

Durham Master Plan Survey

Durham is revising its Master Plan to help shape the Town's future during the next 10-20 years. The Master Plan addresses *land use, open space, housing, economic development, natural resources, recreation, education, energy, sustainability, public services, facilities, and transportation*. Your input will help us to identify:

- qualities and attributes of Durham that you value and wish to preserve;
- qualities and attributes that you perceive to be at risk or wish to change; and
- your priorities for Durham's future over the next 10 to 20 years.

The survey will take about 15 minutes to complete. It may be filled out by more than one member of your household. Business owners, UNH students, and part-time residents are also invited to participate. You may take the survey online at: <http://tinyurl.com/Durham-Master-Plan>. If you would prefer to complete a paper copy of the survey, you may pick one up at Durham **Town Hall** or at the **Durham Public Library**. Please return the completed survey to the drop-off boxes located at the Town Hall or the Town Library before May 31, 2011. Or, you can mail the completed survey to:

Town of Durham, c/o Master Plan Advisory Committee
15 Newmarket Road
Durham, NH 03824

All survey responses are anonymous. For questions about the survey content, please call (603) 868-8064 or e-mail mpvisionforum@gmail.com. If you are having trouble with the web survey, contact Charlie French at 603-862-0316.

General Background

1. How many years have you lived in Durham? (if you have moved away and returned, count both periods) _____
2. How many years do you plan to stay in Durham? (Select one of the following)
 - Less than 5 years
 - 5 – 10 years
 - 11 – 20 years
 - More than 20 years
 - Don't know
3. Which of the following best describes your living quarters in Durham? (please choose one response only)
 - Owner-occupied home
 - Lease room in home
 - Lease single-family home
 - Lease apartment in multi-unit building
 - Live on UNH campus
 - Own a business in Durham but don't live here
 - Own home in Durham but don't live here
4. Which of the following categories describes your age? (please choose one response only)
 - Under 18
 - 19 – 24
 - 25 – 34
 - 35 – 44
 - 45 – 54
 - 55 – 64
 - 65 – 74
 - 75 years or over
5. Please indicate your gender.
 - Male
 - Female
6. Which of the following best describes your employment status?
 - Homemaker
 - Self-employed
 - Employed full-time
 - Employed part-time
 - Student
 - Retired
 - Unemployed
 - Other (specify): _____
7. How many miles do you travel to your paid or volunteer place of work (each way)?
 - Work from home
 - Less than 5 miles
 - 6-20 miles
 - 21-50 miles
 - Over 50 miles
 - Not applicable
8. What is your primary way of getting to your place of work?
 - Walk
 - Bicycle
 - Bus
 - Train
 - Car or truck
 - Motorized 2-wheels
 - Other
 - Not applicable

9. If you use more than one mode of transportation to get to your place of work, please briefly explain below.

Community Character

10. How important are the following attributes to making Durham a place where you will want to live during the next ten to twenty years? *Note that these attributes may or may not characterize Durham today.*

	Very important	Somewhat important	Somewhat unimportant	Not at all important	No opinion
Small New England town character	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Vibrant downtown	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sense of community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Attractive natural setting	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Traditional, historic architectural character	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Access to outdoor recreational activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Quality of Oyster River schools	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Local employment opportunities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pedestrian- and bicycle-friendliness	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Affordable, attractive housing options	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Access to UNH	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Access to the Seacoast region	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Economic Vitality

11. To what degree would you support the following policies aimed at stabilizing or reducing the property tax rate?

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat do not support	Not at all support	No opinion
Allow commercial or mixed residential-commercial building heights greater than 4 stories in downtown	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Make more land available for commercial development	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Build a parking structure in downtown	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Encourage shopping plaza developments outside of downtown	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

12. To what extent do you agree with the following statements about economic development in Durham?

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
Joint UNH-Durham projects to promote economic development should be pursued	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Durham should extend water, sewer, and roads to stimulate economic development	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A Durham tax rate with future increases similar to past increases is acceptable to me	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A downtown hotel-conference center would have a positive impact on Durham	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

(12 continued) To what extent do you agree with the following statements about economic development in Durham?

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
A performing arts center in or around the downtown would have a positive impact	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Durham should establish architectural and site design standards or guidelines for downtown projects	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Durham should continue to facilitate the re-development of existing structures	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Durham should continue to facilitate new construction in downtown	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
If more choices were available, I would spend more money on retail and professional services in Durham, rather than out of town	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Economic development (e.g., office parks, light industry, etc.) beyond downtown should be encouraged by the Town	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I would be open to development along the entrance to town via Rte. 4 (Piscataqua Rd, past Wagon Hill and Emery Farm)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I would be open to development along the entrance to town via Rte. 155A (Mast Rd.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I would be open to development along the entrance to town via Rte. 108 N (Dover Rd, past Rte. 4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I would be open to development along the entrance to town at Coe's Corner near Rte. 4	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I would be open to development to town via Rte. 108 S (Newmarket Rd.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

13. How important are the following items to improving downtown?

	Very important	Somewhat important	Somewhat unimportant	Not at all important	No opinion
Bike lane network	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Better sidewalks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Better crosswalks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Better biking and walking access to the downtown <i>from where I live</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Better lighting	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Two-way traffic patterns	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public transportation to downtown from the area where I live	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public transportation that connects the downtown with perimeter neighborhoods	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public transportation that connects the downtown with recreation opportunities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
More events/festivals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improved parking availability	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Buildings that combine residential and commercial uses	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

14. To what extent do you agree that the following housing options and policies would favorably impact Durham?
The state requires towns to provide opportunities for the development of workforce housing: owner-occupied and rental housing that meets the needs of individuals and families that represent the majority of New Hampshire's workforce (RSA 674:58-61).

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
More flexible options for 'in-law' apartments	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Expand family rental housing opportunities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
More affordable housing for working individuals and families	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
More affordable housing for young families	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
More affordable housing options for seniors	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Policies that enable seniors on a limited or fixed income to stay in Durham	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Encourage a more diverse mix of housing options in downtown	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Encourage housing options with shared community facilities (e.g., community room, playground, parking, kitchen, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Encourage more multi-unit housing outside of downtown	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Better buffers between commercial or mixed-use (including parking lots) and residential properties	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

15. To what extent do you agree that Durham should encourage the following housing options?

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
Single-family homes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Two-family homes (e.g. duplexes)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Multi-family homes (3-4 units)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Apartment buildings (5-plus units)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Townhouses (attached multi-story)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Condominiums	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Senior housing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Conversion of owner-occupied homes to apartments	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mobile homes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mobile home parks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Conservation subdivisions (clustered homes with common open space)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Natural, Historic, Cultural, and Recreational Resources

16. To what extent do you agree with the following statements about Durham’s natural resources?

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
Protecting the sources of our drinking water is important to me	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Protecting water resources for recreational use is important to me	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Protecting aquatic habitats is important to me	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Durham should protect its coastal streams and water bodies that lead to Great Bay	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Durham should concentrate <i>commercial</i> development in existing developed areas to preserve outlying, high-quality natural areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Durham should concentrate <i>residential</i> development in existing developed areas to preserve outlying, high-quality natural areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Durham should shift to single-stream recycling, whereby recyclable materials are collected without the need to separate them	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Durham should play a role in encouraging less consumption, leading to less waste	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

17. Durham should adopt agricultural policies that:

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
Support the production and sale of local agricultural products	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Support homeowner gardens	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Support community gardens	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Allow livestock-raising by homeowners	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Allow poultry-raising by homeowners	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Protect agricultural lands for current or future food production	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

18. Durham should take action on each of the following energy initiatives over the next ten to twenty years:

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
Implement additional energy conservation measures for municipal facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Develop alternative energy sources for municipal facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Encourage energy-efficient building construction through Town codes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Establish one or more conveniently placed park-and-ride lots for carpooling	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

19. Which specific road(s) or intersection(s) in town pose the most serious threat to *pedestrian* safety?

20. Which specific road(s) or intersection(s) in town pose the most serious threat to *bicyclist* safety?

21. Durham should take the following steps to protect and promote the Town's historic and cultural character:

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
Preserve historic structures	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Expand the Historic District boundaries	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Strengthen architectural design standards for the historic district	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Install signage to identify historic buildings and historically significant areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

22. To what extent do you agree with the following statements about the Town's recreation resources?

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
A community recreational center for people of all ages would enhance Durham residents' quality of life.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Durham should promote more outdoor events for the community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Durham should expand parking at Wagon Hill Farm	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Community Facilities and Infrastructure

23. Please rate the following existing facilities and infrastructure:

	Excellent	Good	Adequate	Poor	No opinion
Athletic/playing fields	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Indoor recreation facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Library	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fire/rescue station	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
McGregor Ambulance Station	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Oyster River Cooperative School District facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Police station	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public works facility	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Road maintenance & reconstruction	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Town Hall	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Transfer station (recycling)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

24. Name three attributes of Durham that you find to be most important or attractive.

25. Name three attributes of Durham that you would like to change or see improved.

26. The Durham Planning Board is interested in creative ideas that would favorably change the character of Durham as a place to live or conduct business over the next ten years. What are your ideas?

27. Please use the space below if you have any additional comments about the Town's priorities over the next 10 to 20 years, or any items addressed or omitted in this survey.

28. Which number on the tax map approximates the area of Durham in which you live? (please choose one response only)

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| <input type="radio"/> Not sure | <input type="radio"/> 4 | <input type="radio"/> 8 | <input type="radio"/> 12 | <input type="radio"/> 16 | <input type="radio"/> 20 |
| <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 5 | <input type="radio"/> 9 | <input type="radio"/> 13 | <input type="radio"/> 17 | <input type="radio"/> 21 |
| <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 6 | <input type="radio"/> 10 | <input type="radio"/> 14 | <input type="radio"/> 18 | <input type="radio"/> 22 |
| <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 7 | <input type="radio"/> 11 | <input type="radio"/> 15 | <input type="radio"/> 19 | <input type="radio"/> 23 |

