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Town of Durham Survey

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The average number of years lived in Durham was 13.6 years but over two thirds (67%) indicated that they had lived there 13 years or less. In fact, over half (52%) indicated that had lived in Durham less than 7 years.

Over three quarters (77%) indicated that they had owned their homes.

The most common reason for living in Durham was the nearness to the University (21%), followed by good schools (19%) and near job (14%).

Seventy-four percent indicated that they approved of the grouping of house in subdivisions, while only 16% opposed.

Fifty eight percent of those polled indicated that they supported multi-unit housing in some areas of Durham.

Of this group

- 78% supported student housing
- 93% supported elderly housing
- 77% supported low income housing.

When asked about the overall impact negative or positive of a variety of different types of development residents responded

- 84% said that light industry had a positive impact
- 75% said that single family houses had a positive impact
- 69% said elderly housing had a positive impact
- 38% said that multi-unit housing had a positive impact.

Economic and tax base development was supported by 69% of the residents.

- Of those that opposed it they were about evenly split between the potential changes (40%) and the expenditure of tax dollars (37%).
- Those that supported all four options though to differing degrees: research and development (78%), office development (74%), light industrial (63%) and retail development (58%).

A clear majority (75%) favored expanding the office and research zone in Durham.

- 83% favored Rt. 4 from Madbury Road to the Lee town line
- 69% favored Rt. 4 from Madbury Road to the Scammell Bridge
- 70% favored Dover Road (Rt. 108 towards Madbury)
- 64% favored Downtown
- 60% favored Rt. 155A (Mast Road & Old Concord Road)
- 54% favored Newmarket Road (Rt. 108 towards Newmarket)

The largest number of respondents indicated that they thought that the new stores ought to be located in Downtown (79%).

- 54% favored Dover Road
- 52% favored Rt.4 to Lee
- 36% favored Rt.4 to bridge
- 33% favored Newmarket Road
- 30% favored Rt. 155A.

Next respondents were asked a series of questions about how frequently they shopped in Downtown Durham for a number of goods and services.

- 67% indicated that they banked frequently
- 64% indicated that they picked up their pharmaceuticals frequently
- 60% said they shopped frequently for groceries
- 59% said they shopped for hardware frequently
- 44% indicated that they went to a restaurant frequently
- 33% said they did their dry cleaning frequently
- 19% indicated that they made travel plans frequently
- 11% indicated they use a florist frequently

The top three choices for new stores in Durham were:

- 26% clothing store
- 15% fine dining
- 12% bookstore.

The top choices for stores that residents do not want in Durham were:

- 28% Big Box Retail(Sam's Club, BJ's, K-mart, etc.)
- 13% Bars
- 12% Pizza/sandwich shops
- 12% Fast food
- 11% Department store
- 10% Strip malls.

The largest percentage indicated that they work in the city of Durham (40%), no other possible were above 5% except for Dover (8%) and Portsmouth (6%).

The vast majority 78% indicated that they drive in the car alone.

- 20% indicated that they would take the Amtrak train to Boston or Portland frequently on weekends
- 17% indicated that they would take the Amtrak train to Boston or Portland frequently on weekends.

The top three recreational opportunities that people thought were not adequately provided for in Durham were:

- 17% Community/Rec. center
- 12% Bike trails
- 11% Playgrounds.

The most common response what is the single primary threat to Durham's coastline was septic systems (18%) followed by fertilizer and pesticide runoff (16%), variances to town ordinances (11%) and erosion (11%).

About a third of those polled thought that the coastline was not adequately protected from the threat they described and an additional 37% indicated that they did not know if the coast was protected.

When asked if in order to improve the sense of community and improve community

communication, should the Town undertake certain steps respondents said:

- Town Newsletter 72%
- Development of a town center and meeting place 57%
- Concentration of Town Administration facilities 36%.

Next respondents were asked to rank a number of possible categories regarding how they would like their taxes spent.

- The lowest average rating was for economic and tax based development (2.5) and it received the highest rating from 39% of those polled.
- The next lowest average rating was for conservation of cultural and natural resources (2.6) which received a 1 from 26% of those polled.
- Third was parks and recreation projects with an average rating of 3.0 and received the highest rating from 14% of Durham residents.
- An improved sense of community had the fourth overall rating at 3.3 and was the top choice of 16% of residents.
- Last place went to transportation with an average rating of 3.5 which was the first choice of 11%.

When asked what is the relative importance of spending Oyster River School District funds on School Facilities 70% indicated that they were very important and just 3% indicated not at all important.

Sixty-nine percent of those polled indicated that they did not have a household member enrolled in an Oyster River School and 41% of those polled indicated that they had never had a household member enrolled in an Oyster River school.

Nine percent of those polled indicated that they had a household member enrolled in a private elementary or secondary school.

Twenty-two percent indicated that they had a household member enrolled at UNH.

Seventy-seven percent indicated that they live in a single family dwelling while 13% indicated that they lived in an apartment.

12% of homeowners indicated that they had one or more accessory apartments on their property but 96% of this group indicated that they had just one.

The majority of those polled were married couples (65%) followed by a single person living alone (17%).

The group we spoke with was highly educated with 38% possessing a graduate degree and 75% a college degree or more.

This group was also wired with 63% having access to the internet at home and 62% having access to the internet at work.

Methodology

The Survey Center at the University of New Hampshire conducted this survey of 303 residents of the city of Durham between September 15, 1998 and October 4, 1998. The numbers were randomly selected by exchanges that were known to cover the Durham area. After a contact was made the individual on the phone was asked whether they lived in the city of Durham and if they were a full time resident of the city. Only full-time residents of the city were eligible to continue the survey. Interviewing was conducted on weekdays from 10:00 a.m. to 9:15 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday. Weekend interviewing was conducted on Saturday and Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The error due to sampling error for a survey of this size is +/- 6%. Other sources of error include by individuals refusing to participate in the interview and the inability to connect with the selected number. Every feasible effort is made to obtain a response and reduce the error, but the reader should be aware that some error is inherent in all research.

Question 5

If you had to choose just one, what is the main reason you live in Durham?

good place to live

My husband was on the faculty.

like

been here so long

convenience

consistency of residential property

House was available at the right price

rentals

location

safety of town

school

location

natural beauty of location

stuck here

teacher occupation

i like it here

geographical location

like services

school

bought a house here

environment of town

walking community

access to seacoast

easy

education

like the town

property we own

owns "the outback"

like town

where i grew up

close to Boston, Portland, Portsmouth

Transferred here and liked it

i'm lazy

other

because of a friend

location in state

is planning on leaving

central location

they like it here

Lifestyle

Question 5(cont.)

If you had to choose just one, what is the main reason you live in Durham?

grandchildren
unh
Bad Judgement
i like it
can't afford to move

Question 11

In what areas of Durham should multi-unit housing be permitted?

downtown for students, further out for elderly, depends
subdivisions, not in historic district
all over
downtown
none
none
dont know , near university
The industrial area next to sewage treatment
Elderly-downtown, not sure of how to respond, Low income- through out
The core and proximity to unh
outskirts
outskirts
not on the main roads, sidestreets, Behind police station
the center of town
In the down town area
In the down town area and the campus area
all areas
not down town
near unh
close to town
In the downtown area
country areas, not near homes
greater downnton area
not on campus
areas as zoned
In the comercial areas or in areas outside of town.
Keep them in the high traffic areas
no impact on homes
In the downtown area
no preference, but spread out
no restrict
where ATO is, or the crack house

Question 11 (cont.)

In what areas of Durham should multi-unit housing be permitted?

in the downtown area

college

no particular area

any area

check the impacts on all areas separately

downtown

any areas

downtown, adjacent to university

Areas close to UNH

no

downtown

Mill Rd., 155A

downtown

all areas

all over but not in Main Street

near the high school and Mill Rd., Mast Rd., 155A

West end of town, past horse barns

closer to university

closer to the center

depends on what they look like and who they house

around university

close to university

areas close to downtown

any current residential and downtown

ANY

as zoned

anywhere on sewer lines

not on Durham point

just near downtown and the university

mill road

anything not environmentally protected

all areas

downtown Durham area

within five square miles of campus

right downtown

where ever there is space

where there is room

wherever currently are

Wouldn't restrict an area

Outlying areas

areas around university

where ever

Question 11 (cont.)

In what areas of Durham should multi-unit housing be permitted?

in the central district

it doesn't make a difference

anyplace

outlying areas of town

anywhere

downtown 155A

sites that are easily accessed

student housing close to campus. Elderly housing close to the center of town.

on the way to dover

don't know

off of packers falls road or close to downtown durham

everywhere

all areas contiguous to UNH, and low income down on durham point rd

where appropriate

not restricted

downtown.

anywhere it can fit

nonexclusive

near university, near the center of town

In the core

downtown, in areas that aren't currently residential areas

based on rest of plan, nature of housing, near schools

downtown, more built up area

near unh

small area's

no idea

any

doesn't matter

doesn't matter

near the university only

close to downtown

downtown

not downtown commercial area

an

downtown

throughout the town

watersewar

student -near campus,

not in congested neighborhoods

no multi-housing should be put in with single unit residential areas

close to downtown

Question 11(cont.)

In what areas of Durham should multi-unit housing be permitted?

Close to center of town
Only in the center district
all areas
On the UNH campus
near university
out of town
Close to downtown
in an appropriate zone
downtown
in all areas
outer skirt
where it is now
scattered around
Mill Road
Close to the town in order to use all facilities
closer to campus
outskirts of durham
Rt.108, Old Concord Turnpike, Dover Rd.
downtown

Question 33

What types of new stores would you like to see in Durham that are not currently provided?

natural food store
deli or bakery
department store
Large grocery
another dry cleaner
department store
new eating options
bars for grown ups only
computer center
bakery
excellent restaurant
discount books
groceries
wal mart
grocery store
fabric
walmart
dunkin donuts, burger king,

Question 33(cont.)

What types of new stores would you like to see in Durham that are not currently provided?

eclectic dining

Dunkin' Donuts

larger grocery store with more variety

dunkin' donuts

bakery

children

bakery

nice shops for gifts, like ones in portsmouth

movie theatre

movie theater

more focused toward year round residents

another pharmacy that accepts more insurance

take out

department stores

movie theatre

expanded grocery store

more family run businesses

bakery

department store

more grocery stores

Dunkin Donuts

health food store

Retail stores

grocery

health food store

tailor

natural food store

gifts and craft store

grocery stores

Lower priced nice restaurant for lunch and dinner, not in basement of building

Radio Shack

dry cleaner competition

department store

larger supermarket

light industry

music store

gallery

better grocery store

dept. store

health food store

Question 33(cont.)

What types of new stores would you like to see in Durham that are not currently provided?

Ames
greenhouses
movie theatre
dry cleaners
mini-mall like the one in the lee traffic circle
drug store
restaurants
sporting goods store
restaurants
mall
Fist class deli
Bakery
grocery
All retail stores welcome
craft
gift stores
drug store
Kinko's
grocery store
grocery store with more reasonable prices
thrift shop
movie theatre
movie theater
movie theater
Movie theater
Gap
retail clothing store
grocery
store that features unique area goods, local talent, art, literature,crafts
Fabric store
gift store
discount dept. store
office supply
auto parts
dept. store
old movie theater by benjamins
francisces
grocery store
another bank
bakery
music store more selection

Question 33(cont.)

What types of new stores would you like to see in Durham that are not currently provided?

computer store
botique -- clothes
music store
craftgift shop
bakery, movies
florist
more restaruants
cheaper restaurant (McDonald's)
more variety of retail stores
quilt shop
music store
walmart , kmart
grocery and hardware
florists
barber shop
walmart type
fabric
toy store
eye specialist, regularly
grocery
recycling center
grocery store
music storecds
toystore
mexican restaurant
restaurant
gift shop
restaurants
boutiques
music store
more restaurants
toy store
ski shop
bars, furniture home decorating
Walmart type store, clothes store
grocery store competitive prices
gifts
movie theatre
Fast Food
another grocery store
bike shop

Question 33(cont.)

What types of new stores would you like to see in Durham that are not currently provided?

Adult Coffee Shop
knick nack store
larger video store
stationary
fabric store
Kinko's
toy store
model Durham after downtown Exeter
first class bakery
fast food - dunkin don.
music
bakery
Bakery
toy store
bars
art store

Question 34

What types of new stores do you not want to see in Durham?

hairdressing
No big Chains
Another grocery store, or Bookstore
convenience store
college merchandise stores
Tobacco shop
poorly cared for auto repair restaurants
dunkin doughnuts
Rite Aid
pornography
craft shops
Store that will put out the other stores
convient store
x-rated porno stores
tattoo parlor, motorcycle dealer
pornargraphy
no francises
pornography
Tishirt stores
gun shop
adult bookstore

Question 34(cont.)

What types of new stores do you not want to see in Durham?

porno stores, fabric stores

hardware

big food chains, but please do get health food stores and good will stores

tattoos, bars, body piercing, porn shops

convenience store

grocery stores

porn

tattoo

no pornography

convenience

liquor store

industrial productions

no more arts and crafts stores

porno

chain stores

gambling places and liquor stores

antique stores

heavy industry

adult bookstore

drug stores, GAP, and Blockbuster Video

adult video and book

anything that pollutes the environment

carwash

chain stores

office supplies

pornography or adult stores

craftgift stores and stores that appeal to small children

grocery stores

adult movie, and book

video stores

computer store

no pornography

anything ugly or pornographic

all kinds

No new stores at all

Grocery

no adult stores (porn)

no x rated places

video arcades

nude stores, adult book stores

computer store

tee shirt stores

Question 42

Are there any specific areas in Durham that are not currently protected through public ownership, non-profit conservation ownership, or conservation easements that you feel should be protected?

adult book stores

Edgewood ext. and emerson.

no new house b/c will cause traffic

Durham point rd.

college woods

mill pond

College Woods, no road through it

Breds cove; the road has consrticted the water from flowing freely

Emersion road shold be protected no multiple dewellings

all the tidal zones, and the swamps, wetlands

Marsh landswet lands, beach fronts

Great bay and all of the estuaries

wagon hill farm

shoreline

riverfront (oyster/lamprey), trails on coast, area between emerson and

dagdad

to protect the bay

oyster river and the university water source

jackson's landing

Wagon Hill, Terrell Farm

College woods, the Loop road

college woods

farms not previously owned so not turned into housing developments

rivers

land behind the highschool they want to build 33 houses on

i don't know

on rt 4

private property

spruce hole

College woods

the town landing- dumb snow in there which causes sedimentation

corridor into town by Wagon Hill and forest in University

155A wetlands

Watershed near the pondlake that town gets their water

lot behind Bayview Rd.; places enabling bicycling to downtown

along the oyster river

the area by the Sprint Tower needs protection

Wisswall

rivers

College Woods on the UNH campus

Question 42

Are there any specific areas in Durham that are not currently protected through public ownership, non-profit conservation ownership, or conservation easements that you feel should be protected?

route 4- small bridge, tide comes in
marsh land
beach hill, doe farm
all building going on is threatening
oyster river
108
estuary
mill pond
Everything along the Oyster River
DURHAM POINT
Mill Pond
wagon hill farm
coastline around wago hill
Where there are stores in town
Mill Pond dredging
open farm land, interior of durham

Question 46

Please list a maximum of three other approaches you believe would help Durham enhance its sense of community and community communication.

town events, old town meeting, annual school meeting
recreation building
a playground, a real library
newcomer's club
town pride parades, family events
having something for the youth to do
info out in the local paper
community center recreation building
no
Lowering the tax rate
Get better relations with the university
A library
web page
raise taxes
homepage, more meetings, and politicians kissing babies
state funding of schools
town meetings were too long, but Good place for old people to participate.
newspaper, signs

Question 46(cont.)

Please list a maximum of three other approaches you believe would help Durham enhance its sense of community and community communication.

Remove Barrel and sign at entrance to town. Flowers are nice.
Televised town meetings.
not everyone is focused on the schools, continuing growth of UNH
more honest schoolboard
newspaper that is other than a newsletter, more interaction with UNH
no
library in it's own building, a place where meetings could take place
a library building
more parking for residents and a nice library
better downtown and grown up bars without college kids
we have a good little town
those listed
more visibility of the town mayor or representatives, a way to speak to them
Public access tv, newspaper articles, radio
meetings on cable tv, school board and council
stores with shops on top. outdoor cafes, bigger sidewalks, expand library, rec center
progressive elected party, positive approach to students
parking like portsmouth, Road going to the DUMP on the other end.
town building should extend backwards and Cost should be looked out.
Main St. Project
town functions separate from university, spaghetti dinner
big brothers big sisters, mentorship, helping youth,
return to the unified support for public education k-12
newsletter, town meetings
improve downtown-library-better building-recreational-skiing, teens
they're already making an effort with the concerts on main street
more intertwined with the college campus
be more involved with the college activities
expand downtown area, but no land
town officials need to communicate more with common man
school board and zoning board need to work together
New England type town hall, revamp downtown, reduce traffic patten
newspaper(local)
no
expand the library, playgroundbarbecue area, beach
more cooperation between w/ UNH, town concerts
better communication between college students and townspeople.
1.community space 1st class auditorium 2.townuniversity relations

Question 46(cont.)

Please list a maximum of three other approaches you believe would help Durham enhance its sense of community and community communication.

integration of community by attitude. a fair
better summer concert attendance, more events w/ UNH
more interaction between the unh and town, particularly w/ kids
reducing the taxes
Community center
talk to UNH, income tax, no property tax, bicycle paths
central calendar of events, web page
I would like the sea for the town dump to be eliminated
identifiable existence beyond unh
a newsletter
newsletter, town day
rec center,newsletter
townspeople more independent from unh, unh a little more hospitable to
durham
a good library
the durham police should work with the students more
Dunkin' Donuts, Recreation area for kids
larger and televised town council meetings, central bulliten board
none
reinstatement of the town meeting
more parking, public access to water ways
specifically state agenda before a town meeting, use committees and
surveys
rec park
large theatreperforming arts center, public trackfield
developmeny of memorial park, redesign main st, utility improvements
bigger better library with daily hours, performance facility
have a park or common downtown
BUILD A LIBRARY
more community events and word of mouth
stop trying to keep up with the university
cable television meetings
more involvement w/ town residents, not students, more open area time
town performance space, musicals, outdoor summer performance space
old fashioned democratic town meeting, not so called community information
meeting
build a nice town library
Less students
town recreation dept. and non-smoking coffee barszones

Question 46(cont.)

Please list a maximum of three other approaches you believe would help Durham enhance its sense of community and community communication.

meeting place is great idea, needs to be casual so people feel confo
more community and unh interaction
parking!!!
bring back durham days in may
improvements to Main Street
local cable channel
more friendly to the university
picnic at wagon hill,town activities like winter skating
a recognized town center that worked, utilization of cable contract
PTO
grociery delivery
yearly bonfire where everyone can roast marshmellow
more events, anything hosted by the town as opposed to UNH,
Builing up the Main Street Area
news letter is an excellent idea
new high school
activities
maximum use of internet facilities
don't know
some sort of resident
days where main street is blocked off for bands and fairs
enhancement of the downtown area
christmas house tour, fund raisers for community
fun, safe activities for older kids, involving older people as well
strengthen link between community and the town
spend money on schools
websight, additional things like July 4th w comminity clubs
several town meetings per year, more communication with UNH
improved community involvememt
relationship with university. Town meeting!!!!!! Student senates at meetings.
none
none
share university with town
welcome wagon service
faculty integrated more in to student life
stricter laws on bikes and skateboards on sidewalks
recreational center for children
summer program, expland library
Communication with the University and business areas,economic mngemnt
fairs and carnivals

Question 46(cont.)

Please list a maximum of three other approaches you believe would help Durham enhance its sense of community and community communication.

keep most development within walking distance of the town
radio station in Durham, more adult rec. opportunities better library center
community center
fair or a parade
town newsletter
Kiwanis Club or other type of extra club
more festivals or get-togethers
Don't know
library, playground in core of Durham, connect town hall, river front park to core
various selectmen work in harmony with school officials
newspaper, include University in Town politics, parking issues
have a central meeting place
the university should not view itself as separate, financially etc
Durham public service announcement
picnic, concert series in summer, mimic Dover, Somersworth
report in news paper on what is happening in town council meetings
town meeting
develop a website
town meeting publicized, more interaction between town and unh,
webpage on internet and newsletter
unify opinions
community center
town is well run
better communication between university and town
keep things in their original state, keep things open and nice looking
town center
newspaper, telephone or radio
don't need any
more info about budget and where money is going
gathering places for community. no jobs for kids. any opportunities for children.
like it how it is
centralize police, and town government
take emphasis off UNH community, facilities for children
preserving land areas ponds, downtown enhancement
meeting place
town meetings
Newsletter and Meeting place
independent counsel for reporting, reevaluate the library & UNH.

Question 46(cont.)

Please list a maximum of three other approaches you believe would help Durham enhance its sense of community and community communication.

improve schools

reach out to citizens more

Town pool and movie theater

library

More things for Elderly, more town use of UNH for, More public docks, picnic areas

alcohol consump. should be dealt w more seriously on campus

I don't know

Web page, community bulletin board for community events

developing downtown

NEWSLETTER, BOARDING HOUSE-INHUMANESHARING BATHROOMS

newsletter would bw great

encouragement of volunteerism, encourage community involvement

better sidewalks, (more along 108) , more trees, more projects like Three Chimneys

use of new proposed high school auditorium, cooperation by unh

more public information; general, through library and mail

some kind of elderly center or for disabled

more industry, less residential

more community events, concerts,

more community wide activities. School activities. more activities at Wagon

recreation commission

news letter updating, new Durham school system

Communication through school systems, Unbiased Arbitrator to give issues

Communication from town council

people without children in the schools are isolated

more cooperative efforts with the university

postalemail notification of proposals, wagon hill for library

bike route,notification of proposals, wagon hill for library

volunteerism, work within neighborhoods

need to hear more about the schools

Question 52

If you can, please name one issue or project that you believe the Town should have as a high priority in its Master Plan.

school systems

high school

wagon hill development

Question 52(cont.)

If you can, please name one issue or project that you believe the Town should have as a high priority in its Master Plan.

economic development

something for the youth to do

library

huge hotel on the waterfront

downtown area with the traffic flow

reducing the tax rate

community center

traffic, major concern

developing the area next to sewage treatment plant

Keeping taxes down

Fixing the intersection at 108 and mainstreet

Civilizing undergraduate population

congestion at corner of 108

downtown traffic

bring school tax dollars down

taxes are too high, schools getting bad

make downtown beautiful, clean-up, fix-it

Economics

dealing with the school problem

Economic development

working on development of light industry to improve tax base

more attractive place for business

get some industrial offices, and research.

improving the school system

drawing in more business to improve the economy

new library

Parking is terrible, needs to be improved!

sense of community

controlling development

college woods should be left alone. Don't make roads go through there

get people out to do things together

development of the track and field stadium of oyster river school

Parking and the economy

maintain the rural atmosphere of the town

northern connector out of the university and the water treatment plant

Building up the economic sense of the town. To help the town out.

cutting down the administrators in the school system

bringing economic base to town (clean industry, well maintained business)

Parking

more entertainment outdoor by the river. Concerts, amphitheater.

better educational, more \$\$ to reimburse town for lost due to university

Question 52(cont.)

If you can, please name one issue or project that you believe the Town should have as a high priority in its Master Plan.

projects

Mian St. Project

transportation; amtrak

new high school

recreation for the town-pool, not connected with UNH

less taxes on home owners-especially retired people

more sense of community with the university

stop and look at the situation before taxes keep going up

well planned development

coordination with the schools

better intergration of downtown with the campus of UNH

taxes

more developed parks

open space

town recreation area

golf course

improvement of Main Street and church hill

school system

conservation of natural environment

auditorium for public schools

first class auditorium through Oyster River school

transport

economic development to browden the tax base

Descisions need to enhance the uniqueness of the town

Development of downtown

town promoting use of natural environments

revitalize downtown

park for children Jackson's landing

finding a way to fund school development without increasing taxes

pass

economic development

public parking garage

attracting businesses in the downtown area by reducing rent rates

conservation of natural areas

recreational center and no loop road for the University

economic development

bike trails and biking lanes for transportation

reduction of property taxes

improving downtown area and fix gasoline alley

improving the town library

community relations with the university

Question 52(cont.)

If you can, please name one issue or project that you believe the Town should have as a high priority in its Master Plan.

Recreation Center for kids--multiple advantages, year-round
control the student housing in the residential neighborhood

library

parking

easier access to durham shopping plaza

some kind of a community center for adults and youth.

rec parks

create more on community and less on university

recreation center for youth

community center

economic development

LOWERING PROPERTY TAXES

preserving the rural nature of town, within reasonable limits

lowering taxes for elderly

The trafficparking dillema

traffic northern connector

education

transportation, industrial and commercial expansion

settle it once and for all, so don't have to go over it every few years!!!!

build a nice town library

more community participation for everyone

revitalizing downtown business district

development of light industry

conservation

network communication of people, durham and unh

keep Main Street open. Do not close Main Street to traffic.

Parking, we don't have enough spaces downtown

conservation of wildlife resources

traffic patterns especially the downtown area.

public education

recycling

ordinance on residential building

town center and restricting growth, user-fees and school taxes

elderly housing, more businesses

Preserve the open Spaces and more active farming in these areas

Use School buildings 12 months of the year, quarter program

expand space in schools

building durham's economy

the school-IMPROVEMENT over crowding in elementary school

keeping taxes as low as possible

university not stifle downtown development

Question 52(cont.)

If you can, please name one issue or project that you believe the Town should have as a high priority in its Master Plan.

brining business in
improved ambulance services
Build up downtown
renavating main st and the high school
the train
more businesses
industrial and business development
controlled growth
something to do with parks and recreation
downtown architecturally unified
economic relationship between the university and the town
expanding downtown, some stores
development along the Oyster River
economic development plan and better use of Wagon Hill
recreation for children
work more with the elderly
The playground at Jackson landing. A teen center of some sort.
sidewalk and landscaping improvements
Education is the single most important thing
school
Economic development
allow better understanding of the issue
improve the easthetics of downtown
community have an educated impact on national issues, clean air
economic development, better communication w/ UNH,identity seperate from
UNH
none
downtown caters to UNH and there are areas that could be developed nicely
schools
side wald construction and bike paths
activities for families and kids outside of the university
rte.108 intersection and utilization of wagon hill farm
improve alley ways of downtown area to be visitor friendly and area
Increase Tax Base!!!! (Make use of Bypass)
control of residential development
completion of main street construction program
education and its tax consequences
traffic in downtown and impact on development
the high school issue- to resolve it
control its money and not overdevelop
renovation of high school

Question 52(cont.)

If you can, please name one issue or project that you believe the Town should have as a high priority in its Master Plan.

making a high school that will last
additional tax base
to develop a train station
upgrading the high school
more space in the schools for the students
The Highschool is deplorable
Library community center
Development of a research park
stop speeding
economic development to improve rax base
Get a sense of community
relationship with university
increasing the tax base to lower tax rate
communication between school and community needs
how housing affects education
safety, especially of children (speeding curtailment)
broading the tax base
conservation
Lowering Property Taxes,Rt.4 is inadequate,LIBRARYwparking owned
plan a new high school, or build onto it without spending too much money
money
parking places
schooling
Develop Rt. 4
traffic control
safety issues downtown should receive high priority
to keep people happy and keep things looking nice
development of manufacturing and more businesses brought in
keeping the historical parts well-maintained
stop wasting time and money trying to improve downtown it is nice now
conservation of natural resources
some innovative ways to reduce taxes
better sense of community, encourage community activity in Durham
build a mall
preservation of oyster river
relate population to tax base
building a new public school facility
fix high school
decrease UNH's power in community
getting school budget down to make it more manageable
Housing Development

Question 52(cont.)

If you can, please name one issue or project that you believe the Town should have as a high priority in its Master Plan.

decide on division between student housing and individual housing
education

community meeting place

a lot can be done in the downtown area, mainstreet

Downtown area-make it adraw to residents

better patrolling of streets at night

conservation

improved school facil.

Pay Attention to the schools

Total Renovation of Gasoline Alley

library, bike route

Leave the town alone we like it the way it is

traffic

Fix the high school

downtown

park at jackson landing

No expanded commercial areas

Work together with UHN- not putting Downtown out of business

conservation

Lower Residential taxes

decide what is good for community, assess people's attitudes

preserve the natural environment

sidewalks in and beautify gasoline alley, conserve land from development

trying to attact business

bike ways

develope stonger communittee

transportation for disabled, the library open to public

inner section from 108 to newmarket needs improvement

conserving the country-feel of the town.

remembering the town is the town and the university is not the town

cost of education

resolve the tax base issues to support service

Find other ways to expand the tax base.

Parking

making sure private house don't become student housing

better coordination in consideration for the university

bike trails

beautification of Rt. 108 Gasoline Alley

development of a broader tax base; sharing the burden

tax based brodening

transportation via train