55	Transportation		Transportation		Participant 56	Transportation		Transportation	
	Housing		Housing			Housing		Housing	
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental	
	Public Safety		Public Safety			Public Safety		Public Safety	
	Education		Education			Education		Education	
	Community		Community			Community		Community	
	Business/Economy		Business/Economy			Business/Economy		Business/Economy	
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Seacoast Eat Local Winter Farmer's Market #2

March 23, 2013

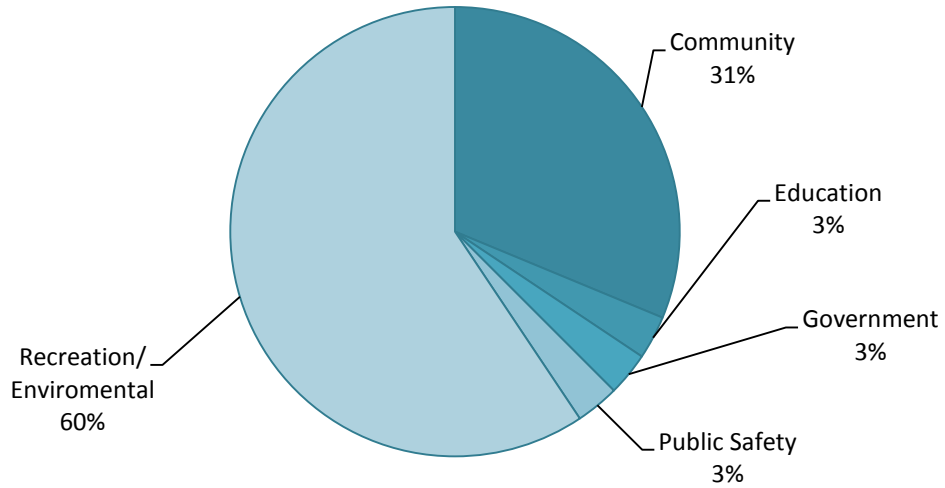
27 Participants

On Saturday March 23, 2013, SRPC attended the Seacoast Eat Local Winter Farmer's Market for the second time. After receiving significant input on January 26th, SRPC staff thought it would be a good venue to conduct outreach at again. SRPC addressed participants by asking them about their future vision for the region in terms of what they like about the region, and which areas they think need improvement. SRPC heard from 27 participants on topics ranging from agriculture and farming, to education and the government

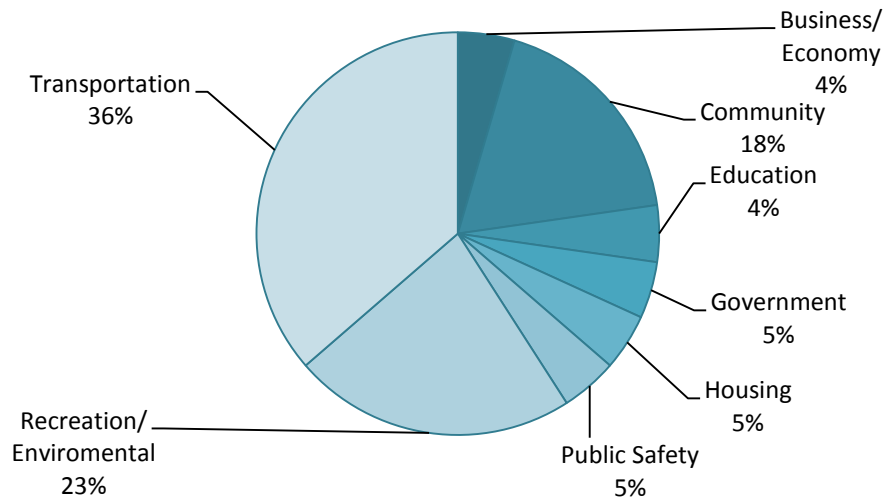
In expressing what characteristics of the region they enjoy, citizens highlighted recreation and environment as one of the factors they liked most. Participants discussed elements such as being close to Boston, as well as the mountains and ocean, the open landscape of the region, the availability of recreational opportunities, and presence of conservation land as key in the likability factor of the Strafford Region. Participants also enjoy the community. Many participants felt that there is a strong sense of community in our region.

While it is important to understand what makes our region likable, it is equally beneficial for SRPC to understand what can be improved to make the region even more likable. Participants expressed concerns with transportation, recreation and environment, and community. Transportation concerns include the need for a regional public transportation system, better transportation in general, a better bike trail system, improved roads, a return of trains for commuting, completing the Sarah Long Bridge, better senior transportation, and less traffic. Participants think the community could be improved by keeping our town's smaller, improving community development through downtown revitalization, more local community farming, and better community organizations to allow for farming. Recreation and Environment concerns include more habitat conservation, preventing fluoridation of municipal waters, more open land, improving rail to trail

Likes



Dislikes/ Needs Improvement



Seacoast Eat Local's Winter Farmers Market (3/23/2013)

	Likes	Dislikes/Needs Improvement	Likes	Dislikes/Needs Improvement
Participant 1	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government Proximity to oceans, mountains, and Boston	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government Epping could use a fitness center. Transportation to malls and Boston	Participant 2 Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government Open spaces and community activities	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government Natural habitat conservation, school improvements
Participant 3	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government Access to oceans and mountains	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government Thought into development of growth impacting water supplies and the negatives of that. There are A LOT of people who are on wells. Development will impact water supplies and possibly wells. Needs to be considered. Conserving lands BEFORE too much development	Participant 4 Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government Need for a regional public transportation system	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government
Participant 5	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government The landscape, and ever-changing weather	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government Less MA and RI people	Participant 6 Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government Natural beauty, historic street scopes and villages: cultural and arts, beautiful villages, oceans and bays, conservation lands, people	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government Better public transportation, better bike trail system
Participant 7	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government The open land and the community of people	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government Public transportation in remote areas	Participant 8 Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government The woods, lakes, beaches, and parks	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government Better roads
Participant 9	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government Lots of ponds for kayaking	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government Fewer people, less traffic	Participant 10 Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government Prohibit fluoridation of municipal waters. It is a good thing that warnings are being placed on water for children, that is a first step, but we need to get a handle on that.
Participant 11	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government Kayaking opportunities, hiking	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government More public transportation	Participant 12 Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government Lakes, oceans, and mountains	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government
Participant 13	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government Access to mountains and sea quickly	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government Less traffic	Participant 14 Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government Would like to see fewer development, would like to see more roads that have shoulders for walking/biking
Participant 15	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government Landscape, history	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government Better bus service/better community development, more Downtown revitalization	Participant 16 Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government Everybody is nice, nature and wildlife is perfect	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government
Participant 17	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government The nature, kindness of people, low crime rate, weather	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Participant 18 Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government Trees	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government Return of trains for commuting
Participant 19	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government Community on a home level, recreation on a regional level	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Participant 20 Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government Community efforts, historic presentation	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government Transportation and intra city communication
Participant 21	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government Government	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government Improve rail to trail-Lee/ Epping. Safe walk-walkability, better biking trails	Participant 22 Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government Like the recreation and education values of the area, that is what drew participants here	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government Complete the Sarah Long Bridge
Participant 23	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government Recreation, community is everything	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government Milford. Assisted living facilities should be closer to shop and places for elderly to be able to get to more easily. More affordable education, life long learning. Cheaper cost of living, classes focused on education for living (i.e. classes on how to balance a checkbook etc.). Education for 0-5 year olds should be	Participant 24 Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government Close to everything, there is a good mix of urban and rural, likes that we have access to the coast but aren't in MA, like the political policies, no income tax, likes the personal freedom, likes the landscape, geography of the places in the area, likes that the roads sparkle because of the granite, everything is	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government More railroad commuting
Participant 25	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government Likes that the community supports the local entrepreneurship of the area, like the community in general	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government Need improvement in education, need more farmers markets and more open areas	Participant 26 Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government
Participant 27	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government Likes recreation opportunities	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government There is a disconnect between farmers and land trusts in that farmers looking to purchase land have problems with the land trusts being focused on making money and not encouraging sustainability with local farming. The focus needs to be on that sustainability of farming. Less houses. More emphasis on preserving agricultural commissions. Too	Participant 28 Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government



Great Bay Half Marathon

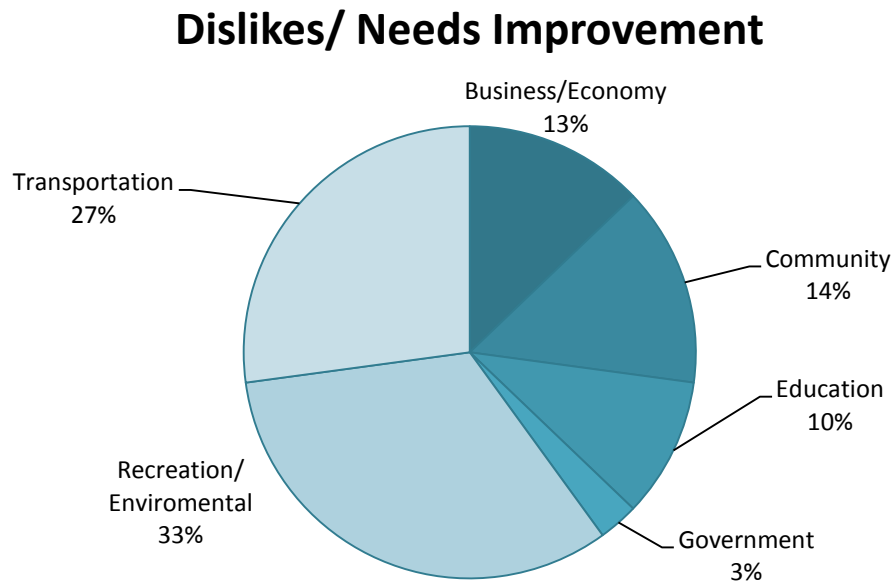
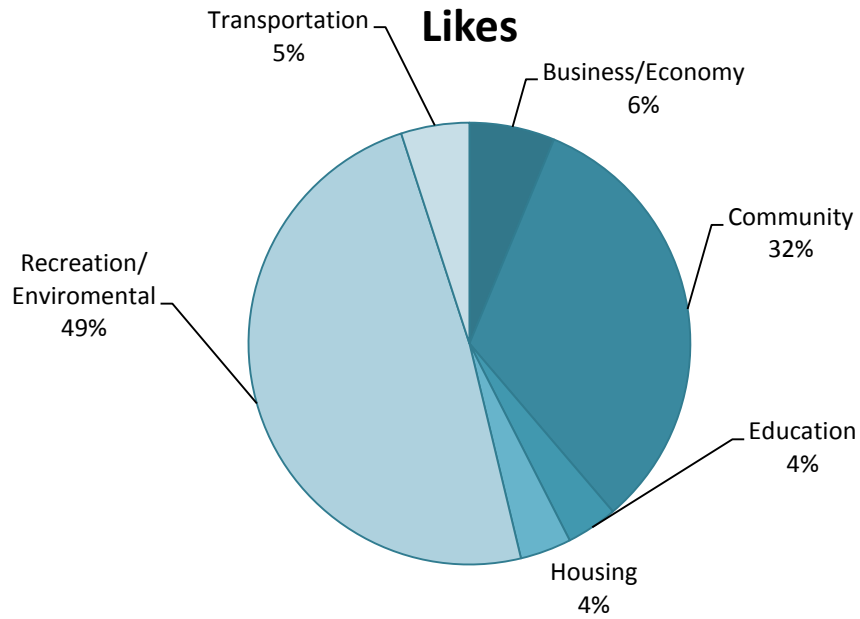
April 6, 2013

59 Participants

On Saturday April 6th Strafford Regional Planning Commission attended the sign-ups for the Great Bay Half Marathon. The goal in attending was to understand participants' visions for the future of the Strafford Region. SRPC staff talked with 59 individuals including racers and their friends and families.

Comments were sorted into characteristics of the region that participants liked, and disliked or thought needed improvement. Regional themes that participants favor include recreation/environment, and community. Citizens highlighted elements of the community that they liked including a friendly atmosphere, good community events such as farmer's markets, small town atmosphere, the townie feel, and local hospitality. Recreation and environment characteristics that participants enjoy include open space, being close to the seacoast, mountains, woods, and beaches, access to recreational opportunities such as bike trails and walking pathways, preservation of natural areas, and parks

The main characteristics of the region that participants dislike, or thought could be improved include transportation, recreation and environment, and community. Transportation concerns include more public transportation, more efficient transportation, less potholes, having a train stop in Newmarket, widening roads for running and biking, improvement of sidewalks, more sidewalks, more street signs, more parking, better transportation between Newmarket and Portsmouth, and lower tolls. Recreation and environment concerns include more running/cycling trails, more parks, a private town swimming area, more dog-friendly areas, more protected farms, forest, and shoreline. In terms of community, individuals believe that towns should be kept small, there is a need for more local and art events, more cultural diversity is needed, our communities need to be cleaner, a new school would benefit the community of Newmarket, there should more of a focus on eating local, and more events should be held to connect UNH with its' surrounding towns.



Great Bay Half Marathon (4/6/2013)

	Likes		Dislikes/Needs Improvement		Likes		Dislikes/Needs Improvement
Participant 1	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Open space, water, local merchants, community	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Better school buildings, rules concerning pesticide use	Participant 2	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	It's friendly- community More public transportation
Participant 3	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	The people are extremely friendly	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	More efficient transportation	Participant 4	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	It is a very friendly community to live in More efficient public transportation
Participant 5	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Good community-farmer's markets etc	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	More events to bring schools together with the University	Participant 6	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Seasons More local food, better coffee shops, less Dunkin Donuts
Participant 7	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Seacoast, beaches, seafood restaurants	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Traffic issues to get here in the summer months	Participant 8	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Quiet winding roads for biking and running Less potholes. More cycle/running trails
Participant 9	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Ocean	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	More bike trails and hiking spots	Participant 10	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Close to the beach and mountains at the same time, big enough to still have amenities, really accessible but still has small town feel More year round activities for families
Participant 11	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Small town feel, safe areas	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	More activities like Market Square day, pumpkin festival, strawberry festival	Participant 12	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Small town atmosphere, local restaurants Even more local restaurants
Participant 13	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Historic buildings	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	More restaurants	Participant 14	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Near the shore, beautiful It is great now
Participant 15	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	The proximity to cool stuff (seacoast, mountains, restaurants, etc.)	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Train stop in Newmarket	Participant 16	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Wide variety of things to do More parks and playgrounds for kids
Participant 17	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Community	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Toddler programs	Participant 18	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Lots of open space, quiet country roads Not sure.
Participant 19	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Bicycle friendly	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Wider road sides for Running and Biking	Participant 20	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Beach, summers, the people here Get rid of winter
Participant 21	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Access to Natural areas for recreation	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government		Participant 22	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	All of the natural preserved areas New school, more restaurants downtown
Participant 23	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	The small community and townie feeling. There are nice old buildings and a nice downtown	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	A new school would help the town out a lot and keep the community together.	Participant 24	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	The community. I like knowing everyone I see. I hate cities but also not being around civilization, so it is kind of perfect. A new school. Don't send our kids to Oyster River.
Participant 25	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Recreation-running, biking, accessibility to the beach, lots of woods for walking	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	More walking opportunities on roads, sidewalks, dog friendly parks	Participant 26	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	New England "feel", lots to do Promotion of walking (sidewalks), public parks, dog friendly anything, development with people (not cars) in mind
Participant 27	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	The mountains	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	More dog friendly areas	Participant 28	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	All of the outdoor activities No private town swimming areas- limits commerce
Participant 29	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	The recreational trails available, but more would be wonderful. Sidewalks are always good because there is not much space on the roadsides for runners	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	More trails, more sidewalks	Participant 30	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Hospitality Everything is good

Participant 31	Transportation	Hospitality	Transportation	Participant 32	Transportation	Being by the beach	Transportation	More activity places-biking
	Housing		Housing		Housing		Housing	
Participant 33	Recreation/ Environment	UNH, ocean, small town feel	Recreation/ Environment	Participant 34	Recreation/ Environmental	Mountains, Seacoast	Recreation/ Environmental	
	Public Safety		Public Safety		Public Safety		Public Safety	
Participant 35	Education	Nice, quiet place	Education	Participant 36	Education	Seasons, activities, beauty (new water)	Education	Bike trails
	Community		Community		Community		Community	
Participant 37	Business/Economy	Safe	Business/Economy	Participant 38	Business/Economy	Safe	Business/Economy	Bike lanes, running trails
	Government		Government		Government		Government	
Participant 39	Transportation	Conway, NH, very friendly	Transportation	Participant 40	Transportation	Mountains, villages	Transportation	
	Housing		Housing		Housing		Housing	
Participant 41	Recreation/ Environment	Rural-great to bike, run	Recreation/ Environment	Participant 42	Recreation/ Environmental	The downtown, very pretty and great places to eat	Recreation/ Environmental	Better transportation from UNH, more shops
	Public Safety		Public Safety		Public Safety		Public Safety	
Participant 43	Education	Proximity to the ocean and connection with the University	Education	Participant 44	Education	Great opportunities to participate in outdoor activities	Education	More cultural diversity
	Community		Community		Community		Community	
Participant 45	Business/Economy	Location-close to beaches mountains, cities	Business/Economy	Participant 46	Business/Economy	Small community	Business/Economy	Better public school facilities
	Government		Government		Government		Government	
Participant 47	Transportation	Lots of outdoor stuff to do. Great locally owned businesses.	Transportation	Participant 48	Transportation	Schools/Economy/Acess to Recreation Areas	Transportation	
	Housing		Housing		Housing		Housing	
Participant 49	Recreation/ Environment	Parks, agriculture(farmer's markets)	Recreation/ Environment	Participant 50	Recreation/ Environmental	Weather, friendly people	Recreation/ Environmental	Grocery store closer, more parks
	Public Safety		Public Safety		Public Safety		Public Safety	
Participant 51	Education	Remaining open area, Great Bay	Education	Participant 52	Education	Love Newmarket Downtown, Moving to Newmarket April 30th 2013!	Education	Trains stop in Newmarket-Downeaster, keep town small, more local events, coffee shop like Breaking New Grounds in Durham NH in Newmarket, small grocery store and better schools
	Community		Community		Community		Community	
Participant 53	Business/Economy	Downtown community, emphasis on local	Business/Economy	Participant 54	Business/Economy	Near ocean, mountains, and lakes	Business/Economy	Lower taxes
	Government		Government		Government		Government	
Participant 55	Transportation	Outdoor recreation, Mountains	Transportation	Participant 56	Transportation	Like Mountains/Sea location,	Transportation	More sanitary services & garbage pick-up/ taxes in Strafford Township
	Housing		Housing		Housing		Housing	
Participant 57	Recreation/ Environment	Proximity to Great Bay and Portsmouth	Recreation/ Environment	Participant 58	Recreation/ Environmental	Recreation	Recreation/ Environmental	Stock the rivers more
	Public Safety		Public Safety		Public Safety		Public Safety	
Participant 59	Education	Mountains, hiking	Education	Participant 60	Education		Education	
	Community		Community		Community		Community	
Participant 31	Business/Economy		Business/Economy		Business/Economy		Business/Economy	
	Government		Government		Government		Government	
Participant 33	Transportation		Transportation		Transportation		Transportation	
	Housing		Housing		Housing		Housing	
Participant 35	Recreation/ Environment		Recreation/ Environment		Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental	
	Public Safety		Public Safety		Public Safety		Public Safety	
Participant 37	Education		Education		Education		Education	
	Community		Community		Community		Community	
Participant 39	Business/Economy		Business/Economy		Business/Economy		Business/Economy	
	Government		Government		Government		Government	
Participant 41	Transportation		Transportation		Transportation		Transportation	
	Housing		Housing		Housing		Housing	
Participant 43	Recreation/ Environment		Recreation/ Environment		Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental	
	Public Safety		Public Safety		Public Safety		Public Safety	
Participant 45	Education		Education		Education		Education	
	Community		Community		Community		Community	
Participant 47	Business/Economy		Business/Economy		Business/Economy		Business/Economy	
	Government		Government		Government		Government	
Participant 49	Transportation		Transportation		Transportation		Transportation	
	Housing		Housing		Housing		Housing	
Participant 51	Recreation/ Environment		Recreation/ Environment		Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental	
	Public Safety		Public Safety		Public Safety		Public Safety	
Participant 53	Education		Education		Education		Education	
	Community		Community		Community		Community	
Participant 55	Business/Economy		Business/Economy		Business/Economy		Business/Economy	
	Government		Government		Government		Government	
Participant 57	Transportation		Transportation		Transportation		Transportation	
	Housing		Housing		Housing		Housing	
Participant 59	Recreation/ Environment		Recreation/ Environment		Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental	
	Public Safety		Public Safety		Public Safety		Public Safety	



McConnell Center Blood Drive

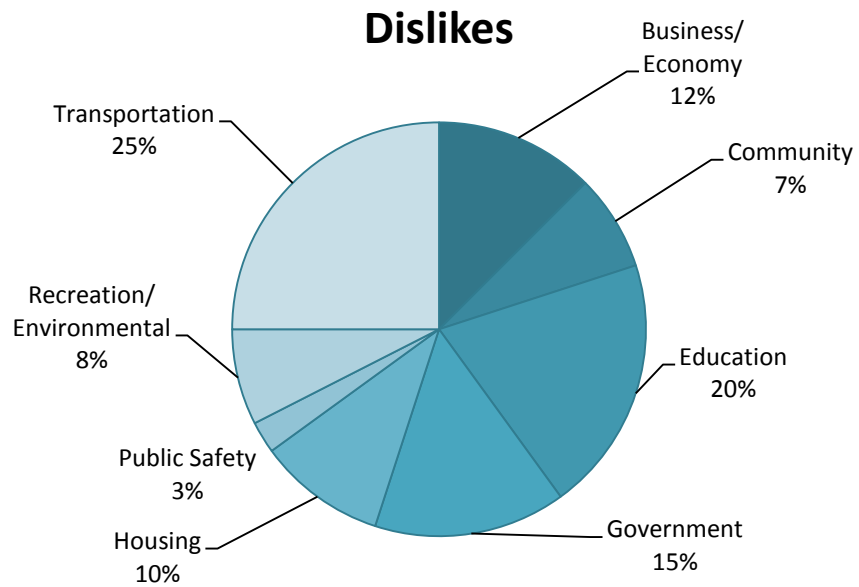
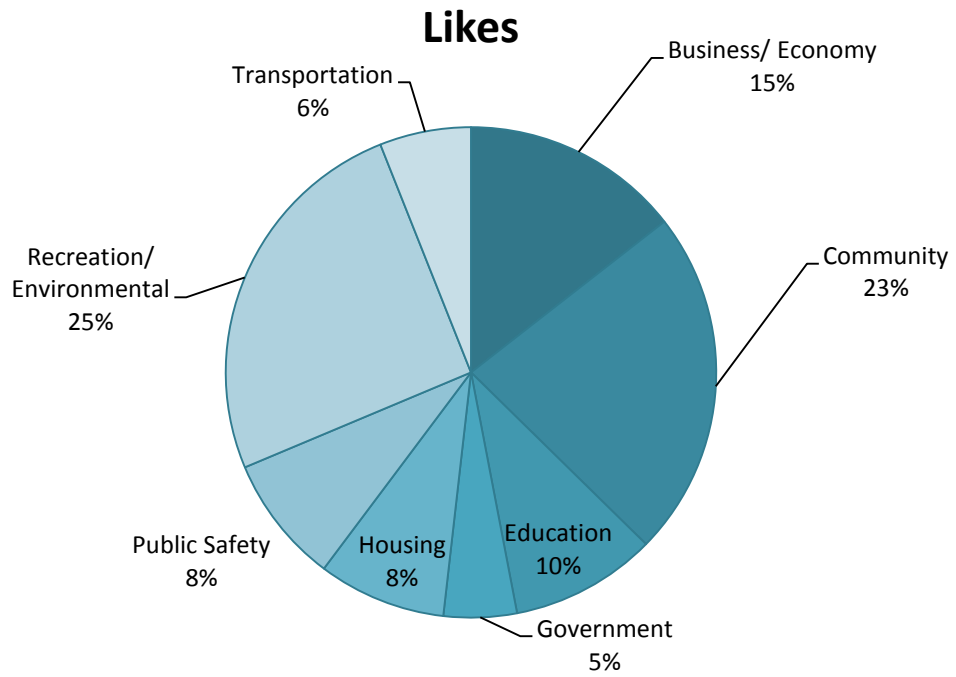
May 2, 2013

37 Participants

On Thursday May 2, 2013 Strafford Regional Planning Commission (SRPC) attended the McConnell Center Blood Drive in Dover. This was SRPC's fourteenth outreach event for master plan process, which is focused on planning for the future of each region in NH, as well as the state overall. After talking with 37 people at the blood drive, it was apparent that participants had very specific thoughts about what they consider as vital to the region.

In terms of what people liked, individuals found community to be most important for the successful future of our region. Participants shared that they like the sense of community, and the friendliness of people in the region, as well as the feeling of safety that comes along with a tight knit community. Citizens also like Recreation/Environment and believe it is important to the essence of region. It was mentioned that there are lots of recreational opportunities in the area, and that our region has great access to the lakes, mountains, and forests, as well as Boston and Portland. Business and Economy was the next most important quality participants highlighted in the region citing small local business that create a thriving region.

In order to improve the region for the future, individuals thought that transportation could be improved. Comments included having more transportation out of Durham, having more frequent public transportation, and encouraging biking and walking alternatives to automobile travel. Participants also think education needs to be improved. Individuals mentioned a return to the traditional education system, more affordable education, and an increase in funding for education. Individuals also thought that government could use improvements in terms of redirecting funding to education, improving county and city politics, and other government improvements in general. Overall, SRPC received great input from individuals at the McConnell Center in Dover.



McConnell Center Blood Drive (5/2/2013)

Likes		Dislikes/Needs Improvement		Likes		Dislikes/Needs Improvement	
Participant 1	Transportation	Transportation		Participant 2	Transportation	Transportation	
	Housing	Housing			Housing	Housing	
	Recreation/ Environmental	Recreation/ Environmental			Recreation/ Environmental	Recreation/ Environmental	
	Public Safety	Public Safety			Public Safety	Public Safety	
	Education	Education			Education	Education	
	Community	Community			Community	Community	
Business/Economy	Business/Economy		Business/Economy	Business/Economy			
Government	Government		Government	Government			
There is much to do outside in the Seacoast Region		More public transportation away from Durham.		Expand COAST bus to more areas			
Participant 3	Transportation	Transportation		Participant 4	Transportation	Transportation	
	Housing	Housing			Housing	Housing	
	Recreation/ Environmental	Recreation/ Environmental			Recreation/ Environmental	Recreation/ Environmental	
	Public Safety	Public Safety			Public Safety	Public Safety	
	Education	Education			Education	Education	
	Community	Community			Community	Community	
Business/Economy	Business/Economy		Business/Economy	Business/Economy			
Government	Government		Government	Government			
Downtown areas and people are nice.		Renovations/cheaper locations for housing		People are down to earth but not uneducated		There is more overpriced condos and not enough affordable apartments	
Participant 5	Transportation	Transportation		Participant 6	Transportation	Transportation	
	Housing	Housing			Housing	Housing	
	Recreation/ Environmental	Recreation/ Environmental			Recreation/ Environmental	Recreation/ Environmental	
	Public Safety	Public Safety			Public Safety	Public Safety	
	Education	Education			Education	Education	
	Community	Community			Community	Community	
Business/Economy	Business/Economy		Business/Economy	Business/Economy			
Government	Government		Government	Government			
Alone time, you couldn't pay me to live in Dover before, and now I do, it has changed and improved over the years and is now a great place to live.		Less hickering.					
Participant 7	Transportation	Transportation		Participant 8	Transportation	Transportation	
	Housing	Housing			Housing	Housing	
	Recreation/ Environmental	Recreation/ Environmental			Recreation/ Environmental	Recreation/ Environmental	
	Public Safety	Public Safety			Public Safety	Public Safety	
	Education	Education			Education	Education	
	Community	Community			Community	Community	
Business/Economy	Business/Economy		Business/Economy	Business/Economy			
Government	Government		Government	Government			
It is a perfect location and is awesome.		Make a better/ new schools, and better funding for schools		Great downtown area with small business and involvement		Education needs more funding, teachers, better programs. Less spending in other non-fundamental areas.	
Participant 9	Transportation	Transportation		Participant 10	Transportation	Transportation	
	Housing	Housing			Housing	Housing	
	Recreation/ Environmental	Recreation/ Environmental			Recreation/ Environmental	Recreation/ Environmental	
	Public Safety	Public Safety			Public Safety	Public Safety	
	Education	Education			Education	Education	
	Community	Community			Community	Community	
Business/Economy	Business/Economy		Business/Economy	Business/Economy			
Government	Government		Government	Government			
Transportation is convenient, and covers lots of areas		Economy is horrible, not much we can do about it though, shop local		Great schools		Transportation is a complex issue with no easy solution. Public transportation can always use expansion though.	
Participant 11	Transportation	Transportation		Participant 12	Transportation	Transportation	
	Housing	Housing			Housing	Housing	
	Recreation/ Environmental	Recreation/ Environmental			Recreation/ Environmental	Recreation/ Environmental	
	Public Safety	Public Safety			Public Safety	Public Safety	
	Education	Education			Education	Education	
	Community	Community			Community	Community	
Business/Economy	Business/Economy		Business/Economy	Business/Economy			
Government	Government		Government	Government			
Convenient to beach, mountains, Boston		Snowboarding, skateparks, and small businesses that are still thriving		Assisted living needs to be improved by not having such a long waiting list and public transportation can always be improved			
Participant 13	Transportation	Transportation		Participant 14	Transportation	Transportation	
	Housing	Housing			Housing	Housing	
	Recreation/ Environmental	Recreation/ Environmental			Recreation/ Environmental	Recreation/ Environmental	
	Public Safety	Public Safety			Public Safety	Public Safety	
	Education	Education			Education	Education	
	Community	Community			Community	Community	
Business/Economy	Business/Economy		Business/Economy	Business/Economy			
Government	Government		Government	Government			
The community is usually tight knit and helpful in any way, I always feel safe, and there are always great events.		I love the events but I'd love to see more! Also, maybe more maintenance and decorations around the city, especially in the park.		Dover community is interested in thriving, NH is interested in supporting new business		Increase education funding. Each year the education budget process is painful and makes me want to leave Dover.	
Participant 15	Transportation	Transportation		Participant 16	Transportation	Transportation	
	Housing	Housing			Housing	Housing	
	Recreation/ Environmental	Recreation/ Environmental			Recreation/ Environmental	Recreation/ Environmental	
	Public Safety	Public Safety			Public Safety	Public Safety	
	Education	Education			Education	Education	
	Community	Community			Community	Community	
Business/Economy	Business/Economy		Business/Economy	Business/Economy			
Government	Government		Government	Government			
Beautiful seacoast, great restaurants, lots of stuff to do		Housing in Durham is expensive, transportation is not frequent enough		Because it's a nice community			
Participant 17	Transportation	Transportation		Participant 18	Transportation	Transportation	
	Housing	Housing			Housing	Housing	
	Recreation/ Environmental	Recreation/ Environmental			Recreation/ Environmental	Recreation/ Environmental	
	Public Safety	Public Safety			Public Safety	Public Safety	
	Education	Education			Education	Education	
	Community	Community			Community	Community	
Business/Economy	Business/Economy		Business/Economy	Business/Economy			
Government	Government		Government	Government			
Good people, lots of activities and programs for children		Need more jobs in this community		Many different types of environments(lakes, woods, etc.)			
Participant 19	Transportation	Transportation		Participant 20	Transportation	Transportation	
	Housing	Housing			Housing	Housing	
	Recreation/ Environmental	Recreation/ Environmental			Recreation/ Environmental	Recreation/ Environmental	
	Public Safety	Public Safety			Public Safety	Public Safety	
	Education	Education			Education	Education	
	Community	Community			Community	Community	
Business/Economy	Business/Economy		Business/Economy	Business/Economy			
Government	Government		Government	Government			
Live free or die		Offers a great deal to do! Many choices/options		Buses could go to stops more frequently throughout the day			
Participant 21	Transportation	Transportation		Participant 22	Transportation	Transportation	
	Housing	Housing			Housing	Housing	
	Recreation/ Environmental	Recreation/ Environmental			Recreation/ Environmental	Recreation/ Environmental	
	Public Safety	Public Safety			Public Safety	Public Safety	
	Education	Education			Education	Education	
	Community	Community			Community	Community	
Business/Economy	Business/Economy		Business/Economy	Business/Economy			
Government	Government		Government	Government			
Like the education system since I am a single mother with little to no income and going for my GED		Government needs improvements as mothers need more help with income if they can't work and over 60 month life time limit		Lived here all my life, love the seasons		Pricey	
Participant 23	Transportation	Transportation		Participant 24	Transportation	Transportation	
	Housing	Housing			Housing	Housing	
	Recreation/ Environmental	Recreation/ Environmental			Recreation/ Environmental	Recreation/ Environmental	
	Public Safety	Public Safety			Public Safety	Public Safety	
	Education	Education			Education	Education	
	Community	Community			Community	Community	
Business/Economy	Business/Economy		Business/Economy	Business/Economy			
Government	Government		Government	Government			
We love the community trails in Dover, the seacoast in the summer, and being close to Boston and Portland		Sticky business with county/ city politics		We have a good mix of mountains an ocean, hiking and recreation		Greater emphasis on public transit and walk/bike opportunities. As far as business/economy more job opportunities	
Participant 25	Transportation	Transportation		Participant 26	Transportation	Transportation	
	Housing	Housing			Housing	Housing	
	Recreation/ Environmental	Recreation/ Environmental			Recreation/ Environmental	Recreation/ Environmental	
	Public Safety	Public Safety			Public Safety	Public Safety	
	Education	Education			Education	Education	
	Community	Community			Community	Community	
Business/Economy	Business/Economy		Business/Economy	Business/Economy			
Government	Government		Government	Government			
Roads need improvement							
Participant 27	Transportation	Transportation		Participant 28	Transportation	Transportation	
	Housing	Housing			Housing	Housing	
	Recreation/ Environmental	Recreation/ Environmental			Recreation/ Environmental	Recreation/ Environmental	
	Public Safety	Public Safety			Public Safety	Public Safety	
	Education	Education			Education	Education	
	Community	Community			Community	Community	
Business/Economy	Business/Economy		Business/Economy	Business/Economy			
Government	Government		Government	Government			
The school funds are very low so they should put more away for education							
Participant 29	Transportation	Transportation		Participant 30	Transportation	Transportation	
	Housing	Housing			Housing	Housing	
	Recreation/ Environmental	Recreation/ Environmental			Recreation/ Environmental	Recreation/ Environmental	
	Public Safety	Public Safety			Public Safety	Public Safety	
	Education	Education			Education	Education	
	Community	Community			Community	Community	
Business/Economy	Business/Economy		Business/Economy	Business/Economy			
Government	Government		Government	Government			
Love New England area		No dislikes		Diversity, streets well kept		Public transportation is limited	

Participant 31	Transportation		Transportation		Participant 32	Transportation		Transportation	
	Housing		Housing			Housing		Housing	
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental	
	Public Safety		Public Safety			Public Safety		Public Safety	
	Education		Education			Education		Education	
	Community		Community			Community	Like the rec/environment in some areas very beautiful and quiet	Community	
Business/Economy		Business/Economy		Business/Economy		Business/Economy			
Government		Government		Government		Government			
								Several things, improvement in the education field	
Participant 33	Transportation		Transportation		Participant 34	Transportation		Transportation	
	Housing		Housing			Housing		Housing	
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental	
	Public Safety		Public Safety			Public Safety		Public Safety	
	Education		Education			Education		Education	
	Community	The education offered to students has improved immensely	Community			Community		Community	
Business/Economy		Business/Economy	Too expensive. Business closing/loss of income	Business/Economy	Cheaper housing, lots of ways to get around	Business/Economy			
Government		Government		Government		Government			
								Not enough opportunities for the right education. Not enough community events	
Participant 35	Transportation		Transportation		Participant 36	Transportation		Transportation	
	Housing		Housing			Housing		Housing	
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental	
	Public Safety		Public Safety			Public Safety		Public Safety	
	Education		Education			Education		Education	
	Community		Community			Community	I enjoy the people, the low government, and the natural resources.	Community	
Business/Economy		Business/Economy	Lower priced state colleges for in-state students.	Business/Economy		Business/Economy			
Government	We have a great community	Government		Government		Government			
								More concentration on reading, writing, and arithmetic, a return to traditional grading in schools.	
Participant 37	Transportation		Transportation		Participant 38	Transportation		Transportation	
	Housing		Housing			Housing		Housing	
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental	
	Public Safety		Public Safety			Public Safety		Public Safety	
	Education		Education			Education		Education	
	Community		Community			Community		Community	
Business/Economy	Dover is a close knit community.	Business/Economy		Business/Economy		Business/Economy			
Government		Government		Government		Government			



SAU Outreach

May 31-June 10, 2013

38 Participants

On April 30th Strafford Regional Planning Commission (SRPC) staff began to conduct outreach with the SAU districts in Northwood, Nottingham, New Durham and Strafford to gain input for the visioning process currently underway for a new Master Plan for the Strafford Region. SRPC staff delivered listening boxes (pictured above) to the New Durham School, the Strafford School, the Northwood School, Coe Brown Academy, and the Nottingham School. Listening boxes were dropped off along with comment cards and a letters explaining the purpose of gaining input, and what would be done with the thoughts faculty and staff shared. Comment cards and letters were distributed in the mailboxes of staff, and employees were instructed to return the cards to the boxes in the front office once they had filled them out.

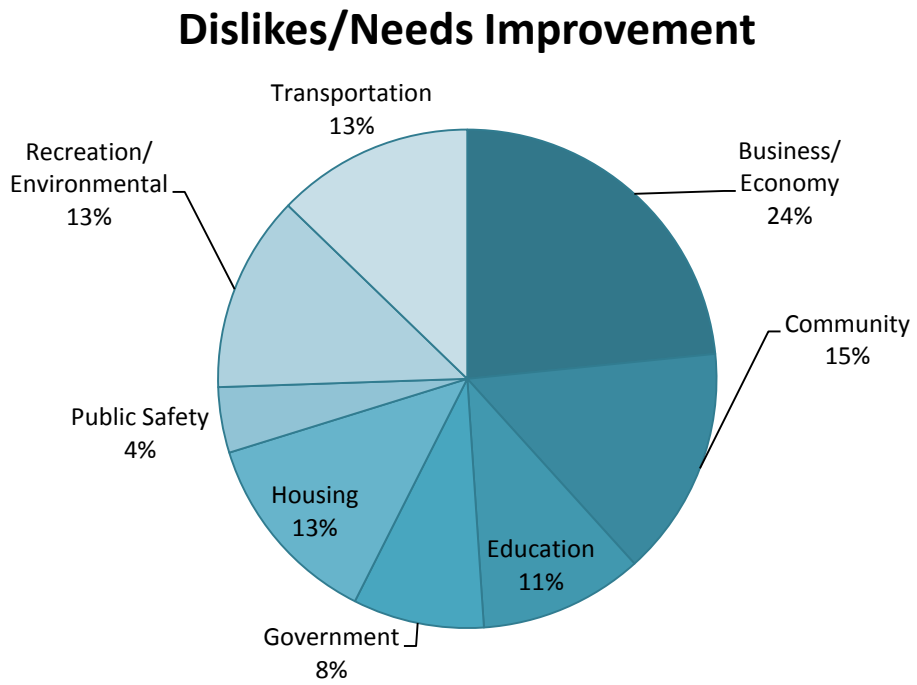
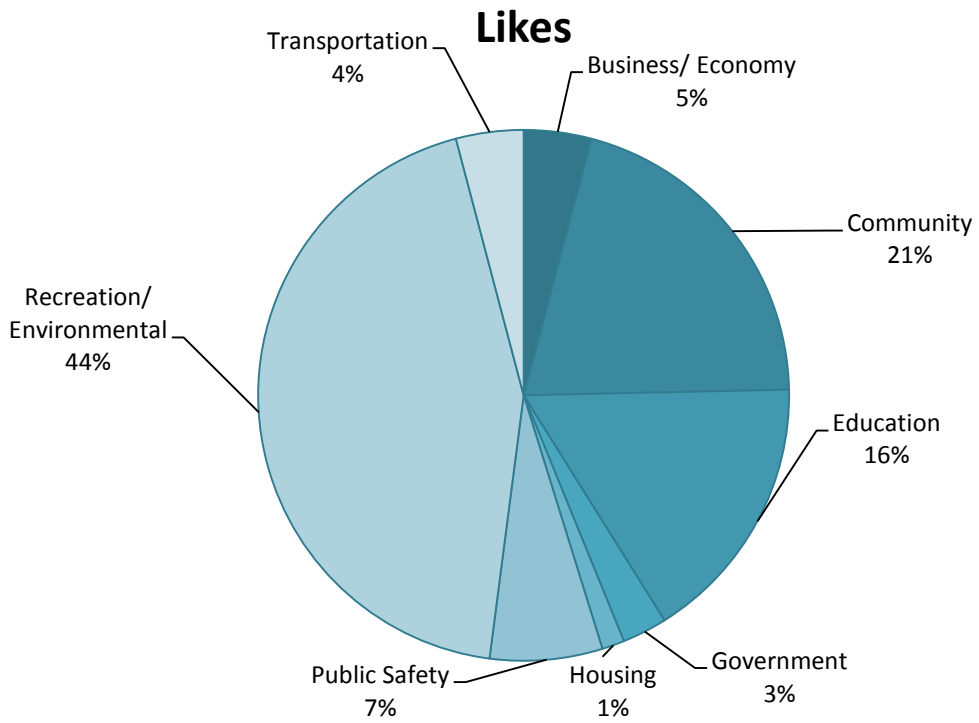
The boxes were left at the schools for a period of two weeks. While SRPC received lengthy and substantial comments from individuals, only thirteen comment cards were filled out over all. SRPC staff repeated this process again with several other schools in the region including Valley View and Henry Wilson in Farmington, Barrington Elementary, Oyster River High School and Middle School, and the Moharimet School in Madbury. The second round was more successful with 25 responses collected.

From the input received individuals found recreation and environment, community, and education to be most important. Participants like the amount of green space available in our region, the variety of recreation choices, access to the coast, city, mountains, and lakes, the natural beauty overall, as well as the development of trails and recreation opportunities for children. Considering what individuals like

about community, they expressed that our community is important to the region, that people are friendly in our region, and that there is an abundance of community resources available. The fact that we have rural communities was mentioned as an important factor to our region as well. As far as educations, individuals think of education as a huge asset to our region including all levels of schooling.

Considering ways in which the region could be improved, individuals think the areas of business/economy, community, transportation and recreation/environment could use the most improvement. Business/economy concerns included the need for more small business, needing more business to improve the tax base, and more employment in the region. When addressing community, individuals feel as if community connections with public safety officials could be stronger, and saw a need for mental health services for children. Transportation concerns included the need to expand transportation options to all parts of our region, improved trails and sidewalks for alternative travel (i.e. bikes, walking), and more readily available transportation in general. Individuals shared their thoughts on recreation and environment including the need for more recreational activities, more public access to lakes, more outdoor events, and more activities for children.

Overall, the process was successful in helping SRPC staff conduct outreach in towns that had not yet been reached directly in the outreach process.



Participant 33	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Love it here	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government		Participant 34	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government		Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Nothing.
Participant 35	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Beaches, lakes, mountains	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	There is so much the teachers have to deal with that takes away from teaching time-there is also never enough money.	Participant 36	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	The community is small enough to be close-knit but large enough to provide recreation for our children	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Education is inequitable. Some communities have very little funding for supplies, extra-curricular activities, and technology and other communities have an abundance of funding.
Participant 37	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government		Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government		Participant 38	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Lots of areas for camping and kayaking	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Taxes beyond property taxes
Participant 39	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government		Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government		Participant 40	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government		Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	



Armed Forces Day

May 18, 2013

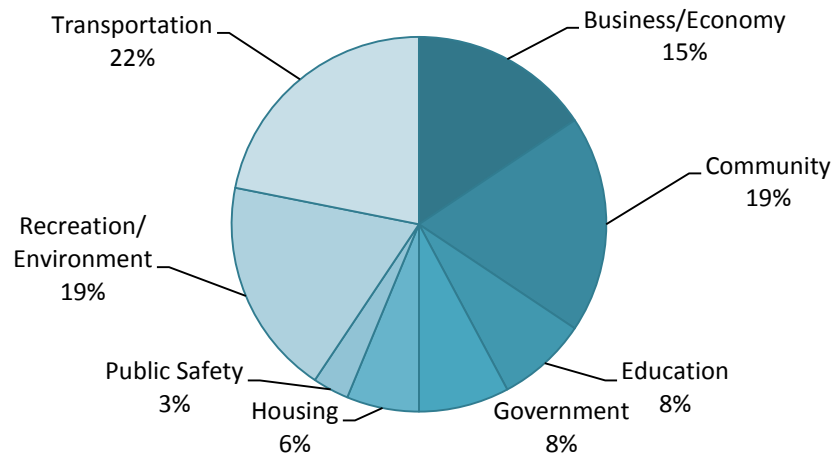
16 Participants

On May 18, 2013 Strafford Regional Planning Commission (SRPC) attended Armed Forces Day at the Lilac City Mall in Rochester. This was SRPC's 16th outreach event attended in order to collect qualitative data that will aid in the process of rewriting the Regional Master Plan.

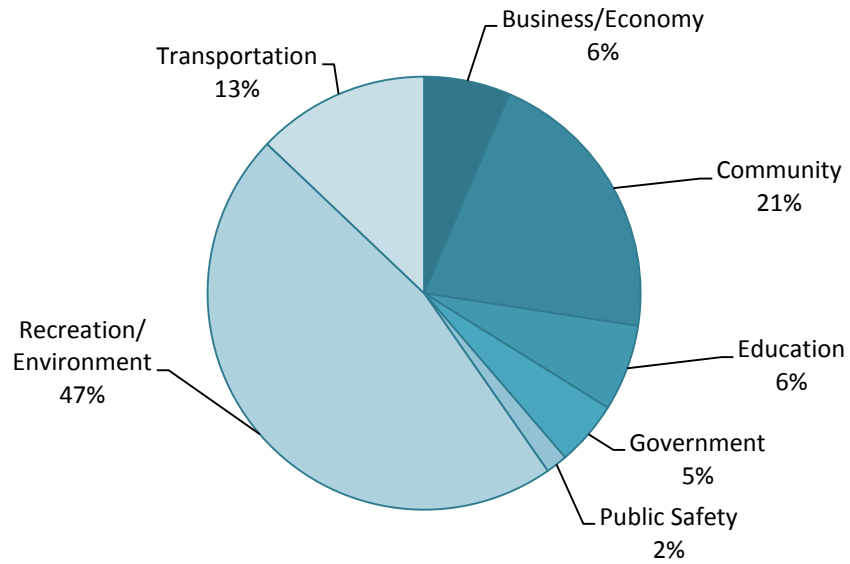
At Saturday's event, SRPC heard from 16 individuals. Participants value recreation and environment, community, business/economy, and public safety most. Specific comments about recreation and environment included the abundance of activities in the area, the aesthetics of the region, the proximity to the Coast and mountains. For business/economy, participants value the small town feel but enjoy the abundance of services offered despite town's rural settings. Community values that individuals shared included the sense of community in the area. Participants also shared that they like the public safety in the area citing the well-trained police and fire staff in our region.

It is also important to address improvements that could be made in the region. Participants believe that transportation, business and economy, and government were most in need of improvement. Transportation concerns included the need for better transportation to Manchester, more public transportation from East Rochester to Gonic, and more veteran transportation services. Individuals believe that our business/economy needs to be improved by creating more jobs, and by encouraging more business in the region. Individuals' thoughts on the government include the opinions that taxes are too high, that there is too much government regulation, that tax spending needs to be redirected, and that military benefits are ensured.

Dislikes/Needs Improvement



Likes





Newmarket Blood Drive

June 7, 2013

27 Participants

As part of our continuing outreach efforts for the master plan process SRPC attended a blood drive at St. Mary's Church in Newmarket on June 7th 2013. This outreach was geared at understanding individuals opinion of the Strafford Region, what they like, and what could be improved. This input is to be used by SRPC in their process of writing their Regional Master Plan. Over 25 individuals took time to fill out a comment card, sharing their thoughts about the Strafford Region.

Participants LIKE the region because:

"It's a close-knit community where you can walk around and always see people you recognize."

"It's a pretty quiet area and because of the great people and law enforcement I've always felt safe"

"The Seacoast is a great area for raising a family. Love the history of the area."

"Good place for business, work, and competitive wages"

"NH Seacoast is such a naturally beautiful place to live, with fantastic opportunities in education and recreation."

Individuals also expressed that while they love the region, some IMPROVEMENTS could be made.

Participants answered the question "How could the areas you like least about the region be improved?" as follows:

"Need for more affordable housing"

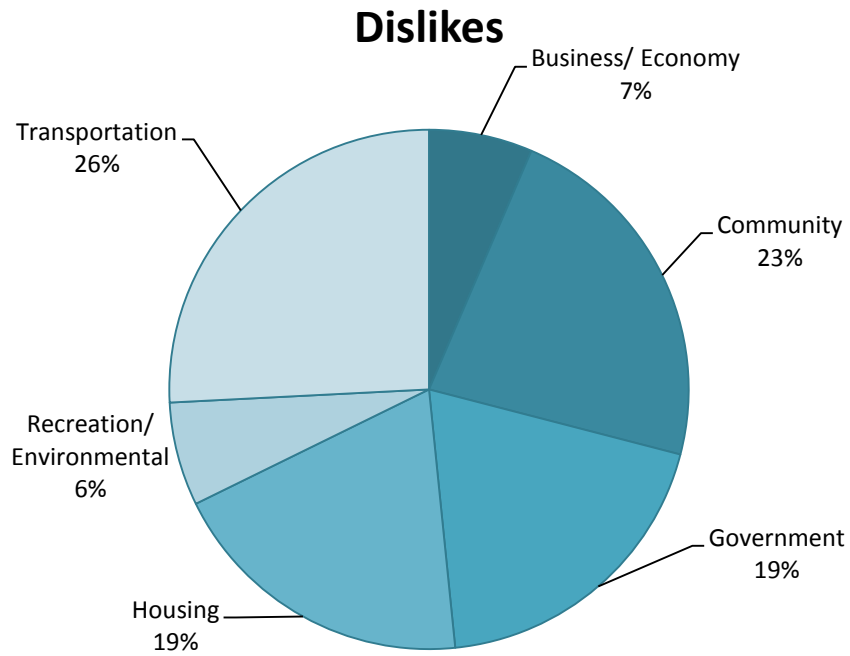
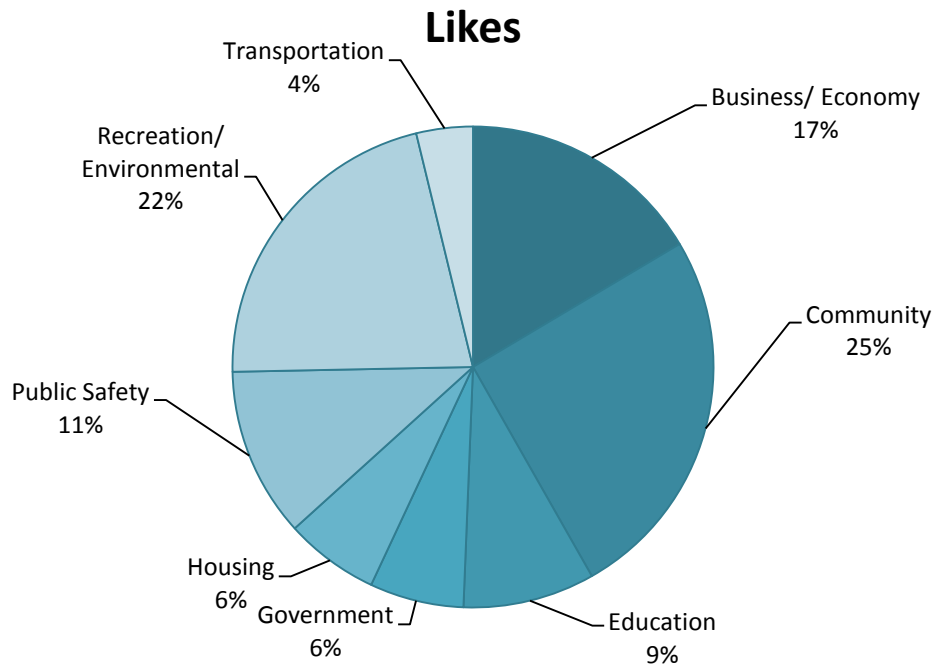
"More bike trails, rails, and less traffic"

"Better ways to engage students in school i.e. less tests, more projects, etc."

“More outdoor events, & more privately owned businesses(small, family type)”

“Wish there were more walking/biking paths or trails (or even sidewalks in some towns) to make getting around without the use of a motorized vehicle more feasible.”

The top three likes were community, recreation/environment, and business/economy. For area that could be improved upon in the region, the top three were transportation, community, and housing and government. The responses from those individuals waiting to give blood at this great Red Cross event are appreciated and will fuel the existing condition and recommendations for the future in the Strafford Region Master Plan.



Newmarket Blood Drive (6/7/2013)

Likes		Dislikes/Needs Improvement		Likes		Dislikes/Needs Improvement	
Participant 1	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Lived here since born. Knows lots of great people and areas to visit	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Instead of building a new school and increasing taxes make use of a great school that has offered- Oyster River. Taxes are extremely high in Newmarket.	Participant 2	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	NH Seacoast is such a naturally beautiful place to live with fantastic opportunities in education and recreation
Participant 3	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	It's a pretty quiet area and because of the great people and law enforcement I've always felt safe	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	There aren't many opportunities to get places if you don't have a car. I'm frequently bored and don't know what to do because there isn't much to do.	Participant 4	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	It's a close-knit community where you can walk around and always see people you recognize
Participant 5	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	The Seacoast is a great area for raising a family. Love the history of the area.	N/A	Participant 6	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Good place for business, work, competitive wages	Some schools need improvement as far as facilities
Participant 7	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Small towns, still not all malls	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Do a voucher system and support private schools	Participant 8	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	I like living in a safe beautiful strong place with the same kind of people
Participant 9	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Small government, good public/private schools, stable and diverse economy	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Increase funding for road maintenance	Participant 10	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Good recreation program, could bring back Camp Camelion
Participant 11	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government		Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Lower R.E. taxes/ flat tax for everyone but only R.E. tax relief	Participant 12	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	
Participant 13	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Because everyone knows everyone and if they don't they are friendly and welcoming	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	If the town put more \$ into the education we would have more opportunities	Participant 14	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	There are always things to do
Participant 15	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	It is a nice town in which to live	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	No big gripes	Participant 16	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	close knit, small
Participant 17	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	A good place to bring your children	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government		Participant 18	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	
Participant 19	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government		Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government		Participant 20	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Great climate, change of seasons, summer/winter sports
Participant 21	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	This is my home-born in the Seacoast. Nice people	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Need more affordable housing.	Participant 22	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Love being so close to the ocean and living with two acres of land
Participant 23	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Not too cluttered with building and businesses	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Need more businesses besides retail and food services	Participant 24	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Nice recreation areas and communities
Participant 25	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	God's country, new fields, fantastic neighbors, excellent police department, school provides great education	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Can't improve what is already perfect	Participant 26	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	
Participant 27	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	NH is very good to its senior citizen population. Exeter Housing Authority (EHA) on 277 Water St. is an excellent housing building	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environment Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	COAST bus is ok but limited. Need additional bus lines for people who lack access to cars to get around	Participant 28	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	



Middleton Yard Sale

June 22, 2013

30 Participants

On Saturday June 22, 2013 SRPC staff attended the Middleton Yard and Craft Sale in an effort to talk with citizens about their vision for the future of Middleton, the Strafford Region, and the state. The event was comprised of booths selling items from handmade pottery and baked goods to the typical array of yard sale items. There was a strong sense of community among sellers and browsers. Thirty participants shared their thoughts about what makes the Strafford Region a place they are proud to call home, and also what could make it even better.

As a whole, participants expressed that recreation and environment, community, and public safety were important elements concerning what they like about living in the Strafford Region. A consolidated list of the results can be found below:

Community

Enjoys the peace and quiet
Like the sense of community and privacy.
Friendly communities and people
Close-knit communities

Recreation & Environment

Enjoys outdoor activities
Open space

Public Safety

Our police, fire, and EMTs are hard working
Feel safe

Participants also expressed some concerns over areas they believed could use improvements. The top areas participants identified as needing improvement included: business/economy, education, and government. Their concerns were as follows:

Business/Economy

Overall economic improvements
Increased business in rural areas
More businesses and jobs in Middleton

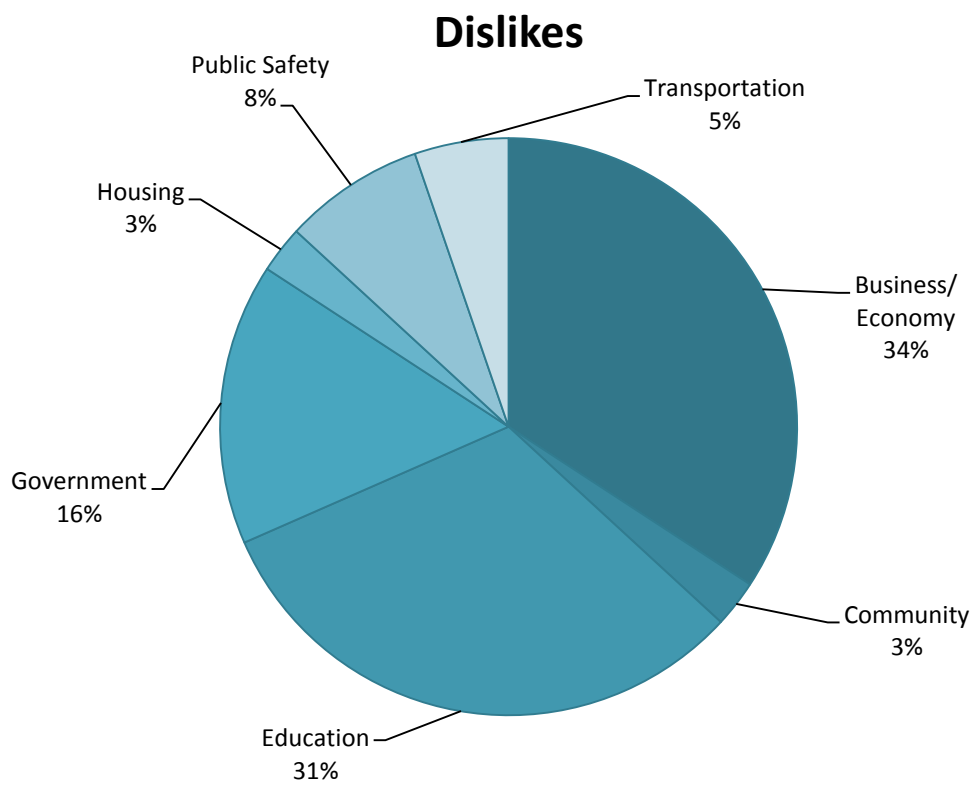
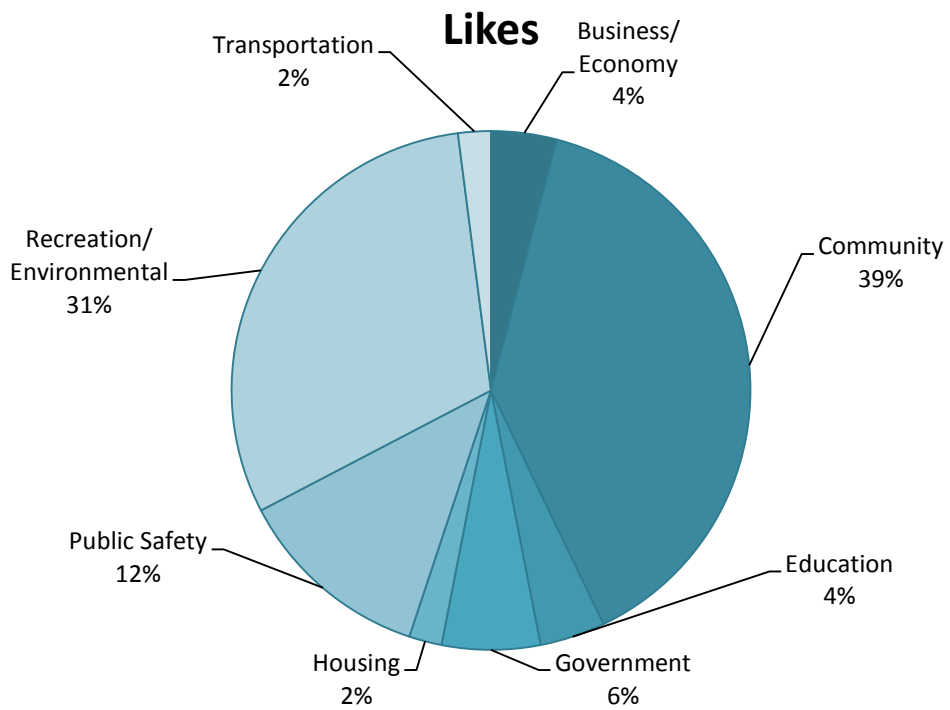
Education

More funding for education
Middleton should change school districts; better education for less money
Improved school system

Government

Need to cut expenditures/lower the taxes; taxes too high

Overall, the event was very successful and the opinions shared will be helpful to SRPC staff when writing the regional Master Plan.



Middleton Yard Sale(6/22/2013)

Likes		Dislikes/Needs Improvement		Likes		Dislikes/Needs Improvement	
Participant 1	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government		Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Lack of business-too difficult to get basics, have to travel 1 hour round trip to stores	Participant 2	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Peace and quiet
Participant 3	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government		Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government		Participant 4	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Our police, fire, and ambulance work hard for what they get
Participant 5	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Like privacy and wood area, small (towns, people, pulling together)	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Need to cut expenditures/lower the taxes	Participant 6	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Very relaxing
Participant 7	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government		Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Cell phone coverage needs improvement (satellite)	Participant 8	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Outdoor activities/ Beauty
Participant 9	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Friendly communities	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Whole economy could use improvements	Participant 10	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Country person
Participant 11	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Like outdoor activities	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Increase businesses in area.	Participant 12	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Quiet and rural setting
Participant 13	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government		Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Improved schools in Rochester, the elementary school is good, but it all goes downhill after that. There needs to be public safety improvements in Rochester, doesn't feel safe in E. Rochester	Participant 14	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Transportation
Participant 15	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	It is a great place to live	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	The education of our children is most important and we need to improve it.	Participant 16	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Lots of space, but nice people
Participant 17	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Nice people-Middleton taxes drives people away	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	All these areas need to be improved	Participant 18	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government
Participant 19	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government		Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government		Participant 20	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	It's a close knit community where everyone knows everyone
Participant 21	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	It is a private setting	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	More businesses could be brought to parts of Middleton	Participant 22	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	People are friendly and helpful
Participant 23	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Friendly people	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Bring more businesses into town to support our tax base	Participant 24	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Everyone gets along with each other
Participant 25	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government		Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	More businesses	Participant 26	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	I love the small town atmosphere of my own community and surrounding towns
Participant 27	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community	Love the country and safety	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community		Participant 28	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community	
							Make area enticing for business Education in this state needs serious work More funding for education Would like more kid involved activities/sports Middleton should leave the Farmington School District and join with Wolfeboro. Result: Better education for less money Taxes are too high, different school system from our kids Our taxes are too high compared to surrounding communities Our schools need to offer more. More classes, clubs, and sports. Also better teachers. We need businesses to help with taxes. Jobs in NH are few and far between. Public transportation to places like Manchester, Concord would be beneficial to the workforce, although I'm retired, I think that most in the working world would like to see improvement Taxes and better spending Farmington schools are



Northwood Bean Hole Bash

July 27, 2013

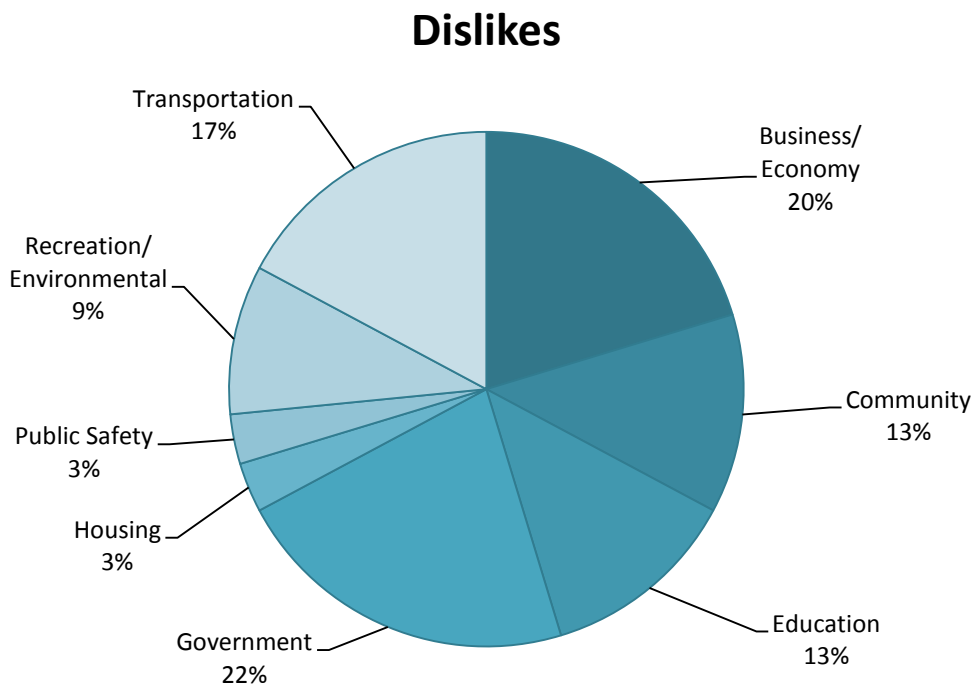
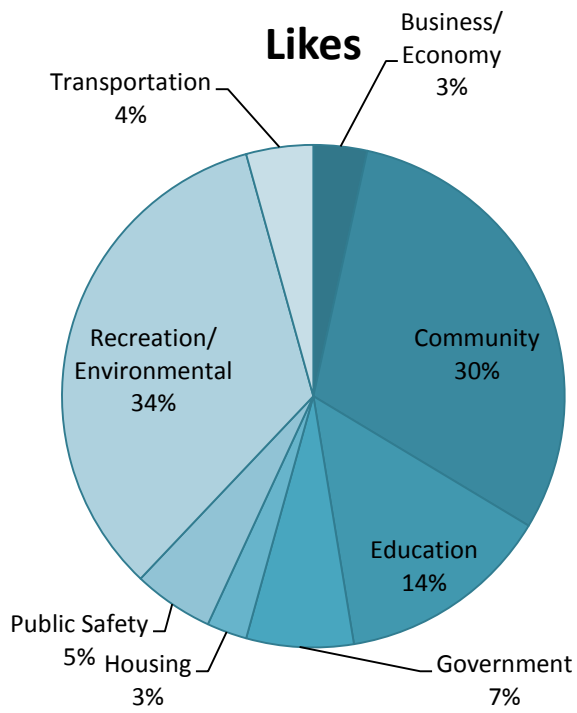
58 Participants

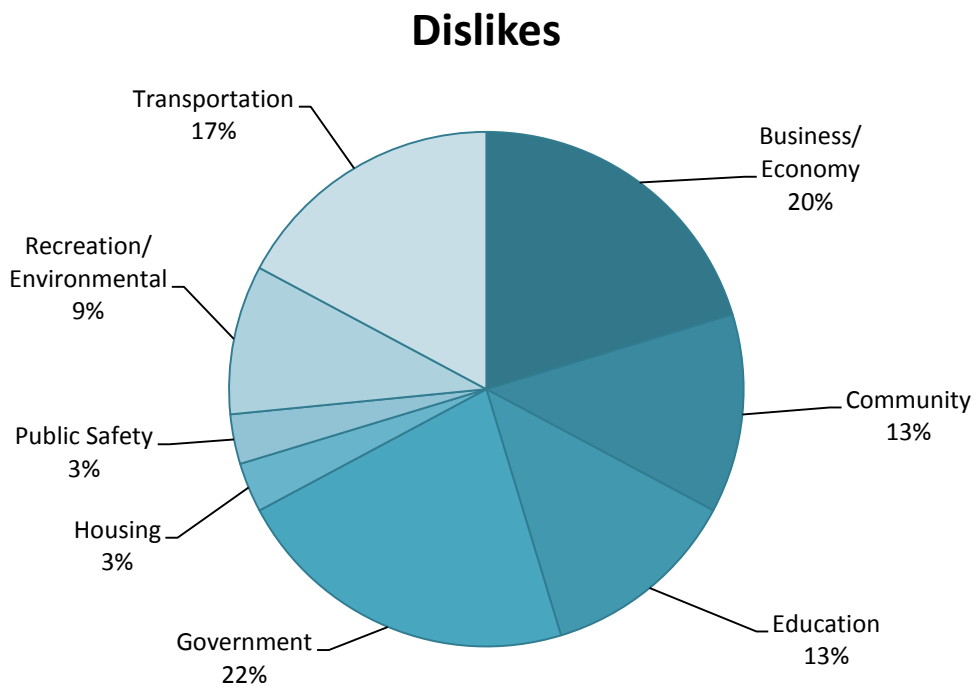
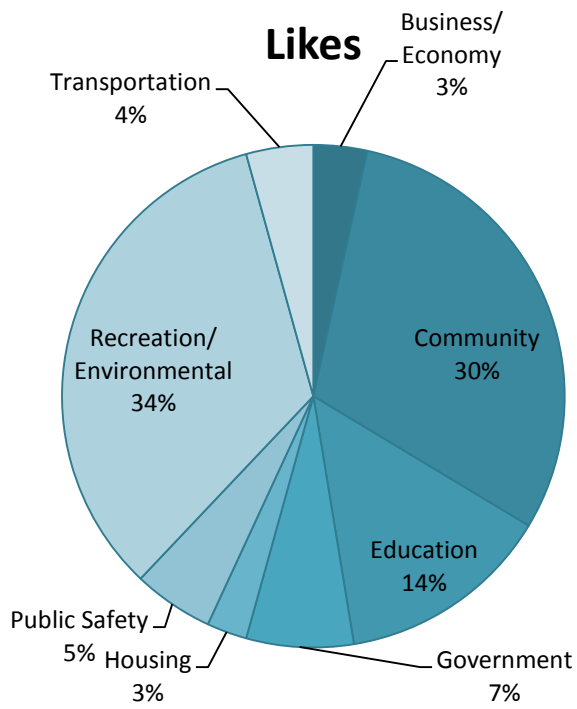
On July 27, 2013 Strafford Regional Planning Commission (SRPC) was able to attend Northwood's Bean Hole Bash Event. This event, which began in the mid-1970s and was brought back after a 16-year hiatus, is centered on bringing the community together for good old baked beans, family activities, and town camaraderie. This year's event featured multiple booths of crafters and community organizations, along with activities for all ages.

Strafford Regional Planning Commission attended in order to ask individuals what makes them proud to call Northwood and the region home, as well as what could make it even better. Individuals had many positive comments concerning recreation opportunities. These included access to the mountains, lakes, and forests allowing for a plethora of recreational activities. In addition, many community members mentioned the positive educating force that is Coe Brown. Overall, participants liked Northwood and its' rural setting and country feel.

Potential improvements that participants mentioned included more funding and enhancements to the elementary school, and more after school programs for children. Individuals also identified a need for more jobs and small businesses in the region. Another concern relevant to the community events taking place was that citizens would like to see more community events and community involvement in general.

The input received from participants will be used to help SRPC identify what residents of the Strafford Region like and what can be improved, for the Strafford Region to have a successful future. This information will be presented as part of the Strafford Regional Master Plan.





Beanhole Bash (7/27/2013)

		Likes		Dislikes/Needs Improvement		Likes		Dislikes/Needs Improvement	
Participant 1	Transportation	great school system. Would retire to wolfboro... like the preservation of land with bear paw versus buying large parcels and subdividing, quiet in northwood	Transportation	lower taxes, pay raise with taxes, no streets lights in Northwood	Participant 2	Transportation	community, convenience of little stores don't have to go to concord anymore air, safe neighborhood, good effort by town with limited resources	Transportation	
	Housing		Housing			Housing			
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			Recreation/ Environmental			
	Public Safety		Public Safety			Public Safety			
	Education		Education			Education			
Participant 3	Community	moved to nh cause small town atmosphere, raise kids there, love nh been all over, access to pmouth lakes concord boston, maintain small..	Community	throw some of businesses out more in taxes but worth it to live in small town	Participant 4	Community	not a lot of crime, different seasons	Community	we can't cut down more trees, keep it rural
	Business/Economy		Business/Economy			Business/Economy			
	Government		Government			Government			
	Transportation		Transportation			Transportation			
	Housing		Housing			Housing			
Participant 5	Recreation/ Environmental	love the area, access to natural resources ocean and mountains, moderately slow pace of life, safety and security good school, small class sizes	Recreation/ Environmental	solution to education funding, lower taxes	Participant 6	Recreation/ Environmental	community atmosphere in all sm towns	Recreation/ Environmental	Opening rest areas again
	Public Safety		Public Safety			Public Safety			
	Education		Education			Education			
	Community		Community			Community			
	Business/Economy		Business/Economy			Business/Economy			
Participant 7	Government	likes community events more of them, privacy rural setting	Government	more community events, flea market every Saturday,	Participant 8	Government		Government	issues with dog poop removal
	Transportation		Transportation			Transportation			
	Housing		Housing			Housing			
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			Recreation/ Environmental			
	Public Safety		Public Safety			Public Safety			
Participant 9	Education	seasons, recreation	Education	improvement of jobs economy	Participant 10	Education	Coe brown is great...nature, scouts is a great program close to outdoors, recreation is great, state has great access, small communities, great community events...no sales tax! No income tax...property tax relevant	Education	more programs for children after school help, school system could use work, ...northwood teen center failed...too far from school
	Community		Community			Community			
	Business/Economy		Business/Economy			Business/Economy			
	Government		Government			Government			
	Transportation		Transportation			Transportation			
Participant 11	Housing	likes the seasons and local government	Housing		Participant 12	Housing		Housing	tick control
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			Recreation/ Environmental			
	Public Safety		Public Safety			Public Safety			
	Education		Education			Education			
	Community		Community			Community			
Participant 13	Business/Economy	great rec dept swimming, schools are good, Coe brown is great, land/ woods on property is a plus	Business/Economy	not close to everything, access issues, moved from Lowell with services not so much up here	Participant 14	Business/Economy	likes rural	Business/Economy	schools need help and support, major focus on schools, relationship between the town and schools needs to be improved
	Government		Government			Government			
	Transportation		Transportation			Transportation			
	Housing		Housing			Housing			
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			Recreation/ Environmental			
Participant 15	Public Safety	likes rural, keep the aesthetics, like the community, great town fire fighters selectmen conservation commission	Public Safety	less strip mall crap, better planning	Participant 16	Public Safety	space, everyone not on top of each other, lots of community events	Public Safety	
	Education		Education			Education			
	Community		Community			Community			
	Business/Economy		Business/Economy			Business/Economy			
	Government		Government			Government			
Participant 17	Transportation	nh better than ma, taxes are great, not busy but no too slow	Transportation		Participant 18	Transportation	Still rural	Transportation	
	Housing		Housing			Housing			
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			Recreation/ Environmental			
	Public Safety		Public Safety			Public Safety			
	Education		Education			Education			
Participant 19	Community	aesthetics, sense of community, access to city ocean mountains lakes	Community	legislature improved, state doesn't take care of education, services...Coe elementary school running on bare bones	Participant 20	Community	small community likes doing things together, likes school, good after school programs	Community	more community events
	Business/Economy		Business/Economy			Business/Economy			
	Government		Government			Government			
	Transportation		Transportation			Transportation			
	Housing		Housing			Housing			
Participant 21	Recreation/ Environmental	country atmosphere, family lakes pond recreation, town good overall, taxes low and still operate efficiently	Recreation/ Environmental	new town administrator, improve road and infrastructure	Participant 22	Recreation/ Environmental	rural setting	Recreation/ Environmental	better community involvement
	Public Safety		Public Safety			Public Safety			
	Education		Education			Education			
	Community		Community			Community			
	Business/Economy		Business/Economy			Business/Economy			
Participant 23	Government	small town beautiful scenery but access, privacy, access to lakes and meadows, community events parades haunted hayride, bring it back, low crime rate, newbies don't know old town lingo, be communicative as a town	Government		Participant 24	Government	love nh, traveled all over, love the community and the family vibe, not how it used to be	Government	don't like when city people come in and wanna change small town
	Transportation		Transportation			Transportation			
	Housing		Housing			Housing			
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			Recreation/ Environmental			
	Public Safety		Public Safety			Public Safety			
Participant 25	Education	lot more opportunities in high school, good school programs, plenty, close to everything, lots to do	Education		Participant 26	Education	lack of traffic is a good thing, close to everything, rural, not a lot of people	Education	
	Community		Community			Community			
	Business/Economy		Business/Economy			Business/Economy			
	Government		Government			Government			
	Transportation		Transportation			Transportation			
Participant 27	Recreation/ Environmental	like small town community, likes Coe brown, town good with rec dept, variety of programs	Recreation/ Environmental	doesn't like the politics, elementary better funding,	Participant 28	Recreation/ Environmental	no sales tax	Recreation/ Environmental	
	Public Safety		Public Safety			Public Safety			
	Education		Education			Education			
	Community		Community			Community			
	Business/Economy		Business/Economy			Business/Economy			
Participant 29	Government	like that the community is close knit, like Coe brown philosophy of it	Government	would like to see an attorney in town, hesitant about going in to concord	Participant 30	Government	love small town atmosphere community, country ness rural, plenty of land	Government	more community activities like this
	Transportation		Transportation			Transportation			
	Housing		Housing			Housing			
	Recreation/ Environmental		Recreation/ Environmental			Recreation/ Environmental			
	Public Safety		Public Safety			Public Safety			



Loyal Order of the Moose Blood Drive

July 29, 2013

27 Participants

On July 29, 2013 Strafford Regional Planning Commission (SRPC) attended their third blood drive event at the Loyal Order of the Moose in Dover, NH. Here SRPC staff spoke with 27 individuals asking their vision for the Strafford Region in terms of what they like and therefore should be continued, and what could be improved. Comments cards were utilized and handed out while individuals waited to donate blood. This outreach is conducted in an effort to understand the needs and wants of residents in the Strafford Region for the purpose of writing a new Regional Master Plan.

From analyzing the data, it is clear that certain themes arose among the participant comments. Individuals liked aspects of recreation /environment, community, and transportation most.

What individuals liked included:

Recreation/Environment

Loves the recreation and scenery
People are respectful of the environment
Easy access to many activities
Likes the public pool and recreation trails

Community

Likes the strong sense of community
Very social and friendly environment
People take an interest in community
Strong community involvement

Transportation

Buses are cheap and efficient

Top concerns included the following comment about transportation, government, and housing:

Transportation

Increased frequency of COAST (Sat and Sun)

Need for more public transportation

Improved train service to Boston

Government

Listen to the public more, public input is asked for but not usually followed

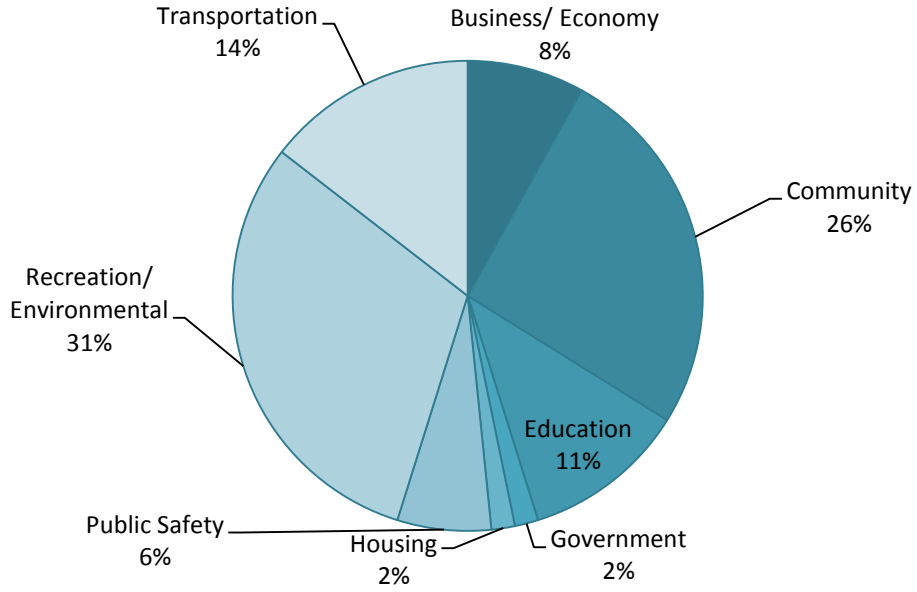
Taxes are too high

Housing

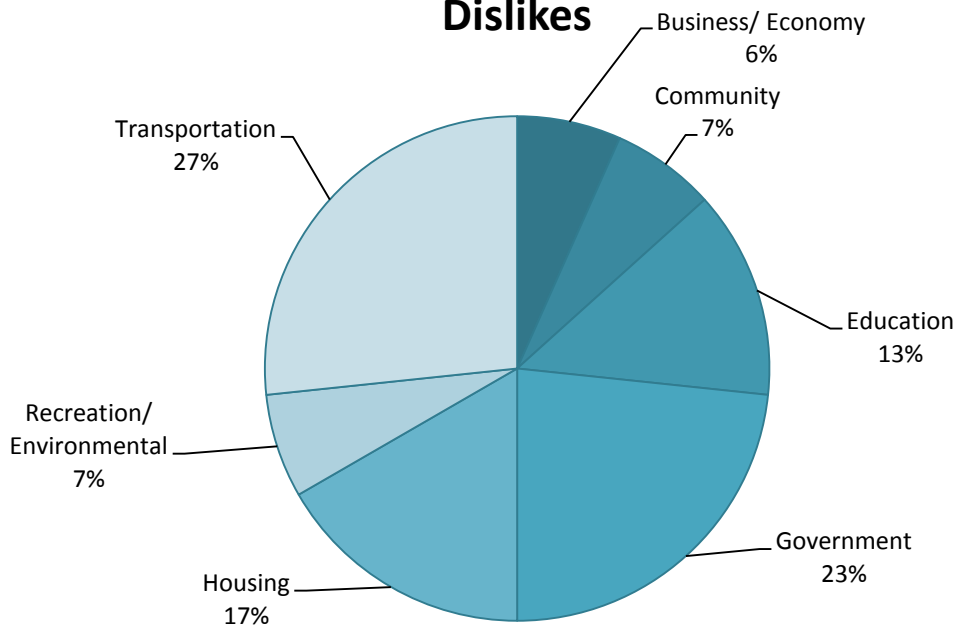
Lower rental costs, more low-income housing

Overall, the event was successful and the opinions shared will be helpful to SRPC staff when writing the Regional Master Plan.

Likes



Dislikes



Loyal Order of the Moose Blood Drive (7/29/2013)

Likes		Dislikes/Needs Improvement		Likes		Dislikes/Needs Improvement		
Participant 1	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Being from out of state, love the recreation/scenery	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Listen to the public more, seems like they ask for public input, but then do what they want	Participant 2	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Sense of community Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Taxes are too high- find relief by higher business taxes may be higher
Participant 3	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	born here	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	stop building houses	Participant 4	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	I've only lived here a month, so far its been great!
Participant 5	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government		Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government		Participant 6	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	I would like to see increased frequency of COAST buses on Saturdays and implement a Sunday Schedule, even if it is similar to the current Saturday schedule.
Participant 7	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	So much to do and see in the area	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	You should do a better check on how many people are going to live in apartments	Participant 8	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Schools need a better program for special needs children
Participant 9	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Compared to some places I've lived there is a strong sense of community	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Need for more public transportation	Participant 10	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	I love living near the ocean and the closeness of the people where I live Train to Boston
Participant 11	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government		Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Train to Boston	Participant 12	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Pretty, not overdeveloped Better inexpensive housing-housing prices rental costs insane
Participant 13	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Available	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Housing-5 years in too long to wait	Participant 14	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	
Participant 15	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government		Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Greater funding of public education needed	Participant 16	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	UNH, McConnell Center Education on how government works
Participant 17	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Live on Lake	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Elderly/blind cannot drive to dentists, can't get places unless in the city	Participant 18	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	The buses are cheap and efficient, and it's a very friendly/social environment Poor funding for school and music/arts
Participant 19	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Dover is a great city-lots of services	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government		Participant 20	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	People are respectful of environment More low income housing
Participant 21	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Easy access to many activities	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	I don't have a least favorite part	Participant 22	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	I shop here
Participant 23	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	I live, work, and play in Dover. It has got a successful formula and attracts people and business, and is growing.	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government		Participant 24	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Small town feel. People take an interest in community. Likes the pools and recreation trails.
Participant 25	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Strong community involvement	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Would like more town Rec programs/fields in Stratford County-behind other counties, improve facilities	Participant 26	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government	great area, great public service, especially education Education needs to be a budget priority



Dover Apple Harvest Day #2

October 5, 2013

47 Participants

Fall is in the air, and with it all the fun activities that come with this time of year. Apple picking, carving pumpkins, hot cider, and not to forget, NH's fairs and festivals, are all crowd favorites during the autumn season.

Dover Apple Harvest Day, a local favorite, was held this year on October 5th. Combining some of the best elements of fall, the 29th annual Apple Harvest day drew over 50,000 individuals to Dover's downtown center. Strafford Regional Planning Commission was able to attend for the second year in a row, enjoying the chance to talk with locals, and visitors alike.

SRPC set up their big white tent, bulls-eye theme banner, and some sweet incentives, ready to engage with those passing by. In attending, SRPC staff hoped to gain a better understanding of what individuals viewed as important regional themes when considering a vision for the Strafford Region. In particular SRPC was looking to understand what participants loved, as well as what they believed could be improved.

Judging from the 47 individual's responses; individuals LOVE the Strafford Region because of:

The Community

- Love the local community
- Downtown Dover has a lot to offer
- Great activities for children
- Like the size of the community
- Safe communities

The Recreation/Environment

- Like the walkability in downtown Dover
- Like the access to recreation opportunities, while also being close to the City

Participants thought the following could be improved:

Transportation

- Dislike the heavy traffic
- Local roads needs to be repaired
- Need to improve the public bus system by adding more stops, and running more frequently
- Road maintenance is an issue, Mast Rd. in Dover specifically
- Dislike parking meters in Dover

The Recreation/Environment

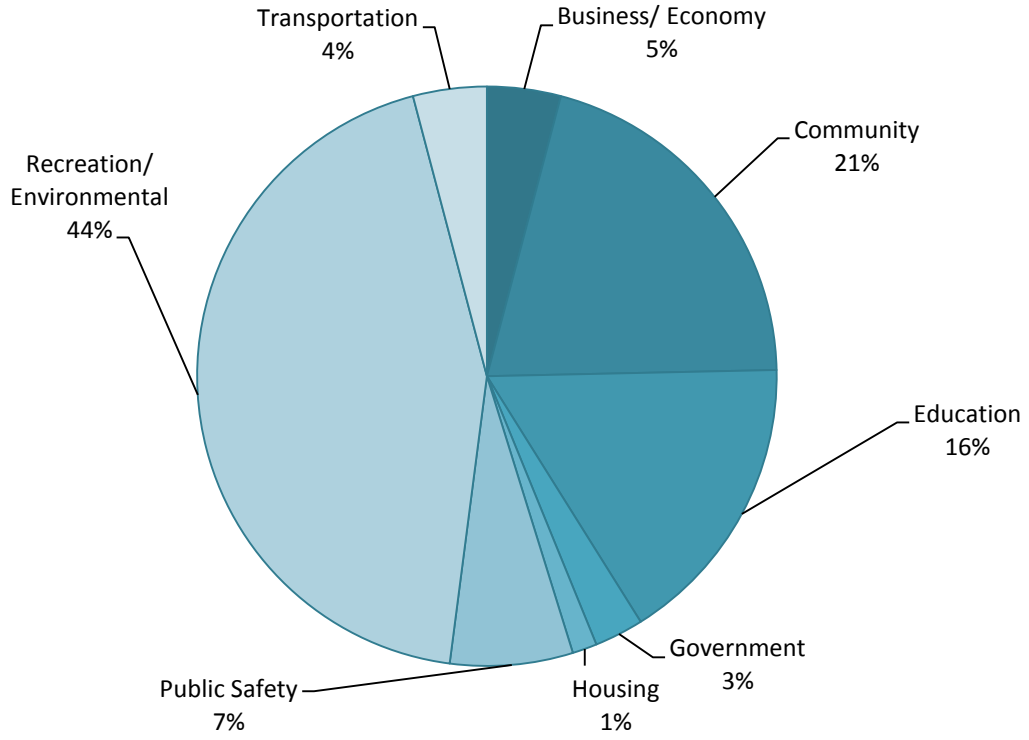
- More attractions in the area
- Want to see more recycling
- Existing community trails should be more clearly marked and symbolized
- Communities and corporations need to be more accepting of climate change data and trends
- Would like to see the installation of public exercise stations in parks

Education

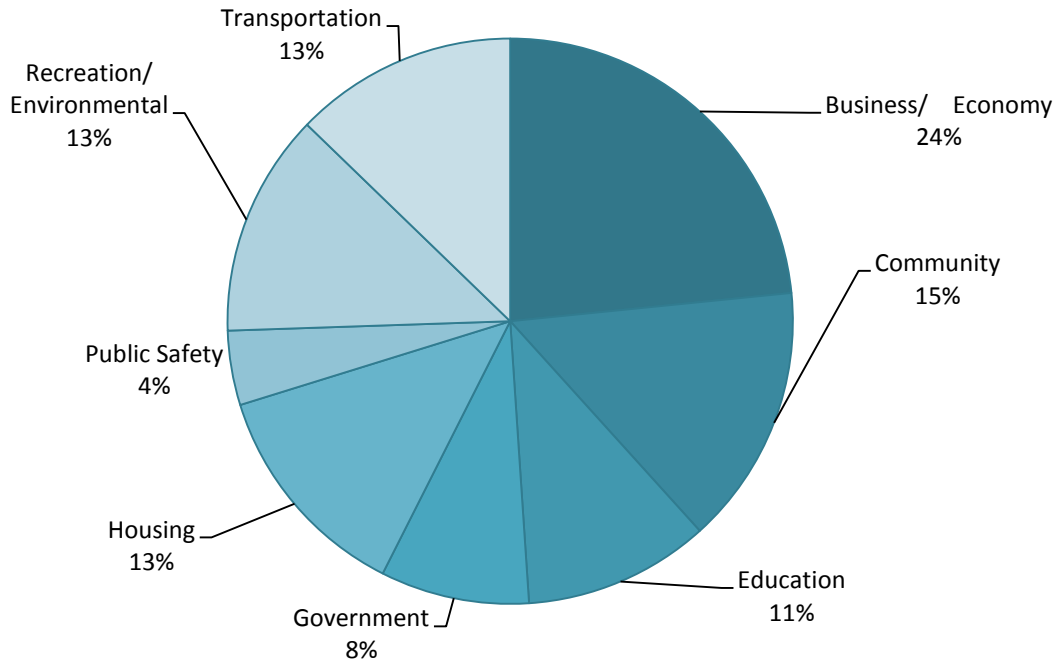
- There needs to be a better relationship between the school and the city council
- Feel as if the school system in Dover is too big
- Lack of funding for schools is a big problem
- Would be willing to pay more in taxes for increased educational funding

SRPC enjoyed the opportunity to reach out to those both living in and visiting the Strafford Region. In addition, SRPC values the responses that were heard.

Likes



Dislikes/Needs Improvement



Dover Apple Harvest 2013 (10/5/2013)

	Likes	Dislikes/Needs Improvement	Likes	Dislikes/Needs Improvement
Participant 1	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government liked the historical downtown area	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government dislikes the heavy traffic in the area	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government loves everything in the area and thought that the traffic management was done right	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government local roads need repair and there needs to be better relationship between school and City council
Participant 3	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government Likes the community feel and walkability in area	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government dislikes the cost of living; would like to see area go back to a more rural feel and felt housing was an issue in the area-not enough in the area.	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government lives in Barrington; loves the local community and that it's rural	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government and wished that Barrington had its own high school and that there was more activities for "teens".
Participant 5	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government loves the community feel and the activities for children and events.	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government No complaints	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government From Dover-loves the downtown area-stores, shops, beautiful area	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government need to improve the public bus system- need more stops and more frequent runs.
Participant 7	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government likes being close to Boston, Portland and the mountains- great location	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government had concerns about safety; thought it was getting more violent in the area.	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government From Somersworth-loves the Dover and the activities it offers children	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government concerned about safety in area.
Participant 9	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government From Connecticut: loves the small town feel and feeling of community in the area and the rural feel	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government No complaints	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government From Barrington: likes the activities in the area	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government doesn't like buildup on Rt. 202; added noise and sheltered lighting
Participant 11	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government likes the events for children in Dover-lives in York but visits the area quite frequently as they like the area for its character and events	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government No complaints	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government from Dover-lived here entire life and loves the community feel	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government no complaints
Participant 13	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government likes the activities in the area for young people; likes the community feel	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government wishes there were more movie theaters in the area	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government likes the community; rural character	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government no complaints
Participant 15	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government from Northwood-loves the community and activities the area has to offer	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government has a problem with lack of funding for schools and supplies	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government from Milton-loves the feel of region and communities	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government hates the high taxes and the restriction of commercial development in Milton
Participant 17	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government from Dover-loves the downtown shops and the walkability factor and public transit	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government No complaints	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government from Dover-likes the community feel and pace of living here and the mounted police in Dover	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government doesn't like the idea they want to close the pools in Dover.
Participant 19	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government from Dover-likes the friendly area and community feel	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government No complaints	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government from Dover-likes the community feel and small community feel; location is ideal and loves public transit	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government thought there was too much infrastructure in Dover; need more open land; farmers need more political backing
Participant 21	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government Good population. Great downtown area. Likes the Wentworth-Douglas Hospital facility.	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government wants to see more initiative for recycling	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government Area is close to everything - mountains/beaches	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government wants roads that need paving to be addressed - Mast Rd. in Dover. Wants less apartment complexes to be built
Participant 23	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government Likes that Dover is in the seacoast area, but still close to Boston, UNH, and Portsmouth. 1 hour traveling time. Area has the best teachers. Low crime rate	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government Tax cap. Cutting of all public programs.	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government Likes the school program. Likes that the town of Dover was refurbished (apartments). Close to the mountains & ocean.	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government wants roads that need paving to be addressed - Mast Rd. in Dover
Participant 25	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government NH - towns are a mix of all incomes/backgrounds	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government not friendly about new companies coming in - some towns	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government Likes the community feel in Dover	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government Dislikes the use of parking meters in downtown Dover
Participant 27	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government good sized community. Many activities to do in the Dover area. Community is spaced out - not crowded like the city of Boston	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government No complaints	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government NH - calm & quiet state. Likes the location - close to Boston	Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government wants to see improvement with transportation - Amtrak



Gerry's Food Pantry Turkey Donation Day #2

November 26, 2013

105 Participants

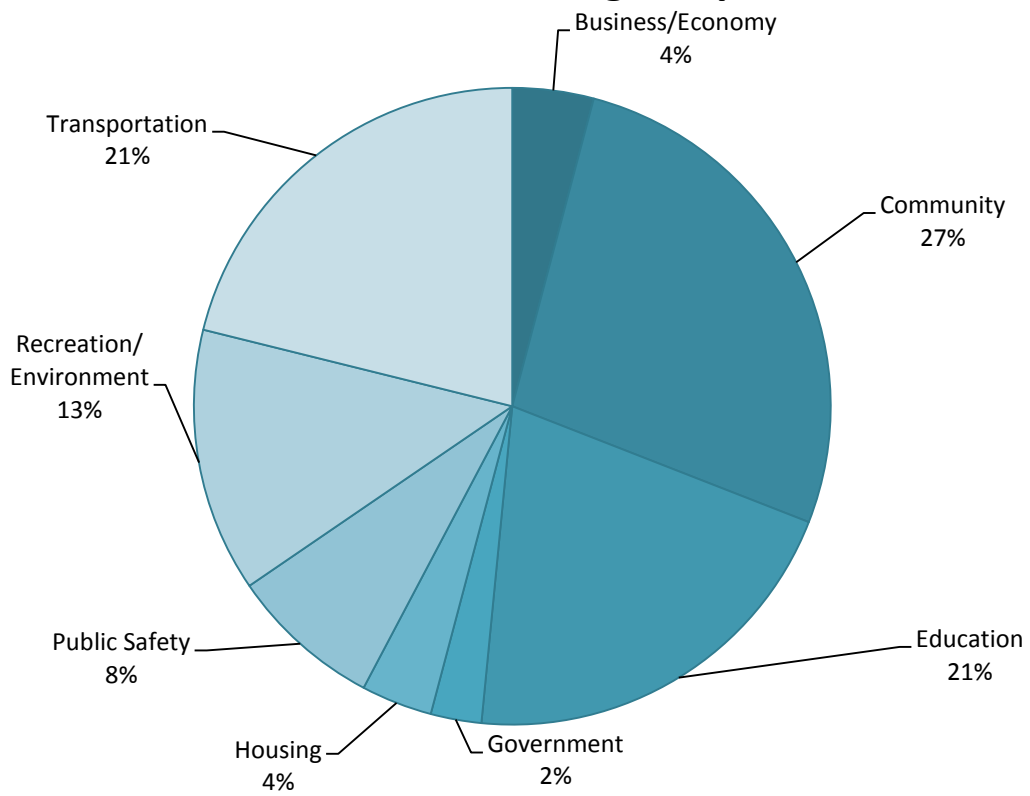
November 26th marked the second year Strafford Regional Planning Commission attended Gerry's Food Pantry Turkey Donation Day at the Rochester Community Center. This event is held to assist individuals by providing food to prepare for Thanksgiving. This is a great community event that supports those in need in the greater Rochester area. Individuals were glad to share their opinions on areas for improvement in the region.

SRPC staff conducted their questioning in the same manner as always, only changing the way they asked the question to assess people thoughts on the region. At all other events, SRPC staff asked individuals what they like about living in the Strafford Region and what could be improved. At this event, staff instead asked the question "What should your community spend their funding on", this question was also preceded on occasion with saying "if your community had unlimited funding, where should they spend it?" SRPC was able to talk with 105 individuals, and got some great insight into where communities in the region should spend their funding, according to the people.

Many thought that their community's funding should be focused on community assistance. Participants mentioned keeping shelters open around the clock, making it less difficult to take advantage of local food pantries. Education was the second biggest area that individuals believed their community should spend their funding on. Road maintenance and public safety closely followed concerns for community assistance and education.

SRPC was glad to be able to attend this event for the second year, and appreciates all the input received.

Where should funding be spent ?



Turkey Day Round 2 (11/26/2013)

WHAT SHOULD YOUR COMMUNITY SPEND THEIR FUNDING ON?		WHAT SHOULD YOUR COMMUNITY SPEND THEIR FUNDING ON?	
Participant 1	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>Continuation of programs for children/teens like teen night (once a month for 13-17 year olds) with refreshments, crafts, etc. programs such as basketball, music, crafts, movie screenings for these types of programs.</p>	Participant 2	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>Programs for teenagers to promote better behavior. Programs like Big Brother to Sister.</p>
Participant 3	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>Welfare and food assistance. Salmon Falls trough to drive as it is all cracked up. The kitchen food pantry near an elderly living facility has to close one day a week, which is a problem. needs funding to stay open.</p>	Participant 4	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>Road maintenance. More opportunities for children aka after school programs. Sidewalks in the winter time(now removed). Police better response time. Transportation for elderly housing, more assistance programs.</p>
Participant 5	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>Help parolees/parolees worth involvement of younger people. More community events. Small businesses keep money in the town/ city.</p>	Participant 6	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>Fixing road/ not maintained, torn up by plows. Teenagers place to hang out and stay (basketball/ pool) that is free of charge.</p>
Participant 7	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>Help to help individuals who are unemployed/ part time. Road maintenance.</p>	Participant 8	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>Road work being done at night instead of during the day.</p>
Participant 9	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>Welfare for kids after school programs.</p>	Participant 10	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>Better roads (without street). Crosswalks/ main street. there was an accident at George and 6th General/ school, people don't stop.</p>
Participant 11	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>Education/athletic programs on weekends as well. special education programs. increasing. Uses the Paul School in Wakefield. Funding should go towards that. Not enough specialized programs, no support/ registration of what children are doing wrong in the school system. There is a need to fix a lot of the side roads.</p>	Participant 12	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>Road construction (both Whitehouse Rd. More activities for teenagers.</p>
Participant 13	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>More affordable recreational programs for kids. Need for jobs.</p>	Participant 14	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>Special education. Road maintenance.</p>
Participant 15	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>Speed/transportation/ need for a stop near Brook Street.</p>	Participant 16	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>Education (Maple School has a good program- more schools need to be like that)</p>
Participant 17	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>Not sure more to area. Think town did a great job allowing on day of event.</p>	Participant 18	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>Food banks/ more of them/ improved transportation.</p>
Participant 19	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>More programs for kids, fix the roads.</p>	Participant 20	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>Other resources for helping people, more services and more programs for the youth. Need to get food pantry to help. Need for more affordable programs for kids after they finish high school.</p>
Participant 21	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>Programs for children.</p>	Participant 22	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>Crossing guards need more service to prevent getting hit by passing cars.</p>
Participant 23	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>More recreation for children all year round. Affordable activities/ after school. no starting. Prevention of drug/alcohol abuse (nothing for the kids to do in the winter).</p>	Participant 24	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>School programs.</p>
Participant 25	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>Education, road maintenance, sidewalks.</p>	Participant 26	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>Programs for adults who can't read and write. Paving of roads.</p>
Participant 27	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>safety issues.</p>	Participant 28	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>Education.</p>
Participant 29	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>Education and roads.</p>	Participant 30	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>More programs for children.</p>
Participant 31	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>More transportation for the elderly and disabled. Education.</p>	Participant 32	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>Safety and recreation for the children.</p>
Participant 33	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>More police/ safety. Education.</p>	Participant 34	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>The P.D. needs more officers. Less money should be going to education. Use of money building for homeless shelters.</p>
Participant 35	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>recreation.</p>	Participant 36	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>Education.</p>
Participant 37	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>Education. Recreation for children to keep them busy.</p>	Participant 38	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>Schools.</p>
Participant 39	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>Education.</p>	Participant 40	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>Youth programs.</p>
Participant 41	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>recreation (add more to the Commons).</p>	Participant 42	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>Schools, roads.</p>
Participant 43	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>Road work.</p>	Participant 44	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>Helping for help, no clothes for kids so more help with that and with people being isolated.</p>
Participant 45	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>schools, roads, less \$ towards helping people with food assistance.</p>	Participant 46	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>More places for people to get help, more advertisement for the help that is currently provided.</p>
Participant 47	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>sidewalks need to be fixed.</p>	Participant 48	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>Help/support for the elderly.</p>
Participant 49	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>Money towards a public walk/dark near Rochester, dog park, Dover dog park needs updating, help for the elderly, there are a great park.</p>	Participant 50	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>Roads.</p>
Participant 51	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>affordable child care. Lower property taxes.</p>	Participant 52	<p>Transportation Housing Recreation/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government</p> <p>Roads-improve the condition.</p>

Participant 53	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation Housing Recreational/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government 	roads in the areas that are not fixed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation Housing Recreational/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government 	Participant 54	Programs like Turkey Day
Participant 55	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation Housing Recreational/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government 	Programs like Turkey Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation Housing Recreational/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government 	Participant 56	Education
Participant 57	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation Housing Recreational/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government 	Sub/Part Dept. support with that	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation Housing Recreational/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government 	Participant 58	Crosswalk signs/Transportation
Participant 59	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation Housing Recreational/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government 	Police training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation Housing Recreational/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government 	Participant 60	Activities for children prevent drug use
Participant 61	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation Housing Recreational/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government 	Elderly some kind of program to check in on elderly individuals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation Housing Recreational/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government 	Participant 62	Transportation, bus stops in Barrington
Participant 63	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation Housing Recreational/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government 	services to help people without money. Transportation for people without cash, free lockers for lockers, do some kind of water bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation Housing Recreational/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government 	Participant 64	Minimum wage has increased, but the cost of living has increased as well which is a problem
Participant 65	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation Housing Recreational/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government 	pay phones and street lights on Milton Rd. Traffic needs to be allowed on Vermont Street. People would be less likely to steal if there were street lights. Need for recreation programs to keep 1900km incarcerated. Assistance with diversion sports programs. Need for rest light at Milton Road and Fall Bridge Rock Road (dangerous intersection). Road maintenance. More activities for both bus a show-in and traveling play.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation Housing Recreational/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government 	Participant 66	Job programs in the area. Schools
Participant 67	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation Housing Recreational/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government 	road maintenance. More teachers. student to teacher ratio too high. The school department needs more specialized support and programs. Transportation money for the buses, they need to be a reasonable price. Hospitals, everyone should be able to afford to go to the hospital.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation Housing Recreational/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government 	Participant 68	Homeless shelters/Community support. Women in crisis support for that where do they go, need options for women's shelters.
Participant 69	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation Housing Recreational/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government 	Move funding for schools.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation Housing Recreational/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government 	Participant 70	Adult education - there is a definite need for it. No new programs for this but there are not enough resources. New GED program need it for jobs.
Participant 71	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation Housing Recreational/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government 	More programs for children. Cut back on the drug activity. Clean up Rochester completely. More stop gun police force?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation Housing Recreational/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government 	Participant 72	Funding for schools.
Participant 73	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation Housing Recreational/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government 	riso taxes. Relief for the homeless. Homeless shelters. Transportation-deficient needs transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation Housing Recreational/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government 	Participant 74	Road maintenance. The ones that really need it not all the others. Less schools - a lot of money goes towards them and there's a too many. Better way of funding schools.
Participant 75	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation Housing Recreational/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government 	business more affordable housing, needs too high. Need for homeless shelters.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation Housing Recreational/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government 	Participant 76	More jobs would take care of other problems in the area. Not just part-time jobs.
Participant 77	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation Housing Recreational/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government 	Rochester should have a committee to get on those behind on property taxes. There is no support for mobile homes and there should be. More community support for waste/recycling.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation Housing Recreational/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government 	Participant 78	Funding for schools. Activities for children
Participant 79	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation Housing Recreational/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government 	Orphanages, schools. Towards the food pantry to assist people. Towards helping the elderly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation Housing Recreational/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government 	Participant 80	Veterans support programs.
Participant 81	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation Housing Recreational/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government 	roads/towaways, roads that need it, not those that don't. Recreation for children keep them out of trouble. More handicapped services. Diveways need to be fixed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation Housing Recreational/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government 	Participant 82	School department (our kids are the future). Funding for technology (mentioned how homeless students get iPads). Funding for teachers. Elderly housing/disabled housing. You have to be 65 for the Community Action Bus, which is a problem.
Participant 83	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation Housing Recreational/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government 	Special education, our city can buy police cars but doesn't support education. Need for a full time (either year round) line where you don't have to leave during the day. Better transportation to get people around to find a job. Need for entertainment like bowling and roller skating.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation Housing Recreational/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government 	Participant 84	Public safety/prisoner police force. Need programs to keep children busy. Need for jobs, not more construction (too many babies). Need support for those without healthcare. Need a curfew for children and it needs to be enforced by the police. 24 hours storage emergency. The costs of daycare have risen even with title 20. There needs to be a way to enforce housing/interviews believe that people in supported housing are not sharing their actual income when there are others on the list who really need housing but can't get it. There needs to be a homeless shelter where people can stay during the day. People can't/won't be
Participant 85	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation Housing Recreational/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government 	Kids/families in need. Participant appreciates the food pantry. There is a need for more food assistance and more programs to carry this out.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation Housing Recreational/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government 	Participant 86	More support for food stamps. Better care of the homeless there has been an increase in the homeless population of the last 12 years. State sidewalks. There needs to be more of a police presence to stop beggars. Don't neighborhood with program work/better street remediation kits to get to schools. Better playground. Participant believes that any organization willing to help is not accountable to the national government. State workers need to have a better attitude. Issues on honesty and transparency with organizations. The process for being able to go to the food pantry is tedious and turns people off to asking for
Participant 87	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation Housing Recreational/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government 	improving schools, school buses, higher pay for bus drivers. Keep school/after school programs running. Educate the younger generations. Keep Gerry's open and running.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation Housing Recreational/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government 	Participant 88	Road maintenance. Sunday service for buses, and later for those work late.
Participant 89	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation Housing Recreational/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government 	housing affordability, more options for affordable housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation Housing Recreational/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government 	Participant 90	Charities-community support and programs. Schools, food pantries, the hungry.
Participant 91	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation Housing Recreational/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government 	More after school activities. Food and clothes for those that need it. Funding for the elderly and the essentials they need	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation Housing Recreational/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government 	Participant 92	Schools, high school needs support, money should go there before it goes to the police department. More music and arts programs at schools.
Participant 93	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation Housing Recreational/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government 	After school programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation Housing Recreational/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government 	Participant 94	Road maintenance. Diveway city needs to plow better. Salmons Falls Rd in particular needs maintenance
Participant 95	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation Housing Recreational/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government 	After school programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation Housing Recreational/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government 	Participant 96	Youth outreach programs, there is nothing for the children to do. Need for local youth programs. Need places for entertainment, i.e. bowling alley. Technology has taken all the entertainment. Money should stay in the community. There should be a lot of parents and children to create jobs for each program.
Participant 97	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation Housing Recreational/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government 	need to health/education system is horrible and our state is so far behind. Consider Net one of the worst educated states. Improvement for funding, less in other communities get paid.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation Housing Recreational/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government 	Participant 98	More funding towards road maintenance(roads, potholes). Public safety clean up stop cars in the city.
Participant 99	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation Housing Recreational/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government 	Education, road maintenance, programs for children, education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation Housing Recreational/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government 	Participant 100	Schools special education programs. Support the homeless help those in need. Participant desired at Gerry because of the amount they get in food stamps, there needs to be improvements at Gerry's.
Participant 101	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation Housing Recreational/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government 	affordable options for housing. Education-music department. More community support.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation Housing Recreational/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government 	Participant 102	There is great support at the food pantry in Northham. Gerry's makes it difficult for people to get support(exercise reg needs).
Participant 103	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation Housing Recreational/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government 	focus on children, schools and programs for children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation Housing Recreational/ Environmental Public Safety Education Community Business/Economy Government 	Participant 104	More policy/free presence. School system funding and overall improvements. Road maintenance. Drug testing for the welfare system.



Brookfield Town Coffee

December 7, 2013

9 Participants

Strafford Regional Planning Commission (SRPC) staff attended Brookfield's Town Coffee event on December 7, 2013. The purpose of this outreach event was for SRPC to present on the responsibilities of the organization, as well as find out what is important to the residents of Brookfield when considering future planning efforts in the region.

SRPC chose to assess the opinions of participants using software called Turning Point Technology. This software allowed individuals to vote on answers to multiple choice questions via clickers that were handed out to each participant. There were nine individuals that participated and expressed their input on questions concerning a range of topics. Questions addressed what types of service individuals want in or near town, opinions of housing and rent prices, opinions of transportation services, areas where government funding should be focused and whether taxes should play a role, and where further development should occur in the town of Brookfield, as well as the region.

For transportation, individuals were concerned with funding focused on maintaining roads, highways and bridges. A large amount of participants were against in-town development and discouraged this. When discussing broadband, every participant said that they have service. While they did note that providers were limited, they were not really interested in faster speeds or government supported broadband infrastructure.

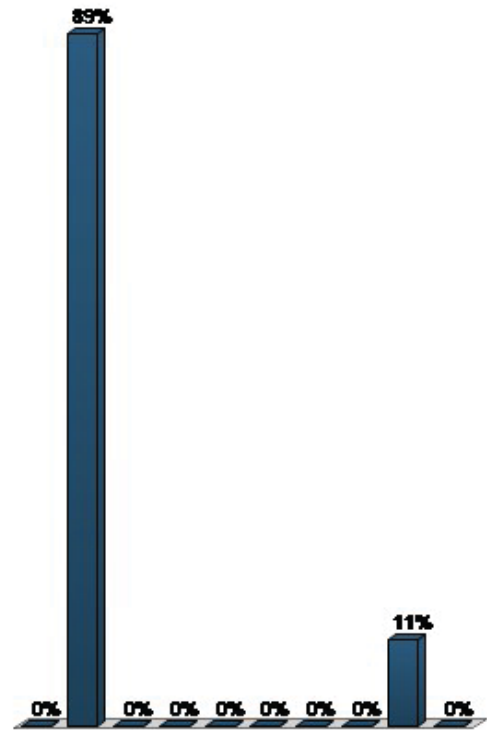
Participants were also concerned with agriculture and believe that it should be encouraged, as well as cited farms, farm stands, and forestry as important. When addressing housing, more

than half of respondents believed housing for purchase was only somewhat affordable, while rentals were considered very affordable by 37.5 % of individuals.

This event was a great chance for SRPC to share with the residents of Brookfield what we do as a planning commission, as well as gain input from individuals for use in the Regional Master Plan update. These results, as well as the rest of the outreach results SRPC has gathered from their outreach will be used to guide the appendices for the Regional Master Plan.

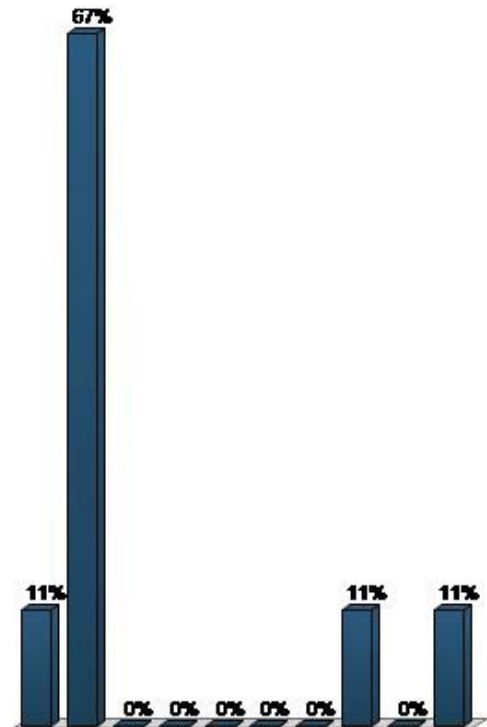
1.) Based on what you see in your town, which of the following aspects of the transportation system should policy makers invest more money in in the next 5 years? #1 Choice (Multiple Choice)

	Responses	
	Percent	Count
Reducing congestion on major roads	0%	0
Maintaining roads, highways, and bridges	88.89%	8
Availability of bike paths or shoulder bike routes	0%	0
Sidewalks and crosswalk areas	0%	0
Availability of public transportation to get around in the community and surrounding communities	0%	0
Traffic Safety	0%	0
Availability of senior and special needs transportation	0%	0
Expanding bus or rail service for commuting between major cities	0%	0
Recreation trails and walking paths	11.11%	1
Park n`Ride facilities	0%	0
Totals	100%	9



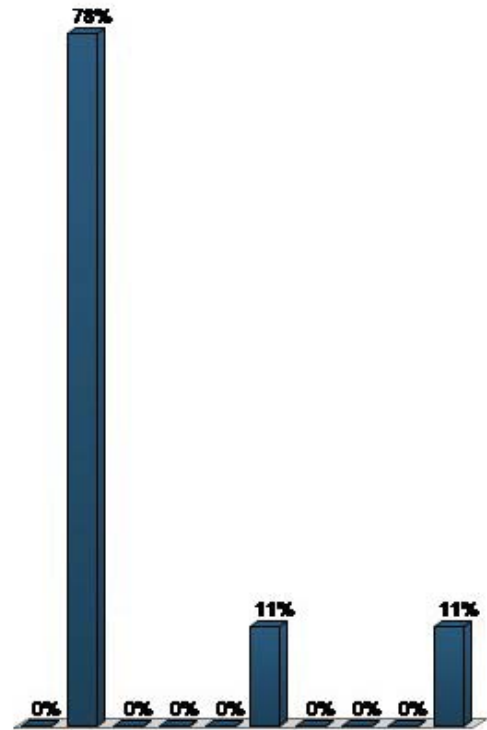
2.) Based on what you see in your town, which of the following aspects of the transportation system should policy makers invest more money in in the next 5 years? #2 Choice (Multiple Choice)

	Responses	
	Percent	Count
Reducing congestion on major roads	11.11%	1
Maintaining roads, highways, and bridges	66.67%	6
Availability of bike paths or shoulder bike routes	0%	0
Sidewalks and crosswalk areas	0%	0
Availability of public transportation to get around in the community and surrounding communities	0%	0
Traffic Safety	0%	0
Availability of senior and special needs transportation	0%	0
Expanding bus or rail service for commuting between major cities	11.11%	1
Recreation trails and walking paths	0%	0
Park n`Ride facilities	11.11%	1
Totals	100%	9



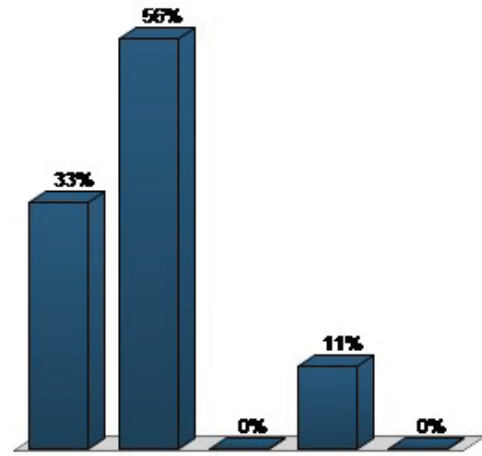
3.) Based on what you see in your town, which of the following aspects of the transportation system should policy makers invest more money in in the next 5 years? #3 Choice (Multiple Choice)

	Responses	
	Percent	Count
Reducing congestion on major roads	0%	0
Maintaining roads, highways, and bridges	77.78%	7
Availability of bike paths or shoulder bike routes	0%	0
Sidewalks and crosswalk areas	0%	0
Availability of public transportation to get around in the community and surrounding communities	0%	0
Traffic Safety	11.11%	1
Availability of senior and special needs transportation	0%	0
Expanding bus or rail service for commuting between major cities	0%	0
Recreation trails and walking paths	0%	0
Park n`Ride facilities	11.11%	1
Totals	100%	9



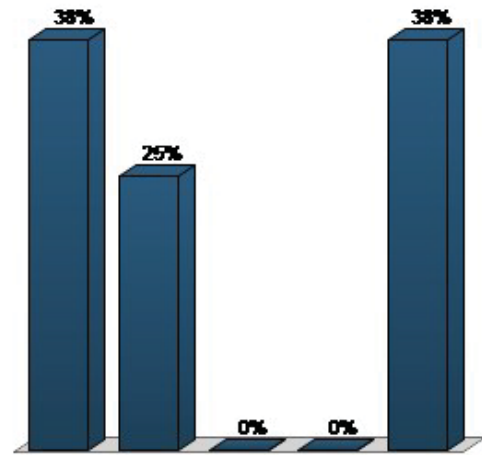
4.) In your opinion, how affordable is housing in your town for PURCHASE? (Multiple Choice)

Responses		
	Percent	Count
Very affordable	33.33%	3
Somewhat affordable	55.56%	5
Not very affordable	0%	0
Not affordable at all	11.11%	1
Don't know	0%	0
Totals	100%	9



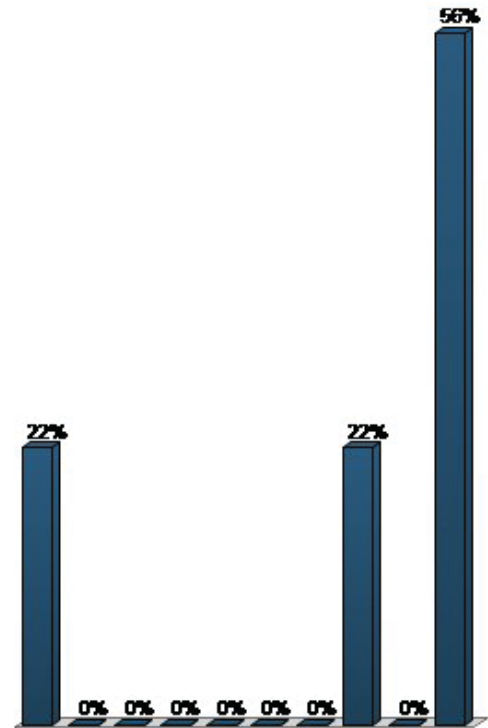
5.) In your opinion, how affordable is housing in your town for RENT? (Multiple Choice)

Responses		
	Percent	Count
Very affordable	37.5%	3
Somewhat affordable	25%	2
Not very affordable	0%	0
Not affordable at all	0%	0
Don't know	37.5%	3
Totals	100%	8



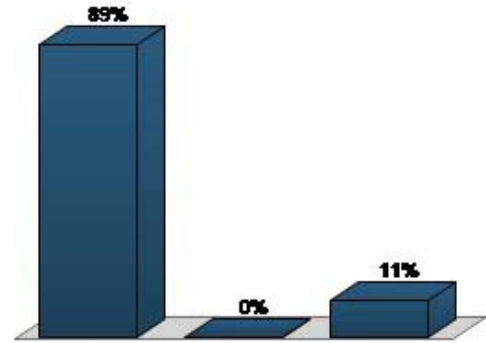
6.) Which of the following types of new residential development would you like to see in your town? (Multiple Choice)

	Responses	
	Percent	Count
Single-family detached housing	22.22%	2
Apartment Buildings	0%	0
Accessory Apartments such as in-law apartments	0%	0
Townhouses	0%	0
Clusters of single-family homes	0%	0
Attached homes such as Duplexes and triplexes	0%	0
Manufactured Housing	0%	0
Housing for adults over 55 years old	22.22%	2
Assisted living facilities	0%	0
None	55.56%	5
Totals	100%	9



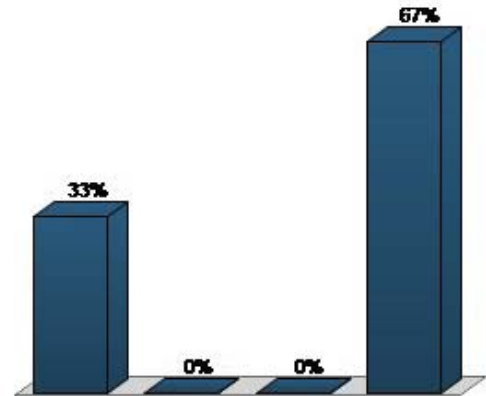
7.) Where should future development occur in your REGION of the state ... (Multiple Choice)

Responses		
	Percent	Count
Growth in already developed areas	88.89%	8
Growth in undeveloped areas	0%	0
Don't Know	11.11%	1
Totals	100%	9



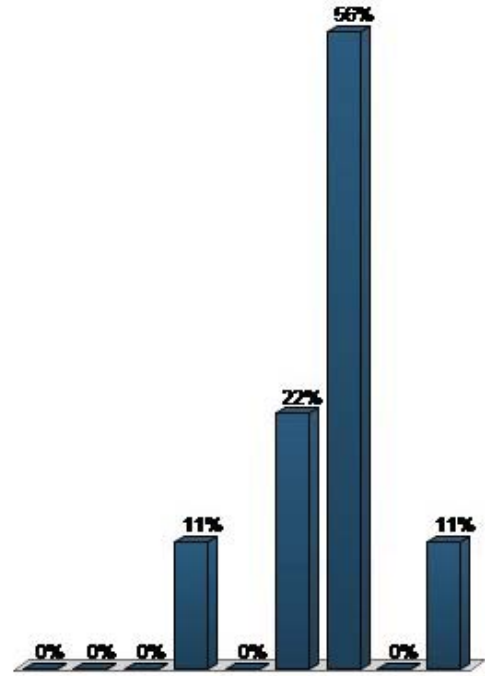
8.) Where should future development occur in your TOWN ... (Multiple Choice)

Responses		
	Percent	Count
Growth in already developed areas	33.33%	3
Growth in undeveloped areas	0%	0
Don't Know	0%	0
Elsewhere	66.67%	6
Totals	100%	9



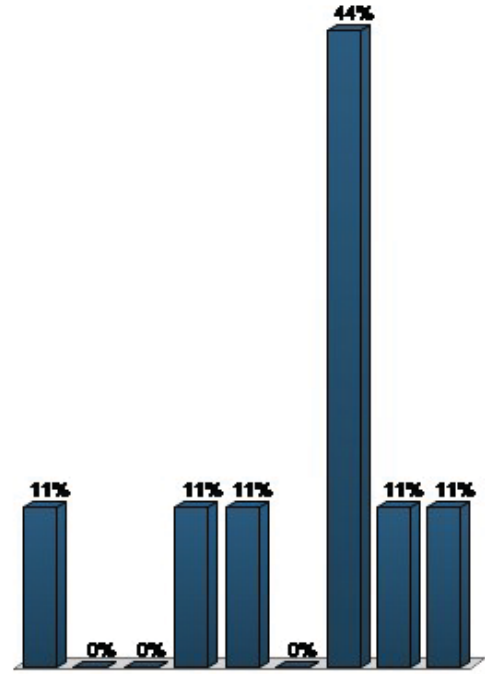
9.) Which of the following are most important to have in your community? Choose 1. (Multiple Choice)

	Responses	
	Percent	Count
Medical Offices	0%	0
Grocery Stores	0%	0
Restaurants	0%	0
Small businesses and retail	11.11%	1
Quality Schools	0%	0
Nearby Job Opportunities	22.22%	2
Farms, Farm Stands, and forestry businesses	55.56%	5
Cultural and recreational facilities	0%	0
Destinations within walking distance	11.11%	1
Totals	100%	9



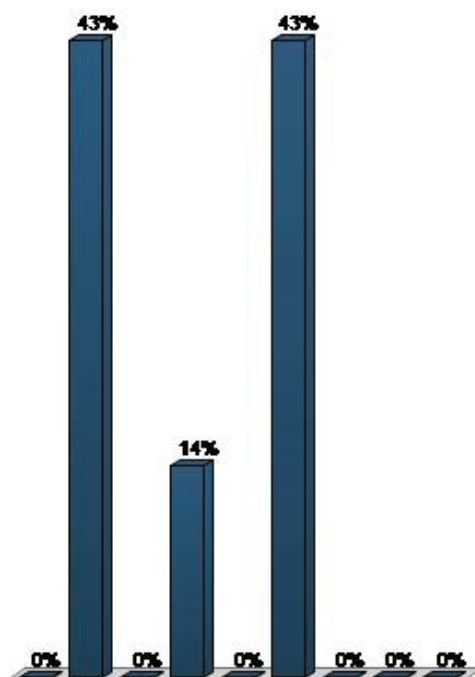
10.) Which of the following are most important to have in your community? Choose 1. (Multiple Choice)

	Responses	
	Percent	Count
Medical Offices	11.11%	1
Grocery Stores	0%	0
Restaurants	0%	0
Small businesses and retail	11.11%	1
Quality Schools	11.11%	1
Nearby Job Opportunities	0%	0
Farms, Farm Stands, and forestry businesses	44.44%	4
Cultural and recreational facilities	11.11%	1
Destinations within walking distance	11.11%	1
Totals	100%	9



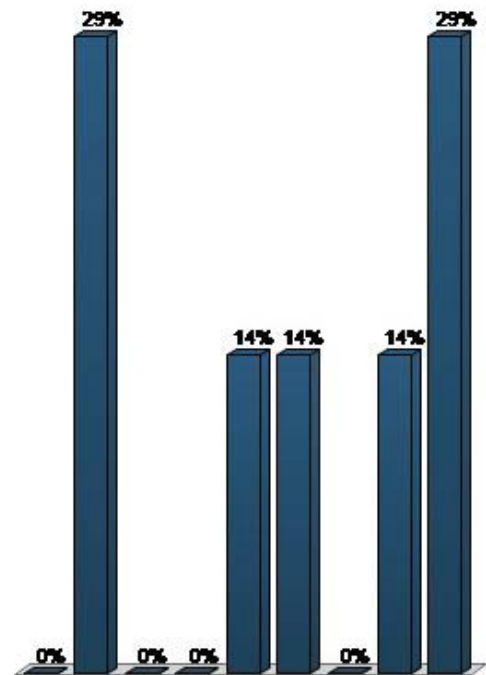
11.) Which of the following would you place the highest priority on for your town over the next 10 years? #1 Choice (Multiple Choice)

	Responses	
	Percent	Count
Protecting the quality of water for recreation	0%	0
Protecting drinking water supplies	42.86%	3
Protecting aquatic and marine habitats	0%	0
Protecting access to recreational land and scenic views	14.29%	1
Protecting forests and timber production	0%	0
Protecting farms and agricultural land	42.86%	3
Protecting air quality	0%	0
Managing shore land and waterfront development	0%	0
Protecting opportunities for quality hunting and fishing	0%	0
Totals	100%	7



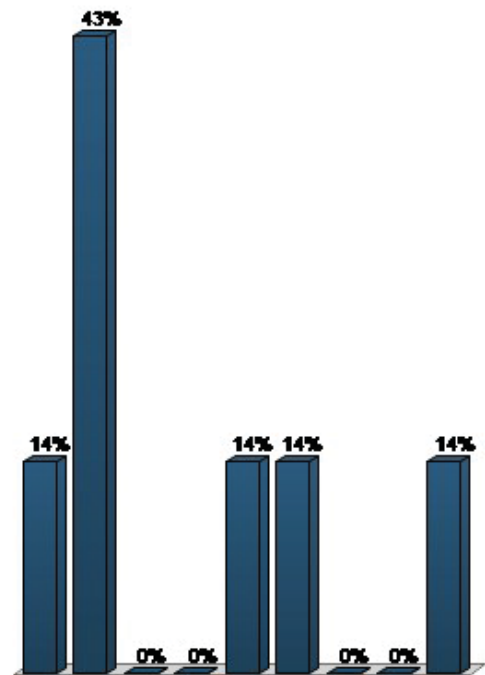
12.) Which of the following would you place the highest priority on for your town over the next 10 years? #2
 Choice (Multiple Choice)

	Responses	
	Percent	Count
Protecting the quality of water for recreation	0%	0
Protecting drinking water supplies	28.57%	2
Protecting aquatic and marine habitats	0%	0
Protecting access to recreational land and scenic views	0%	0
Protecting forests and timber production	14.29%	1
Protecting farms and agricultural land	14.29%	1
Protecting air quality	0%	0
Managing shore land and waterfront development	14.29%	1
Protecting opportunities for quality hunting and fishing	28.57%	2
Totals	100%	7



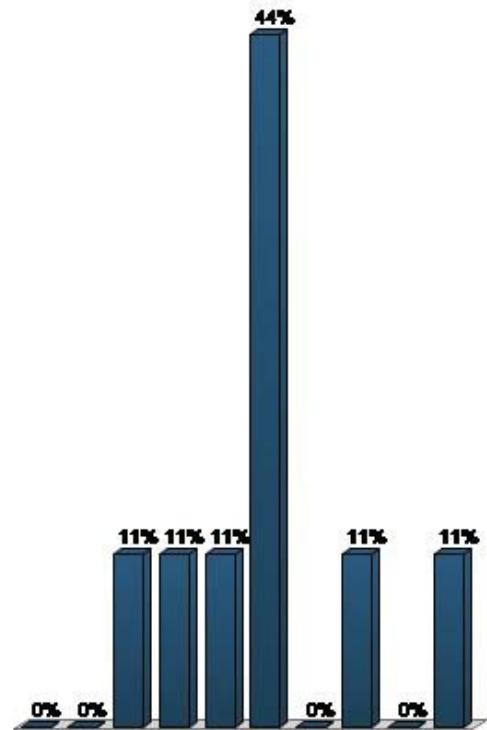
13.) Which of the following would you place the highest priority on for your town over the next 10 years? #3
Choice (Multiple Choice)

	Responses	
	Percent	Count
Protecting the quality of water for recreation	14.29%	1
Protecting drinking water supplies	42.86%	3
Protecting aquatic and marine habitats	0%	0
Protecting access to recreational land and scenic views	0%	0
Protecting forests and timber production	14.29%	1
Protecting farms and agricultural land	14.29%	1
Protecting air quality	0%	0
Managing shore land and waterfront development	0%	0
Protecting opportunities for quality hunting and fishing	14.29%	1
Totals	100%	7



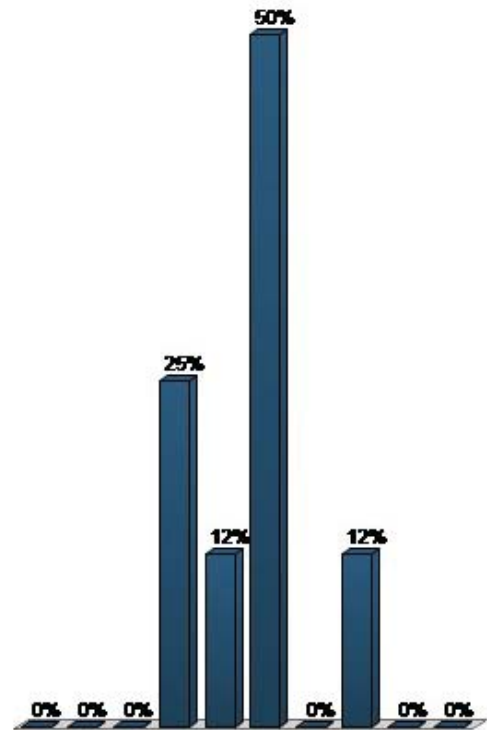
14.) Which of the following things should be encouraged/supported in your town? #1 Choice (Multiple Choice)

	Responses	
	Percent	Count
Promoting Tourism (Seasonal recreation)	0%	0
Protecting historic buildings and neighborhoods	0%	0
Attracting more stores and shops	11.11%	1
Attracting more non-polluting light industry	11.11%	1
Expanding or promoting current businesses	11.11%	1
Promoting local agriculture	44.44%	4
Sponsoring special cultural or recreational events	0%	0
Increasing access to ponds, lakes, and rivers	11.11%	1
Increasing access to forests and trails	0%	0
Promoting safe places to walk or bike	11.11%	1
Totals	100%	9



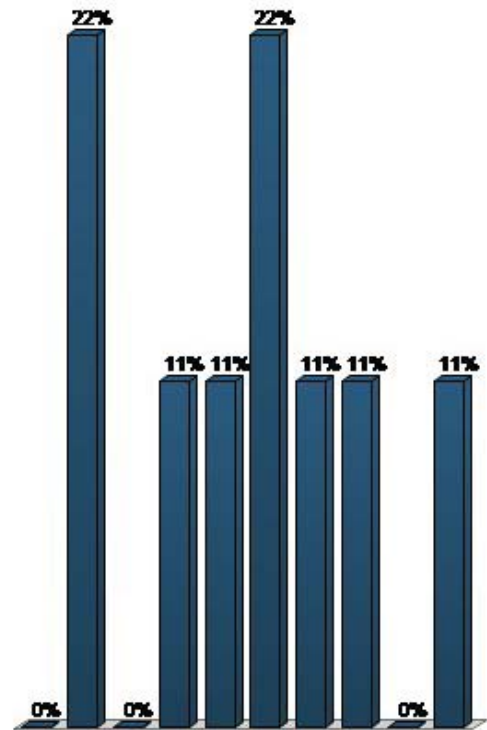
15.) Which of the following things should be encouraged/supported in your town? #2 Choice (Multiple Choice)

	Responses	
	Percent	Count
Promoting Tourism (Seasonal recreation)	0%	0
Protecting historic buildings and neighborhoods	0%	0
Attracting more stores and shops	0%	0
Attracting more non- polluting light industry	25%	2
Expanding or promoting current businesses	12.5%	1
Promoting local agriculture	50%	4
Sponsoring special cultural or recreational events	0%	0
Increasing access to ponds, lakes, and rivers	12.5%	1
Increasing access to forests and trails	0%	0
Promoting safe places to walk or bike	0%	0
Totals	100%	8



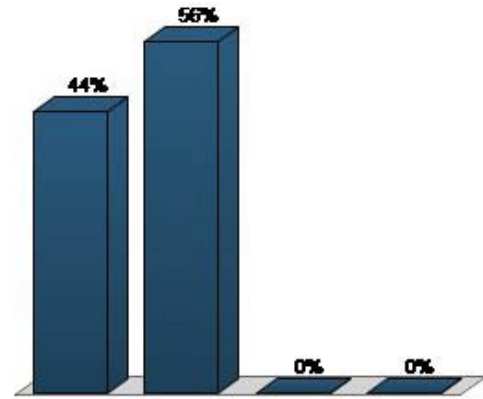
16.) Which of the following things should be encouraged/supported in your town? #3 Choice (Multiple Choice)

	Responses	
	Percent	Count
Promoting Tourism (Seasonal recreation)	0%	0
Protecting historic buildings and neighborhoods	22.22%	2
Attracting more stores and shops	0%	0
Attracting more non-polluting light industry	11.11%	1
Expanding or promoting current businesses	11.11%	1
Promoting local agriculture	22.22%	2
Sponsoring special cultural or recreational events	11.11%	1
Increasing access to ponds, lakes, and rivers	11.11%	1
Increasing access to forests and trails	0%	0
Promoting safe places to walk or bike	11.11%	1
Totals	100%	9



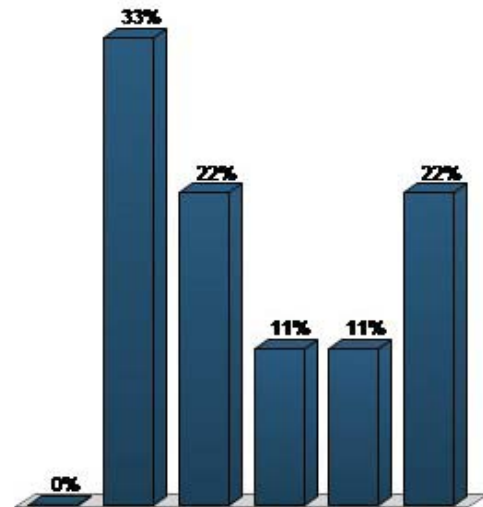
17.) Should your town allow the use of alternative energy generation and distribution by homeowners?
 (Multiple Choice)

Responses		
	Percent	Count
Yes	44.44%	4
Yes, with restrictions	55.56%	5
No	0%	0
Don't know	0%	0
Totals	100%	9



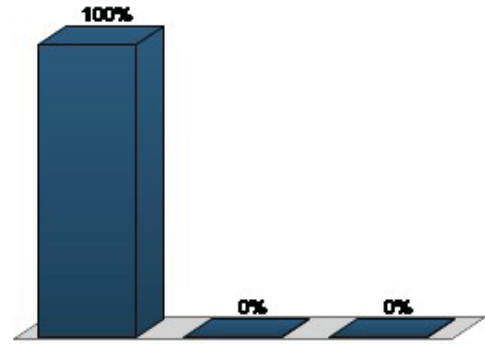
18.) Which of the following weather related events are you most concerned about in your town? Choose One.
 (Multiple Choice)

Responses		
	Percent	Count
Flooding	0%	0
Power Outages	33.33%	3
Wind Damage	22.22%	2
Drought	11.11%	1
Snow or ice storms	11.11%	1
Wildfires	22.22%	2
Totals	100%	9



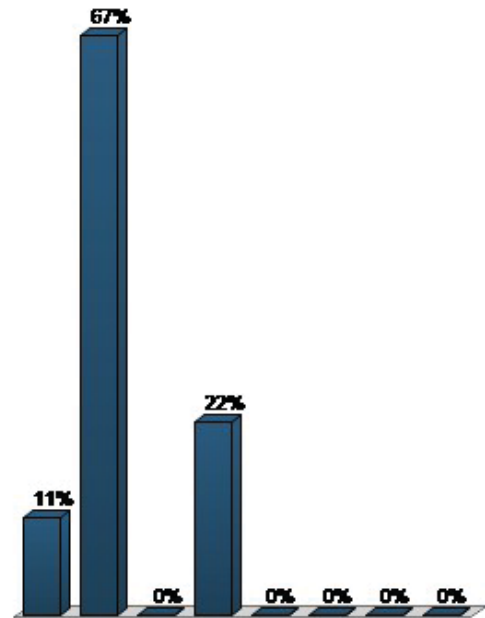
19.) Do you have broadband access at home? (Multiple Choice)

	Responses	
	Percent	Count
Yes	100%	9
No	0%	0
Don't know	0%	0
Totals	100%	9



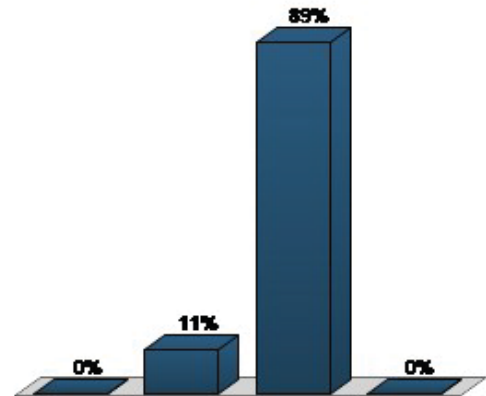
20.) Why are you using your current provider? (Multiple Choice)

	Responses	
	Percent	Count
I'm happy with my current provider	11.11%	1
Only option available	66.67%	6
Too costly to change	0%	0
Too much effort to change	22.22%	2
Learning curve is too steep	0%	0
Don't know what other options are available	0%	0
Other	0%	0
Don't know	0%	0
Totals	100%	9



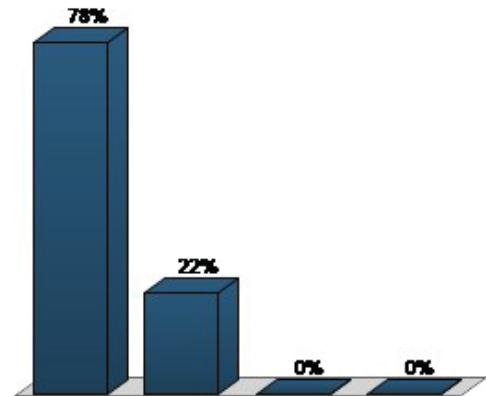
21.) Do you favor or oppose - using municipal funds to provide the following broadband infrastructure to existing and potential development? If Favor: Would you be willing to pay higher fees or taxes to pay for it? (Multiple Choice)

Responses		
	Percent	Count
Favor, support higher taxes	0%	0
Favor, oppose higher taxes	11.11%	1
Oppose	88.89%	8
Don't Know	0%	0
Totals	100%	9



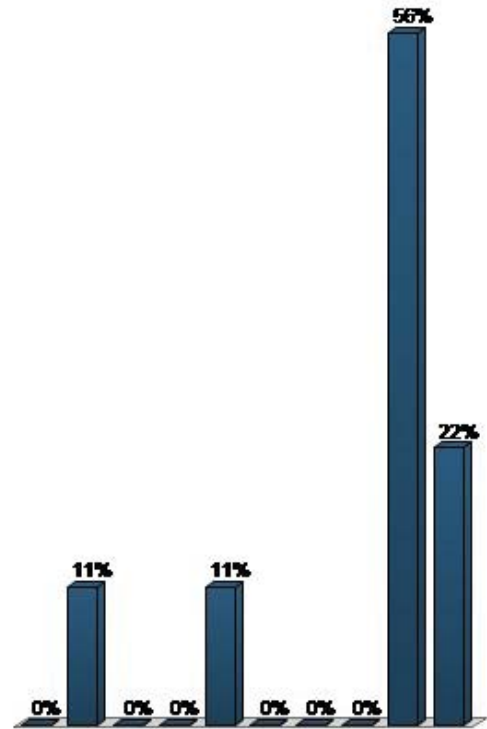
22.) How much more (if any) would you be willing to pay for faster internet speeds?" (Multiple Choice)

Responses		
	Percent	Count
Nothing	77.78%	7
25% More per month	22.22%	2
50% More per month	0%	0
Don't Know	0%	0
Totals	100%	9



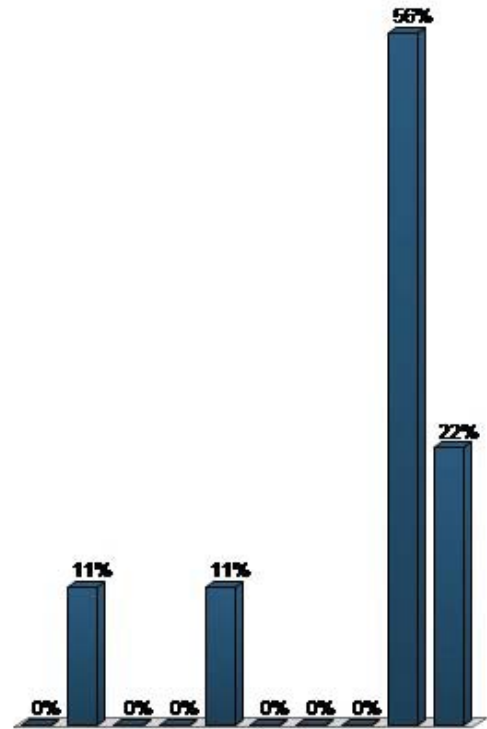
23.) Which of the following do you think should be the TOP (#1) priority for investment of federal dollars?
 (Multiple Choice)

	Responses	
	Percent	Count
Safe and affordable housing	0%	0
Transportation systems	11.11%	1
Energy efficiency	0%	0
Environmental protection or natural resources protection	0%	0
Economic development	11.11%	1
Infrastructure development (Sewer, Water, Electricity, Broadband)	0%	0
Preparedness for weather and other emergencies	0%	0
Education	0%	0
Something else?	55.56%	5
All of these	22.22%	2
Totals	100%	9



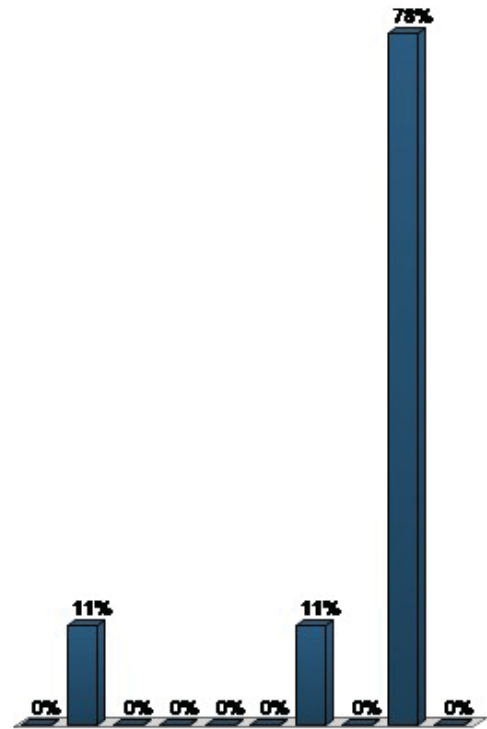
**24.) Which of the following do you think should be the TOP (#2) priority for investment of state dollars?
(Multiple Choice)**

	Responses	
	Percent	Count
Safe and affordable housing	0%	0
Transportation systems	11.11%	1
Energy efficiency	0%	0
Environmental protection or natural resources protection	0%	0
Economic development	11.11%	1
Infrastructure development (Sewer, Water, Electricity, Broadband)	0%	0
Preparedness for weather and other emergencies	0%	0
Education	0%	0
Something else?	55.56%	5
All of these	22.22%	2
Totals	100%	9



25.) Which of the following do you think should be the TOP (#1) priority for investment of local dollars?
 (Multiple Choice)

	Responses	
	Percent	Count
Safe and affordable housing	0%	0
Transportation systems	11.11%	1
Energy efficiency	0%	0
Environmental protection or natural resources protection	0%	0
Economic development	0%	0
Infrastructure development (Sewer, Water, Electricity, Broadband)	0%	0
Preparedness for weather and other emergencies	11.11%	1
Education	0%	0
Something else?	77.78%	7
All of these	0%	0
Totals	100%	9





Milton Joint Meeting

April 28, 2014

16 Participants

As part of our outreach efforts for the Regional Master Plan, SRPC attended a public meeting on April 28, 2014 for the purpose of gathering resident's input concerning their town and the region. We were welcomed by the Town Administrator, Elizabeth Dionne, the Board of Selectman, sixteen participating residents, and a few others who chose to observe the outreach process. It is important to note that there are 4,598 individuals in Milton and so those in attendance are not a representative sample of the larger community. We were however able to gather valid input from those who chose to participate.

As an introduction SRPC Executive Director, Cynthia Copeland, AICP, gave a brief overview of the function of our organization, and the process we are currently going through to update our Regional Master Plan. Community Outreach Specialist, Shayna Sylvia, spoke to the previous outreach efforts conducted around the region, and the results heard thus far. Results from the survey conducted on behalf of the nine regional planning commissions by the UNH survey center were also shared.

Following this introduction, an explanation was given concerning the clickers that were handed out to participants for the interactive portion of the meeting. These clickers allowed participants to vote on questions addressing a variety of topics such as housing, environment, transportation, energy, and other topics that were based of the UNH Survey. There were also questions included that assessed feelings toward the North Bus Service, conservation in the town, as well as the proposed economic development at Exits 17 and 18 in Milton.

Based on the technology used for participants to express their answers, an automatic report was generated after each question, allowing participants to see the percentage of individuals voting for each multiple choice options. For the questions based on the UNH survey, we were able to show respondents the regional responses, after showing Milton residents their own responses.

Results:

The results of the survey questions that were answered with the clickers are as follows:

Session Name: Milton Outreach Event

Date Created: 4/28/2014 5:01:37 PM **Active Participants:** 16 of 16

Average Score: N/A **Questions:** 43

Results By Question

1.) Are you a Milton resident? (Multiple Choice)

Responses		
	Percent	Count
Yes	100%	16
No	0%	0
Totals	100%	16

**2.) Based on what you see in your town, which of the following aspects of the transportation system should policy makers invest more money in in the next 5 years?
#1 Choice (Multiple Choice)**

	Responses	
	Percent	Count
Reducing congestion on major roads	0%	0
Maintaining roads, highways, and bridges	56%	9
Availability of bike paths or shoulder bike routes	19%	3
Sidewalks and crosswalk areas	6%	1
Availability of public transportation to get around in the community and surrounding communities	13%	2
Traffic Safety	0%	0
Availability of senior and special needs transportation	0%	0
Expanding bus or rail service for commuting between major cities	6%	1
Recreation trails and walking paths	0%	0
Park n'Ride facilities	0%	0
Totals	100%	16

**3.) Based on what you see in your town, which of the following aspects of the transportation system should policy makers invest more money in in the next 5 years?
#2 Choice (Multiple Choice)**

	Responses	
	Percent	Count
Reducing congestion on major roads	6%	1
Maintaining roads, highways, and bridges	19%	3
Availability of bike paths or shoulder bike routes	6%	1
Sidewalks and crosswalk areas	13%	2
Availability of public transportation to get around in the community and surrounding communities	25%	4
Traffic Safety	0%	0
Availability of senior and special needs transportation	0%	0
Expanding bus or rail service for commuting between major cities	19%	3
Recreation trails and walking paths	13%	2
Park n'Ride facilities	0%	0
Totals	100%	16

4.) Do you know someone who uses the North Bus (minibus that runs between Milton and Rochester twice a week, with priority to the elderly and disabled) to get to services in Rochester? (Multiple Choice)

Responses		
	Percent	Count
Yes	6%	1
Yes, but in a different community	13%	2
No	75%	12
Don't know	6%	1
Totals	100%	16

5.) Do you favor or oppose - using municipal funds to provide COAST North Bus Service to residents in Milton? If Favor: Would you be willing to pay higher fees or taxes to pay for it? (Multiple Choice)

Responses		
	Percent	Count
Favor, support higher taxes	27%	4
Favor, oppose higher taxes	33%	5
Oppose	40%	6
Don't Know	0%	0
Totals	100%	15

6.) In your opinion, how affordable is housing in your town for PURCHASE? (Multiple Choice)

Responses		
	Percent	Count
Very affordable	19%	3
Somewhat affordable	44%	7
Not very affordable	19%	3
Not affordable at all	6%	1
Don't know	13%	2
Totals	100%	16

7.) In your opinion, how affordable is housing in your town for RENT? (Multiple Choice)

Responses		
	Percent	Count
Very affordable	0%	0
Somewhat affordable	24%	4
Not very affordable	6%	1
Not affordable at all	0%	0
Don't know	71%	12
Totals	100%	17

8.) Which of the following types of new residential development would you like to see in your town? (Multiple Choice)*

	Responses	
	Percent	Count
Single-family detached housing	38%	6
Apartment Buildings	0%	0
Accessory Apartments such as in-law apartments	13%	2
Townhouses	6%	1
Clusters of single-family homes	19%	3
Attached homes such as Duplexes and tri-plexes	0%	0
Manufactured Housing	0%	0
Housing for adults over 55 years old	13%	2
Assisted living facilities	6%	1
None	6%	1
Totals	100%	16

9.) Where should future development occur in your REGION of the state ... (Multiple Choice)*

	Responses	
	Percent	Count
Growth in already developed areas	63%	10
Growth in undeveloped areas	13%	2
Don't Know	25%	4
Totals	100%	16

***10.) Where should future development occur in your TOWN ... (Multiple Choice)**

	Responses	
	Percent	Count
Growth in already developed areas	69%	11
Growth in undeveloped areas	19%	3
Don't Know	13%	2
Elsewhere	0%	0
Totals	100%	16

11.) Which of the following are most important to have in your community? Choose 1. (Multiple Choice)

	Responses	
	Percent	Count
Medical Offices	6%	1
Grocery Stores	0%	0
Restaurants	0%	0
Small businesses and retail	31%	5
Quality Schools	38%	6
Nearby Job Opportunities	25%	4
Farms, Farm Stands, and forestry businesses	0%	0
Cultural and recreational facilities	0%	0
Destinations within walking distance	0%	0
Totals	100%	16

12.) Which of the following are most important to have in your town? #2 Choice (Multiple Choice)

		Responses	
		Percent	Count
	Medical Offices	6%	1
	Grocery Stores	6%	1
	Restaurants	6%	1
	Small businesses and retail	31%	5
	Quality Schools	19%	3
	Nearby Job Opportunities	25%	4
	Farms, Farm Stands, and forestry businesses	0%	0
	Cultural and recreational facilities	6%	1
	Destinations within walking distance	0%	0
	Totals	100%	16

13.) Which of the following would you place the highest priority on for your town over the next 10 years? #1 Choice (Multiple Choice)

	Responses	
	Percent	Count
Protecting the quality of water for recreation	19%	3
Protecting drinking water supplies	50%	8
Protecting aquatic and marine habitats	6%	1
Protecting access to recreational land and scenic views	6%	1
Protecting forests and timber production	0%	0
Protecting farms and agricultural land	13%	2
Protecting air quality	0%	0
Managing shore land and waterfront development	6%	1
Protecting opportunities for quality hunting and fishing	0%	0
Totals	100%	16

14.) Which of the following would you place the highest priority on for your town over the next 10 years? #2 Choice (Multiple Choice)

	Responses	
	Percent	Count
Protecting the quality of water for recreation	25%	4
Protecting drinking water supplies	31%	5
Protecting aquatic and marine habitats	6%	1
Protecting access to recreational land and scenic views	0%	0
Protecting forests and timber production	0%	0
Protecting farms and agricultural land	19%	3
Protecting air quality	6%	1
Managing shore land and waterfront development	13%	2
Protecting opportunities for quality hunting and fishing	0%	0
Totals	100%	16

15.) Which of the following things should be encouraged/supported in your town? #1 Choice (Multiple Choice)

	Responses	
	Percent	Count
Promoting Tourism (Seasonal recreation)	13%	2
Protecting historic buildings and neighborhoods	27%	4
Attracting more stores and shops	13%	2
Attracting more non-polluting light industry	40%	6
Expanding or promoting current businesses	0%	0
Promoting local agriculture	0%	0
Sponsoring special cultural or recreational events	0%	0
Increasing access to ponds, lakes, and rivers	0%	0
Increasing access to forests and trails	0%	0
Promoting safe places to walk or bike	7%	1
Totals	100%	15

**16.) Which of the following things should be encouraged/supported in your town? #2
Choice (Multiple Choice)**

Responses		
	Percent	Count
Promoting Tourism (Seasonal recreation)	6%	1
Protecting historic buildings and neighborhoods	25%	4
Attracting more stores and shops	19%	3
Attracting more non-polluting light industry	31%	5
Expanding or promoting current businesses	6%	1
Promoting local agriculture	6%	1
Sponsoring special cultural or recreational events	0%	0
Increasing access to ponds, lakes, and rivers	0%	0
Increasing access to forests and trails	0%	0
Promoting safe places to walk or bike	6%	1
Totals	100%	16

17.) Should your town allow the use of alternative energy generation and distribution by homeowners? (Multiple Choice)

Responses		
	Percent	Count
Yes	63%	10
Yes, with restrictions	31%	5
No	0%	0
Don't know	6%	1
Totals	100%	16

18.) Which of the following weather related events are you most concerned about in your town? Choose One. (Multiple Choice)

Responses		
	Percent	Count
Flooding	44%	7
Power Outages	13%	2
Wind Damage	6%	1
Drought	13%	2
Snow or ice storms	13%	2
Wildfires	13%	2
Totals	100%	16

19.) How concerned are you about your community's level of preparedness for severe weather and storm events? (Multiple Choice)

Responses		
	Percent	Count
Very Concerned	44%	7
Somewhat Concerned	38%	6
Not Very Concerned	13%	2
Not at all concerned	0%	0
Don't Know	6%	1
Totals	100%	16

Questions 20-30 were developed by the Milton Conservation Commission.

20.) Are you interested in utilizing trail networks on conserved properties that are open for outdoor recreation such as bike riding, hiking, skiing and snow shoeing? (Multiple Choice)

Responses		
	Percent	Count
Yes	63%	10
Yes, with restrictions	31%	5
No	6%	1
Don't know	0%	0
Totals	100%	16

21.) Should the town have a designated Town Forest that provides protective forested buffers to important Milton watersheds? (Multiple Choice)

Responses		
	Percent	Count
Yes	88%	14
No	0%	0
Don't know	13%	2
Totals	100%	16

22.) How important is it to you to preserve the rural character of Milton? (Multiple Choice)

Responses		
	Percent	Count
Very Important	69%	11
Somewhat Important	25%	4
Not Very Important	6%	1
Not Important	0%	0
Don't know	0%	0
Totals	100%	16

23.) Do you and your family enjoy outdoor recreational activities such as hiking, snowmobiling, fishing, hunting? (Multiple Choice)

Responses		
	Percent	Count
Yes, frequently	25%	4
Yes, infrequently	44%	7
No, but would like to	19%	3
No	13%	2
Don't know	0%	0
Totals	100%	16

24.) Do you believe in the importance of protecting Milton's lakes and drinking water through land conservation projects? (Multiple Choice)

Responses		
	Percent	Count
Yes	88%	14
Yes, but with methods other than land conservation	13%	2
No	0%	0
Don't know	0%	0
Totals	100%	16

25.) Do you support local farms by shopping at farm stands or market places? (Multiple Choice)

Responses		
	Percent	Count
Yes, frequently	63%	10
Yes, infrequently	31%	5
No, but would like to (in support)	6%	1
No	0%	0
Don't know	0%	0
Totals	100%	16

26.) Do you believe that Milton should support the Tourism and Agri-tourism Industries by promoting and supporting infrastructure such as hotels and restaurants to support these industries? (Multiple Choice)

Responses		
	Percent	Count
Yes	38%	6
Yes, but with restrictions	50%	8
No	0%	0
Don't know	13%	2
Totals	100%	16

27.) Do you think that making the village center more attractive is important to Milton's economic development? (Multiple Choice)

Responses		
	Percent	Count
Yes, very important	76%	13
Yes, somewhat important	24%	4
No, not important	0%	0
Don't know	0%	0
Totals	100%	17

28.) Do you think that the current state of Milton’s village center is detrimental to encouraging desirable development of the town? (Multiple Choice)

Responses		
	Percent	Count
Yes, very detrimental	56%	9
Yes, somewhat detrimental	31%	5
No, not detrimental	6%	1
Don’t know	6%	1
Totals	100%	16

29.) Would you support the creation of a historic district in downtown Milton, which would set appearance standards for the town center in an effort to retain it's historic feel, and prevent further degradation? (Multiple Choice)

Responses		
	Percent	Count
Yes	59%	10
Yes, with restrictions	35%	6
No	6%	1
Don’t know	0%	0
Totals	100%	17

30.) Should the town have a designated Town Forest that provides for multiple, non-motorized outdoor recreation? (Multiple Choice)

Responses		
	Percent	Count
Yes	63%	10
Yes, with restrictions	25%	4
No	0%	0
Don't know	13%	2
Totals	100%	16

31.) Do you have broadband access at home? (Multiple Choice)

Responses		
	Percent	Count
Yes	94%	15
No	6%	1
Don't know	0%	0
Totals	100%	16

32.) Which of the following is the most important reason why you don't have internet access at home? (Multiple Choice)

	Responses	
	Percent	Count
It isn't available where I live	0%	0
I have access at another place such as my job	0%	0
It is too expensive	50%	2
I don't know how to use it	0%	0
I don't need it	0%	0
I don't have an adequate computer	0%	0
Some other reason	0%	0
Don't know	50%	2
Totals	100%	4

33.) Why are you using your current provider? (Multiple Choice)

	Responses	
	Percent	Count
I'm happy with my current provider	40%	6
Only option available	13%	2
Too costly to change	0%	0
Too much effort to change	13%	2
Learning curve is too steep	7%	1
Don't know what other options are available	13%	2
Other	13%	2
Don't know	0%	0
Totals	100%	15

34.) Do you favor or oppose - using municipal funds to provide the following broadband infrastructure to existing and potential development? If Favor: Would you be willing to pay higher fees or taxes to pay for it? (Multiple Choice)

	Responses	
	Percent	Count
Favor, support higher taxes	13%	2
Favor, oppose higher taxes	25%	4
Oppose	50%	8
Don't Know	13%	2
Totals	100%	16

**35.) How much more (if any) would you be willing to pay for faster internet speeds?”
(Multiple Choice)**

Responses		
	Percent	Count
Nothing	100%	16
25% More per month	0%	0
50% More per month	0%	0
Don't Know	0%	0
Totals	100%	16

Questions 36-40 were developed by Jerry Coogan, Milton's Town Planner.

36.) Are you familiar with the Milton Economic Development Strategy? (Multiple Choice)

Responses		
	Percent	Count
Yes	53%	9
No	47%	8
Totals	100%	17

37.) Are you familiar with the results of the design workshop for Exits 17 and 18? (Multiple Choice)

Responses		
	Percent	Count
Yes	56%	9
No	44%	7

Totals	100%	16
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38.) If you are familiar with the results of the design workshop, are you in favor of the type of development being proposed for Exits 17 and 18? (Multiple Choice)*

Responses		
	Percent	Count
Yes	82%	9
No	18%	2
Totals	100%	11

39.) Do you think the town of Milton should consider feasibility of extending sewer service to Exit 17 and 18? (Multiple Choice)*

Responses		
	Percent	Count
Yes	57%	8
No	43%	6
Totals	100%	14

40.) Are you in favor of the Town's encouragement of planned economic development? (Multiple Choice)

Responses		
	Percent	Count
Yes	88%	14
No	13%	2
Totals	100%	16

41.) Which of the following do you think should be the TOP (#1) priority for investment of federal dollars? (Multiple Choice)

	Responses	
	Percent	Count
Safe and affordable housing	0%	0
Transportation systems	0%	0
Energy efficiency	13%	2
Environmental protection or natural resources protection	13%	2
Economic development	19%	3
Infrastructure development (Sewer, Water, Electricity, Broadband)	13%	2
Preparedness for weather and other emergencies	6%	1
Education	19%	3
Something else?	0%	0
All of these	19%	3
Totals	100%	16

42.) Which of the following do you think should be the TOP (#2) priority for investment of state dollars? (Multiple Choice)

	Responses	
	Percent	Count
Safe and affordable housing	6%	1
Transportation systems	6%	1
Energy efficiency	13%	2
Environmental protection or natural resources protection	25%	4
Economic development	6%	1
Infrastructure development (Sewer, Water, Electricity, Broadband)	13%	2
Preparedness for weather and other emergencies	6%	1
Education	13%	2
Something else?	0%	0
All of these	13%	2
Totals	100%	16

43.) Which of the following do you think should be the TOP (#1) priority for investment of local dollars? (Multiple Choice)

	Responses	
	Percent	Count
Safe and affordable housing	0%	0
Transportation systems	6%	1
Energy efficiency	6%	1
Environmental protection or natural resources protection	13%	2
Economic development	44%	7
Infrastructure development (Sewer, Water, Electricity, Broadband)	6%	1
Preparedness for weather and other emergencies	6%	1
Education	19%	3
Something else?	0%	0
All of these	0%	0
Totals	100%	16

*See comments/notes

Comments/Notes from Milton Participants

Questions-Edits to questions asked/slides

Outreach slide: Make outreach likes/dislikes into two slides and make the font larger

Housing question:

Question #9 Where should future development occur in your part of the state ... in already developed areas of your region in order to preserve natural areas, and make use of existing utilities and services, OR in undeveloped areas in order to avoid higher densities?

Comment: This question should say residential development, and not just development.

Revote: What type of residential development would you not like to see in your town.

- a. Single family detached housing-1
- b. Apartment buildings-8
- g. manufactured housing-2
- i. assisted living facilities 2

Environment/Community Supported Activities question:

Questions #15 & 16 Which of the following things should be encouraged/supported in your town?

Comment: There should be a response option that allows for a response of all of the above.

Economic Development questions:

Question #38 If you are familiar with the results of the design workshop, are you in favor of the type of development being proposed for Exits 17 and 18?

Comment: The questions should be separated so that the projects at Exit 17 and Exit 18 are addressed separately.

Revote: Are you in favor of the type of development being proposed for Exit 17?

YES-8

NO-1

Are you in favor of the type of development being proposed for Exit 18?

YES-7

NO-2

Question #39 Do you think the Town of Milton should consider feasibility of extending sewer service to Exit 17 and 18?

Comment: The questions should be separated so that the projects at Exit 17 and Exit 18 are addressed separately

Revote: Do you think the Town of Milton should consider feasibility of extending sewer service to Exit 17?

YES-14

NO-1

Do you think theTown of Milton should consider feasibility of extending sewer service to Exit 18?

YES-0

NO-14

General Comments from Participants

- How do the tax rates weigh in when encouraging certain types of housing in the region, this plays a part, but is not addressed in the survey.
- Cost of housing can range from \$50,000 to 200,000 so gauging a sense of affordability is difficult as there is no way to tease out responses (Relates to question 8)
- With the question concerning the village center, it should be addressed whether proposed economic development would increase, expand or _____ existing downtown development (Relates to question 27)
- General concerns with the outreach event
 - Demographic of attendees is not representative of Milton
 - Questions concerning affordability of rental housing skewed as most attendees are homeowners
 - Expressed that the makeup and size of the sample should be clearly defined in reporting results for the outreach event
 - As long as the participant size is reported, then comfortable with the reporting of these results.
- Looking at Routes 75 and 125 is related to the Master Plan. The planning board is looking to update the Master Plan. The outreach's purpose was to bring consciousness to the process of updating the master plan in an effort to educate the public and the Town boards.
 - It was discussed that as a data resource Census data can provide insightful information about Milton
 - Zeitgeist-polling discussion provides a sense of major issues that are pulling the town/region forward, and the importance of defining these issues.
- Question asked about the statewide resource of the Master Plans from all nine RPCs, and if it would be a resource by decision makers
 - It was explained that the document is a data resource for decision makers to get a picture of what is going on in their town/city/region. The nine rpcs's plans will be compiled by OEP into state plan, to use on a statewide basis. SRPC has worked to keep the process focused on a bottoms up approach.



Moose Mountains Tourism Regional Conversation

September 25, 2014 & October 23, 2014

57 Participants

Strafford Regional Planning Commission teamed up with Moose Mountain Regional Greenways on Septembers 26, 2014 and October 23, 2014 to begin a regional conversation concerning tourism and economic development in the Moose Mountains Region.

Charlie French from UNH Cooperative Extensions' Community and Economic Development Program spoke about tourism in New Hampshire, and what it takes to be a tourist destination. After the presentation, attendees broke out into groups to discuss how they see their communities, Discussing Three Key Questions.

The results are reported on the following page.

QUESTION 1 HOW DO YOU SEE YOUR COMMUNITY?



NATURAL & SCENIC RESOURCES

- ◆ SALMON FALLS RIVER HEADWATERS
- ◆ CONSERVATION LANDS
- ◆ RIVERS, STREAMS, LAKES
- ◆ WILDLIFE
- ◆ BRANCH RIVER
- ◆ TENERIFFE NATURE CONSERVANCY
- ◆ THE FLUME (MILTON)
- ◆ BRANCH RIVER SCENIC AND CULTURAL BYWAY

RECREATION

- ◆ WINTER SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES
- ◆ SNOWSHOEING
- ◆ CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING (“BRANCH HILL-TO-WAKEFIELD”)
- ◆ SNOWMOBILING
- ◆ ICE FISHING
- ◆ ICE SAILING
- ◆ SNOW TUBING
- ◆ SUMMER SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES
- ◆ HIKING – RAILS TO TRAILS (TRAC)
- ◆ KAYAKING
- ◆ FISHING
- ◆ BIRD WATCHING
- ◆ SWIMMING
- ◆ CANOEING
- ◆ BIKING
- ◆ HORSEBACK RIDING
- ◆ APPLE AND BLUEBERRY PICKING
- ◆ TOWN BEACH
- ◆ SWIMMING LESSONS, SAILBOARDING, ETC.

HISTORIC SITES & CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES

- ◆ NH FARM MUSEUM
- ◆ MCKENZIE’S FARM
- ◆ HERITAGE PARK
- ◆ HERITAGE DISTRICT
- ◆ WAKEFIELD OPERA HOUSE
- ◆ WOODS AND WATERS FESTIVAL



WHAT YOU SAID, YOU HAVE:

“WE ALREADY HAVE WHAT WE NEED TO ATTRACT VISITORS; WE JUST NEED TO PROMOTE IT.”

“NEED TO PROMOTE OTHERS’ BUSINESSES: ‘THE PIE IS BIG ENOUGH’”

“WE’RE A SECRET...THAT’S THE PROBLEM.”

“BEST KEPT SECRET”

“RURAL, QUIET, FRIENDLY, NATURE GET-AWAY.”

“WALKABLE COMMUNITIES.”

“ACCESS TO VOLUNTEERS.”

“APPRECIATION OF UNIQUE SENSE OF COMMUNITY.”

WHAT YOU SAID, YOU NEED:

“NEED MORE PLACES TO STAY AND FEED FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN.”

“ASSISTANCE WITH MARKETING.”

“A MORE DIVERSE ECONOMY.”

“RID OURSELVES OF COMPLACENCY, WHICH HAS BECOME THE STATUS QUO.”

“USE EXAMPLES OF SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITY ASSETS.”

QUESTION 2 HOW COULD TOURISM PLAY A ROLE IN IMPROVING YOUR COMMUNITY? ?



CREATION OF MORE JOBS

- ◆ REVITALIZE COMMUNITIES AND STORE FRONTS
- ◆ KEEPING LOCAL[S] WORKING LOCAL[LY]
- ◆ NOT SENDING PEOPLE ELSEWHERE FOR GOODS & SERVICES
- ◆ STRONGER SMALL BUSINESSES
- ◆ LESS TRAVEL TIME IF MORE JOBS WERE AVAILABLE TO LOCALS
- ◆ ATTRACTION OF “ANCHOR BUSINESSES”

ENHANCING COMMUNITY CHARACTER

- ◆ MAKING IT MORE ATTRACTIVE
- ◆ MORE WELCOMING
- ◆ STIMULATING COMMUNITY PRIDE
- ◆ CULTURAL SOPHISTICATION
- ◆ LOCALS LEARNING MORE ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES
- ◆ MORE TIME FOR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT
- ◆ BECOMING A 4-SEASON DESTINATION
- ◆ GROWING THE VILLAGES
- ◆ INCREASING FAMILY AND YOUTH ACTIVITIES
- ◆ IMPROVED ACCESS TO SERVICES
- ◆ IMPROVED WALKABILITY
- ◆ ATTRACTING A MORE PERMANENT POPULATION
- ◆ EXPLORING A MARKET/AUDIENCE FOR SPECIALTY ENTERTAINMENT? PLAYHOUSE, THEATER, CRAFTS, ETC.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVANTAGES

- ◆ RELIEVES PRESSURE FROM INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT
- ◆ LIMIT UNDESIRE DEVELOPMENT
- ◆ ATTRACTING A BROADER VARIETY OF PEOPLE TO THE AREA
- ◆ INCREASED TAX REVENUE AND PROPERTY

WHAT YOU SAID, YOU WANT TO PROMOTE:

OUTDOOR SPORTS AND RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES
MUSIC AND ART VENUES
MICROBREWERIES
GARDEN AND HISTORIC TOURS
FARMERS MARKETS
HISTORIC AWARENESS
REGIONAL ASSETS THROUGH WEBSITE AND MAPS

WHAT YOU SAID, YOU'RE CONCERNED ABOUT:

“TOURISM WILL PUT PRESSURE ON NATURAL RESOURCES – HOW DO WE KEEP THIS IN BALANCE?”

“ENSURE THE RECOGNITION AND THE PROTECTION OF OUR ASSETS – HISTORIC BUILDINGS, ENVIRONMENT, ETC.”

“NEED ECONOMIC VITALITY WITHOUT SACRIFICING EXISTING ASSETS AND CHARACTER.”

QUESTION 3 WHAT ARE SOME IDEAS FOR NEXT STEPS?

SHORT-TERM



- ◆ DETERMINE CURRENT ASSETS
- ◆ DEVELOP REGIONAL BRAND – AGRICULTURE, RECREATION, HISTORIC, CULTURAL
- ◆ ESTABLISH REGIONAL ALLIANCE
- ◆ ENCOURAGE TOWN BIDS TO ENGAGE PUBLIC IN VISIONING FOR THE FUTURE
- ◆ ENGAGE AND SCHEDULE FOLLOW-UP MEETINGS
- ◆ BROADEN THE BASE – KEEP TALKING, KEEP LISTENING
- ◆ EDUCATE OURSELVES ABOUT INDIVIDUAL [TOWN-LEVEL] AND COMBINED [REGIONAL] STRENGTHS
- ◆ BEGIN ENVISIONING WHAT WE WANT THE OVERALL PICTURE TO BE
- ◆ ESTABLISH A WEB PRESENCE
- ◆ ANSWER THE QUESTION TO WHOM ARE WE TRYING TO MARKET TO
- ◆ ENCOURAGE FRIENDLY COMPETITION
- ◆ WORK TOGETHER TO GROW AND PROMOTE BUSINESSES
- ◆ BROAD SHARING

INTERMEDIATE-TERM



- ◆ ESTABLISH LOGO AND BRANDING FOR REGIONAL ALLIANCE
- ◆ ORGANIZE EVENTS [TO RAISE AWARENESS AND FUNDRAISE] – BIKE RACES, MARATHONS, KAYAKING
- ◆ USE SOCIAL MEDIA
- ◆ INVESTIGATE “MAIN STREET” GRANTS TO REVITALIZE DOWNTOWNS
- ◆ MAKE MORE OF OUR RURAL AND VINTAGE CHARACTER
- ◆ ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT OUTSIDE BUSINESSES
- ◆ PROMOTE TOURISM THAT IS AFFORDABLE FOR THE FAMILIES THAT VALUE THE OUTDOORS
- ◆ PUBLIC NEWSLETTER THAT CIRCULATES TO FAMILIES
- ◆ NETWORKING AND SHARED EVENT HOSTING

LONG-TERM



- ◆ REDEVELOP MARINA TO INCLUDE PARK AND GAZEBO
- ◆ SEEK OUT “ANCHOR ATTRACTIONS”
- ◆ CREATE HISTORIC DISTRICTS IN THE TOWN CENTERS
- ◆ RESTORE OLD RAILROAD STATION
- ◆ CAMPSITES AND HOSTELS FOR YOUNG FAMILIES

Summarized Notes from Moose Mountain Regional Tourism Event Tumbledown Café, Sanbornville, NH October 23rd, 2014

Below is an abbreviated list of topics that were discussed at the October 23rd meeting:

- .: The establishment of a formal committee that will continue to work on the tourism initiative
 - Originally it was discussed that Moose Mountain Regional Greenways (MMRG) may be a viable option as an existing entity. Cynthia Wyatt provided some context that MMRG would not be able to take the lead on this due to conflicts within their mission statement, as well as their role as a land trust; they are interested in being an active participant throughout the process.
 - A decision was made to form a new entity called the “Moose Mountain Regional Alliance”
 - 14 members signed up to participate
- .: The regional purpose and goal of this newly formed organization was discussed
 - Purpose:
 - A local entity tasked with providing assistance to residents, local businesses, and decision-makers by promoting and marketing the wide-range of community assets in the Moose Mountain Region, which include scenic, historic, agricultural, recreational, and cultural resources.
 - Goal:
 - Promote and increase public awareness of local resources in order to take advantage of potential regional economic opportunities
- .: Strafford Regional Planning Commission (SRPC) and UNH Cooperative Extension could potentially be partners in moving some actions forward by providing technical assistance
 - While the Alliance will eventually need to move forward on their own, SRPC can commit some time and resources in the early stages of development
- .: Participants at the workshop brainstormed short-term, intermediate, and long-term actions for the Alliance to consider
 - A list of those actions can be found on the next page

Short-Term Actions:

- .: Compiling a list of community assets
 - Lakes, ponds, rivers
 - Cultural and historical resources
 - Agriculture
 - Trails
 - Restaurants
 - Bed & breakfast destinations
 - Shopping opportunities
 - Museums
 - Libraries
 - Resources along Branch River Scenic Byway
 - Natural (exploration – flora/fauna)
 - Farmers' market locations
- .: Branding activities
 - Brochures; billboards
- .: Participation from all seven communities (Brookfield, New Durham, Farmington, Milton, Middleton, Wolfeboro, Wakefield)
- .: Encourage individually hosted events
- .: Clearly define the regional attributes
 - Historic, arts, agricultural, recreation, and rural life
- .: Research promotion methods (UNH Cooperative Extension assistance – digital map)
 - Website; blog
 - Facebook
 - Online mapping
 - Linking to existing websites
 - Signage on local and state roads
 - WMUR – Chronicle
 - Logos
 - Creation of a promotional video (w/ music)
- .: Engage high school students – new ideas, energy, technology, sense of community
- .: Creation of tag-line:
 - "The middle of nowhere is somewhere."
 - "Where families love to play."
 - "Best kept secret."
- .: Undertake regional engagement project
 - Regional visioning to learn what people want for the communities
- .: Research target audiences - UNH marketing (Peter T. Paul College of Business & Economics)
 - Best candidates?
 - Who do we want?
- .: Questions and comments to think about:

- What is the best way to get organized?

Intermediate Actions:

- ∴ Implement strategic marketing initiatives
 - Website
 - Social media
- ∴ Infrastructure improvements
 - State and local assets
 - Parking
 - Restrooms
 - Trailhead signs
- ∴ Identify grant opportunities
- ∴ Consider funding a position to assist in overseeing operations
- ∴ Develop trail greenway
- ∴ Identify “new” assets

Long-Term Actions:

- ∴ Connect Cotton Valley Trail to Wakefield – extension
- ∴ Creation of a better bike system
- ∴ Continuous farm-to-table events (not just summer)
- ∴ Quality food festivals
- ∴ Trail easement connections
- ∴ Maintain and improve experience for visitors and residents
- ∴ Provide more employment opportunities
- ∴ Encourage smart infrastructure and business development
- ∴ Promote controlled growth
- ∴ Redevelop Moose Mountain Recreation

Comment Cards



Listening Box and comment card

As mentioned in Part I Outreach Plan Strafford Regional Planning Commission set out listening boxes across the state. The comments received were analyzed and coded along with the other comments from the outreach events SRPC attended. The Granite State Future website also had an area where comments could be submitted online.

The comments submitted are included on the next page.