



BEDFORD MASTER PLAN OPINION SURVEY

As part of the process of updating the Town's Master Plan, the Bedford Planning Board is seeking your opinion to help shape the current and future direction of Bedford. Your input is critical to this process. Please take a few minutes to share your opinions by completing this confidential survey. The results of this survey will help our elected and volunteer community leaders develop and prioritize the implementation of the Master Plan to shape the future growth of the Town of Bedford. We truly value your opinion. Please circle the number that best represents your response. If you are not sure or don't know, or if a question does not apply to you, circle the "DK" response.

The Planning Department is compiling survey responses and adding them to the telephone survey results that were conducted by the UNH Survey Center earlier in the year. Responses will be tabulated and a report of the results will be periodically updated on the Town website. The report will be used as a reference source for Town officials, volunteers, and boards.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and cooperation. **Please return your completed survey to the Bedford Planning Department, 24 N. Amherst Road, Bedford, NH 03110.** Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Rick Sawyer, Planning Director at, 792-1319 or rsawyer@bedfordnh.us

Sincerely, **Bedford Planning Board**

Growth

1) Please share your thoughts regarding growth in Bedford?

	Too Fast	Too Slow	About Right	Don't Know
a. Do you think that the town of Bedford in general is growing?	1	2	3	9
b. Do you think the Route 3 Corridor is growing?	1	2	3	9

2) In the next 10 years, would you like to see the population of Bedford ...

1. Increase 2. Stay the same 3. Decrease 9. Don't Know

3) Please indicate your level of concern with regard to growth in Bedford.

	Not At All Concerned	Not Very Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Very Concerned	DK
a. An increase in school enrollment	1	2	3	4	9
b. An increase in traffic	1	2	3	4	9
c. The size & scale of commercial development along Route 3	1	2	3	4	9
d. The size & scale of commercial development along the Route 101 corridor	1	2	3	4	9

Development Opportunitites

4) Please tell us how you feel about the following types of development that could occur within Bedford.

	Strongly Favor	Favor Somewhat	Neutral	Oppose Somewhat	Strongly Oppose	DK
a. Low density residential - that is 1½ acres or larger lots	1	2	3	4	5	9
b. Medium density residential - that is 3 housing units per acre	1	2	3	4	5	9
c. High density residential – that is 5 or more housing units per acre	1	2	3	4	5	9
d. Mixed use - residential and commercial that is on the same lot	1	2	3	4	5	9
e. Commercial retail	1	2	3	4	5	9
f. Commercial office	1	2	3	4	5	9
g. Single family residences	1	2	3	4	5	9
h. Apartments	1	2	3	4	5	9
i. Condominiums & townhouses	1	2	3	4	5	9
j. Age restricted housing – that is for adults 55 years and older	1	2	3	4	5	9
k. Workforce housing – that is affordable to a family earning 60% of area median income	1	2	3	4	5	9

Planning & Infrastructure Issues

5) Please indicate your level of satisfaction with the follow things that the Town of Bedford has done or is doing.

	<u>Very Satisfied</u>	<u>Somewhat Satisfied</u>	<u>Not Very Satisfied</u>	<u>Not At All Satisfied</u>	<u>DK</u>
a. Expanding commercial opportunities	1	2	3	4	9
b. Protecting the Town's natural resources	1	2	3	4	9
c. Providing necessary infrastructure – such a water, sewer or drainage to existing neighborhoods	1	2	3	4	9
d. Improving the affordability of housing	1	2	3	4	9
e. Providing police services	1	2	3	4	9
f. Providing fire services	1	2	3	4	9
g. Providing recreational facilities such as parks & playgrounds	1	2	3	4	9
h. Providing residents with appropriate social opportunities	1	2	3	4	9
i. Working to preserve existing businesses	1	2	3	4	9

6) In order to attract more development or increase the development density of existing properties, municipal water and sewer extensions are need. Should the town...

1. Extend water and sewer lines now to encourage future development?
2. Partner with developers and extend lines if and when a development project is improved?
3. The town should not extend water and sewer lines at all?
9. Don't know.

7) Please indicate if you favor or oppose the following activities in Bedford and if so, are you willing to pay higher property taxes for them.

	<u>Oppose, Not Needed</u>	<u>Favor, But Not For Higher Taxes</u>	<u>Favor Even If Higher Taxes</u>	<u>DK</u>
c. Improving Town roads	1	2	3	9
d. Purchase farmlands, forests and open space for conservation	1	2	3	9
e. Building a community center	1	2	3	9

Town Government

8) Please tell us whether you agree or disagree with the following statements about the Town of Bedford.

	<u>Strongly Agree</u>	<u>Agree Somewhat</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Disagree Somewhat</u>	<u>Strongly Disagree</u>	<u>DK</u>
a. I receive good value for the taxes I pay	1	2	3	4	5	9
b. I am pleased with the overall direction the town is taking	1	2	3	4	5	9
c. Town government welcomes citizen involvement	1	2	3	4	5	9
d. Town government is run for the benefit of all the people	1	2	3	4	5	9
e. Most elected officials care what people like me think	1	2	3	4	5	9

9) How long have you lived in Bedford? _____

10) Do you expect to live in Bedford 10 years from now? YES NO

11) What do you like most about living in Bedford?

12) What do you like least about living in Bedford?

13) What 3 ways do you obtain your information about news and events in Bedford?" Please write a "1" where you get MOST of your information, a "2" where you get the next most, and a "3" where you get the third most.

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| ___ Bedford Bulletin | ___ Town Web Site | ___ Town Office | ___ BCTV |
| ___ Bedford Journal | ___ School newsletter | ___ Friends, relatives, co-workers | ___ Library |
| ___ Union Leader | ___ Transfer Station | ___ At the store or coffee shop | ___ Other: _____ |