

# Dunstable Master Plan Survey

## INFORMATION ABOUT OUR RESIDENTS

1. How long have you lived in Dunstable?

\_\_\_less than 2 years

\_\_\_2-5 years

\_\_\_6-10 years

\_\_\_11-20 years

\_\_\_more than 20 years

2. Please indicate how many individuals in each age category live in your household.

- 18 years old and under \_\_\_\_\_
- 19-25 years old \_\_\_\_\_
- 26-40 years old \_\_\_\_\_
- 41-50 years old \_\_\_\_\_
- 51-64 years old \_\_\_\_\_
- 65 years and over \_\_\_\_\_

3. Why do you choose to live in Dunstable? Check all that apply.

\_\_\_community character/rural setting

\_\_\_proximity to employment

\_\_\_family roots/ties

\_\_\_tax rate

\_\_\_schools

\_\_\_cost of housing

\_\_\_access to Route 3

\_\_\_Other-please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

## **PERCEPTIONS AND OPINIONS ABOUT DUNSTABLE**

4. Please indicate whether you would rate the following services, facilities, and characteristics, as they relate to Dunstable, as excellent, good, fair or poor.

	<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Fair</b>	<b>Poor</b>	<b>Unable to Score/ Unfamiliar</b>
<b>Municipal Services</b>					
Services provided by Town Hall offices					
Schools					
Elder Services					
Library					
Public safety and emergency services (police, fire and ambulance service)					
Code Enforcement					
Veterans Services					
Town Website					
Road maintenance					
Transfer station					
Animal Control					
Recreation					
Water Services					
<b>Open Space and Recreation</b>					
Number of recreational facilities/opportunities					
Mix/type of recreational facilities and programs					
Amount of open space protected					
<b>Housing</b>					
Diversity of housing types					
Housing affordability					
Available housing options for seniors					

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Unable to Score/ Unfamiliar
<b>Transportation</b>					
Traffic flow in the Town Center					
Traffic flow in other areas of town					
Speeding enforcement					
Pedestrian accommodations, such as pathways and sidewalks					
Bicycle facilities/accommodations					
Transportation for seniors and those with disabilities					
<b>Economic Development</b>					
Access to employment					
Availability and access to goods and services					
<b>Natural and Cultural Resources</b>					
Protection of wetland and water resources					
Protection of wildlife habitat					
Historic preservation					
Agricultural preservation					
Forestry					
Cultural and Community Events					

5. In your opinion, list three of the most critical issues facing Dunstable over the next ten years?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

6. In the future, should the Town establish any of the following as priorities?

Potential Actions	Favor	Oppose
Creating affordable housing		
Creating housing for seniors		
Adding sidewalks/pathways		
Improving the public water infrastructure		
Restricting or prohibiting business/ commercial development		
Creating additional opportunities for small scale/neighborhood-style business establishments		
Encouraging more intense economic development in strategic locations		
Revising the zoning regulations to allow multi- family housing in certain areas		
Encouraging agri-tourism and eco-tourism		
Revising the zoning regulations to allow single-family homes on smaller lots (one acre instead of two acres) in certain areas		
Creating design guidelines for new development		
Adopting energy efficiency and renewable energy initiatives		
Increasing available accommodations for non- motorized transportation (pedestrians and bicycles)		
Acquiring additional open space		
Protecting additional agricultural lands		

7. If every Dunstable resident were given \$100 in town funds, which project or initiative would you fund with your share? (Choose one)
- ☐ add new sidewalks/pathways
  - ☐ support new businesses
  - ☐ enhance the school budget
  - ☐ expand municipal water infrastructure
  - ☐ create affordable housing
  - ☐ retrofit town buildings with energy efficiency improvements or renewable energy
  - ☐ purchase additional open space
  - ☐ support agricultural preservation
  - ☐ support historic preservation
  - ☐ improve/pave town roads
  - ☐ create a new recreation area
  - ☐ enhance public safety and emergency response services (police, fire, ambulance)
  - ☐ create a Senior Center/Community Center
  - ☐ increase library operating hours
8. Please provide any additional comments or thoughts that you may have about the Master Plan document or process below.

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**Thank you for taking the time to participate in the Master Plan process. Your input will ensure that the Master Plan reflects the needs of the community. Please return your completed survey by October 21st. Surveys may be deposited in the drop-off boxes at Town Hall and the Library, or mailed to: Town Hall, 511 Main Street, Dunstable, MA 01827.**