



Washington Comprehensive Plan Revision Committee  
PO Box 408  
Washington ME 04574-0408

*November 2016*

**Dear Friends and Neighbors,**

The Maine Legislature has purposed in statute that each municipality prepare and keep updated a comprehensive plan with which the town's growth may be planned and upon which it will base its ordinances (MRS 30-A §4312).

Washington's Comprehensive Plan was last updated in 2005; therefore, we are reviewing the plan and updating its contents. To that end, we are asking each household to participate by completing and returning the attached 2016 Community Survey.

Please note the following instructions:

- Paper surveys were mailed to all 04574 addresses and all non-04574 taxpayers the week before Thanksgiving.
- Only adult individuals should fill out this electronic form and return it by clicking on the [Click Here to Submit Form Via eMail](#) button at the bottom of the last page (it will go to [washcompplan2016@vexman.net](mailto:washcompplan2016@vexman.net)).
- Households with more than one person at least 16 years of age wishing to respond digitally should have each member fill out a separate electronic form.
- If desired, additional paper surveys may be obtained by picking them up at the Town Office or an individual may fill this survey out online at <http://www.washington.maine.gov/>
- Paper surveys may be dropped off at the Town Office or mailed to

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If you are interested in being actively involved with your committee, we could use your help! Email us at [washcompplan2016@vexman.net](mailto:washcompplan2016@vexman.net) or let the Town Office know you are willing.

# Town of Washington Community Survey 2016

1. **In the next 10 years, would you like the population of Washington to:** *(please see instructions)*  
 Decrease     Stay the Same     Slow Increase     Moderate Increase     Rapid Increase
2. **Assuming population growth, what type of housing development is appropriate for Washington?** *(mark all that apply)*  
 Single-family houses     Duplexes     Multi-family houses  
 Conversions of houses to apartments     Mobile home parks     Subdivisions
3. **Which, if any, of the following housing uses would you consider appropriate for our town?** *(please mark all that apply)*  
 Senior Housing     Subsidized housing     Nursing homes  
 Boarding homes     Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
4. **Do you favor or oppose enacting any of the following ordinances?** *(please mark each line)*
- |                    |                                |                                 |                                    |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Hunting/Trapping   | <input type="checkbox"/> Favor | <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose | <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided |
| Junkyard           | <input type="checkbox"/> Favor | <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose | <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided |
| Land Stripping     | <input type="checkbox"/> Favor | <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose | <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided |
| Large Developments | <input type="checkbox"/> Favor | <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose | <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided |
| Mobile Home        | <input type="checkbox"/> Favor | <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose | <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided |
| Noise Control      | <input type="checkbox"/> Favor | <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose | <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided |
| Residential View   | <input type="checkbox"/> Favor | <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose | <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided |
| Sand & Gravel      | <input type="checkbox"/> Favor | <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose | <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided |
| Site Plan Review   | <input type="checkbox"/> Favor | <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose | <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided |
| No New Ordinances  | <input type="checkbox"/> Favor | <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose | <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided |
- Town Ordinances can be  
found on the Town Web Site  
<http://www.washington.maine.gov>
5. **What is your opinion about the Town's present major Ordinances?** *(please mark each line)*
- |                             |                                   |  |  |                                    |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|------------------------------------|
| Comprehensive Plan          | <input type="checkbox"/> Adequate | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs Improvement | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know About it | <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided |
| Subdivision Ordinance       | <input type="checkbox"/> Adequate | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs Improvement | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know About it | <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided |
| Land Use Ordinance          | <input type="checkbox"/> Adequate | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs Improvement | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know About it | <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided |
| Mining Ordinance            | <input type="checkbox"/> Adequate | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs Improvement | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know About it | <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided |
| Telecommunication Ordinance | <input type="checkbox"/> Adequate | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs Improvement | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know About it | <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided |
6. **What is your opinion about the Town's Public Officials and Boards?** *(please mark each line)*
- |                   |   |   |                                     |                                    |
|-------------------|---|---|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Animal Control    | <input type="checkbox"/> Doing a good job | <input type="checkbox"/> Need Improvement | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know | <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided |
| Appeals Board     | <input type="checkbox"/> Doing a good job | <input type="checkbox"/> Need Improvement | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know | <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided |
| Assessor Agent    | <input type="checkbox"/> Doing a good job | <input type="checkbox"/> Need Improvement | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know | <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided |
| Code Enforcement  | <input type="checkbox"/> Doing a good job | <input type="checkbox"/> Need Improvement | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know | <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided |
| Conservation Com. | <input type="checkbox"/> Doing a good job | <input type="checkbox"/> Need Improvement | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know | <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided |
| Library Trustees  | <input type="checkbox"/> Doing a good job | <input type="checkbox"/> Need Improvement | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know | <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided |
| Planning Board    | <input type="checkbox"/> Doing a good job | <input type="checkbox"/> Need Improvement | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know | <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided |
| Public Works      | <input type="checkbox"/> Doing a good job | <input type="checkbox"/> Need Improvement | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know | <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided |
| Recreation Com.   | <input type="checkbox"/> Doing a good job | <input type="checkbox"/> Need Improvement | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know | <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided |
| Road Commissioner | <input type="checkbox"/> Doing a good job | <input type="checkbox"/> Need Improvement | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know | <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided |
| Selectmen         | <input type="checkbox"/> Doing a good job | <input type="checkbox"/> Need Improvement | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know | <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided |
| Town Clerk        | <input type="checkbox"/> Doing a good job | <input type="checkbox"/> Need Improvement | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know | <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided |
7. **Why do you live in Washington?** *(mark all that apply)*     Lived here all my life (so far)     Relatives or family nearby
- Friends nearby     Safe place to live     Affordability     Close to work     Good Schools
- Rural, small town atmosphere     Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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8. Do you Favor or Oppose any of the following? (please mark each line)

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Single Family Houses        | <input type="checkbox"/> Favor | <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose | <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided |
| Duplexes                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Favor | <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose | <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided |
| Multi-family Houses         | <input type="checkbox"/> Favor | <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose | <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided |
| Subsidized Houses           | <input type="checkbox"/> Favor | <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose | <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided |
| Conversions to Apartments   | <input type="checkbox"/> Favor | <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose | <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided |
| Senior Housing              | <input type="checkbox"/> Favor | <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose | <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided |
| Nursing Homes               | <input type="checkbox"/> Favor | <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose | <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided |
| Boarding Homes              | <input type="checkbox"/> Favor | <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose | <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided |
| Mobile Home Parks           | <input type="checkbox"/> Favor | <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose | <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided |
| Subdivisions                | <input type="checkbox"/> Favor | <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose | <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided |
| Historic Sites Preservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Favor | <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose | <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided |
| Public Access Shores        | <input type="checkbox"/> Favor | <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose | <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided |
| Broad Band Internet         | <input type="checkbox"/> Favor | <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose | <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided |
| Cable Television            | <input type="checkbox"/> Favor | <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose | <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided |

9. Are you in favor of preserving any of the following? (please mark each line)

- |                                    |                              |                             |                                    |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Farm Lands                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided |
| Flood Plains                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided |
| Forest Lands                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided |
| Gravel/Dirt Roads or Rights of Way | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided |
| Ground Water Sources               | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided |
| Historic/Archeological Sites       | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided |
| Natural & Scenic Areas             | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided |
| Undeveloped Shoreline              | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided |
| Wetlands                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided |
| Wildlife Habitat                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided |

10. Should we Expand, Maintain or Reduce any of the following Land Uses? (please mark each line)

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|----------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Farm Lands           | <input type="checkbox"/> Expand | <input type="checkbox"/> Maintain | <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce |
| Open Space           | <input type="checkbox"/> Expand | <input type="checkbox"/> Maintain | <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce |
| Recreational         | <input type="checkbox"/> Expand | <input type="checkbox"/> Maintain | <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce |
| Forest Lands         | <input type="checkbox"/> Expand | <input type="checkbox"/> Maintain | <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce |
| Residential          | <input type="checkbox"/> Expand | <input type="checkbox"/> Maintain | <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce |
| Commercial           | <input type="checkbox"/> Expand | <input type="checkbox"/> Maintain | <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce |
| Light Industrial     | <input type="checkbox"/> Expand | <input type="checkbox"/> Maintain | <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce |
| Sand & Gravel Mining | <input type="checkbox"/> Expand | <input type="checkbox"/> Maintain | <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce |

11. Do You Attend Town Meetings?

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes                       | <input type="checkbox"/> No -- If no, why? (please mark all that apply) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Uninformed about them     | <input type="checkbox"/> Dislike people in charge                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No time/working           | <input type="checkbox"/> Meetings too long/disorganized                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Feel opinions don't count | <input type="checkbox"/> Hate politics                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not interested            | <input type="checkbox"/> No real issues discussed                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____              |   |

12. Do You belong to any Town organizations?

- |  |  |  |  |                              |
|--|--|--|--|------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes               | <input type="checkbox"/> No                | -- If yes, which ones:                       |  |                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Department   | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's Auxiliary | <input type="checkbox"/> Historical Society  | <input type="checkbox"/> Ladies' Guild | <input type="checkbox"/> VFW |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lakes Association | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Association  | <input type="checkbox"/> Library Association | <input type="checkbox"/> Grange        | <input type="checkbox"/> PTA |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Snowmobile Club   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____      |  |  |                              |

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13. Please check off your occupation and job status. (please mark all that apply)
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|--|------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business      | <input type="checkbox"/> Clerical  | <input type="checkbox"/> Construction                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Education   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Farming       | <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry  | <input type="checkbox"/> Government                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Home Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Homemaker | <input type="checkbox"/> Marine Related                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Restaurant  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sales         | <input type="checkbox"/> Retired   | <input type="checkbox"/> Student                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____  |                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> What town is your job located in? _____ |                                      |
- Full Time    Part Time    Working more than one job    Presently Unemployed/Laid Off    Self-employed

14. Adult Ages? (numbers, please )      #\_\_\_ 16-19      #\_\_\_ 20-34      #\_\_\_ 35-49      #\_\_\_ 50-64      #\_\_\_ 65+

15. Family/Household (numbers, please )      #\_\_\_ M      #\_\_\_ F      #\_\_\_ Children under 5      #\_\_\_ 6 to 16

16. Income?     below \$15,000     \$15-40,000     \$40-100,000     more than \$100,000     Prefer not to say

17. Resident?     Seasonal       Year Round       less than 10 years       10 years or more

18. Status?     Own Permanent homestead     Own Seasonal home       Own Rental housing     Seasonal renter  
 Own Commercial property     Rent Commercial property     Run local business     Rent a homestead  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

19. Number of adults over 16 years of age who completed this survey:     1     2     3     4     5     More: \_\_\_\_\_

20. What values does Washington have that you think are important? \_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_

21. What is your vision for Washington in the future? \_\_\_\_\_  
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22. Additional Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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