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Thank you to everyone involved for their patience, dedication, and commitment, as their contributions have shaped this document, guiding Hampden well into the future.



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Introduction

Hampden: Forward continues a long-standing commitment to an equitable, sustainable, and prosperous future for all residents. As our community continues to grow and change, we are dedicated to preserving our shared history and embracing the collaboration of new and old ideas to move in only one direction: Forward.

Town staff kicked off the community-wide initiative to develop a new Comprehensive Plan in March 2022. This plan serves as the official blueprint for long-term planning and development, as determined by the people of Hampden. Participating parties included residents, property owners, business owners, interest groups, and elected officials of Hampden.

PURPOSE

The Town of Hampden's Comprehensive Plan sets out a long-term vision for the town, outlining common objectives that will steer future development in various areas such as land use, environment, transportation, public health, economic development, resource use, and infrastructure. This plan will serve as the basis for future public policy and land use decisions made by Hampden's decision-makers, business owners, and residents.

The Town of Hampden's Comprehensive Plan was developed in accordance with the statutory requirements of the Growth Management Act (*Title 30-A M.R.S.A. Section 4312, et seq.*) and *Chapter 208: Comprehensive Plan Review Criteria Rule*. The State of Maine requires comprehensive plans to be developed periodically in order to qualify for funding, grants, and enact zoning ordinances.

The purpose of the Act is to: 1) establish local comprehensive planning and land use management in each municipality of the State; 2) encourage municipalities to identify the tools and resources to effectively plan for and manage future development within their jurisdictions with a maximum of local initiative and flexibility; 3) encourage

local land use ordinances, tools and policies based on local comprehensive plans; 4) incorporate regional considerations into local planning and decision making so as to ensure consideration of regional needs and the regional impact of development; 5) provide for continued direct state regulation of development proposals that occur in areas of statewide concern; impact natural resources of statewide significance, or affect vital state interests; and 6) encourage the widest possible involvement by the citizens in the planning and implementation process thus ensuring that the comprehensive plans have the benefit of citizen input.

Preserving natural and undeveloped lands is critical, as once land is lost, it cannot be recovered. Hence, it is crucial to make wise and farsighted land use decisions. While developed land can be incrementally improved, it is essential to protect critical resources such as natural and undeveloped lands. The Comprehensive Plan lays out which areas should be protected and which should be targeted for growth, and policy recommendations within the document should be sufficient to manage growth and foster a strong and healthy community for decades to come.

PRIOR PLANNING EFFORTS

Hampden has maintained a long-standing commitment to growth management in the community. There have been five iterations of the Hampden Comprehensive Plan: 1963, 1976, 1986, 2001, and 2010. Each iteration reflects on the previous document, creating a historical anthology of the Town's growth over time. This plan reflects upon that history and uses new data and best practices to chart a path forward.

2010 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The 2010 Comprehensive Plan aimed to create a balanced community by reconciling preservation and development goals through incremental planning, efficient public spending, and natural and cultural resource preservation. The plan aimed to provide development opportunities while also protecting property rights and the quality of life of residents.

However, the Comprehensive Plan Committee found that the plan did not achieve its goals, as Hampden experienced significant growth that had negative impacts on natural resources and the rural character of the community. Residential growth exceeded economic development, causing tax revenues and public services to fall behind.



Despite this, the Town made positive investments in public safety and recreation. The Committee committed to developing new strategies to achieve missed goals in the new plan.

ECONOMIC FRAMEWORK AND ASSESSMENT

In 2017, Hampden finalized an Economic Framework and Assessment developed by W-ZHA, LLC. This plan reviewed the community's social and economic profile against its neighbors and formulated market considerations that decision-makers could employ to achieve greater economic success.

The assessment focused on devising strategies to tackle trends in the housing, retail, office, and recreation markets. Universally, the report advocated for the creation of a walkable, mixed-use town center. A centralized downtown would spur development in all sectors if appropriately marketed. Additionally, promoting this style of development would alleviate Hampden's historic reputation of not being "business-friendly".

TOWN CENTER PLAN

Hampden contracted Northstar Planning in 2019 to develop a vision for a thriving Town Center. The plan aimed to address funding, policy, and infrastructure to activate activity centers and strengthen relationships with anchor industries. The Town Center Plan built on previous efforts to improve the historic downtown area. The plan's recommendations were incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan based on public feedback to avoid redundancy.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

The development of this plan involved the active participation of hundreds of residents of Hampden over the course of the past year. With the guidance of the Comprehensive Plan Committee, a series of workshops, surveys, and meetings were conducted, and the data collected was carefully analyzed to prepare this draft plan. For a detailed description of the community engagement process, please refer to the supplemental [Data Book](#).

The Comprehensive Plan seeks to answer two crucial questions: *What do we want?* and *How do we get there?* It provides an opportunity for citizens to reflect on our shared history and



develop a blueprint for the future through a series of public workshops and engagement opportunities. A variety of public participation methods were employed to engage members of the community in the planning process. The Comprehensive Plan Committee conducted monthly public meetings, planned workshop opportunities, and spread awareness about the Comprehensive Plan throughout the community.

PUBLIC WORKSHOPS

The Town of Hampden organized 14 public workshops to facilitate the visioning process and address community issues. During these workshops, participants collaborated to create a shared vision for Hampden by generating a wishlist of ideas for the community. This wishlist was then utilized in a land use exercise where attendees located potential projects, further acquainting themselves with the Comprehensive Plan process.

CHILDREN'S DAY

Town staff hosted a table at Children's Day in August 2022 where parents and their children were encouraged to draw their dream community. Among the top responses were splash pads, more recreational areas, and zoos with exotic animals for children to visit. These responses are highly regarded, given the Town's longstanding history of educational initiatives. This activity also piqued the

interest of parents in the planning process. It is essential to consider the youth of today, as they are the future stewards of our land, and involving them in the planning process is critical for a positive outcome.

ONLINE SURVEY

Between July and September, a public survey was carried out to gather further information that would not be easily obtainable through the public workshop process. This survey supplemented the statistical data gathered by the State of Maine and addressed more detailed questions about the community's perception and specific policy recommendations. A total of 371 responses were collected, and the data and responses can be found in *Appendix B of the Data Book*.

VISUAL PREFERENCE SURVEY

As an optional, supplementary survey, a Visual Preference Survey (VPS) was conducted during public workshops, Committee meetings, and Town Council and Planning Board workshops. The objective of the VPS was to enhance participants' feedback by providing visual examples during the workshops or meetings. The VPS collected 20 responses, and the data and analysis can be found in *Appendix C of the Data Book*.

PLAN STRUCTURE

Hampden: Forward is an important document that outlines the framework for the growth and development of the Town of Hampden. It serves as a guide for decision-makers, business owners, and residents to shape their future. It provides guidance for future growth and development and is intended for use by decision-makers, business owners, and residents when considering policies, programs, and zoning changes, and development in town.

The comprehensive planning process aimed to engage people of all ages and experiences to contribute their voices to the plan. Each update of the comprehensive plan provides an opportunity to capture the voices of those in town, whether newer residents or lifelong residents. The goal is to be mindful of individual rights and values, avoid unintended consequences of poor planning and policy, and address the needs of all town residents, both today and over the next decade.

This plan is structured to explore Hampden's past, present, and future through unique lenses. Included within are both written policy recommendations and capital improvement projects that help achieve the community's shared vision. Each of the chapters focuses on a unique element of the community that has guided the planning process.

The most important part of this plan, however, is its flexibility. This "living document" is designed to respond to changes in data, funding, or state and federal regulations or shifts in public sentiment. The strategies recommended herein vary in complexity and cost and offer incremental solutions to long-term challenges.

The success of this plan, nevertheless, relies on relevancy. Every year, the Town Council should review this document at its budgetary goals and objectives meeting. At the five-year mark, the Town Council should appoint a citizen-led committee to review this document and coordinate any further development of its long-range planning efforts.



Community Vision presents a comprehensive and far-reaching outlook for Hampden's future. Since it can be challenging to look beyond the daily routines of our lives, expanding our perspectives to encompass broader issues and conflicts is beneficial. A high-level vision for the future helps decision-makers navigate the uncertainties of tomorrow. Furthermore, it enables the community to respond to evolving ideas, values, and needs over the next decade.

Community Profile provides insight into Hampden's current state while also anticipating future growth and demographic changes. It highlights the importance of purposeful review and planning to make informed decisions. The plan draws upon Hampden's cultural history to address present challenges, while the objectives are based on data and best practices, aimed at achieving the community's goals.

Community Identity delves into the collective identity of Hampden residents. By drawing upon Hampden's rich cultural history, this section addresses current issues and offers solutions to unique challenges. Residents were asked to contribute to creating a distinct identity for Hampden by sharing personal stories and reflecting on the community's evolution over the decades, personal and political values, and the dedication to family and community. These contributions helped to identify four core values that serve as overarching categories for the various goals and objectives outlined in the plan, providing a shared identity for the community:

A Strong Community

A Growing Economy

A Playful People

A Natural Landscape

Community Action outlines a plan for implementation, including a capital improvement plan, timeline, and performance indicators. This provides transparency for community members and accountability for decision-makers in achieving the Town's goals.

The Data Book is a supplemental document to this plan that presents an inventory and analysis of the natural, built, and human environments in Hampden, providing a constantly evolving story of the community. Along with the participatory planning efforts, this process has included a detailed inventory and analysis of existing conditions, consistent with Maine's Growth Management Act. This document summarizes the key data trends that may affect future planning, and the specific policies and strategies for implementing this Comprehensive Plan. The inventory was completed by interviewing key staff and agencies, and draft iterations were reviewed by staff and the Committee before finalizing this plan.





Community Vision

Hampden's vision for the future is borne from its agricultural and industrial heritage. These symbolic roots cultivated a common identity epitomized through strength and resiliency. The Hampden of the future will espouse this identity by fostering a community equally strong and resilient.

Hampden is nothing without its people. That is why this plan puts community at its center. Community strength and vitality will be measured by safeguarding individual independence and maintaining a positive quality of life for all. This starts every day through small, consistent improvements.

A vision does not always need to be transformative. In this case, the vision for Hampden is intended to promote the preservation of the community's identity and its small-town character. Amidst an ever-changing landscape, Hampden will promote incremental growth and routine maintenance rather than strip itself of its vital natural and cultural resources.

VISION STATEMENT

"The Town of Hampden will foster a dynamic, inclusive, and sustainable community where all people can enjoy independence, economic vitality, and a high quality of life; where one can live, work, and play."





MISSION STATEMENT

"The Town of Hampden will enrich the lives of our citizens through proactive, comprehensive planning to create an exceptional environment while providing exemplary services to enable our community to thrive and prosper."

CORE VALUES

COMMUNITY CHARACTER

Hampden's rich history and values have shaped its community character from its Puritan roots to a working community with mills and agriculture. Education played a vital role for religious knowledge, language, math skills, and engaged citizenship. As prosperity grew, Hampden demanded better amenities, such as quality housing and the establishment of Hampden Academy in 1803. Despite Bangor's economic dominance, Hampden maintained its conservative identity while enjoying access to Bangor's amenities. Today, Hampden's residents still prioritize education and access to amenities as critical factors for a high quality of life.

RURAL CHARACTER

Residents often cite the rural character of Hampden as a key reason for living here, with its bucolic and pastoral setting, historic farmsteads, and open countryside. This ambiance and desire for country living has attracted homeowners and developers to Hampden. However, the traditional rural land uses and newer residential areas often clash. The current land use is a mix of scattered historic homes and newer structures, and includes street patterns, open spaces, commercial and industrial areas, and farmland beyond the urban core. Historic structures are sometimes scattered due to modern development, while others remain clustered in farm fields. Developmental pressure extending into the rural parts of town strains resources, detracts from its ambiance, and degrades the rural character.



PROPERTY RIGHTS

Preserving natural resources while balancing property rights is a complex task. Maine has established policies to prevent the unrestrained loss of natural resources due to development, but local policies are also necessary to protect unique features or habitats. These natural areas define a community's identity and character, as recognized by a majority of survey respondents and Committee members. Therefore, the Town Council must evaluate how land use policies impact natural resources and the community's identity. This challenge requires exploring alternative land use management approaches that encourage incremental development without undermining property rights or values.

SMALL TOWN CHARM

Hampden is a charming historical community known for its residences adorned with old structures and farmlands. The Four Mile Square historic neighborhoods have distinct design elements that set them apart from other developments. These include provisions for pedestrian movement, available public or civic space, and appropriately sized houses relative to the street. It is essential to promote these elements to maintain the small-town charm.

The Town Center is the core of Hampden and should be an activated district intended to enhance pedestrian traffic, expand access to retail and services, and create an appealing downtown atmosphere with new commercial offerings. To achieve this, zoning policies must encourage vibrant, attractive, and sustainable development opportunities. Incentives for development, public spaces and amenities, and infrastructure improvements should be integrated into zoning policies. Design guidelines should prioritize creativity rather than minimum standards to ensure safe, enjoyable, and attractive neighborhoods that meet the community's needs. By implementing these measures, Hampden can foster a sense of community and create beautiful, sustainable neighborhoods.



COMMUNITY GOALS

The Committee identified fifteen goals, grouped under four topic areas, to achieve the town-wide vision. Each goal has objectives and strategies that provide policy, infrastructure, advocacy, or other recommendations in the [Community Action](#) chapter.

A STRONG COMMUNITY

- Goal 1** Provide safe, attractive, and connected neighborhoods.
- Goal 2** Allow for a range of housing options for all ages and income levels.
- Goal 3** Preserve Hampden's historic and cultural heritage.
- Goal 4** Encourage and elevate civic engagement at all levels of the community.

A GROWING ECONOMY

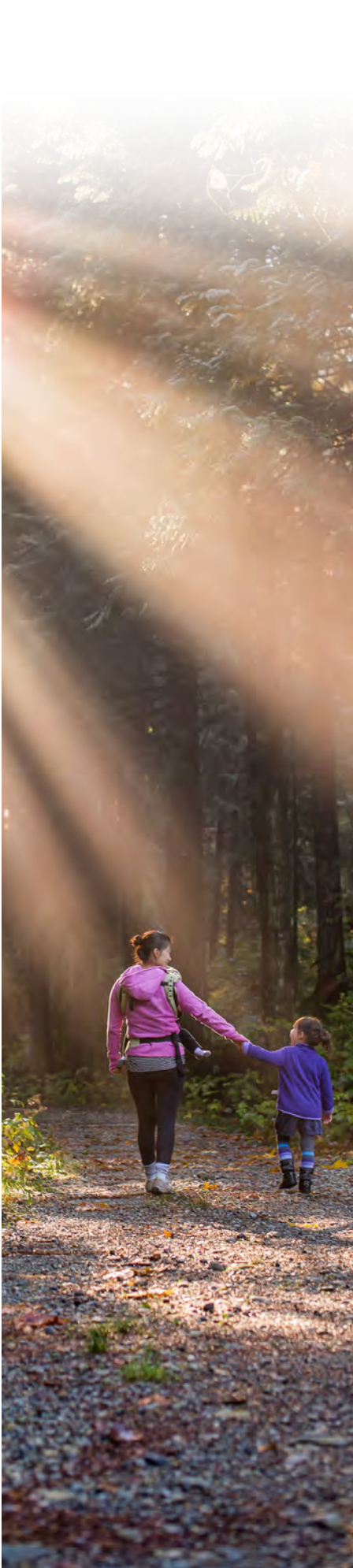
- Goal 5** Foster greater economic development through the attraction and retention of small businesses.
- Goal 6** Stimulate redevelopment of the Four Mile Square.
- Goal 7** Improve and expand existing infrastructure to support future growth.
- Goal 8** Create a more efficient multi-modal transportation network.

A PLAYFUL PEOPLE

- Goal 9** Expand recreational opportunities to meet current and future residents' needs.
- Goal 10** Create inclusive community spaces for people of all ages and abilities.
- Goal 11** Strengthen the connection between residents and open spaces and recreation opportunities.

A NATURAL LANDSCAPE

- Goal 12** Preserve open space, farmland, and critical environmental habitats.
 - Goal 13** Promote conservation of forested habitats historically used for recreation.
 - Goal 14** Protect natural and water resources for future generations.
 - Goal 15** Maintain a resilient landscape that can adapt to extreme weather events.
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Community Profile

From grist mills and livestock pastures to the quiet bedroom community it is today, Hampden has adapted over the centuries to changing economies, new technologies, and new ways of living. This historic character, however, remains preserved today in the community's structures and landscapes.

Local and regional growth over the past decade has created new dilemmas for the community to resolve. Population and demographic shifts have spurred rapid suburban development. Traditional patterns of development now encroach upon the Town's historic and cultural resources, concerning lifelong residents. And while Hampden has historically weathered such changes, new insights are required to manage future growth and development.

COMMUNITY HISTORY AND CHARACTER

Hampden is situated in southern Penobscot County, Maine, along the west bank of the Penobscot River and immediately south of the City of Bangor. It is bordered by the Town of Hermon and the City of Bangor to the north, the City of Brewer and the Town of Orrington to the east (separated by the Penobscot River), the Town of Winterport to the south, the Town of Newburgh to the west, and the Town of Carmel to the northwest. According to the United States Census Bureau, Hampden has a total area of 38.84 square miles.

Hampden is a riverine community that has supported centuries of commerce and industry along the Penobscot River. Alongside industrial prosperity, a prominent rural farming community thrived in the western half of town. These coexisting dual identities not only are a source of valuable historical knowledge, but also reflect land use development patterns in the community today.

PENOBSCOT NATION

The traditional lands of the Penobscot Nation were along the Penobscot River and its tributaries. The Souadabscook Stream served as a major transportation route between the Penobscot and Kennebec rivers. Other important Native American sites in Hampden include the Hampden Narrows and Turtle Head - the current site of Turtlehead Park. Today, the Penobscot Nation is a member of the Wabanaki Confederacy along with the Passamaquoddy, Micmac and Maliseet nations.

SETTLING OF HAMPDEN

In 1767, Benjamin Wheeler built a mill at the confluence of the Souadabscook Stream and the Penobscot River. The settlement grew through the success of the Wheeler mills and other businesses and homesteads in the area.

Many Hampden homesteads were abandoned during the Revolutionary War as residents fled southward to Woolwich and Falmouth to escape British raids. Most settlers did return by 1783 and the 1786 survey of the region listed 26 male settlers, some with families, on lands they claimed and improved.



The area now known as Hampden went by many names during that period, including Wheelersborough, Wheeler's Mills, or Souadabscook Plantation. The Town was officially incorporated on February 24, 1794 as Hampden – named after English patriot, John Hampden.

INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE

Hampden prospered throughout the 19th Century with mills, wharves, and shipwrights bringing business to the town. This period of economic stability fostered new community development, with the original town hall, cemeteries, churches, and schools interspersed between residential and commercial areas.

As late as 1882, Hampden contained two paper mills, a grist mill, a steam mill, a carding mill, manufacturers of pumps and blocks, a cooperage, wheelwrights, shipwrights, and specialized builders of sashes, doors, and blinds. Hampden's affluence within the region continued to grow when the trolley system connected towns with public transportation.

SUBURBANIZATION

With the advent of vehicular transportation at the turn of the century, community development patterns changed throughout Hampden. Ease of transportation, coupled with deteriorating neighborhoods in Bangor, made Hampden a desirable community for the affluent and working classes.

Concurrently, industrial consolidation and agricultural outsourcing began to erode the need for self-sufficiency at the local level. Agricultural fields along Main Road and Old County Road were developed with single-family dwellings, including ranches, capes, and other colonial revival houses. The gradual decline of agriculture and industry spurred rapid suburbanization as more and more people commuted to Bangor for work.

Following World War II, Hampden continued to evolve into a suburban bedroom community. The closure of the trolley system ended public transit opportunities, leaving Hampden auto-centric. The process of repurposing agricultural and forested land into residential uses continued as the regional population grew. Commercial and industrial enterprises, however, did not grow at the same rate during this period.

HAMPDEN TODAY

Today, Hampden is seen as a quiet bedroom community with a well-renowned school system in RSU #22. The Town is bisected by regional thoroughfares - Route 202 and Route 1A – and accessible to Interstate 95. This strategic location has accelerated growth in residential, commercial, and industrial sectors over the past couple decades.

The Hampden Business and Commerce Park opened in 2001 and serves as a boon to economic development in the community. Others smaller scale commercial developments along Main Road North have also catalyzed economic growth in Hampden in recent years.

Residential development trends, meanwhile, have stayed consistent. Recent efforts to preserve natural resources and open spaces have created quaint cul-de-sac style subdivisions, but at the expense of agricultural or forested land. In 1996, Hampden commissioned an analysis of historic rural landscapes in hopes to preserve these vital historic resources. More recent planning efforts have focused on slowing suburban development and redeveloping historic town centers for a variety of mixed uses.



HERE AND NOW

POPULATION

Between 2000 and 2020, Maine’s population grew modestly by approximately 2.7%, reaching about 1.3 million people. However, this growth has not been evenly distributed across the state. While some urban areas, such as Portland and its surrounding suburbs, experienced population growth, many rural areas saw a decline in population.

Hampden is one of those areas that has consistently experienced population growth over the past two decades, due to its proximity to Bangor. As shown in [Figure 3.1](#), Hampden’s population has increased from 6,327 in 2000 to an estimated 7,700 in 2020, representing a growth of approximately 20%. Within the last ten years alone, Hampden has grown by 6%, impacting all aspects of the community.

The popularity of RSU #22 and the Town’s public services has been a major factor in driving this growth, leading to a housing boom in Hampden with new residential developments and subdivisions being built to meet the increasing demand. This boom is reflected in the Town’s comparative population growth compared to the rest of Penobscot County and the State of Maine. However, this growth has also brought challenges, such as strain on existing services and infrastructure. The Town must balance the demands of a growing population while maintaining and upgrading infrastructure to support that growth. If population growth trends continue, there could be an even greater need for infrastructure to support the community.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Hampden is a community with a significant aging population, with 17% of residents over the age of 65 and an additional 26% expected to reach retirement age in the next two decades. To ensure that the town meets the needs of this demographic, it is crucial to provide adequate housing and services for seniors. As Maine’s senior population continues to grow rapidly, Hampden, like other communities, must adapt its public support systems to meet the needs of the elderly. This challenge is particularly significant in rural areas where seniors often relocate close to their extended families.

Figure 3.1 Population Change Since 1980

Year	Hampden	% Change	Penobscot County	% Change	Maine	% Change
1980	5,250	-	137,015	-	1,125,043	-
1990	5,974	14%	146,601	7%	1,227,928	9%
2000	6,327	6%	144,919	-1%	1,274,923	4%
2010	7,257	15%	153,923	6%	1,328,361	4%
2020	7,709	6%	152,199	-1%	1,362,359	3%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census, 2020

Figure 3.2 Population Projection Graph Through 2050

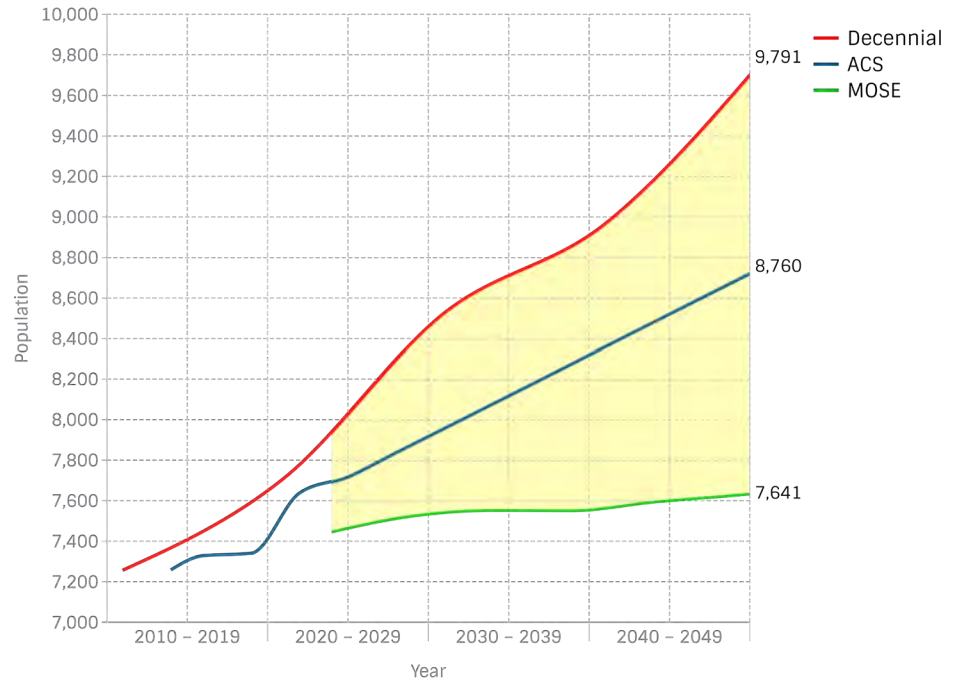
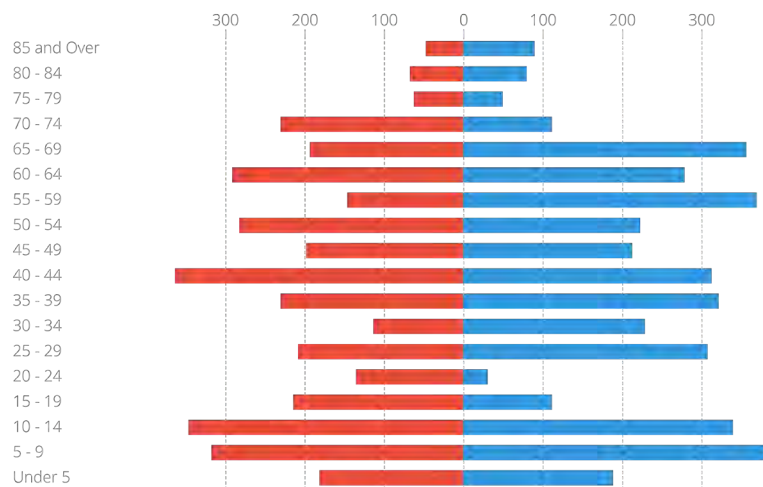


Figure 3.3 Distribution of Population by Age and Sex – Pyramid



Education is a critical component of the Hampden community's identity, with almost 50% of residents holding a Bachelor's degree or higher. The local school system is a significant factor in why families choose to live in Hampden. To maintain and enhance the community's quality of life, it is essential to instill a strong work ethic and promote accountability in the younger generation. By emphasizing the value of education and fostering a supportive learning environment, the town can ensure that its residents have the skills and knowledge necessary to thrive in the modern economy.

Hampden is a predominantly white community, with over 93% of residents identifying as White. This lack of racial diversity has implications for equity and inclusion, as individuals from different racial backgrounds may not have equal access to resources or opportunities. To promote diversity, equity, and inclusion, it is crucial for Hampden to acknowledge and embrace changing demographics. While the lack of diversity may limit residents' exposure to different cultures, promoting an inclusive environment can ensure that all members of the community feel valued and respected.

Hampden's high median income provides more disposable income for spending on goods and services, where it's almost double that of the rest of Penobscot County. If this spending is captured in town, it can foster economic growth and generate potential tax revenue for the local government, which can benefit the entire community through infrastructure, education, and other public services. A high per capita income indicates a high standard of living and increased economic activity, while a low per capita income can signify economic difficulties, perpetuating a cycle of low income and reduced consumer spending. However, lower incomes in the surrounding region can still affect Hampden's comparatively more prosperous economy.

Figure 3.4 Educational Attainment Comparison (Ages 18 and Over)

Educational Attainment	Hampden	Penobscot County
Less than 9th grade	141	2,450
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	100	5,270
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	1,029	36,200
Some college, no degree	916	21,599
Associate degree	598	11,838
Bachelor's degree	1,435	19,119
Graduate or professional degree	1,055	11,835
% High School Graduate or Higher	95.4	92.9
% Bachelor's Degree or Higher	47.2	28.6

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2021

Figure 3.5 Distribution of Population by Race

Racial Group	Hampden (Count)	Hampden (Percentage)
Population of one race (alone)	7,377	95.69
White	7,141	92.71
Black or African American	58	0.75
American Indian and Alaska Native	31	0.40
Asian	89	1.15
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0	0.00
Some Other Race	52	0.67
Population of two or more races	332	4.31
Total	7,709	100.0

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census, 2020

Figure 3.6 Diversity Index for Penobscot County

Measurement	2010 Census	2020 Census
Population	153,923	152,199
Diversity Index	10.3%	17.2%
Largest Racial or Ethnic Group:		
White (alone), not Hispanic or Latino	94.7%	90.9%
Second Largest Racial or Ethnic Group:		
Two or more races, not Hispanic or Latino	1.4%	4.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census, 2020

Figure 3.7 Income Comparison

	Hampden	Penobscot County
Median Household Income	89,651	52,128
Per Capita Income in the Last 12 Months (2020)	44,926	29,603
Total Families (2020) (Count)	1,988	38,100
Families Below the Poverty Level (2020) (Percentage)	2.8%	7.8%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2021

LOOKING FORWARD

POPULATION GROWTH

As depicted in [Figure 3.2](#), Hampden is projected to experience population growth. However, this growth presents a challenge to the town as it must balance the needs of a growing population while also upgrading infrastructure to support it. There may be an even greater demand for infrastructure if growth trends continue. Population growth can be estimated by analyzing historical data and trends or by accounting for potential scenarios such as economic growth or changes in land use policies – further described in the [Data Book](#). To ensure equitable and sustainable growth, this plan outlines strategies for intentional growth. With this plan as a guide, Hampden has the potential to become a welcoming and inclusive city with thriving neighborhoods and a high quality of life for all.

ECONOMIC CHANGE

Hampden is a residential community that primarily supports the neighboring urban areas of Bangor and Brewer. The Town's economy itself has stagnated amidst residential growth, resulting in a steady increase in the mill rate over the past decade. Healthcare, supermarkets, and educational institutions are among the major regional employers, but there are also various home-based businesses that cater to the community's needs. The Town has designated significant land areas and potential utility service options for business and industrial use and has been actively engaged in attracting

and promoting business and industry through the Eastern Maine Development Corporation (EMDC).

The Hampden Zoning Ordinance has been amended to expand opportunities for home-based businesses and other occupations, promoting their growth. Hampden's land use regulations include a large land area designated for industrial development, which is serviced by public utilities in the industrial park. Future expansions of the sewer system could serve as a catalyst for economic growth in areas such as Coldbrook Road and Four Mile Square, providing new commercial opportunities and enhancing the overall system's redundancy. Careful consideration is required as such projects entail significant infrastructure costs.

Hampden needs to balance residential and business growth to maintain a healthy tax base. The Town can achieve this by promoting an economic climate that increases job opportunities and overall economic well-being. Concentrating on economic growth can help mitigate the tax burden on residents. By refining land use regulations to promote the type of development recommended by the community and outlined throughout this plan, the Town can maximize the benefits of such expansions.



REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

Municipal and regional partnerships are essential for Hampden's economic, environmental, and overall community well-being. The Town actively engages in attracting and promoting business and industry through regional partnerships and common entities. Private sector industrial development is supported by the town through tax increment financing, and land use regulations include a designated industrial development area serviced by public utilities. The Hampden Business Association serves as a liaison between the town and its members, fostering periodic updates and presentations by the Economic Development Director.

Improving local infrastructure is crucial to attract new businesses and prevent outward migration, and Hampden is seeking to use grants to upgrade its downtown area and revitalize the economy, with opportunities to partner with the State.

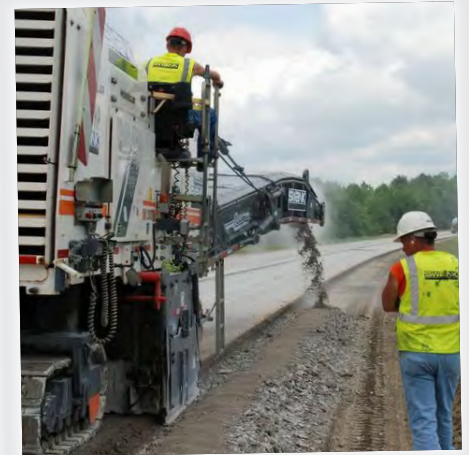
Collaborating with regional stakeholders on environmental protection, hazard mitigation, and water management plans is also critical. Common efforts across communities, municipalities, and stakeholder groups help identify potential threats and develop strategies to protect these important natural and water resources. Through partnerships with the State and regional stakeholders, Hampden can maximize the impact of grants and bring about sustainable growth.

PLANNING FOR A POST-PANDEMIC WORLD

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on various aspects of the community, including housing markets, outdoor activities, and the local economy. Some trends that emerged during the pandemic may be temporary, while others may persist. For example, the decrease in demand for high-end urban rentals may be temporary, while the growing interest in suburban and exurban living may continue. The pandemic has also highlighted the disparities in access to decent and affordable housing, with many households experiencing housing insecurity due to loss of income or other COVID-19 related impacts.

The local economy has also been impacted by the pandemic, with some sectors such as healthcare and manufacturing experiencing growth while others faced significant challenges. Continued collaboration and partnerships between municipalities, businesses, and community organizations will be critical in ensuring sustainable growth and recovery.

Despite the challenges, the pandemic has also brought about positive changes in the community, such as a surge in outdoor activities as people sought to spend more time outside. Planning for recreation and parks has become increasingly important to support these activities and promote the overall well-being of the community.



It is also important to acknowledge that the prevailing theory is that the pandemic has drastically altered the human ecology and how people interact with the built environment. As things potentially change or go back to pre-pandemic normal, the community must remain adaptable and responsive to the needs of its residents.



Community Identity

Hampden's unique identity and heritage offer valuable insights for addressing current challenges. This is owed to the people who have contributed to shaping the town's history and culture. As a result, this plan emphasizes the importance of community involvement. The strength and well-being of the community are measured by protecting individual freedoms and ensuring a positive quality of life for everyone.

Throughout the planning process, personal anecdotes and decades of reflection on community transformation, personal and political beliefs, and the commitment to family and community have been taken into account. These core values shape every decision made in this plan and in the daily lives of residents. Despite their differences, Hampden's residents are united by these shared values. They serve as the overarching themes for the various goals and objectives outlined in this plan.

A STRONG COMMUNITY

The Town of Hampden has a strong sense of community that is evident in many aspects of daily life. Residents frequently attend town events such as parades, recreation opportunities, and school events, which bring people together and foster a sense of belonging. Community organizations such as the Hampden Business Association, the Hampden Garden Club, Kiwanis Club, and the Hampden Historical Society offer opportunities for residents to get involved and contribute to the community.

Maintaining and strengthening these ties requires a concerted effort from town officials and community leaders. One way to accomplish this is through investment in public spaces such as parks and community centers. These spaces provide a place for residents to gather and participate in events and activities that foster a sense of community. Additionally, town officials should prioritize praising and supporting local businesses and entrepreneurs, which not only stimulates the local economy but also creates a sense of pride and ownership in the community.

Another way to strengthen community ties is through communication and transparency from town officials. By providing regular updates and engaging with residents through social media, newsletters, and community meetings, town officials can build trust and a sense of shared responsibility among residents. Encouraging residents to participate in local government through volunteering, serving on boards and committees, or running for elected office can also help create a more engaged and active community.

Hampden has a unique and cherished history that strengthens community ties. Preserving and promoting historic landmarks, traditions, and events can foster a sense of pride in Hampden's past and present. By working together to celebrate and preserve the Town's history, residents can create a stronger sense of community and a shared vision for the future.



WHAT YOU

*"It's nearly perfect...
keep it simple... down to
earth"*

*"Implement services
to keep taxes/service
costs at a minimum"*

*"Affordable housing,
especially for disabled
and elderly citizens"*

*"Reasonable growth,
affordable housing,
senior services"*

*"Would like to see more
concerts and plays,
Also art galleries"*

*"More social events
to build a sense of
community"*

YOU SAID

"Diverse, locally-owned restaurants and markets in the village center district with available parking and walkable access"

"I would like to see more being done for family entertainment"

"Waterfront scene. Outdoor theater. Art walk/outdoor sale in summer"

"More frequent public transportation"

"Boutiques and shops would be great!"

A GROWING ECONOMY

Hampden is a residential community that supports the urban areas of Bangor and Brewer. In recent decades, the community has experienced rapid growth and expansion, welcoming new residents of all ages to our town. However, this growth has strained the local economy and increased the cost of public services, making it necessary to maintain a balance between residential and business growth for a healthy tax base. In order to meet the residents' demand for more retail and commercial options, the Town must create a business-friendly environment for all businesses that can fulfill their needs.

The Town's focus should be on promoting economic growth and vitality for both businesses and individuals to alleviate the tax burden on residents. This can be achieved by implementing better development patterns and strengthening the local economy, resulting in job opportunities and overall economic well-being that propels the Town towards long-term economic prosperity.

The community has expressed a desire for a range of quality-of-life improvements that can have a positive impact on the economy, either directly or indirectly. These improvements include entertainment options such as movie theaters, arcades, and playgrounds to provide

fun and engaging activities for all ages. Gathering spaces like community centers, public parks, or recreational spaces that can accommodate different activities and events for a wider and more diverse audience.

Inspired by Brewer's example, residents are looking to create a bustling waterfront scene with a vibrant mix of shops, restaurants, and entertainment venues. Public outdoor spaces that offer cultural and artistic experiences could further enhance the Town's offerings.

To facilitate these improvements, more frequent public transportation would be helpful in enabling residents to access these amenities without relying on personal vehicles. The community has also expressed a desire for the development of bicycle lanes and pathways throughout the Town to promote sustainable, car-free transportation.

These requests all contribute to the overarching goal of creating a diverse and growing economy in Hampden that supports businesses, entrepreneurs, and community members alike. By promoting economic growth and improving quality-of-life for residents, the Town can achieve long-term economic prosperity.



A PLAYFUL PEOPLE

Hampden strongly identifies with recreational opportunities as a source of happiness and healthiness. From children to seniors, residents of all ages are eager to participate in activities that promote physical fitness and social connection. Recreation provides an outlet for individuals to unwind, reduce stress, and improve overall mental and physical well-being.

Children in particular benefit greatly from recreational opportunities. Playful activities such as sports, playgrounds, and summer camps promote physical fitness, socialization, and the development of teamwork and leadership skills. With the increasing prevalence of sedentary lifestyles, it is more important than ever to encourage children to engage in regular physical activity.

However, it is not only children who benefit from recreational opportunities. Adults and seniors also benefit from opportunities to stay active amidst busy lifestyles. Regular exercise has been shown to improve physical health, reduce stress, and promote socialization.

Opportunities for adults to engage in sports, fitness classes, and other recreational activities can help maintain a healthy lifestyle and improve overall quality of life.

To achieve the vision of a playful people, the Town should continue to expand recreational opportunities for residents of all ages, including the development of new parks and playgrounds, sports fields, and community centers. Partnerships with local businesses can help create new opportunities for outdoor recreation, such as hiking and biking trails, and waterfront activities without significant tax burden.

Additionally, improving accessibility to recreational opportunities for all residents, regardless of income or physical ability, promotes a more inclusive environment to play in. Removing barriers to entry, providing financial assistance for low-income families, or deconstructing recreational spaces to support more informal recreation opportunities shows Hampden's commitment to welcoming and including everyone in play.



WHAT YOU

"Walking trail along the river"

"More community events and community property/space to hold events"

"A place for teenage kids to hang out and be safe that isn't necessarily a structured sport"

"Partner with local municipalities to create regional sports leagues"

"Splash pad at the Lura Hoit Pool"

"More ATV and snowmobile trails"

YOU SAID

"Establish a town forest"

"More organized farmers markets or local artists goods for purchase"

"Be known for protecting open space and natural areas in balance with development"

"Safe places for children and families to spend time outdoors instead of in their homes on various screens"

"Briefings by town on plans to reduce carbon footprint and planning for severe global weather changes to housing and transportation"

A NATURAL LANDSCAPE

Hampden's rural character and access to natural resources is a core component to the Town's appeal for residents and visitors alike. The community has a deep appreciation for the bucolic and pastoral setting, historic farmsteads, and open countryside that give Hampden its unique charm and quality of life. This ambiance and desire for country living has also attracted homeowners and developers to the area, leading to traditional rural land uses and newer residential areas often clashing. However, to maintain the character and values of Hampden, certain regulations and restrictions help to preserve the Town's natural beauty, making it an attractive place to live, work, and visit.

Natural resources play a significant role in shaping the community identity. From the pristine forests to scenic vistas, these features offer a range of benefits, including environmental protection, wildlife habitat, clean air and water, recreational opportunities, and economic activities such as fishing and tourism. However, recent climatic events have seen greater risks from flooding that could impact these resources. It is important to identify and address potential hazards that could affect the community, assess their risks, and develop strategies to minimize or eliminate those risks. This effort can save lives, reduce property damage, and decrease recovery time and costs.

To align development with the community's vision, it is important to assess the impact of land use patterns on the Town's character. The analysis should identify the scenic resources that the community values and evaluate whether recent land use practices enhance or threaten those resources. Planning tools that preserve the scale and functioning of a village or protect historic buildings can also benefit scenic resources. Protecting scenic resources should be considered a companion purpose to many planning tools, as it contributes to preserving the character and identity of a community.

By preserving Hampden's natural resources, the Town can maintain its rural character and attract more residents and visitors seeking the Maine way of life. The preservation of scenic resources, combined with hazard mitigation planning, can help safeguard Hampden's future and ensure its continued prosperity. The community should work together to identify areas of risk and develop strategies to reduce their vulnerability to natural disasters. This includes a range of actions, such as floodplain management, improving infrastructure, and developing emergency response plans. By taking proactive steps to address these challenges, Hampden can maintain its rural charm, protect its natural resources, and build a more resilient and sustainable community for generations to come.





Community Action

This section offers a comprehensive list of goals and objectives designed to establish flexible and sustainable land use practices for Hampden’s long-term goals. The implementation matrix, designed with transparency in mind, is an essential tool for decision-makers, staff, and stakeholders involved in bringing the plan to fruition. Policies should promote orderly growth and development in suitable areas while preserving Hampden’s rural character, utilizing public services effectively, and avoiding development sprawl and impacts on property rights.

To achieve these objectives, future regulatory and planning committees can use this section’s framework to formulate and implement land use policies. The annual review of the plan’s progress during the Town Council’s budget meetings will ensure transparency and keep decision-makers and residents informed. By utilizing this framework and the implementation matrix, Hampden can establish sustainable land use practices that will carry the town into the future.

EXISTING LAND USE

HISTORIC DEVELOPMENT PATTERNS

In the United States, land use development has gone through significant changes over time, driven by economic, social, and cultural factors. The post-World War II era saw a significant shift towards suburbanization, with the development of suburban areas and the growth of the automobile industry. The suburbanization trend was fueled by government policies such as the Federal Housing Administration’s mortgage insurance program and the development of the Interstate Highway System, which made it easier for people to commute to and from urban areas.

Suburban sprawl has had significant negative impacts on the environment and quality of life. It has led to the loss of open space and farmland, increased air and water pollution, and longer commutes. It has also resulted in the social and economic segregation of communities, with low-income and minority populations being disproportionately affected.

In recent years, there has been a growing awareness of the negative impacts of suburban sprawl, and efforts have been made to encourage more sustainable and efficient land use practices. These efforts include the promotion of compact and mixed-use development, the preservation of open space and farmland, and the development of public transportation systems. Some cities and towns have also implemented smart growth policies, which aim to balance growth and development with environmental and social considerations.

2010 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The 2010 Comprehensive Plan aimed to enhance the rural character of Hampden through designated land use areas that encourage natural beauty while making the town a desirable place to live and work. Proposed strategies included a unified code, expedited reviews, and limiting regulations seen as development impediments. However, these recommendations were largely unadopted. A review conducted by the Comprehensive Plan Committee found that Hampden’s growth in the past decade had a significant impact on natural resource protection, and overall did not achieve its land use goals.

Figure 5.1 Current Zoning District Definitions (2023)

Zoning District	Definition
Residential Districts	
Rural District	The intent of this district is to protect and promote the rural use and character of the area, to provide for traditional agricultural and open space uses, and to provide for low density residential development where appropriate. It is intended that much of the residential development occurring in this district will be either dispersed in nature or, where the developer chooses, will be clustered with extensive open space surrounding the development.
Residential A District	This district is intended for the development of low density single dwelling unit types. While this district is predominately intended for detached housing the district may allow certain low impact civic and institutional uses.
Residential B District	These areas are designated for a mixture of residential uses: single dwelling unit, multi-family, and mobile home parks, developed as either individual lots, conventional subdivisions or cluster subdivisions. In addition, the RB District shall allow certain low impact nonresidential uses.
Seasonal District	This district is designed to provide for seasonal residential use of waterfront areas so that the process of accelerated nutrient enrichment of water bodies, which almost always accompanies shoreland development, will be kept to a minimum. This district additionally allows for traditional recreational uses associated with waterfront areas, as well as for forest and agricultural uses.
Business Districts	
Rural Business District	These areas are designed to provide a location for commercial facilities designed to serve the needs of rural residents. Large commercial enterprises, designed to serve the needs of the whole community, should not be encouraged in these areas.
Business District	These areas are intended to provide a location for commercial enterprises. The focus of commercial development in these areas should be retail sales and service businesses designed to meet the needs of the community.
Business B District	This district is intended to provide a location for larger commercial developments (in excess of 10,000 sq. ft. of floor area) in central locations of Hampden.
Town Center District	The Town Center District is established to accommodate the daily or frequent shopping needs of the Hampden consumer. The style, appearance, and placement of buildings, parking and landscaping will be regulated to promote consistency with existing buildings and residential uses. The Town Center District shall encourage pedestrian circulation and face to face retail sales.
Commercial Service District	This district is intended for the location of heavy commercial uses, wholesale uses, office buildings, automotive type of uses such as sales and service, convenience stores and commercial service type of uses. In general this area is devoted to service or wholesale uses.
Waterfront District	This district is intended for the location of a wide variety of water dependent and water related uses as well as commercial retail and service uses. In general this area is devoted to uses that are consistent with the Shoreland Zoning General Development uses. Furthermore it is recognized that limited land area is available for such uses thus innovative development standards are required.
Interchange District	This district is intended to provide areas for motels, restaurants, service stations and similar uses that provide accommodations for tourists and other travelers using Interstate 95. Residential structures in existence prior to January 1, 1979 may be repaired or modified and accessory structures may be added, provided minimum setback requirements are met.
Industrial Districts	
Industrial Park District	This district is established to provide a location for fully serviced industrial development. It is intended that land within this district will be protected from encroachment of non-industrial uses, however, the district also contemplates planned business parks with a more diverse mixture of uses and development standards implemented in a closely managed context.
Industrial District	These areas are set aside for non-service intensive industrial uses which do not require the amenities of an industrial park and which would fit into the surrounding rural area with ease. Industries needing public sewer or water are not expected to locate in these areas.
Industrial 2 District	The Industrial 2 District is established to accommodate all types of industrial and commercial uses. No recreational use shall be allowed in this district. As used in this section, recreational uses include but are not limited to campgrounds; facilities for amusement or entertainment; and facilities for the operation of recreational vehicles.

CURRENT ZONING ORDINANCE

The Hampden Zoning Ordinance follows a traditional use-based approach to regulate land use and construction. It designates specific zoning districts and outlines their intended purposes (Figure 5.1). The ordinance also outlines review processes for site plans and other developments outside of subdivisions. It includes a list of permitted, not permitted, and conditional uses, with conditional uses requiring permitting from the Planning Board.

CURRENT SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE

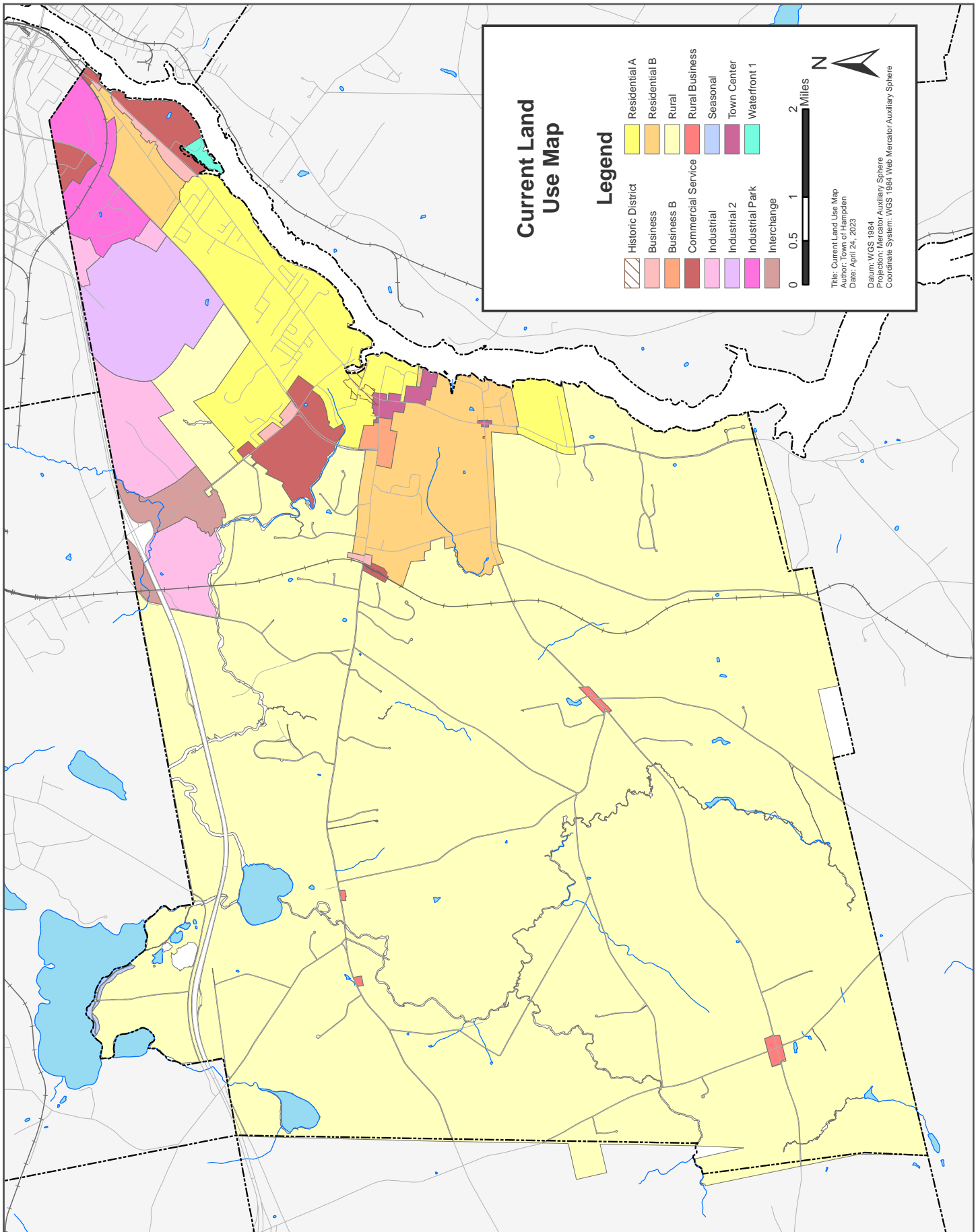
The Hampden Subdivision Ordinance aims to ensure the well-being of people, protect the environment, and promote economic development. Its goals include providing adequate infrastructure, supporting the proposed uses and structures, and minimizing negative impacts on neighboring properties. The ordinance is administered in compliance with Title 30-A M.R.S.A. Section 4401-4407.

The ordinance defines two types of subdivisions for the purposes of permitting and review.

A **minor subdivision** is a subdivision that involves no new infrastructure (road, water, sewer, or stormwater management system), with a maximum of five (5) dwelling units (or lots, including the parent parcel).

A **major subdivision** is a subdivision that involves no new infrastructure but that has more than five (5) dwelling units (or lots, including the parent parcel); or involves new infrastructure regardless of intended ownership of the infrastructure (public or private) and that has any number of lots; or any cluster subdivision; or any nonresidential subdivision.

Figure 5.2 Current Land Use Map



FUTURE LAND USE

Preserving natural and undeveloped lands is crucial as land cannot be recovered once lost. It is therefore essential to make wise and forward-thinking decisions regarding land use. While developed lands can be enhanced over time, it is critical to protect these valuable resources. The policy proposals outlined in this document aim to effectively manage growth and foster a vibrant and sustainable community for generations to come.

GROWTH AREAS

This plan refers to growth areas and other designations as defined by *Title 30-A M.R.S.A. Section 4301*. These definitions establish land use policies for areas deemed appropriate or unsuitable for growth. To promote orderly development, municipalities should create land use policies and ordinances that discourage incompatible development in critical areas while encouraging it in suitable areas.

Growth Area means an area that is designated in a municipality's or multimunicipal region's comprehensive plan as suitable for orderly residential, commercial or industrial development, or any combinations of those types of development, and into which most development projected over 10 years is directed.

Rural Area means a geographic area that is identified and designated in a municipality's or multimunicipal region's comprehensive plan as an area that is deserving of some level of regulatory protection from unrestricted development for purposes that may include, but are not limited to, supporting agriculture, forestry, mining, open space, erosion mitigation, water retention, wildlife habitat, fisheries habitat and scenic lands, and away from which most development projected over 10 years is diverted.

Transitional Area means an area that is designated in a municipality's or multimunicipal region's comprehensive plan as suitable for a share of projected residential, commercial or industrial development but that is neither intended to accept the amount or density of development appropriate for a growth area nor intended to provide the level of protection for rural resources afforded in a rural area or critical rural area.

Land use development in Maine has led to the depletion of natural resources and a negative impact on rural communities. The aim of Hampden's future land use planning is to prevent incompatible development while supporting other rural industries. To achieve this, the plan must identify areas suitable for growth and protect them from harmful uses. In addition to the "growth areas" defined by statute, core development areas and nodes will be identified to encourage gradual growth and ensure that the Town's infrastructure can support it, while maintaining fiscal responsibility. Incremental growth is the best course of action for Hampden.

TRANSECT PLANNING

Transect planning is a land-use planning system that categorizes the built environment into a series of zones or "transects" based on their physical and functional characteristics. The purpose of transect planning is to encourage development that supports pedestrian-friendly communities, conserves natural resources, and promotes efficient land use patterns.

During the public engagement phase of the comprehensive planning process, participants were asked to envision future land use in Hampden by drawing on maps or discussing their ideas ([Appendix A](#)). To simplify the process, existing zoning districts were grouped into broader categories, and the resulting map is an overlay of all the public input received. The plan uses color-coded definitions to represent each area's intended use, which is similar to the terminology used in transect planning.

Open Space – Consists of lands similar to or reverting to a wilderness condition or lands unsuitable for settlement due to topography, hydrology, or vegetation. Civic or recreation uses and structures are permitted within open space lands.

Rural – Consists of sparsely settled lands in open or cultivated states, including forests, grasslands, and agricultural lands. Typical uses are low-density residential, agricultural, recreational, home occupations, or small-scale country shops and markets.

Suburban – Consists of low-density residential areas adjacent to higher density areas of mixed use. Home occupations and accessory uses are typically permitted.

Mixed Use – Consists of mid- to high-density developments that accommodate residential, commercial, and office uses in close proximity via adjacency or superimposition. Consists of an interconnected and walkable street network.

Industrial – Consists of areas with structures that by function, disposition, or configuration are inconsistent with other uses. These areas are restricted from potential encroachment upon non-industrial uses, primarily residential.

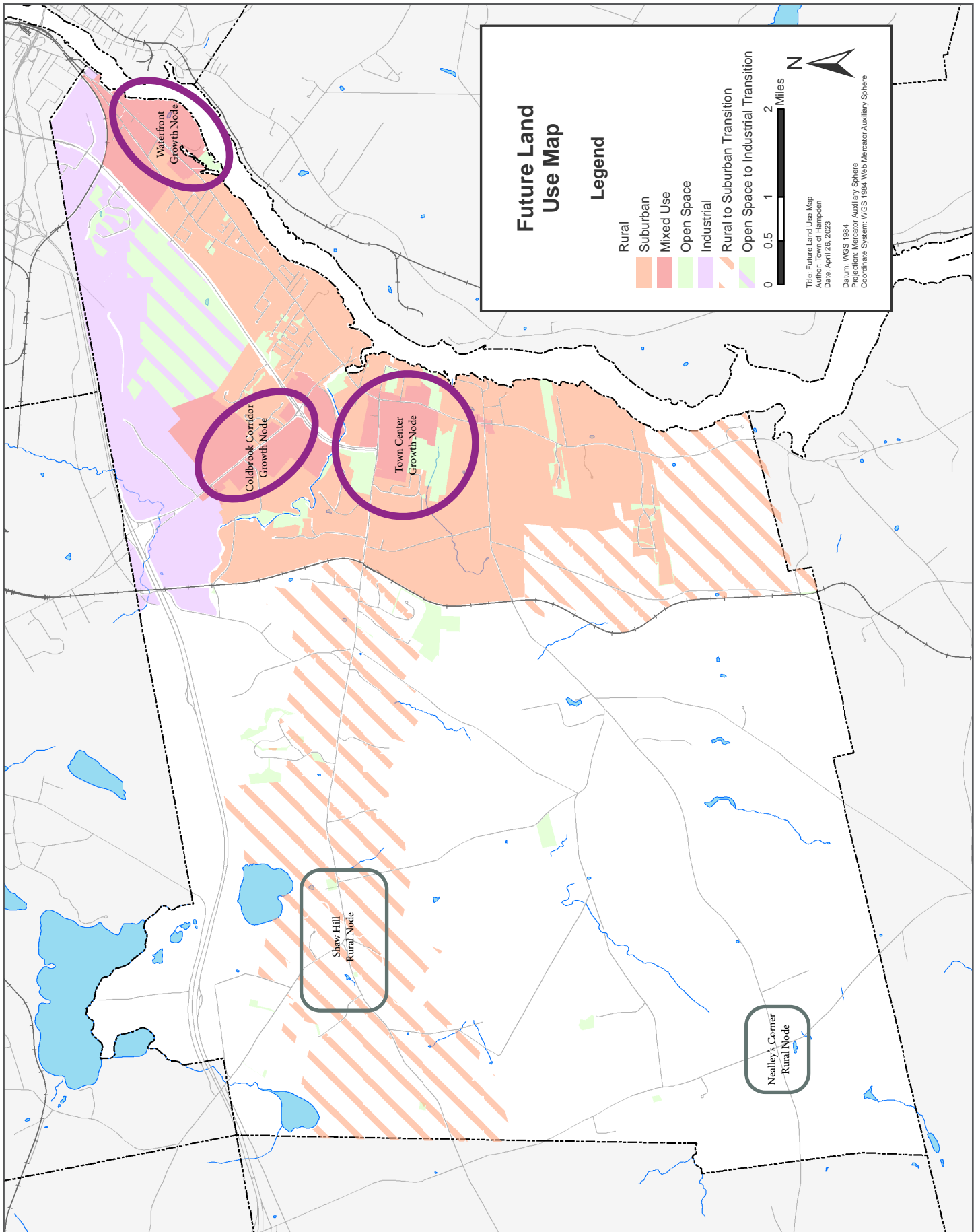
The Future Land Use Map ([Figure 5.3](#)) serves as Hampden's blueprint for future development, with existing policies and ordinances to be adjusted to align with its vision. To preserve rural areas, higher densities should be grouped with mixed-use developments, and development should be separated by density rather than use. This will prevent incompatible uses from affecting low-density residential areas. Separating industrial from residential areas will protect individual health and quality of life and prevent property rights infringements. Transitional areas should be designated for potential future growth once all other growth areas have been exhausted or when appropriate public services and utilities are extended to that area.



Rural to Urban Transect

Source: Congress of New Urbanism

Figure 5.3 Future Land Use Map

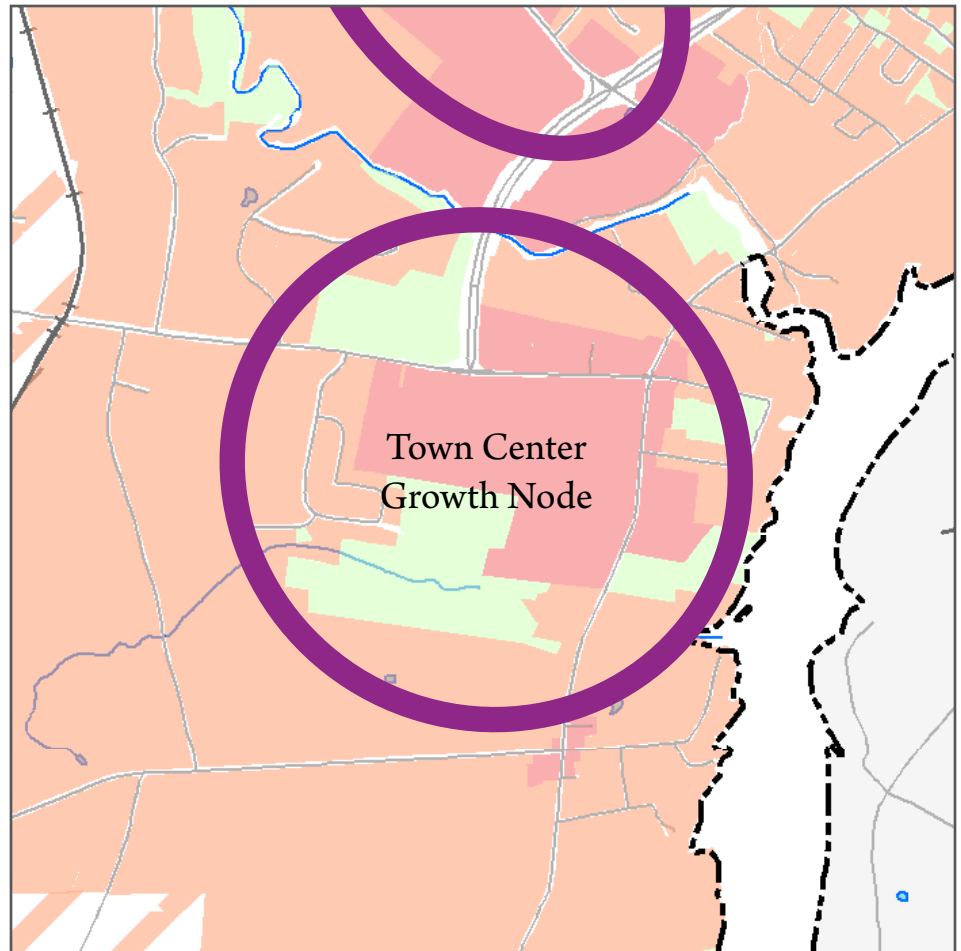


TOWN CENTER GROWTH NODE

VISION

The Town Center has been a focal point for residents throughout the comprehensive planning process, with the vision of creating a walkable area that features shops, parks, and restaurants for adults, children, and everyone to enjoy. This vision is centered around the creation of a vibrant and welcoming public space that is accessible to all members of the community, including families with children and individuals of all ages and abilities. The design of the Town Center would prioritize wide sidewalks, safe pedestrian crossings, and outdoor seating areas to encourage foot traffic and promote inclusivity. The integration of parks and green spaces into the design would provide residents with a place to relax and enjoy nature in the heart of the town, while a diverse mix of shops and restaurants would offer a range of options for residents to explore and enjoy.

This vision reflects a commitment to creating a livable and sustainable community that places the needs and desires of its residents at the forefront of decision-making. Concentrating development in the Town Center can help to reduce sprawl and associated costs, while fostering a diverse range of industries and businesses that can contribute to a more resilient and dynamic local economy. The purpose of this approach to urban planning is to create a more livable, sustainable, and prosperous environment by directing growth and development towards specific areas and maximizing the efficient use of resources.



NEXT STEPS

Zoning – Updating the Zoning Ordinance to align with the goals of the Future Land Use Map is essential in creating a vibrant downtown community with greater density and diversity of uses. To achieve this, the Town should reduce dimensional restrictions, embrace infill development, and prioritize walkability in ordinance updates. This approach is crucial in realizing the residents’ request for a Town Center that is the focal point of the plan.

Partnerships – Partnering with agencies like Maine DOT is also an effective way of securing grants and other sources of funding that can help pay for infrastructure improvements. The Town should prioritize the application process for grants or initiatives that can expedite infrastructure development, which can create walkable spaces and reduce existing traffic in the area.

Parks and Green Infrastructure – As part of the Town Center’s redevelopment, the development of a district-wide green infrastructure system is crucial to reducing the flow of stormwater into the sewer system or neighboring properties. The creation of more green spaces, such as parklets and a signature park that can host small events, can also help reduce the heat-island effect through increased tree canopy.

Housing – Creating more housing, rental, and ownership at various price points, including units for low-income households, is necessary to achieve a successful Town Center redevelopment. This approach will not only cater to the needs of different income groups but also support the creation of a livable and sustainable community that prioritizes the needs and desires of its residents.

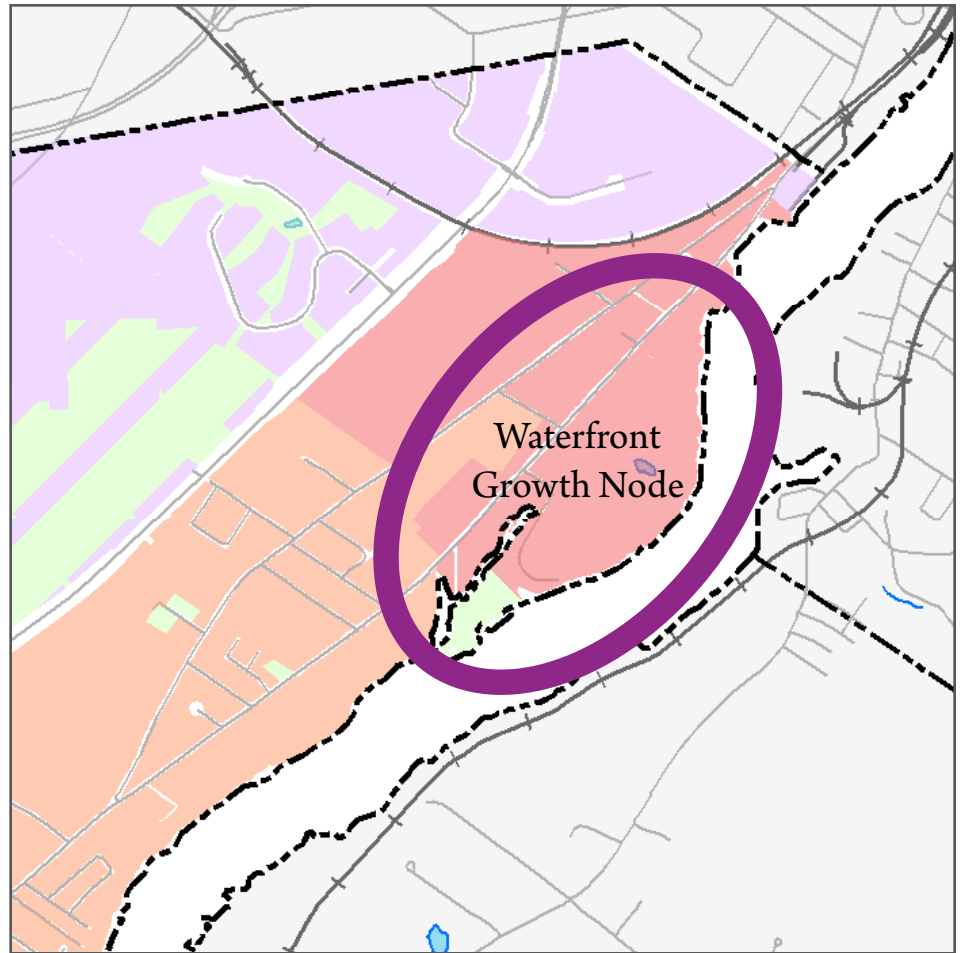
WATERFRONT GROWTH NODE

VISION

The community has expressed a strong vision for a vibrant and accessible waterfront area, similar to those found in neighboring Bangor and Brewer. The desire is to create a space where residents can walk and enjoy a picturesque view of the water. To achieve this vision, connections to Turtle Head Park and Main Road North would create a larger greenway or boardwalk that could accelerate business development. The mix of uses, including residential, commercial, and recreational, is vital for creating a walkable community similar to the Town Center. However, what sets this node apart is the emphasis on water or river-dependent businesses to encourage similar businesses to either remain or relocate to Hampden. Public access to the Penobscot River is also crucial for all residents and visitors to enjoy the scenic beauty of the river. The waterfront area has the potential to be a significant attraction and economic driver for the community.

NEXT STEPS

Water Access - Regulations such as zoning, harbor management, and environmental protection can limit access to the water. To create sustainable and resilient access, it is important to have a holistic idea of what access means and work to protect all forms of access. Hampden can adopt zoning controls and marine zones to establish districts that give preference to maritime activities. The Town could also require public access easements, boat launches, and accessible features for riverfront developments. Adopting policies to preserve access to the river is crucial for preserving Maine's identity, culture, and economy.



Master Plan - The Town created a Waterfront Master Plan in 1990 to spur the development of the waterfront area. Although the vision in that plan never came to fruition, a similar approach would be needed to kickstart the redevelopment of this node. Engaging stakeholders such as residents, businesses, and community organizations and gathering input and ideas about what they would like to see included in the plan. The plan should consider accessibility, safety, and environmental sustainability. The Town can then refine the plan through further community input and feedback, and incorporate the plan as an update to this plan. Implementation of the plan may require partnerships with other agencies, securing funding sources, and coordinating with property owners along the riverfront.

Green Infrastructure - The waterfront area, along with adjacent properties, face challenges in managing stormwater due to a substantial amount of impervious area. To mitigate the impact of the redevelopment on the changing topography and increased impervious area near the Penobscot River, significant investment in green infrastructure and low impact development techniques is required.

COLDBROOK CORRIDOR GROWTH NODE

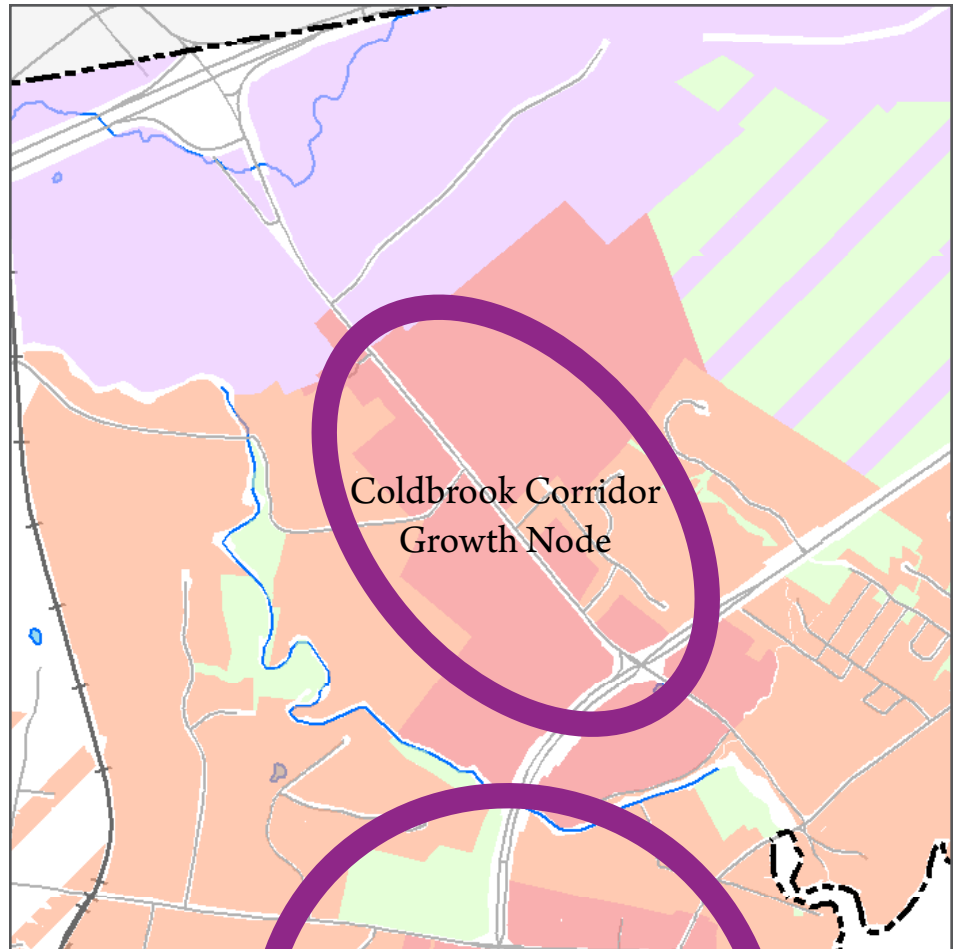
VISION

The Coldbrook Road area is a significant gateway into the Town of Hampden, providing direct access to Interstate 95. With its high visibility and accessibility, it presents a unique opportunity for economic development and growth. Unlike other growth areas in Hampden, the primary focus and vision for the Coldbrook Corridor is the density of commercial and retail opportunities. However, as discussed in the Economy chapter of the Hampden Comprehensive Plan, the focus should be away from big box stores and fast food chains and towards small businesses that align with Hampden's nurturing and supportive community culture.

It's important to avoid the pitfalls of strip mall development, as seen on Stillwater Avenue in Bangor. This style of development often leads to increased traffic congestion, decreased safety, and reduced walkability. Instead, the Coldbrook Corridor should be seen as an opportunity to create a vibrant location with diverse economic opportunities. This can be achieved by mixing in residential housing that requires access to these services, such as senior housing, affordable housing, and denser housing outside of single-family subdivisions. By doing so, Hampden can attract a wider range of residents and businesses, contributing to a more sustainable and prosperous community.

NEXT STEPS

Rezoning – At present, the zoning of the Coldbrook Corridor is primarily rural, which significantly limits the type of development that can occur in the area. This is further complicated by the fact that the surrounding districts are either commercial or residential, resulting in an irregular pattern of zoning options that does not support cohesive development. A possible solution to this challenge is to rezone the Coldbrook Corridor to a more mixed-use style of zoning, as indicated on the Future Land Use Map. By adopting this approach, a more diverse range of development opportunities will be made available, which can facilitate the creation of a more vibrant and cohesive community in this area. This could include a mixture of commercial, retail, residential, and office space that are complementary and enhance the overall character of the neighborhood.



Sewer – Throughout the plan, there is a recurring theme of expanding sewer service to increase economic opportunities. The activation of the growth area along Coldbrook Road is heavily dependent on the installation of sewer service throughout its full length. In order to fund this development, decision-makers should explore the feasibility of using impact fees, bonding, or public-private partnerships as potential financing options in the short term. Ultimately, the benefits of increased economic growth and development in the area make the investment in expanding sewer service well worth considering.

Traffic Calming – Currently, Coldbrook Road serves as a high-speed thoroughfare with motorists regularly exceeding the speed limit of 45mph. To prevent the potential pitfalls of Stillwater Avenue's development, it's crucial to slow down traffic and minimize congestion by prioritizing road efficiency over speed. Expanding the road may only lead to a more dangerous situation for pedestrians and cyclists, rather than resolving traffic issues. Instead, the town must focus on promoting sustainable modes of transportation that encourage healthier lifestyles and decrease the environmental impact of driving. By prioritizing these solutions, it's possible to create a safer, more livable community that benefits both residents and the environment.

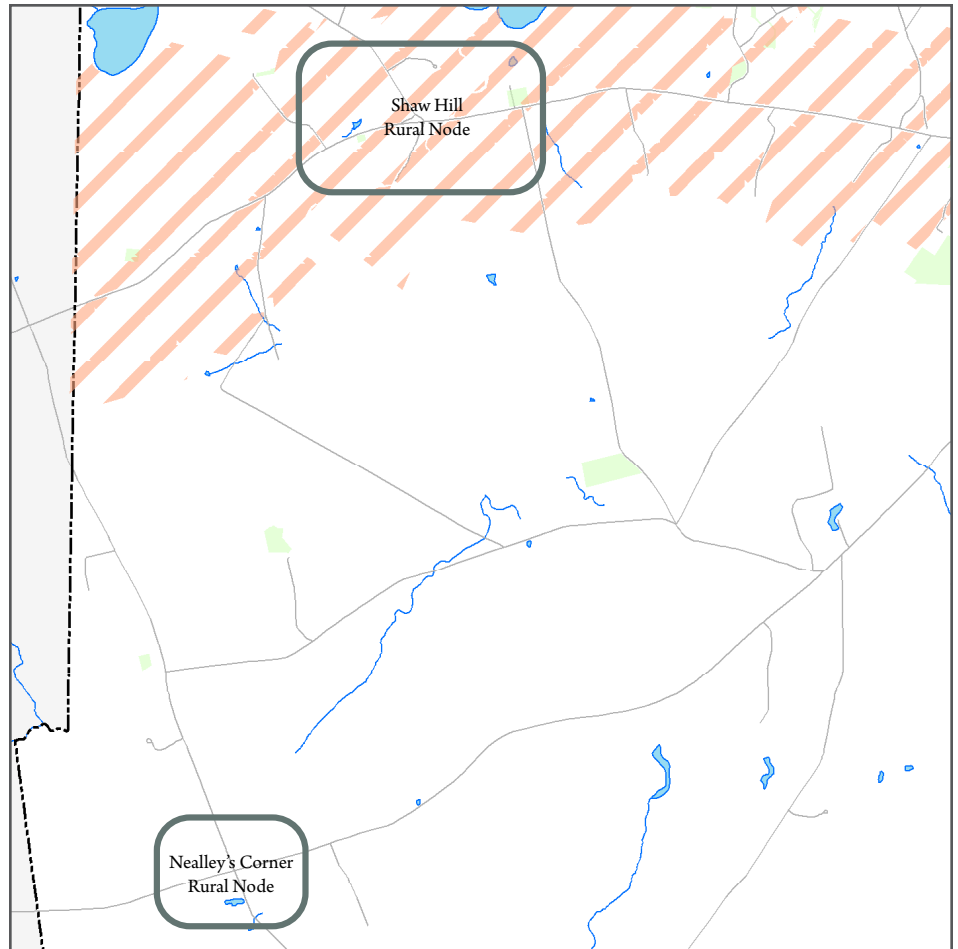
RURAL GROWTH NODES

VISION

During the public engagement process, several participants pointed out that the Shaw Hill Road and Nealley's Corner areas have significant historic value as they served as village centers for churches, shopping, and agricultural industries in the past. These rural nodes are an integral part of the community's identity and serve as essential locations for rural residents to access daily essentials without having to travel long distances. Embracing this traditional development pattern can preserve the rural character of these areas and prevent any drastic changes that may affect the community's way of life. By prioritizing these rural nodes for specific business development that is relevant to their rural identity, such as greenhouses, country markets, delis, hardware stores, and similar uses, the Town can encourage mixed-use development on a small scale. This approach avoids the common pitfall of use-based land development, which segregates uses and people from necessary services, ultimately promoting a more cohesive and connected community.

NEXT STEPS

Rezoning – Currently, there are some rural business opportunities available in the Shaw Hill Road and Nealley's Corner areas. However, the existing ordinance poses too many limitations and makes business development not only expensive but also unfeasible. To activate a rural village center, amending the existing rules is necessary. This can be achieved without imposing all the additional requirements of walkable spaces and parks that a Town Center area would need. A more specific zone for rural village centers can blend the best of bucolic rural life with the services and necessities of a downtown area if managed properly.



Activation – To successfully activate a rural node like this, it is crucial for the Economic Development Director or other responsible party to show commitment. If business development is allowed to proceed without careful consideration, these areas could lose their rural charm and hinder residents' lifestyles. Therefore, the priority in activating these nodes should be to take incremental steps and focus on meeting general rural needs, rather than opening them up to large-scale commercial or industrial uses.

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

COMMUNITY ACTION STRATEGY MATRIX

The successful implementation of the Comprehensive Plan is reliant on the participation of various members of the Hampden community. Hampden has a long history of collaboration and support, and this plan is no exception. Implementation will require the involvement of elected leaders, staff, local businesses, and both for-profit and non-profit organizations. The adoption of the Comprehensive Plan will be the first official action, with the understanding that it will guide local initiatives, Capital Improvement Plans, annual town budgets, and regulatory tools. The Community Action Strategy Matrix is a comprehensive list of goals and objectives throughout the plan, which provides an organizational framework for the implementation of each project, policy, or initiative identified in the plan. The implementation matrix is an essential tool that can be utilized by the Town Council, staff, and all stakeholders who are involved in bringing the plan to fruition.

The Community Action Strategy Matrix lists each strategy identified in the plan, including the responsible lead party for implementation, who should support the strategy, and the estimated timeframe for when the strategy should be completed. The strategies are presented with a couple of options developed by the Committee during the planning process, with each objective aimed at meeting the goals outlined in the Comprehensive Plan. The matrix is flexible enough to allow for any project to be advanced ahead of schedule if resources or circumstances allow for earlier implementation. This action strategy is to

work alongside the Capital Improvement Plan in the [Data Book](#) to provide actionable tasks that the Town should complete to achieve its vision.

The Comprehensive Plan is not just a plan; it is a shared opportunity for the entire Hampden community to work together to realize its vision for the future. The plan provides a framework for how Hampden will develop and grow in a sustainable manner while preserving its rural character and natural resources. The plan will guide the Town towards a resilient future that can adapt to extreme weather events and other challenges. The Community Action Strategy Matrix is an essential tool that will ensure that the Comprehensive Plan is implemented efficiently and effectively. With the involvement of various stakeholders, the Town of Hampden can work towards a common goal and achieve a shared vision for the future.

TRANSPARENCY

Transparency is a key aspect of Hampden's efforts to create positive community change. The adoption of new zoning regulations and investment in community infrastructure will show potential investors that Hampden is a community committed to shaping its future intentionally rather than being dictated by outside forces. The Implementation Committee and staff will serve as advocates for the plan within the business community and at community events. The Town Council should uphold the participatory process that led to the creation of this plan by promoting open communication, encouraging participation in implementation tasks, conducting periodic plan check-ins, and celebrating successes.

The Community Action Strategy Matrix was designed with transparency in mind and is meant to be reviewed annually during the Town Council's budget meetings, ensuring that residents and decision-makers are kept informed about the plan's progress. As subsequent plans and studies are developed, they too will need to undergo approval, action, endorsement, or adoption by the Town Council. The pace of implementation will be determined by the willingness of the Town Council and residents to support the recommendations financially and to collaborate towards achieving the community's vision. Through a commitment to transparency and collaboration, Hampden can successfully implement the Comprehensive Plan and create a more sustainable and vibrant community for all.

Community Action Strategy Matrix

A STRONG COMMUNITY					
Goal	Objective	Strategy	Timeframe	Lead	Support
Goal 1	Provide safe, attractive, and connected neighborhoods				
	Obj. 1	Prioritize pedestrian infrastructure improvements.			
		Construct sidewalks in high-density neighborhoods within the Four Mile Square or in neighborhoods that connect to Main Road North.	Long	DPW	CED
		Increase funding in the Capital Improvement Plan for the construction of sidewalks and multi-use paths.	Short	TC/TM	DPW
	Obj. 2	Establish connections with adjacent neighborhoods and subdivisions.			
		Design pedestrian pathways to connect open spaces between adjacent subdivisions.	Medium	PD	DPW/REC
		Construct narrow local streets between neighborhoods to disperse vehicular traffic.	Long	DPW	
		Amend ordinances to require new subdivisions to provide connectivity to current or future developments.	Short	PD	PB/DPW
	Obj. 3	Mitigate public safety risks			
		Organize informal sessions and outreach sessions to teach community members about neighborhood watches and other safety tactics.	Short	PSD	
		Revise road design and construction standards so that curb radii are reduced to help slow vehicular turning movements and increase pedestrian safety.	Medium	PD	DPW/PB/PSD
		Install traffic calming measures on wide streets.	Long	DPW	PSD
		Increase street lighting in in high-density neighborhoods.	Medium	DPW	
		Increase enforcement of dangerous driving and speeding on roadways. Consider the installation of speed cameras.	Short/Medium	PSD	DPW
	Obj. 4	Address blight and abandonment of properties.			
		Expand and enforce property maintenance and habitability standards.	Short	CEO	DPW
		Address staffing issues that limit enforcement capacity.	Short	PSD	CEO
	Obj. 5	Adopt neighborhood development standards.			
		Require a diversity of housing options in new subdivisions or neighborhoods to minimize cookie-cutter developments.	Short	PD	
		Require that open spaces include elements that could be used by the community, including benches, picnic tables, stages, etc.	Short	PD	DPW/REC
Goal 2	Allow for a range of housing options for all ages and income levels.				
	Obj. 1	Increase the number of senior housing options available.			
		Amend the Use Table to treat senior housing options as residential uses, rather than medical.	Short	PD	PB
		Partner with local senior housing agencies that can provide Aging in Place support.	Short	CED	
	Obj. 2	Provide a diversity of affordable housing options			
		Partner with local affordable housing agencies to develop an Affordable Housing Density Bonus Program for new development in town.	Short	PD	CED
		Use Affordable Housing TIFs to support the creation of new affordable housing.	Short	CED	PD
		Adopt a local micro-loan program to assist lower-income or elderly homeowners with basic liveability needs to prevent displacement.	Medium	CED	TM
		Conduct a detailed housing study to identify missing housing types within the local market that could address regional affordable housing objectives.	Long	CED	PD
	Obj. 3	Revise municipal ordinances and policies to create more housing opportunities.			
		Remove barriers to small-scale development, infill development, cottage housing, and other affordable building types.	Short	PD	PB
		Reduce dimensional standards for residential dwelling units to allow for a range of unit sizes and building forms.	Short	PD	PB/CEO
Goal 3	Preserve Hampden's historic and cultural heritage.				
	Obj. 1	Increase community knowledge and involvement with historic structures and cultural resources.			
		Conduct public outreach programs that get children and adults acquainted with the community's vast array of historic resources.	Short	CED	SD/LIB/HIS
		Improve wayfinding around historic and cultural resources.	Medium	CED	DPW
	Obj. 2	Protect existing historic resources through policy and partnerships.			
		Expand the Historic District to include structures not currently listed on state or federal registers.	Short	PD	HIS
		Leverage State Historic Preservation Office technical assistance to advance historic preservation efforts.	Medium	PD	HIS
		Provide staff support to property owners of historic buildings with information on how to get a building listed on the register and gain access to federal and state funds.	Short	PD	HIS
		Set design standards for new construction in historic or culturally-significant areas.	Medium	PD	PB/HIS

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Goal	Objective	Strategy	Timeframe	Lead	Support
Goal 4	Encourage and elevate civic engagement at all levels of the community.				
	Obj. 1	Increase the awareness and participation of community members in civic institutions.			
		Continue pressure on private companies to expand fiber network to all homes in Hampden.	Ongoing	CED	TC
		Partner with the school district to create shadow programs or offer internships to allow students to become acquainted with local government.	Short	CED	SD
		Create an "Adopt-A" program to partner businesses or individuals with recreation and civic spaces.	Short	CED	REC
		Continue support of the VFW, Garden Club, and other local clubs and increase partnership opportunities for Town-initiated public events.	Ongoing	CED	TM
		Continue support of the Edythe L. Dyer Library and trustees to ensure facilities are being used effectively and meeting current needs. Plan accordingly for any future renovations or expansions.	Ongoing	LIB	TM
		Form an Arts and Culture Commission or join a regional cultural alliance non-profit to increase participation in the arts.	Medium	CED	
	Obj. 2	Increase the saliency of news and information shared by the Town.			
		Update the Town website to be more user-friendly and increase the number of tasks that can be completed virtually rather than at the Town Office.	Medium	TM	CED
		Increase frequency of distribution of newsletters.	Short	CED	
		Increase the accessibility of meetings and workshops by offering more viewing options (Facebook, YouTube, etc.).	Short	TM	
		Increase the Town's social media and mixed media presence to reach more audiences.	Short	CED	TM
A GROWING ECONOMY					
Goal 5	Foster greater economic development through the attraction and retention of small businesses.				
	Obj. 1	Revise policies that inhibit small business development.			
		Update the Zoning Ordinance to allow for mixed-use development in a wider range of districts.	Short	PD	PB
		Ensure performance standards in ordinance allow by-right home businesses and occupations for businesses with on-site employees.	Short	PD	PB
	Obj. 2	Strengthen the business network in Hampden.			
		Support the organization of business and professional groups to hold networking and community building events.	Short	CED	
		Encourage private sector partnerships to help stimulate smaller Town-operated services like the Edythe L. Dyer Library and the Lura E. Hoit Memorial Pool.	Short	CED	TM
		Create a town-wide directory of businesses and home-based businesses and share on the website.	Short	CED	
		Compile a building vacancy list that the Town can share with current or potential businesses and developers.	Short	CED	CEO
		Focus on small business development through strategic partnerships with the Small Business Administration, Eastern Maine Development, Corporation, etc.	Short	CED	
Goal 6	Stimulate redevelopment of the Four Mile Square.				
	Obj. 1	Expand infrastructure to support the needs of future growth within the Four Mile Square.			
		Expand sidewalk infrastructure on both sides of the road to increase walkability for residents and visitors.	Medium	DPW	TM/TC
		Encourage efficient use of space by adopting infill development standards within the Town Center.	Short	PD	CED
		Create a shared parking program or district to minimize the need to maintain expansive parking lots that keep visitors away from businesses.	Short	CED	DPW/TM/TC
		Expand sewer infrastructure on Mayo Road.	Long	DPW	TM/TC
	Obj. 2	Make the Four Mile Square a larger destination.			
		Become a member of the Maine Downtown Center.	Short	CED	
		Partner with existing businesses and landowners to stimulate redevelopment of existing buildings and public spaces.	Short	CED	
		Create a Business Improvement District (BID) to increase funding within the Four Mile Square.	Medium	CED	TM/TC
		Conduct a rebranding study to increase the market capture potential of the Four Mile Square area.	Medium	CED	PD

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Goal	Objective	Strategy	Timeframe	Lead	Support
Goal 7	Improve and expand existing infrastructure to support future growth.				
	Obj. 1	Expand water and sewer service areas.			
		Conduct an infrastructure capacity study to analyze and recommend needed infrastructure improvements.	Ongoing	DPW	
		Expand water and sewer service along the entirety of Coldbrook Road and Harold Bouchard Way.	Medium	DPW	CED
		Expand water and sewer service further down on Main Road South.	Long	DPW	CED
	Obj. 2	Address solid waste issues as the Town continues to grow.			
		Continue discussions to open the Coastal Resources/MRC solid waste facility.	Ongoing	TM	DPW
		Expand the Transfer Station to accept greater quantities of solid waste.	Medium	DPW	TM/TC
		Contract out a trash pick-up service for all residences in Hampden.	Medium	DPW	TM/TC
	Obj. 3	Explore new or unique funding opportunities.			
		Develop an impact fee structure for all new development to help fund the cost of public infrastructure improvements.	Short	PD	DPW/CEO/ PB
		Petition private companies to expand infrastructure services, including broadband, electricity, natural gas, and cellular service.	Short	CED	DPW
		Explore public-private partnerships to fund infrastructure improvements in high priority growth areas.	Medium	CED	DPW
Goal 8	Create a more efficient multi-modal transportation network.				
	Obj. 1	Improve street safety for vehicles and pedestrians.			
		Increase street lighting along public roadways outside of the Rural District.	Medium	DPW	
		Revise road design and construction standards so that curb radii are reduced to help slow vehicular turning movements and increase pedestrian safety.	Medium	PD	DPW/PB/PSD
		Improve sidewalks to be ADA-compliant and expand overall sidewalk network.	Medium	DPW	
		Install traffic calming measures on wide streets.	Long	DPW	PSD
		Install signalized intersections at the intersection of Mayo Road and Western Avenue, Kennebec Road and Main Road South, and Route 202 and Carey Circle.	Medium	DPW	PSD/PD
		Construct a pedestrian bridge across the Souadabscook Stream to link Western Avenue and Coldbrook Road	Long	DPW	PD/TM/TC
	Obj. 2	Explore alternative means of transportation.			
		Explore a senior citizen van/rideshare partnership with local agencies and healthcare providers.	Short	CED	
		Expand bus service routes throughout Hampden through partnerships with BACTS.	Short	CED	PD/DPW
		Conduct a transit modal study to identify deficiencies in the current transportation network and offer solutions.	Medium	DPW	PD
		Develop a network of walking trails between neighborhoods to increase accessibility.	Medium	DPW	REC
		Add public boat slips at the marina for people traveling along the Penobscot River.	Medium	DPW	CED
		Construct bike lanes on major collector and arterial roads to increase bike safety for residents.	Long	DPW	PD
A PLAYFUL PEOPLE					
Goal 9	Expand recreational opportunities to meet current and future residents' needs.				
	Obj. 1	Increase recreational programming services.			
		Construct an outdoor ice rink to provide temporary winter programming options for all ages.	Ongoing	REC	TM/TC
		Offer adult sports leagues in the evenings.	Short	REC	
		Increase part-time wages for staff at the Lura Hoyt Pool and Skehan Center to increase the number of personnel that can host events.	Short	REC	TM
		Offer physical fitness training programs for all ages.	Short	REC	
		Renovate existing outdoor basketball and tennis courts to support pickleball and other flexible sport offerings.	Short	REC	DPW
		Install an all-ages splash pad at the Lura E. Hoyt Memorial Pool.	Medium	REC	DPW
		Restructure the Recreation Department to be a broader Parks and Recreation Department; to include the pool, parks services, and other maintenance elements currently within the Department of Public Works.	Medium	TM/TC	REC/DPW
		Construct an indoor ice rink to provide year-round winter programming option for the Greater Bangor Region.	Long	REC	TM/TC
	Obj. 2	Increase the total amount of available recreation spaces.			
		Construct a multi-purpose community center that has flex space available for a variety of activities and community events.	Medium	CED	TM/TC/REC
		Expand the total area of field spaces to include more soccer and baseball fields.	Medium	REC	
		Construct an additional boat launch facility along the Penobscot River to increase maritime recreation opportunities.	Long	DPW	TM/TC/PD
		Develop a riverwalk trail that connects Turtle Head Park to Bangor.	Long	PD	CED/REC

Community Action Strategy Matrix

A PLAYFUL PEOPLE					
Goal	Objective	Strategy	Timeframe	Lead	Support
Goal 10	Create inclusive community spaces for people of all ages and abilities.				
	Obj. 1	Increase overall accessibility within the transportation network and in recreational spaces.			
		Partner with the school district to develop a late bus contract to help children get home from extracurricular activities at the end of the day.	Short	CED	SD
		Renovate existing parks and playgrounds to include ADA-accessible, stroller-friendly trails and features.	Medium	DPW	REC
	Obj.2	Explore new forms of parks planning and social infrastructure.			
		Create a Parks Committee for all civic and open space renovation projects to capture community feedback.	Medium	TM/TC	PD/PB
		Dedicate a town forest for year-round recreation and hunting opportunities.	Medium	TM/TC	PD
		Dedicate space at existing parks and open spaces for dog parks. Appropriately sign dog-friendly trails.	Short	DPW	REC
		Create public art exhibits at all current and future parks and open spaces	Short	CED	DPW
		Create a Town Common green space for formal and informal gathering.	Medium	PD	CED/DPW
Goal 11	Strengthen the connection between residents and open spaces and recreation opportunities				
	Obj. 1	Increase community awareness of available recreational spaces and opportunities.			
		Blaze existing open spaces and create a digital map available to all residents online or at the Town Office.	Short	DPW	PD
		Update the Town website to show current schedules of recreation programming. Allow for online reservation and sign-up for events or open spaces.	Medium	TM	REC/CED
		Increase the Town's social media and mixed media presence to reach more audiences.	Short	CED	TM
		Improve wayfinding around recreation areas and open spaces.	Medium	REC	DPW
		Create an open space and trails connectivity map to identify where important trail corridors and connections can be established as part of new private development.	Medium	PD	REC
	Obj. 2	Facilitate partnerships that can expand community involvement in recreation.			
		As part of new development, explore opportunities to partner with private developers to create new recreational facilities to convey to the Town.	Short	PD	REC/DPW
		Form public-private partnerships to fund the retrofit of existing neighborhoods to add desired amenities such as parks and gathering spaces.	Medium	PD	REC
		Work regionally to seek funding opportunities for the recreation improvements. Find connection points with neighboring towns like Bangor, Hermon, and Winterport to expand trails and parks into.	Medium	CED	REC
A NATURAL LANDSCAPE					
Goal 12	Preserve open space, farmland, and critical environmental habitats.				
	Obj.1	Amend existing land use ordinances to preserve farmland and open spaces.			
		Require subdivisions and site developments in rural areas to preserve prime farmland soils to the greatest extent practicable.	Short	PD	PB
		Require subdivisions and site developments to provide buffers against adjacent agricultural uses.	Short	PD	PB
		Adopt a Transfer of Development Rights policy to reduce the economic pressure to convert farmland and open space to other uses.	Medium	PD	TM/TC/PB
		Incorporate smart solar siting strategies to strengthen farm viability and mitigate run-on effects of solar array developments.	Short	PD	CEO/PB
	Obj. 2	Increase the economic viability of agricultural uses.			
		Promote agritourism, farmers' markets, and other community events that support local farmers.	Short	CED	
		Encourage landowners of farmland and open space to enroll in current use taxation programs.	Ongoing	TA	CED
		Reduce limitations on agricultural uses in order to promote seasonal polycultures and expand business opportunities.	Short	PD	CED
		Increase the availability and accessibility of information and resources for farmers, residents, and businesses.	Short	CED	TA/PD
		Create a "farm-friendly" toolkit to supply farmers, residents, and businesses with information on policies, programs, and incentives that support local agriculture.	Medium	CED	TA
	Obj. 3	Conduct regular outreach efforts to ensure agricultural uses in Hampden have the most up to date information.			
		Collaborate with external groups and agencies for alternative approaches to preservation of farmland and open spaces.	Short	CED	
		Establish a community garden or shared agricultural space on municipal land.	Short	CED	DPW
		Partner with land trusts (ex. Maine Farmland Trust) to purchase land or easements for preservation.	Medium	CED	PD
		Develop a community Voluntary Municipal Farm Support Program (VMFSP) to create local, non-permanent agricultural conservation easement programs.	Medium	PD	CED

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Goal	Objective	Strategy	Timeframe	Lead	Support
Goal 13	Promote conservation of forested habitats.				
	Obj. 1	Implement municipal forestry conservation projects for compatible public uses.			
		Dedicate a town forest for year-round recreation and hunting opportunities.	Medium	TM/TC	PD
		Partner with local environmental and sportsman groups to apply for Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund (MOHF) grants.	Short	CED	PD
		Apply for Project Canopy Assistance Grants for community-based forestry projects and programs.	Medium	CED	DPW
		Regain Tree City USA recognition to improve the tree canopy, public health, and achieve stormwater management objectives.	Medium	CED	DPW
	Obj. 2	Increase the accessibility of forested areas for recreational uses.			
		Blaze existing open spaces and create a digital map available to all residents online or at the Town Office.	Short	DPW	PD
		Establish policies further safeguarding the right of individuals to utilize public lands for hunting, fishing, and gathering.	Short	TC/TM	CED
		Create an open space and trails connectivity map to identify where important trail corridors and connections can be established as part of new private development.	Medium	PD	REC
		Partner with the Snowmobile Club and landowners to create trail guides for residents.	Short	PD	CED
Goal 14	Protect natural and water resources for future generations.				
	Obj. 1	Preserve water quality, water rights, and water access.			
		Continue hosting stream cleanup events to get the community involved in its water resources.	Ongoing	DPW	PD/CEO
		Adopt a low impact development policy for development near threatened waterways or bodies of water.	Short	DPW	PD/TC
		Establish more efficient water-dependent use zoning regulations to encourage marine-based industries can flourish along the waterfront.	Short	PD	PB/TC
		Adopt policies that protect and preserve access to waterways, including right-of-ways or exactions on subdivision or site plans.	Short	PD	PB
		Create a waterfront master plan for the redevelopment of the growth area into an accessible, mixed use destination.	Medium	PD	CED
		Require aquifer studies on all subdivisions that are not utilizing public water and sewer.	Short	PD	PB
	Obj. 2	Protect natural resources from the threat of overdevelopment.			
		Update the Zoning Ordinance to restrict development in sensitive areas, such as wetlands, and limit the density of development in areas adjacent to these resources.	Short	PD	PB
		Establish conservation easements with landowners through a Transfer of Development Rights program or through subdivision or site plan approval.	Short/Medium	PD	PB/DPW
		Explore the acquisition of open space through purchase or donation with the intent on preserving it as a natural resource area. Attach Town-owned open spaces to create a larger greenway network.	Medium	TC/TM	PD/DPW
		Increase educational awareness about the value of natural resources and the importance of protecting them.	Short	PD	PB/DPW
Goal 15	Maintain a resilient landscape that can adapt to extreme weather events.				
	Obj. 1	Address resiliency through infrastructure improvements.			
		Institute policies for threatened parts of Town to require elevating buildings in flood-prone areas, using stronger building materials, and designing for wind resistance.	Medium	TC/TM	DPW/CEO
		Adopt a low impact development policy for development near threatened waterways or bodies of water.	Short	DPW	PD/TC
		Conduct an infrastructure capacity study to analyze and recommend needed infrastructure improvements and find sources of redundancy.	Ongoing	DPW	
		Expand water and sewer service capacity to prevent combined sewer overflow events.	Medium	DPW	CED
	Obj. 2	Adopt sustainable land use practices.			
		Develop smart growth and mixed-use development language into the Zoning Ordinance to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions, decrease reliance on automobiles, and reduce the impact of development on natural resources.	Short	PD	PB
		Promote green infrastructure like rain gardens, green roofs, and bioswales to manage stormwater runoff and reduce the burden on traditional stormwater management systems.	Medium	DPW	PD
		Promote and incentivize renewable energy sources such as solar, wind, and geothermal to power homes, businesses, and other infrastructure.	Medium	DPW	PD

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Thank you to everyone involved for their patience, dedication, and commitment, as their contributions have shaped this document, guiding Hampden well into the future.



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Introduction

Hampden: Forward serves as the guiding blueprint for the future of the Town of Hampden. It reinforces the town's commitment to ensuring an equitable, sustainable, and prosperous future for all residents while also addressing the challenges that come with future growth.

The Data Book is a complementary document to the broader plan. This document contains all the data collection and analysis conducted throughout the planning process over the past year. The chapters within were prepared in accordance with the *Growth Management Act* (Title 30-A M.R.S.A. §4312, et seq.) and *Chapter 208: Comprehensive Plan Review Criteria Rule*.



PURPOSE

The comprehensive plan serves as a guide for municipalities in managing their future growth and development. It outlines common goals that elected officials use to shape policies on various aspects, including land use, transportation, public health, economic development, resource use, and infrastructure. This plan is developed by and for the residents of Hampden.

The comprehensive plan is crucial in guiding land use decisions with wisdom and foresight. While protecting natural and undeveloped lands is essential, developed lands can be gradually improved. The plan outlines areas to protect and those that should be targeted for growth, with policy recommendations designed to manage growth and establish a robust and healthy community for many years to come. This plan is the foundation for future public policy and land use decisions made by decision-makers, business owners, and residents of Hampden.

The State of Maine encourages comprehensive plans to be developed periodically to be eligible for funding, grants, and enact zoning ordinances. Data collection and reporting for the Town of Hampden are consistent with those rules and requirements.

STATUTORY BASIS

The Town of Hampden's Comprehensive Plan was developed in accordance with the statutory requirements of the *Comprehensive Planning and Land Use Regulation Act of 1988* (Title 30 M.R.S.A. §4861) - frequently referred to as the *Growth Management Act*.

The purpose of the Act is to: 1) establish local comprehensive planning and land use management in each municipality of the State; 2) encourage municipalities to identify the tools and resources to effectively plan for and manage future development within their jurisdictions with a maximum of local initiative and flexibility; 3) encourage local land use ordinances, tools and policies based on local comprehensive plans; 4) incorporate regional considerations into local planning and decision making so as to ensure consideration of regional needs and the regional impact of development; 5) provide for continued direct state regulation of development proposals that occur in areas of statewide concern; impact natural resources of statewide significance, or affect vital state interests; and 6) encourage the widest possible involvement by the citizens in the planning and implementation process thus ensuring that the comprehensive plans have the benefit of citizen input.

PRIOR PLANNING EFFORTS

Hampden has maintained a long-standing commitment to growth management in the community. There have been five iterations of the Hampden Comprehensive Plan: 1963, 1976, 1986, 2001, and 2010. Each iteration reflects on the previous document, creating a historical anthology of the Town's growth over time. This plan reflects upon that history and uses new data and best practices to chart a path forward.

2010 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The 2010 Comprehensive Plan aimed to create a balanced community by reconciling preservation and development goals through incremental planning, efficient public spending, and natural and cultural resource preservation. The plan aimed to provide development opportunities while also protecting property rights and the quality of life of residents.

However, the Comprehensive Plan Committee found that the plan did not achieve its goals, as Hampden experienced significant growth that had negative impacts on natural resources and the rural character of the community. Residential growth exceeded economic development, causing tax revenues and public services to fall behind.

Despite this, the town made investments in public safety and recreation. The Committee committed to developing new strategies to achieve missed goals in the new plan.

ECONOMIC FRAMEWORK AND ASSESSMENT

In 2017, Hampden finalized an Economic Framework and Assessment developed by W-ZHA, LLC. This plan reviewed the community's social and economic profile against its neighbors and formulated market considerations that decision-makers could employ to achieve greater economic success.

The Assessment focused on devising strategies to tackle trends in the housing, retail, office, and recreation markets. Universally, the report advocated for the creation of a walkable, mixed-use town center. A centralized downtown would spur development in all sectors if appropriately marketed. Additionally, promoting this style of development would alleviate Hampden's historic reputation of not being "business-friendly".

TOWN CENTER PLAN

In 2019, Hampden hired Northstar Planning in 2019 to develop a vision for a thriving Town Center. The plan aimed to address funding, policy, and infrastructure to activate activity centers and strengthen relationships with anchor industries. The Town Center Plan built on previous efforts to improve the historic downtown area. The plan's recommendations were incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan based on public feedback to avoid redundancy.

SCOPE AND STRUCTURE

The Comprehensive Plan requires the following:

- Surveying of existing and potential resources;
- Analysis of past, present, and future trends;
- Development of policy objectives;
- Adoption of implementation strategies by the Town Council; and
- Monitoring the plan's progress and implementation

This document contains an inventory and analysis section that focuses on state goals and regional or local issues of significance that the municipality deems crucial. The inventory draws on information provided by the State, regional councils, and other relevant local sources. The analysis includes projections for the next ten years on local and regional growth in population and residential, commercial, and industrial activity, as well as the anticipated need for public facilities. Additionally, the analysis examines the potential impacts on natural resources and their vulnerability.

The policies and strategies proposed within the comprehensive plan were developed following an analysis of the survey and inventory data. In order to be consistent with the Growth Management Act, towns must adopt land use policies and ordinances to discourage incompatible development between two geographic areas: growth and rural areas. These policies and ordinances may include, without limitation: density limits, cluster or special zoning, acquisition of land or development rights, or performance standards.

The residents of Hampden felt that the traditional planning approach was inadequate and contributed to uncontrolled urban sprawl over the past few decades. As an alternative, this plan promotes an approach that emphasizes incremental development as being more beneficial to the community. Incremental development in zoning aims to create small-scale, diverse, and adaptable buildings and land uses, and encourages a mix of land uses, supports small businesses, and fosters local entrepreneurship. This approach is believed to promote the creation of more resilient and diverse communities that can adapt to changing needs and circumstances.

TYPES OF GROWTH AREAS

The State of Maine defines three types of development areas in Title 30-A M.R.S.A. §4301 to be considered within a comprehensive plan:

Growth Area – An area that is designated in a municipality's or multimunicipal region's comprehensive plan as suitable for orderly residential, commercial or industrial development, or any combinations of those types of development, and into which most development projected over 10 years is directed.

Transitional Area – An area that is designated in a municipality's or multimunicipal region's comprehensive plan as suitable for a share of projected residential, commercial or industrial development but that is neither intended to accept the amount or density of development appropriate for a growth area nor intended to provide the level of protection for rural resources afforded in a rural area or critical rural area.

Rural Area – A geographic area that is identified and designated in a municipality's or multimunicipal region's comprehensive plan as an area that is deserving of some level of regulatory protection from unrestricted development for purposes that may include, but are not limited to, supporting agriculture, forestry, mining, open space, erosion mitigation, water retention, wildlife habitat, fisheries habitat and scenic lands, and away from which most development projected over 10 years is diverted.



Community History and Character

Hampden has a fascinating colonial history that dates back to the mid-1700s. As a riverine community situated along the Penobscot River, Hampden played a pivotal role in supporting centuries of commerce and industry. Although early industrial prosperity was a significant part of its history, the town has always been primarily an agricultural community, focusing on farming and lumbering.

These two identities continue to coexist and are a source of valuable historical knowledge that reflects land use development patterns in the community today. Despite Hampden's growth and development, it has managed to maintain its small-town charm and remains an attractive place to live, work, and raise a family.

LOCATION

Hampden is situated in southern Penobscot County, Maine, along the west bank of the Penobscot River and immediately south of the City of Bangor. It is bordered by the Town of Hermon and the City of Bangor to the north, the City of Brewer and the Town of Orrington to the east (separated by the Penobscot River), the Town of Winterport to the south, the Town of Newburgh to the west, and the Town of Carmel to the northwest. According to the United States Census Bureau, Hampden has a total area of 38.84 square miles.

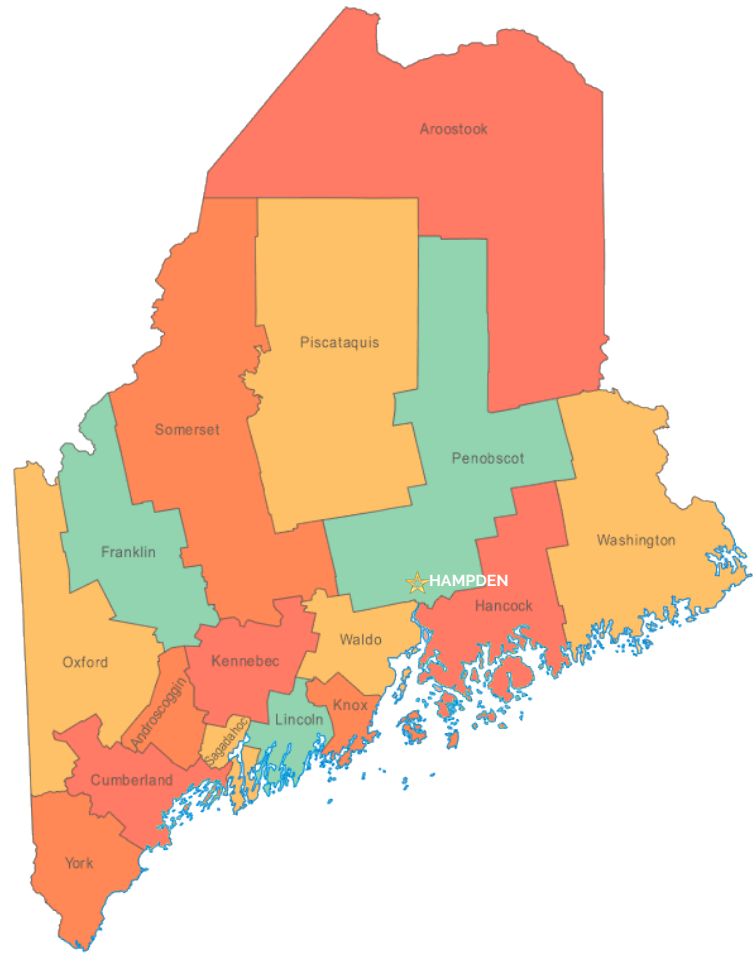
COMMUNITY HISTORY

PRE-COLONIAL

The Penobscot Nation historically inhabited the Penobscot River and its tributaries, and were part of the Mawooshen confederation of tribes before joining the Wabanaki Confederacy. Hampden was of particular interest to the Penobscot Nation as the Souadabscook Stream served as a transportation route. The Hampden Narrows, Souadabscook Stream, and Turtle Head are additional sites of native interest identified by Eckstorm in *Indian Place Names of the Penobscot Valley*. Archaeological surveys have identified five prehistoric sites in Hampden, and potential sites include streams, brooks, ponds, and marshes close to flowing water. Professional archaeological surveys of the remaining areas were recommended in 2021.

16TH AND 17TH CENTURY

In 1524, Estevao Gomes, a Portuguese navigator, is credited as the first European to sail the Penobscot River to the end of navigable waters (the falls just above Bangor). In 1629 the Plymouth Colony constructed a trading post in Castine located on the eastern shore of the Penobscot Bay. The Penobscot River drainage and bay subsequently fell under French control for most of the 17th century. Forts and outposts were constructed along the Penobscot Bay by the French, but there is no indication of settlement in the Hampden area.



18TH CENTURY

After the Indian Wars (1676-1713), France ceded the Penobscot region to England, leading to British settlement along the Penobscot River. In 1767, Benjamin Wheeler built a mill at the confluence of the Souadabscook Stream, providing sufficient water power for mill developers. Multiple mills were built along the stream, and additional mills were established where other waterways joined the Penobscot. The settlement of current-day Hampden grew based on the relationship of site and river, occurring before official surveys gave legal title to the settlers' lots.

During the Revolutionary War, Hampden residents fled south to Woolwich and Falmouth to escape British raids, leading to many abandoned homesteads. However, by 1783, most settlers had returned and the 1786 survey listed 26 male settlers with families

on lands they claimed and improved. The town was initially called Wheelersborough, Wheeler's Mills, or Souadabscook Plantation. It was incorporated on February 24, 1794, and named after the English patriot John Hampden.

The early commercial sites were located along the Souadabscook, Reeds Brook, and Sucker Brook (formerly Turtlehead Brook) drainages. Houses were not built near the steep banks of the Penobscot River, but rather along Route 1A, Old County Road (parallel to the river), and Kennebec Road and Western Avenue (perpendicular to the river). The development of Dudley Street, Elm Street, Summer Street, Cottage Street, and Ferry Street was due to easier access to the Penobscot, where mills, wharves, ferry landings, and boatyards were established.

19TH CENTURY

Hampden's economy relied heavily on mills, which were supported by wharves for both product and passenger transport. The Souadabscook River's steep drop of 120 feet allowed for multiple mills and manufacturing. The remaining tidal mills on the Penobscot River became obsolete as newer, more powerful mills were constructed further upstream. By 1882, Hampden had several mills, including two paper mills, and manufacturers of various goods. However, the trend of self-sufficiency in small towns declined as industries consolidated in the late 19th Century.

After the initial development of industrial mills, boat yards, and wharves, as well as residential and commercial structures, Hampden shifted its focus to establishing permanent public buildings. This included the construction of the original town hall, which stood from 1797 to 1872, as well as cemeteries, churches, and schools. These buildings were situated among the existing residential and commercial areas in the lower corners of the town, specifically along Kennebec Road and 1A heading east toward Bangor.

The Battle of Hampden, which took place on September 14, 1814, during the War of 1812, resulted in the capture of Bangor. This event marked the beginning of Bangor's growth as the leading community in the region. In 1889, a regional trolley system was introduced, connecting Winterport to Old Town and the surrounding communities. This increased accessibility made Hampden even more

desirable for people who wanted to live in a pleasant community while working in Bangor. The growing affluence in Hampden was reflected in the construction of fine homes along the main roads and their arteries.

20TH CENTURY

At the turn of the century, the introduction of rapid transportation systems such as the trolley system and affordable automobiles allowed for daily commuting to Bangor without the need for horse-drawn carriages. As parts of Bangor's neighborhoods deteriorated, Hampden became an attractive solution for both the affluent and working class. The trolley line also encouraged recreational travel with the development of Riverside Park, Dorothea Dix Park, and private clubs like the Canoe Club House. Within the urban areas of Hampden, residential development continued with privately owned, single-family dwellings.

After World War II, the trolley line was discontinued, and Hampden's residential area continued to be developed with a variety of houses such as ranches, capes, cottages, and colonial revival houses. Multi-family housing and trailer parks were also introduced, resulting in a decline of active farms. The gradual development of housing between existing houses led to many areas being a collection of housing from different eras.

Residential development continued in agricultural areas off Main Road, Western Avenue, and Kennebec with the creation of smaller houses, such as those on Old County

Road, and subdivision development like Greeley Farms and Colonial Heights. These developments were designed with a variety of lot sizes and home types, limited access, walkable streets, and common land, all within the designated residential district. However, the number of active farms has declined steadily since World War I.

21ST CENTURY

In 2021, a sidewalk was constructed along Route 1A from the Bangor line to Kennebec Road, as well as within the one-mile square of 1A, Kennebec Road, Mayo Road, and Western Avenue, in accordance with the 2010 Comprehensive Plan. This has improved walkability and community interactions.

Ribbon development has also expanded to Route 202 and Coldbrook Road, and the Hampden Business and Commerce Park has served as a center for economic development while preserving land.

Current ordinances and the Planning Board have effectively balanced infrastructure services with the preservation of open and forested spaces. The community has expressed significant value in open space, parks, farmlands, and scenic vistas, reflecting the community's commitment to maintaining all aspects of Hampden.



COMMUNITY CHARACTER

COMMUNITY VALUES

Hampden's community character reflects its history and values, from its Puritan roots to its evolution as a working community with mills and agriculture. Education was highly valued for religious knowledge, language, math skills, and engaged citizenship. As prosperity grew, demand for quality amenities increased, such as housing reflective of successful businessmen and the incorporation of Hampden Academy in 1803. Despite Bangor's rise as an economic hub, Hampden retained its identity as a conservative community with access to Bangor's amenities. Today's residents of Hampden still value education and access to amenities as important factors for achieving a high quality of life.

RURAL CHARACTER

Residents often cite the rural character of Hampden as a key reason for living there, with its bucolic and pastoral setting, historic farmsteads, and open countryside. This ambiance and desire for country living has attracted homeowners and developers to Hampden. However, the traditional rural land uses and newer residential areas often clash. The town's current land use is a mix of scattered historic homes and newer structures, and includes street patterns, open spaces, commercial and industrial areas, and farmland beyond the urban core. Historic structures are sometimes scattered due to modern development, while others remain clustered in farm fields. As the town grows, streets widen and buildings are altered or demolished for newer structures, parking lots, and passing lanes. Incremental development must be carefully planned to preserve the town's character and historic structures.



TOWN CENTER

In 1986, the Town Center concept was introduced in the Comprehensive Plan as a way to establish a new commercial district that would offer compatible retail and service businesses along Western Avenue. The Town Center Committee later decided on a Village Commercial Zoning District in 1990 to achieve this goal. The district was intended to enhance pedestrian traffic, expand access to retail and services, and create an appealing downtown atmosphere. Despite these efforts, residents believe that this vision has not been fully realized thus far.

To fulfill the longstanding desire for a town center, it is necessary to undertake significant public improvements such as enhanced public amenities, parking facilities, and streetscape upgrades to establish a pedestrian-focused district. Identification and development of suitable land parcels for public parking with potential for park and ride locations are crucial. Modern town center creation also requires zoning policies to establish appropriate zoning designations and development standards to ensure high quality and consistency with surrounding areas. To encourage vibrant, attractive, and sustainable development of the town center, incentives for development, public spaces and amenities, and infrastructure improvements must be incorporated into zoning policies.

NEIGHBORHOOD-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT

Hampden is a historical bedroom community with residences that resemble developments rather than neighborhoods. To create more livable and desirable neighborhoods, the town should look to historic neighborhoods like Cottage Street, Summer Street, and Pleasant Street as models. Key design elements that distinguish developments from neighborhoods include provisions for pedestrian movement, available public or civic space, and the scale and proportion of houses relative to the street. Zoning policies should establish appropriate zoning designations and development standards that encourage high-quality, consistent design with surrounding areas. Incentives for development, public spaces and amenities, and infrastructure improvements should also be included to encourage the development of vibrant, attractive, and sustainable neighborhoods.

Recent developments in Hampden have resulted in an unappealing environment for new homeowners due to wide right-of-ways, extensive setbacks, moat-like drainage ditches, and open drainage systems. These features limit socialization among neighbors and make it difficult to maintain residential front yards. The town should pursue beautification efforts such as reducing street right-of-ways where possible, providing provisions for pedestrian access, playgrounds, and open spaces, enclosed drainage systems, and tree



planting. Community tree replacement should also be encouraged to enhance community cohesion, aesthetics, and support climate change initiatives. Design guidelines should prioritize creativity over minimum standards to meet the community's needs for safe, enjoyable, and attractive neighborhoods. By doing so, Hampden can foster a sense of community and create beautiful, sustainable neighborhoods.

ARCHITECTURE AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

The history of Hampden's architecture can be traced back to its early settlers who built rough log cabins, which unfortunately have been lost to history. However, as the settlers became more prosperous, Hampden's identity evolved into that of a prosperous community of gentlemen, reflected in the style of homes built and their furnishings. Notable examples of this include the Martin Kinsley home, built in the federalist style in 1797, and now home to the Hampden Historical Society, as well as the Simeon Stetson House and the Elias Dudley House, both also built in the federalist style.

Hampden's architectural styles evolved as the town grew more prosperous. Initially, the community favored traditional colonial and Cape Cod styles, but as time passed, more ornate styles such as Greek revival, Italianate, and Gothic revival were introduced and embraced. However, because Hampden did not have newspapers or city directories until the 1900s, it is challenging to attribute specific properties to architects, designers, and builders. Tax records, which started in 1806, were often incomplete, and rural community life meant that deed conveyances were frequently unrecorded. House numbers were not assigned until the 1980s, further complicating the identification of specific properties.

Despite these challenges, Hampden's varied architectural styles can still be observed, ranging from shingle style, bungalows, and craftsman to colonial revival and various blends, along with a small number of Queen Anne houses. In the early 20th century, houses were usually built to meet the landowner's specific needs. However, after World War II, mass production and speculation led to the development of standardized housing. These developments

often incorporated popular architectural styles from earlier eras, such as ranch, bungalow, saltbox, garrison, and colonial.

Deborah Thompson's *Hampden Historical Structures Inventory* provides a well-documented inventory of 19th-century structures, supplemented by historical records and maps from 1842, 1859, and 1875 that chronicle residential, commercial, and industrial growth. The continued suburbanization of Hampden is reflected in the many impressive houses in the Hardy Hill District, built mostly in the colonial revival style by known architects for families from the more affluent neighborhoods of Bangor.

To preserve its rich historical heritage, the Maine Historic Preservation Commission (MHPC) has suggested updating the historic resources inventory of over 800 structures from the 18th and 19th centuries. This includes identifying eligible properties for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places and establishing more historic districts. Despite the town never having had a newspaper, the Hampden Historical Society has compiled an inventory of businesses that operated in the area from the 1800s to the present day. The society has relied on various sources, including advertisements placed in publications from that era. Additionally, the society has an extensive photograph collection that can help in the identification of eligible homes, further contributing to the town's preservation efforts.

Hampden has four properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places, including Harmony Hall, the Kinsley House, Hampden Academy, and the Congregational Church ([Figure 2.1](#)). The Hampden Garden Club owns Harmony Hall, while the Kinsley House is owned by the Hampden Historical Society and has undergone numerous upgrades in recent years while preserving its historical value. Hampden Academy is privately owned, and the original structure is being maintained as an historical property. Unfortunately, the Congregational Church recently announced its closure in the summer of 2023 and will be selling the church, land, and residence.



Historic preservation offers numerous benefits to the community, ranging from the preservation of exquisite period architecture to the provision of a strong and stable neighborhood influence. Historic buildings serve as living history and educational workshops for Hampden students, and as significant visible reminders of Hampden's social and architectural history, they contribute to the economic development and vitality of the community. Additionally, the preservation and enhancement of the character and livability of Hampden's neighborhoods and the strengthening of civic pride in the community are crucial. To ensure that historic preservation is integrated into Hampden's overall planning program, it is essential to preserve and maintain historic sites and structures.

SCENIC INVENTORY

Visibility and access are key elements in describing an area as scenic. Scenic areas that are isolated with limited access are usually not mentioned in a scenic survey. For instance, brooks, streams, and ponds are highly rated as scenic, but only when they are visible by the public, such as in close proximity to streets. In addition, the construction of Deer Hill Lane revealed that the panoramic view of the golf course from the road was an asset, whereas the wooded hillside provided no access to the view. Therefore, streams, brooks, and ponds will be listed as potentially scenic areas, even though there may be no specific means of public access at present. The development review process should consider attempts to enhance or preserve the visual quality of a stream before it's too late.

The second element in scenic areas is diversity. While open land rates well due to its visual openness, open land bordered by wooded areas provides greater visual interest. Moreover, traditional farm architecture, such as barns, outbuildings, and fence lines, and domesticated farm animals, all rate highly in visual appeal. Interestingly, the clutter of numerous buildings and farm equipment in various stages of repair does not adversely impact the rating of farm properties, although such clutter rates negatively as a semi-junkyard outside of that farm setting. Hampden needs to update its scenic inventory by identifying Scenic Open Space (farm and open land), Scenic Viewsheds (short and long-range views and vistas), Scenic Drives (roadway stretches with scenic value), and Historic/Scenic Areas (scenic areas with a historical element).

CEMETERIES AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS

After the establishment of permanent mills, residences, and commercial structures, the new community turned their attention to constructing public buildings and laying out cemeteries. Only two cemeteries from the eighteenth century are known to exist: the Old Burying Ground behind the Town Hall - I.O.O.F. Building and the private Abisha Higgins Cemetery. The oldest surviving public buildings include the Baptist Church (1834), now a Colonial Revival apartment house, the Methodist Church (1833), the Universalist Chapel (1828) which is now Harmony House, and the Hampden Congregational

Church (1835). Both Harmony House and the Hampden Congregational Church are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Additionally, Hampden Academy, which was rebuilt in 1843 after a fire, and an Italianate post office building are also public buildings that have survived. These buildings were often located alongside residences and, in some cases, commercial establishments near the Upper and Lower Corners. In the early 1800s, there were no modern distinctions between commercial and residential districts or zoning, and these buildings serve as important documents of the town's development, much like the houses which are their neighbors.

POST-WWII SUBURBANIZATION

After World War II, the trolley line was discontinued, but most families had access to cars. The process of suburbanization in Hampden continued, with many small plots of land between existing homes being sold and developed into ranches, capes, Craftsman-style cottages, and more Colonial Revival homes. Some multi-family and trailer park developments also contributed to the town's growth. This gradual development, combined with the cessation of agriculture, means that Hampden's historic residential districts typically feature houses from both earlier and later periods and are rarely stylistically homogeneous.

Small streets perpendicular to Main Road North and Old County Road, once farm lanes, now feature numerous small houses. Subdivision development became a major force in Hampden, eventually moving into agricultural areas off the Main Road, Western Avenue, the Kennebec Road, and West Hampden in the 1980s. The number of active farms has steadily declined since World War I.

This expansion of development into the remaining empty spaces in the town center and on the Main Road, as well as into agricultural land, has completed Hampden's transformation into a "bedroom community" for Bangor and even Orono, where the University of Maine is located. Despite this transformation and the resulting pressure on the town's schools and municipal services, Hampden has managed to retain much of its old sense of neighborhood and community relationships, with doors still left unlocked and families who have known each other for generations still active in its institutions.

ARCHEOLOGICAL SITES

In Hampden, archaeological surveys have been conducted and have identified five prehistoric sites, with additional potential sites located near flowing water such as streams, brooks, ponds, and marshes (Figure 2.2). In 2021, it was recommended that further professional archaeological surveys be conducted in remaining areas.

Several historical sites in Hampden are suggested to warrant further study, such as the Wheeler homestead and grist mill (x2) on the Souadabscook, the original town hall, the Old Burying Ground, Crosby Shipyard, wharves, and the sunken ships Vengeance and General Putnam in the Penobscot River from the 1779 Penobscot Expedition. The *Hampden Historical Structures Inventory* by Deborah Thompson identified numerous 18th Century structures in the area between Bangor and Winterport along the Penobscot River.

The MHPC recommends that future archaeological surveys should focus on resources associated with the community's founding, development, and growth throughout the 19th Century, including its agricultural, residential, and industrial heritage. Many potential 19th Century sites in Hampden have already been destroyed by commercial and housing development along Route 1A.

Finally, there are continued opportunities for exploration of the Penobscot River for five sunken vessels, which were identified by the MHPC to be of future interest. This is discussed in greater depth in the [Marine Resources](#) chapter.

Figure 2.1 List of Historic and Archeological Resources in Hampden, Maine

Name	Type	Description	Period of Significance	National Register Status	Designation No.	Source
Souadabscook Stream	Prehistoric	-	Prehistoric	Undetermined	-	MHPC
Souadabscook Stream	Prehistoric	-	Prehistoric	Undetermined	-	MHPC
Souadabscook Stream	Prehistoric	-	Prehistoric	Undetermined	-	MHPC
Souadabscook Stream	Prehistoric	-	Prehistoric	Undetermined	-	MHPC
Penobscot River	Prehistoric	-	Prehistoric	Undetermined	-	MHPC
Adams	Archeological	wreck, schooner	1814	Undetermined	ME 188-001	MHPC
Kiowa	Archeological	wreck, gas screw	1900-1950	Undetermined	ME 188-002	MHPC
Coal Barge	Archeological	wreck, vessel	Unknown	Undetermined	ME 188-003	MHPC
Decateur	Archeological	wreck, unidentified	November 1, 1814	Undetermined	ME 188-004	MHPC
Kutsoff	Archeological	wreck, unidentified	November 1, 1814	Undetermined	ME 188-005	MHPC
B.C. Wing Mill	Archeological	mill, sawmill	on 1875 County Map	Undetermined	ME 188-006	MHPC
Parker Tidal Sawmill	Archeological	mill, tidal sawmill	early to mid 19th century	Undetermined	ME 188-007	MHPC
Roberts and Sterns Steam Sawmill	Archeological	mill, sawmill	early-mid 19th century to 20th century	Undetermined	ME 188-008	MHPC
Hampden Academy	Historic	education; architecture	1842-1843	Listed	NRI_75000106	NPS
Martin Kinsley House	Historic	politics/government; architecture	1797	Listed	NRI_87000921	NPS
Hampden Congregational Church	Historic	religious, church	1835	Listed	NRI_07000596	NPS
Harmony Hall	Historic	religious; social history	1829-1896	Listed	NRI_83000469	NPS
John Jr. & Anne Crosby House	Historic	residential, single family	1849	Eligible	MHPC 188-0035	MHPC
James S. Emery/Tyler R. Wasgatt Jr. House	Historic	residential, single family	1859	Eligible	MHPC 188-0039	MHPC
Gooden Grant House	Historic	residential, single family	1803-1850	Eligible	MHPC 188-0030	MHPC
Harry E. Dahlberg House	Historic	residential, single family	1915-1916	Eligible	MHPC 188-0213	MHPC
Simeon Stetson House	Historic	residential, single family	1804	Eligible	MHPC 188-0028	MHPC
Jacob Curtis House/Damsite	Historic	residential, single family	1798-1809	Eligible	MHPC 188-0038	MHPC
Ralph W. Moore House	Historic	residential, single family	1911-1914	Eligible	MHPC 188-0216	MHPC
Charles A. Dillingham House	Historic	residential, single family	1906-07	Eligible	MHPC 188-0217	MHPC
Charles Turner Pickard House	Historic	residential, single family	1906	Eligible	MHPC 188-0031	MHPC
Ellsworth C. & Mary Elinor Hodgins	Historic	residential, single family	1903-1905	Eligible	MHPC 188-0034	MHPC
Isaac Wilkins House	Historic	residential, single family	1854-1856	Eligible	MHPC 188-0187	MHPC
Benjamin Wheeler "Moody Wood" House	Historic	residential, single family	1802	Eligible	MHPC 188-0029	MHPC
Isaac Higgins Barn	Historic	barn mixed use, stable/livery	1863	Eligible	MHPC 188-0220a	MHPC
Victor Hodgins House	Historic	residential, single family	1912	Eligible	MHPC 188-0210	MHPC
Crosby and Dudley House	Historic	residential, single family	1837-38	Eligible	MHPC 188-0037	MHPC
John Crosby Jr./Benjamin Crosby House	Historic	residential, single family	1840	Eligible	MHPC 188-0033	MHPC
Isaac Higgins House	Historic	residential, single family	1863	Eligible	MHPC 188-0220	MHPC

Source: Maine Historic Preservation Commission / National Park Service

Figure 2.2 Prehistoric Archaeology Map

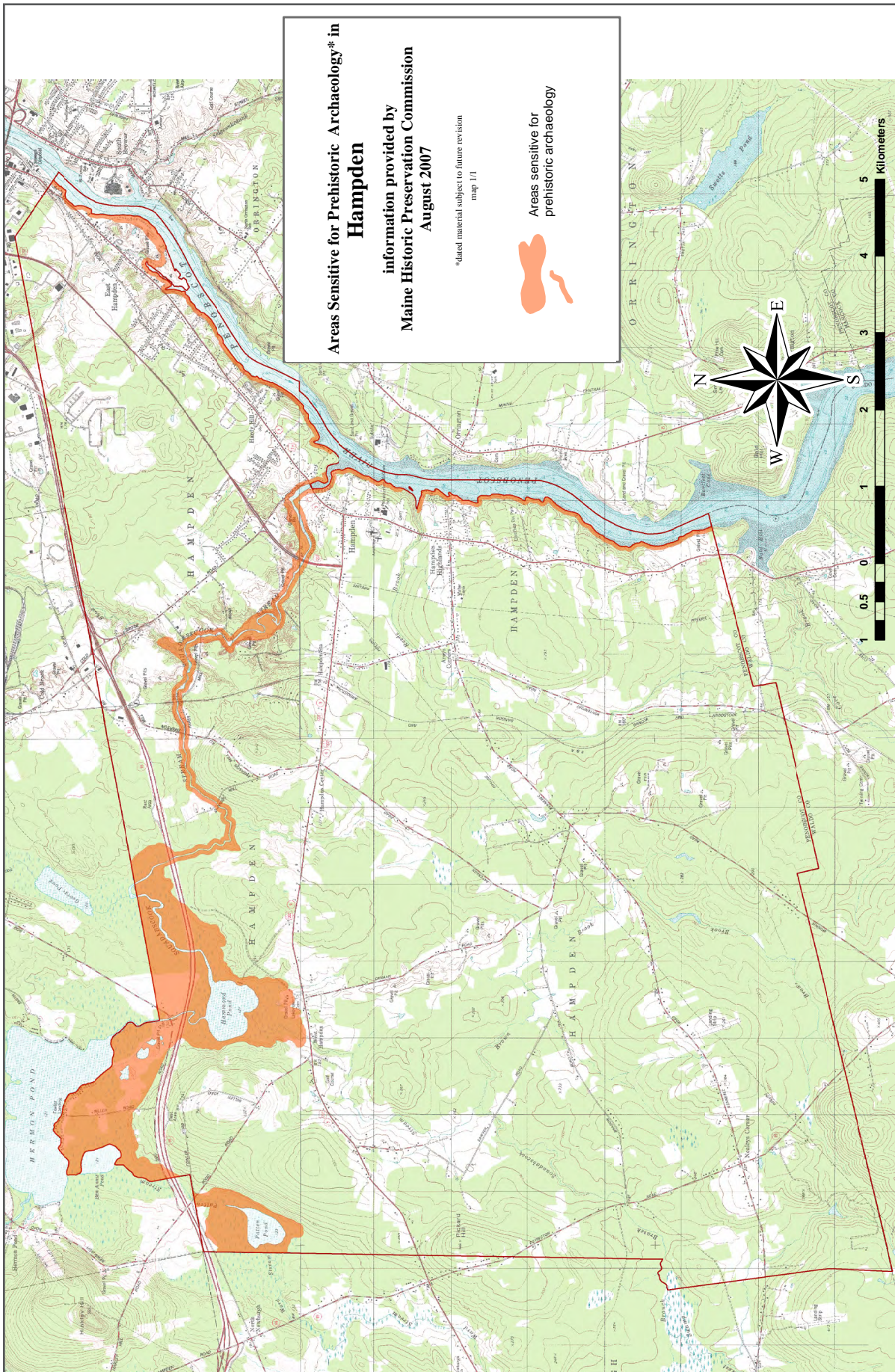
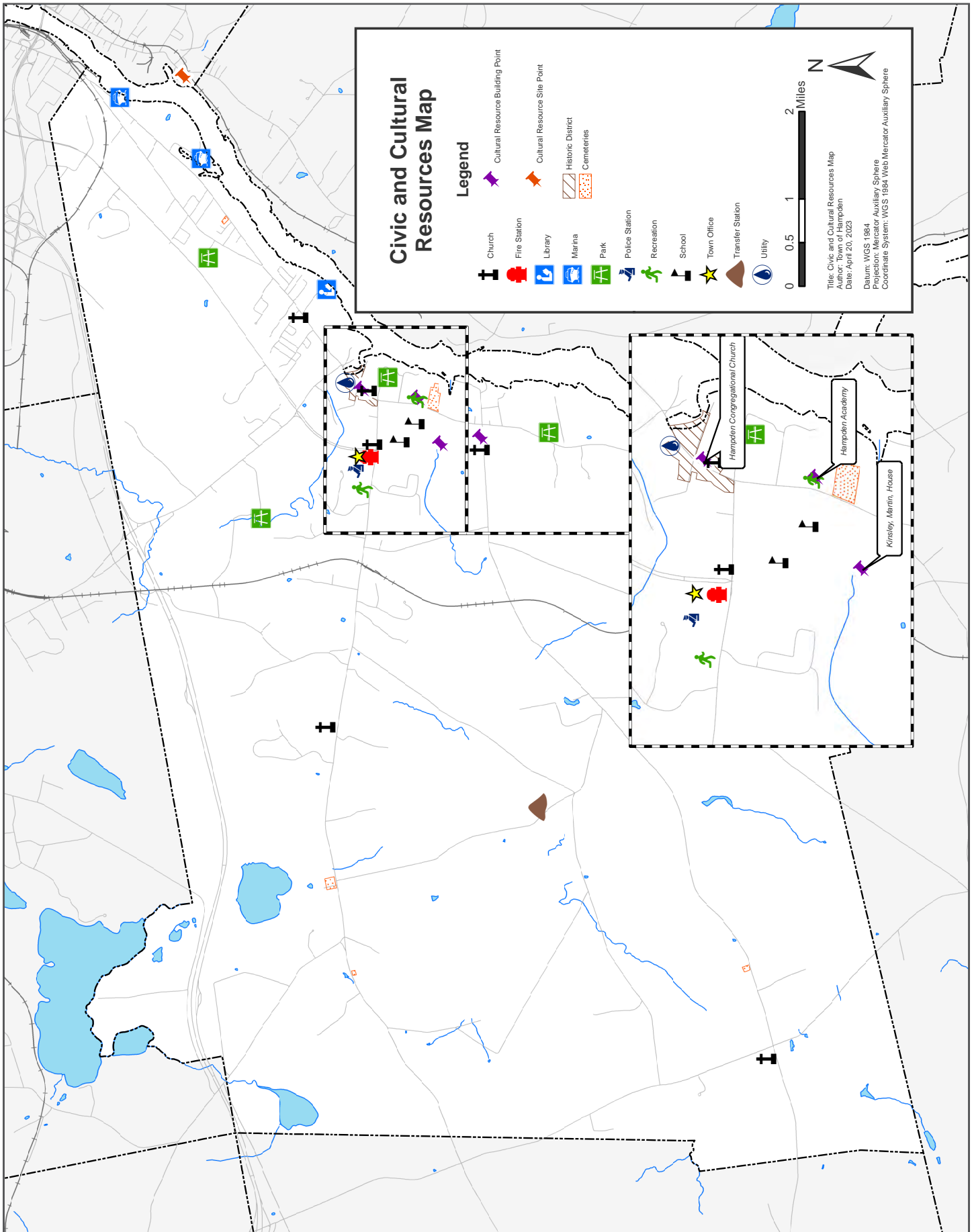


Figure 2.3 Civic and Cultural Resources Map





Population and Demographics

Population is a crucial factor that is carefully considered during the development of a comprehensive plan. The growth or decline of a community has a significant impact on various aspects such as land use policies, public services, and capital investments, which in turn affects every other topic in the plan. Therefore, it is important to take into account population trends while envisioning the future of the town.

Changes in demographics also play a critical role in determining the impact on public services. It is essential to provide sufficient housing, services, roads, and accessibility to create an equitable community. In addition, promoting accessibility and inclusivity are regional issues that Hampden has a responsibility to address.

POPULATION TRENDS

Since 2000, Maine has experienced a modest population growth of about 2.7%, reaching a total population of approximately 1.3 million people in 2020. However, this growth has been unevenly distributed across the state. While some urban areas, such as Portland and its surrounding suburbs, have experienced population growth, many rural areas have seen a decline in population.

In terms of migration, Maine has experienced a net loss of domestic migrants since 2000, meaning that more people have moved out of the state than have moved in from other parts of the country. This trend has been partially offset by an influx of international migrants, particularly refugees and immigrants from Somalia, Iraq, and other countries.

Over the past two decades, Hampden has seen a consistent increase in population. Based on data from the U.S. Census Bureau, the population of Hampden has risen from 6,327 in 2000 to an estimated 7,700 in 2020, representing a growth of approximately 20%. Within the past decade, Hampden has grown by 6%, which has had a noticeable impact on all aspects of the community.

One of the main drivers of this growth has been the popularity of the local school system and public services. This has led to a housing boom in Hampden, with new residential developments and subdivisions being built to accommodate the increasing demand for housing. That boom is reflected in the comparative population growth versus the rest of Penobscot County and the State of Maine ([Figure 3.1](#)).

However, this growth has also brought challenges for the town, such as strain on existing services and infrastructure. The town has had to work to balance the demands of a growing population with the need to maintain and upgrade infrastructure to support that growth. If population growth trends continue, there could be an ever greater need for infrastructure to support the community.

Figure 3.1 Population Change Since 1980

Year	Hampden	% Change	Penobscot County	% Change	Maine	% Change
1980	5,250	-	137,015	-	1,125,043	-
1990	5,974	14%	146,601	7%	1,227,928	9%
2000	6,327	6%	144,919	-1%	1,274,923	4%
2010	7,257	15%	153,923	6%	1,328,361	4%
2020	7,709	6%	152,199	-1%	1,362,359	3%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census

Figure 3.2 Population Projection Through 2038

Year	Hampden	Penobscot County	Maine
2023	7,447	151,509	1,355,924
2028	7,525	151,275	1,368,838
2033	7,553	150,044	1,374,023
2038	7,552	148,299	1,371,608

Source: Office of the State Economist

POPULATION PROJECTIONS

In 2021, the Maine Office of the State Economist prepared the *Maine Population Outlook* to project statewide population changes through 2038. The outlook analyzed population growth from 2008 through 2018, preceding the COVID-19 pandemic, using U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey statistics. As shown in [Figure 3.2](#), the projections for Hampden do not align with the observed population in the 2020 Decennial Census.

To project population growth in a given area, there are several methodologies that can be used. One of the most common methods is to use historical data and trends to estimate future growth. This involves analyzing population trends over a period of time and using this data to identify patterns and make predictions about future growth.

Another important aspect to consider is high growth scenarios. This involves accounting for potential increases in population due to factors such as economic growth, immigration, or

changes in land use policies. These scenarios can be estimated using various techniques, such as statistical models or expert judgment. Hampden, historically, has exceeded the growth of Penobscot County as a whole.

It is also important to note that demographic shifts can significantly impact population projections. For example, changes in birth rates, death rates, or migration patterns can lead to significant changes in population size and composition over time. Therefore, it is important to consider these factors when making population projections.

Of course, it is essential to acknowledge that any projections made are speculative and subject to a high degree of uncertainty. Therefore, it is important to use a range of scenarios and assumptions to account for different potential outcomes and to regularly reassess and update projections as new data becomes available. As seen in the following figures, projections between the high growth scenario and forecasted population stagnation and decline are captured.

Figure 3.3 Population Projection Graph Through 2050

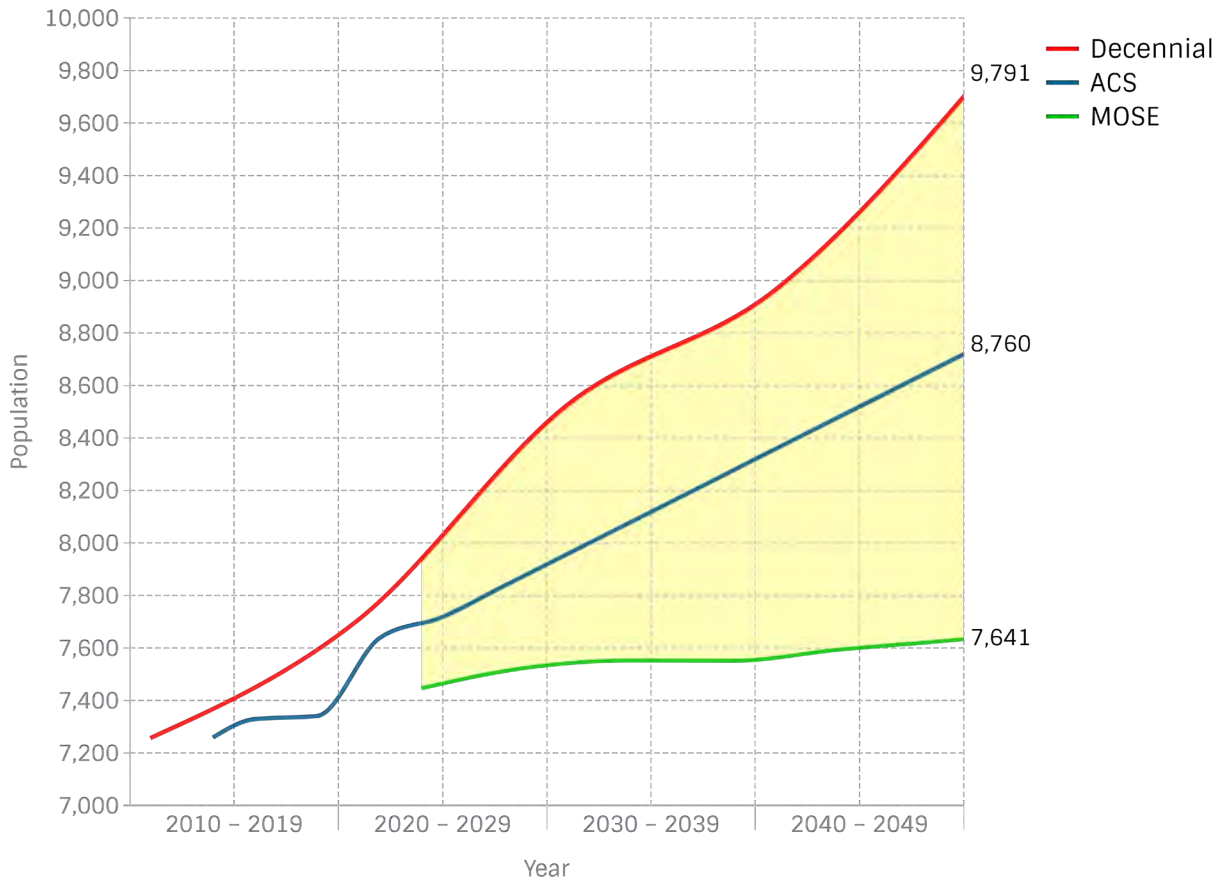


Figure 3.4 Population Projection Through 2050 at Decennial Growth Rate

Year	Hampden	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
1980	5,250		
1990	5,974		
2000	6,327		
2010	7,257		
2020	7,709		
2030	8,526	8,375	8,677
2040	8,966	8,777	9,156
2050	9,791	9,570	10,012

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census
 Note: The boundaries are calculated at a 95% Confidence Interval based on historic population trends.

Figure 3.5 Population Projection Through 2050 at American Community Survey Growth Rate

Year	Hampden	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
2013	7,259		
2015	7,329		
2018	7,341		
2021	7,638		
2024	7,719	7,557	7,882
2027	7,839	7,675	8,003
2030	7,959	7,794	8,125
2033	8,079	7,913	8,246
2036	8,199	8,031	8,367
2039	8,320	8,150	8,489
2042	8,440	8,269	8,610
2045	8,560	8,387	8,732
2048	8,680	8,506	8,853
2050	8,760	8,934	8,585

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey
 Note: The boundaries are calculated at a 95% Confidence Interval based on historic population trends.

Figure 3.6 Population Projection Through 2050 at Projected Growth Rate

Year	Hampden	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
2023	7,447		
2028	7,525		
2033	7,553		
2038	7,552		
2043	7,594	7,541	7,648
2048	7,627	7,572	7,683
2050	7,641	7,585	7,697

Source: Office of the State Economist
 Note: The boundaries are calculated at a 95% Confidence Interval based on projected rate of growth by the Office of the State Economist.

DEMOGRAPHICS

AGE

The Town of Hampden is a well-off, educated community with a middle-aged demographic, according to demographic data collected by the U.S. Census Bureau. The population over the age of 65 currently stands at 17%, with an additional 26% expected to reach retirement age in the next two decades. To address the needs of this aging population, Hampden must ensure that adequate housing and services are made available.

As Maine’s senior population continues to grow rapidly, communities are forced to re-evaluate their special services and public support systems to meet the needs of the elderly. This challenge is particularly significant in rural areas where seniors are likely to relocate close to their extended families. This relocation, coupled with the demand for multigenerational and elderly housing, is expected to increase the demand for public services. Hampden is not immune to these demographic changes, and as the senior population grows, the town’s budget will be impacted by increased demand for services such as affordable housing and elderly care.

The median age of Hampden’s population is 42.0, indicating a tilt towards middle-aged and older residents. The majority of residents choose to live in Hampden due to the local school system and its family-friendly environment, as revealed in the Comprehensive Plan Survey ([Appendix B](#)). Despite having approximately 2,000 school-age children in town, the 2019 American Community Survey by the U.S. Census Bureau indicates that the average household size in Hampden is 2.53 persons, which suggests a trend of declining household sizes. It’s worth noting that this data is subject to change based on factors such as population growth and migration.

Figure 3.7 Distribution of Population by Age and Sex – Pyramid

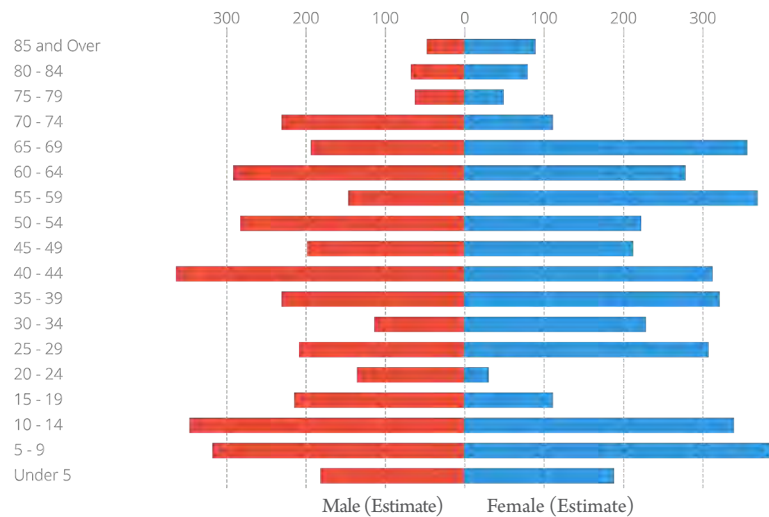


Figure 3.8 Distribution of Population by Age and Sex – Table

Age Group	Total (Estimate)	Male (Estimate)	Female (Estimate)
Under 5 years	370	181	189
5 to 9 years	704	317	387
10 to 14 years	686	346	340
15 to 19 years	326	214	112
20 to 24 years	166	135	31
25 to 29 years	516	208	308
30 to 34 years	342	113	229
35 to 39 years	552	230	322
40 to 44 years	676	363	313
45 to 49 years	411	198	213
50 to 54 years	505	282	223
55 to 59 years	516	146	370
60 to 64 years	570	291	279
65 to 69 years	550	193	357
70 to 74 years	352	230	122
75 to 79 years	112	62	50
80 to 84 years	147	67	80
85 years and over	137	47	90
Total (Persons)	7,638	3,623	4,015
Median Age (Years)	42.0	42.1	41.6

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey

EDUCATION

To enhance the community's quality of life, it is crucial to impress upon the younger generation the importance of education, instill a strong work ethic, and promote accountability. Education is a vital aspect of the community's identity and a primary reason why people move to Hampden. Although the educational attainment level in high school is comparable to Penobscot County, Hampden boasts almost 50% of residents holding a Bachelor's degree or higher, compared to Penobscot County's roughly 30%.

RACE

Hampden is a predominantly White community with little racial diversity. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, over 93% of Hampden's population is White, and other racial groups, such as Black or African American, Hispanic or Latino, Asian, and Native American, make up less than 3% of the population each. This lack of diversity has implications for equity and inclusion, as individuals from different racial backgrounds may not have equal access to resources or opportunities.

In a less racially diverse community, individuals may not be exposed to different cultures, perspectives, or experiences, which can limit their understanding and empathy towards individuals from different backgrounds. This lack of diversity can also result in systemic and institutional biases that disproportionately affect marginalized groups, such as in housing, employment, or education. Therefore, it is essential for Hampden to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion to ensure that all members of the community feel valued and respected.

While Hampden is not a diverse community, it is worth noting that regional diversity in Maine has been increasing in recent years. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the Diversity Index of Penobscot County has increased from 10.3% to 17.2% over the past decade. Therefore, it is important for Hampden and other Maine communities to acknowledge and embrace the changing demographics to promote a more inclusive and equitable environment.

Figure 3.9 Educational Attainment Comparison

Educational Attainment	Hampden	Penobscot County
Less than 9th grade	141	2,450
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	100	5,270
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	1,029	36,200
Some college, no degree	916	21,599
Associate degree	598	11,838
Bachelor's degree	1,435	19,119
Graduate or professional degree	1,055	11,835
% High School Graduate or Higher	95.4	92.9
% Bachelor's Degree or Higher	47.2	28.6

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey

Figure 3.10 Distribution of Population by Race

Racial Group	Hampden (Count)	Hampden (Percentage)
Population of one race (alone)	7,377	95.69
White	7,141	92.71
Black or African American	58	0.75
American Indian and Alaska Native	31	0.40
Asian	89	1.15
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0	0.00
Some Other Race	52	0.67
Population of two or more races	332	4.31
Total	7,709	100.0

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census

Figure 3.11 Diversity Index for Penobscot County

Measurement	2010 Census	2020 Census
Population	153,923	152,199
Diversity Index	10.3%	17.2%
Largest Racial or Ethnic Group:		
White (alone), not Hispanic or Latino	94.7%	90.9%
Second Largest Racial or Ethnic Group:		
Two or more races, not Hispanic or Latino	1.4%	4.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census



Economy

Hampden is a small residential community supporting the neighboring urban areas of Bangor and Brewer. The past few decades have witnessed rapid residential growth and sprawl, which have strained the local economy and increased the cost of public services. Despite having several commercial and industrial spaces around town, the economy of Hampden has stagnated.

Concentrating on economic growth can help mitigate further tax burden on residents. This can be achieved by prioritizing better development patterns and bolstering the local economy. By promoting an economic climate that increases job opportunities and overall economic well-being, the town can propel itself towards economic prosperity.

THE STATE OF THE ECONOMY

Hampden primarily serves as a residential community for the larger regional economies of neighboring Bangor and Brewer. While the economy of Hampden remains stable, maintaining a healthy tax base requires a balance of residential and business growth. A robust business community is crucial for the long-term viability of the town.

The 2010 Comprehensive Plan aimed to “support a fully vibrant community that is more than just a bedroom community to Bangor.” However, over the past decade, residential growth has outpaced commercial and industrial growth. This trend has contributed to increases in the mill rate, as outlined further in the [Fiscal Capacity](#) chapter.

Hampden has been actively engaged in attracting and promoting business and industry through the Eastern Maine Development Corporation (EMDC). The town has designated significant land areas and potential utility service options for business and industrial use, as part of its land use regulations and previous comprehensive plans. Currently, most industrial development activity is undertaken by the private sector, with the financial support of the Town through tax increment financing.

Moreover, Hampden’s present land use regulations include a large land area designated for industrial development, which is serviced by public utilities in the industrial park. The Hampden Business Association serves as a liaison between the Town and its members, with periodic updates and presentations by the Economic Development Director.

DESIGNATED GROWTH AREAS

Hampden has strategically designated multiple areas for commercial and industrial growth, including Coldbrook Road, Harold Bouchard Way, Ammo Park, Route 202, and the Hampden Business and Commerce Park. Among these areas, Coldbrook Road boasts the most potential for development due to its strategic location, connecting two major highways – Route 202 and Interstate 95. However, despite its potential, the lack of complete sewer coverage has left the land vacant and less desirable for development.

Urban and suburban sprawl in Hampden over the past couple of decades has negatively impacted the local economy. The outward expansion has stretched communities,

increasing dependence on cars, damaging the environment, driving up farmland prices, encouraging land speculation, and burdening current and future generations with costly infrastructure.

Most designated growth areas in Hampden contain or abut residential areas, limiting the potential for industrial development. However, these areas could be used for mixed-use development, which could increase tax revenue. By encouraging small business growth and creating a welcoming environment for tourists, Hampden could boost its economy and support local businesses.

TOURISM

Hampden is not generally considered a tourist destination, although it has some local attractions, such as the Lura Hoit Memorial Pool and the Hampden Historical Society. The town primarily serves as a residential community supporting the nearby urban areas of Bangor and Brewer. Nonetheless, its proximity to popular tourist destinations like Acadia National Park and the Maine coast means that visitors may pass through Hampden or use it as a base for exploring the surrounding area.

However, there is untapped potential to attract tourists traveling along Route 1A. With improvements to the Four Mile Square and designated commercial and industrial areas, such as Coldbrook Road, Harold Bouchard Way, Ammo Park, Route 202, and the existing Hampden Business and Commerce Park, Hampden could leverage its commercial or

industrial suitability to draw in visitors. The Town has already made significant efforts towards developing these areas, which bodes well for its tourism potential.

2017 ECONOMIC FRAMEWORK AND ASSESSMENT

In 2017, the Town of Hampden commissioned W-ZHA, LLC to develop a report on the town’s economic framework and opportunities for future growth. The report found that Hampden had experienced disproportionate growth compared to the Bangor Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), resulting in a predominantly white-collar workforce due to the town’s high median income and educational attainment.

The report also identified social indicators indicating that Hampden households had a high discretionary income, spending above the national average on items like apparel and services, entertainment and recreation, food away from home, and travel. However, despite this high spending potential, residents tended to seek these services outside of town.

The report offered several recommendations to improve the local economy. It proposed centralizing retail and food services to maximize market synergy and transforming the waterfront and downtown areas into mixed-use destinations that capture local health, financial, and professional service providers. Additionally, the report suggested creating more *third places* – social locations outside of the home or workplace – and working to overcome Hampden’s reputation for being anti-business.



Aerial Photo of Ammo Park and the Hampden Business and Commerce Park.

Source: Google Earth (2019)

INCOME

As noted in the *Economic Framework and Assessment*, Hampden boasts a high median income, which results in more disposable income available to spend on goods and services. **Figure 4.1** illustrates that Hampden's median income is nearly double that of the rest of Penobscot County. This spending can foster economic growth within the region, but if it is not captured in town, it is lost to neighboring communities. However, if captured, this income can generate greater potential tax revenue for the local government, which can be invested in infrastructure, education, and other public services that benefit the entire community.

Hampden's per capita income is almost twice as high as that of Penobscot County. A high per capita income is a strong indicator of a high standard of living and increased economic activity within the area. Conversely, a low per capita income can signify economic difficulties, such as poverty and a limited job market, which can result in reduced consumer spending and a stagnant economy. This can create a vicious cycle where businesses struggle to survive and create jobs, perpetuating the problem of low income. While Hampden is comparatively more prosperous, lower incomes in the surrounding region can still impact the local economy.

The Town could implement various strategies to reduce the percentage of families below the poverty level, despite already having a lower percentage than Penobscot County. These strategies could include initiatives such as affordable housing, food assistance, and job training programs. The Comprehensive Plan Committee has recommended that public awareness efforts be increased to foster a stronger sense of community and encourage residents to support their struggling neighbors both physically and financially.

LABOR

Labor force statistics provide a quantitative understanding of the labor market and the performance of the economy. It involves gathering data on the employment status, job opportunities, and demographic characteristics of individuals who are either employed or seeking employment. A good unemployment rate is one that reflects a balanced labor market, with sufficient job opportunities for workers and a low enough unemployment rate to ensure a stable economy. Generally, an unemployment rate below 5% is considered low and indicates a healthy economy. Hampden has historically maintained a lower unemployment rate than the Bangor MSA and Penobscot County.

Figure 4.1 Income Comparison

	Hampden	Penobscot County
Median Household Income	89,651	52,128
Per Capita Income in the Last 12 Months (2020)	44,926	29,603
Total Families (2020) (Count)	1,988	38,100
Families Below the Poverty Level (2020) (Percentage)	2.8%	7.8%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey

Figure 4.2 Labor Force

Year	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment Rate
Penobscot County				
2013	79,954	74,438	5,516	6.9
2014	79,150	74,358	4,792	6.1
2015	77,374	73,700	3,674	4.7
2016	77,183	73,852	3,331	4.3
2017	77,582	74,621	2,961	3.8
2018	77,413	74,730	2,683	3.5
2019	77,440	75,115	2,325	3.0
2020	74,210	70,505	3,705	5.0
2021	74,855	71,312	3,543	4.7
Bangor MSA				
2013	72,370	67,817	4,553	6.3
2014	71,871	68,053	3,818	5.3
2015	70,632	67,658	2,974	4.2
2016	70,878	68,183	2,695	3.8
2017	71,327	68,864	2,463	3.5
2018	71,360	69,107	2,253	3.2
2019	71,568	69,596	1,972	2.8
2020	68,513	65,271	3,242	4.7
2021	69,013	65,996	3,017	4.4
Hampden				
2013	4,435	4,209	226	5.1
2014	4,447	4,276	171	3.8
2015	4,395	4,267	128	2.9
2016	4,411	4,291	120	2.7
2017	4,434	4,318	116	2.6
2018	4,460	4,357	103	2.3
2019	4,495	4,406	89	2.0
2020	4,358	4,200	158	3.6
2021	4,386	4,247	139	3.2

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

EMPLOYMENT

Based on the 2021-2025 report by the Eastern Maine Development Corporation, healthcare is the primary source of employment for residents of Eastern Maine. This trend is also observed in Hampden, where a significant portion of the population works in management, business, science, and arts-related occupations. In addition to healthcare, supermarkets and supercenters such as Hannaford and WalMart, as well as educational institutions like the nearby University of Maine, Husson College, and Eastern Maine Community College, are among the major regional employers.

Hampden, which functions as a typical suburban bedroom community to larger service centers like Bangor and Brewer, is known for its family-friendly environment and reputable school system in RSU #22, which has contributed to its growing popularity among new families in the area. Further discussion on commuting patterns can be found in the Transportation chapter.

On the other hand, there are also various home-based businesses in town that cater to the community's needs. These include professional offices, sales, and services that are primarily conducted off-site, resulting in minimal traffic impact on neighborhoods and larger commuting patterns. Recently, the Zoning Ordinance has been amended to expand the opportunities for home-based businesses and other occupations to promote their growth. While successful home-based businesses often serve as incubators for retail and commercial uses, this is not the case in Hampden. Instead, home-based businesses are seen as an attractive aspect of the town and a reflection of Hampden's commitment to preserving property investments and maintaining its rural Maine character.

GDP

As of 2020, the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the Bangor MSA was estimated to be \$7.13 billion. The MSA includes two counties, Penobscot and Piscataquis, and encompasses a diverse range of industries such as healthcare, retail, education, and manufacturing. While the COVID-19 pandemic impacted the local economy, the Bangor MSA has shown resilience, with certain sectors such as healthcare and manufacturing experiencing growth. Despite the challenges, the area's GDP has remained relatively stable, reflecting the region's ability to adapt and maintain economic activity during a time of uncertainty.

Figure 4.3 Employment by Occupation

	Hampden	Penobscot County
Civilian Employed Population (16 and Over)	3,902	73,848
Management, Business, Science, and Arts Occupations	1,929	26,971
Service Occupations	526	14,557
Sales and Office Occupations	901	16,674
Natural Resources, Construction, and Maintenance Occupations	288	7,821
Production, Transportation, and Material Moving Occupations	258	7,825

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey

Figure 4.4 Bangor MSA GDP, Current Dollars, 2020

Industry Description	Bangor MSA (thousands of dollars)
All Industry Total	7,133,641
Private Industries	6,040,993
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	31,017
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	561
Utilities	163,034
Construction	226,682
Manufacturing	304,565
Durable Goods Manufacturing	201,512
Nondurable Goods Manufacturing	103,053
Wholesale Trade	330,493
Retail Trade	737,226
Transportation and Warehousing	208,518
Information	130,579
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate, Rental, and Leasing	1,436,779
Finance and Insurance	369,796
Real Estate, Rental, and Leasing	1,066,983
Professional And Business Services	716,783
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	225,505
Management of Companies and Enterprises	126,398
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	364,880
Educational Services, Healthcare, and Social Assistance	1,350,259
Educational Services	75,281
Healthcare and Social Assistance	1,274,977
Arts, Entertainment, Recreation, Accommodation, and Food Services	262,115
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	44,367
Accommodation and Food Services	217,748
Other Services (Except Government and Government Enterprises)	142,384
Government And Government Enterprises	1,092,648

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis; MSA defined by the Office of Management and Budget (2020)

SURVEY RESULTS

Conducted between June and September 2022, the Comprehensive Plan Survey ([Appendix B](#)) aimed to gather residents' opinions on the economy and their preferences for commercial and industrial development. The purpose of this exercise was to understand the community's preferences and needs, rather than relying solely on larger market forces. By gaining this understanding, local authorities and decision-makers could promote specific types of development through relationships or policy, to meet the community's needs and preferences.

According to [Figure 4.5](#), there has been a notable shift in the community's preferences towards commercial, retail, and service industry type businesses, indicating a growing demand for more convenience and variety in shopping and entertainment options. This shift in attitude can be attributed to various factors, such as the increasing urbanization of many communities and the rise of e-commerce. However, there is currently a dearth in these types of businesses, indicating a significant opportunity for growth in these sectors.

[Figure 4.6](#) provides a breakdown of commercial types into more specific categories. It also highlights the importance of neighborhood-based conveniences, boutiques, and restaurants and lodging in the Town Center. This emphasis on attracting smaller businesses suggests that they could have a more positive impact on the community's economy and quality of life than larger box stores or other developments. Therefore, it is essential to focus on attracting these types of businesses to meet the growing demand for commercial and retail services in the community.

In terms of industrial development, the survey found that residents favored small-scale sites for start-up businesses and high-tech jobs rather than warehousing and manufacturing ([Figure 4.7](#)). This suggests that Hampden's Business and Commerce Park and future development in Ammo Park and along Harold Bouchard Way should focus on creating maker spaces, small lots, and competing for regional and national high-tech companies. However, this may prove challenging.

Figure 4.5 Desired Development Type by Industry

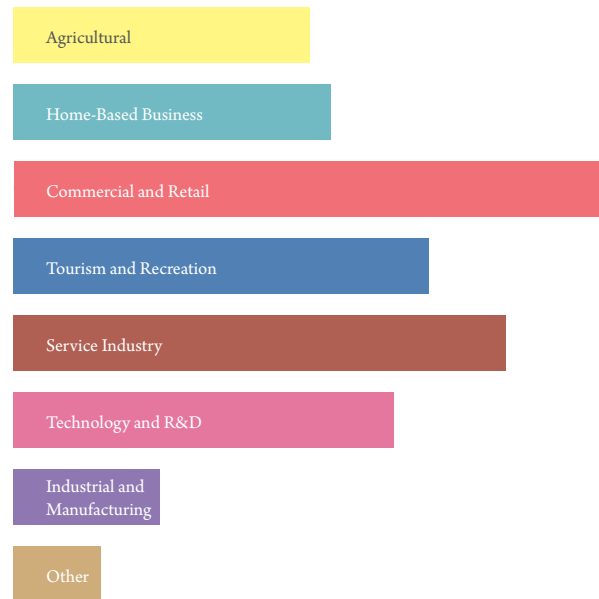


Figure 4.6 Desired Commercial Development

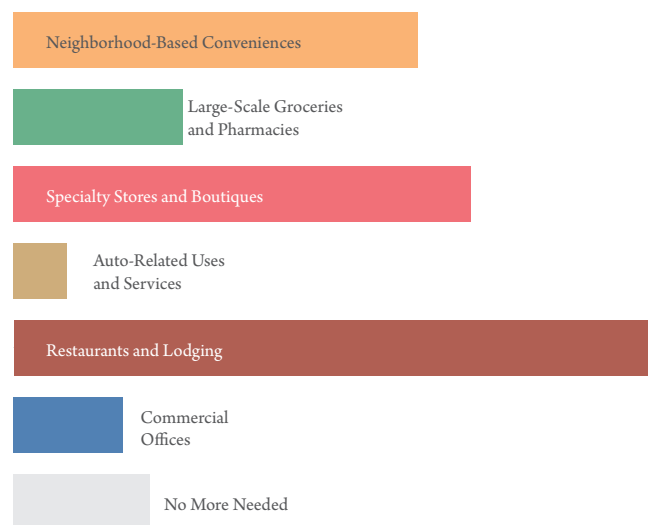


Figure 4.7 Desired Industrial Development

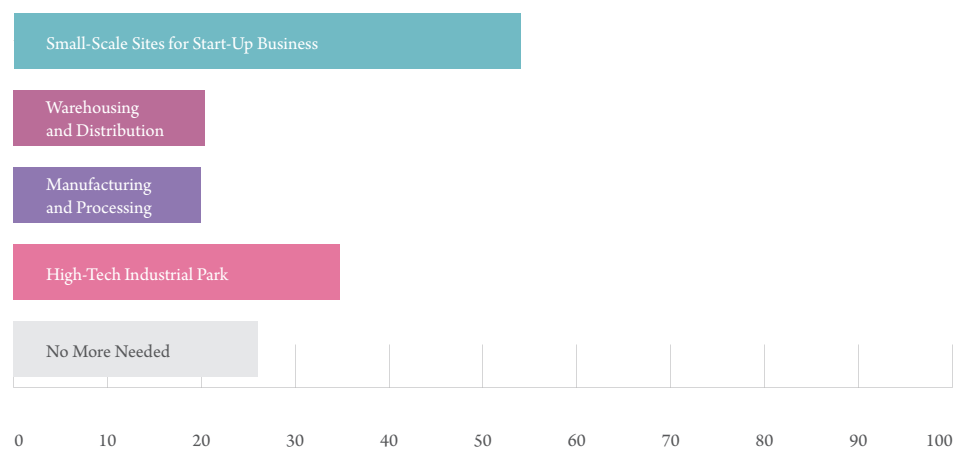
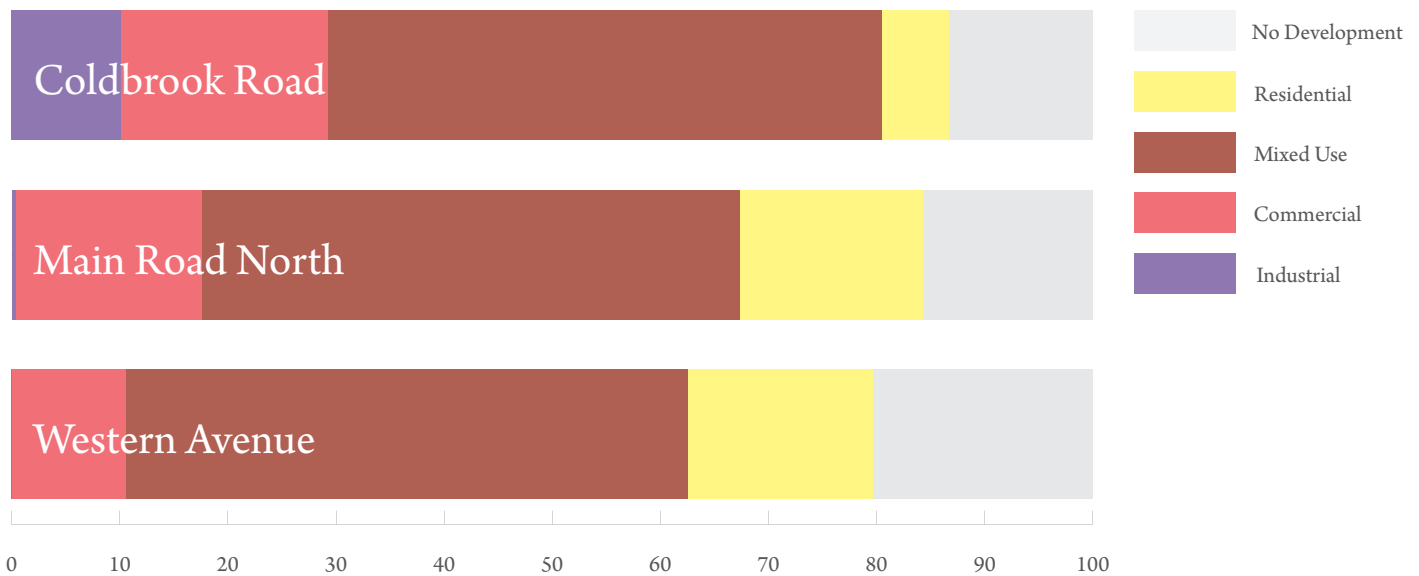


Figure 4.8 Desired Development Type by Location



The State of Maine requires “growth areas” to be defined through the comprehensive planning process. A growth area is defined as an area that has been identified by a municipality as having the potential for future development, and are designated based on factors such as their location, access to infrastructure and services, existing land use patterns, and environmental considerations. Identifying growth areas is to promote economic development, improve the quality of life for residents, and protect natural resources by directing development to areas that are best suited for growth. These areas are further discussed in the [Land Use](#) chapter.

In considering future growth areas, it is important for decision-makers to understand that the types of developments along roadways can significantly impact the character of the surrounding neighborhoods. Therefore, it will be necessary to tailor specific roadways or sections to certain industries and types of growth. In the survey, residents were asked about their preferences for development along Coldbrook Road, Main Road North, and Western Avenue, which are the major arterial roadways with significant development potential. The survey results indicated that the majority of residents preferred mixed-use commercial and residential development, rather than exclusively residential or commercial development. This suggests that commercial and residential growth are

more desirable than industrial growth, and that expansion of industrial areas beyond Hampden’s Business and Commerce Park and future development in Ammo Park and along Harold Bouchard Way is not recommended.

The previous page provided valuable insights into the types of commercial developments that residents desire. Therefore, it is recommended that mixed-use commercial and residential developments should be located in specific neighborhoods to promote small and home-based businesses and encourage small business growth through infill and incremental development. This approach aligns with the preferences expressed by survey respondents.

FOSTERING GROWTH

ZONING ORDINANCE

Over the past few years, the Town of Hampden has discussed adopting a new zoning ordinance based on a form-based code. This approach prioritizes the physical design of buildings and public spaces over their use or function. By doing this, the code can create more visually appealing and walkable communities, which can lead to increased property values and attract new businesses and residents. Overall, adopting a form-based code can enhance the economic vitality of the town.

Additionally, form-based codes can simplify the development process by providing clear guidelines for building design and placement. This can reduce delays and uncertainty for developers and streamline the review and approval process for municipal officials. Lastly, a rezone can help Hampden preserve its unique rural character and sense of place by promoting context-sensitive development that responds to the existing built environment. This ensures that new development enhances, rather than detracts from, the community's identity and history.

Other zoning amendments can promote infill development to encourage commercial and residential growth. Infill development is the rededication of land in an urban environment, usually open-space, to new construction, constructing the open land between existing structures. To ensure a healthy economy for Hampden's future, the focus should be on infilling the commercial and industrial areas and promoting small and home-based business. Encouraging small business growth through infill and incremental development is crucial to the town's economic prosperity.

Better development patterns prevent sprawl, which increases the cost of public services and puts current and future generations on the hook for costly infrastructure that must be built, maintained, and replaced perpetually. Zoning amendments in any format should discourage sprawl as much as possible.

TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF) DISTRICTS

A TIF district is a designated area in a community where future property tax revenue growth resulting from development is set aside to finance public infrastructure projects or to support economic development within that district. When a TIF district is

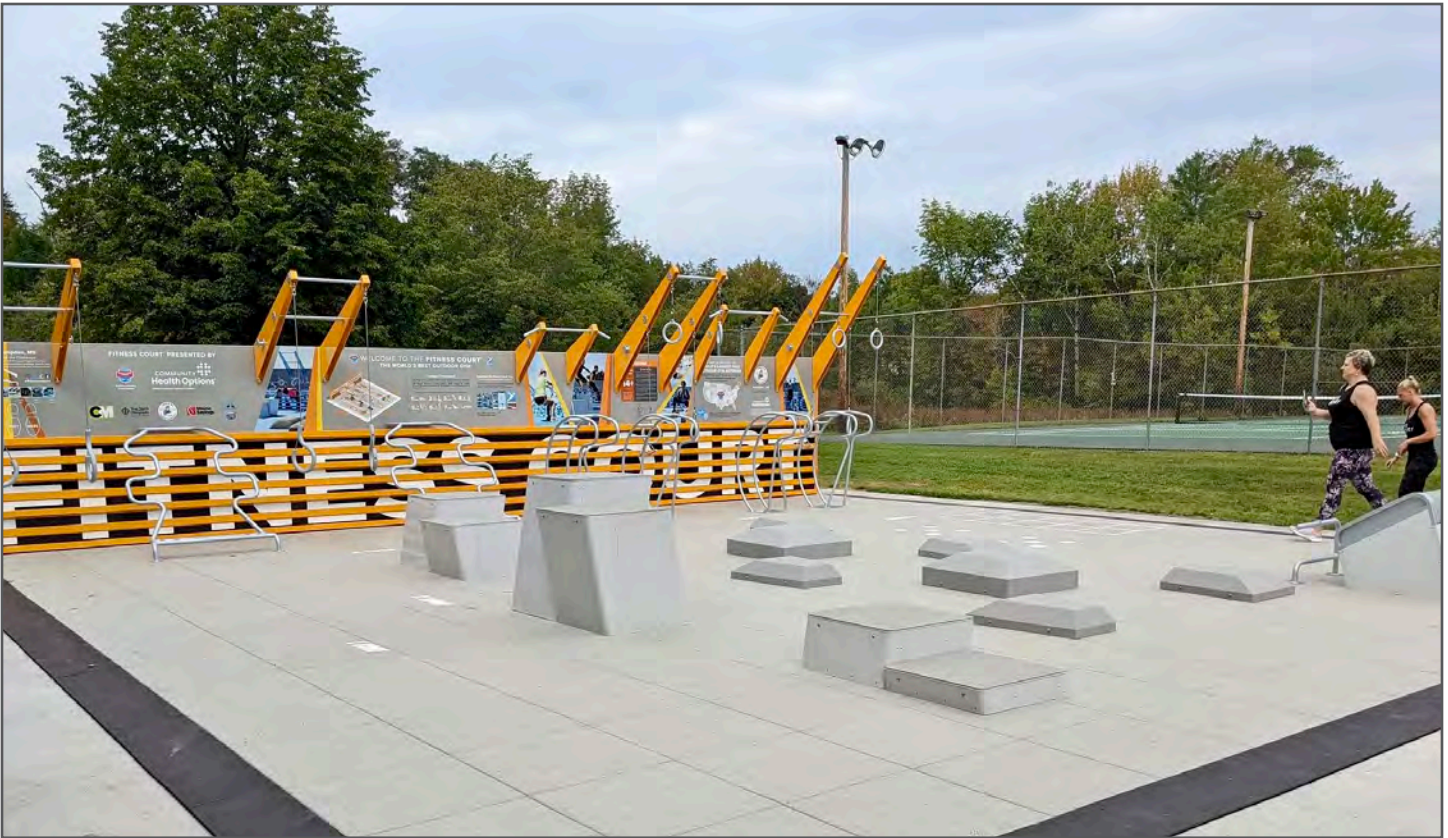


created, the property tax revenues generated by new development within the district are separated into two portions: the base amount, which is the amount of property taxes generated by the properties within the district before development occurred, and the increment, which is the increase in property taxes generated by the new development. The increment is then used to fund infrastructure or other economic development projects within the district.

The majority of desirable commercial and industrial land is encompassed by TIF districts. One of the TIF districts, Coldbrook Corner, covers 157 acres in the coveted area of Coldbrook Road and Route 202, with public water and 3-phase power accessible, but restricted by the lack of public sewer and limited capacity for future expansion. Another TIF district, Emera, covers 192 acres of developable land accessible from

Coldbrook and Harold Bouchard Way, with water infrastructure and 3-phase power connection available. The Hampden Business and Commerce Park TIF is specific to the 37 lots of the park, but has all the infrastructure and amenities required for development. An opportunity to expand this TIF district is to include the 240-acre Ammo Park, with public sewer and 3-phase power connection available, and the potential to extend public water access to the entire parcel.

Hampden should focus on attracting manufacturing, warehousing, and retail trade to align with the top industries in the State and Eastern region. This can be achieved by capitalizing on commercial zones, especially TIF zones, and providing additional sewer infrastructure for larger capacity via grants and bonds.



REVALUATION

Town of Hampden has also been setting the groundwork for a complete reevaluation. This process would assess and update all properties within town for property tax purposes to ensure that each property is taxed fairly and equitably based on its current market value. The results of the reevaluation are used to adjust property tax rates and determine how much property owners will owe in taxes.

RECREATION AND CIVIC INVESTMENT

Increased investment in recreation and civic spaces can bring several positive economic benefits for Hampden. First, these spaces can attract tourism and bring in additional revenue for local businesses, creating jobs in the hospitality industry. Parks like Dorothea Dix Park, Turtle Head Park, and the recently opened Fitness Court at the Whitcomb-Baker VFW Recreational Facility can draw visitors to the area, and well-maintained public spaces can enhance the overall appeal of the community. This, in turn, can increase tax revenues for the municipality and generate additional income for property owners through increased property values in nearby residential areas.

Secondly, municipal investment in recreation and civic spaces can improve the quality of

life for residents, leading to a positive impact on the local economy. People are more likely to choose to live and work in areas with access to quality public spaces, which can increase the demand for housing and commercial development. Well-designed and well-maintained public spaces can contribute to community cohesion and social capital, building stronger and more resilient communities that lead to increased collaboration and innovation. Investing in recreation and civic spaces, therefore, can have long-term economic benefits for Hampden. These strategies are covered in greater detail in the Recreation chapter.

REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

Hampden actively participates in regional economic development efforts through its membership in the Eastern Maine Development Corporation (EMDC). The Town works closely with neighboring communities to promote partnerships and cost-sharing opportunities. For instance, the public marina provides access to the Penobscot River for fishing, boating, or attending waterfront concerts, contributing to outdoor recreation and promoting the regional economy.

Improving the local infrastructure is critical to attracting new businesses and

preventing outward migration. To achieve this, Hampden is seeking to use grants to upgrade its downtown area and revitalize the economy, with opportunities to partner with the State. For instance, Maine DOT grants could be used to make the downtown area safer and more walkable, benefitting the entire community. The Town is also eager to explore downtown revitalization grants from the Maine DECD, with a bonded match, to boost economic development in the region. By partnering with the State, Hampden hopes to maximize the impact of these grants and bring about sustainable growth.

To ensure future economic growth, Hampden should also seek partnership opportunities with neighboring communities, such as Bangor, Hermon, and Winterport, for outdoor recreational partnerships along the Penobscot. One such idea was to connect the Bangor Waterfront to the Hampden Waterfront. Other partnerships can address infrastructure needs related to broadband, sewer, or water. These partnerships can help prevent outward migration and attract new businesses or remote workers, while addressing weaknesses related to aging infrastructure and public transportation. By focusing on these industries and partnerships, Hampden can enhance its economic vitality and promote sustainable growth for the future.



Housing

Hampden's rural character is often cited as a prime reason for its appeal to residents. Its idyllic pastoral landscape, historic farmsteads, and sprawling countryside attract both homeowners and developers. However, the clash between traditional rural land use and modern residential development has created a diverse mix of scattered historic homes, newer structures, commercial and industrial areas, open spaces, and farmland beyond the urban core. Some historic structures remain, while others are displaced due to modern development patterns.

The distribution of housing unit types serves as a critical gauge of a community's affordability, density, and character. Despite its status as a regional economic powerhouse and welcoming community, Hampden grapples with larger regional housing concerns like affordable housing and limited housing options for elderly and disabled individuals. Furthermore, Hampden's public or subsidized housing options are relatively scarce.

HOUSING INDEX

Maine's landscape is predominantly rural, and its population is thinly distributed, with modestly sized urban centers or service hubs. Over the last decade, Maine's population increased by only 2 percent, slower than New England's 4 percent and the national rate of 12 percent (U.S. Census Bureau). Growth in Maine was primarily concentrated in coastal and southern counties, while more rural counties experienced a decline in population. This historical pattern of small towns and urban centers with a limited scale continues to shape our vision for future community development.

The COVID-19 pandemic exposed and exacerbated existing inequalities in access to affordable housing. For households with stable employment and suitable housing, their homes provided a safe refuge during the pandemic. However, thousands of households faced housing insecurity due to loss of income or other pandemic-related impacts, and continue to struggle to regain stability amid current economic challenges and tight local housing markets.

These disparities have persisted even as the economy and society return to a sense of normalcy. Many lower-income households continue to struggle to recover their financial footing and face possible eviction or foreclosure, particularly in the context of a tight housing market and rising inflation. This puts significant pressure on low- and moderate-income families in Maine seeking affordable rental or homeownership options.

HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Understanding the housing characteristics within a community is used to help government agencies and private organizations make decisions about funding, housing policies, and infrastructure planning. The data collected by the U.S. Census Bureau includes details such as the number of housing units, the age and condition of the housing stock, the types of heating and cooling systems in use, the number of rooms and bedrooms, and the size of the properties. These statistics ([Figure 5.1](#)) are used to develop housing policies, to determine where to allocate resources, and to identify trends and patterns that can help inform decisions related to the housing market.



The housing makeup in Hampden is common compared to other rural and smaller towns around the nation. Primarily composed of single-unit dwellings, over 83% of the town's housing is composed of this type. Hampden is relatively occupied as well, with over 96% of units occupied. The homeowner to rental comparison sits at 17%, reconfirming the high homeownership rate. This ratio also reflects that almost all multi-unit buildings in town are rented.

SUBSIDIZED AND INCOME-BASE HOUSING

Affordable housing aims to provide safe, decent, and accessible housing options for low- and moderate-income households. This can be achieved through various means, including government programs and nonprofit organizations, which may offer rental assistance, housing vouchers, or subsidies for developers to build or maintain affordable housing units. Access to affordable housing is considered a fundamental human right.

Roe Village in Hampden is the sole subsidized housing project in the town, offering 30 units to elderly tenants aged 62 or older, or those

who are handicapped and have a household income below 50% of the Bangor MSA (Metropolitan Statistical Area). However, this highlights a larger regional issue as there are only 255 subsidized housing units in Bangor, which serves the elderly, Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers (HCVs), and public housing needs.

The lack of subsidized housing options in Hampden further underscores the regional conflict, as the town is not providing adequate housing opportunities for residents. For instance, while Bangor offers 1,051 unsubsidized income-based housing units, Hampden has none. It is imperative that the Town of Hampden considers establishing an affordable housing program or collaborating with Bangor Housing to address the significant shortage of affordable housing options in the town.

Figure 5.1 Housing Characteristics in Hampden

	Estimate	Percent
Housing Occupancy		
Total Housing Units	3,024	100%
Occupied Housing Units	2,912	96.3%
Vacant Housing Units	112	3.7%
Homeowner Vacancy Rate	0.0	
Rental Vacancy Rate	10.0	
Units in Structure		
1-Unit, Detached	2,522	83.4%
1-Unit, Attached	78	2.6%
2 Units	77	2.5%
3 or 4 Units	123	4.1%
5 to 9 Units	160	5.3%
10 to 19 Units	36	1.2%
20 or More Units	0	0.0%
Mobile Home	28	0.9%
Boat, RV, Van, etc.	0	0.0%
Year Structure Built		
Total Housing Units	3,024	100%
Built 2020 or Later	23	0.8%
Built 2010 to 2019	268	8.9%
Built 2000 to 2009	794	26.3%
Built 1990 to 1999	347	11.5%
Built 1980 to 1989	352	11.6%
Built 1970 to 1979	348	11.5%
Built 1960 to 1969	253	8.4%
Built 1950 to 1959	219	7.2%
Built 1940 to 1949	96	3.2%
Built 1939 or Earlier	324	10.7%
Bedrooms		
Total Housing Units	3,024	100%
No Bedroom	69	2.3%
1 Bedroom	206	6.8%
2 Bedrooms	487	16.1%
3 Bedrooms	1,380	45.6%
4 Bedrooms	636	21.0%
5 or More Bedrooms	246	8.1%
Housing Tenure		
Occupied Housing Units	2,912	100%
Owner-Occupied	2,408	82.7%
Renter-Occupied	504	17.3%
Average Household Size of Owner-Occupied Unit	2.70	
Average Household Size of Renter-Occupied Unit	2.18	
Vehicles Available		
Occupied Housing Units	2,912	100%
No Vehicles Available	15	0.5%
1 Vehicle Available	788	27.1%
2 Vehicles Available	1,367	46.9%
3 or More Vehicles Available	742	25.5%

	Estimate	Percent
House Heating Fuel		
Occupied Housing Units	2,912	100%
Utility Gas	57	2.0%
Bottled, Tank, or LP Gas	458	15.7%
Electricity	75	2.6%
Fuel Oil, Kerosene, etc.	2,178	74.8%
Coal or Coke	0	0.0%
Wood	134	4.6%
Solar Energy	0	0.0%
Other Fuel	10	0.3%
No Fuel Used	0	0.0%
Value		
Owner-Occupied Units	2,408	100%
Less than \$50,000	49	2.0%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	121	5.0%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	178	7.4%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	358	14.9%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	882	36.6%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	706	29.3%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	114	4.7%
\$1,000,000 or More	0	0.0%
Median Value	248,200	
Gross Rent		
Occupied Units Paying Rent	490	490
Less than \$500	0	0.0%
\$500 To \$999	297	60.6%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	141	28.8%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	0	0.0%
\$2,000 to \$2,499	0	0.0%
\$2,500 to \$2,999	18	3.7%
\$3,000 or More	34	6.9%
Median Rent	\$897	
No Rent Paid	14	
Gross Rent as a Percentage of Household Income (GRPI)		
Occupied Units Paying Rent (Excluding Units Where GRPI Cannot be Computed)	490	100%
Less than 15.0 Percent	53	10.8%
15.0 to 19.9 Percent	84	17.1%
20.0 to 24.9 Percent	103	21.0%
25.0 to 29.9 Percent	72	14.7%
30.0 to 34.9 Percent	30	6.1%
35.0 Percent or More	148	30.2%
Not Computed	14	

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2021

VACANCIES

The state of the housing market and the overall economy can be gleaned from housing vacancy rates, which are important indicators. When vacancy rates are low, it suggests a scarcity of available housing, which in turn can lead to escalating housing prices and unaffordable rents. Furthermore, vacancy rates can assist policymakers and researchers in pinpointing areas where housing needs are not being met. For instance, if vacancy rates are low in a specific neighborhood, it could imply that there is insufficient housing supply in that area. This might prompt policymakers to allocate resources toward community development projects or other initiatives designed to bolster housing supply. In Hampden, where vacancy rates are low, this could indicate a potential lack of housing supply, but it could also point to exorbitant housing prices or rents that are beyond the means of many individuals.

SUBSTANDARD HOUSING

Substandard housing refers to a set of criteria used to identify households that require assistance or intervention to enhance their living conditions. Incomplete plumbing facilities, such as the absence of hot and cold piped water, a bathtub or shower, a sink with a faucet, or a flush toilet, are some of the features that are used to assess the adequacy of a housing unit. Additionally, an inadequate kitchen, which may lack a sink with a faucet, a stove or range, and a refrigerator, is also considered a substandard feature. Furthermore, the absence of telephone service and internet access may also indicate a potentially substandard housing situation. These indicators may point to larger economic issues, such as poverty, limited access to healthcare, or inadequate support systems for individuals.

In addition to the mentioned indicators, there are also unmeasured factors such as overcrowding, structural decay, and noticeable unsafe conditions. To tackle these issues, the

Figure 5.2 Housing Vacancies

	Hampden	Penobscot County
Total Housing Units	3,014	76,088
Occupied	2,841	63,073
Vacant	173	13,015
For Rent	58	1,570
Rented, Not Occupied	0	340
For Sale Only	0	532
Sold, Not Occupied	0	281
For Seasonal, Recreational, or Occasional Use	115	6,666
For Migrant Workers	0	8
Other Vacant	0	3,618

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census, 2020

Figure 5.3 Substandard Housing

	Hampden	Penobscot County
Occupied Housing Units	2,841	63,073
Lacking Complete Kitchen Facilities	55	576
Lacking Complete Plumbing Facilities	0	340
No Telephone Service Available	37	795

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census, 2020

Town of Hampden employs the Habitability Standards in the Zoning Ordinance, which establishes the minimum requirements for occupied buildings. This empowers the appropriate building authority to either condemn or post structures that fail to meet these minimum housing standards.

HOUSING AFFORDABILITY

As shown in [Figure 5.4](#), the median income of Hampden supports affordable housing, but not in comparison to the region. To increase the availability of affordable housing, both rental and homeownership options are necessary. Affordable housing is defined as housing that costs low- and moderate-income households 30% or less of their income. This definition does not include subsidized housing options. The affordability of housing is determined by various factors, including housing unit costs,

utilities, and other related expenses, as stated in the Affordable Housing Index.

In addition to private supply and demand, affordable housing can be created through government programs or non-profit organizations that subsidize housing to make it more accessible and affordable for low-income households. The goal of affordable housing is to ensure that everyone has access to safe, decent, and affordable housing, which is considered a basic human right. One potential solution to address the shortage of affordable housing options is to establish programs and regulations that require the construction of affordable housing. The Town of Hampden could address its significant shortage of affordable housing options by considering the creation of an affordable housing program or partnering with Bangor Housing.

Figure 5.4 Housing Affordability Index

	Bangor MSA	Bangor	Brewer	Hampden	Hermon	Newburgh	Orrington
Homeownership Affordability Index							
Index	1.11	0.88	1.1	1.25	1.08	1.07	1.08
Median Home Price	\$189,500	\$179,361	\$185,000	\$245,000	\$271,500	\$219,000	\$239,000
Median Income	\$57,683	\$47,671	\$60,287	\$86,014	\$76,130	\$63,619	\$68,819
Income Needed to Afford Median Home Price (Annual)	\$52,027	\$53,892	\$54,911	\$68,977	\$70,426	\$59,545	\$63,447
Income Needed to Afford Median Home Price (Hourly)	\$25.01	\$25.91	\$26.40	\$33.16	\$33.86	\$28.63	\$30.50
Home Price Affordable to Median Income	\$210,100	\$158,655	\$203,113	\$305,513	\$293,489	\$233,982	\$259,237
Households Unable to Afford Median Home (Percent)	45.7%	55.3%	45.2%	40.8%	45.2%	46.7%	46.1%
Households Unable to Afford Median Home (Count)	25,054	7,838	1,882	1,199	1,034	275	672
Total Households	54,879	14,177	4,167	2,943	2,289	590	1,457
Percentage of Unattainable Homes Sold	40.4%	65.9%	38.2%	31.6%	40.2%	27.3%	35.5%
Affordable Homes Sold	994	115	102	91	49	8	40
Unattainable Homes Sold	675	222	63	42	33	3	22
Rental Housing Affordability Index							
Index	0.82	0.71	0.54	1.21	0.84	-	0.74
Median 2BR Rent (with Utilities)	\$1,060	\$871	\$1,508	\$1,050	\$1,092	-	\$1,118
Renter Household Median Income	\$34,598	\$24,589	\$32,372	\$50,651	\$36,746	-	\$33,234
Income Needed to Afford Median 2BR (Annual)	\$42,397	\$34,857	\$60,334	\$42,000	\$43,687	-	\$44,721
Income Needed to Afford Median 2BR (Hourly)	\$20.38	\$16.76	\$29.01	\$20.19	\$21.00	-	\$21.50
2BR Rent Affordable to Median Income	\$865	\$651	\$809	\$1,266	\$919	-	\$831
Households Unable to Afford Median 2BR (Percent)	57.4%	64.5%	77.2%	41.6%	58.5%	-	60.6%
Households Unable to Afford Median 2BR (Count)	10,225	5,003	1,275	254	230	-	131
Renter Total Households	17,821	7,751	1,651	610	393	-	216

Source: Maine State Housing Authority, Claritas, 2020 (Homeowner); Maine State Housing Authority, Claritas, 2017 (Rental)

SURVEY RESULTS

The aim of the Comprehensive Plan Survey ([Appendix B](#)) was to gain a deeper understanding of the housing situation in Hampden by posing general description-type questions. In addition to gauging respondents' demographic makeup, the purpose of these questions was to ensure that the survey captured input from diverse segments of the community. This would help to ensure that all voices were represented in the results. Although the majority of respondents were homeowners, there was considerable diversity in terms of their length of residency in Hampden (as shown in [Figure 5.6](#)). Longer-term residents have observed the community changing over one or more decades, while newer residents may have distinct needs or perspectives on the community.

[Figure 5.7](#) indicates that residents were divided on whether the community was predominantly suburban or rural. This dichotomy illustrates the varied nature of the overall community development pattern outlined elsewhere in the plan. The survey also included additional questions about the types of housing in Hampden. Many respondents described their housing as average or above average, but a significant number expressed concern about derelict or poorly maintained structures that adversely impacted their quality of life and perception of the community. These problematic properties could be located in specific neighborhoods or could be scattered throughout the community. Additionally, many respondents indicated a strong preference for the development of single-family homes and senior housing ([Figure 5.8](#)). Follow-up responses indicated they felt that multi-family housing did not bring noticeable benefits to their neighborhoods.

Figure 5.5 Homeownership vs. Rental Rates

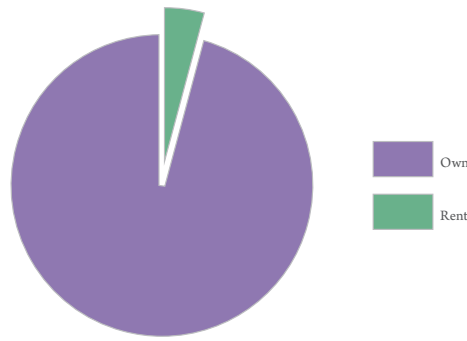


Figure 5.6 Years Living in Hampden

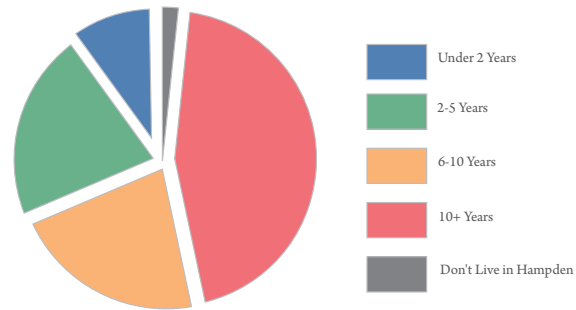


Figure 5.7 Housing Community Description

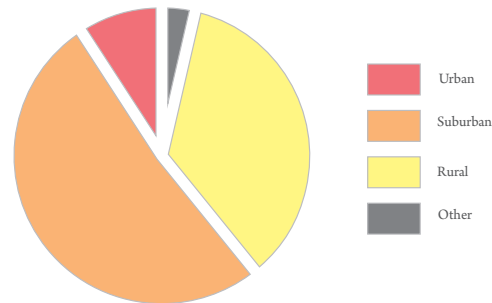
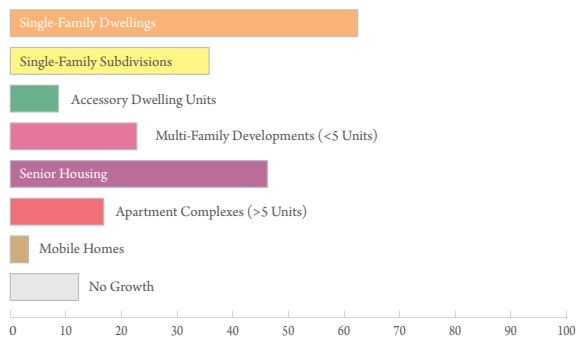


Figure 5.8 Desired Residential Development Type



THE FUTURE OF HOUSING

HOUSING PREFERENCE

There is a growing trend among Maine residents to prefer smaller, more energy-efficient homes, which could be attributed to the decline in household size. Prior to the pandemic, people in Maine tended to prefer living near urban areas, coastal counties, and the I-95 corridor, with the majority of population growth occurring in southern and coastal counties. However, the pandemic has shifted priorities for some, with access to broadband and telecommuting becoming more important factors in where people choose to live. The long-term effects of COVID-19 on housing markets are unclear, as some trends may be temporary, such as the decrease in demand for high-end urban rentals, while others may be more enduring, such as the growing interest in suburban and exurban living. The pandemic has also highlighted the disparities in access to decent and affordable housing, as many households have experienced housing insecurity due to loss of income or other COVID-19 related impacts, and face challenges in accessing affordable housing in tight and competitive local housing markets.

ELDERLY, DISABLED, AND MULTIGENERATIONAL HOUSING

The lack of assisted living opportunities in Maine is a significant challenge for elderly and disabled individuals who want to maintain their independence as they age. Traditional housing development patterns in the United States do not prioritize multigenerational housing or aging in place, which often results in the displacement of the elderly or disabled as they get older. This can be a particularly difficult issue for those who may require additional assistance or care as they age.

However, there are alternative housing options available that could help to expand opportunities for elderly and disabled individuals to age in place. Accessory dwelling units and other middle housing options provide more flexible and affordable living arrangements, enabling generational housing dynamics to flourish. These options can help to support families who wish to live together or who want to provide support to aging family members.

The development of more assisted living opportunities in Maine could also help to address this issue. However, this requires a shift in the traditional housing development patterns, with

a focus on creating more accessible and affordable housing options that prioritize aging in place and multigenerational living. Overall, there is a need to explore a range of housing options that can support elderly and disabled individuals in maintaining their independence and quality of life as they age.

ROOMING HOUSES

Rooming houses are often cities as a low-risk housing solution for communities. These residential buildings allow tenants to rent individual rooms, often small, in a larger building. These rooms may or may not have their own bathroom, and tenants share common spaces such as kitchens, living rooms, and bathrooms. This type of housing is typically found in urban areas and is known for its lower cost and, in Bangor, they are still relatively common. Zoning and housing regulations have made these types less prevalent in other communities over the past few decades. Recently, Hampden removed rooming houses from its Zoning Ordinance, opting

instead to not consider the relationships between individuals living in the house in the approval process. This change removes additional barriers for this type of housing in town.

LD 2003

Governor Mills signed *An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Commission To Increase Housing Opportunities in Maine by Studying Zoning and Land Use Restrictions*, generally referred to LD 2003, into law on April 27, 2022. The law aims to address Maine's affordable housing crisis by removing regulatory barriers to housing production while preserving local plans and environmental protections. Homeowners can build up to four units subject to regulations, increasing supply without using taxpayer dollars. However, it may have unintended consequences on infrastructure, with municipalities needing to plan for maximum buildout capacity, which may exceed current density standards in the Zoning Ordinance. The impact on water, sewer, and public works is discussed in the [Public Services](#) chapter.

REGIONAL HOUSING PARTNERSHIPS

The relationship between income and housing is closely intertwined. Many lower-income households likely seek out neighboring communities with higher concentrations of subsidized housing and support services due to the relative high cost of housing and in Hampden. Despite this, regional collaboration can still address housing needs, with opportunities to participate in housing programs with organizations such as Bangor Housing, the Maine Affordable Housing Coalition, and the Eastern Area Agency on Aging. These organizations can provide resources, support, and expertise to local communities and connect them to state and federal funding sources.

Regional partnerships can also lead to innovative housing solutions that benefit multiple communities. For instance, a regional housing program could involve a consortium of towns and cities developing and implementing a shared affordable housing plan. This plan could involve strategies like building accessory dwelling units, promoting mixed-use development, and incentivizing landlords to offer affordable rental units. By collaborating regionally, communities can pool their resources, share best practices, and create economies of scale that can make affordable housing development more efficient and effective.





Transportation

The historic settlement and growth of Hampden was due to its strategic location and access to larger regional transportation links. The transportation system comprises public roads, river access, and proximity to air and sea transportation in nearby Bangor. The network is further supplemented by pedestrian, bicycle, and snowmobile trails on public and private lands, all of which rely on government support and a commitment to providing reasonable access and ensuring safety for all individuals.

The road infrastructure in Hampden is vital to the town's development, valuation, economic viability, regional significance, and community identity. Roads facilitate land development, create economic opportunities, and provide public spaces for access, utilities, and drainage. They also serve as safe routes for pedestrians and contribute to the town's character by providing access to scenic vistas and showcasing its history.

CURRENT CONDITIONS

ROADS AND BRIDGES

The primary function of roadways is to transport traffic from one point to another. While vehicles are the primary mode of transportation on roads in today's society, they also play a crucial role in the public realm for pedestrians and businesses. Roads in Hampden serve both purposes by providing accessibility to vehicles and foot traffic, creating economic viability. The larger roadways in Hampden have regional importance, connecting neighboring towns, states, and even countries. It is important to consider the dual purposes that roads serve in the community when assessing their function in Hampden.

Hampden's road network is divided into five categories: arterial, major and minor collector, local, and private. Arterial roads are considered the most important travel routes in the state and receive significant federal funding. They are designed to handle high-speed, high-volume, long-distance traffic and typically carry interstate or U.S. Route number designations. Collectors accommodate moderate-speed traffic en route to and through Hampden, while local roads have a more residential character, with slower speeds and a high number of access points.

Hampden's roads and transportation infrastructure are in fairly good condition, with the Town responsible for paving portions of roadways approximately every seven years. An inventory of Hampden's roads is available in [Figure 6.1](#), and functional classifications help identify potential problem areas when conflicts of utilization occur. These conflicts arise when a road serves both a collector and local function, resulting in frustrated cars trying to enter and exit numerous driveways and slowing down through traffic. These conflicts increase the likelihood of crashes.



The Grist Mill Bridge Over Souadabscook Stream

Source: University of Maine (2021)

Hampden's bridges are of varying ages but are generally in good condition. The Maine Department of Transportation (DOT) inspects all bridges biennially and offers engineering advice on maintenance, repair, reconstruction, and replacement of bridges, including recommendations and methods of accomplishing the work. The Maine DOT is responsible for ensuring the posting of all bridges that cannot safely carry legal loads, and state law requires all posting limits to be those recommended by the Maine DOT or a Registered Professional Engineer, except for short-term emergency postings.

In 2021, the Grist Mill Bridge over the Souadabscook Stream reopened in Hampden, becoming the first bridge in the U.S. to use fiber-reinforced polymer girders developed at the University of Maine. Developed by the UMaine Advanced Structures and Composites Center, the GBeam technology enables durable, lightweight and low-maintenance girders to be produced. Field tests, which involved carrying over 260,000 pounds of load across the span, allowed UMaine and AIT Bridges to refine the design, and the technology has already been since selected for bridge projects in California, Florida, Rhode Island and Washington.

Figure 6.1 Road and Bridge Inventory

Road Name	Length (Miles)	Jurisdiction	Maintained By
Acorn Drive	0.17	Town Way	Town
Alex Road (Gravel)	0.0983	Town Way	Town
Arrons Way	0.511	Town Way	Town
Back Winterport Road	2.82	State Aid	MDOT
Baker Road	0.275	Town Way	Town
Ballfield Road	0.131	Town Way	Town
Bog Road	1.6	Town Way	Town
Bowen Drive	0.39	Town Way	Not Accepted
Bryer Road (Gravel)	0.0418	Town Way	Town
Butternut Lane	0.13	Town Way	Town
Canaan Road	2.11	Town Way	Town
Canoe Club Road	0.281	Town Way	Town
Carey Drive	0.511	Town Way	Town
Carver Road	0.216	Town Way	Town
Charles Street	0.167	Town Way	Town
Chick-A-Dee Lane	0.347	Town Way	Town
Clarke Circle	0.298	Town Way	Town
Coldbrook Road	2.5	State Road	MDOT
Constitution Drive	0.573	Town Way	Town
Coolidge Ave.	0.297	Town Way	Town
Country Meadow Dr.	0.02	Town Way	Town
Cross Street	0.143	Town Way	Town
Daisey Lane	0.36	Town Way	Town
Deerhill Lane	0.548	Town Way	Town
Dewey Street	0.071	Town Way	Town
Dudley Street	0.158	Town Way	Town
Duton Circle	1.07	Town Way	Town
Edgewood Drive	0.045	Town Way	Town
Elm Street East	0.2	Town Way	Town
Elm Street West	0.279	Town Way	Town
Emerald Drive	0.543	Town Way	Town
Emerson Drive	0.133	Town Way	Town
Emerson Mill Road	2.34	Town Way	Town
Evergreen Drive	0.515	Town Way	Town
Ferry Street	0.127	Town Way	Town
Foster Ave.	0.824	Town Way	Town
Fowler Road	0.775	Town Way	Town
Frances Drive	0.289	Town Way	Town
Freedom Ave.	0.15	Town Way	Town
George Street	0.179	Town Way	Town
Graystone Drive	0.445	Town Way	Town
Griffin Drive	0.51	Town Way	Town
H. Bouchard Way	0.878	Town Way	Town
Hamel Ave.	0.143	Town Way	Town
Highland Ridge Drive	0.3	Town Way	Town
Honey Hill	0.366	Town Way	Town
Hopkins Drive	0.42	Town Way	Town
Horseshoe Lane	0.195	Town Way	Town
Hughes Blvd.	0.611	Town Way	Town
Ichabod Lane	0.885	Town Way	Town
Independence Drive	0.197	Town Way	Town
Jay's Way	0.218	Town Way	Town
Jewell Drive	0.087	Town Way	Town
John's Way	0.48	Town Way	Town

Road Name	Length (Miles)	Jurisdiction	Maintained By
Kelley Lane	0.055	Town Way	Town
Kennebec Road	6.8	State Road	Town
Kincad Road	0.162	Town Way	Town
Laskey Lane	0.385	Town Way	Town
Ledgwood Drive	0.155	Town Way	Town
Libby Lane	0.132	Town Way	Town
Liberty Drive	0.18	Town Way	Town
Library Road	0.363	Town Way	Town
Linden Street	0.044	Town Way	Town
Lindsey Way	0.118	Town Way	Town
Main Trail Road	0.57	Town Way	Town
Manning Mill Road	0.605	Town Way	Town
Marina Road	0.26	Town Way	Town
Marion Drive	0.334	Town Way	Town
Miller Road	0.648	Town Way	Town
Monroe Road	2.3	Town Way	Town
Nadines Way	0.16	Town Way	Town
North County Road	0.449	Town Way	Town
Northern Ave.	0.207	Town Way	Town
Norway Drive	0.25	Town Way	Town
Old Coldbrook Road	0.13	Town Way	Town
Old County Road	2.12	Town Way	Town
Old Emerson Mill Rd.	0.185	Town Way	Town
Old Emerson Rd. So.	0.147	Town Way	Town
Orient Ave.	0.065	Town Way	Town
Papermill Road	1.56	Town Way	Town
Patterson Road	1.56	Town Way	Town
Patterson Street	0.263	Town Way	Town
Penobscot Meadow	0.246	Town Way	Town
Perkins Drive	0.294	Town Way	Town
Perry Road	0.24	Town Way	Town
Pleasant Street	0.291	Town Way	Town
Pond Road	0.776	Town Way	Town
Rae Way	0.265	Town Way	Town
Rawley Drive	0.413	Town Way	Town
Riverview Drive	0.192	Town Way	Town
Route 1A	6.81	State Road	Town
Route 69	3.1	State Road	MDOT
Route 9	2.3	State Road	Town/MDOT
Rushmore Rd (Gravel)	0.241	Town Way	Town
Ruth Ave.	0.38	Town Way	Town
Sawyer Road	2.5	Town Way	Town
Schoolhouse Ln.	0.177	Town Way	Town
Severence Street	0.9	Town Way	Town
Shaw Hill Road	2.5	Town Way	Town
Shaw Hill Road Ext.	0.085	Town Way	Town
Short Wharf Road	0.158	Town Way	Town
Sidney Blvd.	0.772	Town Way	Town
Silver Drift Lane	0.368	Town Way	Not Accepted
Sophie Lane	0.254	Town Way	Town
Stoney Brook Blvd.	0.279	Town Way	Town
Summer Street	0.493	Town Way	Town
Summit Street	0.048	Town Way	Town
Sunrise Lane	0.242	Town Way	Town

Figure 6.1 Road and Bridge Inventory (Cont.)

Road Name	Length (Miles)	Jurisdiction	Maintained By
Sunset Blvd.	0.43	Town Way	Town
Surry Lane	0.079	Town Way	Town
Thomas Rd. (Gravel)	0.139	Town Way	Town
Town Farm Road	0.7	Town Way	Town
Triangle Road	0.131	Town Way	Town
V.f.w. Road	0.17	Town Way	Town
Webb Drive	0.26	Town Way	Town
Wessnette Drive	0.494	Town Way	Town
Westbrook Terrece	0.171	Town Way	Town
Wheeldon Heights	0.27	Town Way	Town
Wilbur Drive	0.131	Town Way	Town
Williams Street	0.188	Town Way	Town
Total (Miles)	75.6651		

Bridge Name	MDOT ID	Road Name	Crossing
B&A RR (Papermill Road)	3526	B&A RR	Papermill Road
Cold Brook	3019	SA 3	Cold Brook
Coldbrook Road	5970	Coldbrook Road	I-95
Emerson Mill	5108	Emerson Mill Road	Souadabscook Stream
Emerson Mill NB	5969	I-95 NB	B&A RR and Emerson Mill Road
Emerson Mill SB	1430	I-95 SB	B&A RR and Emerson Mill Road
Grist Mill	2334	U.S. Route 1A/9	Souadabscook Stream
Kennebec Road	6416	Kennebec Road	Brown Brook
Manning Mill Road	3366	Manning Mill Road	Souadabscook Stream
Sawyer Bridge	863	Sawyer Road	Souadabscook Stream
Souadabscook 202	893	U.S. Route 202	Souadabscook Stream
Souadabscook 202 NB	6079	U.S. Route 202	Souadabscook Stream
Souadabscook 202 SB	1524	U.S. Route 202	Souadabscook Stream
Souadabscook Center	1432	I-95 SB	Souadabscook Stream
Souadabscook East NB	5949	I-95 NB	Souadabscook Stream
Souadabscook East SB	1431	I-95 SB	Souadabscook Stream
Souadabscook NB	5950	I-95 NB	Souadabscook Stream
Souadabscook West NB	5951	I-95 NB	Souadabscook Stream
Souadabscook West SB	1433	I-95 SB	Souadabscook Stream
Stanley	2797	Bog Road	Souadabscook Stream
Sucker Brook	157	U.S. Route 1A	Sucker Brook
Twin Bridge	5315	U.S. Route 69	Souadabscook Stream
U.S. Route 202 / MCRR	6080	U.S. Route 202	MCRR
Upper Papermill	864	Papermill Road	Souadabscook Stream
Ward Stream SB	1434	I-95 SB	Ward Stream
York Bridge	5109	U.S. Route 202/9	Souadabscook Stream

TRAFFIC VOLUMES AND ROAD CAPACITY

The flow of traffic, speed of travel, amount of truck traffic, and accessibility of driveways and streets are all results of both local development and regional connections. Some of Hampden’s roadways are experiencing an increase in traffic volume, such as portions of Interstate 95, US Routes 1A and 202, and State Route 9. Despite lower recent counts on some roadways, residents of Hampden have noticed an increase in traffic volume on main roadways. Select locations and their 2005 Factored Annual Average Daily Traffic can be found on the Transportation Network Map. [Figure 6.2](#) shows actual counts taken at those locations, which Maine DOT then adjusted for seasonal variations and known traffic anomalies such as construction and special events.

TRIP GENERATION

In traffic engineering, a trip refers to a single vehicle entering or exiting a development site, such as a house, store, or school. The concept of trip generation recognizes that certain types of land use or building functions will generate a predictable number of trips. The Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) calculates trip generation factors by analyzing a large number of site developments with specific uses and predicting the average number of trips (both daily and during peak traffic hours) generated by a certain amount of square footage in that use. Different types of land use and buildings, such as homes, schools, offices, stores, restaurants, and industrial sites, each have a predictable level of trip generation associated with them. Comprehensive planning must take into account major trip generators and direct them to areas where the highway infrastructure is suitable and

where necessary highway improvements are geometrically feasible. Developers must follow Maine DOT standards for traffic mitigation and obtain a DOT Traffic Movement Permit for trip generation exceeding 100 trips during peak hours.

Zoning and subdivision ordinances can be used by the Town to predetermine where future land uses are permitted or prohibited, the required frontage and lot area for each use, and the location of access to streets and highways. The issue is how to plan for incremental development over time, calculating the comprehensive effects of continued trip generation growth along arterial and collector roads. Managing access to highways is crucial because highways primarily function as regional and statewide traffic conveyances, with state highways having significant local, regional, and statewide through-traffic. Local traffic generation and through-traffic combine to reach the overall daily traffic identified in the traffic counts mentioned earlier.

COMMUTING PATTERNS

The commuting patterns in Hampden are typical of many suburban and rural areas in the United States. The vast majority of workers,

about 87.8%, commuted to work by driving alone, with only a small percentage of workers using alternative transportation methods such as carpooling, public transportation, walking, or biking. The average commute time for Hampden workers was around 24 minutes, slightly lower than the national average of 27 minutes. While these travel times may seem reasonable, the high number of single-occupancy vehicles on the road during peak travel times can lead to traffic congestion, which negatively impacts the transportation system’s efficiency and commuters’ quality of life.

To address these issues, communities like Hampden can implement policies and programs that encourage alternative transportation methods. By promoting carpooling, public transportation, and active transportation options, such as walking and biking, communities can reduce the number of personal vehicles on the road, leading to less traffic congestion, reduced carbon emissions, and a healthier and more sustainable environment. However, it is essential to consider other factors that influence transportation choices, such as safety, reliability, and convenience, to create a transportation system that serves the needs of all residents.

Figure 6.2 Traffic Counts

STA	Road	Location	Group	AADT14	AADT15	AADT17
01105	00693	Back Winterport Rd S/O Kennebec Rd	I	1,360		
01508	00663	Canaan Rd NW/O Meadow Rd	I	510		
00908	00553	Coldbrook Rd NW/O US 202	I	5,840		
00904	70553	Coldbrook Rd SE/O US 202	I	2,380		
00208	00482	Emerson Mill Rd NW/O Emerson Mill Rd	I	1,810		
51901	0095X	I-95 (NB) N/O Off Ramp To Coldbrook Rd	52103			11,430
51903	0095X	I-95 (NB) N/O On Ramp From Coldbrook Rd	52103		14,720	16,240
51904	0095S	I-95 (SB) N/O Off Ramp To Coldbrook Rd	52104		15,940	16,260
51902	0095S	I-95 (SB) N/O On Ramp From Coldbrook Rd	52104		11,020	11,240
52308	02018	IR 2018(Shaw Hill) NW/O IR 2377	I	710		
48802	00444	IR 444 (Kennebec Rd) NE/O SR 69	I	560		
54204	00553	IR 553 (Coldbrook) SE/O I-95 SB Off Ramp	I			10,010
80400	00662	IR 662 (Sawyer Rd) @ BR #0863	I			70
58800	00668	IR 668 (Paper Mill Rd) @ BR #0864	I			80
78306	00693	IR 693(Back Winterport) SW/O IR672 (Baker)	I	1,060		
48806	00444	Kennebec Rd SW/O SR 69 @ TL	I	440		770
01207	00444	Kennebec Rd W/O Mayo Rd	I	3,990		
01407	70444	Kennebec Rd W/O US 1A (Main Rd)	I	1,650		
01201	70677	Mayo Rd N/O Kennebec Rd	I	3,180		
01507	00532	Meadow Rd W/O Canaan Rd	I	710		
01008	71982	Mecaw Rd NW/O US 202	I	2,570		
01305	00675	Monroe Rd S/O Kennebec Rd	I	1,850		
00401	70680	Old County Rd N/O US 1A/SR 9 (Main Rd)	I	630		
01702	70680	Old County Rd NE/O Hamel Ave	I	730		
01806	70680	Old County Rd SW/O US 1A/SR 9 (Main) N JCT	I	1,240		
00206	02807	Patterson Rd SW/O SR 9/US 202	I	1,510		
01004	72655	Penobscot Meadow Dr SE/O US 202	I	1,480		
48808	0069X	SR 69 NW/O IR 444 (Kennebec Rd)	I	1,740		
48804	0069X	SR 69 SE/O IR 444 (Kennebec Rd)	I	1,520		
00507	0009X	SR 9 (Western Ave) W/O US 1A (Main Rd)	I	9,060		10,120
00703	0009X	SR 9 (Western Ave) (EB) E/O US 202	I	5,400		
00713	0009W	SR 9 (Western Ave) (WB) E/O US 202	I	4,480		
00807	0009X	SR 9/US 202 (Western Ave) W/O Mayo Rd	I	3,660		
00707	0009X	SR 9/US 202 (Western Ave) (EB) W/O US 202	I	4,440		4,470
00717	0009W	SR 9/US 202 (Western Ave) (WB) W/O US 202	I	4,310		4,520
01401	0001A	US 1A (Main Rd) N/O Kennebec Rd	I	10,340		
01405	0001A	US 1A (Main Rd) S/O Kennebec Rd	I	8,630		
00505	0001A	US 1A (Main Rd) S/O SR 9 (Western Ave)	I	10,510		
48700	0001A	US 1A @ Winterport TL	I	7,160		
00102	0001A	US 1A/SR 9 (Main Rd) NE/O Coldbrook Rd	I	5,740		
01606	0001A	US 1A/SR 9 (Main St) SW/O Schoolhouse Ln	I	5,540		
00106	0001A	US 1A/SR 9 (Main) SW/O Dudley St @ BR #2334	I	6,090		6,860
00406	0001A	US 1A/SR 9 SW/O Old County Rd (S JCT)	I	5,330		
01805	0001A	US 1A/SR 9 (Main) S/O Old County Rd (N JCT)	I	6,100		
00701	0202X	US 202 (NB) N/O SR 9/US 202 (Western Ave)	I	5,710		6,060
00902	0202X	US 202 (NB) NE/O Coldbrook Rd	I	4,290		
00711	0202S	US 202 (SB) N/O SR 9/US 202 (Western Ave)	I	5,970		6,190
00912	0202S	US 202 (SB) NE/O Coldbrook Rd	I	4,270		
02203	0202X	US 202/SR 9 (Western Ave) E/O Sidney Ln	I	6,590		
00402	0001A	US 1A/SR 9 NE/O Old County Rd (S JCT)	I	4,750		

Source: Maine Department of Transportation, Annual Traffic Count Report (2019)

Figure 6.3 Commuting to Work

	Hampden	Percent
Means of Transportation		
Car, Truck, or Van – Drove Alone	3,374	87.8%
Car, Truck, or Van – Carpooled	175	4.6%
Public Transportation (Excl. Taxi)	14	0.4%
Walked	18	0.5%
Taxi, Motorcycle, Bicycle, or Other Means	15	0.4%
Worked at Home	223	5.8%
Total	3,841	100%
Travel Time to Work		
Workers Over 16 (Do Not Work at Home)	3,618	100%
Less than 5 Minutes	68	1.9%
5 to 9 Minutes	372	10.3%
10 to 14 Minutes	393	10.9%
15 to 19 Minutes	1,130	31.2%
20 to 24 Minutes	838	23.2%
25 to 29 Minutes	97	2.7%
30 to 34 Minutes	376	10.4%
35 to 39 Minutes	63	1.7%
40 to 44 Minutes	16	0.4%
45 to 59 Minutes	125	3.5%
60 to 89 Minutes	112	3.1%
90+ Minutes	28	0.8%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2020

TRAFFIC CONGESTION

Traffic congestion occurs when too many cars and trucks are present in a particular area, causing traffic to slow down or even come to a standstill. This can lead to delays and accidents, negatively impacting commuters’ productivity and quality of life. Traffic flow is dependent on the continuous movement of vehicles through streets and intersections, also known as links and nodes. When vehicles must stop and wait to turn or cross at intersections or driveways, traffic flow is interrupted, resulting in congestion.

During traffic interruptions, each vehicle takes up physical space on the ground. To prevent traffic from coming to a standstill, turn lanes and breakdown lanes are often added to provide refuge for vehicles during traffic interruptions. However, when highway traffic volumes exceed 1,000 trips per hour, congestion at intersections typically worsens, and traffic signals may be required to restore free-flowing traffic.

The capacity of roadways and intersections to handle current traffic flow and absorb additional traffic trips is measured by the level of service (LOS). LOS is a qualitative measure that characterizes the operational

conditions within a traffic stream, including speed, travel times, freedom to maneuver, traffic interruptions, and the perceptions of motorists and passengers. Improving LOS by reducing congestion through measures such as better traffic signal timing, adding turn lanes, or implementing alternative transportation methods can lead to a more efficient and safer transportation system.

TRAFFIC SIGNALS

Within Hampden, there are currently three fully signalized intersections: one at the intersection of US Route 202 and Western Avenue (State Route 9), another at the intersection of US Route 202 and Coldbrook Road, and a third at the intersection of Western Avenue and Route 1A (also known as the intersection of State Route 9 and US 1A). However, the town believes that additional traffic signals should be installed at the intersection of Western Avenue and Mayo Road. To request a traffic signal on a state road, the town must submit an application to the Division Traffic Engineer of the Maine Department of Transportation (DOT) and conduct a traffic survey. Based on the results of the survey, the installation of a traffic signal may be recommended if

	Percent
Commuting Distance	
1 to 10 Miles	32.4%
11 to 30 Miles	23.7%
30+ Miles	4.1%
Work at Home	17.1%
Do Not Work	22.8%

Source: Hampden Comprehensive Plan Survey (Appendix B)

criteria, such as traffic volume, pedestrian presence, proximity to schools, and accident records, are met. If the installation of a traffic signal is warranted, it would be contingent upon inclusion in the Maine DOT’s Biennial Capital Work Program. The town would be responsible for funding the installation, as well as the maintenance and electrical power costs associated with it. The Maine DOT recommends that the town seek expert advice when considering the installation of a traffic signal on a local road and that a licensed traffic engineer be consulted to design the installation. While certain installations may be eligible for federal funding through the Hazard Elimination Program, maintenance and electrical power costs would remain the responsibility of the municipality.

Flashing beacons, on the other hand, have been found by the Maine DOT to be largely ineffective in addressing traffic problems. In some cases, they may even lead to an increase in the average speed of vehicles on the through road. However, in certain situations, a flashing beacon may be useful in reducing the number of side road drivers who ignore a stop sign. Careful examination of traffic flows and intersection configuration is necessary before making a decision on whether or

not to install a flashing beacon. Currently, there are several flashing beacons within the town, including one at the intersection of US Route 1A and Kennebec Road, one at the crosswalk at Hampden Academy, and one at the intersection of US Route 202 and Carey Circle in Hampden Business and Commerce Park, which is slated to be upgraded to full signalization once warrants are met under the traffic permit.

RAIL CROSSINGS

There are four rail crossings in Hampden: Western Avenue, Kennebec Road, Back Winterport Road, and Old Emerson Mill Road. Safety concerns have been raised, particularly regarding the lack of a safe crossing mechanism at the Western Avenue and Kennebec Road crossings. It is important to evaluate these crossings for safety to prevent accidents and protect the community. Additionally, rail crossings can impact the walkability of the town, even though existing ones are situated in more rural areas.

ON-STREET PARKING

The Town of Hampden currently lacks designated on-street parking spaces, with on-street parking mainly occurring during events rather than on a daily basis. While on-street parking can positively impact economic development, it may also negatively impact traffic flow. Therefore, the Town should investigate the potential return on investment from allowing on-street parking in certain areas.

Two Hampden ordinances regulate on-street parking in specific areas of the town, including Carver Road/Route 1-A/Riverview Road and a portion of Kennebec Road at Back Winterport Road. Only in hazardous circumstances would the Maine DOT impose parking restrictions. Developing a plan for controlling on-street parking on town or state-maintained roads requires close coordination among the municipality, local and state police, and the Maine DOT Region Traffic Engineer. “No-parking” signs are usually approved and installed by the municipality based on local traffic conditions and safety concerns, while the Maine DOT will install such signs on state-maintained roads after enacting a parking control ordinance.

OFF-STREET PARKING

Hampden’s Zoning Ordinance places a high priority on off-street parking for all new developments, ensuring that adequate parking is available for visitors and residents. In recent years, the town has recognized that strict parking minimums can actually be detrimental to urban planning objectives. Requiring a certain number of parking spaces per development often results in excessive amounts of impervious surface area, which can contribute to stormwater runoff, erosion, and other environmental issues. Therefore, the Town has removed parking minimums, allowing developers to determine the appropriate amount of parking based on their specific project and location.

Site plan review is an important part of the development process, during which the placement and standards of parking areas are evaluated to minimize impervious area impacts. This can include measures such as using pervious paving materials or installing vegetated swales to help manage stormwater runoff. By carefully considering the design and location of parking areas, the town can help to mitigate the negative impacts of impervious surfaces and create a more sustainable and environmentally-friendly community.

SIDEWALKS AND BICYCLE PATHS

In Hampden, sidewalks are primarily found in urbanized areas and along major roadways, totaling approximately five miles of sidewalk throughout the town. The Town of Hampden is responsible for maintaining all sidewalks within its jurisdiction, while RSU 22 maintains sidewalks on school properties. To better plan for pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, the Town of Hampden has joined the Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System (BACTS) in studying where pedestrian walkways and bicycle paths should be constructed within the greater Bangor area. This approach recognizes that the planning and construction of pedestrian and bicycle routes should be addressed from a regional perspective rather than just a local one.

Sidewalks are essential for pedestrian safety, as heavily trafficked roadways without sidewalks can be hazardous. Sidewalks facilitate the movement of people of all ages, including those with disabilities, in an efficient and non-polluting manner. However, as the construction of sidewalks requires both initial capital costs and ongoing maintenance expenses, it is important to locate sidewalks where they are needed most. In low-volume streets, such as dead ends or local access roads, the street itself can serve the functions of sidewalks, assuming it is properly designed at a residential scale and discourages through traffic and high speeds.

Sidewalks not only serve as a circulation network for pedestrians but also provide a gathering place for neighbors and a play area for children. Additionally, the comprehensive plan survey noted that respondents desire green spaces and trails connecting to the larger pedestrian network. The Reeds Brook trails, Dorothea Dix Park, and the Municipal Complex, including the Lura E. Hoit Memorial Pool, are areas that have been identified as opportunities for future pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure development and are further discussed in the Recreation chapter.

To promote pedestrian safety and community connectivity, new developments of subdivisions or improvements on local and collector roads in denser parts of town should mandate sidewalk construction. The location and width of sidewalks or pathways should be determined by the needs of the subdivision and the adjacent uses, with consideration given to the intended or



Source: Morning Sentinel, Rich Abrahamson

expected use of the walk or path. In some cases, sidewalks and bikeways may not need to follow the street system if a more direct and safer route exists.

RAILWAYS/FREIGHT SERVICE

Businesses in the area can access rail freight services in Bangor-Hermon (Northern Maine Junction), which is only a short distance away. Hampden industries, such as the Dead River Co., also receive limited propane shipments from the Montreal, Maine, and Atlantic (MMA) railroad line. However, it's unlikely that there will be any significant improvements in rail service in the coming years. Although the MMA runs through the industrial park in the northeast corner of Town, it doesn't currently provide direct service to Hampden. Nevertheless, the Hampden Business and Commerce Park has made provisions for the future construction of a rail spur off the MMA line for a limited volume of rail traffic. Presently, there are only a few industrial operations that use rail service. As such, it's in the best interest of the Town to encourage and maintain the use of development sites with rail access for rail cargo users. Land use regulations should also allow rail users unrestricted access to rail rights of way by waiving the setback provisions.

PASSENGER RAIL

In June 2021, the Maine Legislature passed LD 227, a resolution mandating transit propensity studies for the Portland-Lewiston-Auburn and Brunswick-Augusta-Waterville-Bangor routes. The studies will estimate transit service demand, incremental growth in transit service, and capital costs required for new or enhanced rail service. These ongoing short and long-term studies will continue until 2042.

Although the impact of passenger rail service in the region is still in the distant future, it would have significant development implications for Hampden and neighboring communities. The economic benefits of light and heavy rail service are substantial and could potentially change the community's composition. Given its proximity to Bangor and nearby rail lines, Hampden should take the lead in this initiative to distinguish itself as a regional leader and primary beneficiary of the project. It would be wise for Hampden to reserve land for a potential rail station if Bangor lacks the capacity.

MARINE SHIPPING

In recent years, the Penobscot River's role as a freight route has declined. Although fuel oils can still be transported via the River to storage facilities in Bangor and Hampden, truck or pipeline delivery is currently preferred. Additionally, the Penobscot River is not navigable for large boats north of Bangor. This plan aims to promote waterborne shipping on the Penobscot River from appropriately zoned districts. Enterprises that utilize the river for such purposes should have the flexibility to construct appropriate docking and pier structures to facilitate their use. However, managing the waterway is critical to minimizing conflicts between recreational boaters and commercial shipping, as both are viable uses of the Penobscot River.

TRUCKING SERVICES

Hampden and its neighboring communities have multiple trucking companies that offer freight service directly to the Town and through Bangor. To accommodate the specific needs of the trucking industry while minimizing conflicts with other vehicles on the road, the land use policies and street system should be designed accordingly. It is highly recommended to establish "truck routes" that offer suitable turning radii and grades for truck traffic through Hampden with minimal disturbance to residential neighborhoods.

BANGOR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (BGR)

Hampden is conveniently located within a few miles of Bangor International Airport (BGR), a major commercial and cargo facility that can be easily accessed via local roads or arterial highways. BGR serves international commercial airlines and cargo flights, with primary access from Hammond Street in Bangor. The Hampden Business and Commerce Park, in particular, is well-situated for businesses that require air shipping

and passenger jet connections worldwide. To capitalize on this proximity, Hampden could consider targeting businesses and services that could benefit from this advantage.

BUS SERVICE

Bangor offers public intercity bus service connecting to cities both north and south. Vermont Transit and Concord Coach provide four daily services to Boston, Massachusetts, and Portland, Maine, while Cyr Bus Lines offers daily trips to Aroostook County. Once per day, passengers can connect to Calais via Ellsworth, and seasonal service is available to Bar Harbor.

The Community Connector is a regional bus service overseen by the Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System (BACTS) metropolitan planning organization (MPO). BACTS is a nonprofit focusing on improving transportation in the greater Bangor region, designated by the federal and Maine state government to carry out transportation planning in the greater Bangor urbanized area. BACTS evaluates and approves proposed transportation improvement projects and



Source: Bangor Daily News



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facilitates communication between its member communities and state and federal transportation agencies. Survey respondents noted that the Community Connector does not provide more convenient or timely service than driving, so ridership to and from Hampden seems minimal.

To improve the design and management of bus stops, the BACTS bus stop initiative began in 2020, developing guidelines outlining best practices, industry standards, and goals for bus stop design and management. Specific roles and responsibilities will be outlined in separate agreements between the municipality and Community Connector. The initiative also aims to create a Bus Stop Designation Plan identifying fixed stops for each Community Connector route, following the guidelines. As of January 2023, BACTS has proposed 23 designated bus stops within Hampden, replacing the current flagging system that requires passengers to flag down a passing bus.



Source: Maine Department of Transportation

ROAD MAINTENANCE

STATE, TOWN AND PRIVATE ROAD MAINTENANCE

Hampden is fortunate to have a well-maintained road and transportation infrastructure. The Town is responsible for maintaining all roads within its jurisdiction, ensuring that they are kept in good condition, regularly plowed, and paved as necessary. However, it is worth noting that roads outside the urban compact area, including state or state-aid roads, are managed by the Maine DOT. This means that the State has control over curb cuts, maintenance, and traffic flow decisions, such as the location of signals, signs, and road widening.

Developing and maintaining roads is a complex task that requires cooperation between various stakeholders, including developers, municipalities, and the State of Maine. Municipal road expenditures are an important consideration, and are discussed in the [Public Facilities](#) chapter and the [Fiscal Capacity](#) chapter. Road quality, capacity, and demand are also directly tied to the land uses and land valuation in the immediate and near vicinity of the roads. This means that the quality and capacity of roads often have a significant impact on the land uses that take place along them, both physically and economically.

It is important to note that the Town of Hampden does not maintain private roads. The maintenance of private roads is

performed by cooperatives that are loosely formed by residents along those streets. These cooperatives are primarily concerned with seasonal snow removal. However, there is no standard right-of-way width, which hampers conventional design methods for correcting drainage and stability issues. Therefore, projects with private driveways and private roads should be approved only if there is an association or cooperation in place that will maintain these roads in perpetuity.

ROAD STRIPING

The Maine DOT Traffic Engineering Region is responsible for all road striping on State and State Aid highways outside of urban compact areas. The stripe color, width, and design are determined by the standards set forth in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). On the other hand, in urban compact communities, the Town is responsible for striping on all State highways and local streets if it so desires. It is important for the Town to ensure that road striping is done in accordance with the MUTCD standards to ensure the safety of motorists and pedestrians. Proper road striping can help guide drivers and pedestrians, reduce confusion, and prevent accidents. Additionally, consistent road striping can help create a uniform appearance throughout the community and enhance its overall aesthetic appeal.



ROAD SAFETY

CRASHES

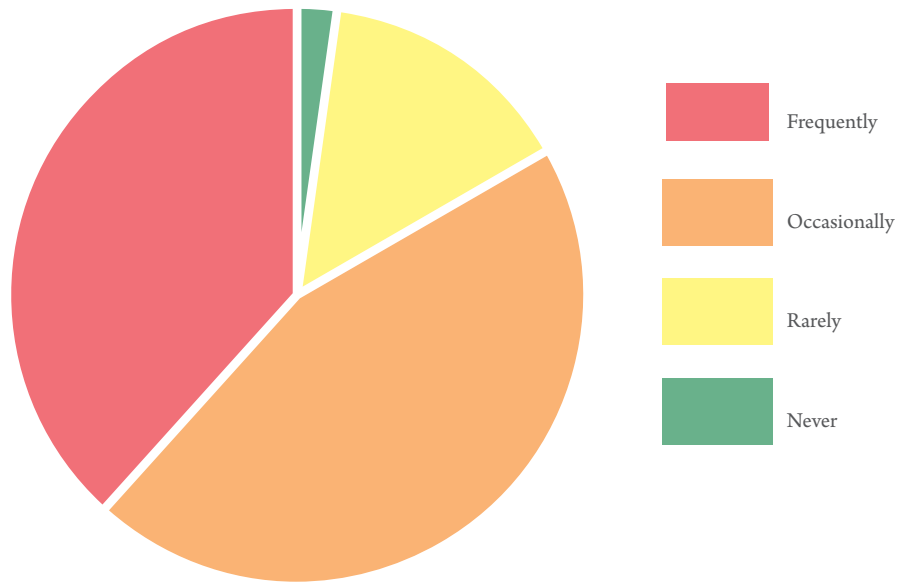
Over the past several years, improvements to signal and lane markings in Hampden have contributed to a general increase in road safety. According to Maine DOT Public Crash Data, there were 1,731 reported crashes in Hampden between 2012 and 2022, resulting in 12 fatalities, 34 serious injuries, 177 minor injuries, and 303 possible injuries. It is worth noting that while this data suggests that the overall trend is towards safer roads, there is still room for improvement.

Of the reported crashes, 150 were classified as rear ends or sideswipes, which may indicate a need for increased awareness of safe following distances and lane changes. Six were head-on collisions, which can be particularly dangerous due to the combined speed of the two vehicles involved. Five crashes involved pedestrians, highlighting the importance of pedestrian safety measures in heavily trafficked areas.

Fifty crashes were related to intersection movement, suggesting that there may be areas in need of additional traffic control measures or adjustments to signal timing. Rollover crashes were responsible for 5 of the reported incidents, while deer were involved in 14. A further 20 incidents were classified as “other”, indicating a wide range of contributing factors.

Overall, while the data indicates that Hampden’s roads are generally safe, it also provides valuable insights into the types of crashes that are most common and where targeted improvements may be most effective in reducing the risk of accidents and injuries.

Figure 6.4 Frequency of Observed Speeding



SPEEDING

The issue of drivers exceeding the posted speed limit is a common concern in Hampden, just as it is in many other towns. However, excessive speed is a major factor in causing fatalities, particularly among inexperienced drivers, and can also impact highway capacity, crossings, and left turns, making them difficult or even dangerous.

The Town of Hampden should consider exploring various traffic calming designs and strategies to address speeding concerns. One such approach could be to narrow the appearance of travel lanes, which can have the effect of slowing down motorists. Additionally, incorporating features such as larger and brighter signs, road striping, flashing lights, rumble strips, pavement grooving, speed humps, and road narrowing have proven to be successful traffic calming techniques in different situations. It is worth noting that motorists exiting the Interstate are particularly prone to exceeding the speed limit, and simply reducing the limit without any accompanying enforcement or calming measures is unlikely to be effective.

Therefore, the Town of Hampden should work closely with the Maine DOT, especially on non-urban compact roads, to explore and implement traffic calming devices and strategies that are permissible on Maine and US highways to help reduce speeding.

By doing so, the town can help address the issue of excessive speed, which not only poses a danger to road users but also impacts the overall highway capacity. Crossings and left turns that would be feasible if all drivers adhered to the posted limits become challenging or hazardous when motorists are speeding. This results in increased accidents, reduced capacity, and the need for additional lanes and traffic lights, all of which are costly for everyone.

In the Comprehensive Plan Survey, a significant percentage of respondents reported frequently seeing speeding in Hampden, emphasizing the importance of addressing this issue. These numbers are captured in [Figure 6.4](#).

TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT

The goal of transportation management is to establish an efficient and effective system for the movement of goods and people from one location to another. To achieve this, all available modes of transportation, including automobiles, rail, air, trucking, shipping, cycling, pedestrians, and mass transit services, must be encouraged and promoted. To ensure the system is safe, aesthetically pleasing, functional, provides a high level of service, and is interconnected, transportation management must consider these key elements in its planning and implementation.

COMPLETE STREETS

Pedestrian-focused planning is critical to creating a transportation network that efficiently accommodates future growth. Streets are not solely for vehicles; they must also consider pedestrians, cyclists, and other forms of light individual transportation. The Complete Streets movement is a national effort that prioritizes safety, comfort, and connectivity for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation users, children, older individuals, individuals with disabilities, motorists, and freight vehicles. By integrating various disciplines like urban planning and engineering, Complete Streets can create safe, connected, and equitable street networks that benefit everyone in the community, emphasizing the importance of streets as a complete element of the public realm, similar to parks and trails.

Many states and local jurisdictions have adopted Complete Streets policies, and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is supporting these efforts through various programs and initiatives, including the FHWA Complete Streets Working Group and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. By incorporating innovations from multiple disciplines, such as urban planning and engineering, Complete Streets can create safe, connected, and equitable street networks that benefit everyone in the community.

MITIGATING SPRAWL

In land use terminology, sprawl refers to the unplanned, dispersed, and often low-density development that spreads out from urban centers into previously undeveloped or rural areas. This type of development is typically characterized by a dependence on vehicles, the separation of land uses (such as housing, commercial areas, and employment centers), and a lack of public transportation options. Sprawl is often associated with negative environmental, social, and economic impacts, such as increased traffic congestion, air pollution, loss of farmland or natural habitats, decreased community cohesion, and higher infrastructure costs.

This style of development is common nationwide and can significantly diminish traffic speeds and roadway efficiency, leading to traffic congestion, reduced safety, and potential adverse economic impacts. For instance, Western Avenue or Maine Road North have numerous curb cuts that exemplify this issue. To preserve the effectiveness of arterial roads and limit sprawl, land use planning should prioritize directing new development closer to necessary services, reducing miles driven, and limiting driveways on arterial streets. The subdivision and zoning ordinances are crucial in protecting the viability of roads by ensuring that all public improvements, including roads, adhere to minimum dimensional, geometric, and construction standards, and by prescribing land uses and development standards. Site plan review is essential in avoiding site-distance problems and limiting curb-openings to reasonable widths and numbers. Both the subdivision and zoning ordinances should specifically enable the Planning Board to restrict the number of curb cuts into and out of a lot or, when a lot fronts on two public ways, give the Board the right to specify which one should receive the traffic depending on which street has less likelihood of future conflict. As part of this plan, the



Town should consider adopting alternative road standards.

IMPACT FEES

Developers may be required by the Planning Board, through both subdivision and site plan review, to submit traffic impact analyses if the project's traffic generation warrants review. The analysis would address any off-site impacts and propose improvements as necessary. However, the Town has not yet required developers to contribute to a public fund that could be used to address incremental traffic problems caused by proposed projects.

Maine state regulations provide specific guidelines for setting up municipal impact fees, which primarily require a specific accounting process tying the incremental rate charged to specific proposed projects, such as a new interchange. The Town should develop capital improvement plans linked to impact fees to finance future traffic and other capacity problems.

Although the Maine DOT controls the existing arterial roadways, the Town should develop, as part of the Comprehensive Plan, a recommended or desirable design standard for major or minor arterials.

TRAFFIC IMPACT ANALYSIS

To ensure that new development does not overwhelm the transportation network, clear and concise traffic impact analysis standards should be included in existing development guidelines. Developers should be required to provide off-site traffic improvements when necessary, and a traffic impact analysis should be conducted when the number of trips exceeds 35 to 50 per hour or when there are persistent congestion issues. These analyses should adhere to widely accepted traffic engineering practices and include geometric factors such as survey grade information on the right-of-way and centerline, as well as proposed center and breakdown lanes. The Town should conduct a comprehensive analysis of traffic impacts throughout the municipality and focus on addressing problematic areas.

ACCESS MANAGEMENT

Access management refers to the deliberate planning of the location and design of driveways and entrances to roads to enhance safety, maintain posted speeds, and preserve capacity. The Maine DOT has established standards for driveway and entrance permits, which include increased sight distance requirements based on posted speeds. To manage traffic and limit trip generation, the number of curb cuts available on roads within urban areas should be restricted. Land use ordinances should include access management performance standards that comply with state laws to maintain and improve traffic flows. Encouraging shared access points for businesses and residences can enhance safety while allowing development along roadways. However, planning for incremental development over time while calculating the comprehensive effects of continued trip generation growth along arterial and collector roads remains a challenge. Managing access to highways is crucial as they primarily serve as regional and statewide traffic conveyances, accommodating significant local, regional, and statewide thru-traffic. The Town of Hampden should implement policies that mitigate access management concerns and require shared access points where feasible.

PLANNED NETWORK IMPROVEMENTS

WESTERN AVENUE SIGNAL PROJECT

There is currently an active project to improve the traffic signals at the intersection of Main Road North (Route 1A) and Western Avenue (Route 9). The intersection is experiencing difficulties with turning radii, and more right-of-way space is necessary to address this issue. The project includes timed traffic lights, enhancements to sidewalks and crosswalks, and accommodation for the annual transportation of windmill blades. The goal of this project is to alleviate existing traffic congestion and improve the overall level of service at the intersection.



PEDESTRIAN NETWORK IMPROVEMENTS

Pedestrian network improvements are a priority ongoing project in Hampden, particularly in the Four Mile Square where the Town seeks to promote economic growth and investment. The Town is focusing on ensuring ADA compliance and safety standards, such as safe grades and ramps for wheelchair accessibility, in the sidewalks. Additionally, local and well-traveled roads like Main Road North are identified for potential improvements to pedestrian networks, including bicycle paths, sidewalks in subdivisions, and other facilities that will provide a safe and pleasing environment for pedestrians and cyclists. As the community grows, walking trails and other pedestrian facilities will be explored to increase road safety. To regulate crosswalk provision, local officials follow the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), and lighted and signalized crosswalks are recommended for busy thoroughfares like Western Avenue and Main Road North. Temporary crosswalks using cones are not effective in ensuring safety and should not replace proper pedestrian facilities. The Town should also address mitigating factors like speed and weight limits to enhance road safety.

REGIONAL COORDINATION

URBAN COMPACT AREAS

In the State of Maine, roads are classified by the Maine DOT as either state highways, state-aid highways, or town ways. Town ways are roads maintained by a municipality, while the state is responsible for the maintenance of state highways and state-aid highways.

When it comes to snow maintenance, municipalities are responsible for maintaining state-aid roads, in addition to their town ways. It's worth noting that the law makes a distinction between "maintenance" and "snow maintenance." Maintenance refers to tasks like summer maintenance, upkeep of the roadway structure, ditching, and brush cutting. On the other hand, snow maintenance involves plowing, sanding, and erecting snow fences.

The extent of a municipality's maintenance obligation can depend on several factors. For instance, it may be influenced by the population reported in the most recent census, as well as whether the state road runs through an urban compact area of the town. The Maine DOT defines an urban compact area as a developed area with a population density of at least 1,000 people per square mile.

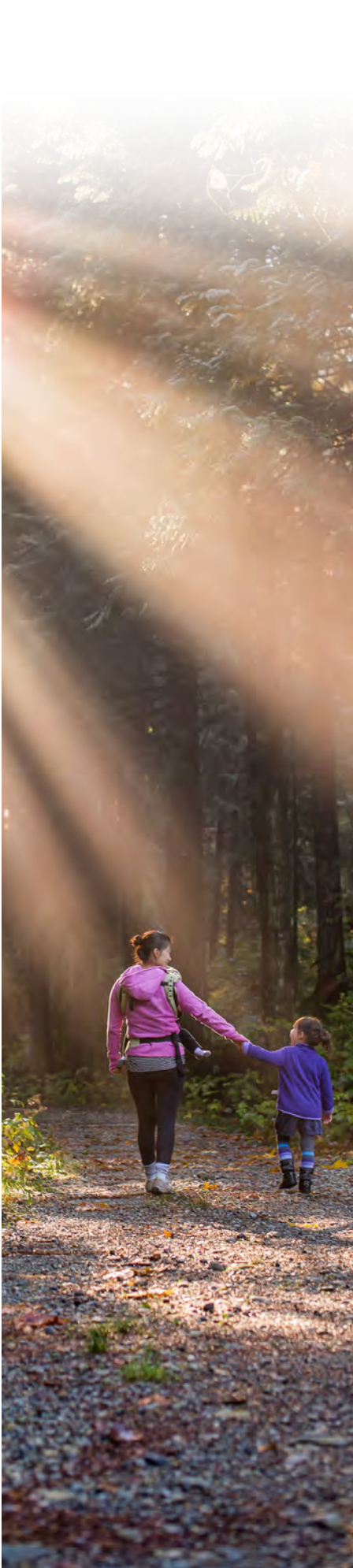
Overall, the maintenance and snow maintenance of roads in Maine require close cooperation between the state and its municipalities. By clearly defining their responsibilities and working together, they can ensure that roads are safe and properly maintained for all who use them.

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS (MPOS)

The Federal Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act requires that a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) be designated for each urbanized area. The urbanized area is defined by population density as indicated by the U.S. Census Bureau. The MPO is responsible for developing plans and programs that consider all transportation modes and support metropolitan community development and social goals. These plans and programs must lead to the development and operation of an integrated, intermodal transportation system that facilitates the efficient, economic movement of people and goods.

The MPO must coordinate with the Maine DOT while planning transportation projects within urbanized areas. There are currently four MPOs in the state of Maine, with the Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System (BACTS) serving as the MPO for this region, including the urban sections of Hampden. The MPO committees meet regularly to establish priorities and allocate specific categories of federal transportation-related funds to the area.

It is important to note that MPOs do not have the authority to construct roads, provide operating subsidies to transportation providers, regulate land use, create land use regulations, or require any MPO community to establish land use regulations. However, the Town of Hampden should continue to participate in the BACTS MPO to facilitate regional coordination of transportation improvements in the area.



Recreation

Hampden is a vibrant community that values play and recreation. Both children and adults benefit from the numerous public spaces available, and exploring these areas helps identify any missing amenities. The Town of Hampden takes seriously its responsibility to provide services and spaces that promote a community of play, with the ultimate goal of continuously improving these offerings.

Through family and fun, Hampden's community is strengthened and united, as public spaces offer a range of benefits for everyone. These benefits include improved public health and wellness, economic activity, and a greater sense of community cohesion. Public spaces also provide opportunities for community members to congregate, fostering a shared sense of identity and purpose. By providing a variety of public spaces, Hampden is able to cater to the diverse needs and interests of its residents, helping to create a community that is both inclusive and welcoming.

THE STATE OF PLAY

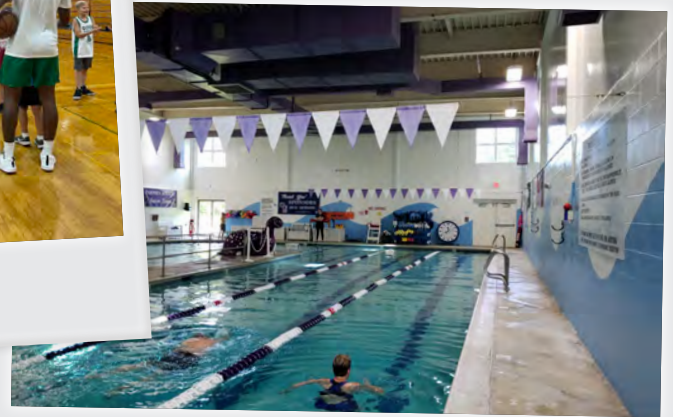
Hampden boasts a wealth of recreational facilities and programs that cater to both school-aged children and the broader community. From public to private facilities, residents can choose from a diverse range of activities to suit their interests. Moreover, Hampden's numerous parks and open spaces provide residents with ample opportunities to connect with nature and enjoy the outdoors.

The community's long-term objective is to offer a comprehensive range of recreational opportunities that meet the needs of all residents. This ambitious goal is not simply about providing facilities scattered throughout town, but about strategically locating appropriate facilities that best serve the town as a whole. By thoughtfully planning and designing recreational spaces, Hampden seeks to create a vibrant community that supports the well-being and enjoyment of its residents.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Hampden's diverse recreational opportunities are provided through a mix of school, town, and private facilities and programs, which cater to individuals of all ages and abilities. The Old Hampden Academy and Skehan Center are the primary indoor recreation hubs within the community. The Town leases the facilities from the landowner for recreation and community events and houses the Recreation Department's office within the Skehan Center. Due to its large size and central location within the Four Mile Square, it is also used for elections and other community gatherings.

The Town's oldest active recreation area is the Whitcomb-Baker VFW Recreational Facility, which was donated by the Veterans of Foreign Wars in 1962. The eight-acre property has expanded over the years to include amenities such as two baseball fields, two tennis courts, two basketball courts, and a temporary hockey rink/skating facility in the parking lot. In 2022, the town received grant money to add a new fitness court to the property.



Historic Dorothea Dix Park is another recreational area in Hampden. Although it is a National Register-eligible historic property, the 23-acre park's configuration limits its development as an active recreation area. However, it does offer a passive trail network, playground, and picnic area.

The Municipal Campus is a 30-acre town-owned parcel along Western Avenue that encompasses the Town Office, Hampden Post Office, Lura E. Hoit Memorial Pool, a series of trails, and multi-purpose recreation fields. The property has been identified as a potential site for a future community center and is envisioned as a multi-purpose and interconnected campus for Hampden residents by the Community Center Committee, Comprehensive Plan Committee, and survey respondents.

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

Parks and open spaces provide natural connections to the community, and also serve as buffers between residential uses, adding to the rural character of the community. The Town is always looking towards increasing its total acreage of parks and open spaces while also improving existing services. Open space, in the context of this plan, refers to open or wooded land without buildings or parking areas. It can be publicly or privately owned, even if it is not directly accessible to the public. Open space strongly contributes to the town's character, as it provides a natural break in the landscape, is used for recreation, or has public access. Scenic views can also be found in the generally wooded landscape, which opens up into vistas created by farms, train tracks, roads, or water bodies.

The Papermill Park was developed as a public swimming area in 1956 located off Papermill Road. A dam across the Souadabscook Stream provided a safe spot for recreational swimming. Subsequent pollution of the stream forced the swimming activities to end. Presently, the park offers a small beach area and other passive recreational endeavors. Limited parking on site or on the street as well as minimal recreation opportunities have limited the popularity of this park. Some discussion was had during the public workshops on how to connect the Papermill Park to the larger municipal campus.

Access to the Penobscot River is restricted to the marina and boat launch at Turtle Head Park. The park has a small walking path, picnic areas, and a new kayak storage facility that residents can access via permit at the Town Office. The Marine Resources chapter discusses potential expansion opportunities for Turtle Head Park.

Trails are a component of the open spaces. Most notable, throughout the town, are a series of walking trails and cross-country ski trails (Figure 7.3). The snowmobile trail system is overseen by the Hampden Snowmobile Club. These trails are not publicly owned or maintained, rather available through agreement with the private landowners and the Snowmobile Club.

Together, these components form a comprehensive recreation network. However, the Committee and survey participants observed that these resources are not widely known throughout the community. As a result, one of the short-term objectives of this plan is to include these maps or other tools that highlight available recreation and open space opportunities. Moreover, this plan identifies town-owned land that may be considered for future development of new and enhanced public spaces, subject to other requirements and uses.

Figure 7.1 Open Space Inventory

Name	Type	Location	Maintained By	Area (Acres)
Ball Field Road	Playfield	Ball Field Road	Private	1.0
Camp Prentiss (Bangor YMCA)	Recreation Area	Emerson Mill Road	Private	26.8
Canaan Road	Open Space	Canaan Road	Town	28.0
Cool Brook Recreation Area	Open Space	Lindsey Way	Town	5.6
Dorothea Dix Park	Park	U.S. Route 1A	Town	23.0
Ellingwood Heights	Trail	Deer Hill Lane	Private	3.0
Halpern Trail	Trail	Patterson Road	Private	40.0
Hampden Country Club	Golf Course	Thomas Road	Private	92.0
Housing Foundation	Trail	Western Avenue	Town	0.2
Kennebec Road	Open Space	Kennebec Road	Town	20.0
Lake View Cemetery	Cemetery	Western Avenue	Town	30.5
Locust Grove Cemetery	Cemetery	U.S. Route 1A	Town	10.5
Meadows	Open Space	Sydney Boulevard	Private	15.0
Morrell Property	Conservation Easement	Streamside Drive	Private	8.0
RSU #22 Schools	Playfield	Western Avenue	RSU #22	99.8
Old Burial Ground	Cemetery	U.S. Route 1A	Town	0.5
Papermill Recreation Area	Open Space	Papermill Road	Town	5.0
Penobscot Meadow	Open Space	Penobscot Meadow Drive	Private	6.9
Penobscot River	Open Space	Summer Street	Town	2.0
Riverview Cemetery	Cemetery	U.S. Route 1A	Town	1.0
Scotch Pines	Trail	Main Trail	Private	3.5
Swamp	Open Space	Interstate 95	State	92.0
Turtle Head Marina	Marina	Marina Road	Town	6.3
VFW	Recreation Area	Canoe Club Road	Town	8.2
Wedgewood Forest	Open Space	Souadabscook Stream	Private	8.0
West Branch Souadabscook	Open Space	U.S. Route 69	Town	2.0
Westbrook Terrace	Open Space	Daisy Lane	Private	3.5
			Total	542.3

Figure 7.2 Recreation Inventory

Facility Name	Number	Feature	Maintained By
Ball Field Road	1	Little League Field	Private
	1	Batting Cages	Private
Camp Prentiss (Bangor YMCA)	1	Summer Recreation	Private
Dorothea Dix Park	1	Playground	Town
H.O. Bouchard Property	3	Multi-Purpose Field	Private
Hampden Academy	1	Multi-Purpose Field	RSU #22
Hampden Country Club	1	Golf Course	Private
Hampden Rifle Club	1	Firing Range	Private
Hampden Snowmobile Club	Multiple	Trail	Private
McGraw School	1	Playground	RSU #22
Papermill Park	1	Trail	Town
	1	Marina and Storage Facilities	Town
Turtle Head Marina	1	Trail	Town
	1	Trail	Town
VFW	2	Little League Field	Town
	2	Basketball Courts	Town
	2	Tennis Courts	Town
	3	Pickleball Courts (TBC, July 2024)	Town
	1	Fitness Court	Town
	1	Bocce Court	Town
Weatherbee School	1	Batting Cages	Town
	1	Track	RSU #22
	3	Multi-Purpose Field	RSU #22
	2	Football Field	RSU #22
Western Avenue Recreation Area	1	Soccer Field	Town
	1	Volleyball Court	Town

PROGRAMMING

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Three full time staff members including the Recreation Director, Assistant Director, and Recreation Programmer. The department's offices are currently located within the Skehan Center at the Old Hampden Academy. Calendars and event information is shared on their website <https://hampdenme.myrec.com/> or via their Facebook page, increasing the department's overall social media presence.

The department offers a range of programs catering to adults, such as pickleball and softball. Children's after school programs and sports are also available throughout the year. The department has introduced new programs like paddleboarding and formed partnerships with local businesses like Skyline Maine Adventures to provide guided kayaking tours along the Penobscot River.

POOL DEPARTMENT

The Lura E. Hoit Memorial Pool is a versatile aquatic center that serves Hampden residents and neighboring communities at an affordable price point, catering to all ages and skill levels. The facility boasts a team of professional staff members dedicated to ensuring a secure and welcoming environment. The swim program encompasses lessons from infancy to pre-competition level, while the center

also offers lifeguard and CPR training. A board of trustees oversees the operations of the pool, which is funded through user fees, rentals, and donations, including bequests. The municipal budget also contributes to capital improvements on the pool and its surrounding property.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

CHILDREN'S DAY

During Children's Day in August 2022, the Town staff set up a booth where parents and children could draw their vision of an ideal community. Among the popular responses were the desire for splash pads, additional recreational areas, and zoos with exotic animals for children to visit. These suggestions are highly valued, especially since the Town has a rich history of promoting educational initiatives and community involvement through pre-COVID events. Such feedback provides opportunities to engage and connect with the community to enhance the overall quality of life.

COMMUNITY YARD SALE AND ARTISANS MARKET

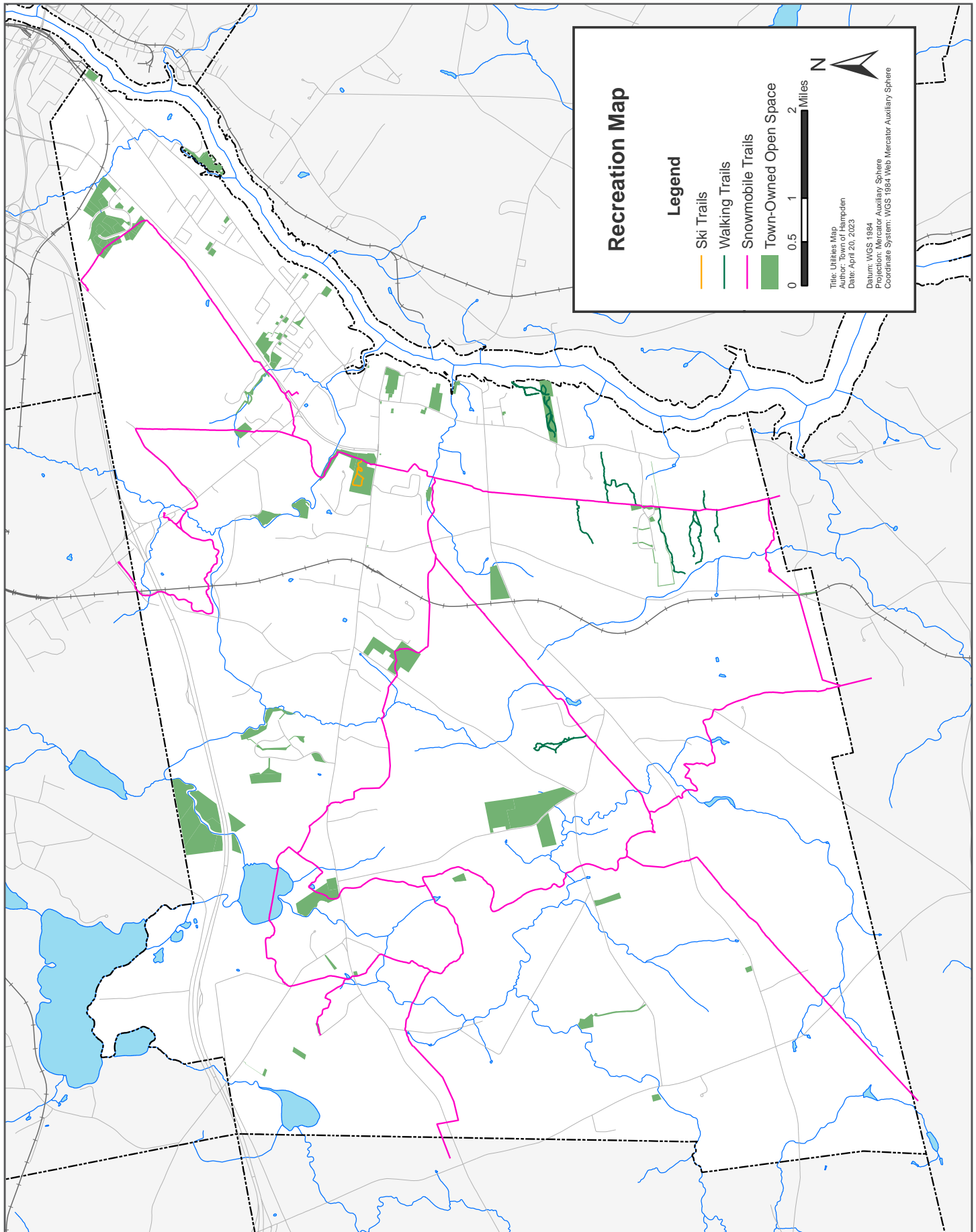
Each summer, the Recreation Department hosts a community yard sale at the Skehan Center to help residents declutter after winter and prepare for summer. In addition to the yard sale, there will also be an Artisans Market at the Skehan Center to showcase unique goods. This yearly event provides an opportunity for community members to reconnect with one another.

SEASONAL EVENTS

The Recreation Department also hosts several seasonal events throughout the year to bring the community together and celebrate different holidays. One of the most popular events is a Halloween party and costume contest, which draws in participants of all ages. The department also organizes Easter egg hunts for children, where they can hunt for hidden eggs and win prizes. Each year, the town hosts a holiday market and a holiday ball, which is a great opportunity for people of all ages to get together and shop, eat, and dance. These events create a sense of community and provide an opportunity for residents to socialize and have fun with their friends and neighbors.



Figure 7.3 Recreation Map



SURVEY RESULTS

In addition to the Comprehensive Plan Survey, the Recreation Department also has recently conducted surveys to gather feedback from residents on the recreational offerings in Hampden. The results showed that people were interested in improving the quality of life through various means, including the development of trails, sidewalks, and bike paths. Additionally, residents wanted to see an increase in programming to include festivals and events, the creation of an outdoor event venue, and improvements to recreational facilities and ballfields. Pedestrian-oriented development was also a popular desire among respondents.

The survey results also highlighted that open spaces, walkability, and community spaces, such as a community center or fitness center, were desired by residents. During Children’s Day, many kids shared their aspirations for the future, including a splash pad, petting zoo, art museum, and book and toy stores. While commercial in nature, these spaces would provide an opportunity for children to play with friends or family.

In the Recreation Survey ([Appendix D](#)), respondents expressed a desire for organized sports like basketball and volleyball, toddler events and play places, an outdoor skating rink in winter, and family-friendly dances or holiday events. The need for increased staff support was also identified.

To communicate this information effectively, social media and the town website were identified as the best ways to reach residents. Overall, the surveys were a valuable tool for the Town to understand the needs and desires of the community and to work towards improving the quality of life for residents through recreational offerings.

Figure 7.4 Frequency of Use of Parks and Recreation Facilities

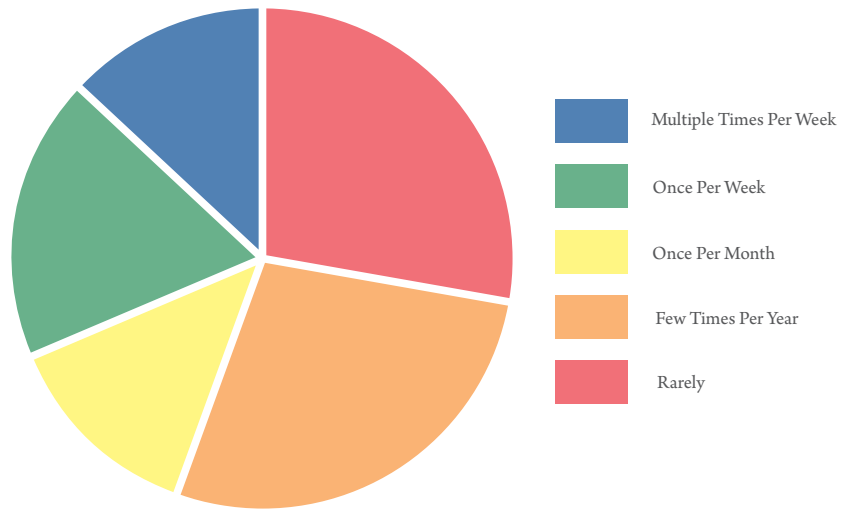


Figure 7.5 Desire for More Parks and Recreation Facilities

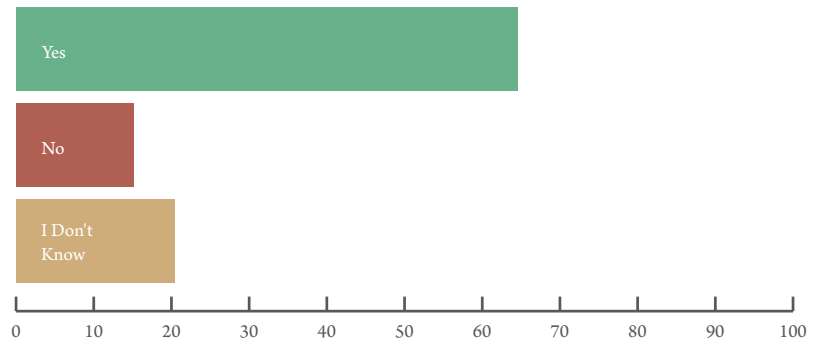
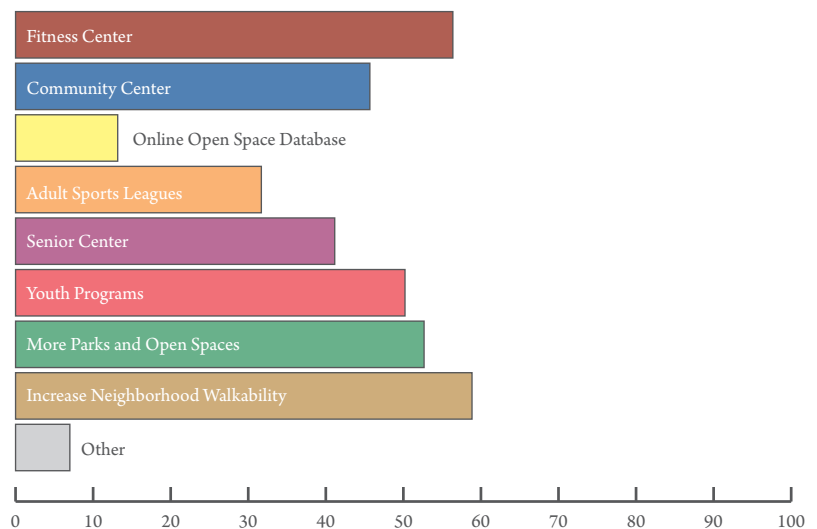


Figure 7.6 Types of Facilities, Services, and Programming Desired



PLANNING FOR PLAY

Recreation planning encompasses not only the development of facilities and open spaces, but also planning for the well-being of the community. Recreation serves a public health function and contributes to the overall quality of life for residents. The goal of improving these spaces is to provide opportunities for civic engagement, leisure, physical activity, and enjoyment. It is essential that these public spaces remain organic and reflective of the community's values rather than commercialized.

It is important to consider subsidiarity in the planning process, particularly as it applies to recreation and public health. Larger, centralized areas that benefit the entire community should be planned and implemented by a committee or the Town Council. On the other hand, smaller neighborhood parks and open spaces should be designed and activated by those who live in the vicinity and who would benefit the most from these spaces. This approach also enables the creation of pocket parks within subdivisions.

STATE AND REGIONAL EFFORTS

The State of Maine aims to safeguard and promote access to outdoor recreation opportunities, including surface waters, for all citizens. This includes supporting traditional activities like hunting, fishing, boating, and hiking, as well as developing greenbelts, public parks, trails, and conservation easements. Municipalities and multi-municipal regions should identify and protect undeveloped shoreland and other areas of value. The Maine State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) provides an evaluation of outdoor recreation matters and recommends priorities for programs and actions to enhance opportunities in Maine. Outdoor recreation can benefit both individuals and communities, promoting healthy, vibrant living. The report also highlights available funding and grants for municipalities seeking to create or improve outdoor recreation spaces.

PARKS AND REC MASTER PLAN

The integration of parks and recreational spaces into the community is essential for its long-term health and vitality. It is recommended to develop a separate Parks and Recreation Master Plan in collaboration with the Recreation Department to account for the continued growth of spaces, restructure staffing usage, and meet the needs of a growing community. Considering the variety of uses, public and private ownership, and the community's long-term vision, a master plan should be implemented to link all these uses together.

Studies have revealed a significant correlation between the built environment and the physical, social, and economic well-being of a community. The construction of vehicle-dependent environments that foster obesity, poor health, social isolation, high infrastructure costs, and detract from downtown cores over the last fifty years have caused significant harm. Sprawling land use patterns have altered travel behavior, increased physical inactivity, and led to higher healthcare and transportation costs. Planning for parks and recreational facilities can promote active lifestyles, foster healthy communities, and decrease healthcare and transportation costs.



Residents who live within half a mile of a park or recreation facility are 38% more likely to meet physical activity guidelines than those who live further away.

Source: American Journal of Preventive Medicine

DESIGN GUIDELINES

The Town has evaluated existing land and explored acquiring new land for recreational facilities. However, acquiring land alone does not meet the needs of the community. The Subdivision Ordinance requires the conveyance of land for open space, but these spaces are not always suitable for organized recreation. To address this issue, the Town should consider incorporating the American Planning Association's *Standards for Outdoor Recreation* into the ordinance to ensure that both passive and active recreation needs are met.

Additionally, it is important to prioritize inclusivity in recreation planning by going beyond the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements and including features such as clear entrance and exit paths, lighting, visible wayfinding, and unobstructed lines of sight. Recreation spaces should also be designed to be flexible and meet the varied needs of the community, with features such as seating areas, playgrounds, picnic areas, and green spaces that encourage people to spend time outdoors and connect with one another. Inclusive public spaces also promote physical activity, which can improve health outcomes and reduce health disparities. By creating public spaces that are accessible and welcoming to all, communities can foster a sense of belonging and social connectedness, which is essential for building strong, resilient communities.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

TAX PROGRAMS

The importance of open spaces in meeting recreational needs cannot be overstated. To ensure that these spaces are protected, there are several techniques that can be employed in Maine. These include government acquisition, non-profit acquisition, voluntary deed restrictions, the Farmland and Open Space Tax Law, and the Tree Growth Tax Law. Each of these programs provides a layer of protection to preserve and protect open spaces for future generations. In addition to serving recreational needs, these open spaces also provide important ecological benefits such as habitat for wildlife and carbon sequestration. It is important to ensure that these spaces are protected and preserved for the long-term health and vitality of Maine's communities.

LAND TRUSTS

A land trust is a nonprofit organization that works to protect land for conservation purposes. This can involve acquiring land or conservation easements, as well as stewardship of such properties. By encouraging community ownership and investment in neighborhoods, land trusts have the potential to contribute to socially just and ecologically strong cities. In the State of Maine, over 80 land trusts collectively conserve more than 2.34 million acres of publicly accessible land, including recreational trails, wildlife habitat, forests, waterfronts, and farms. While Maine has relatively low levels of publicly owned land compared to other Northeastern states, these spaces remain important for people and wildlife and can help connect surrounding landscapes. The Town of Hampden can explore partnerships with local and regional land trusts or consider establishing its own to address conservation or redevelopment of blighted properties for the benefit of the community.



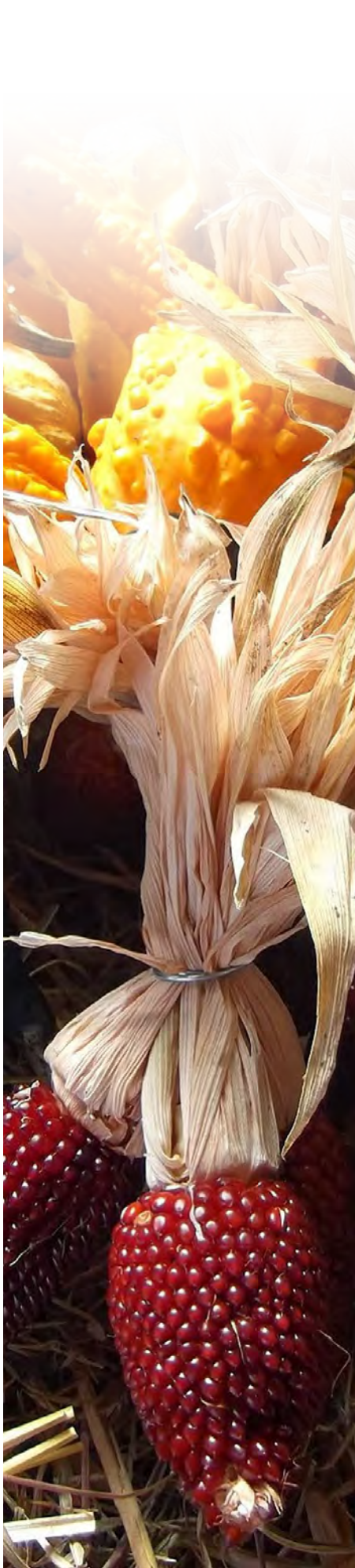
SEASONAL RECREATION

Recreation opportunities in Maine are not limited to the summer season alone. It is important to consider year-round and inclusive recreation facilities and open spaces that cater to people of all ages and abilities. The community's feedback indicates a strong desire for four-season recreation opportunities. For instance, a community splash pad that is accessible to all, from toddlers to the elderly, was suggested by a majority of survey respondents. In recent discussions, the Town Council and Recreation Department have considered the possibility of setting up a temporary ice rink during the winter months. Other exciting ideas for all-season recreation include a zoo, with a petting zoo being a possible addition to future community events.

HUNTING, FISHING, AND GATHERING

Hunting, fishing, and gathering have long been integral parts of Maine's culture and heritage, serving as not only recreational activities but also as means of food access and security. These pursuits are a vital consideration in the Town's overall recreation planning framework. In Maine, hunting is permitted on public lands and numerous state parks, in accordance with the laws and regulations of the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (MDIFW), the State of Maine, and local ordinances. Public access to land and water is essential to maintaining these time-honored traditions, and the Town of Hampden is committed to safeguarding the right of individuals to utilize public lands for hunting, fishing, and gathering.





Agriculture and Forestry

Hampden's agrarian and industrial history has influenced its character and values, with agriculture and forests remaining important components of the community. Forests provide ecological and economic benefits, but development activity on small tracts threatens Hampden's limited natural areas.

To preserve Hampden's natural resources, regulations and restrictions such as shoreland zoning, resource protection, and wetland alteration regulations have been implemented. These measures aim to ensure the sustainability of Hampden's forests and open spaces while limiting development activities in certain areas.

AGRICULTURE

Hampden's agricultural base has undergone a significant shift towards smaller, more individual agricultural outputs. While larger agricultural operations have dwindled, a few have stood the test of time and are still prominent sources of goods and produce, such as Caulkin's Stand for flowers, plants, and vegetables, Cooliard's for strawberries and eggs, and Perry's for beef cattle. However, the majority of agricultural products in town come from homesteads, greenhouses, and farm stands, providing personal-use produce and sometimes an additional source of income.

This trend towards smaller-scale, individual agriculture has grown in popularity nationwide, leading to an increase in farmers' markets. In Hampden, the Farmers' Market has been operational since 2014 and is open to the public on Fridays. Furthermore, the community has shown interest in low-cost educational opportunities and community gardens, demonstrating a desire to embrace this trend and promote local, sustainable agriculture.

FARMLAND SOILS

Prime farmland is essential for producing a wide variety of crops such as food, feed, fiber, forage, and oilseed. These soils allow for high yield crops, resulting in significant economic benefits with minimal negative impacts on the environment. While Hampden has a substantial amount of prime farmland soil, only a portion of it is within the defined Rural District. As prime farmland is a limited strategic resource, it is imperative to safeguard these lands from development to maintain their productivity.

Aside from prime farmland, statewide significant farmland should also be taken into consideration. While not as productive as prime farmland, these soils can still generate high yields under favorable conditions. Information on the locations of these farmland soils can be found in [Figure 8.1](#). Preserving both prime and statewide significant farmland is crucial in ensuring the availability of locally grown food, supporting the local economy, and preserving Hampden's agricultural heritage.

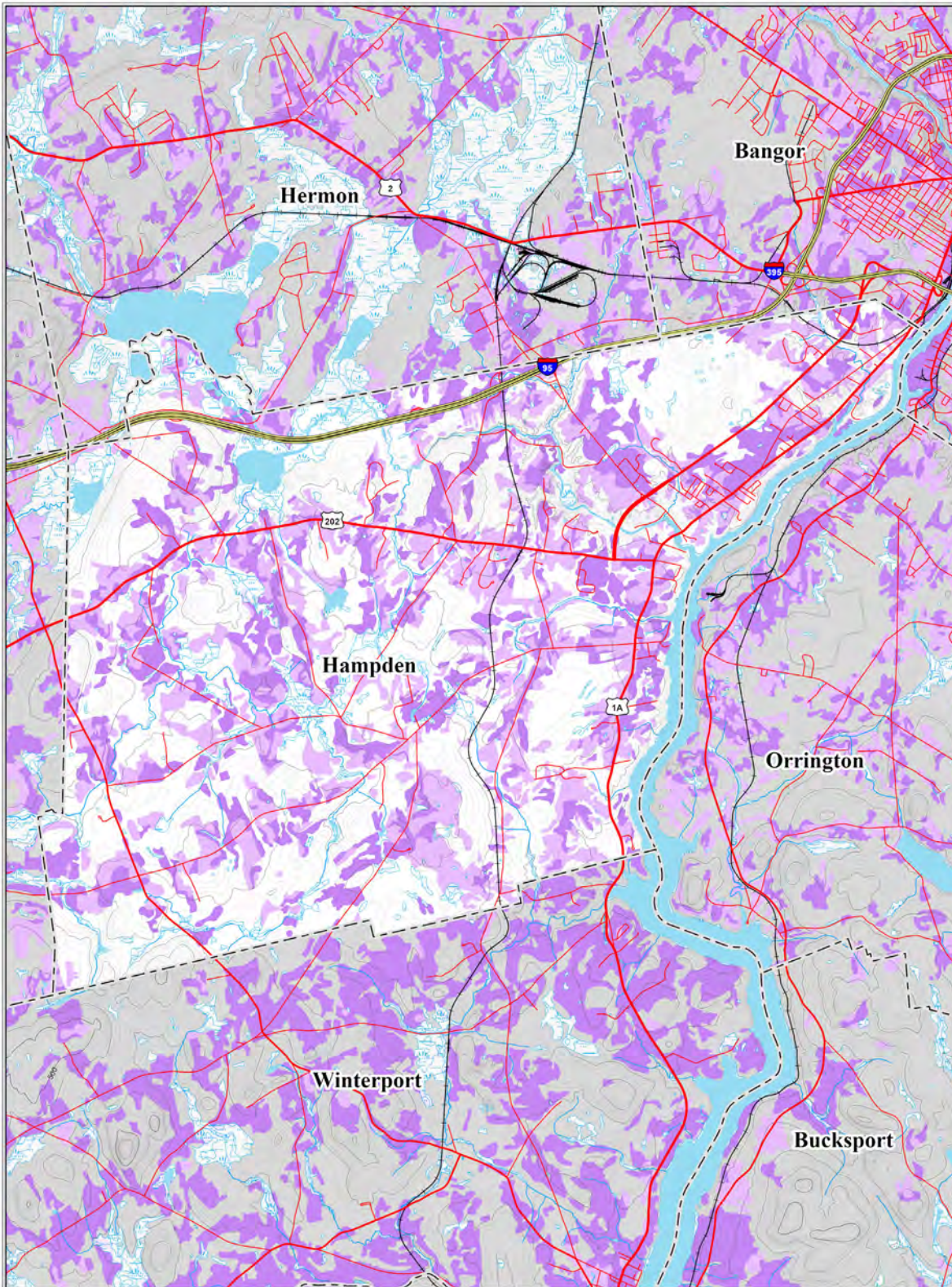
MAINE'S RIGHT TO FOOD


In November 2021, Maine voters approved an amendment to the state constitution to safeguard Mainers' right to food. The amendment reads:

All individuals have a natural, inherent and unalienable right to food, including the right to save and exchange seeds and the right to grow, raise, harvest, produce and consume the food of their own choosing for their own nourishment, sustenance, bodily health and well-being, as long as an individual does not commit trespassing, theft, poaching or other abuses of private property rights, public lands or natural resources in the harvesting, production or acquisition of food. – State Constitution, Article I, Section 25





Figure 8.1 Farmland Soils Map





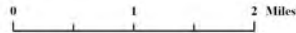
Penobscot County,
Town of Hampden

Hampden Agriculture

Source Data: USDA, MEGIS, Maine DACF
 Projection: UTM, NAD83, Zone 19, Meters
 Produced by: Municipal Planning
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Legend	
	Municipal border
	Interstate
	U.S. Routes
	State Routes
	Railroad
	Contours500
	Contours100
	Contours
	Waterbody
	Rivers
	Rivers/Streams
	Wetlands
	Farmland of statewide importance
	All areas are prime farmland



FORESTRY

Hampden is covered by a significant amount of forested land, which plays a vital role in providing resources to the local and regional communities. The forested land offers building materials, fuel sources, stormwater infiltration, wildlife habitats, and other environmental and economic benefits.

Despite the significance of the forested land, new development in the rural and forested parts of town reduces the total area, which is a worrying trend that could cause irreversible damage to the environment, the local economy, and Hampden's rural character. To prevent this, it is crucial to maintain the forests by managing them sustainably to maximize their benefits. Healthy forests not only provide a habitat for wildlife and recreational opportunities, but they also contribute to clean air and water and economic growth. The annual timber harvests in Hampden reflect the use of sustainable management practices to maintain a healthy and productive forest ecosystem.

IMPACT OF FORESTS

The economic viability of the forestry industry in Hampden is dependent on both the availability of forested land and the products themselves. However, the town's forest coverage has been declining due to suburban sprawl and economic shifts. Despite this trend, Hampden maintains several businesses in the forestry industry, providing forest products, timber, biomass, and other natural resources. The proximity to regional mills and transportation networks also allows businesses to access diverse ranges of markets, decreasing travel times and increasing product values. However, recent high rainfall events have highlighted the importance of forest conservation measures to mitigate future impacts. Maintaining an urban canopy is crucial to managing stormwater, conserving forests, and promoting outdoor activities in local parks and trails.

Hampden residents have expressed a desire for more local parks and trails to enjoy the outdoors, which requires proper hunting land identification and the maintenance of healthy forests. Winter activity opportunities, such as snowmobile trails, also rely on healthy forests

Figure 8.2 Summary of Timber Harvest in Hampden

Year	Selection Harvest (AC)	Shelterwood Harvest (AC)	Clearcut Harvest (AC)	Total Harvest (AC)	Change of Land Use (AC)	Number of Active Notifications
1991	155	0	2	157	0	9
1992	74	21	33	128	0	6
1993	10	0	36	46	0	3
1994	225	40	23	288	0	6
1995	346	0	39	385	9	11
1996	318	40	10	368	12	10
1997	848	0	21	869	1	16
1998	620	17	58	695	13	27
1999	543	70	0	613	0	37
2000	479	20	0	499	5	35
2001	309	0	0	309	30	24
2002	275	0	0	275	44	20
2003	81	0	0	81	5	11
2004	132	0	0	132	0	14
2005	382	0	0	382	155	17
2006	445	89	0	534	7	22
2007	105	0	0	105	112	13
2008	314	28	12	354	0	14
2009	5	0	0	5	0	15
2010	337	30	0	367	20	21
2011	267	0	0	267	0	19
2012	351	26	0	377	0	20
2013	424.5	0	0	424.5	64	19
2014	155.5	30	0	185.5	30	20
2015	162	13	0	175	11.5	16
2016	131	41	0	172	8	20
2017	172	36	0	208	2	18
2018	438	2	50	490	1.5	23
2019	188	0	0	188	36	20
Total	8,292	503	284	9,079	566	506
Average	286	17	10	313	20	17

Source: Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry, (DACF), Maine Forest Service (2019)

to function. Thus, protecting the Town's remaining forested areas from development is crucial not only for the forestry industry's economic viability but also for preserving the town's ecological and rural character. Regular and sustainable forest management practices can maintain healthy forests, supporting local economies, providing habitats for wildlife, and contributing to clean air and water.

The COVID-19 pandemic caused a surge in outdoor activities across the U.S. as people sought to spend more time outside. The National Park Service reported a 22% increase in visitation to Acadia National Park as of September 2021.

Source: National Park Service, Acadia Advisory Committee

POLICIES AND INCENTIVES

FARM AND OPEN SPACE TAX LAW

The Farm and Open Space Tax Law (*Title 36 M.R.S.A. Section 1101, et. Seq.*) encourages landowners to preserve farmland and open space by adjusting the assessed taxation rate to reflect the current use of the land rather than at fair market value. Incentives for preservation include state-operated tax relief programs for agricultural uses. As of August 2022, Hampden has 844 acres (34 parcels) enrolled in the farmland program and 28 acres (1 parcel) enrolled in the open space program.

TREE GROWTH TAX LAW

The Tree Growth Tax Law (*Title 36 M.R.S.A. Section 571 et. Seq.*) provides for the valuation for forested areas by acre of wood cover rather than at fair market value. This law encourages landowners to retain and improve forested areas for growth and harvest of commercial forest products. As of August 2022, Hampden has 1,035 acres (28 parcels) claiming this status.

RECREATION

To enhance recreational opportunities in forested areas, the [Recreation](#) chapter proposes various measures. One is to improve the accessibility of forested areas for recreational uses, which can be done by requiring new and existing public lands and trails to be marked and identified for public use. Distributing maps of all public open spaces, trails, and parklands can also help visitors navigate these areas. Another suggestion is partnering with the Snowmobile Club and landowners to create trail guides that promote winter activities for residents.

LAND USE

Protecting local farmland, forests, and open spaces is crucial for the community's well-being. To preserve these resources, changes in land use policies are essential. These policies should steer development towards urban service areas, while rural lands should be kept for agricultural and forestry uses. Smart growth policies should be adopted to allow for diverse land uses, and municipalities should provide incentives to reduce economic pressures that lead to the conversion of farmland and open space into other uses.

Hampden's forested lands provide recreational and economic benefits to residents. Conservation of these spaces requires unique approaches to policy and development. Policies and regulations should be implemented to safeguard the state's agricultural and forest resources from potential threats posed by development.

RESOURCES FOR FARMERS

There are multiple resources in Hampden available for those interested in farming or conserving farmland. The Penobscot County Soil and Water Conservation District provides local information and support. Additionally, the Maine DACF offers the Voluntary Municipal Farm Support Program (VMFSP), facilitating the creation of local agricultural conservation easement programs. Statewide partnerships with land trusts, such as the Maine Farmland Trust, are available to help farmers conserve land or establish easements for preservation. *Planning for Ag*, an initiative by the American Farmland Trust and GrowSmart Maine, encourages integrating farm viability and farmland protection into land use planning. This approach can limit sprawl, benefit local food networks, and have a positive fiscal impact on town budgets.

RESOURCES FOR FORESTERS

State laws and programs are crucial in regulating the management and protection of forested lands in Hampden. The Forest Practices Act sets standards for clear-cut size and regeneration, while zoning ordinances regulate protected areas. The Maine DACF Healthy Forests Program supports forest management with policies, programs, and incentives, including third-party certification for good management and outcome-based forestry.

The Forest Society of Maine is a land trust providing valuable information on conserving forested lands across the state. The Nature Conservancy's forest carbon storage project aims to increase carbon stocking, accelerate forest restoration, and dedicate more acreage to ecological reserves, offering opportunities for landowners to blend carbon and forest-products revenue.

Hampden was once a member of Tree City USA, which provides a four-step framework to maintain and grow tree cover. The program is managed by the Arbor Day Foundation and supports communities' commitment to environmental change. Hampden could consider rejoining this program to preserve its urban and natural tree cover.





Natural Resources

The preservation of natural resources is crucial to maintain the ecological system's integrity in Hampden. A comprehensive plan should prioritize land use policies and ordinances that protect all aspects of this interconnected system, including air and water quality, plant and wildlife habitats, aquatic habitats, and geologic and hydrologic features.

Hampden's natural resources play a significant role in shaping its community identity. The town's rural character is defined by its pristine forests, scenic vistas, and natural features, which represent the Maine way of life. These resources offer a range of benefits, including environmental protection, wildlife habitat, clean air and water, recreational opportunities, and economic activities such as fishing and tourism. Together, they contribute to the town's unique charm and quality of life, making Hampden an attractive place to live, work, and visit.

GEOLOGICAL AND SOIL RESOURCES

GEOLOGICAL FEATURES

Geological features are essential components of the natural environment, providing vital ecological functions that go beyond their aesthetic appeal. The protection and conservation of these features are crucial for preserving the ecological balance of the area, ensuring the habitats for wildlife and aquatic life remain intact, and contributing to the overall biodiversity of the region. In the State of Maine, there are various geological features that require special attention and protection to maintain ecological health.

Waterfalls not only offer a picturesque view but also provide habitats for aquatic creatures, such as fish and amphibians, but they contribute to the overall biodiversity of an area. Similarly, sand dunes and coastal bluffs are fragile ecosystems that require careful management to prevent erosion and protect the unique flora and fauna that thrive in these habitats. Moreover, high mountain areas are home to several endangered plant and animal species and require conservation efforts to preserve their fragile ecosystems.

Although there are no listed special geological features in Hampden currently, it's important to remain vigilant for future planning efforts. The State of Maine has not identified any special interest sites regarding surficial geologic areas, including eskers, swamps, glacial till, glaciomarine deposits, and thin drift, in Hampden either. However, it's essential to recognize that these areas provide vital ecological functions, such as nutrient cycling, water storage, and carbon sequestration, and their loss can have significant impacts on the environment.

Conservation efforts at the local level, including land use policies and ordinances, can help protect these resources and ensure their preservation for future generations. By incorporating the protection of geological features into comprehensive planning, Hampden can contribute to the overall biodiversity of the region, protect vital habitats, and maintain the area's natural character.



SOILS

The soil type in Hampden plays a significant role in both the natural ecosystem and the town's development. There are two primary soil groups within the town: Bangor-Dixmont-Thorndike (BDT) and Scantic-Histosols-Buxton (SHB). The BDT soils are ideal for agriculture and forestry, mainly because of their high water table during fall and spring, while the SHB soils are usually unsuitable for such activities, according to the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Maine. The Farmland Soils map reflects these soil types.

Considering these soil types is crucial when planning for existing and future development, especially when it comes to septic systems. The installation of septic systems in soils with poor drainage, shallow bedrock, and high water tables can lead to environmental and economic risks, such as groundwater pollution. As a result, engineers must consider these factors carefully.

Soil type also plays a critical role in erosion management. The removal of surface vegetation exposes highly erodible soils, which can result in severe erosion. To mitigate this, the town has established an Erosion and Sedimentation Control Ordinance. Nonetheless, the impacts of stormwater-related rainfall runoff and run-on are discussed further in the Water Resources chapter and must be considered in any development plans.

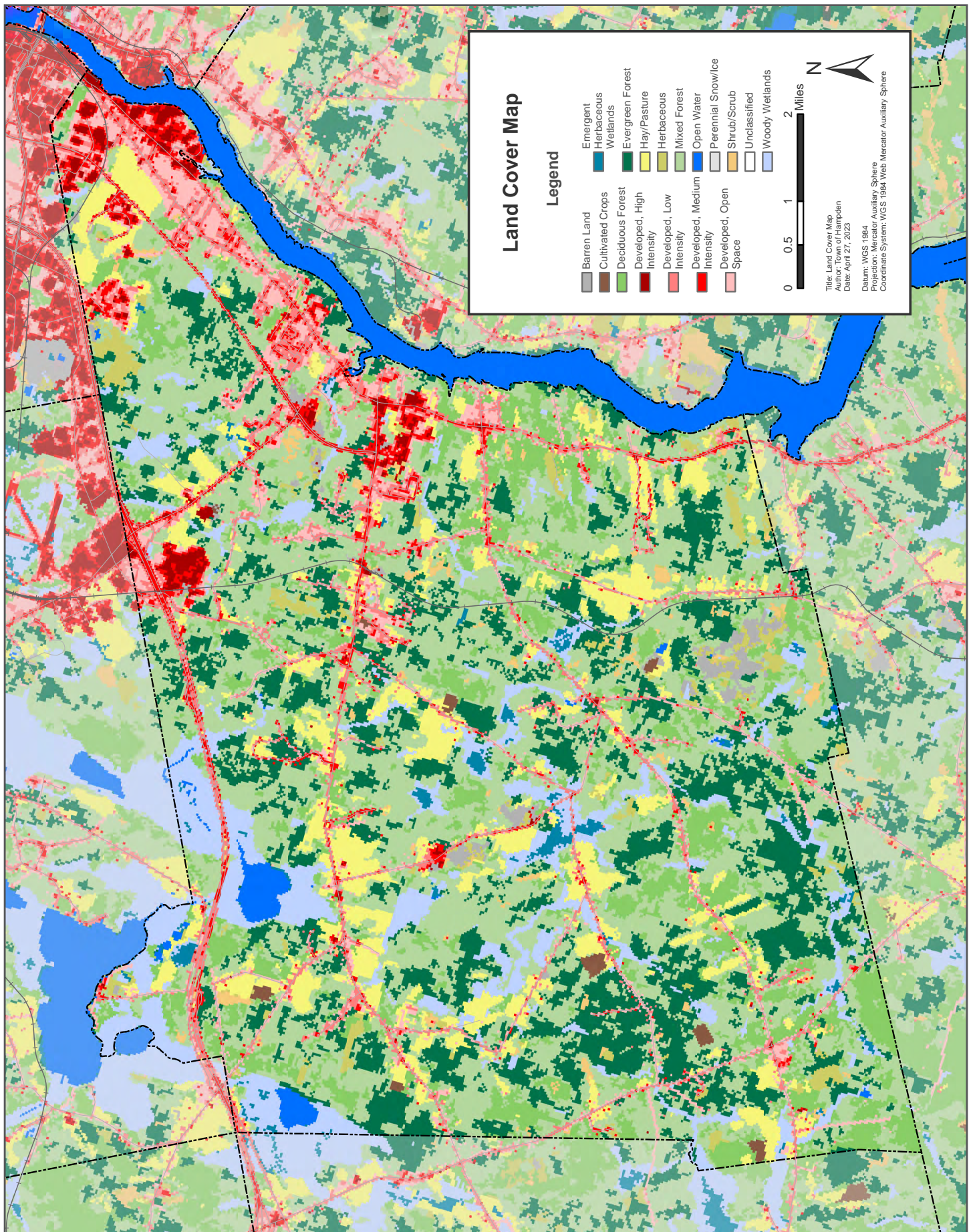
LAND COVER

[Figure 9.1](#) shows the land cover across Hampden and serves as a valuable tool for examining the various forms of land cover within a specific region. The map portrays a diverse array of land cover groups, including forests, wetlands, agricultural land, urban areas, and bodies of water.

It is important to note that the map consolidates multiple land cover classes, which can cause certain areas to appear to be dominated by one form of land cover when, in reality, there is a blend of multiple types. For instance, a heavily forested area may also contain some agricultural land or wetlands that are not immediately noticeable. Recognizing the makeup of the land cover is crucial for identifying the ecological and environmental functions of a particular area.

By analyzing the map, it is possible to identify areas that could be susceptible to environmental deterioration due to human actions, such as urbanization or deforestation. This knowledge can help shape land use policies and techniques that reduce these risks and encourage sustainable land use practices. This information is crucial for land use planning, conservation efforts, and resource management, which in turn helps guarantee a healthy and sustainable environment for future generations.

Figure 9.1 Land Cover Map



WILDLIFE HABITATS

Historic development patterns of sprawl have dominated the American landscape over the past century, and its ecological impact has become quite well documented. Maintaining unspoiled and connected natural landscapes is essential in maintaining a healthy ecosystem. For wildlife, this means finding the necessary access to food, water, and shelter in order to thrive.

The protection of wildlife habitats is an essential component of the comprehensive planning process. These natural spaces provide numerous ecological, economic, and quality of life benefits to the town and are key in defining the community's rural character.

ESSENTIAL WILDLIFE HABITATS

Essential Wildlife Habitats are specific areas that currently or historically provide critical physical or biological features essential to the preservation of endangered or threatened species in Maine. There are two bald eagle nesting sites located along the Penobscot River in Hampden that fall under this classification. These habitats may require special management considerations to ensure their conservation.

Designation as Essential Wildlife Habitats can apply to areas such as important feeding grounds or nest sites and is particularly crucial for certain species whose protection hinges on safeguarding these habitats from further degradation or loss. In this regard, the protection of such habitats is a vital tool in preventing further decline and achieving recovery goals for these species.

SIGNIFICANT WILDLIFE HABITAT

In the event that any part of a proposed subdivision falls within areas that the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has identified and mapped as important wildlife habitats for species listed on the official state or federal registers of endangered or threatened species, high or moderate value waterfowl habitats (including nesting and feeding areas), or high or moderate value deer wintering areas, the applicant must demonstrate that the development will have minimal impact on the habitat and the species it supports.

The plan for the subdivision must outline measures for protecting the identified resource in a way that is acceptable to the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife or in line with the recommendations of a wildlife biologist with proven experience working with the affected wildlife resource. In the latter situation, the report prepared by the wildlife biologist must assess the potential impact of the proposed subdivision on the significant habitat and the adjacent areas that are vital for maintaining the affected species. The report must also describe appropriate mitigation measures that ensure the subdivision will have minimal impacts on the habitat and the species it supports.

DEER WINTERING AREAS

Hampden has approximately 1,331 acres of deer wintering areas. These areas are crucial for deer during the winter months, providing shelter from radiant heat loss and enabling better mobility in snowy conditions. Preserving these areas in the town's rural and undeveloped regions would be consistent with the goals of the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

INLAND WADING WATERFOWL HABITATS

The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has identified a number of Hampden's expansive, open water wetlands as unrated waterfowl habitat. These wetlands play a crucial role in supporting the freshwater breeding, migration, and wintering habitats for inland wading birds. Additionally, tidal waterfowl habitats that are found in the area

include a diverse range of environments such as aquatic beds, eelgrass, emergent wetlands, mudflats, and seaweed communities.

It's worth noting that many of these wetland areas are already protected under shoreland zoning regulations. Protecting these habitats is critical to ensuring the long-term health of the local ecosystem and the survival of the species that depend on them. Maintaining the integrity of these waterfowl habitats is crucial for the conservation of the diverse range of bird species that rely on them, especially during their critical breeding and migration seasons.

FOCUS AREAS

A focus area of statewide ecological significance is an area that has been identified as having an unusually rich concentration of at-risk species and habitats, making it a critical area for conservation and management efforts. However, according to the statement, the State of Maine has not identified any focus areas of natural areas of statewide ecological significance in Hampden.

RARE, THREATENED, OR ENDANGERED WILDLIFE

Hampden is home to several rare, threatened, or endangered species of wildlife. These species are protected under state and federal law, and their presence highlights the importance of conservation efforts in the area. Some of the species found in Hampden include the bald eagle, which is listed as a threatened species in Maine, and the New England cottontail, which is listed as endangered in the state. Other



at-risk species found in the area include the common nighthawk, the northern goshawk, and the eastern box turtle. Protecting the habitats of these species is crucial for their survival, as well as for the health of the local ecosystem as a whole.

VERNAL POOLS

Vernal pools, also known as “spring pools,” are important ecological features found throughout Hampden, Maine. These shallow depressions are typically associated with forested wetlands and provide essential breeding habitat for a variety of amphibian species, including salamanders and frogs. Juvenile and adult amphibians associated with vernal pools serve as an important food source for both small carnivores and large game species. The loss of vernal pools and the critical terrestrial habitat around them can lead to a decline in local amphibian populations, reduced biodiversity, and a decrease in the availability of food for many other animals that depend on these habitats. While the exact number of vernal pools in Hampden is subject to change, they are often concentrated in or near important wetlands, making the preservation of these habitats crucial for the health of the local ecosystem.

RARE OR ENDANGERED PLANTS, RARE OR EXEMPLARY PLANTS AND NATURAL COMMUNITIES

Hampden is home to several rare or endangered plants, as well as rare or exemplary plants and natural communities. Some of the rare or endangered plant species found in Hampden include the round-leaved sundew, a carnivorous plant that is threatened by habitat loss, and the American ginseng, which is vulnerable to overharvesting. The State of Maine has also designated several areas within Hampden as significant natural communities, including forests and wetlands. These natural communities provide important habitat for a variety of plants and animals, and their protection is essential for maintaining the biodiversity of the region. In addition, Hampden is home to several rare or exemplary plant species, such as the yellow lady’s slipper, a type of orchid that is sensitive to habitat fragmentation and degradation. Protecting these rare and sensitive plant species, as well as their associated natural communities, is critical for preserving the ecological integrity and beauty of Hampden for future generations.

WILDLIFE CORRIDORS AND HABITAT BLOCKS

Protecting wildlife habitat not only involves preserving specific areas but also creating pathways or corridors that allow for the movement of wildlife between habitats. These corridors can include stream gullies, forest edges, and ridgelines. To ensure the preservation of identified wildlife areas and to minimize any negative impact, these areas should be incorporated into the open space plan and recognized as valuable for preservation.

Habitat blocks are contiguous, undeveloped areas of 150 acres or more that include forest, grassland/agricultural land, and wetlands. These large habitat blocks are relatively unbroken and have minimal human habitation and development. They can be owned by a single landowner or consist of several properties owned by different individuals. As development can quickly fragment these large habitat blocks, it is crucial to identify and protect the most critical areas. Hampden’s Natural Resources Map shows the location of these large habitat blocks, and protecting them is essential to maintaining the area’s biodiversity and preserving the natural ecosystem.

FISHERIES AND AQUATIC HABITATS

Hampden is home to two ponds, Patten and Hammond, while the other two ponds, Hermon and Ben Annis, have part of their shoreline as the town boundary with Hermon. These ponds are categorized as warmwater fish ponds that provide natural populations of bass, pickerel, perch, and crappies. The water quality for fish species is marginal for coldwater species such as salmonids, and seasonal fisheries are provided by stocking on an unscheduled basis for brook trout in Hermon Pond. The Souadabscook River watershed that all these ponds reside in has brook trout habitat in some sites, primarily outside the town of Hampden. Nonetheless, during seasonal migration, brook trout could be found in suitable habitat within the town.



The streams in Hampden have not had extensive fishery surveys, and most of them are associated with low-lying habitat in conjunction with the ponds. Brook trout, a species known to occur in upper watersheds and higher elevations, could be found in suitable habitat within the town during seasonal migration. However, most of Maine’s stream watersheds contain some habitat suitable for brook trout. Therefore, the streams in Hampden should be treated similar to the ponds’ environs, and it is likely that brook trout could migrate to the town from other areas in the drainage.

Incorporating guidelines that have worked is the best form of aquatic habitat protection. The Waterway and Wildlife Crossing Guidelines is an excellent source that addresses the sites on streams where intersections with roads occur. This document helps to identify best management practices during construction and can be helpful for town management. Additionally, it is important to identify and protect critical aquatic habitats, such as large blocks of contiguous, undeveloped areas of 150 acres or more, that include forest, grassland/agricultural land, and wetlands. Fragmentation of these habitats can be detrimental to the ecosystem and lead to a decrease in biodiversity. Therefore, the identified wildlife areas should be considered as parts of the existing open space plan and of high value for preservation.

Figure 9.2 Natural Resources Map

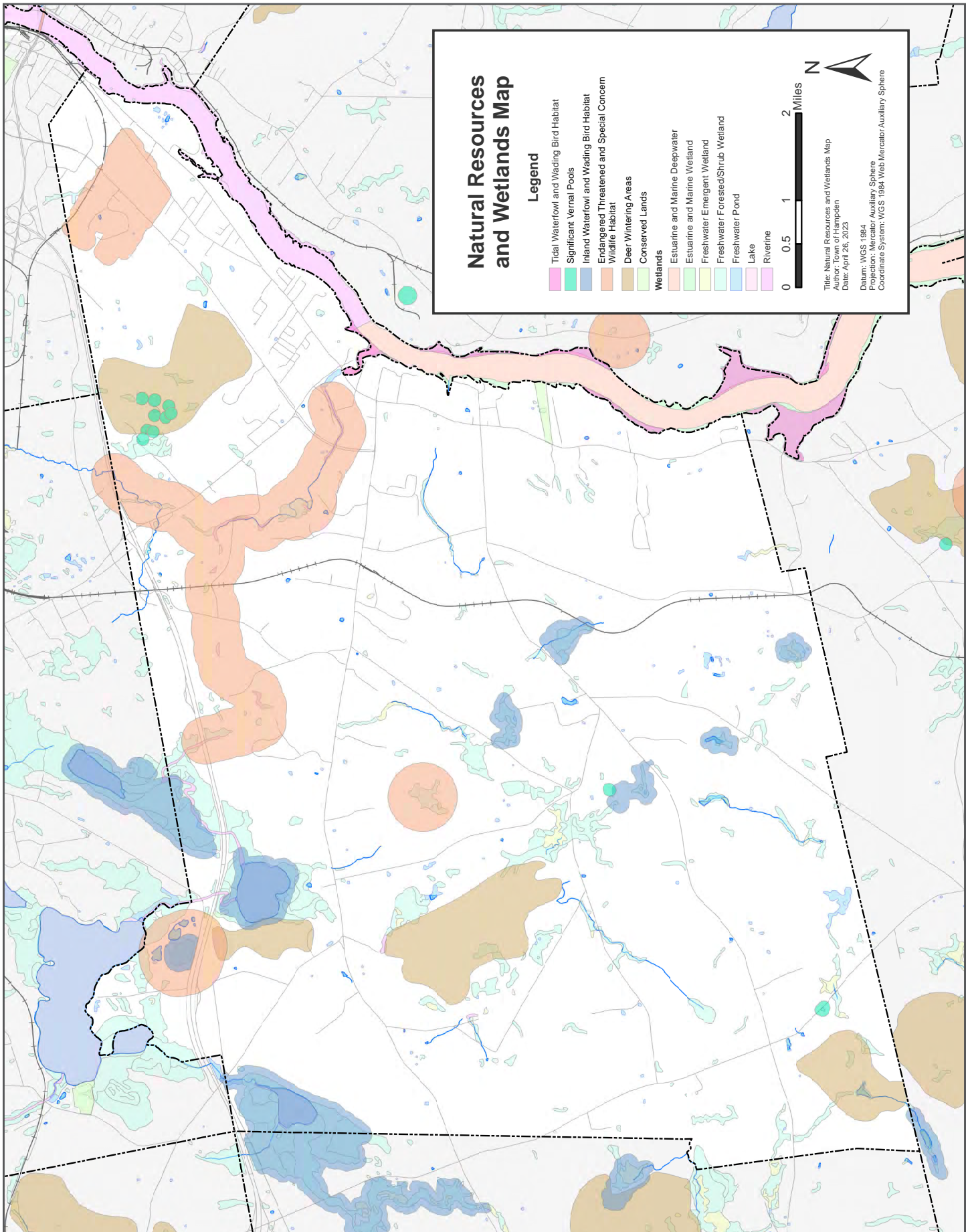
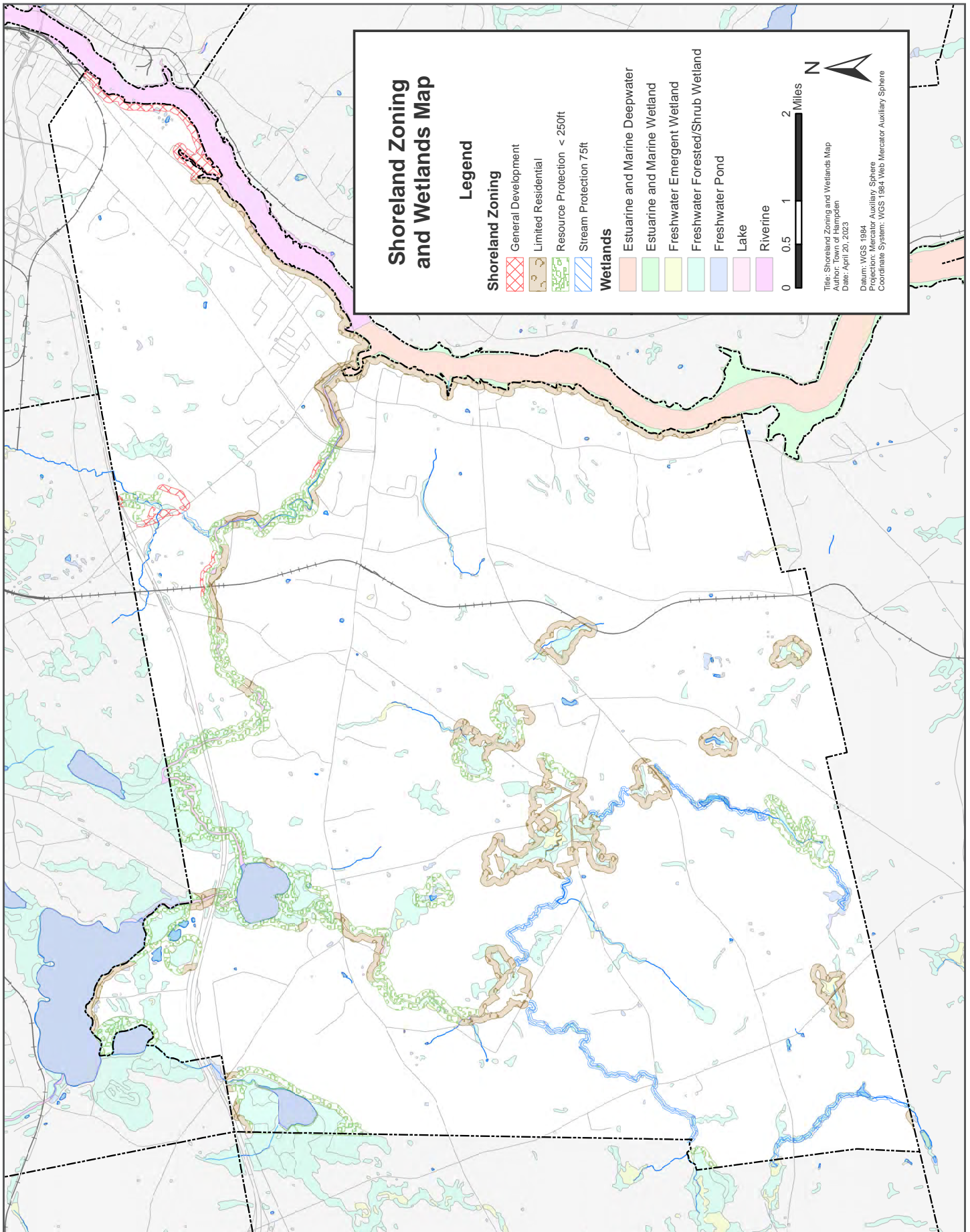


Figure 9.3 Shoreland Zoning Map



POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Balancing property rights with the regulation of natural resources can be a challenging task. In some instances, preserving access to clean water or protecting wildlife habitats may conflict with personal property rights. To prevent unrestricted loss of natural resources due to development, the State of Maine has established policies. Additionally, many municipalities adopt local policies that safeguard natural resources or areas of scenic significance. Preserving these areas is crucial as they define the identity and character of a community beyond their aesthetic value. The natural environment was identified by a majority of survey respondents and Committee members as a significant component of the community's identity. Therefore, the Town Council must address the impact of land use policies on natural resources and, ultimately, the community's identity.

Protecting natural resources can sometimes infringe on property rights, creating a complex challenge for regulators. Maine's state policies address the need to conserve natural resources, but local policies are often necessary to protect unique features or habitats. While preserving natural resources may seem like an issue of scenic beauty, it is more than that. Natural areas define a community's identity and character. The importance of natural resources to community identity was recognized by a majority of survey respondents and Committee members. Thus, the Town Council must evaluate how land use policies impact natural resources and the community's identity.

STATE GUIDANCE

The State of Maine regulates impacts on natural resources through a variety of laws, regulations, and policies. One of the primary tools is the Natural Resources Protection Act (NRPA), which requires permits for activities that could have an impact on significant wildlife habitats, wetlands, and other natural resources. The NRPA also requires mitigation measures to offset any adverse impacts of permitted activities. The regional MDEP, MDIFW and MNAP offices should be consulted when considering any projects in these areas.

In addition to the NRPA, the State of Maine has put in place policies aimed at preventing uncontrolled depletion of natural resources caused by development, which includes measures to safeguard wetlands, shorelands, and other vital areas. These policies are mandated by the Growth Management Act (*Title 30-A M.R.S.A. Section 4312, et seq.*) and Chapter 208: Comprehensive Plan Review Criteria Rule, which provide direction for this plan and require local governments to create plans and regulations that ensure the protection of natural resources.

SHORELAND ZONING

In the State of Maine, the Mandatory Shoreland Zoning Act (MSZA) requires municipalities to enforce local ordinances that regulate land use activities in the shoreland zone. The Maine DEP enforces the law across all municipalities. The shoreland zoning districts in Hampden are shown in [Figure 9.3](#).

Maine's shoreland zoning law mandates specific performance standards related to erosion control, vegetation protection, and water quality protection for all development activities within the shoreland zone. This zone extends 250 feet inland from the high-water mark of rivers, streams, and tidal waters and 250 feet from the normal high-water mark of great ponds. For instance, maintaining vegetation within 75 feet of the high-water line helps prevent erosion and filter pollutants. Construction of new structures, septic systems, or other land use activities are prohibited within 75 feet of the high-water mark, except for a limited number of permitted uses such as docks, boat launches, and certain recreational structures. The law also sets minimum setback requirements for structures and impervious surfaces that vary according to the location and type of water body. These regulations aim to prevent development activities from negatively impacting water quality, wildlife habitats, or the scenic value of Maine's shorelands.

BEGINNING WITH HABITAT

Beginning with Habitat is a collaborative program developed by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (MDIFW) and the Maine Natural Areas Program (MNAP) to promote land use planning that supports wildlife and their habitats. The program is designed to be used by municipalities, land trusts, and other organizations to identify areas of high conservation value for wildlife and to prioritize those areas for conservation.

The program aims to support sustainable development and preserve Maine's natural resources by incorporating the needs of wildlife and their habitats into land use planning. Its principles prioritize collaboration, local decision-making, and community involvement, promoting a holistic approach to conservation. The program encourages participating organizations to work collaboratively to identify and prioritize areas for conservation while engaging local residents in the planning process. By integrating habitat considerations into land use planning, the program supports the long-term health and wellbeing of Maine's natural resources and wildlife populations.

Each municipality in Maine administers and enforces its own specific ordinances for shoreland zoning regulations. These requirements are designed to protect water quality and preserve natural habitats along the state's lakes, rivers, and coastal areas. Hampden, for instance, has its own Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. Through these regulations, the state seeks to maintain the ecological integrity and scenic beauty of the shoreland zone while allowing for reasonable use and development. By enforcing these rules, Maine aims to safeguard its natural resources and support the continued enjoyment of its shoreline areas by both current and future generations.

PRESERVING SCENIC AREAS

The natural environment plays a significant role in shaping a community's identity and attracting residents and visitors. To ensure that a town's development aligns with the community's vision, it is essential to assess the impact of land use patterns on the town's character. This analysis should identify the scenic resources that the community values and evaluate whether recent land use practices enhance or threaten those resources.

Policies that guide land use should specify the types of scenic resources that require protection, such as maintaining view corridors to a harbor, conserving rolling hills and fields in historic agricultural areas, and preserving the view shed surrounding traditional village centers.

To preserve scenic resources, land use ordinances can establish standards such as setback requirements, height limitations, and building separations, as well as promote the use of natural materials and colors that blend with the landscape. In addition, tools such as open space zoning, conservation easements, and mandatory conservation subdivisions can assist in protecting scenic resources. The Town of Hampden has the opportunity to introduce its own regulations beyond the requirements set by the State to preserve the community's unique scenic resources.

In some situations, where the landscape is particularly sensitive, low densities and retained buffers may be appropriate. Planning tools that preserve the scale and functioning of a village or protect historic buildings can also benefit scenic resources. Protecting scenic resources should be considered a companion purpose to many planning tools, as it contributes to preserving the character and identity of a community.



Figure 9.5 Undeveloped Habitat Blocks and Connectors and Conserved Lands Map

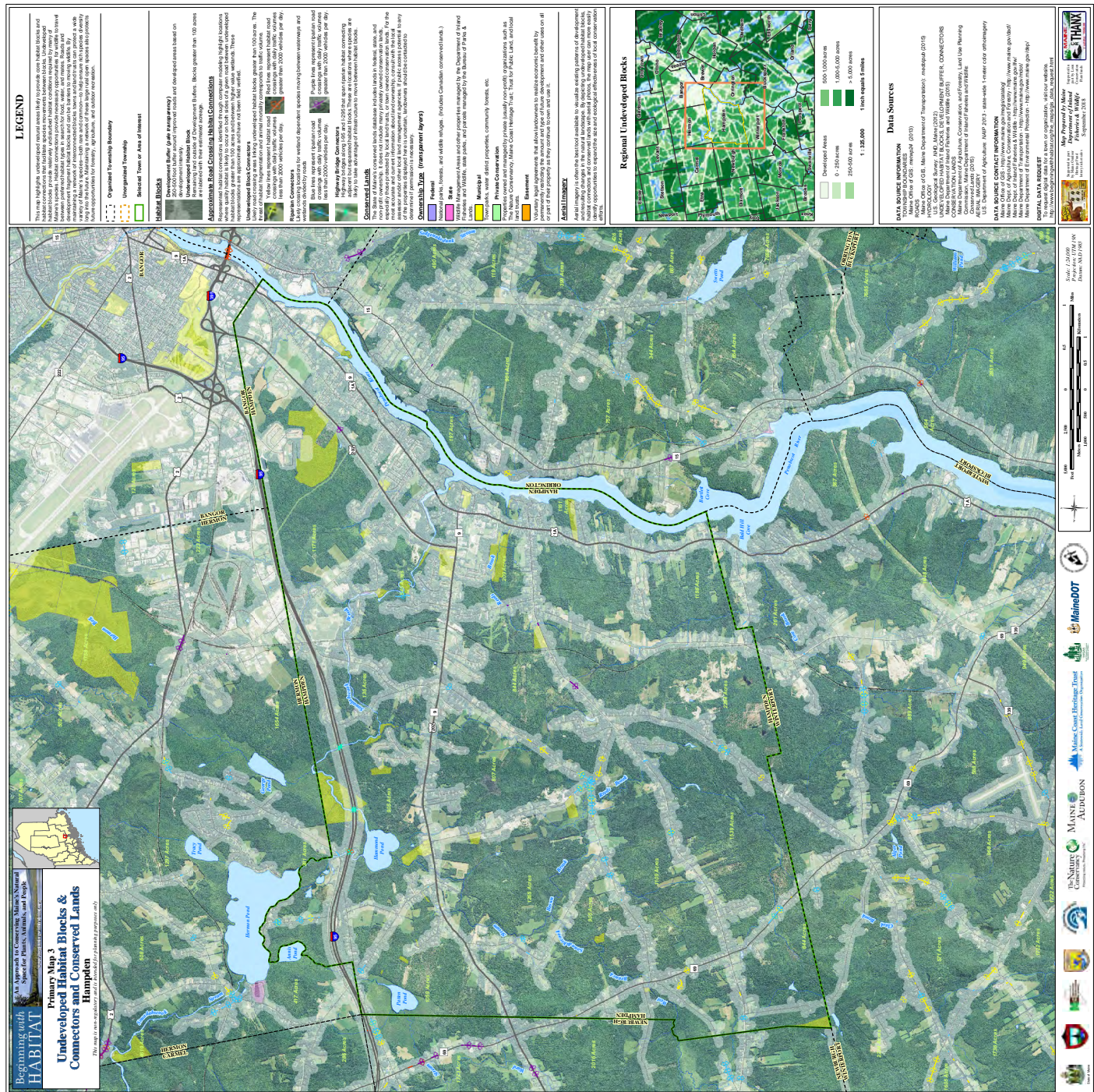
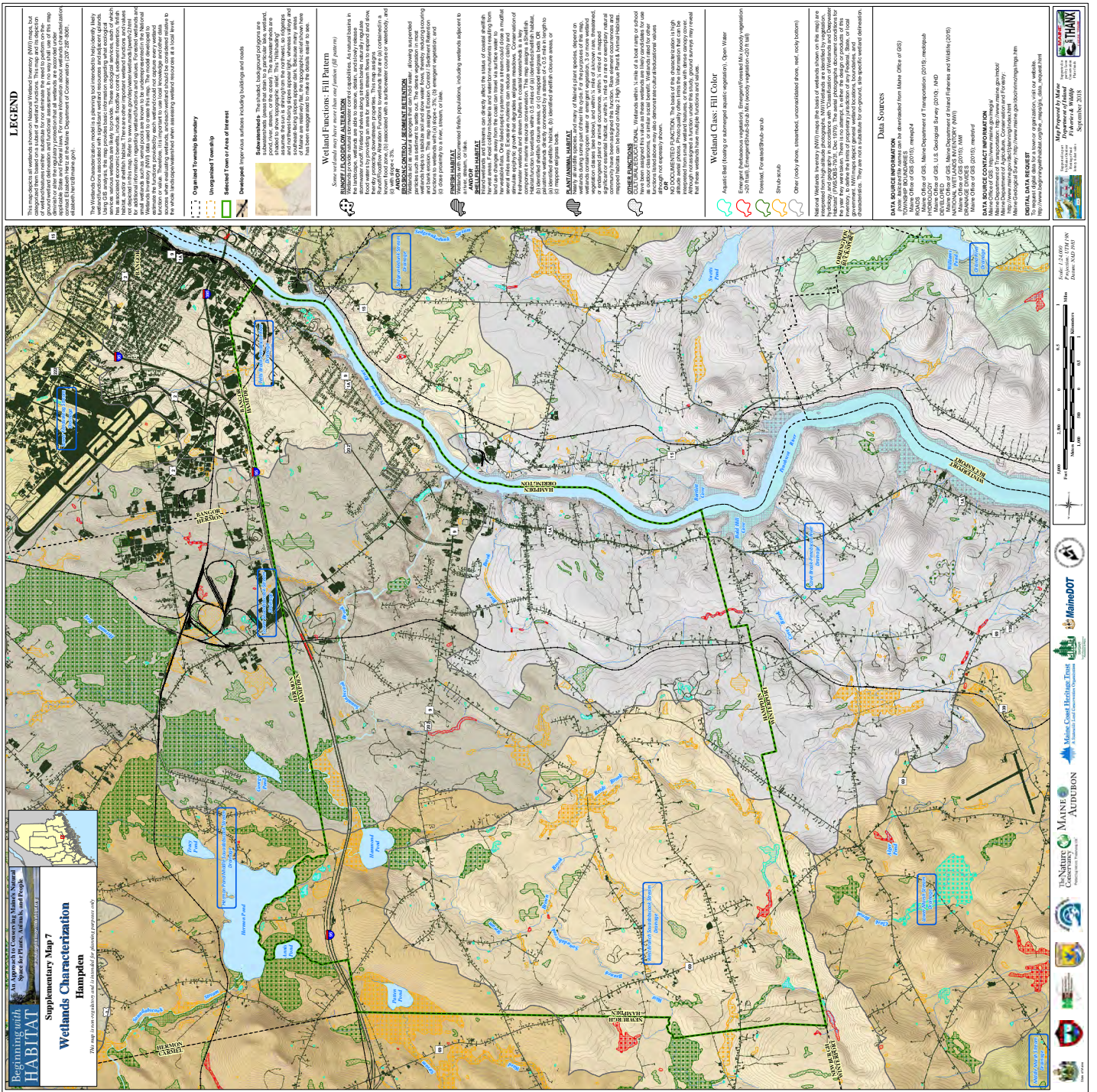
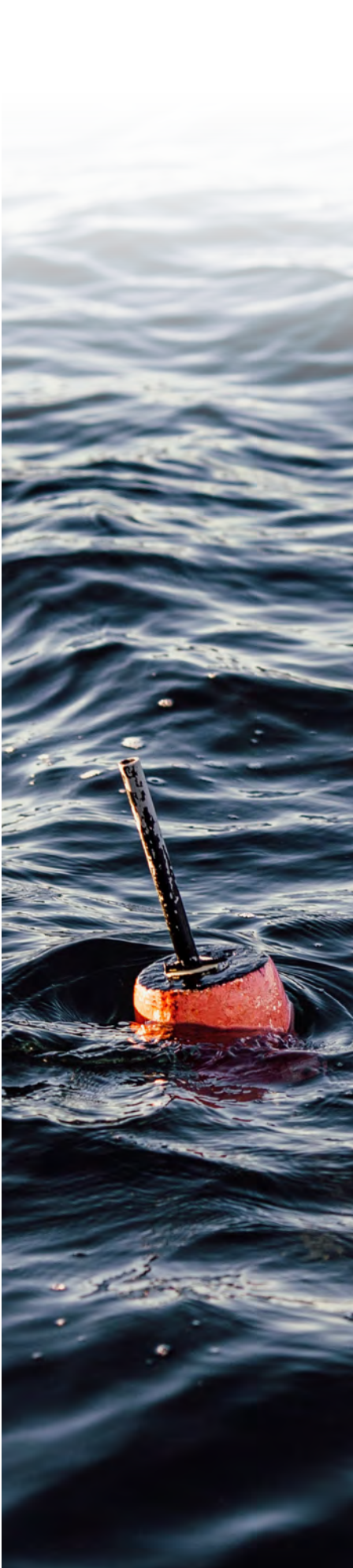


Figure 9.7 Wetlands Characterization Map





Water Resources

Water resources management is crucial for protecting the quality of life of present and future generations. It involves preserving drinking water sources and the waterbodies that support wildlife and aquatic habitats. Development can have a significant impact on these resources, leading to pollution, habitat loss, and reduced water quality. Effective management of water resources requires collaboration and community involvement to ensure sustainable use and conservation.

Protecting water resources is not only essential for human health and well-being but also for maintaining the integrity of natural ecosystems. These resources support a diverse range of activities such as fishing, swimming, and wildlife habitat, and contribute to the economy through industries such as tourism and recreation. By preserving the quality of water resources, we can ensure that future generations have access to clean water and healthy environments.

MAJOR WATERBODIES

PENOBSCOT RIVER

The Penobscot River is crucial to Hampden and Maine, stretching 105 miles from Medway to Penobscot Bay, with 8,570 square miles of watershed area. The Maine DEP has classified the river into freshwater and marine classifications with varying protection requirements under the Water Classification Program. The freshwater and River Class B classification extends north of the confluence with Reeds Brooks, while the marine and Marine Class C classification encompasses the southern part of the river from that point.

STREAMS AND BROOKS

The natural landscape of Hampden is made up of numerous named and unnamed streams and brooks that provide various benefits to the community, including wildlife, aquatic and plant species habitats, stormwater management and filtration, recreation, scenic value, and water supply. To protect these bodies of water, the State of Maine requires a certain degree of protection based on their classification noted in [Figure 10.1](#).

Hampden protects qualifying streams and brooks through the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance, which sets minimum setbacks and standards for construction in the vicinity of protected bodies of water and wetlands. This regulatory protection prevents encroachment that could otherwise detrimentally impact the quality of water in town. For streams and brooks that are not covered by the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance, the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance protect water bodies from pollution, erosion, or undue burden from stormwater and on-site

Figure 10.1 River and Stream Water Classification

Name	Type	River Class	Marine Class
Penobscot River, main stem	River	B	SC
Souadabscook Stream, above tidal head	Stream	AA	
Souadabscook Stream, tributaries of	Stream	B	
West Branch Souadabscook Stream	Stream	A	
Brown Brook	Stream	A	
All other streams		B	

Source: Maine Department of Environmental Protection

run-off. However, additional regulations protecting encroachment or providing proper diversion are discussion topics that are not presently codified in ordinance.

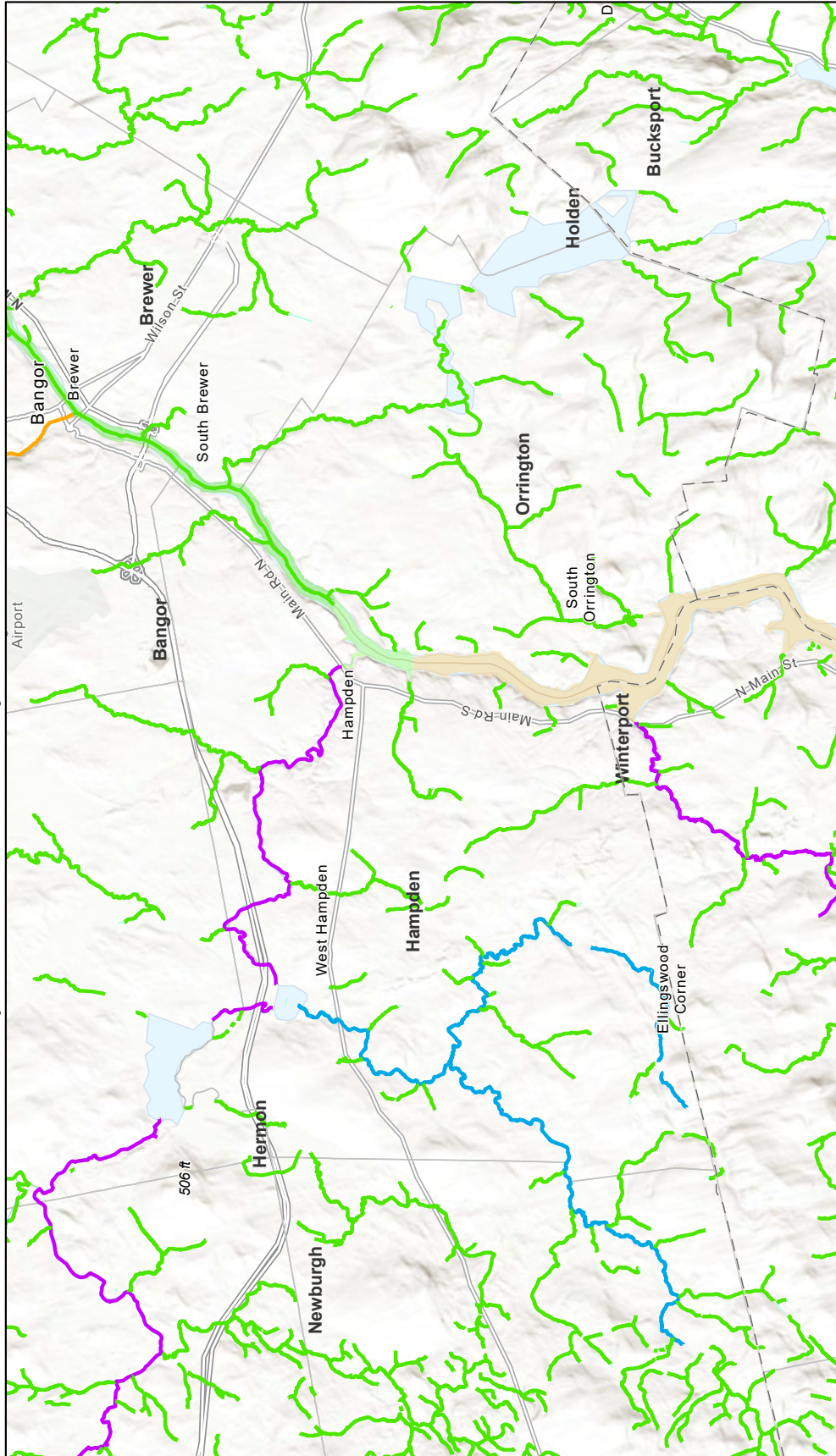
LAKES AND PONDS

Hampden’s four ponds, which contribute to the streams and tributaries discussed earlier, are situated in the town’s northwest corner. Hermon Pond and Ben Annis Pond act as northern boundaries with the neighboring town of Hermon. Meanwhile, the southern side of Interstate 95 is home to the remaining two bodies, Patten Pond and Hammond Pond.

To safeguard the quality of lakes and ponds, Hampden manages the development around these bodies of water through several ordinances and construction specifications, such as shoreland zoning, erosion and sedimentation control, stormwater management, and general zoning. These land use controls limit the potential or extent of development near these water resources, but additional measures could provide more conservation.

Figure 10.2 Water Classification Map

Hampden, Maine Statutory Water Classification



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- Marine Class Maine Towns

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DRINKING WATER

The Source Water Assessment Program (SWAP) and Drinking Water Program (DWP) in Maine are in charge of assessing each public water supply source and making the results publicly available for operators and customers. Public water suppliers are mainly responsible for safeguarding water supply sources from pollution, while land-use decisions are made by local officials. Therefore, a collaborative effort involving water suppliers, state and federal regulators, local landowners, and municipalities is crucial to protect public water supplies.

THREATS TO WATER QUALITY

Water quality is threatened by two types of pollution: point source and nonpoint source. Point source pollution can be traced to a single, identifiable source that can be measured, licensed, or eliminated. Nonpoint source pollution, on the other hand, can come from multiple points, including site or stormwater runoff, or groundwater pollution from leaking tanks, septic systems, or landfills.

POINT SOURCES OF POLLUTION

Point source pollution refers to contamination of the environment that is traceable to a single source, such as a pipe or discharge point. These sources of pollution are typically identifiable and measurable, and their impacts can be quantified. The Penobscot River has a long history of toxic contamination from industrial activities in the region. Today, the river is still impacted by point source pollution from various industrial sources, including pulp and paper mills and wastewater treatment plants.

Although there are no identified point sources of pollution within the Town of Hampden, the nearby Bangor Wastewater Treatment Plant is one of the largest point sources of pollution in the Penobscot River watershed. The plant, which is permitted by the Maine DEP, discharges treated wastewater into the river. The plant uses a combination of physical, chemical, and biological treatment processes to remove pollutants from the wastewater before it is discharged. However, even with these treatment processes, the discharged effluent still contains some pollutants, including nutrients, metals, and bacteria, that can have negative impacts on the river's water quality and aquatic life if not properly managed. The Bangor Wastewater Treatment Plant is subject to strict regulations and monitoring requirements to ensure that its discharges

Figure 10.3 Drinking Water Quality

PWSID#	Source ID#	PWS Name	PWS Type	Comments
ME0100793	100793101	Camp Pierce Webber – Lower	Non-Community	No SWA
ME0000793	793101	Camp Pierce Webber – Upper	Non-Community	
ME0094460	94460101	Dysarts Travel Stop – Hampden	Non-Community	No SWA
ME0090660	Consecutive connection with Bangor Water District	Hampden Water District	Community	No SWA

* The Drinking Water Program has no record of a Source Water Assessment for this source identification number. Access to information on well source location can be granted on the DPW website. Access to the DEP Environmental and Geographic Analysis Database including potential threats to groundwater and environmental modeling can be granted at the DEP website.

Source: Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Environmental and Community Health

comply with environmental standards and do not cause harm to the river ecosystem.

NONPOINT SOURCES OF POLLUTION

Nonpoint sources of pollution are broader or more everyday sources of pollution. The varied types of potential pollutants require consistent measurement and analysis to understand sources and trends. In order to reduce these sources of pollution, environmental mitigation, policy changes, and capital improvements are needed.

Groundwater contamination is a major concern of Hampden residents. There are several operations in Hampden that risk contamination of groundwater and aquifers - primary sources of potable water for residents - even when managed in accordance with state and federal environmental standards. Since-shuttered landfills, gasoline and truck stations, the transfer station, and garages all contribute to potential contamination of local aquifers.

Run-off from roadways or agricultural fields also are nonpoint sources of pollution. Oils, salts, and other contaminants run-off during storms and easily make their way into water bodies and wildlife habitats, risking decay, damage, and death. Management of these pollutants primarily comes in the form of policy or capital improvements.

TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD

A Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) assessment is the calculation of the maximum amount of a pollutant allowed to enter a waterbody so that the waterbody will meet and continue to meet water quality standards for that particular pollutant. A TMDL determines a pollutant reduction target and allocates load reductions necessary to the source(s) of the pollutant.

Two TMDL assessments have been conducted in Hampden. The Sucker Brook and Shaw

Brook assessments identified stormwater runoff from impervious cover as the largest source of pollution and stream channel alteration to due to stormwater in developed areas flows quickly off impervious surfaces, carrying dirt, oils, metals, and other pollutants, and sending high volumes of flow to the nearest section of the stream. Highly traveled roads like Interstate 95, Interstate 395, Route 202, and Hammond Street have drainage ditches and storm drains that empty into these waterways and further threaten the water quality. [Figure 10.4](#) shows the areas in Hampden threatened by significant impervious area coverage.

INVASIVE AQUATIC PLANTS

Invasive aquatic species are foreign plant and animal species that enter new ecosystems and outcompete native flora and fauna. These infestations cause disruption of habitats, decreased water quality, and negative effects on property values, fishing, and water recreation opportunities. Additionally, the cost of mitigating environmental damage caused by invasive aquatic species is often significant. The Invasive Aquatic Species Program in Maine has identified eleven invasive aquatic species that have infested waterways across the state, including Brazilian Elodea, Yellow Floating Heart, and Variable-leaf Milfoil.

While there are currently no infested waterbodies in Hampden, it is important to remain vigilant in protecting local water resources. The community can take measures to prevent the introduction and spread of invasive aquatic species, such as cleaning boats and equipment before entering new bodies of water and reporting any suspected infestations to the appropriate authorities. Continued efforts to monitor and prevent the spread of invasive aquatic species can help maintain the ecological health and economic benefits of water resources in Hampden and beyond.

Figure 10.4 Impervious Area Map

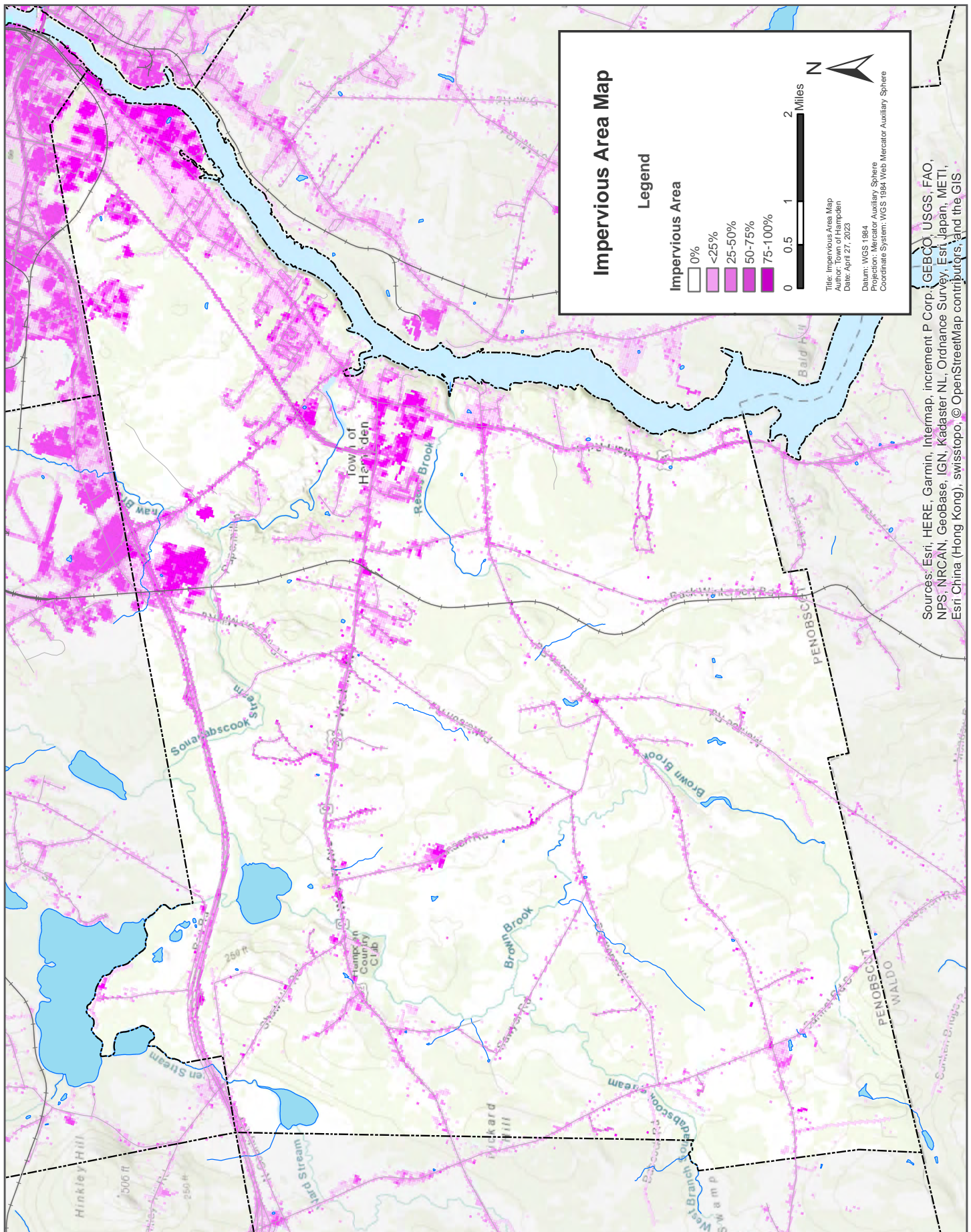


Figure 10.5 Water Resources and Riparian Habitats Map

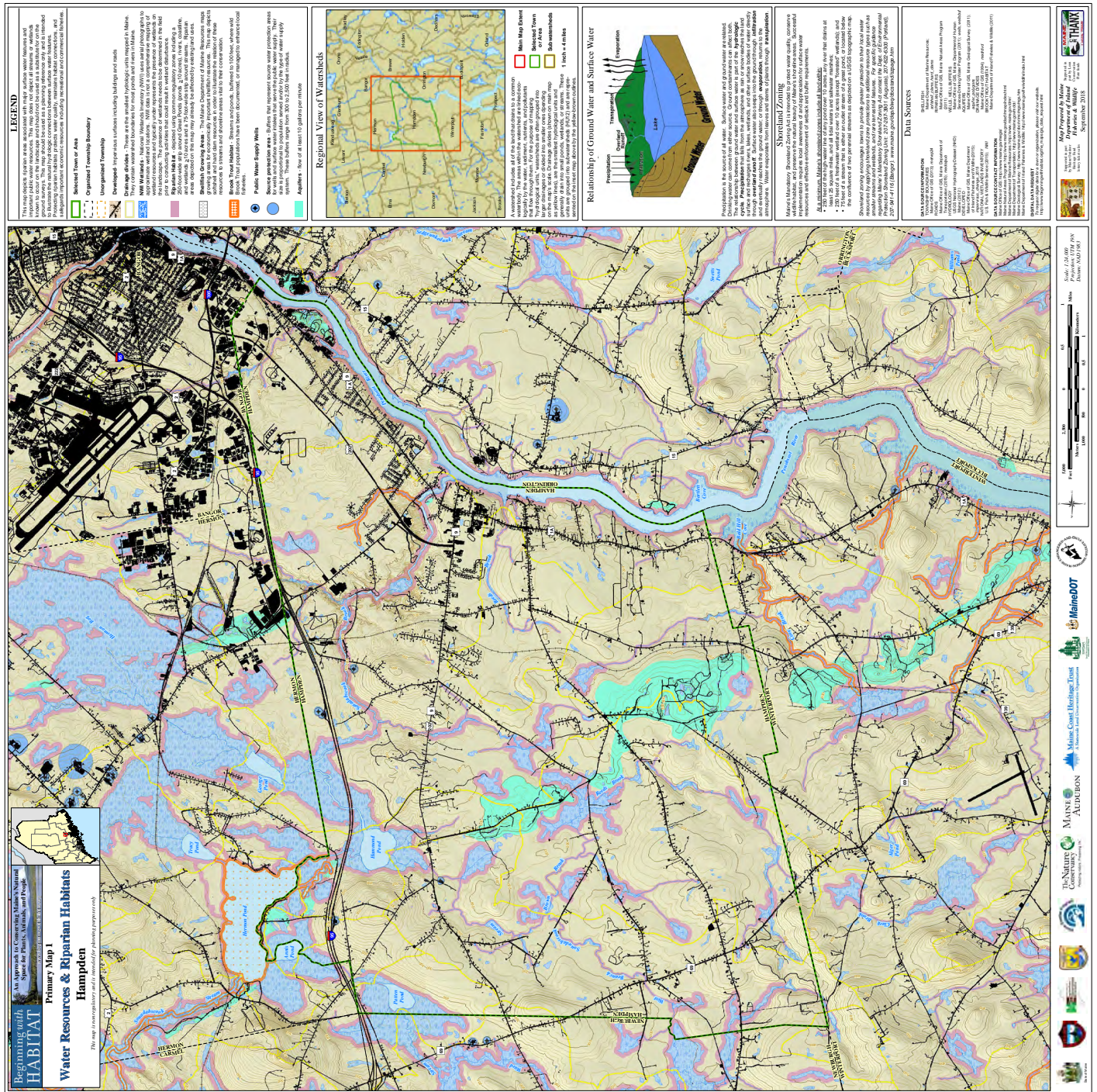
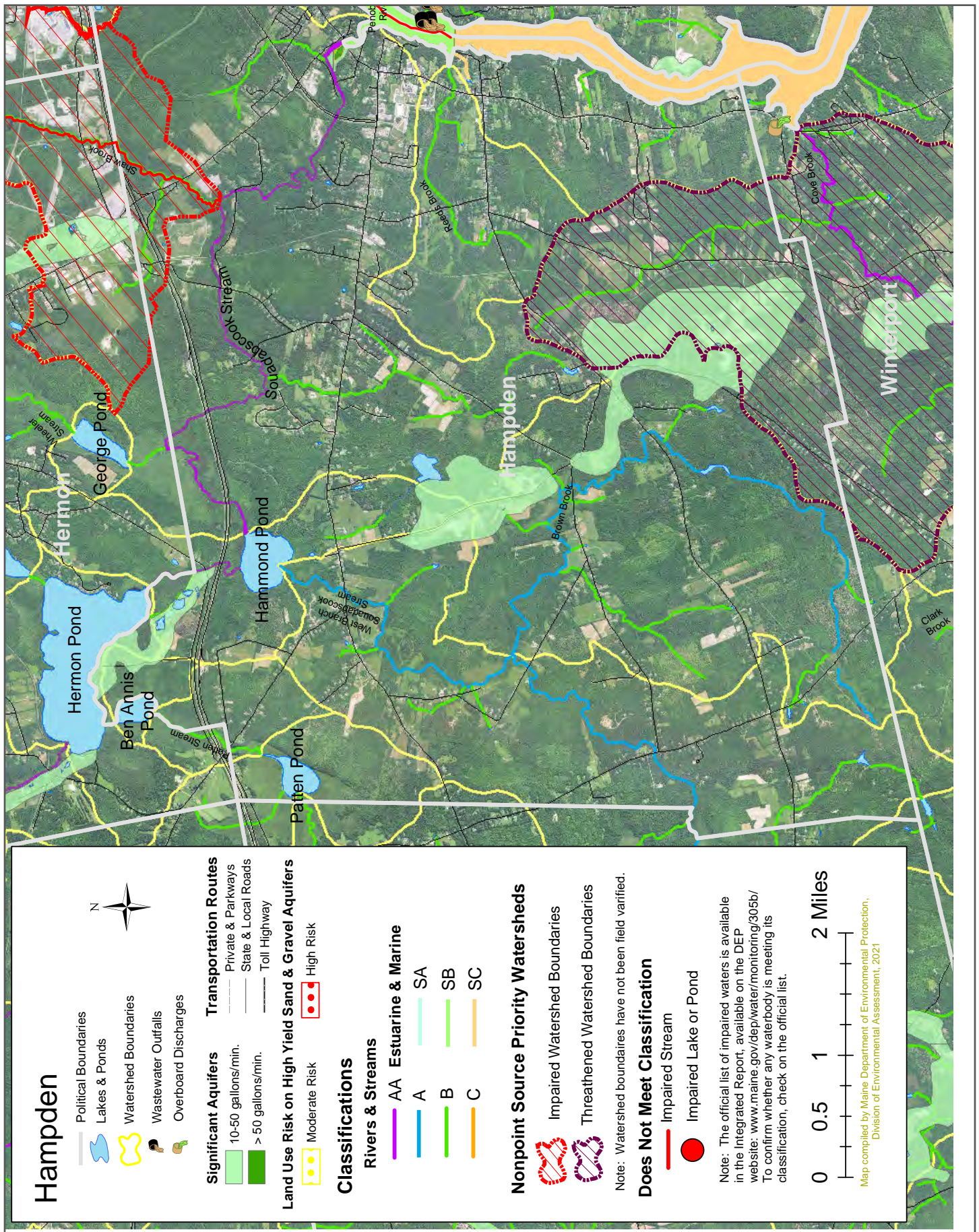


Figure 10.6 Watersheds Map



WATER MANAGEMENT EFFORTS

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Stormwater management laws are established by the Maine DEP under Chapter 500 of the Maine Stormwater Management Manual. The Chapter 500 requirements provide the framework for managing stormwater runoff from new development and redevelopment sites. These requirements aim to reduce the impact of stormwater on water quality and the environment by minimizing soil erosion, managing runoff volume and rate, and reducing pollutants in stormwater runoff.

Hampden is actively involved in the Bangor Area Stormwater Group (BASWG), which works towards improving regional water quality through collaborative stormwater management in the Greater Bangor Area. While the use of salt and other chlorides is necessary for public safety, it comes with an environmental cost. Stormwater runoff from impervious surfaces is the largest source of pollution, and stormwater in developed areas flows quickly off these surfaces, carrying dirt, oils, metals, and other pollutants. Unfortunately, stormwater runoff from storms

and melting snow can also carry chlorides and other pollutants from the ground right into storm drains, ultimately flowing into streams, lakes, and rivers without treatment.

Hampden is actively revising its existing ordinances and expanding its low impact development language to improve stormwater management in more urbanized areas of the town. The aim is to incorporate practices that mimic natural hydrology, such as rain gardens, permeable pavement, and green roofs, to capture and treat stormwater where it falls instead of allowing it to flow into nearby water bodies. This approach to stormwater management helps protect water resources and enhances the quality of life for Hampden residents. The Town enforces current Chapter 500 water quality requirements through existing ordinances, but seeks to do more. These ongoing revisions ensure that Hampden can better manage stormwater in urban areas, protecting water bodies from chlorides that can render them uninhabitable for fish and dangerous for nearby wildlife that rely on the water to survive.

COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOWS

During storm events, combined sewer overflows (CSOs) can occur, where a mixture of wastewater and stormwater runoff overflows the combined sewer collection system before receiving treatment at a licensed wastewater treatment facility. These overflows are a violation of State and Federal water pollution laws. Hampden has had four total discharges, two each year, following significant rainfall events since 2021. Extreme precipitation events have increased in frequency and intensity in the region, increasing the potential of flooding. This risk is heightened in urban areas with non-permeable pavement, which forces water to quickly run off into sewer systems. Hampden is actively managing inflow and infiltration (I&I) to mitigate the number of points where groundwater and stormwater enter the sewer system. I&I can overburden the sewer system, resulting in discharges. The primary goal of this endeavor is to eliminate the number of private stormwater connections to the sewer system. Municipalities are required to catalog CSOs with the Maine DEP following their event.



FLOOD HAZARD MITIGATION

The Town of Hampden is dedicated to mitigating the impact of floods on people and properties. As a participating community in the National Flood Insurance Program, the Town complies with the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (*P.L. 90-488, as amended*) and has adopted the Floodplain Management Ordinance. This ordinance requires the recognition and evaluation of flood hazards in all official actions related to land use in the floodplain areas with special flood hazards. The Town also has the legal authority to adopt land use and control measures to reduce future flood losses, pursuant to *Title 30-A M.R.S.A., Sections 3001-3007, 4352, and 4401-4407*.



Additionally, the Town could implement policies such as maintaining and enforcing floodplain development regulations, promoting natural floodplain functions through the preservation of wetlands and riparian areas, and increasing public awareness and education about flood hazards and mitigation measures. By adopting these policies, Hampden can help to reduce the impact of floods on its residents and ensure a safer and more resilient community.

COASTAL EROSION

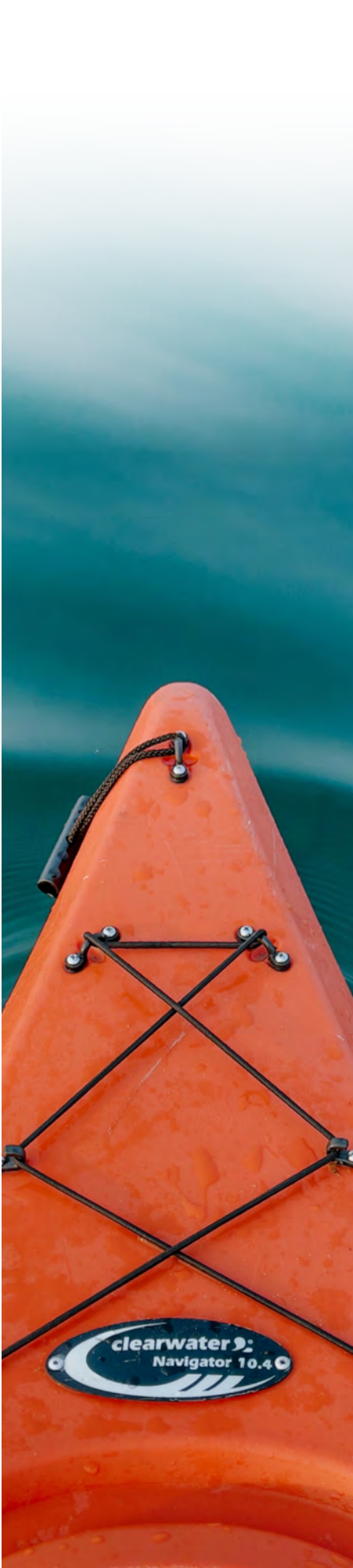
Coastal erosion is a slow but steady process that can cause significant damage to structures over time. This is a pressing issue for many Maine beaches, including those in Hampden, which are gradually moving inland due to the combination of sea level rise and increased storm activity. As a result, beaches and dunes are being eroded,

and the loss of shoreline vegetation that provides natural protection against erosion exacerbates the problem. This, in turn, puts homes and infrastructure at risk of damage from storms and flooding.

Furthermore, the loss of beaches and recreational areas can have negative economic impacts for local communities. Hampden has implemented measures such as beach nourishment, dune restoration, and shoreline stabilization to address the issue. However, ongoing efforts are needed to mitigate the impacts of coastal erosion and protect the coastline for future generations. With the expected sea level rise associated with global warming, planning for the future is crucial. It is imperative to take necessary steps to prevent further damage and protect our coastal communities.

GROUNDWATER AND AQUIFERS

The Town of Hampden can take steps to mitigate the impacts of development on groundwater and aquifers. Projects that utilize wells for potable water can drain the aquifers, and the Town can adopt policies to manage the use of water resources sustainably. The Planning Board can play a vital role in this by requiring a hydrogeological assessment for a subdivision that is not served by sewer. This assessment can help identify any potential adverse impacts on groundwater quality and identify appropriate measures to mitigate those impacts. The Board can also require such an assessment if any part of the subdivision is over a sand and gravel aquifer, which is particularly vulnerable to contamination. By adopting such measures, the Town of Hampden can protect its precious groundwater resources and ensure sustainable development for its residents.



Maritime Resources

The Penobscot River has played a significant role in Hampden's history. It formerly was the economic artery where business and travel was conducted, connecting Hampden, Bangor, and territories further north to the Penobscot Bay and Atlantic Ocean. Today, little of the river is used for similar industrial purposes. Rather, the Penobscot River serves as an important cultural and recreational utility for the residents in town.

Threats from climate change, water pollution, and toxic contamination threaten the water quality of the river. Furthermore, these contaminants have affected numerous wildlife species of fish and waterfowl. Threats from flooding put waterfront properties at risk of erosion or submergence. Protection in the form of shoreland zoning helps, but further management and hazard mitigation can help keep the Penobscot River a safe, attractive part of residents' lives in Hampden.

MARITIME HISTORY

The Penobscot Nation's traditional lands were the Penobscot River and tributaries. Pre-European contact, the Mawooshen confederation of tribes included the Penobscot Nation. Other alliances evolved and today the Penobscot Nation is a member of the Wabanaki Confederacy which also includes the Passamaquoddy, Micmac and Maliseet nations.

The area now known as Hampden had particular interest for the Penobscot Nation. A map produced between 1685-1689 indicates the Souadabscook Stream served as the major transportation route between the Penobscot and Kennebec rivers. Additional sites of native interest were identified by Eckstorm in Indian Place Names of the Penobscot Valley, 1921. These include the Hampden Narrows, Souadabscook Stream, and Turtle Head.

The Penobscot River has played a significant historical role in the development of the Town of Hampden. In the early days prior to European settlement, local Indian populations used the Penobscot for transportation and fishing. The first European explorers and settlers arrived by ship. Transportation via the Penobscot remained essential for many years. The second major use of the Penobscot and its tributaries was waterpower; both tidal and non-tidal dams were constructed to operate the various mills on the Souadabscook and other streams. Lumber and shipbuilding industries developed in Hampden alongside this key transportation link. Even as roadways improved and rail service became available the river was a competitive alternative.

The grist and saw mills and shipping along the river evolved into industries, businesses, churches and civic buildings interspersed with urbanized areas along the 1A corridor (along Main Road), Upper Corner (Western Avenue at 1A) and Lower Corner (Kennebec Road at 1A). That character is seen today in the historic development pattern of the upper and lower corners, the historic residences, churches, and civic buildings, and the expansion of agriculture with farm homes and out-buildings. The initial



building in the lower corners included substantial land used for subsistence farming.

Steam powered paddlewheels made regular departures from Hampden. As use of the River for transportation waned, recreational use and amenities expanded, including Paradise Park, Riverside Park, and the Canoe Club. Paradise Park, like others, was developed by the street car companies to encourage the use of their systems.

Today only a small portion of the Penobscot is used for industrial purposes. A public marina developed in the 1980s is a significant recreational amenity for boaters. However, the primary use of Hampden's waterfront today is high value single family residential development. See the [Water Resources](#) and [Public Facilities](#) chapters for more information about the river.

WATER QUALITY

These bodies of water provide various benefits to the community, including: wildlife, aquatic, and plant species habitats, stormwater management and filtration, recreation, scenic value, and water supply. As such, the State of Maine requires a certain degree of protection for these bodies based on their classification. The classification of waterbodies in Hampden is captured in the [Water Resources](#) chapter.

The Penobscot River and other waterbodies are threatened by effluent and runoff that contaminates the quality of the water. Wastewater treatment plants, pulp and paper effluent, and stormwater runoff continue to affect water quality in the Penobscot River. The estuary and bay are affected by both upstream and local sources of pollution. Toxic contamination remains a problem in some parts of the river, the legacy of the watershed’s industrial history. Today, the remaining pulp and paper mills and municipal wastewater treatment plants are the largest sources of pollution directly discharged to the Penobscot River.

WILDLIFE AND AQUATIC HABITATS

The Penobscot River is a crucial habitat for a variety of wildlife species, providing essential feeding, nesting, spawning, and migration grounds. Ten anadromous fish species, including alewife, striped bass, Atlantic salmon, rainbow smelt, blueback herring, American shad, sea lamprey, Atlantic sturgeon, short-nose sturgeon, and brook trout, are native to Maine and depend on the river for survival. Atlantic salmon have historically been the focus of conservation efforts, with over 50,000 adult fish using the river to spawn. However, recent years have seen much smaller numbers, ranging from 1,000 to 4,000 adults. American eel, a catadromous fish, spawn in the ocean and migrate to freshwater for growth, impacting other species such as salmon, alewives, smelt, and trout. The Penobscot River also supports two identified eagle nesting areas and numerous other animal species that live and forage along its banks, which are further detailed in the [Natural Resources](#) chapter.

Figure 11.1 Fish and Waterfowl of the Penobscot River

Fish	Waterfowl
Tom Cod	Black Ducks
Rainbow Smelt	Black-Backed Gulls
Alewives	Cormorants
American Shad	Gulls
Atlantic Salmon	Great Blue Herons
Striped Bass	Golden Buffleheads
Atlantic Sturgeon	Herring Gulls
Blue-Backed Herring	Loons
Sea Lamprey	Small Gulls
Short-nose Sturgeon	

Source: Natural Resources Council of Maine



RIVER RESTORATION

The Penobscot River Restoration Project is a groundbreaking effort that has allowed sea-run fish like the Atlantic salmon and shad to access over 2,000 miles of rivers and streams. The project achieved this while maintaining hydropower production, making it one of the most innovative river restoration projects in the country. By removing two dams that had blocked fish migrations for more than a century, the Great Works Dam and the Veazie Dam, and constructing a river-like bypass around the third dam at Howland, fish are now able to access historic habitat. The collaboration of hydropower companies, the Penobscot Nation, conservation groups, and state and federal agencies was critical in restoring eleven species of sea-run fish to the Penobscot River while balancing the need to maintain energy production.

INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE

COMMERCIAL TRANSPORT

Located on the northern end of Hampden adjacent to the Bangor Sewage Treatment Plant, Coldbrook Energy is a marine oil terminal that once received oil tankers for its tank farm, but now exclusively relies on truck deliveries for its materials. While four or five firms still use the Penobscot River for transporting petroleum products, the closest facility for waterborne freight transportation is Winterport Docks. However, the Penobscot River has not undergone any dredging in many years, resulting in a decrease in channel depth. Any dredging operations should consider the potential impacts on fisheries and aquatic habitats in the river. Hampden officials should collaborate with the Department of Marine Resources and other stakeholders to assess the need for dredging and determine the best approach to address any issues.

Figure 11.2 Count of Vessel Licenses by Type in Hampden

Type	Count
Carrier (CAR)	2
Commercial Fishing Crew (CFC)	4
Commercial Fishing Single (CFS)	3
Commercial Pelagic and Anadromous Crew (CPC)	8
Commercial Shellfish Under 18 (CSU)	1
Lobster/Crab Class 1 (LC1)	1
Lobster/Crab Non Commercial (LNC)	5
Lobster/Crab student (LCS)	8
Marine Worm Digging (MWD)	2
Menhaden Commercial (MENC)	2
Mussel Dragger (MD)	2
Quahog Mahogany (QM)	4
Recreational Saltwater Fishing Operator (SWRO)	6
Recreational Saltwater Registry (SWR)	10

Source: Maine Department of Marine Resources

Figure 11.3 Marina Facilities in Hampden and Bangor

	Hampden	Bangor
Ramps	2	None
Moorings	45	51
Dock Space (FT)	115	600
Services	Fuel, Boat Storage, Repair	None

COMMERCIAL FISHING

Commercial fishing in the Hampden area is limited to eel trapping and alewife fishing in the Souadabscook Stream. Shellfish trapping, such as lobster trapping, is minimal in the Penobscot River due to pollution. Additionally, the early stages of Atlantic salmon restoration have not resulted in any commercial fishing operations. The Maine Department of Marine Resources is responsible for collecting and managing marine licenses in the area.

PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION AND RECREATIONAL BOATING

Most passenger trips on the Penobscot River are excursion trips out of Bangor, and the primary use of the river is for recreational boating. The growth of recreational boating amenities has been significant since the mid-1980s, and Hampden’s marina is a notable contributor to this development. The marina features two public access boat ramps, ample auto and trailer parking, and two boat storage buildings owned by Hamlin Marine. Nearby Kimberly’s is a popular seasonal restaurant and important community gathering place. It should be noted that the marina draws a diverse audience, including those who come to enjoy the waterfront location and adjacent Turtle Head Park. It is especially popular as a dining spot during warm summer days. The marina operator reports that the majority of users are not Hampden residents but rather boaters from throughout the region.

POLICIES AND INCENTIVES

SHORELAND ZONING

Hampden's Shoreland Zoning Ordinance contains protected areas along the Penobscot River that aim to minimize negative development impacts. As a result, the waterfront has experienced low-density residential development. However, this differs from other areas along the river, where industrial activities are allowed, leading to issues such as air and water pollution, glare, and odorous matter. These activities also affect the river's scenic beauty, which is important to Hampden residents. If there is a desire to safeguard these crucial waterways, it would be up to the State to regulate these areas equally.

HAZARD MITIGATION

Hampden actively participated in updating the Penobscot County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan in 2021, which aims to identify natural hazards, evaluate jurisdictional vulnerability, establish community goals and objectives, and select appropriate mitigation activities for Penobscot County and its municipalities.

One of the significant hazards affecting marine quality is flooding, with low-lying areas like TurtleHead Park being particularly vulnerable. Although flooding of the Penobscot River in Hampden is not a significant threat due to steep banks and ice-breaking practices, areas susceptible to 100-year flooding have been identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the

National Flood Insurance Program, as shown on the Flood Zones Map. Thus, any proposed development in these areas must adhere to the Floodplain Management Ordinance and take into account the possibility of flooding.

TRIBUTARY PROTECTION

Maine has a number of policies and programs in place to protect tributaries, which are vital to the health of the state's aquatic ecosystems. The Maine DEP has developed a set of guidelines for municipalities to use in developing local ordinances to protect water quality in tributaries. The guidelines cover topics such as erosion and sedimentation control, stormwater management, and buffer zone protection.

In addition, Maine's Natural Resources Protection Act (NRPA) includes provisions for the protection of streams, wetlands, and other aquatic resources. These provisions require permits for activities that may impact these areas, and set standards for the protection of water quality and habitat.

The Town of Hampden could adopt similar policies and ordinances to protect its tributaries. This could include developing a local ordinance that incorporates the DEP's guidelines for protecting water quality in tributaries. The Town could also consider adopting additional buffer zone protection standards to limit development and land use activities near tributaries, and require permits for activities that may impact water quality

in these areas. Additionally, the Town could work with regional stakeholders on a multi-municipal watershed management plan for the tributaries in its jurisdictions, which would identify potential threats and develop strategies to protect these important water resources.

WORKING WATERFRONT

The Working Waterfront Land Law was enacted to encourage the preservation of Maine's working waterfront and to prevent the conversion of this land to more intensive uses as the result of economic pressures caused by high property taxes. This law encourages landowners to maintain the primary use of intertidal zone land for commercial fishing activities and provides them with incentives for doing so. By enrolling in the program, landowners can have the value of their working waterfront property assessed based on its use for commercial fishing activities rather than its market value. The extent to which the land supports or provides access to commercial fishing activities determines the reduction in value. For land primarily (50%) used for commercial fishing, a 20% reduction in value is applied, while land predominantly (90%) used for commercial fishing receives a 30% reduction in value. Adopting policies that support and incentivize the preservation of working waterfront land could help protect Maine's valuable marine resources and industries.



WATER ACCESS

The connection to water has played a crucial role in the identity, culture, and economy of Maine's coastal communities. Many livelihoods depend on the ability to move between land and water, such as fishing, shipping, aquaculture, and water-based tourism. Unfortunately, regulations such as zoning, harbor management, or environmental protection can limit access or displace historic uses that have provided access. To create sustainable and resilient access for all, it is essential to have a holistic idea of what access means and to work to protect and preserve all forms of access.

The Penobscot River's access is vital to the Penobscot Nation, whose culture and society are rooted in their intimate relationship with the river. The river habitat remains a nourishing source of food, medicine, connection, joy, and spirituality for Penobscot people. Municipalities can extend or adopt zoning and subdivision controls to protect public rights for physical and visual access to the shoreline. Water-dependent use zoning and marine zones can establish districts that give preference to commercial fishing or other maritime activities. Requiring public access easements, boat launches, and other accessible features for development along the river helps current and future users and forwards each person's individual right to the Penobscot River. Additionally, municipalities could develop a Shore Access Preservation Plan, discuss critical access points with landowners, and identify opportunities to protect access on private land.

Some municipalities use exactions to require developers to include specific types of access, such as walking paths to the intertidal and parking. This approach could be similar in a riverine context. Overall, adopting policies and efforts to protect and preserve access to tributaries is crucial for preserving Maine's identity, culture, and economy.



Hughes Brothers, Inc. at the Hampden Waterfront

Source: Town of Hampden, Maine (2016)

REDEVELOPMENT OF THE HAMPDEN WATERFRONT

In 1990, Hampden conducted a Waterfront Study to develop a land use policy for the Turtle Head Park area along the Penobscot River. The aim was to maximize the benefits of the scenic waterfront location for public and private uses, as the existing area featured residential and commercial/industrial uses that provided little benefit from being on the Penobscot. The redevelopment approach outlined in the plan aimed to optimize the waterfront amenities. However, the plan's contents are now outdated, and minimal revitalization efforts have been carried out to date. Nevertheless, recent efforts to improve Turtle Head Park have resulted in the construction of a new kayak and canoe storage facility, enhancements to walking trails, and the submission of grant applications.

In 2022, neighboring Orrington received a grant to explore a conceptual boat launch to convert an old gravel pit into an all-tide facility meeting the recreational needs of Orrington and neighboring communities at the town's 10-acre riverfront location off McGinn Road. Since last year's Town Report recap, the citizen's committee, and its consultants (HNTB) have received a \$28,000 Maine Department of Marine Resources Shore and Harbor Planning Grant for producing a "Penobscot River Boat Launch Facility Conceptual Design".

To encourage the revitalization of the waterfront, the planning process could designate the area as a targeted growth zone. Lessons could be learned from neighboring towns like Orrington and Brewer, which have successfully completed similar projects. By approaching the waterfront as a comprehensive project, such as the Brewer Waterfront development, Hampden could greatly enhance the area and offer diverse benefits to the community. Providing incentives for growth and redevelopment, along with establishing specific development goals and regulations, could accelerate progress, but it would be crucial for the Town to manage growth sustainably and in a manner suitable for the surrounding community.



Brewer Riverwalk

Source: City of Brewer, Maine (2014)



Public Facilities and Services

Hampden offers public facilities and services with the aim of safeguarding the health, safety, and well-being of its inhabitants. The quality of life and economic prosperity of the community are significantly impacted by the sufficiency of these amenities. The Town is obligated to devise strategies for funding, developing, and managing a well-organized system of public facilities and services that can accommodate future growth and economic expansion. An exhaustive inventory and analysis of capital facilities and public services required to sustain the environment, protect public health and safety, and ensure the welfare of the residents is necessary. The associated costs of these amenities must also be taken into account.

PUBLIC FACILITIES

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

The multi-functional Municipal Building was opened in August of 1991 and is situated on Western Avenue next to the Hampden Post Office. It serves as the administrative hub for all Town administrative staff and houses the Public Safety Department on its northern wing. The Municipal Building also serves as the operational base for the Public Works Director and clerical staff. The building provides ample storage space for town records, office supplies, and equipment.

The municipal building has two areas on the upper level which serve as meeting areas. The Council Chambers, which can accommodate about 50 people, and the conference room, which can host around 12 people. The partition between these two areas is operable and can be used to increase capacity in either room. The Municipal Building also includes on-site parking facilities for typical public gatherings, though the parking lot is rarely full.

EDYTHE L. DYER LIBRARY

In 1983, Edythe L. Dyer's residence was donated to the Town to become the Edythe L. Dyer Library, which originally specialized in books and services for children. Since then, the library has expanded its range of services, including preschool and toddler story programs, book discussion groups, cooking classes, and reading clubs for older students. Access to the Maine State Library system is available through the inter-library loan program at the Library. The library also provides internet access and has walking trails behind the building for low-intensity recreational activities.

The library is facing accessibility issues due to its lack of complete ADA compliance and its distant location off Main Road North with limited parking. To address these issues, a long-range planning committee has been established to assess the physical and operational needs of the facility. While the library follows the minimal guidelines set

by the American Library Association, and its operations are overseen by a Board of Trustees appointed by the Town Council, the demands and strain on the facility have resulted in considerations for a new library facility in the future. Tax revenues are used to maintain its high level of service.

One potential solution being explored is to include a new library within a larger community center, which could potentially repurpose the current Edythe L. Dyer Library to support smaller-scale library services. Access to the Maine State Library system is available through the inter-library loan program at the Library.



LURA E. HOIT MEMORIAL POOL

The Lura E. Hoit Memorial Pool is an aquatic center that caters to Hampden residents and neighboring communities at an affordable price point. The facility is designed to be a family-oriented recreational facility, accommodating individuals of all ages and skill levels, including small children, active teens, and persons with disabilities. A team of professional staff members ensures a secure and welcoming environment, offering swim programs ranging from infancy to pre-competition level, as well as lifeguard and CPR training. The facility is overseen by a board of trustees and is funded through user fees, rentals, and donations, including bequests. User fees partially offset the costs of running the pool, and non-residents pay a higher use fee. The municipal budget also contributes to capital improvements on the pool and its surrounding property. Despite being open to everyone, the pool suffers from limited accessibility, which the Board of Trustees has been considering as part of long-term planning.



PUBLIC WORKS GARAGE AND TRANSFER STATION

The Public Works Garage, situated on Canaan Road, is responsible for road and sewer maintenance, upkeep of cemeteries and Town properties, and the operation of the Municipal Transfer Station located at the site.



The Municipal Transfer Station acts as the central point for collecting and transferring waste to other disposal locations and is also the hub for the Town's recycling operation. Hampden taxpayers support the transfer station through taxes as well as permit fees based on the type of waste deposited. Some residents decide to contract with private haulers for curbside pick-up of their solid waste, while the transfer station accepts various items such as paper, wood, metal, and securely wrapped small garbage, and flattened cardboard. The station accepts bulky wastes, homeowner generated construction/demolition debris, and other large items from properly permitted residents.

The Swap Shop, a reuse facility located at the site, provides a great community resource that allows residents to offload furniture and other household items that are not worthy of disposal, while also allowing residents to find and reuse these items for free.

CEMETERIES

The Public Works Department is also responsible for maintaining seven cemeteries, which cover a total of over 45 acres. Although burials continue to take place in each cemetery every year, only Lakeview Cemetery has available plots that can be purchased. The Town offers perpetual care for a one-time fee. The number of available plots is estimated to meet the planning period's needs. You can find the locations of the cemeteries on the [Civic and Cultural Resources Map](#).

PUBLIC SERVICES

TOWN ADMINISTRATION

The administrative section of the Municipal Building houses the Town Manager, Town Clerk, and other administrative staff. This area is designed to accommodate the daily needs of the public, such as renewing registrations for boats, cars, snowmobiles, and ATVs, obtaining hunting, fishing, and marriage licenses, and paying automobile excise taxes, taxes, and sewer bills. The interconnected computer network in the administrative office manages all the permits, fees, licenses, and taxes mentioned above.

ASSESSING

The Assessing Department plays a critical role in ensuring that a municipality's tax base is fairly distributed among property owners. By accurately assessing property values, the assessor helps to ensure that each property owner pays their fair share of property taxes. The assessor also provides information to property owners regarding the assessment process, tax rates, and property tax exemptions.

The Town of Hampden has one assessor responsible for carrying out these duties. Recently, the Town has also hired an assessing assistant to support data collection and analysis. This assistant will work with the assessor to gather and analyze data on properties in the town, ensuring that assessments are accurate and up-to-date.

Currently, the Town is in the ongoing process of conducting a revaluation. This is a comprehensive reassessment of all properties in Hampden, which occurs periodically to ensure that assessments reflect current market values. The revaluation process includes data collection and analysis, as well as outreach to property owners to ensure that they understand the process and have an opportunity to provide input. Ultimately, the goal of the revaluation is to ensure that assessments are fair and accurate, and that the tax burden is distributed fairly among property owners.

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Community and Economic Development Department plays a critical role in fostering economic growth and development in a community. This department is responsible for creating and implementing plans and programs to attract new businesses, retain existing businesses, and improve the overall economic vitality of the community. In addition to managing TIF districts, this department works to encourage the growth of small businesses and acts as a liaison between local businesses and regional economic development groups. They also work closely with local government officials and community organizations to identify and address economic challenges facing the community, such as high unemployment rates or a lack of affordable housing. By promoting economic development, this department

can help to create a thriving and sustainable community that benefits everyone who lives and works there.



PLANNING

The Planning Department provides technical and administrative support to property owners, developers, and the public. This includes reviewing and providing recommendations on proposed land developments and preparing reports for the Town Council and Planning Board, as well as supporting the Board of Appeals. In collaboration with the Code Enforcement Officer, this department also oversees the administration of the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance. Additionally, the department also plays a critical role in ensuring that development within the municipality aligns with zoning and land use regulations, while also promoting economic growth and community development.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

The role of a Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) is to ensure that buildings and properties within the municipality comply with relevant laws and regulations, as well as any applicable zoning and building codes. The CEO works closely with the Planning Board and the Town Council to provide technical assistance on land use issues, and provides guidance to property owners, developers, and contractors regarding code compliance. They also play a critical role in maintaining public safety by inspecting buildings and structures for safety hazards, and enforcing compliance with fire and safety codes.

The CEO is responsible for reviewing and processing permit applications for residential and commercial structures, which includes ensuring that all plans meet relevant codes and regulations. They also investigate complaints and violations related



to building, zoning, and land use, and work with property owners to resolve any issues that may arise. Additionally, the CEO may provide education and outreach to the public regarding relevant laws, regulations, and procedures, and may participate in the development of new ordinances or codes. The recent addition of an assistant to help with backlogged permits is an indication of the importance of this role in ensuring the safety and compliance of buildings and properties within the community.

RECREATION

The Recreation Department has a team of three full-time staff members, comprising the Recreation Director, Assistant Director, and Recreation Programmer. Currently, the department's offices are situated within the Skehan Center at the Old Hampden Academy. The plan outlines a complete assessment of the department's existing programs and future requirements within the [Recreation](#) chapter.

SHARED SERVICES

Hampden collaborates with neighboring communities and other entities to enhance the quality of services available to its residents. The Town has established mutual aid agreements with numerous Penobscot County communities to ensure efficient fire, ambulance, and police coverage. Currently, the Town shares services with other towns in the Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System (BACTS) region to fund the Community Connector bus service. Hampden works closely with Maine School Administrative District (RSU) #22 to support and enhance the education system in the region. Moreover, the Town's Public Works department collaborates with the Maine DOT to provide road maintenance services for some state roads, and with the Hampden Water District to coordinate repair and construction of sewer and water lines. Hampden is committed to expanding and improving its services continually.

TOWN GOVERNMENT

TOWN COUNCIL

Hampden falls within State Senate District #10, State House District #36, and US Congressional District #2. The municipality operates under a council-manager form of government, where the elected town council serves as the primary legislative body and appoints a town manager to oversee the day-to-day operations of the municipality. The Town Manager is responsible for managing staff, preparing and executing the budget, and enforcing policies and initiatives set forth by the Town Council. The council consists of seven members, each serving a staggered three-year term. Municipal elections are held annually on the first Tuesday in November, concurrent with state and federal elections. The Town's fiscal year runs from July 1st to June 30th.

PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board is composed of seven regular members and two alternate members. The Board convenes on the second Wednesday of each month to evaluate and determine development proposals that necessitate their assessment in accordance with state and/or local regulations. The administration of most municipal land use ordinances is conducted under the authority of the Town's Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Ordinance, and Shoreland Zoning Ordinance.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The role of a Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) is to provide a mechanism for property owners

to appeal a zoning decision made by the Code Enforcement Officer or Planning Board. The ZBA is typically made up of a panel of appointed individuals who review and make decisions on appeals related to zoning issues.

The ZBA's decision-making authority is limited to determining whether or not the zoning enforcement officer or planning board made a legal error in their decision. The ZBA reviews cases and determines if the ordinance was properly interpreted or if there are any extenuating circumstances that should be considered. The ZBA plays an important role in ensuring that zoning decisions are made fairly and in accordance with local and state laws.

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Comprehensive Planning Committee was established in January 2022 to manage the creation of this comprehensive plan. A roster of members can be found on the acknowledgements page at the start of this plan. The Committee is accountable for monitoring and executing the components of this plan.

OTHER BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

There are several other boards and committees in Hampden, such as the Conservation Commission, Historic Preservation Commission, Lura Hoit Board of Trustees, Dyer Library Board of Trustees, Environmental Trust, and Landfill Oversight Committee. Boards and committees are subject to change based on the needs of the community.



PUBLIC SAFETY

The Public Safety Department was established in 1994 as a centralized structure to oversee and coordinate fire, police, and ambulance administration and activities. In 1997, Hampden became a member of the Penobscot County Regional Communications Center (PRCC), which handles dispatching duties for most of the County's police and emergency response departments.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Hampden Police Department comprises ten police officers and an Administrative Assistant. The Department's responsibilities include all normal police activities within the town, except for homicides and fire fatalities, which are handled by the State Fire Marshall's Office as per state law. Additionally, the Town provides a part-time Traffic-Control Officer and Crossing Guard twice a day at the school entrance. The Department foresees no significant changes to its staff or equipment levels unless the Town experiences rapid growth. The promotion of an urban service area is expected to help reduce policing costs by concentrating development activity in that area.

FIRE DEPARTMENT AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

The Hampden Fire Department offers fire suppression and emergency medical services to the town. The Fire Station is staffed 24/7 with four full-time Firefighters, one Inspector, and a Deputy Chief. In addition, approximately 25 Firefighter/EMTs on call are compensated to respond to fire and EMS calls, as well as for training. The Call Firefighter/EMTs are paid an hourly rate for training hours and calls answered. Firefighters receive training twice per month on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, with occasional weekend sessions.

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDINGS

In the past decade, the Municipal Building underwent a roughly 12,000 SF expansion, which was funded through a bond approved by voters. The Public Safety Department is currently housed in the expansion, while administrative services are conducted in the front half of the complex. The centralized location of the Municipal Building allows for shared services and quick access to all parts of town for Police, Fire, and EMS. The Department handles as much vehicle maintenance as possible, but contracts out the remainder. The Main Road Fire Station, previously used for emergency services, now serves as a lease property for RSU #22's maintenance equipment. The Western Avenue Fire Station, which was once used for engines and tankers, is now leased to the Snowmobile Club.



SURVEY RESULTS

The Public Safety Department holds a significant and respectable position in the community. The department’s staff members are considered essential members of the community, and historically, the department has been a positive aspect of Hampden. The Committee highlighted the Public Safety Department’s growth and adaptation to the community’s changes as the most noteworthy development in the previous plan over the last decade. The department’s service level is highly appreciated, and the crime rate is low. Hampden’s residents expressed their desire for youth programs, additional educational efforts, police patrols, speed cameras to address speeding, and encouraged neighborhood watch. The Fire and EMS questions also showed various potential options to decrease potential incidents, with the most common being the distribution of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.

Figure 12.1 Public Safety Department Level of Service

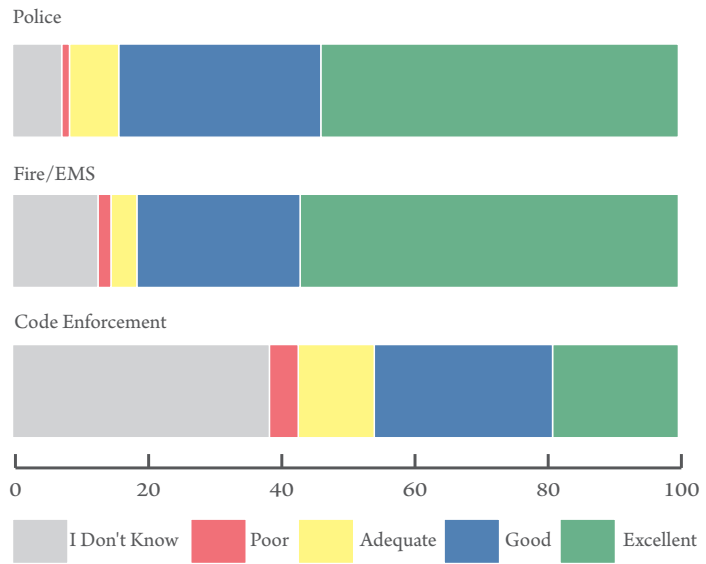
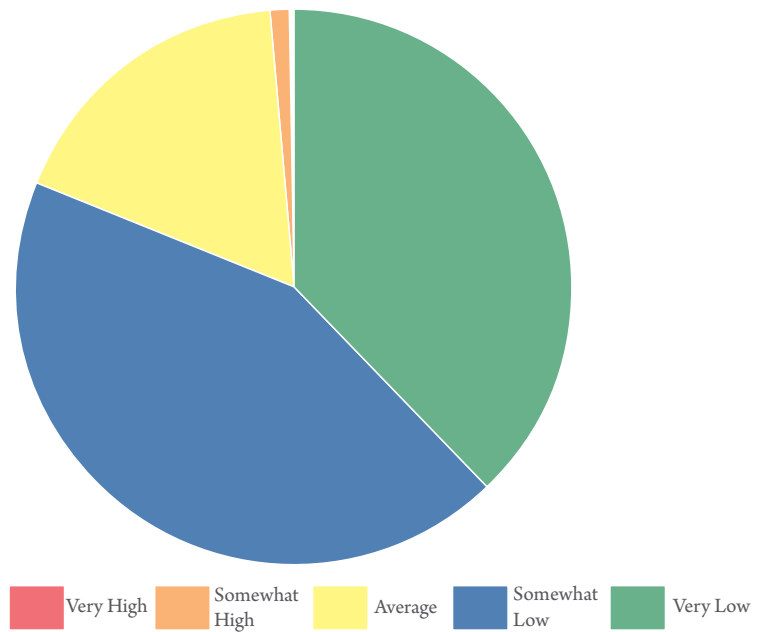


Figure 12.2 Level of Crime in Hampden



PUBLIC WORKS

The Town's Public Works Garage and Transfer Station can be found on Canaan Road. At present, the Public Works Department is responsible for maintaining all roads and sewers, cemeteries and Town properties, as well as operating the Municipal Transfer Station located on-site. The transfer station serves as a central collection point for waste and recyclables prior to their transfer to other disposal locations.

MAINTENANCE

The Town of Hampden is responsible for the maintenance of all public and state-aid roads within the urban compact area, including paving, plowing, and tree and shrub maintenance within the right-of-way. During winter, the salt shed at the garage stores salts used for ice melt along the roadways, but it was built according to the State of Maine's requirements as the site is located directly over an aquifer. The Public Works Department is also responsible for maintaining their buildings, including the municipal building and all municipal grounds such as cemeteries and recreation areas, as well as their own vehicles and equipment.

SOLID WASTE

The Town of Hampden has been a charter member of the Municipal Review Committee (MRC) since its organization in 1991. The committee's main goal is to ensure the availability of long-term, reliable, safe, and environmentally friendly methods of solid waste disposal at stable and reasonable costs. The station serves as the central collection point before the waste is transferred to other disposal locations. The transfer station also functions as the recycling center, providing containers for the collection of glass, newspaper, cardboard, and metals. Additionally, the Town chips wood brush at the transfer station for reuse. However, bulky wastes such as "white goods," "construction/demolition debris," and "brown goods," which are unacceptable for PERC disposal, can also be taken to the transfer station. These items must be delivered separately and placed in the appropriate staging area according to facility requirements.

HAZARDOUS WASTE

The Town of Hampden does not accept hazardous waste at the Transfer Station. The Town does accept universal waste like electronics, fluorescent and CFL lightbulbs, and rechargeable batteries.

RECYCLING AND COMPOSTING

The Maine DEP regulates solid waste management in the state and has established a mandatory recycling program for certain materials, including paper, cardboard, glass, metal cans, and plastic containers. The DEP also encourages composting and has established guidelines for the management of food waste.

Each community in Maine is required to submit an annual report to the DEP regarding its solid waste management practices. The report includes information on the amount and type of waste generated and disposed of, as well as the amount and type of waste recycled and composted.

Although Hampden does not have a dedicated recycling facility, it can encourage better recycling and composting practices through educational outreach, regional partnerships, partnerships with local businesses, and adoption of waste reduction strategies, such as source reduction or reuse, to minimize the amount of waste generated in the first place.

PINE TREE LANDFILL

The Pine Tree Landfill is a 160-acre site located on Emerson Mill Road that was first opened in 1975. The original conventional landfill operated until 1992, accepting municipal solid waste (MSW), clean oil spill

debris, construction and demolition debris, and asbestos. The remaining three facilities were secure landfills equipped with liners and leachate collection systems. The site closed in 2011 after a three-year shutdown period and is currently in its thirteenth year of the 30-year post-closure period.

The site currently operates as a transfer station for construction and bulky waste, despite facing opposition from community members over health concerns. The landfill's owners have been cited for various violations by state regulators and faced legal challenges from the community. Today, the Environmental Trust oversees funds related to the remediation of the secure landfill sites as well as funds projects that promoted domestic water supply, air or ground water quality protection or improvement, or protection or improvement of surface waters in the area.

COASTAL RESOURCES/MRC

The MRC Board was incorporated June 7th, 1991 with the goal of looking at waste solutions for the entire region. Coastal Resources is a facility with the purpose of processing municipal solid waste. The MRC represents 133 municipalities that deliver municipal solid waste to the PERC. The Coastal Resources (formerly Fiberight) complex was approved by the Town of Hampden in 2016 after a series of public hearings and preliminary designs. The MRC objective in support of the project was to replace the PERC facility by 2018 and to deliver at least 150,000 tons of municipal solid waste per year starting in 2018. This was eventually delayed until 2019. The complex closed in 2020 and MRC has actively been working with partners to reopen.



Hampden Municipal Transfer Station

Source: Google Earth (2021)

MUNICIPAL WATER

Municipal water comes from several sources in town, including natural springs and wells. The Hampden Water District operates four wells and several spring sources within the town, and the water is treated at the Water Treatment Plant located on Kennebec Road before distribution to customers. Other water supply comes from the Bangor Water District. The extent of the municipal water service area is shown on the Utilities Map.

HAMPDEN WATER DISTRICT

The Hampden Water District serves 1,734 customers, provides fire protection through 172 hydrants, with 34.6 miles of water mains, distributing more than 297,000 GPD and more than 108,349,000 gallons of water in 2006. The District stores 1.25 million gallons of water between two storage facilities located on the Old County Road and the Kennebec Road. These storage facilities allow the District to meet peak system demand (515,000 gallons in 2006) while maintaining adequate fire protection. The Hampden Water District in conjunction with the Bangor Water District conducts a variety of activities and tests relating to water quality, distribution and other matters important to maintaining and providing our customers with safe, reliable, and low-cost drinking water.

LIMITATIONS TO SERVICE

Increased demand for water can cause strain on the municipal water supply system, which may not have enough capacity to meet the needs of a growing population. This can result in lower water pressure, inadequate supply during peak demand periods, and water shortages. To address this issue, municipalities may need to invest in expanding their water supply infrastructure, which can be costly.

Aging infrastructure can also be a challenge for municipalities, as older pipes and treatment facilities may be more prone to leaks, breaks, and malfunctions. This can lead to disruptions



in the water supply, contamination of water sources, and increased maintenance costs. In some cases, aging infrastructure may need to be replaced or upgraded to ensure the safety and reliability of the water supply.

Contamination of water resources can pose a serious threat to the safety and quality of municipal potable water supplies. Sources of contamination can include agricultural runoff, industrial pollution, and naturally occurring contaminants like arsenic and radon. Municipalities must take measures to prevent contamination and regularly test their water supply to ensure it meets health and safety standards. In the event of a contamination event, municipalities may need to issue boil water advisories or take other measures to protect public health.

Overall, it is important for the Town to address the challenges of increased demand, aging infrastructure, and contamination of water resources in order to ensure the safety and reliability of their potable water supply.

FUTURE PLANS OR EXPANSIONS

The Water District is responsible for providing water to the majority of the urbanized areas of Hampden. Public water service is available everywhere there is public sewer service, and there are water lines in areas where gravity sewer service is not available. The Water District has a plan to improve fire flow in areas experiencing limited pressure and flow by interconnecting the two existing water storage tanks with a twelve-inch main across the Four Mile Square. The district also has the capacity to extend service to the Ammo Industrial area and areas surrounding Pine Tree Landfill off the Emerson Mill Road in the event of groundwater contamination in residential wells. The Water District has a secure contract with the Bangor Water District to meet the future water needs of Hampden. The Town should review potential water conservation measures in new construction at the request of the Water District.

MUNICIPAL SEWER

CURRENT CAPACITY

Hampden currently has approximately 31 miles of sanitary sewer serving an estimated service area of 3,275 acres. The primary interceptor lines were constructed during the period of 1983-1985, with intermittent completion of minor lines and upgrades. The Utilities Map delineates the range of the sewer system's coverage.

The Town's system presently includes 9 pump stations. While several of the pump stations serve limited geographic areas, 3 pump stations are an integral part of a major service area. The primary pump station for the Town is situated at the rear of the Hampden Water District Office and receives wastewater from areas with sewer service south of Westbrook Terrace. On the other hand, all areas with sewer service north of Westbrook Terrace Extension are gravity-fed to the treatment plant located in Bangor.

The Town's sewer system is linked to the Wastewater Treatment Facility of the City of Bangor, which has been offering primary and secondary treatment services since 1993. As per the current agreement with the City of Bangor, an average daily flow of 840,000 gallons per day (GPD) is allowed. Presently, the facility receives 540,000 GPD of wastewater on an average daily basis, with peak 30-day flows of 1,500,000 GPD during wet times of the year. To mitigate the possibility of combined sewer overflows (CSOs) during intense rainfall events, the Town actively implements an annual program to upgrade sewer lines, aiming to minimize inflow and infiltration. Additionally, the Town has strict regulations on new sewer construction, disallowing new sewer expansions that necessitate individual lots or sections of developments to be pumped into the main system.

CURRENT SEWER POLICY

Given that Hampden's sewer system represents a substantial public investment, the Public Works Department places a high priority on maintaining it. To ensure the maximum benefit for existing and future users, new sewer extensions should be designed and constructed to minimize infiltration and maintenance expenses. While constructing pump stations and shallow lines may have lower initial costs, a gravity system represents a better long-term investment for the municipality. It is advisable for the Town to persist in its policy of strongly discouraging pump stations in the extension of new services.

However, this policy on pump stations should not prevent the development of individual sites that require pumping to the existing sewer. In such instances, the ownership and maintenance of pump stations should remain under the responsibility of the property owner. Nonetheless, the Town's policy should remain adaptable as the development of large acreages in the future may necessitate a pump station if all other options are exhausted. The municipality should only accept this type of infrastructure if it is a fiscally sustainable project, i.e., the ratio of private investment to public investment is reasonable enough to allow the Town to finance the infrastructure through tax revenues.

FUTURE PLANS OR EXPANSIONS

In the Economy chapter, it has been suggested that future expansions of the sewer system could serve as a catalyst for economic growth in areas such as Coldbrook Road and Four Mile Square. These expansions have the potential to support higher density residential development, provide new commercial opportunities, and enhance the overall system's redundancy. However, such projects require careful consideration as they entail significant infrastructure costs. To maximize the benefits of such expansions, land use regulations must be refined to promote the type of development recommended by the community and outlined throughout this plan.

ALTERNATIVE COMMUNITY WASTEWATER SYSTEMS

In less developed areas, the consideration of community wastewater facilities may prove to be a viable alternative. Shared systems allow for development on smaller lots, which may not be possible with individual septic systems. Developers and users bear the cost of these shared systems rather than the town as a whole. When major subdivision proposals are presented, the Planning Board may request developers' proposals for community wastewater facilities, provided that there are adequate ordinance standards in place. The costs of these systems are often offset by the increase in allowable units and the cost savings for developers in planned developments.



STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

CURRENT SYSTEM

The stormwater system in Hampden comprises a combination of old and new infrastructure. Along the main arterial roadways, catch basins and stormwater pipes are used, while newer subdivisions feature roadside drainage ways and stormwater detention ponds. Rural areas primarily rely on stormwater ditches along public or private roads.

The development of new stormwater management components is regulated by the Subdivision Ordinance. Additionally, federal and state laws require the implementation of Post-Construction Stormwater Management Plans and monitoring of compliance with such plans. To comply with federal regulations and Maine's Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) General Permit, the ordinance outlines methods for post-construction stormwater management and minimum control measures.

FUTURE PLANS OR EXPANSIONS

The Town is facing challenges in managing stormwater due to the current development patterns which often result in siloed systems such as detention ponds or stormwater systems that do not consider larger regional stormwater systems. This has made it less effective to manage stormwater, particularly in more urbanized areas. To address this issue, stormwater review and downstream impacts should be expanded as a part of any substantial development review, with oversizing systems to support off-site run-on concerns.

Moreover, the Town is developing a Low Impact Development Ordinance to minimize the adverse effects of new development and redevelopment on the environment. This ordinance will establish methods for implementing low impact development strategies in compliance with the minimum control measure requirements of the federal Clean Water Act, federal regulations, and the MS4 General Permit. The ordinance will protect sensitive areas, provide on-site stormwater volume control, provide treatment of stormwater, minimize impervious areas, and better regulate and manage the impacts of stormwater on the infrastructure.



EDUCATION

Hampden is a member of Maine School Administrative District (RSU) #22, which serves Hampden, Newburgh, Winterport, and Frankfort. The district's school age population is constantly changing due to continued residential growth in the region. The district is overseen by a school board and manages seven schools, four of which are located in Hampden: Reeds Brook Middle School, George B. Weatherbee School, and the Earl C. McGraw Elementary School.

The high standards and strong outcomes of RSU #22 are due not only to the efforts of district staff and students but also to the commitment to educational excellence of the citizens of Hampden, Newburgh, and Winterport. The town should encourage the School District to build new facilities within the urbanized area rather than in remote rural locations. Along with academic buildings, RSU #22 also has numerous recreational facilities for its sports programs. These recreational facilities are included in the town's overall assessment of recreational facilities.

HAMPDEN ACADEMY

Hampden Academy was founded and chartered in 1803. The primary schoolhouse, built in 1806, was a two-story wooden structure consisting of classrooms on the first floor and a second floor to later be used by the Congregational Society as a church. A fire destroyed the original wooden schoolhouse in 1842, leading to the construction of the Old Hampden Academy, a brick building that still stands today and is the oldest building in Maine still used for daily classes. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



Hampden Academy Front Entrance

Source: WBRC

In 2012, a new Hampden Academy was constructed on the RSU 22 educational campus, adjacent to other educational facilities in Hampden, at a cost of \$51.6 million. Due to population growth in Hampden and nearby service towns, a third story was recently added to the new complex. As the region continues to grow, the school system may face further strain.

Hampden Academy's mission is two-fold: to prepare students to become productive members of an ever-changing world and to provide them with the skills to access post-secondary opportunities. Accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Hampden Academy offers a variety of career-oriented programs for students during their junior or senior years at a regional technical center. Additionally, advanced placement courses are offered in English, biology, chemistry, physics, calculus, art, French, and United States history.

REEDS BROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL

Reeds Brook Middle School was constructed to address the issue of overcrowding in Weatherbee and McGraw Elementary Schools. This reallocation of students has provided sufficient capacity at all levels. The school caters to students in Grades 6 through 8.



EARL C. MCGRAW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Earl C. McGraw Elementary School was built in 1970 and is currently in good condition. It serves students in grades K through 2. The school owns a double portable classroom in addition to the main building, but there is inadequate space for art, music, special education, and other programs.

GEORGE B. WEATHERBEE SCHOOL

The George B. Weatherbee School was built in 1955 with an additional wing constructed in the 1960s. It serves students in grades 3 through 5. The building has limited and undersized educational space, as well as energy inefficiencies. The lot is small and its students share recreation space with Hampden Academy across the street.

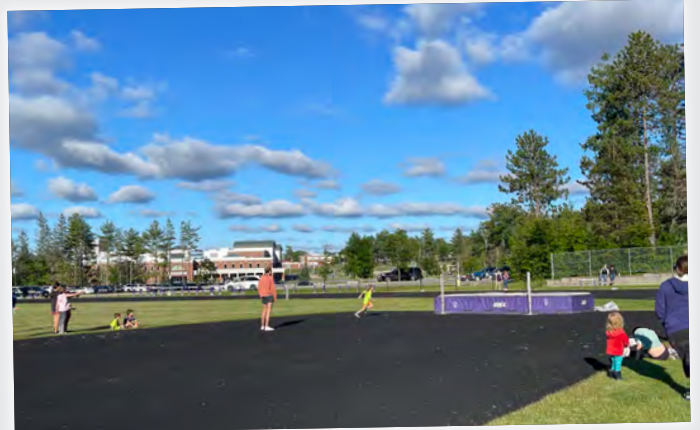
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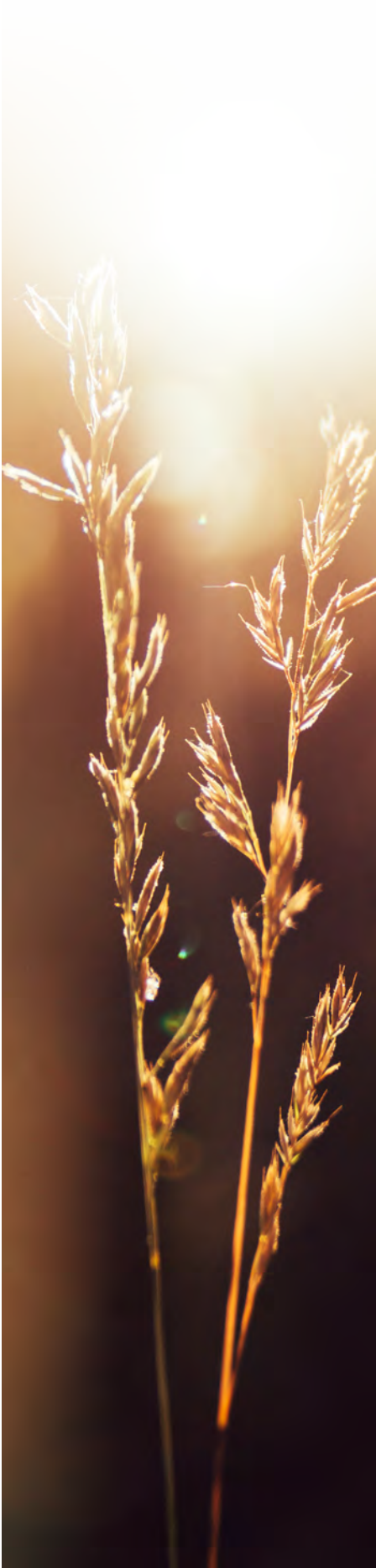
Currently, there are no immediate plans for RSU #22 to expand their educational services. However, the district is the primary industry in Hampden and attracts people to migrate into the community. According to residents, there is a need for pre-K services, and the Recreation department is looking into addressing this need. Based on survey responses and projections captured elsewhere in this plan, it is likely that as the population and economy of the region will continue to grow, and therefore further strain the educational offerings of RSU #22.

As a significant portion of the budget is allocated to RSU #22, the Town must plan for and anticipate increased investment in the education system. It is expected that both services and structures will need to be invested in over the next few decades to accommodate the growing demand. However, the impact of

RSU #22 on public facilities and infrastructure could lead to bottlenecks if not planned for correctly. Therefore, it is crucial for the Town to consider holistic growth across the region, not just Hampden, to account for potential impacts on public facilities and services.

The need for fiscal sustainability and predictability when considering public investments, as it ensures that the long-term economic viability of a community, should be taken into account. In this case, the Town must conduct similar analyses to determine the impact of increased investment in RSU #22 on other public facilities and services, and whether other investments across town are sustainable in the long run. This way, the Town can plan for the future and ensure that all public facilities and services are adequately funded and can keep up with the growth and development of the region.





Fiscal Capacity and Capital Investments

The municipal government plays a crucial role in upholding financial stability and ensuring responsible fiscal operations. While priorities may shift from year to year, proper planning for future expenditures and investments can facilitate a smooth transition to the next fiscal year or newly elected government.

Moreover, Hampden residents prioritize maintaining fiscal responsibility and allocating available funds prudently. This necessitates the conscientious management of assets, promotion of economic growth, and exploration of alternative funding sources to alleviate the burden on taxpayers. By upholding fiscal responsibility, the Town can continue to provide essential services and infrastructure to its residents while fostering long-term prosperity.

REVENUES

VALUATIONS

In the 2021 Annual Report, Hampden captured \$19,573,809 in total revenue. Hampden's primary revenue source is through the taxation of real and personal property. These taxes are assessed according to their fair market value of each property. This assessment is known as the Municipal Valuation and is determined by the Assessor. The total real and personal property valuation has increased by 21.1% since 2014. Note that valuations are reflective of real and personal property commitments and supplements, minus abatements.

TAX BASE

The current breakdown of Hampden's property valuation mix stands at approximately 82% for residential and 18% for commercial properties. The majority of the changes in property valuation come from the residential sector.

In response to this, the Town Council and Community and Economic Development Director have been making efforts to promote commercial growth in Hampden to create a more balanced property valuation mix. However, several obstacles have been identified that hinder this growth. These include inadequate infrastructure, strict land use policies, and concerns about the potential impact on the community's character. Despite these challenges, the Town remains committed to exploring opportunities for commercial growth that will benefit both the local economy and the community as a whole.

TAX-EXEMPT PROPERTIES

The State of Maine allows for certain types of properties, such as charitable, religious, educational, and governmental organizations, to receive tax exemptions. The State provides reimbursement to

municipalities for veteran and homestead exemptions, which decreases the municipal tax base and requires careful consideration of each year's fiscal budget by the Town.

For Fiscal Year 2022, tax-exempt properties in Hampden totaled \$83,202,700. This amount represents 12% of the total valuation if added to the Municipal Valuation of \$706,069,400 for Fiscal Year 2022. The largest tax-exempt properties in Hampden include RSU #22, the United States Government, and State of Maine properties. Although charitable, religious, and government buildings are also exempt, they do not comprise a significant portion of the Municipal Valuation.

It is important for the Town to consider the impact of tax-exempt properties on the municipal tax base and carefully plan the fiscal budget accordingly. The presence of tax-exempt properties requires the Town to find alternative sources of revenue to provide for public services and facilities.

TAX INCENTIVE PROGRAMS

In Fiscal Year 2022, Hampden refunded tax increment financing (TIF) properties \$496,780 as part of their respective payment agreements. Tree growth properties accounted for \$145,294 and farm and open space properties accounted for \$234,947 of the total valuation.

IMPACT FEES

The Town of Hampden has not required impact fees on new residential and commercial development, but it has been under discussion by the Town Council and featured as an objective in the 2010 Comprehensive Plan.

Impact fees can alleviate the expense of providing public services and infrastructure to new developments. Constructing and maintaining new public facilities, such as roads and utilities, can be expensive,

and impact fees can cover some of these expenses, ensuring that new developments pay their fair share.

Impact fees can also reduce the burden on existing taxpayers. Without impact fees, the cost of providing public services and infrastructure to new developments would fall on existing taxpayers, leading to increased property taxes or reduced public services. By shifting some of these costs to new developments, impact fees can prevent existing taxpayers from being unfairly burdened. Furthermore, impact fees can encourage responsible growth and development by discouraging sprawl and promoting more sustainable and efficient development patterns.

PROPERTY TAX RATE

The mill rate, which is the property tax rate calculated annually by the Town and the Assessor, represents each taxpayer's share of the tax burden if there were no other revenue sources. In Fiscal Year 2022, the mill rate was 20.70. The table below displays the top five taxed lots.

MUNICIPAL REVENUES

The recapitulation table below provides a summary of the total municipal revenue. Property taxes account for the majority of tax revenue, followed by excise taxes. Intergovernmental revenues include funds for road maintenance, tree growth, and veteran and homestead reimbursements. Additional sources of revenue may include general assistance funds, insurance dividends, sales of municipal property, fees, interest earned, transfers from other funds, as well as interest and municipal revenue sharing.

Figure 13.1 Town of Hampden Municipal Valuation for Tax Rate Calculation

Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	201	2019	2020	2021	Change
Valuation	605.9	614.7	636.0	646.1	653.4	675.9	711.4	733.8	21.1%

Source: Town of Hampden

Figure 13.2 Top Five Taxed Lots in Fiscal Year 2022

Name / Location	Tax Amount
Municipal Review	\$212,690.43
Versant Power (Personal Property)	\$165,931.20
Johnson, Deborah C.	\$107,235.32
F.W. Webb	\$87,993.63
Johnson, Deborah C.	\$71,978.02

Source: Town of Hampden

Figure 13.3 Town of Hampden Budget Recapitulation from FY18–FY22

Category	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	Change
Gross Municipal Budget	\$8,421,765	\$9,311,157	\$9,812,136	\$10,245,724	\$10,931,632	29.8%
TIF	\$321,341	\$352,557	\$382,577.50	\$521,132	\$496,780	54.6%
County Tax	\$834,723	\$911,927	\$963,358	\$1,002,527	\$1,141,446	36.7%
RSU 22	\$6,370,594.47	\$6,941,926	\$7,260,670	\$7,430,634	\$7,661,727	20.3%
Gross Town Budget	\$15,948,423.47	\$17,517,567	\$18,418,741.50	\$19,200,017	\$20,231,585	26.9%
*Gross Municipal Budget	\$8,743,106	\$9,663,714	\$10,194,713.50	\$10,766,856	\$11,428,412	30.7%
State Revenue Sharing	-\$393,636	-\$416,958	-\$610,232	-\$745,000	-\$1,197,557	3.04%
Misc. Revenue	-\$4,003,603	-\$4,381,200	-\$3,898,390.75	-\$4,151,004.52	-\$4,344,996.95	8.53%
Revenue Subtotal	-\$4,397,239	-\$4,798,158	-\$4,508,622.75	-\$4,896,004.52	-\$5,542,553.95	26.05%
Net Municipal Budget	\$4,345,867	\$4,865,556	\$5,686,090.75	\$5,870,851.48	\$5,885,858.05	35.44%
Net Town Budget	\$11,473,289.43	\$12,615,003.12	\$13,517,225.55	\$14,022,527.23	\$14,384,817.96	25.38%
Valuation	\$653,137,950	\$675,871,553	\$711,434,996	\$733,803,506	\$746,566,765	14.3%
Mill Rate	18.4	19.6	20.40	20.40	20.70	12.5%
Tax Commitment	\$11,607,798.24	\$12,703,565.56	\$13,670,649.96	\$14,046,101.76	\$14,482,665.99	24.77%
Net Budget	\$11,473,289.43	\$12,615,003.12	\$13,517,225.55	\$14,022,527.23	\$14,384,817.96	25.38%
Overlay	\$134,508.81	\$88,562.44	\$153,424.41	\$23,574.53	\$97,848.03	-27.26%
Town Share of State Homestead Exemption Program	\$332,044.56	\$439,111.05	\$449,730.75	\$642,004.52	\$667,052.95	2.01%

Source: Town of Hampden

EXPENDITURES

FUNDING

Property tax revenue is the primary funding source for the Town of Hampden, with additional revenue coming from excise taxes, services, and interest earned from capital reserve accounts. In the past, capital investments have been funded through a combination of long-term borrowing and reserving, with infrastructure projects typically being bonded and physical assets purchased through reserves. This approach is expected to continue for future capital investments.

ALTERNATIVE FUNDING

Impact fees, fee-in-lieu programs, and a land value tax are alternative funding sources that can offset the cost of public services and infrastructure for new developments, reducing the burden on existing taxpayers.

A fee in lieu program is a system that allows developers to pay a fee instead of providing a required public service or amenity, such as open space or affordable housing. The fee is typically used to fund similar projects or services elsewhere in the community.

A land value tax is a tax on the value of land, regardless of any buildings or improvements on the land. The tax rate is based on the assessed value of the land, which is determined by the government, and can incentivize efficient use of land and discourage land speculation.

BORROWING CAPACITY

A municipality may incur debt for Towns not exceeding 10%, storm or sanitary sewers (7.5%), and municipal airports, water districts, and special purpose districts (3%) of its last full state valuation. In no event can the total debt exceed 15% of its last full valuation.

Full state valuation is the valuation of taxable property as certified by the State Tax Assessor, adjusted to 100%.

Figure 13.4 Town of Hampden LD1

Fiscal Year	State %	Local %	Total %
2017	2.67	3.47	6.14
2018	2.84	3.28	6.12
2019	2.61	2.72	5.33
2020	2.77	2.48	5.25
2021	2.89	1.24	4.13
2022	3.33	1.38	4.71

Source: Town of Hampden

MUNICIPAL DEBT

For Fiscal Year 2024, the Town of Hampden's state valuation is \$910,100,000, which equates to a maximum debt allowance of \$136,515,000. The Town's total principal debt, including schools, sewer, and general fund expenses and leases, is \$21,218,380.03.

SPENDING LIMITATIONS (LD1)

The Town of Hampden operates within the LD1 spending limitations set forth by the State of Maine. Hampden has maintained a healthy rate of valuation growth within the community. If that growth slowed or spending increased out of the limitations set by LD1, the Town Council would have to choose between an override of LD1 provisions or budget restrictions.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The purpose of a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is to establish the framework for financing needed and projected capital investments. The CIP guides budgeting and expenditures of tax revenues and identifies needs for alternative sources of funding through loans, grants, or gifts.

The CIP includes the repair, renewal, replacement, or purchase of capital items. These differ from general operating expenses and consumables like operations budgets; capital items are long-term fixed assets like equipment, machinery, real property, utilities, and long-term contracts.

Included within this plan is the current CIP projecting outwards towards Fiscal Year 2043 (Figure 13.5). A 20-year projection accounts for the current known and expected capital investments, but does not include potential projects that may result from this plan. The CIP should include projects and the timeline as shared in the objectives The Town Council should prioritize capital investments included within this plan each year at its annual budget meetings.

CAPITAL INVESTMENT SHARING

The Town of Hampden currently has an inter-local agreement with the Bangor Waste Water Treatment Plan. The agreement charges the Town of Hampden 8.33% of the City of Bangor's capital budget on top of the treatment charges. The agreement also includes maintenance of pump stations and other necessary infrastructure.

The Town of Hampden also has mutual aid agreements for police, fire, and EMS services with neighboring municipalities and considers equipment available through those agreements when making decisions on major capital equipment purchases.

Figure 13.5 Town of Hampden Capital Improvement Plan

Department	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31	FY32	FY33
Municipal Building	\$0	\$67,000	\$6,600,000	\$120,000	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$50,000
Computers	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$30,000	\$0	\$20,000	\$30,000	\$0	\$30,000	\$0
Legal	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
Planning and Commissions	\$50,000	\$60,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$210,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Economic Development	\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$700,000
Revaluation	\$0	\$400,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personnel Reserve	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
EMS Vehicles	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$450,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
EMS Equipment	\$40,070	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$90,000	\$0	\$0
Fire Vehicles	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,060,000	\$0	\$250,000	\$0	\$0
Fire Equipment	\$49,500	\$15,000	\$60,000	\$0	\$28,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$62,000
Police Equipment	\$31,238	\$10,243	\$10,243	\$10,243	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Police Vehicles	\$0	\$57,750	\$60,637	\$63,669	\$66,853	\$62,500	\$63,000	\$63,500	\$64,000	\$129,500
Public Safety Mobile Communications	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sewer Pump Station (Matching Grant Reserves)	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Public Works Equipment	\$555,000	\$410,000	\$52,000	\$100,000	\$431,000	\$235,000	\$185,000	\$343,000	\$220,000	\$286,500
Stormwater	\$0	\$2,450,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Streets and Roads	\$5,000	\$505,000	\$805,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Marina	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$250,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Buildings and Grounds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Solid Waste Garage	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Public Works Facilities	\$0	\$150,000	\$4,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sewer	\$6,522,450	\$1,247,550	\$11,506,925	\$430,950	\$850,000	\$850,000	\$2,346,000	\$850,000	\$850,000	\$850,000
Library	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$7,500	\$55,000	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$70,000	\$17,500
Recreation	\$276,500	\$82,000	\$77,000	\$17,000	\$37,000	\$45,000	\$6,000	\$30,000	\$19,500	\$30,000
Lura Hoit Pool	\$176,152	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$45,000	\$0	\$0	\$175,000	\$0
Cemetery Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Source: Town of Hampden

Figure 13.5 Town of Hampden Capital Improvement Plan (contd.)

Department	FY34	FY35	FY36	FY37	FY38	FY39	FY40	FY41	FY42	FY43
Municipal Building	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$0
Computers	\$0	\$0	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$30,000	\$30,000
Legal	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$0
Planning and Commissions	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Economic Development	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revaluation	\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personnel Reserve	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
EMS Vehicles	\$0	\$0	\$475,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500,000
EMS Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fire Vehicles	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$70,000	\$0	\$0	\$2,350,000	\$0
Fire Equipment	\$0	\$35,000	\$275,000	\$0	\$32,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Police Equipment	\$0	\$17,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Police Vehicles	\$0	\$65,500	\$66,000	\$66,500	\$131,500	\$0	\$65,500	\$66,000	\$66,500	\$133,500
Public Safety Mobile Communications	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sewer Pump Station (Matching Grant Reserves)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Public Works Equipment	\$382,000	\$395,000	\$13,000	\$275,000	\$372,000	\$360,000	\$200,000	\$265,000	\$240,000	\$207,500
Stormwater	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Streets and Roads	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Marina	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Buildings and Grounds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Solid Waste Garage	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Public Works Facilities	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sewer	\$850,000	\$85,000	\$850,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Library	\$36,250	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Recreation	\$0	\$8,000	\$140,000	\$19,000	\$39,000	\$10,000	\$25,000	\$0	\$15,000	\$5,035,000
Lura Hoit Pool	\$0	\$0	\$30,000	\$0	\$0	\$25,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Cemetery Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Source: Town of Hampden

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

COMMUNITY ACTION STRATEGY MATRIX

The successful implementation of the Comprehensive Plan is reliant on the participation of various members of the Hampden community. Hampden has a long history of collaboration and support, and this plan is no exception. Implementation will require the involvement of elected leaders, staff, local businesses, and both for-profit and non-profit organizations. The adoption of the Comprehensive Plan will be the first official action, with the understanding that it will guide local initiatives, Capital Improvement Plans, annual town budgets, and regulatory tools. The Community Action Strategy Matrix is a comprehensive list of goals and objectives throughout the plan, which provides an organizational framework for the implementation of each project, policy, or initiative identified in the plan. The implementation matrix is an essential tool that can be utilized by the Town Council, staff, and all stakeholders who are involved in bringing the plan to fruition.

The Community Action Strategy Matrix lists each strategy identified in the plan, including the responsible lead party for implementation, who should support the strategy, and the estimated timeframe for when the strategy should be completed. The strategies are presented with a couple of options developed by the Committee during the planning process, with each objective aimed at meeting the goals outlined in the Comprehensive Plan. The matrix is flexible enough to allow for any project to be advanced ahead of schedule if resources or circumstances allow for earlier implementation. This action strategy is to work alongside the Capital Improvement Plan in the [Data Book](#) to provide actionable tasks

that the Town should complete to achieve its vision.

The Comprehensive Plan is not just a plan; it is a shared opportunity for the entire Hampden community to work together to realize its vision for the future. The plan provides a framework for how Hampden will develop and grow in a sustainable manner while preserving its rural character and natural resources. The plan will guide the Town towards a resilient future that can adapt to extreme weather events and other challenges. The Community Action Strategy Matrix is an essential tool that will ensure that the Comprehensive Plan is implemented efficiently and effectively. With the involvement of various stakeholders, the Town of Hampden can work towards a common goal and achieve a shared vision for the future.

TRANSPARENCY

Transparency is a key aspect of Hampden's efforts to create positive community change.

The adoption of new zoning regulations and investment in community infrastructure will show potential investors that Hampden is a community committed to shaping its future intentionally rather than being dictated by outside forces. The Implementation Committee and staff will serve as advocates for the plan within the business community and at community events. The Town Council should uphold the participatory process that led to the creation of this plan by promoting open communication, encouraging participation in implementation tasks, conducting periodic plan check-ins, and celebrating successes.

The Community Action Strategy Matrix was designed with transparency in mind and is meant to be reviewed annually during the Town Council's budget meetings, ensuring that residents and decision-makers are kept informed about the plan's progress. As subsequent plans and studies are developed, they too will need to undergo approval, action, endorsement, or adoption by the Town Council. The pace of implementation will be determined by the willingness of the Town Council and residents to support the recommendations financially and to collaborate towards achieving the community's vision. Through a commitment to transparency and collaboration, Hampden can successfully implement the Comprehensive Plan and create a more sustainable and vibrant community for all.

Community Action Strategy Matrix

A STRONG COMMUNITY					
Goal	Objective	Strategy	Timeframe	Lead	Support
Goal 1	Provide safe, attractive, and connected neighborhoods				
	Obj. 1	Prioritize pedestrian infrastructure improvements.			
		Construct sidewalks in high-density neighborhoods within the Four Mile Square or in neighborhoods that connect to Main Road North.	Long	DPW	CED
		Increase funding in the Capital Improvement Plan for the construction of sidewalks and multi-use paths.	Short	TC/TM	DPW
	Obj. 2	Establish connections with adjacent neighborhoods and subdivisions.			
		Design pedestrian pathways to connect open spaces between adjacent subdivisions.	Medium	PD	DPW/REC
		Construct narrow local streets between neighborhoods to disperse vehicular traffic.	Long	DPW	
		Amend ordinances to require new subdivisions to provide connectivity to current or future developments.	Short	PD	PB/DPW
	Obj. 3	Mitigate public safety risks			
		Organize informal sessions and outreach sessions to teach community members about neighborhood watches and other safety tactics.	Short	PSD	
		Revise road design and construction standards so that curb radii are reduced to help slow vehicular turning movements and increase pedestrian safety.	Medium	PD	DPW/PB/PSD
		Install traffic calming measures on wide streets.	Long	DPW	PSD
		Increase street lighting in in high-density neighborhoods.	Medium	DPW	
		Increase enforcement of dangerous driving and speeding on roadways. Consider the installation of speed cameras.	Short/Medium	PSD	DPW
	Obj. 4	Address blight and abandonment of properties.			
		Expand and enforce property maintenance and habitability standards.	Short	CEO	DPW
		Address staffing issues that limit enforcement capacity.	Short	PSD	CEO
	Obj. 5	Adopt neighborhood development standards.			
		Require a diversity of housing options in new subdivisions or neighborhoods to minimize cookie-cutter developments.	Short	PD	
		Require that open spaces include elements that could be used by the community, including benches, picnic tables, stages, etc.	Short	PD	DPW/REC
Goal 2	Allow for a range of housing options for all ages and income levels.				
	Obj. 1	Increase the number of senior housing options available.			
		Amend the Use Table to treat senior housing options as residential uses, rather than medical.	Short	PD	PB
		Partner with local senior housing agencies that can provide Aging in Place support.	Short	CED	
	Obj. 2	Provide a diversity of affordable housing options			
		Partner with local affordable housing agencies to develop an Affordable Housing Density Bonus Program for new development in town.	Short	PD	CED
		Use Affordable Housing TIFs to support the creation of new affordable housing.	Short	CED	PD
		Adopt a local micro-loan program to assist lower-income or elderly homeowners with basic liveability needs to prevent displacement.	Medium	CED	TM
		Conduct a detailed housing study to identify missing housing types within the local market that could address regional affordable housing objectives.	Long	CED	PD
	Obj. 3	Revise municipal ordinances and policies to create more housing opportunities.			
		Remove barriers to small-scale development, infill development, cottage housing, and other affordable building types.	Short	PD	PB
		Reduce dimensional standards for residential dwelling units to allow for a range of unit sizes and building forms.	Short	PD	PB/CEO
Goal 3	Preserve Hampden's historic and cultural heritage.				
	Obj. 1	Increase community knowledge and involvement with historic structures and cultural resources.			
		Conduct public outreach programs that get children and adults acquainted with the community's vast array of historic resources.	Short	CED	SD/LIB/HIS
		Improve wayfinding around historic and cultural resources.	Medium	CED	DPW
	Obj. 2	Protect existing historic resources through policy and partnerships.			
		Expand the Historic District to include structures not currently listed on state or federal registers.	Short	PD	HIS
		Leverage State Historic Preservation Office technical assistance to advance historic preservation efforts.	Medium	PD	HIS
		Provide staff support to property owners of historic buildings with information on how to get a building listed on the register and gain access to federal and state funds.	Short	PD	HIS
		Set design standards for new construction in historic or culturally-significant areas.	Medium	PD	PB/HIS

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Goal	Objective	Strategy	Timeframe	Lead	Support
Goal 4	Encourage and elevate civic engagement at all levels of the community.				
	Obj. 1	Increase the awareness and participation of community members in civic institutions.			
		Continue pressure on private companies to expand fiber network to all homes in Hampden.	Ongoing	CED	TC
		Partner with the school district to create shadow programs or offer internships to allow students to become acquainted with local government.	Short	CED	SD
		Create an "Adopt-A" program to partner businesses or individuals with recreation and civic spaces.	Short	CED	REC
		Continue support of the VFW, Garden Club, and other local clubs and increase partnership opportunities for Town-initiated public events.	Ongoing	CED	TM
		Continue support of the Edythe L. Dyer Library and trustees to ensure facilities are being used effectively and meeting current needs. Plan accordingly for any future renovations or expansions.	Ongoing	LIB	TM
		Form an Arts and Culture Commission or join a regional cultural alliance non-profit to increase participation in the arts.	Medium	CED	
	Obj. 2	Increase the saliency of news and information shared by the Town.			
		Update the Town website to be more user-friendly and increase the number of tasks that can be completed virtually rather than at the Town Office.	Medium	TM	CED
		Increase frequency of distribution of newsletters.	Short	CED	
		Increase the accessibility of meetings and workshops by offering more viewing options (Facebook, YouTube, etc.).	Short	TM	
		Increase the Town's social media and mixed media presence to reach more audiences.	Short	CED	TM
A GROWING ECONOMY					
Goal 5	Foster greater economic development through the attraction and retention of small businesses.				
	Obj. 1	Revise policies that inhibit small business development.			
		Update the Zoning Ordinance to allow for mixed-use development in a wider range of districts.	Short	PD	PB
		Ensure performance standards in ordinance allow by-right home businesses and occupations for businesses with on-site employees.	Short	PD	PB
	Obj. 2	Strengthen the business network in Hampden.			
		Support the organization of business and professional groups to hold networking and community building events.	Short	CED	
		Encourage private sector partnerships to help stimulate smaller Town-operated services like the Edythe L. Dyer Library and the Lura E. Hoit Memorial Pool.	Short	CED	TM
		Create a town-wide directory of businesses and home-based businesses and share on the website.	Short	CED	
		Compile a building vacancy list that the Town can share with current or potential businesses and developers.	Short	CED	CEO
		Focus on small business development through strategic partnerships with the Small Business Administration, Eastern Maine Development, Corporation, etc.	Short	CED	
Goal 6	Stimulate redevelopment of the Four Mile Square.				
	Obj. 1	Expand infrastructure to support the needs of future growth within the Four Mile Square.			
		Expand sidewalk infrastructure on both sides of the road to increase walkability for residents and visitors.	Medium	DPW	TM/TC
		Encourage efficient use of space by adopting infill development standards within the Town Center.	Short	PD	CED
		Create a shared parking program or district to minimize the need to maintain expansive parking lots that keep visitors away from businesses.	Short	CED	DPW/TM/TC
		Expand sewer infrastructure on Mayo Road.	Long	DPW	TM/TC
	Obj. 2	Make the Four Mile Square a larger destination.			
		Become a member of the Maine Downtown Center.	Short	CED	
		Partner with existing businesses and landowners to stimulate redevelopment of existing buildings and public spaces.	Short	CED	
		Create a Business Improvement District (BID) to increase funding within the Four Mile Square.	Medium	CED	TM/TC
		Conduct a rebranding study to increase the market capture potential of the Four Mile Square area.	Medium	CED	PD

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Goal	Objective	Strategy	Timeframe	Lead	Support
Goal 7	Improve and expand existing infrastructure to support future growth.				
	Obj. 1	Expand water and sewer service areas.			
		Conduct an infrastructure capacity study to analyze and recommend needed infrastructure improvements.	Ongoing	DPW	
		Expand water and sewer service along the entirety of Coldbrook Road and Harold Bouchard Way.	Medium	DPW	CED
		Expand water and sewer service further down on Main Road South.	Long	DPW	CED
	Obj. 2	Address solid waste issues as the Town continues to grow.			
		Continue discussions to open the Coastal Resources/MRC solid waste facility.	Ongoing	TM	DPW
		Expand the Transfer Station to accept greater quantities of solid waste.	Medium	DPW	TM/TC
		Contract out a trash pick-up service for all residences in Hampden.	Medium	DPW	TM/TC
	Obj. 3	Explore new or unique funding opportunities.			
		Develop an impact fee structure for all new development to help fund the cost of public infrastructure improvements.	Short	PD	DPW/CEO/ PB
		Petition private companies to expand infrastructure services, including broadband, electricity, natural gas, and cellular service.	Short	CED	DPW
		Explore public-private partnerships to fund infrastructure improvements in high priority growth areas.	Medium	CED	DPW
Goal 8	Create a more efficient multi-modal transportation network.				
	Obj. 1	Improve street safety for vehicles and pedestrians.			
		Increase street lighting along public roadways outside of the Rural District.	Medium	DPW	
		Revise road design and construction standards so that curb radii are reduced to help slow vehicular turning movements and increase pedestrian safety.	Medium	PD	DPW/PB/PSD
		Improve sidewalks to be ADA-compliant and expand overall sidewalk network.	Medium	DPW	
		Install traffic calming measures on wide streets.	Long	DPW	PSD
		Install signalized intersections at the intersection of Mayo Road and Western Avenue, Kennebec Road and Main Road South, and Route 202 and Carey Circle.	Medium	DPW	PSD/PD
		Construct a pedestrian bridge across the Souadabscook Stream to link Western Avenue and Coldbrook Road	Long	DPW	PD/TM/TC
	Obj. 2	Explore alternative means of transportation.			
		Explore a senior citizen van/rideshare partnership with local agencies and healthcare providers.	Short	CED	
		Expand bus service routes throughout Hampden through partnerships with BACTS.	Short	CED	PD/DPW
		Conduct a transit modal study to identify deficiencies in the current transportation network and offer solutions.	Medium	DPW	PD
		Develop a network of walking trails between neighborhoods to increase accessibility.	Medium	DPW	REC
		Add public boat slips at the marina for people traveling along the Penobscot River.	Medium	DPW	CED
		Construct bike lanes on major collector and arterial roads to increase bike safety for residents.	Long	DPW	PD
A PLAYFUL PEOPLE					
Goal 9	Expand recreational opportunities to meet current and future residents' needs.				
	Obj. 1	Increase recreational programming services.			
		Construct an outdoor ice rink to provide temporary winter programming options for all ages.	Ongoing	REC	TM/TC
		Offer adult sports leagues in the evenings.	Short	REC	
		Increase part-time wages for staff at the Lura Hoyt Pool and Skehan Center to increase the number of personnel that can host events.	Short	REC	TM
		Offer physical fitness training programs for all ages.	Short	REC	
		Renovate existing outdoor basketball and tennis courts to support pickleball and other flexible sport offerings.	Short	REC	DPW
		Install an all-ages splash pad at the Lura E. Hoyt Memorial Pool.	Medium	REC	DPW
		Restructure the Recreation Department to be a broader Parks and Recreation Department; to include the pool, parks services, and other maintenance elements currently within the Department of Public Works.	Medium	TM/TC	REC/DPW
		Construct an indoor ice rink to provide year-round winter programming option for the Greater Bangor Region.	Long	REC	TM/TC
	Obj. 2	Increase the total amount of available recreation spaces.			
		Construct a multi-purpose community center that has flex space available for a variety of activities and community events.	Medium	CED	TM/TC/REC
		Expand the total area of field spaces to include more soccer and baseball fields.	Medium	REC	
		Construct an additional boat launch facility along the Penobscot River to increase maritime recreation opportunities.	Long	DPW	TM/TC/PD
		Develop a riverwalk trail that connects Turtle Head Park to Bangor.	Long	PD	CED/REC

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A PLAYFUL PEOPLE					
Goal	Objective	Strategy	Timeframe	Lead	Support
Goal 10	Create inclusive community spaces for people of all ages and abilities.				
	Obj. 1	Increase overall accessibility within the transportation network and in recreational spaces.			
		Partner with the school district to develop a late bus contract to help children get home from extracurricular activities at the end of the day.	Short	CED	SD
		Renovate existing parks and playgrounds to include ADA-accessible, stroller-friendly trails and features.	Medium	DPW	REC
	Obj.2	Explore new forms of parks planning and social infrastructure.			
		Create a Parks Committee for all civic and open space renovation projects to capture community feedback.	Medium	TM/TC	PD/PB
		Dedicate a town forest for year-round recreation and hunting opportunities.	Medium	TM/TC	PD
		Dedicate space at existing parks and open spaces for dog parks. Appropriately sign dog-friendly trails.	Short	DPW	REC
		Create public art exhibits at all current and future parks and open spaces	Short	CED	DPW
		Create a Town Common green space for formal and informal gathering.	Medium	PD	CED/DPW
Goal 11	Strengthen the connection between residents and open spaces and recreation opportunities				
	Obj. 1	Increase community awareness of available recreational spaces and opportunities.			
		Blaze existing open spaces and create a digital map available to all residents online or at the Town Office.	Short	DPW	PD
		Update the Town website to show current schedules of recreation programming. Allow for online reservation and sign-up for events or open spaces.	Medium	TM	REC/CED
		Increase the Town's social media and mixed media presence to reach more audiences.	Short	CED	TM
		Improve wayfinding around recreation areas and open spaces.	Medium	REC	DPW
		Create an open space and trails connectivity map to identify where important trail corridors and connections can be established as part of new private development.	Medium	PD	REC
	Obj. 2	Facilitate partnerships that can expand community involvement in recreation.			
		As part of new development, explore opportunities to partner with private developers to create new recreational facilities to convey to the Town.	Short	PD	REC/DPW
		Form public-private partnerships to fund the retrofit of existing neighborhoods to add desired amenities such as parks and gathering spaces.	Medium	PD	REC
		Work regionally to seek funding opportunities for the recreation improvements. Find connection points with neighboring towns like Bangor, Hermon, and Winterport to expand trails and parks into.	Medium	CED	REC
A NATURAL LANDSCAPE					
Goal 12	Preserve open space, farmland, and critical environmental habitats.				
	Obj.1	Amend existing land use ordinances to preserve farmland and open spaces.			
		Require subdivisions and site developments in rural areas to preserve prime farmland soils to the greatest extent practicable.	Short	PD	PB
		Require subdivisions and site developments to provide buffers against adjacent agricultural uses.	Short	PD	PB
		Adopt a Transfer of Development Rights policy to reduce the economic pressure to convert farmland and open space to other uses.	Medium	PD	TM/TC/PB
		Incorporate smart solar siting strategies to strengthen farm viability and mitigate run-on effects of solar array developments.	Short	PD	CEO/PB
	Obj. 2	Increase the economic viability of agricultural uses.			
		Promote agritourism, farmers' markets, and other community events that support local farmers.	Short	CED	
		Encourage landowners of farmland and open space to enroll in current use taxation programs.	Ongoing	TA	CED
		Reduce limitations on agricultural uses in order to promote seasonal polycultures and expand business opportunities.	Short	PD	CED
		Increase the availability and accessibility of information and resources for farmers, residents, and businesses.	Short	CED	TA/PD
		Create a "farm-friendly" toolkit to supply farmers, residents, and businesses with information on policies, programs, and incentives that support local agriculture.	Medium	CED	TA
	Obj. 3	Conduct regular outreach efforts to ensure agricultural uses in Hampden have the most up to date information.			
		Collaborate with external groups and agencies for alternative approaches to preservation of farmland and open spaces.	Short	CED	
		Establish a community garden or shared agricultural space on municipal land.	Short	CED	DPW
		Partner with land trusts (ex. Maine Farmland Trust) to purchase land or easements for preservation.	Medium	CED	PD
		Develop a community Voluntary Municipal Farm Support Program (VMFSP) to create local, non-permanent agricultural conservation easement programs.	Medium	PD	CED

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Goal	Objective	Strategy	Timeframe	Lead	Support
Goal 13	Promote conservation of forested habitats.				
	Obj. 1	Implement municipal forestry conservation projects for compatible public uses.			
		Dedicate a town forest for year-round recreation and hunting opportunities.	Medium	TM/TC	PD
		Partner with local environmental and sportsman groups to apply for Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund (MOHF) grants.	Short	CED	PD
		Apply for Project Canopy Assistance Grants for community-based forestry projects and programs.	Medium	CED	DPW
		Regain Tree City USA recognition to improve the tree canopy, public health, and achieve stormwater management objectives.	Medium	CED	DPW
	Obj. 2	Increase the accessibility of forested areas for recreational uses.			
		Blaze existing open spaces and create a digital map available to all residents online or at the Town Office.	Short	DPW	PD
		Establish policies further safeguarding the right of individuals to utilize public lands for hunting, fishing, and gathering.	Short	TC/TM	CED
		Create an open space and trails connectivity map to identify where important trail corridors and connections can be established as part of new private development.	Medium	PD	REC
		Partner with the Snowmobile Club and landowners to create trail guides for residents.	Short	PD	CED
Goal 14	Protect natural and water resources for future generations.				
	Obj. 1	Preserve water quality, water rights, and water access.			
		Continue hosting stream cleanup events to get the community involved in its water resources.	Ongoing	DPW	PD/CEO
		Adopt a low impact development policy for development near threatened waterways or bodies of water.	Short	DPW	PD/TC
		Establish more efficient water-dependent use zoning regulations to encourage marine-based industries can flourish along the waterfront.	Short	PD	PB/TC
		Adopt policies that protect and preserve access to waterways, including right-of-ways or exactions on subdivision or site plans.	Short	PD	PB
		Create a waterfront master plan for the redevelopment of the growth area into an accessible, mixed use destination.	Medium	PD	CED
		Require aquifer studies on all subdivisions that are not utilizing public water and sewer.	Short	PD	PB
	Obj. 2	Protect natural resources from the threat of overdevelopment.			
		Update the Zoning Ordinance to restrict development in sensitive areas, such as wetlands, and limit the density of development in areas adjacent to these resources.	Short	PD	PB
		Establish conservation easements with landowners through a Transfer of Development Rights program or through subdivision or site plan approval.	Short/Medium	PD	PB/DPW
		Explore the acquisition of open space through purchase or donation with the intent on preserving it as a natural resource area. Attach Town-owned open spaces to create a larger greenway network.	Medium	TC/TM	PD/DPW
		Increase educational awareness about the value of natural resources and the importance of protecting them.	Short	PD	PB/DPW
Goal 15	Maintain a resilient landscape that can adapt to extreme weather events.				
	Obj. 1	Address resiliency through infrastructure improvements.			
		Institute policies for threatened parts of Town to require elevating buildings in flood-prone areas, using stronger building materials, and designing for wind resistance.	Medium	TC/TM	DPW/CEO
		Adopt a low impact development policy for development near threatened waterways or bodies of water.	Short	DPW	PD/TC
		Conduct an infrastructure capacity study to analyze and recommend needed infrastructure improvements and find sources of redundancy.	Ongoing	DPW	
		Expand water and sewer service capacity to prevent combined sewer overflow events.	Medium	DPW	CED
	Obj. 2	Adopt sustainable land use practices.			
		Develop smart growth and mixed-use development language into the Zoning Ordinance to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions, decrease reliance on automobiles, and reduce the impact of development on natural resources.	Short	PD	PB
		Promote green infrastructure like rain gardens, green roofs, and bioswales to manage stormwater runoff and reduce the burden on traditional stormwater management systems.	Medium	DPW	PD
		Promote and incentivize renewable energy sources such as solar, wind, and geothermal to power homes, businesses, and other infrastructure.	Medium	DPW	PD

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Land Use

Effective land use policies require consideration of the natural environment, human activity, and public preferences in a constantly changing landscape. The data, policies, and analyses from each section of this plan come together to establish flexible and sustainable land use practices that will carry Hampden from the past century through the next.

This section offers a framework for future regulatory and planning committees to formulate and implement land use policies that will achieve Hampden's long-term goals. These policies should promote orderly growth and development in suitable areas while preserving the Hampden's rural character, utilizing public services effectively, and avoiding development sprawl. Future policies should also encourage incremental development without undermining property rights or values. As development patterns continue to have negative consequences, Hampden must explore alternative land use management approaches.

EXISTING LAND USE

HISTORIC DEVELOPMENT PATTERNS

In the United States, land use development has gone through significant changes over time, driven by economic, social, and cultural factors. The post-World War II era saw a significant shift towards suburbanization, with the development of suburban areas and the growth of the automobile industry. The suburbanization trend was fueled by government policies such as the Federal Housing Administration's mortgage insurance program and the development of the Interstate Highway System, which made it easier for people to commute to and from urban areas.

Suburban sprawl has had significant negative impacts on the environment and quality of life. It has led to the loss of open space and farmland, increased air and water pollution, and longer commutes. It has also resulted in the social and economic segregation of communities, with low-income and minority populations being disproportionately affected.

In recent years, there has been a growing awareness of the negative impacts of suburban sprawl, and efforts have been made to encourage more sustainable and efficient land use practices. These efforts include the promotion of compact and mixed-use development, the preservation of open space and farmland, and the development of public transportation systems. Some cities and towns have also implemented smart growth policies, which aim to balance growth and development with environmental and social considerations.

2010 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The 2010 Comprehensive Plan aimed to enhance the rural character of Hampden through designated land use areas that encourage natural beauty while making the town a desirable place to live and work. Proposed strategies included a unified code, expedited reviews, and limiting regulations seen as development impediments. However, these recommendations were largely unadopted. A review conducted by the Comprehensive Plan Committee found that Hampden's growth in the past decade had a significant impact on natural resource protection, and overall did not achieve its land use goals.

Figure 14.1 Current Zoning District Definitions

Zoning District	Definition
Residential Districts	
Rural District	The intent of this district is to protect and promote the rural use and character of the area, to provide for traditional agricultural and open space uses, and to provide for low density residential development where appropriate. It is intended that much of the residential development occurring in this district will be either dispersed in nature or, where the developer chooses, will be clustered with extensive open space surrounding the development.
Residential A District	This district is intended for the development of low density single dwelling unit types. While this district is predominately intended for detached housing the district may allow certain low impact civic and institutional uses.
Residential B District	These areas are designated for a mixture of residential uses: single dwelling unit, multi-family, and mobile home parks, developed as either individual lots, conventional subdivisions or cluster subdivisions. In addition, the RB District shall allow certain low impact nonresidential uses.
Seasonal District	This district is designed to provide for seasonal residential use of waterfront areas so that the process of accelerated nutrient enrichment of water bodies, which almost always accompanies shoreland development, will be kept to a minimum. This district additionally allows for traditional recreational uses associated with waterfront areas, as well as for forest and agricultural uses.
Business Districts	
Rural Business District	These areas are designed to provide a location for commercial facilities designed to serve the needs of rural residents. Large commercial enterprises, designed to serve the needs of the whole community, should not be encouraged in these areas.
Business District	These areas are intended to provide a location for commercial enterprises. The focus of commercial development in these areas should be retail sales and service businesses designed to meet the needs of the community.
Business B District	This district is intended to provide a location for larger commercial developments (in excess of 10,000 sq. ft. of floor area) in central locations of Hampden.
Town Center District	The Town Center District is established to accommodate the daily or frequent shopping needs of the Hampden consumer. The style, appearance, and placement of buildings, parking and landscaping will be regulated to promote consistency with existing buildings and residential uses. The Town Center District shall encourage pedestrian circulation and face to face retail sales.
Commercial Service District	This district is intended for the location of heavy commercial uses, wholesale uses, office buildings, automotive type of uses such as sales and service, convenience stores and commercial service type of uses. In general this area is devoted to service or wholesale uses.
Waterfront District	This district is intended for the location of a wide variety of water dependent and water related uses as well as commercial retail and service uses. In general this area is devoted to uses that are consistent with the Shoreland Zoning General Development uses. Furthermore it is recognized that limited land area is available for such uses thus innovative development standards are required.
Interchange District	This district is intended to provide areas for motels, restaurants, service stations and similar uses that provide accommodations for tourists and other travelers using Interstate 95. Residential structures in existence prior to January 1, 1979 may be repaired or modified and accessory structures may be added, provided minimum setback requirements are met.
Industrial Districts	
Industrial Park District	This district is established to provide a location for fully serviced industrial development. It is intended that land within this district will be protected from encroachment of non-industrial uses, however, the district also contemplates planned business parks with a more diverse mixture of uses and development standards implemented in a closely managed context.
Industrial District	These areas are set aside for non-service intensive industrial uses which do not require the amenities of an industrial park and which would fit into the surrounding rural area with ease. Industries needing public sewer or water are not expected to locate in these areas.
Industrial 2 District	The Industrial 2 District is established to accommodate all types of industrial and commercial uses. No recreational use shall be allowed in this district. As used in this section, recreational uses include but are not limited to campgrounds; facilities for amusement or entertainment; and facilities for the operation of recreational vehicles.

CURRENT ZONING ORDINANCE

The Hampden Zoning Ordinance follows a traditional use-based approach to regulate land use and construction. It designates specific zoning districts and outlines their intended purposes (Figure 14.1). The ordinance also outlines review processes for site plans and other developments outside of subdivisions. It includes a list of permitted, not permitted, and conditional uses, with conditional uses requiring permitting from the Planning Board.

CURRENT SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE

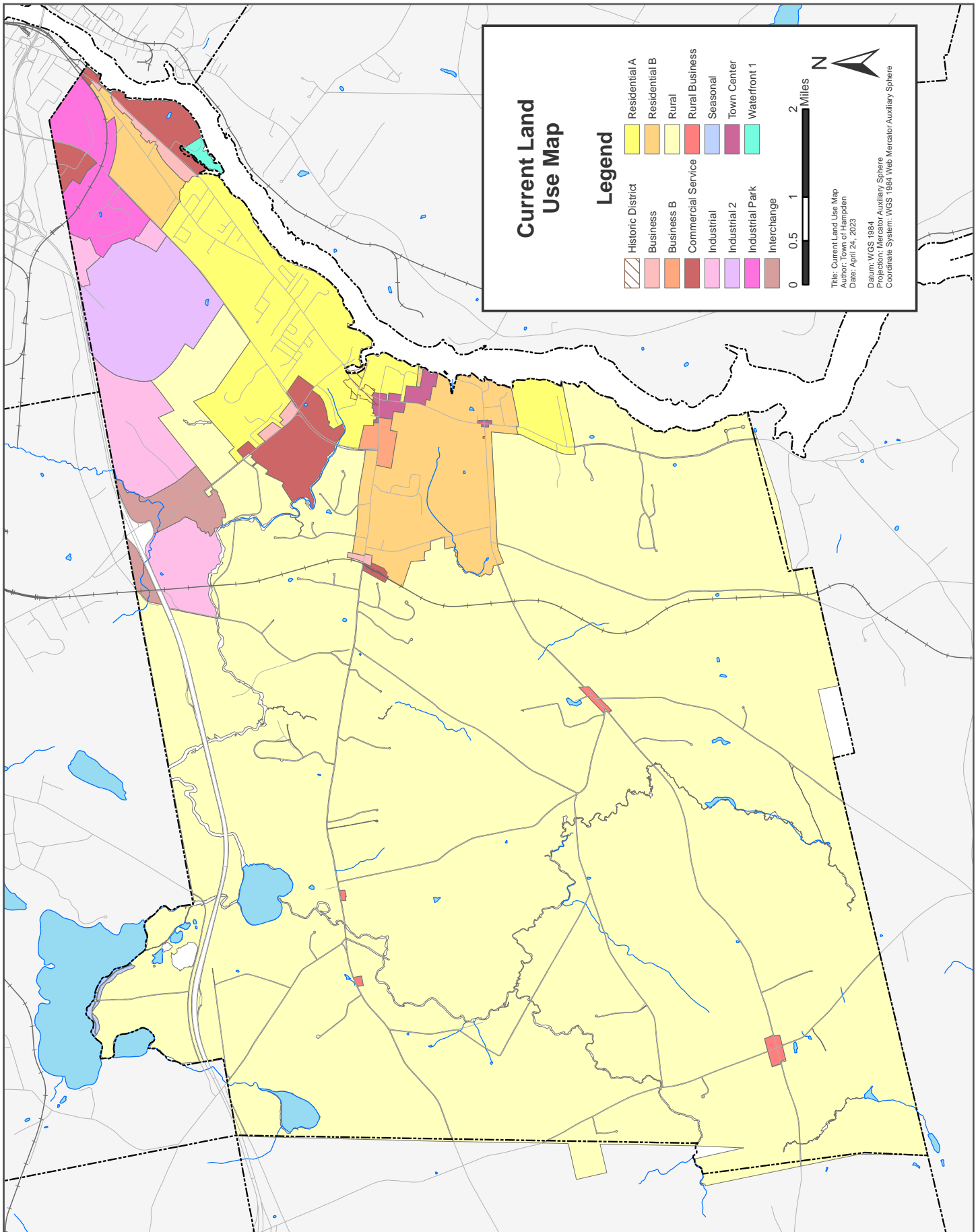
The Hampden Subdivision Ordinance aims to ensure the well-being of people, protect the environment, and promote economic development. Its goals include providing adequate infrastructure, supporting the proposed uses and structures, and minimizing negative impacts on neighboring properties. The ordinance is administered in compliance with Title 30-A M.R.S.A. Section 4401-4407.

The ordinance defines two types of subdivisions for the purposes of permitting and review.

A minor subdivision is a subdivision that involves no new infrastructure (road, water, sewer, or stormwater management system), with a maximum of five (5) dwelling units (or lots, including the parent parcel).

A major subdivision is a subdivision that involves no new infrastructure but that has more than five (5) dwelling units (or lots, including the parent parcel); or involves new infrastructure regardless of intended ownership of the infrastructure (public or private) and that has any number of lots; or any cluster subdivision; or any nonresidential subdivision.

Figure 14.2 Current Land Use Map



SURVEY RESULTS

Figure 14.3 displays the results of a survey that asked respondents about their preferred development patterns for the community. The survey included questions about specific planning techniques, and respondents indicated that they most desired revitalization of town centers and pedestrian-oriented development.

To prioritize the revitalization of the town center, the town should first conduct a thorough analysis of the area. This includes understanding the current state of the town center, including any infrastructure and zoning issues, as well as identifying potential opportunities for improvement. The town should then develop a comprehensive plan that includes input from stakeholders and community members to create a vision for the future of the town center. This plan should prioritize the revitalization of the town center as a key goal, with specific actions and timelines for implementation.

Pedestrian-oriented development is a planning approach that prioritizes the needs of pedestrians, cyclists, and other non-motorized transportation modes. This approach aims to create a safer, more accessible, and more enjoyable environment for pedestrians by designing streets, sidewalks, and other public spaces with their needs in mind. Examples of pedestrian-oriented development include widened sidewalks, designated bike lanes, and traffic-calming measures such as roundabouts. This approach can help to reduce traffic congestion, improve public health, and increase community cohesion by creating more walkable and livable neighborhoods.

Figure 14.3 Preferred Planning Techniques

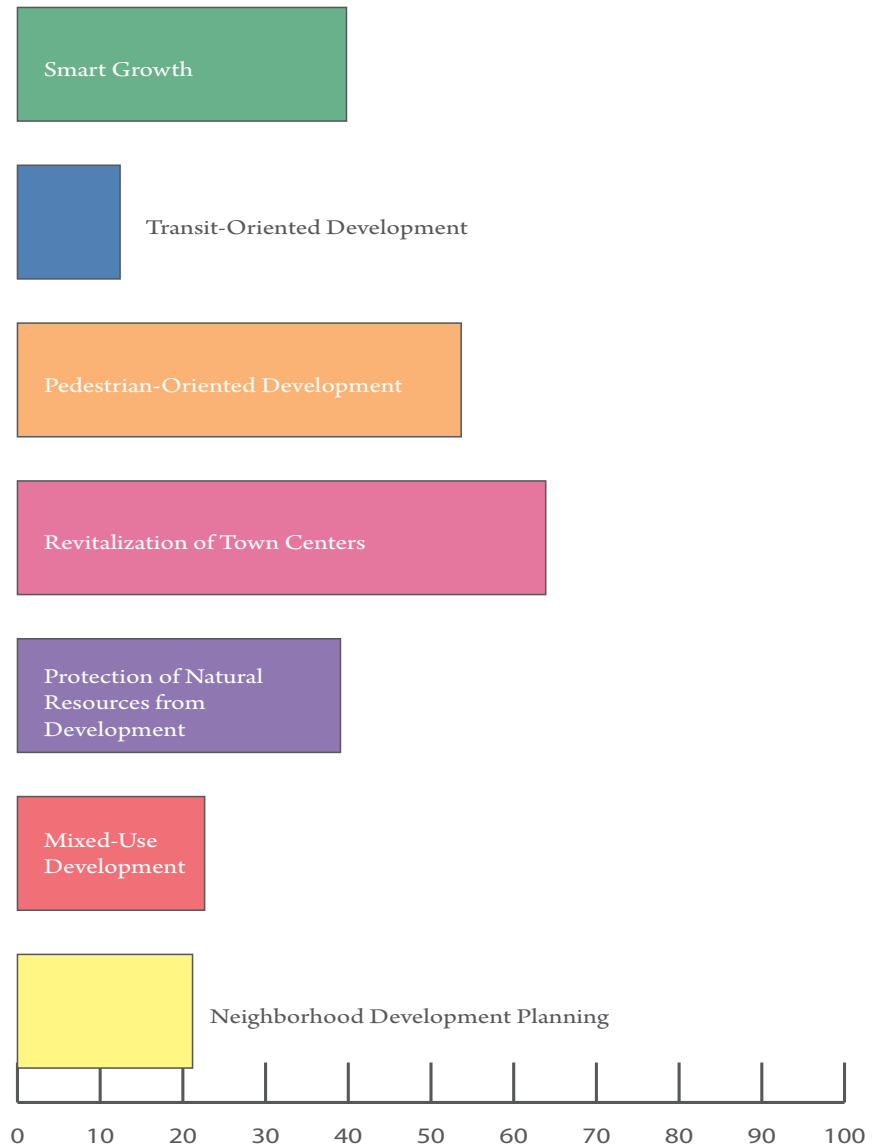


Figure 14.4 Prioritizing Various Issues in Hampden

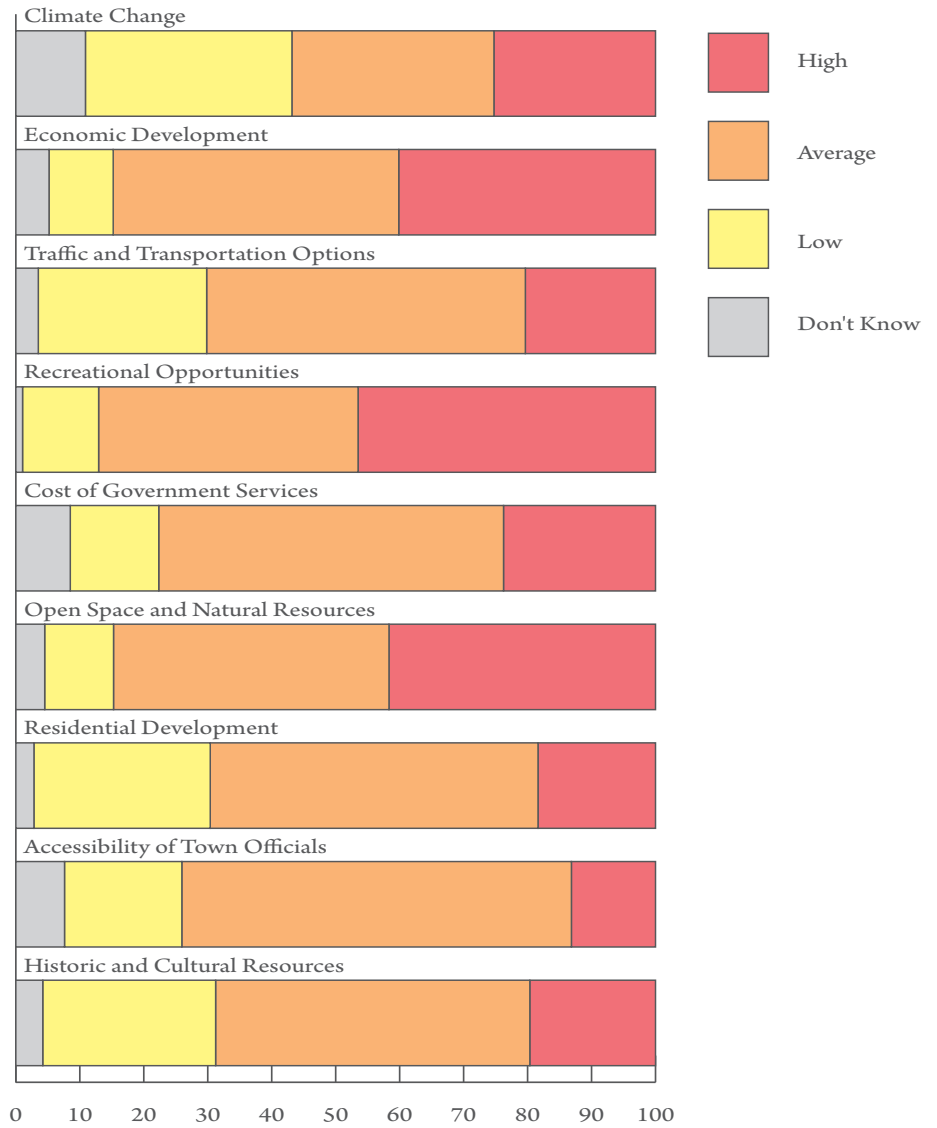


Figure 14.4 displays the results of a survey that asked respondents to prioritize a range of issues in Hampden, including climate change and residential development. The respondents identified recreational opportunities, open space and natural resources, and economic development as their highest priorities. To effectively achieve the goals and objectives outlined in the plan, it is critical that the Town Council and other decision-makers prioritize addressing these issues first. By doing so, the community can work towards creating a more vibrant, sustainable, and livable town for its residents.

FUTURE LAND USE

Preserving natural and undeveloped lands is crucial as land cannot be recovered once lost. It is therefore essential to make wise and forward-thinking decisions regarding land use. While developed lands can be enhanced over time, it is critical to protect these valuable resources. The policy proposals outlined in this document aim to effectively manage growth and foster a vibrant and sustainable community for generations to come.

GROWTH AREAS

This plan refers to growth areas and other designations as defined by *Title 30-A M.R.S.A. Section 4301*. These definitions establish land use policies for areas deemed appropriate or unsuitable for growth. To promote orderly development, municipalities should create land use policies and ordinances that discourage incompatible development in critical areas while encouraging it in suitable areas.

Growth Area means an area that is designated in a municipality's or multimunicipal region's comprehensive plan as suitable for orderly residential, commercial or industrial development, or any combinations of those types of development, and into which most development projected over 10 years is directed.

Rural Area means a geographic area that is identified and designated in a municipality's or multimunicipal region's comprehensive plan as an area that is deserving of some level of regulatory protection from unrestricted development for purposes that may include, but are not limited to, supporting agriculture, forestry, mining, open space, erosion mitigation, water retention, wildlife habitat, fisheries habitat and scenic lands, and away from which most development projected over 10 years is diverted.

Transitional Area means an area that is designated in a municipality's or multimunicipal region's comprehensive plan as suitable for a share of projected residential, commercial or industrial development but that is neither intended to accept the amount or density of development appropriate for a growth area nor intended to provide the level of protection for rural resources afforded in a rural area or critical rural area.

Land use development in Maine has led to the depletion of natural resources and a negative impact on rural communities. The aim of Hampden's future land use planning is to prevent incompatible development while supporting other rural industries. To achieve this, the plan must identify areas suitable for growth and protect them from harmful uses. In addition to the "growth areas" defined by statute, core development areas and nodes will be identified to encourage gradual growth and ensure that the Town's infrastructure can support it, while maintaining fiscal responsibility. Incremental growth is the best course of action for Hampden.

TRANSECT PLANNING

Transect planning is a land-use planning system that categorizes the built environment into a series of zones or "transects" based on their physical and functional characteristics. The purpose of transect planning is to encourage development that supports pedestrian-friendly communities, conserves natural resources, and promotes efficient land use patterns.

During the public engagement phase of the comprehensive planning process, participants were asked to envision future land use in Hampden by drawing on maps or discussing their ideas ([Appendix A](#)). To simplify the process, existing zoning districts were grouped into broader categories, and the resulting map is an overlay of all the public input received. The plan uses color-coded definitions to represent each area's intended use, which is similar to the terminology used in transect planning.

Open Space – Consists of lands similar to or reverting to a wilderness condition or lands unsuitable for settlement due to topography, hydrology, or vegetation. Civic or recreation uses and structures are permitted within open space lands.

Rural – Consists of sparsely settled lands in open or cultivated states, including forests, grasslands, and agricultural lands. Typical uses are low-density residential, agricultural, recreational, home occupations, or small-scale country shops and markets.

Suburban – Consists of low-density residential areas adjacent to higher density areas of mixed use. Home occupations and accessory uses are typically permitted.

Mixed Use – Consists of mid- to high-density developments that accommodate residential, commercial, and office uses in close proximity via adjacency or superimposition. Consists of an interconnected and walkable street network.

Industrial – Consists of areas with structures that by function, disposition, or configuration are inconsistent with other uses. These areas are restricted from potential encroachment upon non-industrial uses, primarily residential.

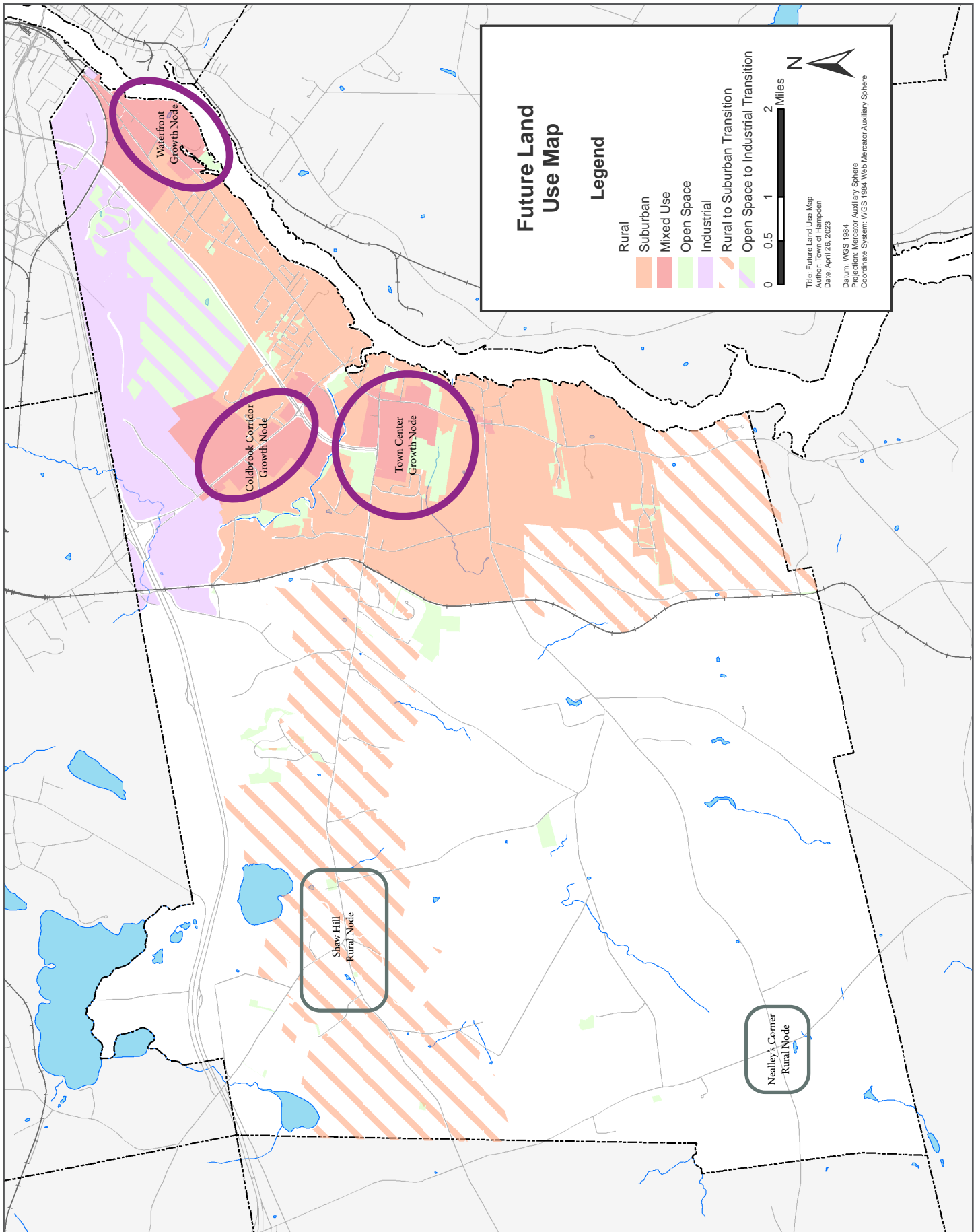
The Future Land Use Map ([Figure 14.3](#)) serves as Hampden's blueprint for future development, with existing policies and ordinances to be adjusted to align with its vision. To preserve rural areas, higher densities should be grouped with mixed-use developments, and development should be separated by density rather than use. This will prevent incompatible uses from affecting low-density residential areas. Separating industrial from residential areas will protect individual health and quality of life and prevent property rights infringements. Transitional areas should be designated for potential future growth once all other growth areas have been exhausted or when appropriate public services and utilities are extended to that area.



Rural to Urban Transect

Source: Congress of New Urbanism

Figure 14.5 Future Land Use Map

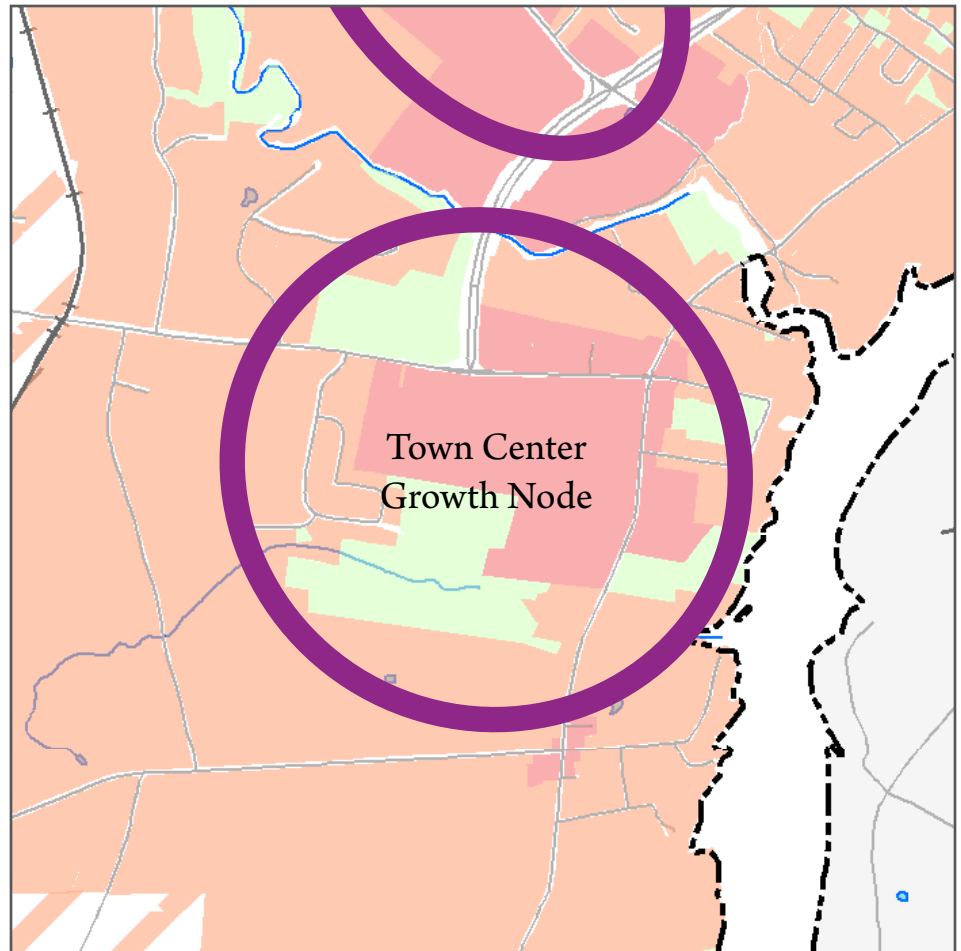


TOWN CENTER GROWTH NODE

VISION

The Town Center has been a focal point for residents throughout the comprehensive planning process, with the vision of creating a walkable area that features shops, parks, and restaurants for adults, children, and everyone to enjoy. This vision is centered around the creation of a vibrant and welcoming public space that is accessible to all members of the community, including families with children and individuals of all ages and abilities. The design of the Town Center would prioritize wide sidewalks, safe pedestrian crossings, and outdoor seating areas to encourage foot traffic and promote inclusivity. The integration of parks and green spaces into the design would provide residents with a place to relax and enjoy nature in the heart of the town, while a diverse mix of shops and restaurants would offer a range of options for residents to explore and enjoy.

This vision reflects a commitment to creating a livable and sustainable community that places the needs and desires of its residents at the forefront of decision-making. Concentrating development in the Town Center can help to reduce sprawl and associated costs, while fostering a diverse range of industries and businesses that can contribute to a more resilient and dynamic local economy. The purpose of this approach to urban planning is to create a more livable, sustainable, and prosperous environment by directing growth and development towards specific areas and maximizing the efficient use of resources.



NEXT STEPS

Zoning – Updating the Zoning Ordinance to align with the goals of the Future Land Use Map is essential in creating a vibrant downtown community with greater density and diversity of uses. To achieve this, the Town should reduce dimensional restrictions, embrace infill development, and prioritize walkability in ordinance updates. This approach is crucial in realizing the residents’ request for a Town Center that is the focal point of the plan.

Partnerships – Partnering with agencies like Maine DOT is also an effective way of securing grants and other sources of funding that can help pay for infrastructure improvements. The Town should prioritize the application process for grants or initiatives that can expedite infrastructure development, which can create walkable spaces and reduce existing traffic in the area.

Parks and Green Infrastructure – As part of the Town Center’s redevelopment, the development of a district-wide green infrastructure system is crucial to reducing the flow of stormwater into the sewer system or neighboring properties. The creation of more green spaces, such as parklets and a signature park that can host small events, can also help reduce the heat-island effect through increased tree canopy.

Housing – Creating more housing, rental, and ownership at various price points, including units for low-income households, is necessary to achieve a successful Town Center redevelopment. This approach will not only cater to the needs of different income groups but also support the creation of a livable and sustainable community that prioritizes the needs and desires of its residents.

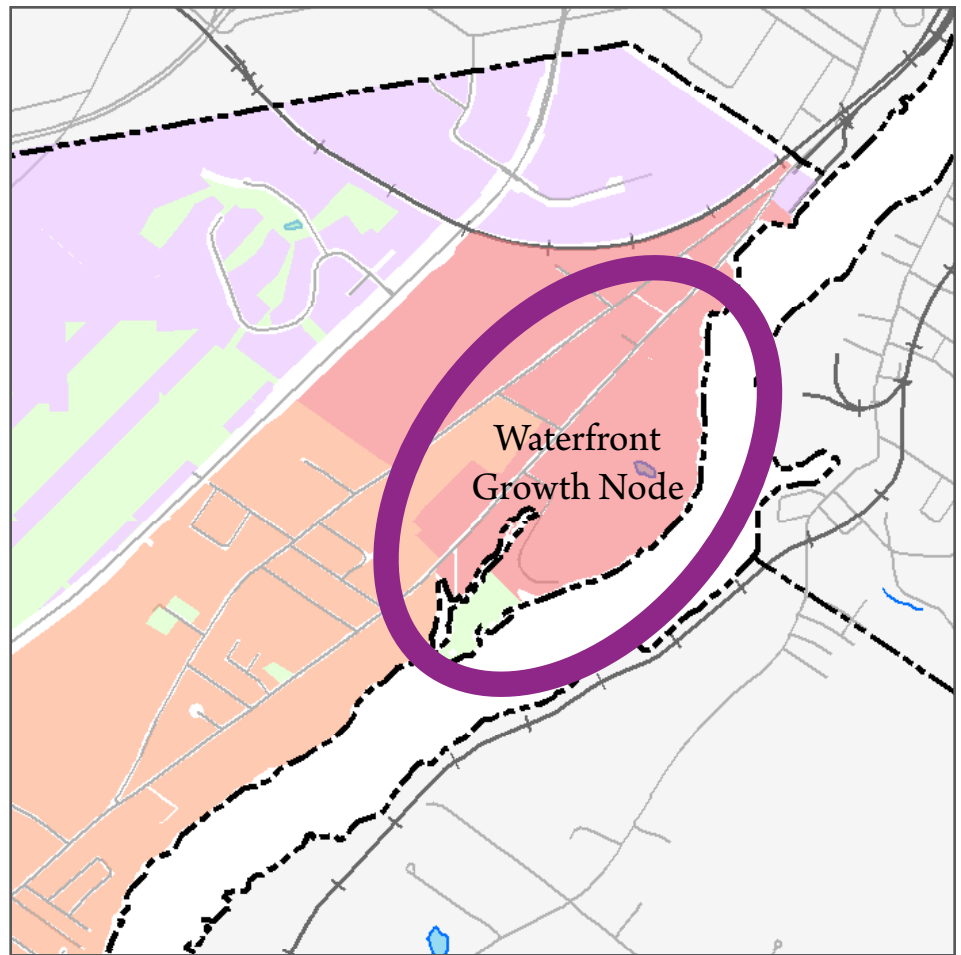
WATERFRONT GROWTH NODE

VISION

The community has expressed a strong vision for a vibrant and accessible waterfront area, similar to those found in neighboring Bangor and Brewer. The desire is to create a space where residents can walk and enjoy a picturesque view of the water. To achieve this vision, connections to Turtle Head Park and Main Road North would create a larger greenway or boardwalk that could accelerate business development. The mix of uses, including residential, commercial, and recreational, is vital for creating a walkable community similar to the Town Center. However, what sets this node apart is the emphasis on water or river-dependent businesses to encourage similar businesses to either remain or relocate to Hampden. Public access to the Penobscot River is also crucial for all residents and visitors to enjoy the scenic beauty of the river. The waterfront area has the potential to be a significant attraction and economic driver for the community.

NEXT STEPS

Water Access - Regulations such as zoning, harbor management, and environmental protection can limit access to the water. To create sustainable and resilient access, it is important to have a holistic idea of what access means and work to protect all forms of access. Hampden can adopt zoning controls and marine zones to establish districts that give preference to maritime activities. The Town could also require public access easements, boat launches, and accessible features for riverfront developments. Adopting policies to preserve access to the river is crucial for preserving Maine's identity, culture, and economy.



Master Plan - The Town created a Waterfront Master Plan in 1990 to spur the development of the waterfront area. Although the vision in that plan never came to fruition, a similar approach would be needed to kickstart the redevelopment of this node. Engaging stakeholders such as residents, businesses, and community organizations and gathering input and ideas about what they would like to see included in the plan. The plan should consider accessibility, safety, and environmental sustainability. The Town can then refine the plan through further community input and feedback, and incorporate the plan as an update to this comprehensive plan. Implementation of the plan may require partnerships with other agencies, securing funding sources, and coordinating with property owners along the riverfront.

Green Infrastructure - The waterfront area, along with adjacent properties, face challenges in managing stormwater due to a substantial amount of impervious area. To mitigate the impact of the redevelopment on the changing topography and increased impervious area near the Penobscot River, significant investment in green infrastructure and low impact development techniques is required.

COLDBROOK CORRIDOR GROWTH NODE

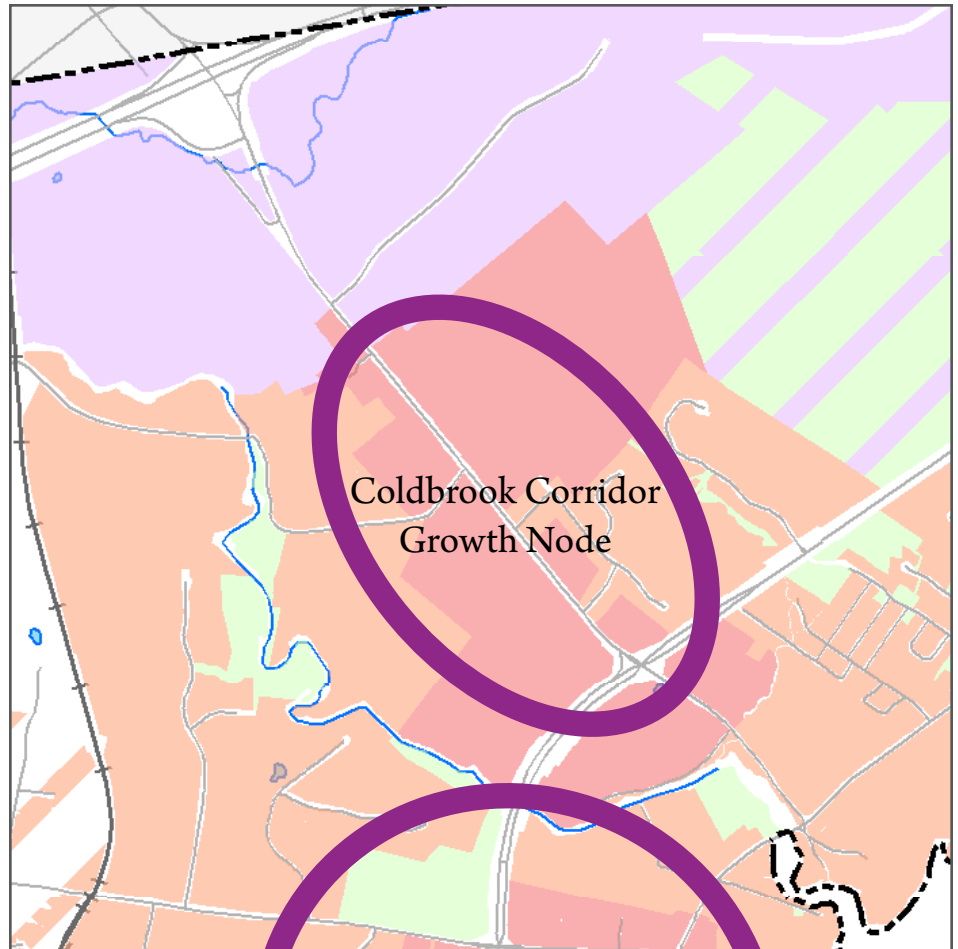
VISION

The Coldbrook Road area is a significant gateway into the Town of Hampden, providing direct access to Interstate 95. With its high visibility and accessibility, it presents a unique opportunity for economic development and growth. Unlike other growth areas in Hampden, the primary focus and vision for the Coldbrook Corridor is the density of commercial and retail opportunities. However, as discussed in the Economy chapter of the Hampden Comprehensive Plan, the focus should be away from big box stores and fast food chains and towards small businesses that align with Hampden's nurturing and supportive community culture.

It's important to avoid the pitfalls of strip mall development, as seen on Stillwater Avenue in Bangor. This style of development often leads to increased traffic congestion, decreased safety, and reduced walkability. Instead, the Coldbrook Corridor should be seen as an opportunity to create a vibrant location with diverse economic opportunities. This can be achieved by mixing in residential housing that requires access to these services, such as senior housing, affordable housing, and denser housing outside of single-family subdivisions. By doing so, Hampden can attract a wider range of residents and businesses, contributing to a more sustainable and prosperous community.

NEXT STEPS

Rezoning – At present, the zoning of the Coldbrook Corridor is primarily rural, which significantly limits the type of development that can occur in the area. This is further complicated by the fact that the surrounding districts are either commercial or residential, resulting in an irregular pattern of zoning options that does not support cohesive development. A possible solution to this challenge is to rezone the Coldbrook Corridor to a more mixed-use style of zoning, as indicated on the Future Land Use Map. By adopting this approach, a more diverse range of development opportunities will be made available, which can facilitate the creation of a more vibrant and cohesive community in this area. This could include a mixture of commercial, retail, residential, and office space that are complementary and enhance the overall character of the neighborhood.



Sewer – Throughout the plan, there is a recurring theme of expanding sewer service to increase economic opportunities. The activation of the growth area along Coldbrook Road is heavily dependent on the installation of sewer service throughout its full length. In order to fund this development, decision-makers should explore the feasibility of using impact fees, bonding, or public-private partnerships as potential financing options in the short term. Ultimately, the benefits of increased economic growth and development in the area make the investment in expanding sewer service well worth considering.

Traffic Calming – Currently, Coldbrook Road serves as a high-speed thoroughfare with motorists regularly exceeding the speed limit of 45mph. To prevent the potential pitfalls of Stillwater Avenue's development, it's crucial to slow down traffic and minimize congestion by prioritizing road efficiency over speed. Expanding the road may only lead to a more dangerous situation for pedestrians and cyclists, rather than resolving traffic issues. Instead, the town must focus on promoting sustainable modes of transportation that encourage healthier lifestyles and decrease the environmental impact of driving. By prioritizing these solutions, it's possible to create a safer, more livable community that benefits both residents and the environment.

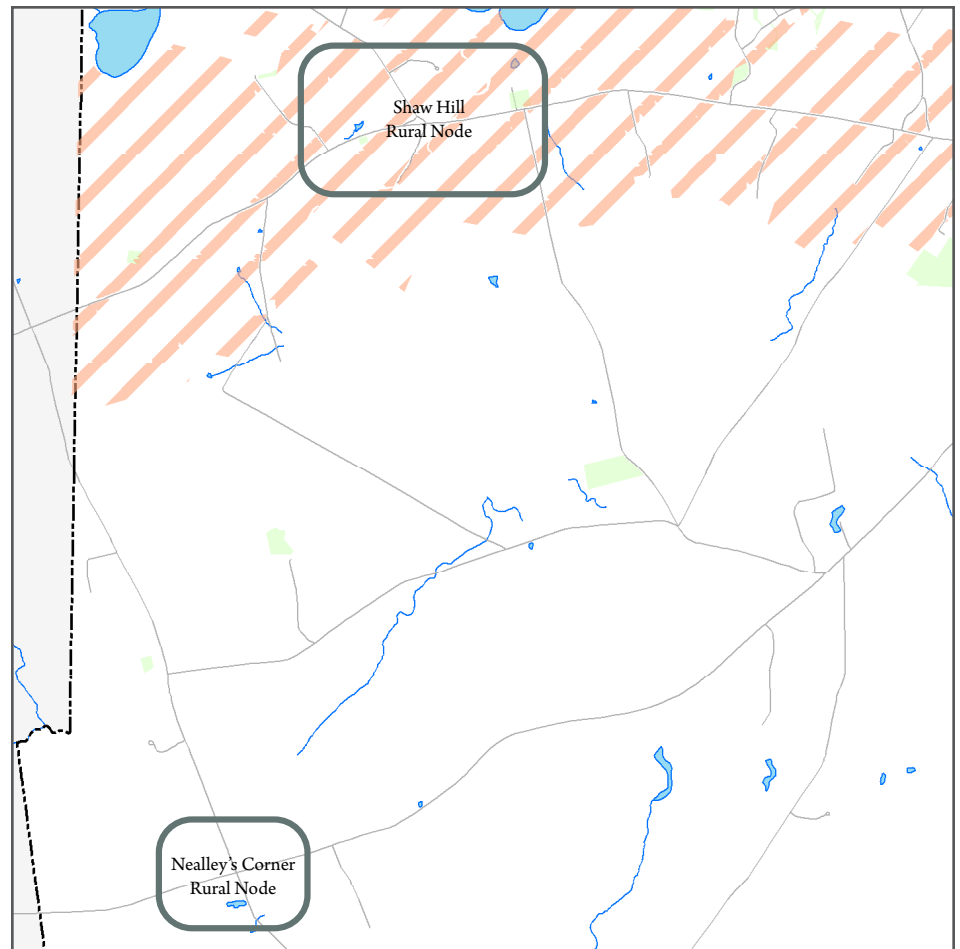
RURAL GROWTH NODES

VISION

During the public engagement process, several participants pointed out that the Shaw Hill Road and Nealley's Corner areas have significant historic value as they served as village centers for churches, shopping, and agricultural industries in the past. These rural nodes are an integral part of the community's identity and serve as essential locations for rural residents to access daily essentials without having to travel long distances. Embracing this traditional development pattern can preserve the rural character of these areas and prevent any drastic changes that may affect the community's way of life. By prioritizing these rural nodes for specific business development that is relevant to their rural identity, such as greenhouses, country markets, delis, hardware stores, and similar uses, the Town can encourage mixed-use development on a small scale. This approach avoids the common pitfall of use-based land development, which segregates uses and people from necessary services, ultimately promoting a more cohesive and connected community.

NEXT STEPS

Rezoning – Currently, there are some rural business opportunities available in the Shaw Hill Road and Nealley's Corner areas. However, the existing ordinance poses too many limitations and makes business development not only expensive but also unfeasible. To activate a rural village center, amending the existing rules is necessary. This can be achieved without imposing all the additional requirements of walkable spaces and parks that a Town Center area would need. A more specific zone for rural village centers can blend the best of bucolic rural life with the services and necessities of a downtown area if managed properly.



Activation – To successfully activate a rural node like this, it is crucial for the Economic Development Director or other responsible party to show commitment. If business development is allowed to proceed without careful consideration, these areas could lose their rural charm and hinder residents' lifestyles. Therefore, the priority in activating these nodes should be to take incremental steps and focus on meeting general rural needs, rather than opening them up to large-scale commercial or industrial uses.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

PROPERTY RIGHTS

Municipalities should protect property rights through land use policies by ensuring that the regulations and restrictions imposed on land use are reasonable and do not unduly burden property owners. The Town of Hampden should ensure that its future land use policies are consistent with this plan, which has accounted for the current and future needs of the community. It is imperative that all land use policies and regulations maintain a transparent and fair process for making decisions, including providing ample opportunity for public input and appeal. Additionally, the Town should work to educate property owners about land use policies and their rights and responsibilities, so that they can make informed decisions about how to use and develop their land.

ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

The 2010 Comprehensive Plan and the public engagement process for this plan revealed that cul-de-sac style subdivisions, while popular with residents, have had negative impacts on rural land. To prevent further suburban sprawl, subdivision amendments should be considered to reduce or eliminate cul-de-sacs and instead interconnect neighborhoods with local roads or walking paths. The Town should also amend ordinances to promote economic growth and respect property rights while maintaining flexibility to adapt to changing technologies and cultural dynamics. Greater focus on form, rather than function, is necessary to reflect the community's wants, needs, and values.

TOWN CENTER REVITALIZATION

Revitalizing historic town centers requires a multifaceted approach that balances preserving the area's unique character with modernization and development. One approach is to focus on the physical aspects of the area, including restoring historic buildings and improving infrastructure such as sidewalks and street lighting. Pedestrian-friendly streets, public spaces, and green areas can enhance the area's appeal and encourage people to spend time there. Additionally, developing mixed-use zoning can help attract businesses and residents, which can create a vibrant and diverse community. Collaboration with local stakeholders, including residents, business owners, and community organizations, is crucial to ensure the revitalization process aligns with their needs and vision for the area. Careful consideration of the local economy and the potential impact on existing residents is essential to avoid gentrification and displacement. Overall, a comprehensive revitalization plan that prioritizes community input, historic preservation, economic development, and smart growth can breathe new life into a historic town center.

Smart growth is an urban planning strategy that promotes the development of sustainable and livable communities. It emphasizes compact, transit-oriented development that preserves open spaces, protects the environment, and fosters economic vitality. Smart growth also seeks to promote social equity by ensuring that affordable housing, quality education, and other essential services are accessible to all residents.

The goal is to create communities that are more efficient, equitable, and resilient, while reducing the negative environmental impacts of urbanization. To achieve this, smart growth relies on a range of planning tools, such as zoning ordinances, transportation planning, and urban design guidelines, to encourage development that is compatible with community goals and values. By promoting smart growth, urban planners aim to create more livable and sustainable cities and towns that meet the needs of present and future generations.

INFILL DEVELOPMENT

Infill development is a land use strategy that encourages the development of underutilized or vacant properties within established urban or suburban areas. The policy aims to curb sprawl and promote the efficient use of existing infrastructure by directing development to areas where roads, utilities, and public services already exist. Infill development can benefit communities by promoting economic growth, creating jobs, and increasing property values. It can also provide much-needed housing options, particularly in areas with a high demand for affordable housing. By promoting infill development, the town can spur incremental, yet valuable, development that can help to revitalize existing neighborhoods and create more vibrant, walkable communities.

IMPACT FEES

Impact fees are charges levied on new development to pay for the infrastructure and services it will require. The purpose is to ensure that growth pays for itself and does not place undue burdens on existing taxpayers. The benefits of impact fees include a fair and predictable source of funding for new infrastructure, increased fiscal sustainability for the community, and a reduction in the need for tax increases or service cuts. While discussed elsewhere, the goal of this document is to further make the case for the imposition of impact fees to support the continued growth and development of the community.





TRANSFER OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS

Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) is a land use planning tool that allows landowners to sell their development rights to a developer who wants to build in another location. TDR programs are typically used in areas where there are sensitive natural or historic resources that need protection or in places where there is a desire to limit development. These programs can help to create a market for development rights, allowing landowners to benefit financially from the sale of their development rights while retaining ownership of their land. The developers who buy the development rights are then able to use them to build in areas where development is desired.

TDR programs can assist in land use development in towns by providing a way to protect sensitive areas while still allowing for development in other areas.

By allowing landowners to cash in on their property without having to develop it, these programs can help to preserve open space and farmland, protect natural resources, and maintain the character of a community. TDR programs also help to create more predictable development patterns and reduce conflicts between developers and communities. By encouraging development in areas that are already designated for growth, TDR programs can also help to minimize the need for new infrastructure and reduce the overall cost of development.

UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE

Unified Development Ordinances (UDOs) streamline the development process by consolidating multiple land-use regulations into a single document. Typically, UDOs combine zoning, subdivision, and other development-related ordinances into one comprehensive code. By having one ordinance that covers multiple aspects of development, the process is simplified and streamlined, allowing for a more efficient and effective development process.

UDOs can also provide greater clarity and consistency in land-use regulation by providing a single set of rules for all types of development. This can be particularly helpful in cases where different regulations may conflict or create confusion for developers. Additionally, UDOs may also include design guidelines and standards, which can help ensure that development is consistent with the community's desired character and style.

ACCELERATED PLAN REVIEW

To expedite the approval process for property owners or developers, an accelerated plan review process can be implemented, reducing wait times by months. The Planning Board must establish widely accepted project and design parameters for pre-approved construction programs. The policy intends to support neighborhood infill and local economic opportunities. While pre-approved plans or concepts must still be reviewed by municipal staff, they can bypass general Planning Board reviews if they adhere to current zoning regulations, typical lot configurations, construction techniques, and market conditions. Building designs must be followed, including all architectural details, with minor variations allowed, in exchange for significant time and cost savings.



Appendix A: Public Participation Summary


This appendix includes all the information gathered through the 14 public workshops between June and September 2022. During these workshops, participants collaborated to create a shared vision for Hampden by generating a wishlist of ideas for the community. This wishlist was then utilized in a land use exercise where attendees located potential projects, further acquainting themselves with the planning process.



Town of Hampden Comprehensive Plan

June 23, 2022

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Strengths

Strengths:

- Safe
- Schools
- Ideal location: near Bangor highways
- Rural Character
- Tax Rates
- Pool
- Library
- Small enough to know
- Trails
- Little League / community

Strength

Schools

Safety

24 hr Safety (Full staff) - Police/Fire/Ambulance

Recreation

Trails, Rec offering/programming

Turtle head Arena

Pool - Lessons, Family Swim

Main Road Walkway, Dix Park

4 sq mile walk

Playgrounds

Path @ library

Historical Society

Garden Club

Library

1) Schools

2) Tradition / Family

3) Quality of life

4) Location

5) Community / People

6) Town / Rural Balance

7) Natural Resources

8) Amenities

- pool

- Library

- Rec center

- parks / VFW Fields

- Government Services

- water front / marina

- school

9) Economic Diversity

10) Reputation / History

Great about Hampton

Schools

Rural area

Good location - near highway

Family

Neighbors

Wooded areas

Privacy

Freedom

Weaknesses

Weaknesses

- Increase in cost of transfer station
- Lack of Mountain biking trails
- Traffic on main road-occasional
- The loss of industrial arts at school
- Loss of some of the smaller businesses

Weakness

- 1) Aging infrastructure
- 2) Business reputation
- 3) Geographical barrier to river
- 4) No trash pickup
- 5) Mill rate
- 6) Pedestrian ways/Bike paths
- 7) Abandoned buildings
- 8) Lack of TRUE Town Center
- 9) Service businesses (food/lodging)
- 10) Signage

Weakness (Internal)

- Business Base (Small)
- Ugly Corners
- Needs expansion of sewage
- Services : Natural Gas
Trash Service
- Population/Age of citizens
(maybe a Maine issue)
- Roads not friendly to bikes etc. / side walks
- River Area poorly developed

Weakness

- Family Gathering Places
- Lack of sidewalks
- Lack of ordinance in subdivision
 - lot size
 - HOA ordinance

Towns Communication Culture
consistent
accessible

Town Center
Town Facilities Walkable
Limited Rec Programming
Transfer Station hrs not
friendly to 8-5 workers

Decrepit Homes removal

Town Website has
outdated info

Climate Change

Opportunities

Opp

Diverse & Inclusive

Expand Recreation Opp.
climbing wall
outdoor water facility

More ways
Voice/Involvement in
Subdivision, Council, a vote

Host diverse events,
ie, bands, family events
children's day,

Expand waterfront

Communication-

Library - expand holding

Community Support
for those in need.

Opportunities:

- Waterfront development
- Business development
- Open Space but needs it
planned well.
 - Business
 - Recreation
 - Solar Energy
 - town center
 - restaurants
- Trash facility / Future
Recycling
- Infrastructure for businesses
 - Water
 - Sewerage

Opportunities

- 1) Govt / private partnerships
- 2) Sewer upgrade
- 3) High-speed internet (businesses)
- 4) Splash-pool for kids
- 5) Regional collaboration/shared services
- 6) Stronger business community
- 7) Solar farm
- 8) Managed growth / 202 access *
- 9) Affordable housing
- 10) Streamline ordinances
- 11) Branding

Opportunities

- fiberoptic - coming soon - PFDs
- senior services
citizen
- more hi-tech opportunities

Threats

- 1) LD 20
- 2) Aging
- 3) Retrof
- 4) Climate
- 5) School
- 6) Natural
- 7) Public s
- 8) Staff ret

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LD 2003

- 1) Aging infrastructure
- 2) Retrofit into existing space
- 3) Climate change
- 4) School politics
- 5) Natural disasters/pandemics
- 6) Public safety
- 7) Staff retention (public/private)

Threats

- Restrictions on property use - tree cutting, restricted hunting
- Cost of expanding ^{meadows} river front or more rec area
- The cost of expanding infrastructure sewer & water + roads (maintenance)

Threats

Political Climate
Nation, State, Region, local

Tax rate - ^{should} not limit opportunity

Over development - loss of rural

Population increase decrease

~~to~~

Loss of traditions

Clinging to outdated Traditions

~~Willingness for~~

Citizen involvement ↑ or ↓

Maintenance of facilities

Town Staffing

Threats:

- Loss of Rural Character
 - Housing development.
 - Unregulated development.
- Loss of Sewer & Water
 - Bangor says no more Capacity.
 - cost to build / Run
- Old infrastructure in extreme weather
 - Culverts
 - Ditches
- High dependency on Bangor

home
community



hidden ~~jewels~~ treasures

safe

leader

scenic - natural beauty

historic

accessible

rural / suburban

inclusive, diverse

individuality

cool vibe

purple passion

small-town

big potential

VISION





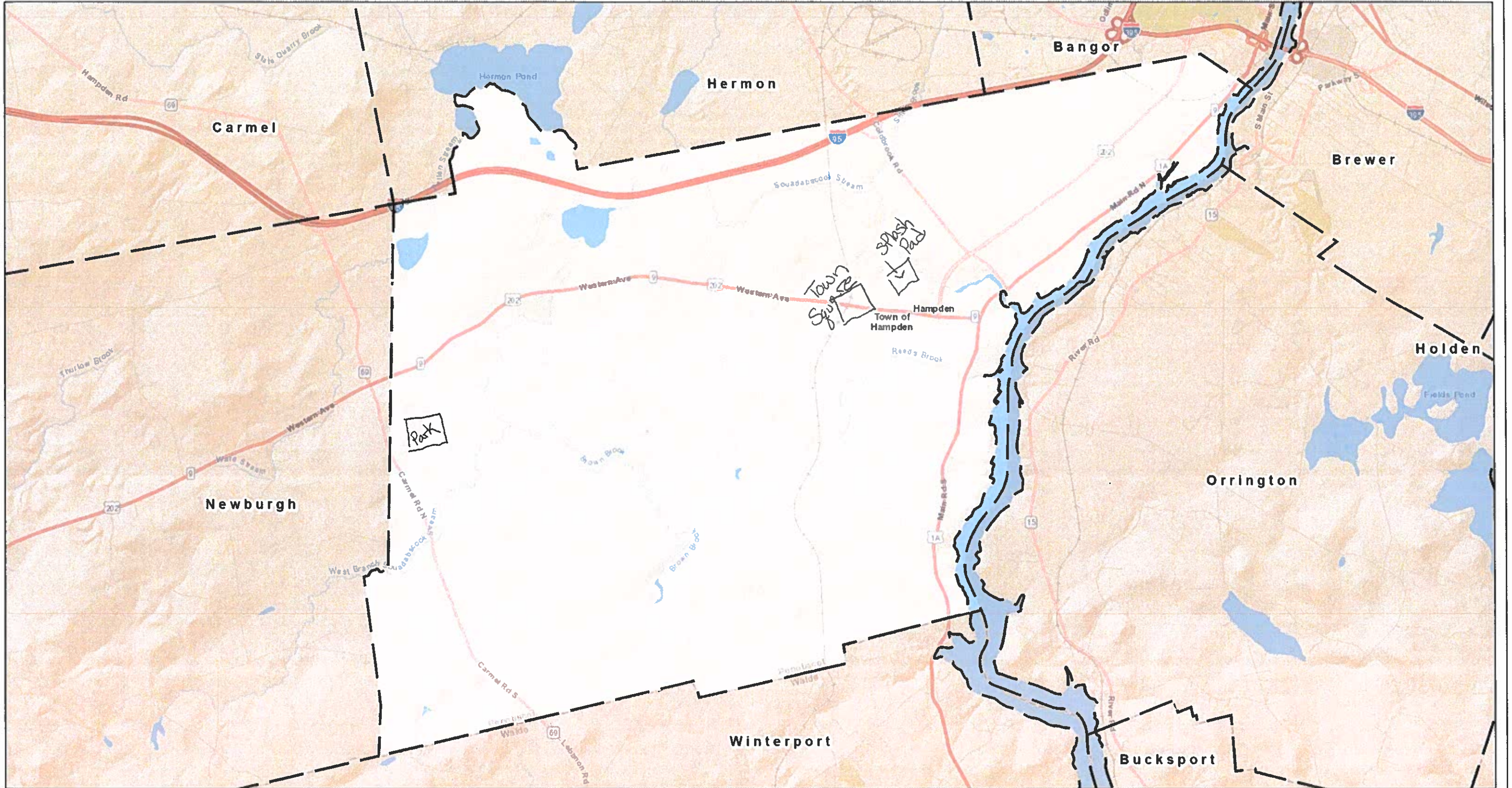
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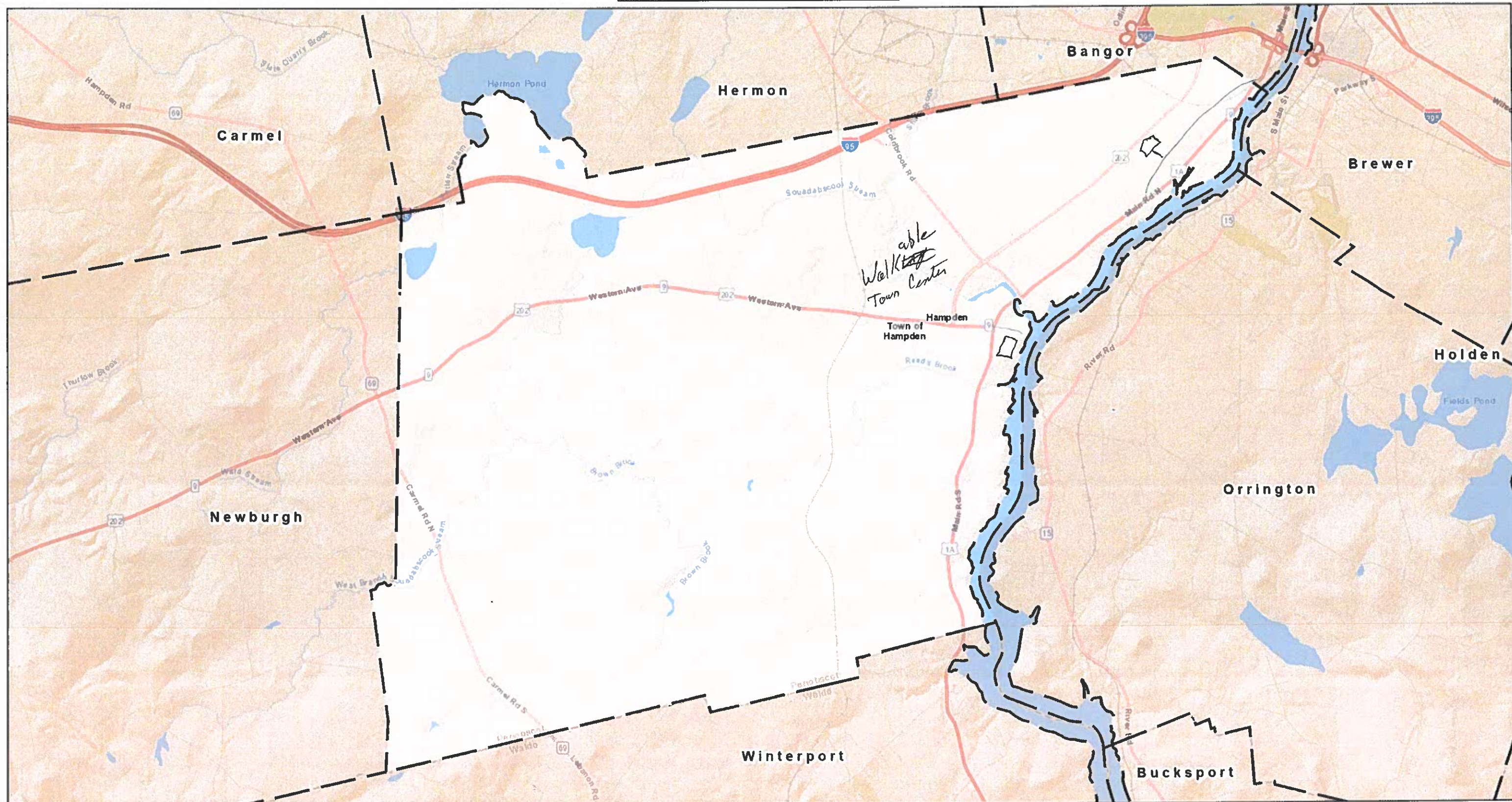
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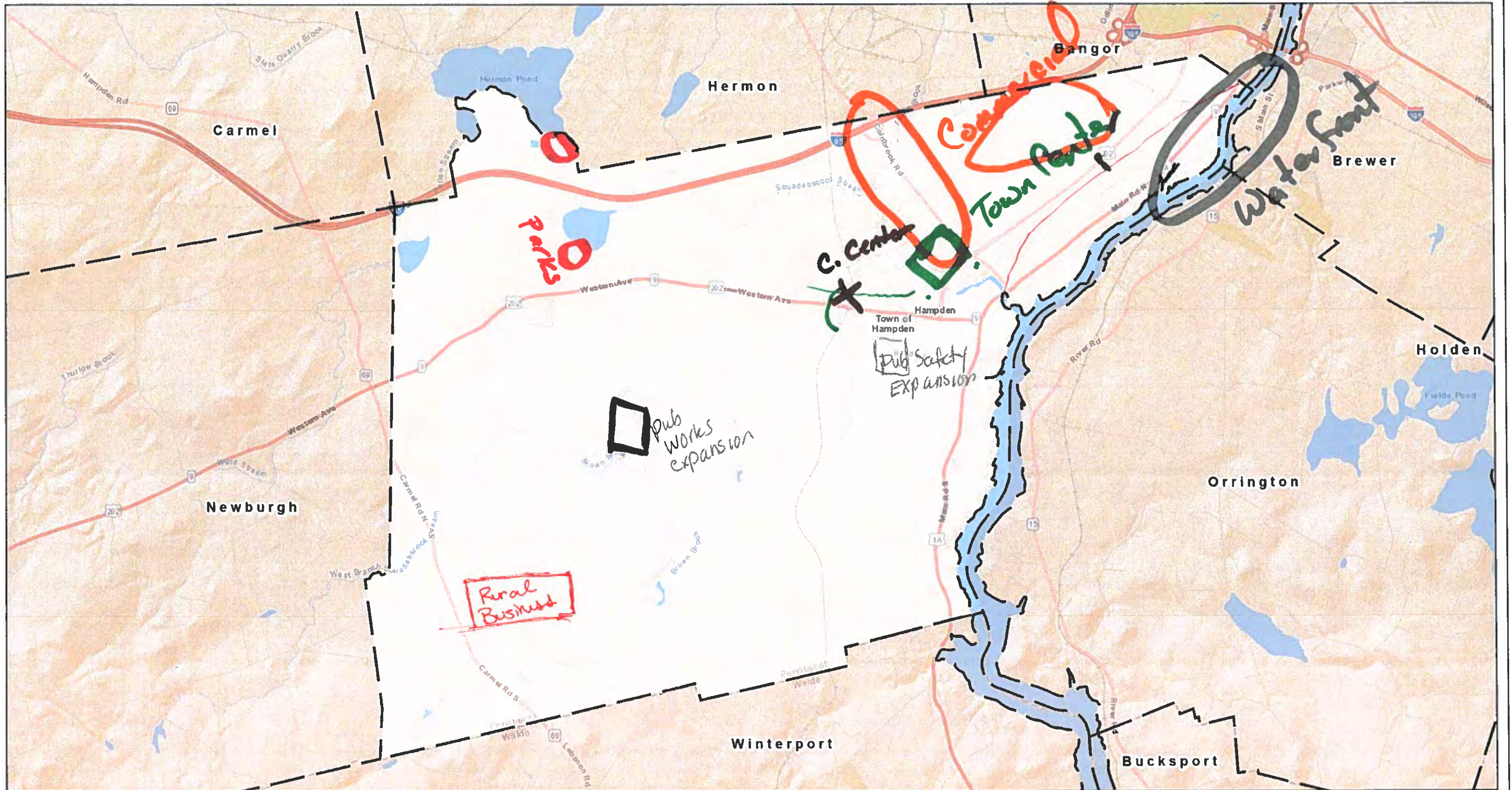
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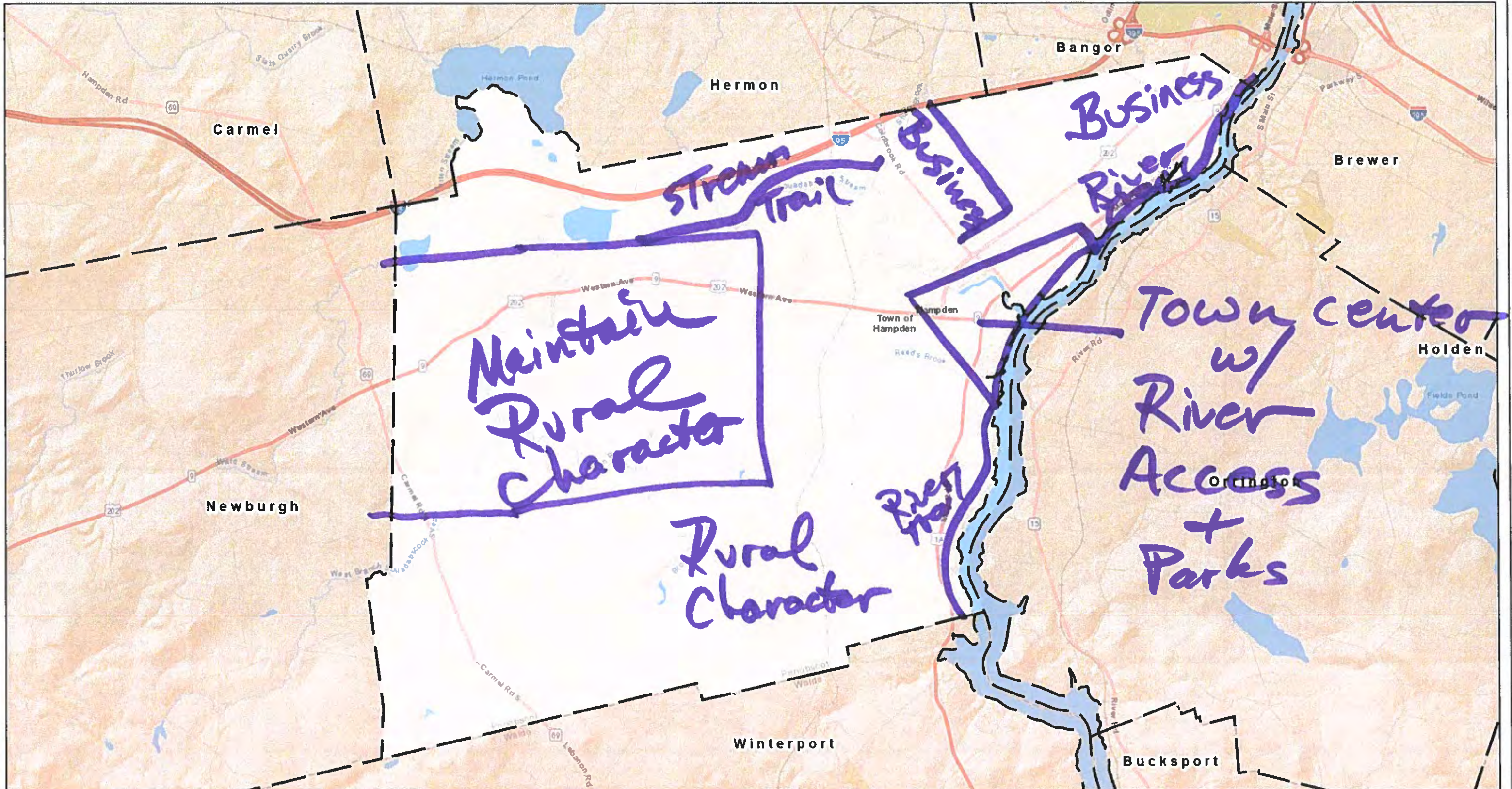
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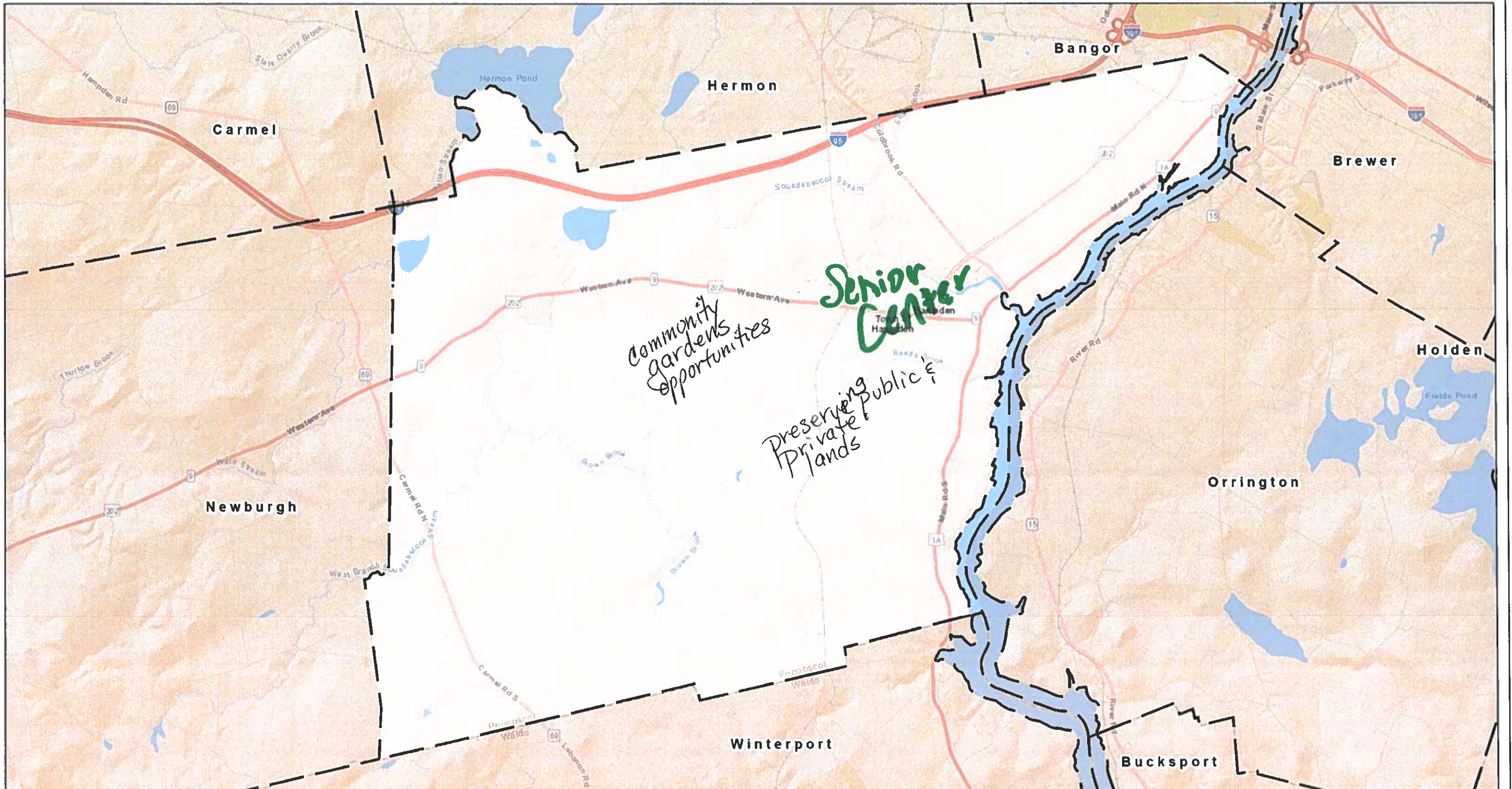
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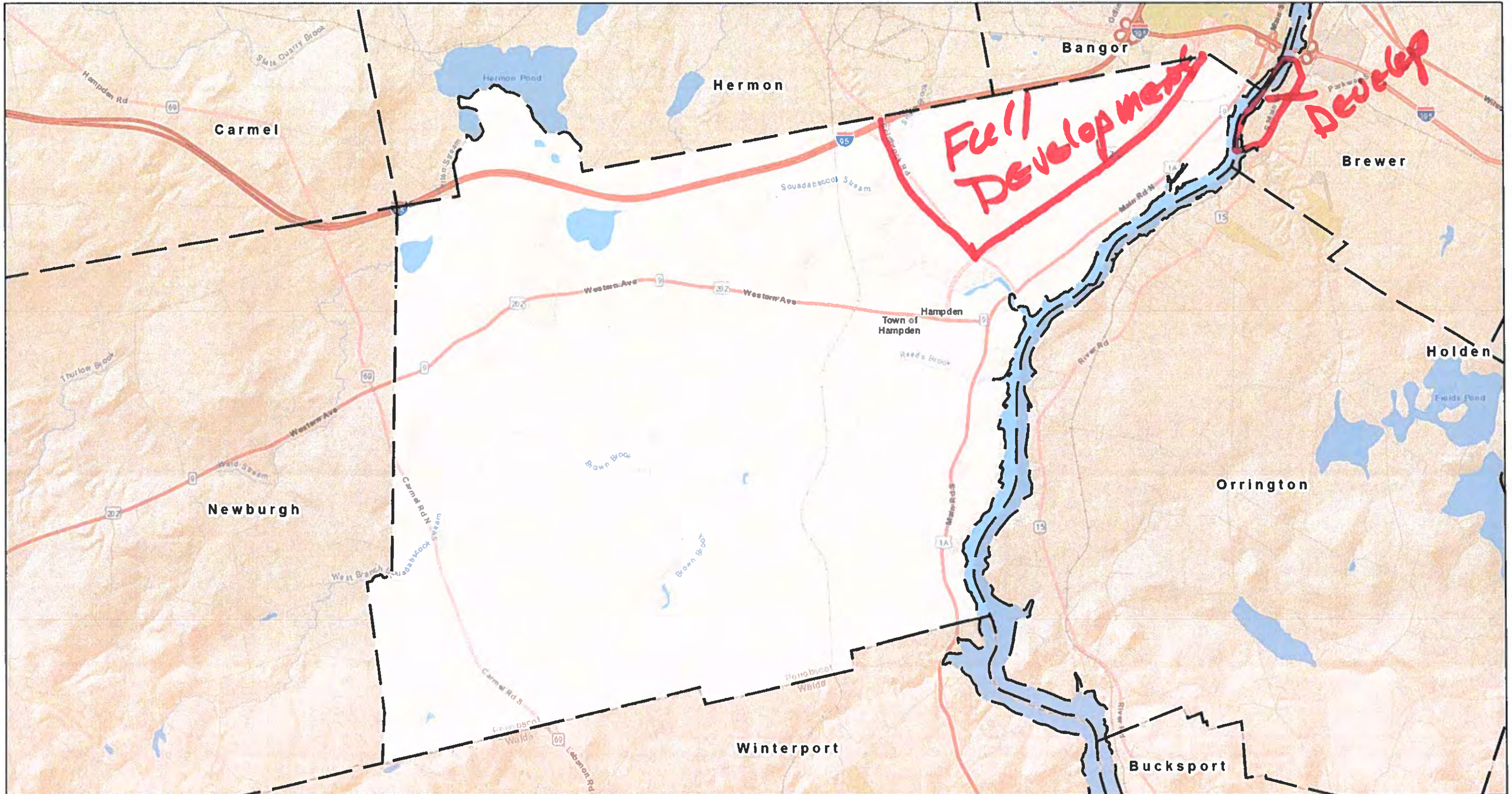
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Fish ladder?
Environmental
Conservation/
Education

Indoor Squash
courts.

- Rock Climbing Wall
- Splash pad.
- Skate Rink
- Bigger childcare center

bussiness
24/7
VETER

Dog Park/Trail
Water area.

- Develop country club.

- enlarge trails behind library
- large deck over looking
penguins art

- outdoor amphitheater for summer bands, movies, plays.

Bigger area for Farmers Market & Food Trucks.

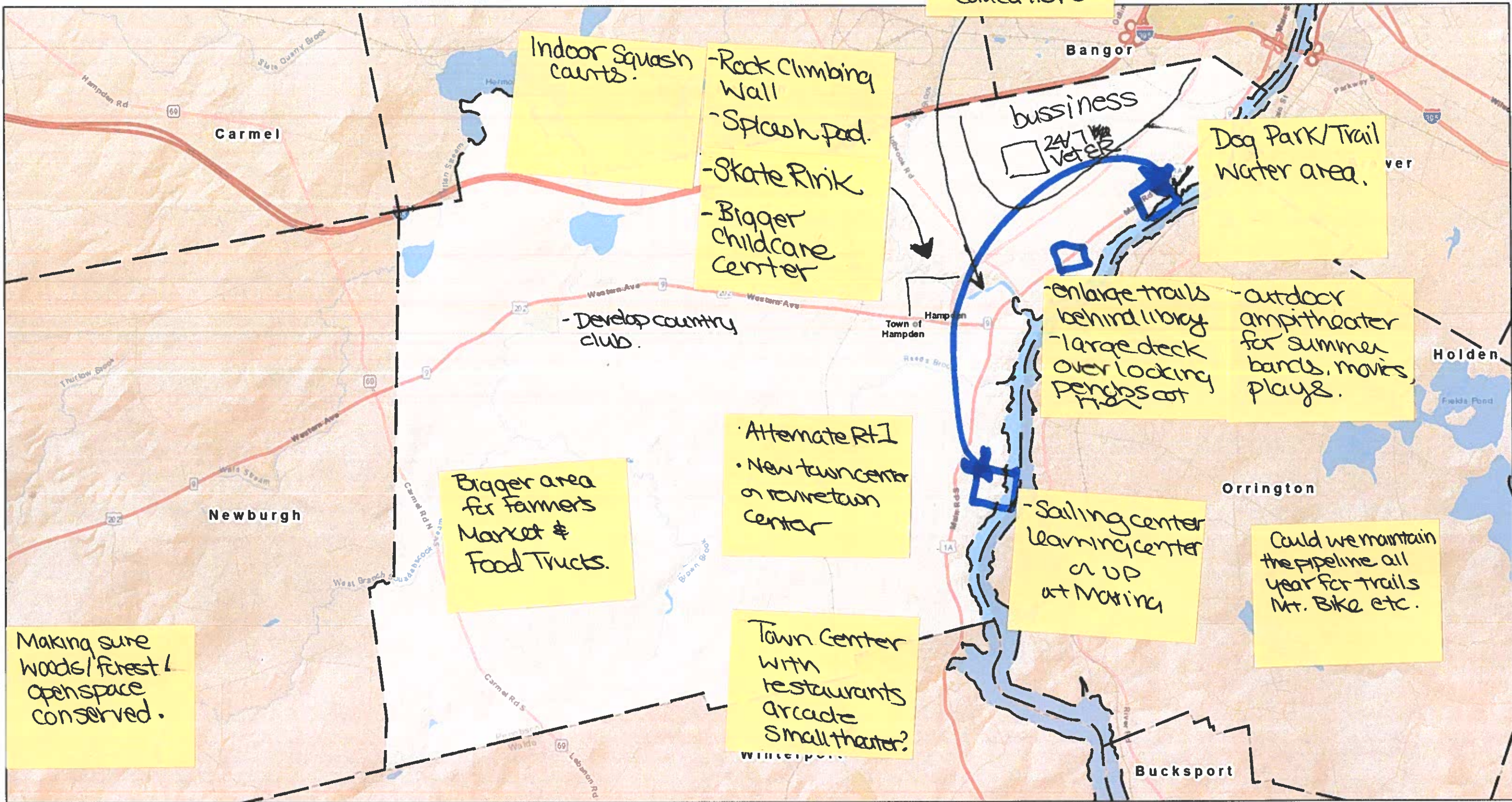
- Alternate Rt 1
- New town center or reinvent town center

- Sailing center learning center or UP at Marina

Could we maintain the pipeline all year for trails Mt. Bike etc.

Making sure woods/forest / open space conserved.

Town Center with restaurants arcade Small theater?



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"Magic Wand"

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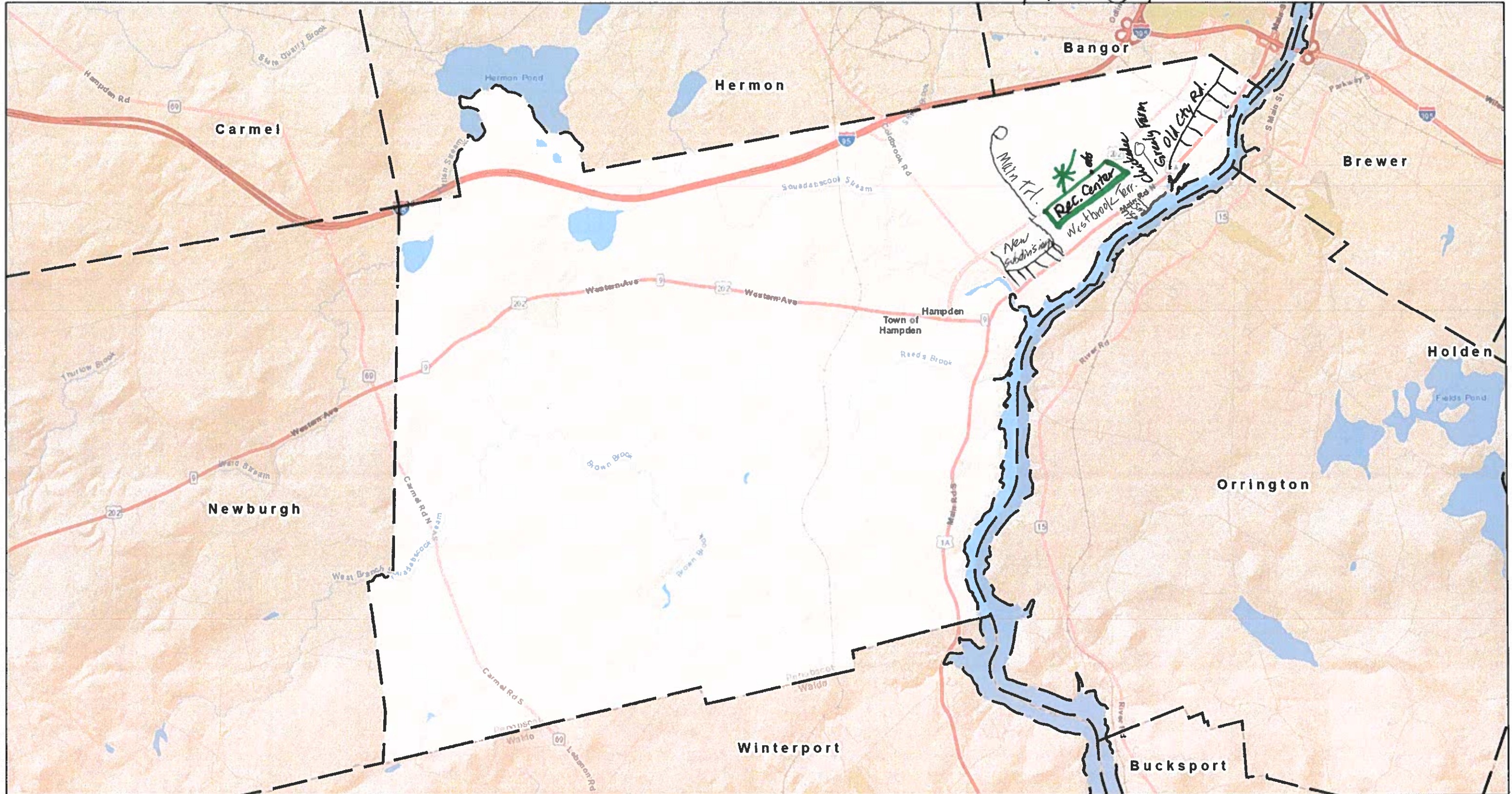
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Please, pretty please



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- quality of life - we want citizens to want to stay^{+live} in Hampden
- public forum for architectural design of our community.
- consider different points of view, look for areas of agreement.
- safety, good school, outside of city center, recreation
- wooded areas, privacy
- VFW fields / Rec. center

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- lack of sidewalks in subdivisions
 - lack of HOAs in subdivisions

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- lack of voice/vote/inclusion w/in Subdivision creates isolation/bullying forcing families to move, uproot themselves
 - quality of life < ^{there are} threats to quality of life
 - think smaller
 - Lots of subdivisions, people crammed onto too small of lots w/ not enough forethought to HOA's rules/ordinances / ^{open} space
 - Rules for behavior(s)
 - Ordinances to address behaviors
The same way rules are posted at Pools



Town of Hampden Comprehensive Plan

July 15, 2022

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STRENGTHS (INTERNAL)

TOWN SERVICES

LIBRARY

REC

T OFFICE

TS

SCHOOL SYSTEM

COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP

MARINA TRAILS

PARKS

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

COMPOSTING

PROXIMITY TO 195

WALKABILITY TO BANGOR

RURAL CHARACTER

SIGHTS, SOUNDS, SMELLS

WILDLIFE

PENOBSCOT RIVER

ROAD SYSTEM

BUS TRANSPORTATION

WEAKNESSES (INTERNAL)

POOR UTILIZATION OF OPEN SPACES
IN SUBDIVISIONS (HOOP IN ROW)

LACK OF INFRASTRUCTURE IN
GROWTH AREA

BUS (NO SATURDAY RUN)

SIDEWALKS (WALKABILITY IN
DOWNTOWN AREAS)

BUSES (EDUCATION)

SOLAR ARRAYS - IMPACTS ON
WILDLIFE

IMPACT TO RURAL CHARACTER

ZONING - ARE RURAL AREAS
PROTECTED - ARE CURRENT
DEVELOPMENTS PROTECTED

COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT

(ADOPT A PARK)
(ADOPT A ROAD) LACK OF COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT

CAUSE (LACK OF KNOWLEDGE)

Opportunities

Low Impact Development (Env.)

Green roofs

Form-Based Codes

Bike lanes & routes

↳ connect to Bangor

electric charging stations

commuter parking lots

outdoor trails in rural areas

↳ mountain biking

↳ snowmobile trails

rails to trails

cohesive downtown development

engaged business owners

↳ business dev. area

connect under railroad (Bangor)

expand business park

tree canopy (tree city)

↳ growth program & pres.

Threats

population growth (unregulated)

Climate change

↳ reuse spaces

↳ address flooding & outdoor areas

housing speculation

labor market fluctuations

food insecurity

poverty

mental health

} public health

water resources dwindling

↳ rural district devl.

Vision

beauty: landscape, homes, feel of community

location: proximity

rural feel

↳ accessibility of people & services

collaborative, solving problems, involved

one-stop-shop for quality of life

active, multi-generational, family-oriented

↳ cradle to grave community

recreational activities

sense of safety (police, fire/EMS)

diversity (businesses, people, ideas)

Potential Rec Ctr

EA

University
Library
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202

Potential
Trail
K. ...
Hall

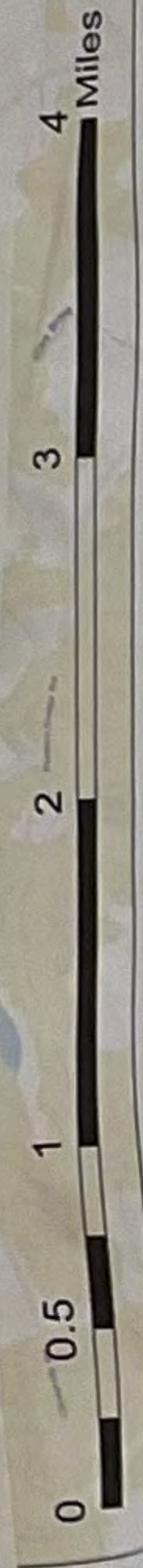
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Shoe
Mobile
Club

Grant
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North
Highway

Community
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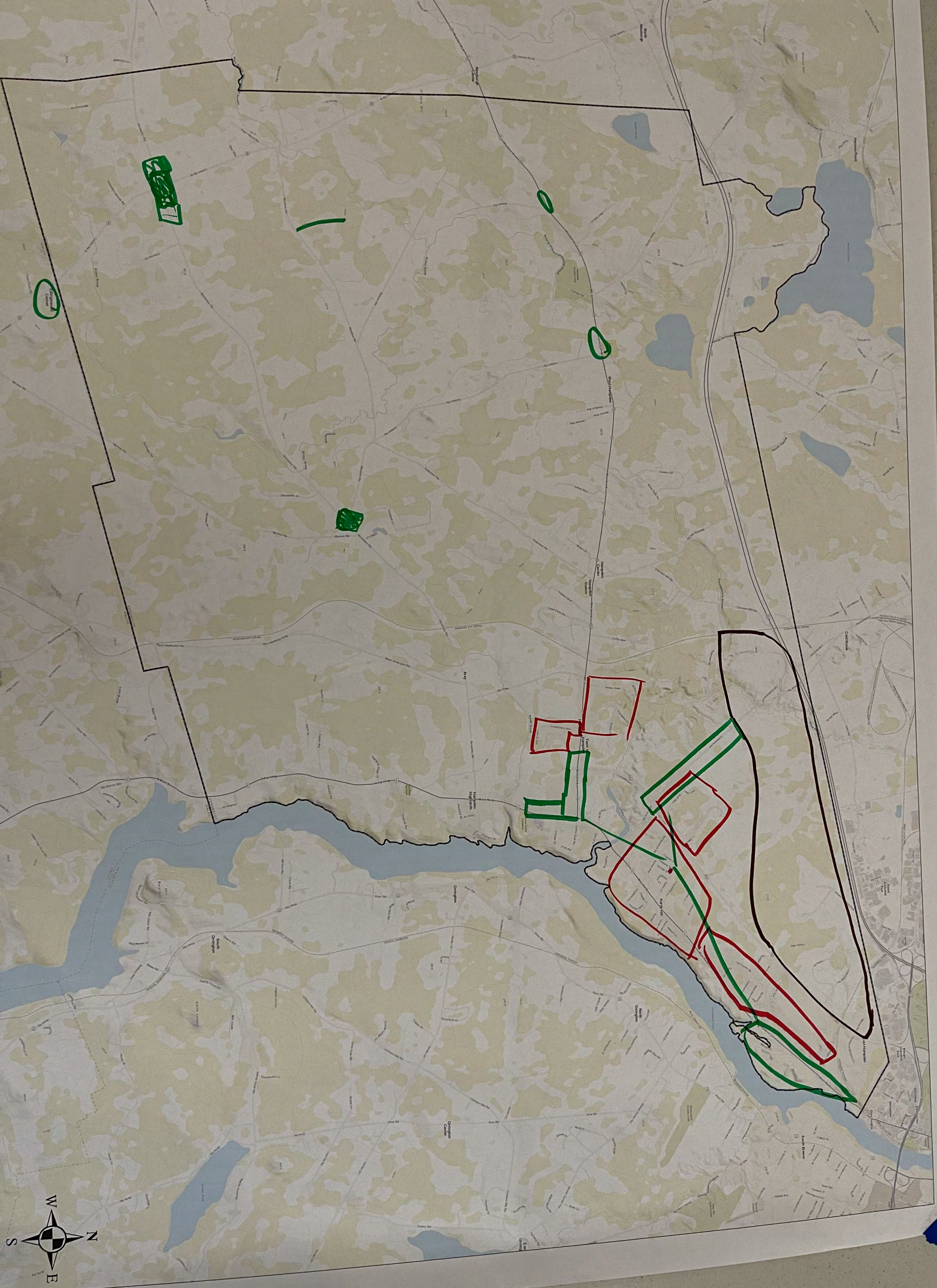
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July 20, 2022

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July 23, 2022

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Strengths

school system
bedroom community
not too busy
close to Bangor
↳ regional proximity
drinking water quality
desirable community
Children's Day
recreation & amenities
transfer station
↳ swap shop
↳ recycled yard waste/compost

Weaknesses

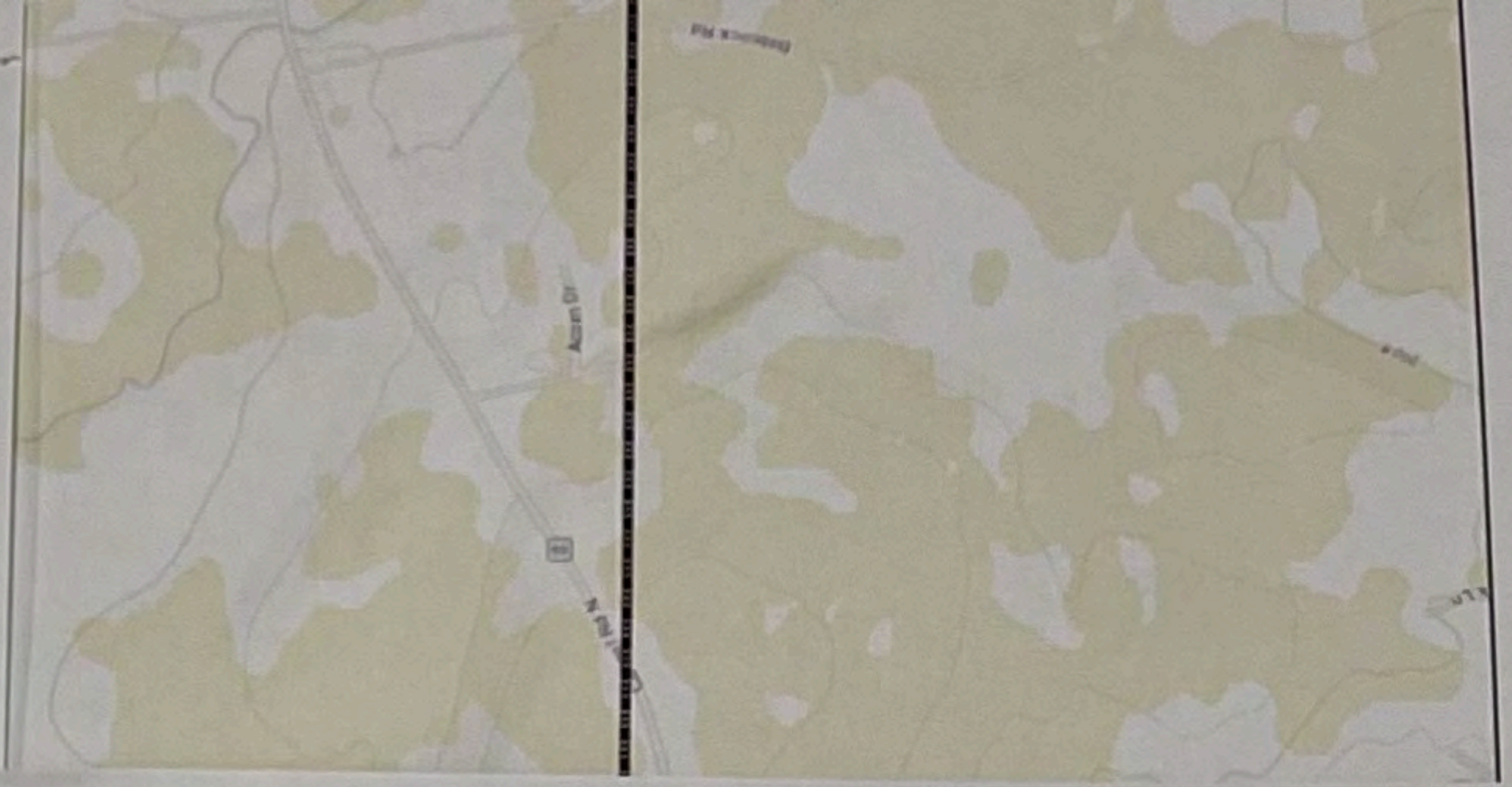
unaffordable housing (rentals)
multi-generational housing
↳ no place to age in place
no sand availability in winter
small lots in subdivisions
lack of space for kids in neighbor-
hoods
claustrophobic density
hazardous housing / buildings
speeding

Opportunities

development guidelines
"take back pocket parks"
increase affordable housing
fill the industrial park
sports facility / field expansion
↳ feeder programs (lacrosse & soccer)
walking trails & sidewalks
more youth programs
flashing lights for sidewalks
bike lanes
map of trails & parks
scholarship & fundraising programs
public health programs ←
community gardens
dog park

Threats

texting & speeding accidents
lack of funding
losing desire for community
substance abuse
mental health
political polarization
weak community bonds
↳ power dynamics encroaching
on personal property / rights



Vision

+ a win-win environment

one community with one government

positive quality of life

freedom of choice

great location / centralized

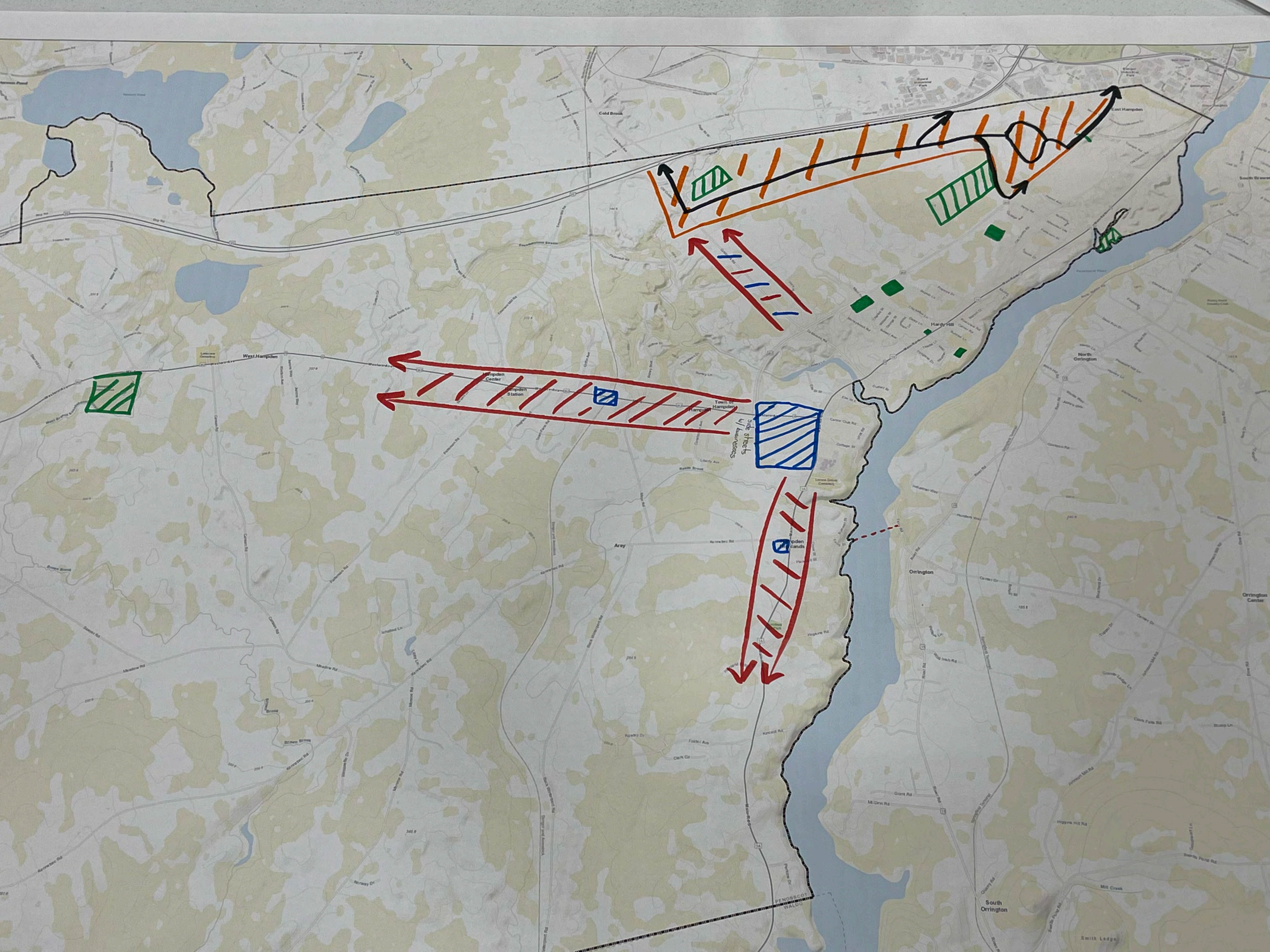
great school system

Penobscot River, hiking, coastline

"you don't have to go very far" - JS

small town feel

caring community



MY HAMPDEN WISHLIST

A crosswalk @ 202 by Anglers Unicornns Cross walk on Main Rd's to Fosters Ave

Splash pad at Iura hoit playground

TOWNSQUARE

Candy store

Outdoor Sports facility

Brewery or Pub!

Splash Pad

Dog Park

HERRY ROFFER + VENDOR

Fee
COPK

POOL

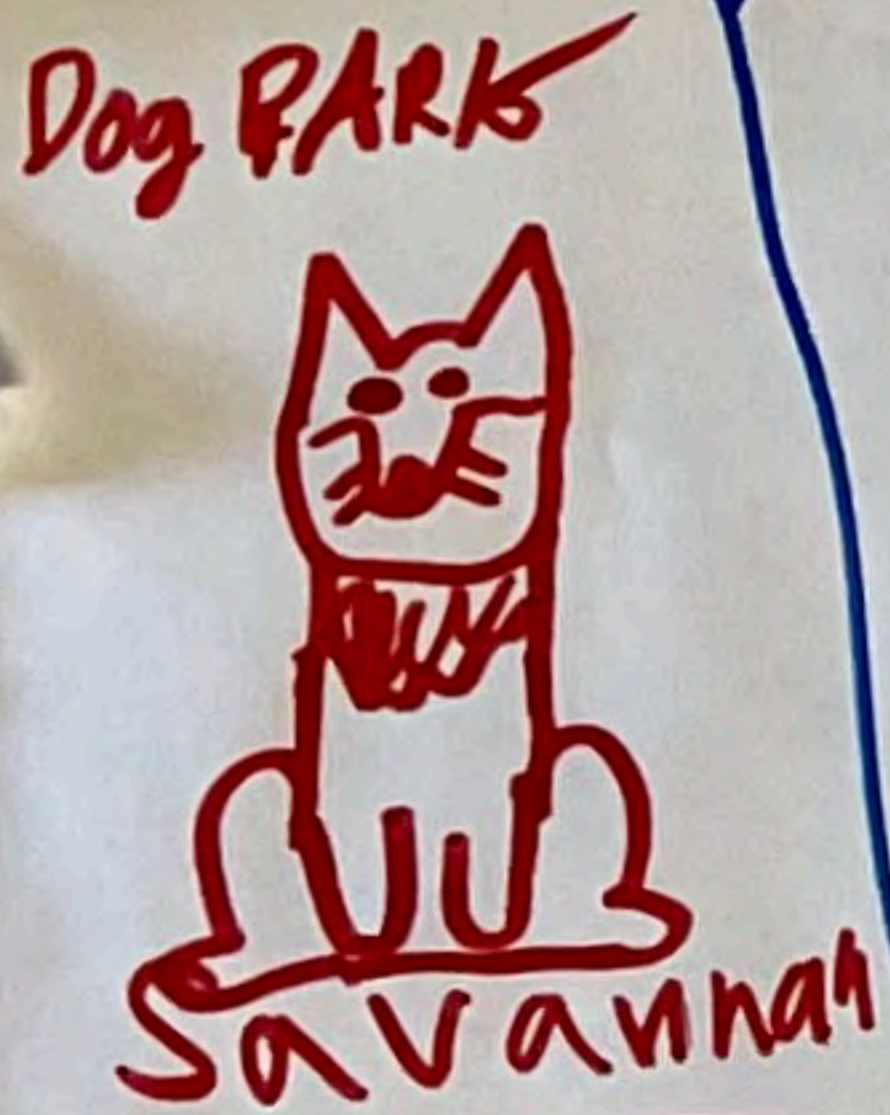
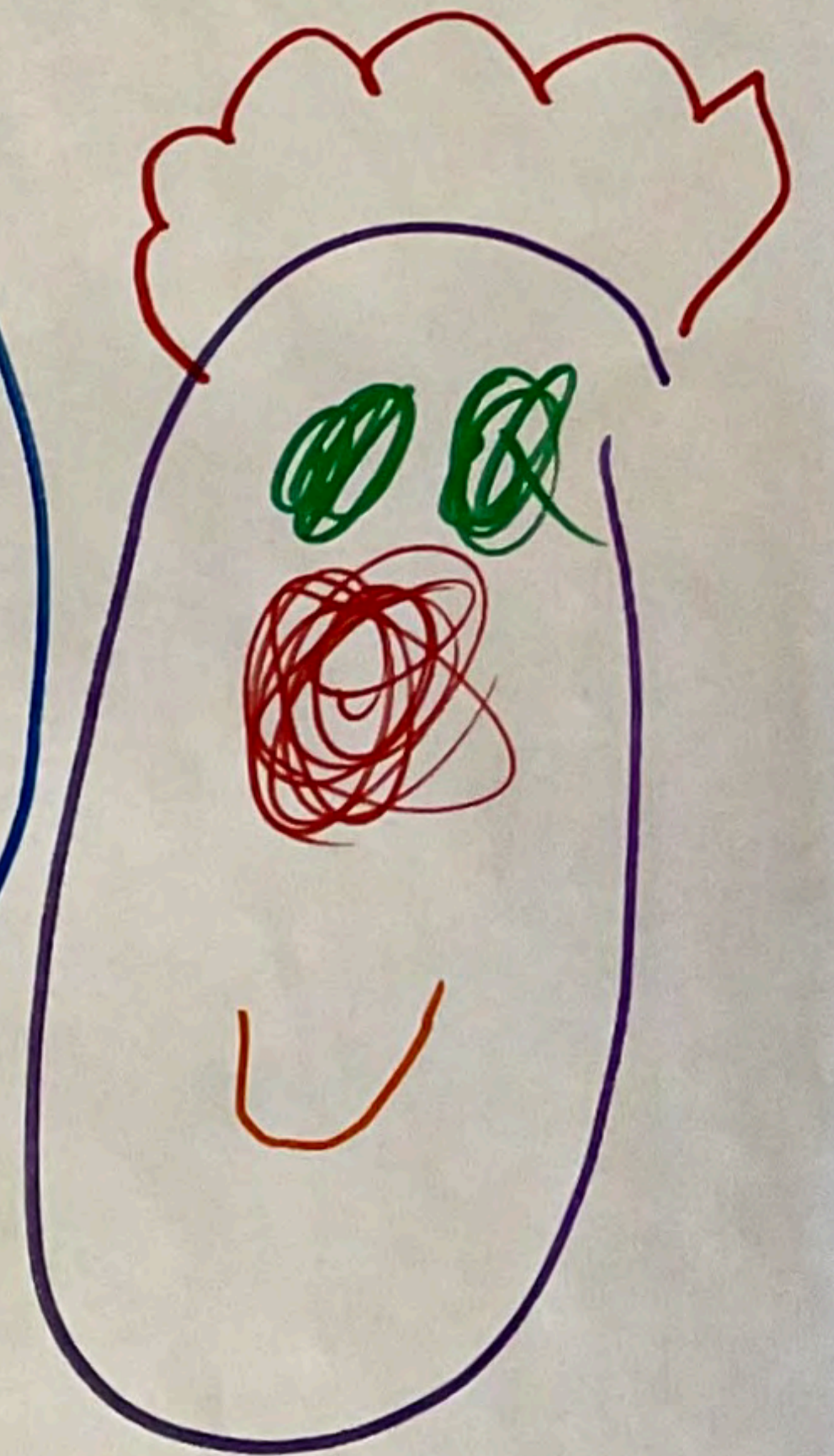
Pre-k 7a-3p

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Children's Community Center



chulte factory

Water Park

Charlie



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August 30, 2022

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My Hampden Wishlist

- similar Town Center to Orono
- mixed use between businesses & residences
- walkability
- centralized parking
- local market
- remove guardrail btw. Subway & parking @ Town Center
- public seating & dining
- increase in public transportation accessibility
 - ↳ bikes, scooters, alt. individual modes
- promote mixed-use development corridors
- more food choices
- limit signage (sizing, lighting, aesthetic)
- later after school activities
- better "activated" open/green spaces



Town of Hampden Comprehensive Plan

August 31, 2022

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My Hampden Wishlist

- maintain the rural character of town

- natural spaces

- agricultural uses

- limited impervious areas

- low density

- bldg. spacing

- remove cluster subdivision requirement*

↳ rapid densification, multi-family in rural district

- make sure adequate services are provided (water, septic/sewer)

- incremental development

- more shopping options (specialty shops, small-scale)

↳ downtown Orono, low-scale small-town feel

- dog park

- better mental health / substance abuse services




Town of Hampden Comprehensive Plan

September 1, 2022

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My Hampden Wishlist

- more drive-thru options
- permanent rec. staff
 - ↳ decrease reliance on volunteers
- utilize space @ pool
- splash pad 
 - ↳ model after Presque Isle splash pad
 - ↳ get parental input
- later after school activities
- more shopping options
 - ↳ another grocery store
- more sidewalk options
- larger pool, better activities, better schedule
- outdoor ice skating rink
- times @ rec/pool are inconsistent; revise hours
- city forest @ Hampden
- winter activities (mental health focus)



Town of Hampden Comprehensive Plan

September 7, 2022

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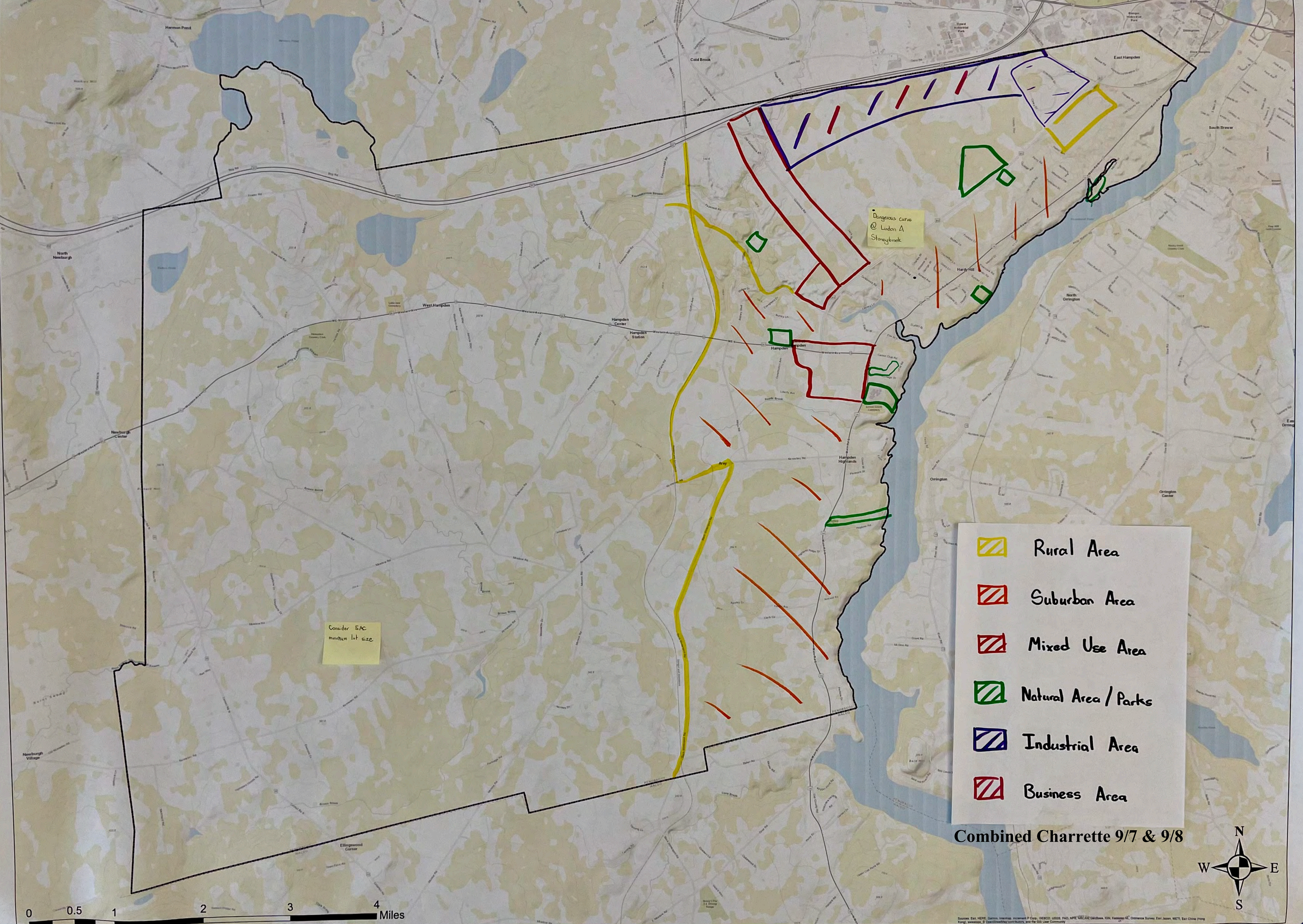
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My Hampden Wishlist

- more senior citizen activities
- a community center for all age groups
- more community engagement (multi-generational)
- preserve historical spaces (like Hampden Hardware)
 - ↳ create codes that allow updates & renovations
- restore community cemeteries
- community gathering place (restaurant, bar, coffee shop)
- improve awareness of existing parks & trails
 - ↳ welcome pamphlet for new residents
 - ↳ include playgrounds & activities for children
- more local parks in developments
- reduce speeding; allow children to bike
 - ↳ needs better enforcement

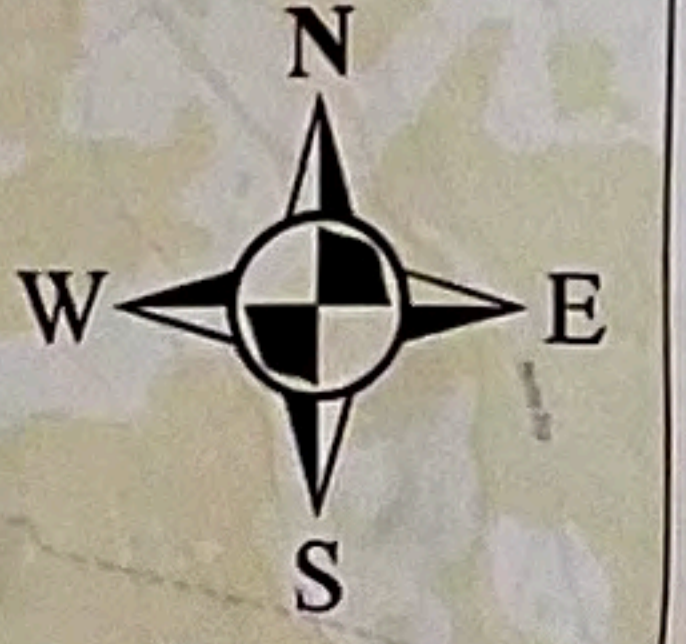


Dangerous curve
@ Linden A
Stonyknob

Consider SAC
minimum lot size

-  Rural Area
-  Suburban Area
-  Mixed Use Area
-  Natural Area / Parks
-  Industrial Area
-  Business Area

Combined Charrette 9/7 & 9/8



0 0.5 1 2 3 4 Miles

Source: Esri, HERE, Garmin, Intelmap, Intermap, P Corp., GEBCO, USGS, FAO, ARI, UNEP, IGN, Kartegon, NGA, Swire, Survey, Esri Japan, METI, Esri China (Hong Kong), Swire, IGN, Esri (China) and other contributors, and the GIS User Community



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September 13, 2022

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My Hampden Wishlist

- safe walking and biking opportunities in all zoning districts
- bicycle trails, paved preferable, delineated
- connectivity (in Town & Penobscot County)
- attractive buildings (on corners), plantings walking, businesses, community
- transportation integration
- speeding enforcement
- prioritize public health & safety
- greater data analysis of stormwater & rainfall
 - ↳ better categorization of rainfall events (by neighborhood)
 - ↳ better flood-prevention tactics & infrastructure
- ↳ better design of impervious spaces & stormwater systems



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September 15, 2022

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My Hampden Wishlist

- splash pad / community sled/ice rink in winter
- community newsletter (newspaper - "Hampden Happenings")
- greater awareness of community events
 - ↳ community movie night (kids & adults)
- things to do: businesses, activities, parks, etc.
- Market Basket (second grocery store)
- senior citizen housing development
- tax structure to benefit older citizens
- better nightlife for adults
- gathering places
- indoor walking spaces during winter
- boat tour out of marina
- intimate street lighting; aide walkability

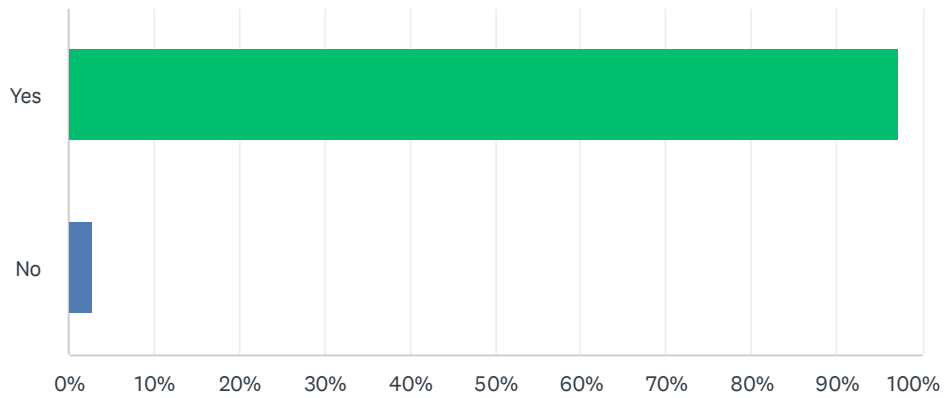


Appendix B: Comprehensive Plan Survey

This appendix includes all the information gathered through online surveys available between July and September 2022. The survey aimed to gather further information that would not be easily obtainable through the public workshop process. This survey supplemented the statistical data gathered by the State of Maine and addressed more detailed questions about the community's perception and specific policy recommendations.

Q1 Do you live in the Town of Hampden?

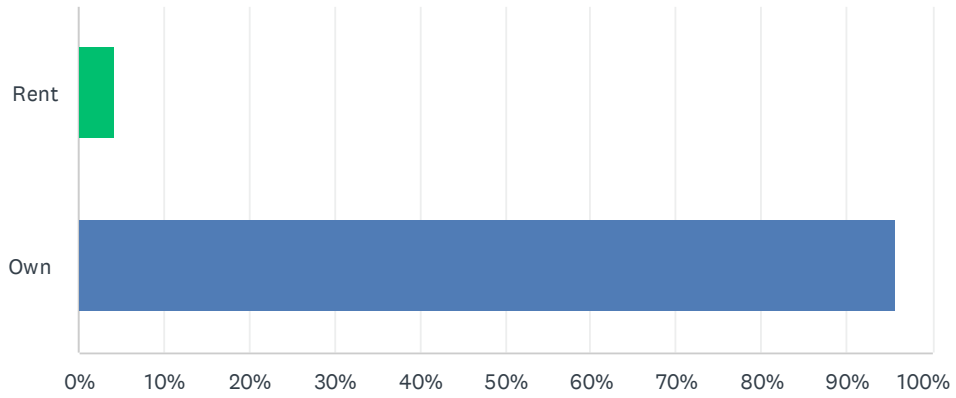
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	97.30%	361
No	2.70%	10
TOTAL		371

Q2 If yes, do you rent or own?

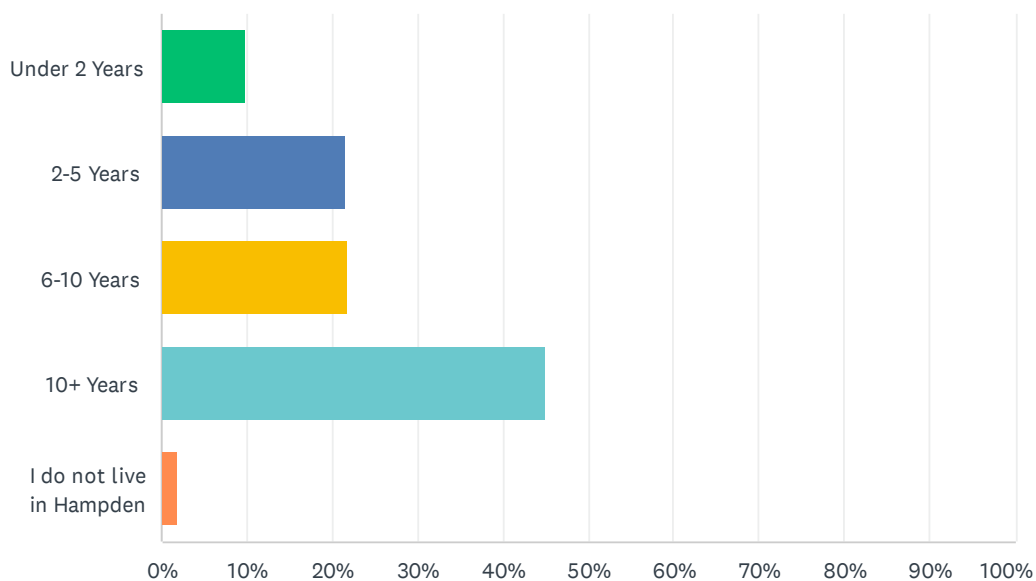
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Rent	4.18%	15
Own	95.82%	344
TOTAL		359

Q3 How long have you lived in the Town of Hampden?

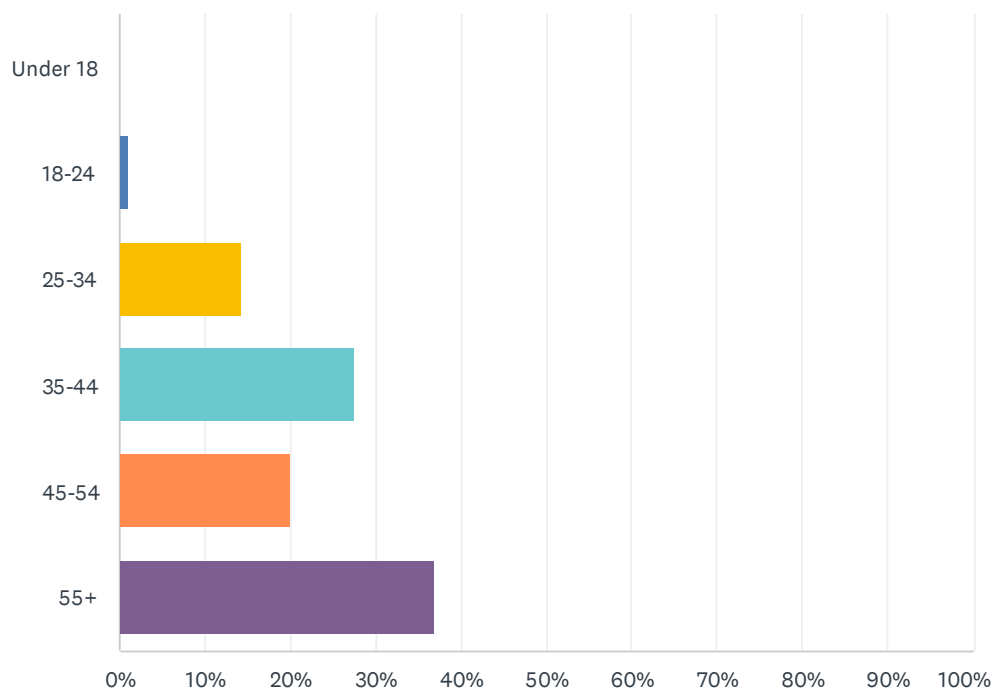
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 2 Years	9.81%	36
2-5 Years	21.53%	79
6-10 Years	21.80%	80
10+ Years	44.96%	165
I do not live in Hampden	1.91%	7
TOTAL		367

Q4 Which category best describes your age?

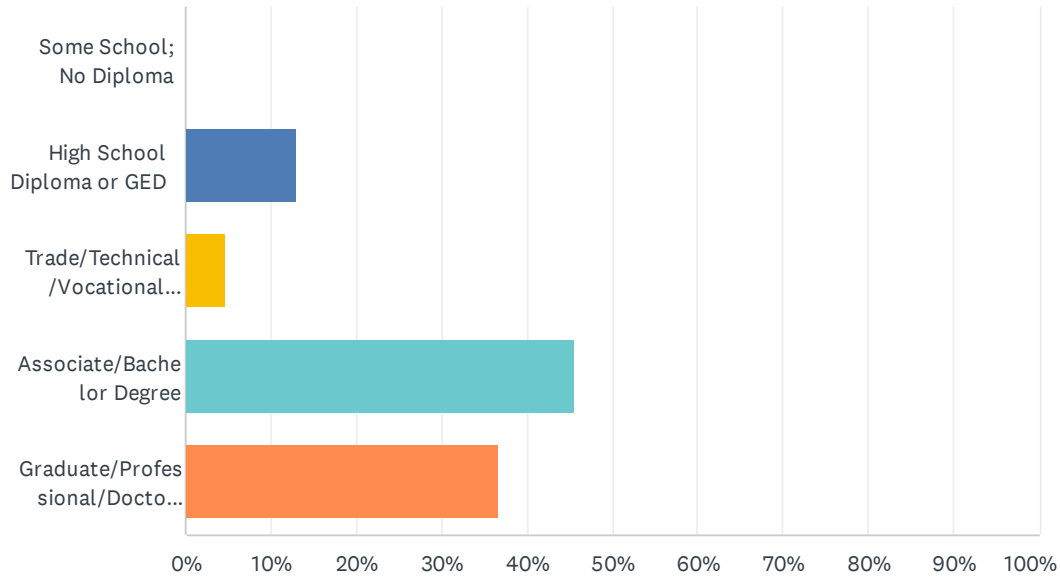
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0.00%	0
18-24	1.10%	4
25-34	14.33%	52
35-44	27.55%	100
45-54	20.11%	73
55+	36.91%	134
TOTAL		363

Q5 What's your highest level of education?

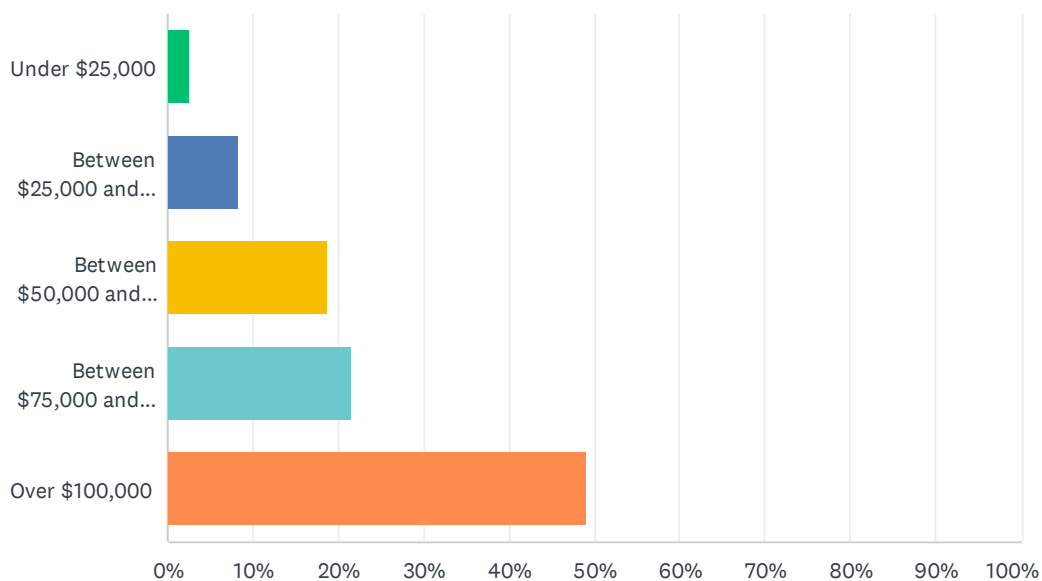
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Some School; No Diploma	0.00%	0
High School Diploma or GED	12.95%	47
Trade/Technical/Vocational Degree	4.68%	17
Associate/Bachelor Degree	45.73%	166
Graduate/Professional/Doctoral Degree	36.64%	133
TOTAL		363

Q6 What is your annual household income?

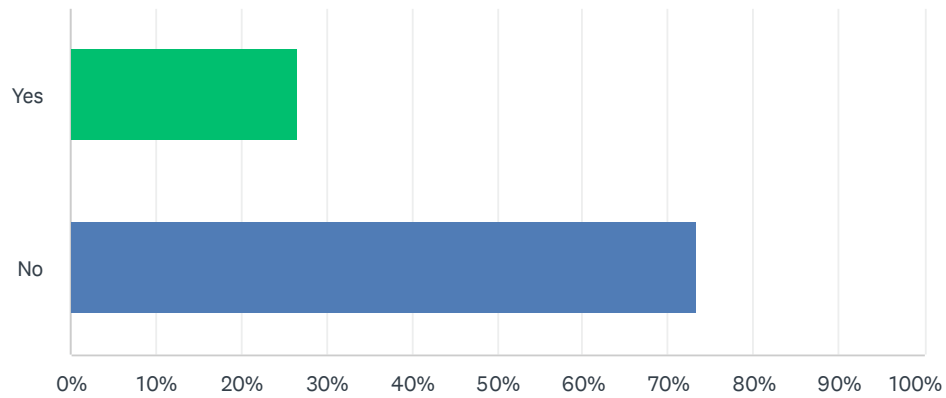
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under \$25,000	2.48%	9
Between \$25,000 and \$49,999	8.26%	30
Between \$50,000 and \$74,999	18.73%	68
Between \$75,000 and \$99,999	21.49%	78
Over \$100,000	49.04%	178
TOTAL		363

Q7 Are you retired?

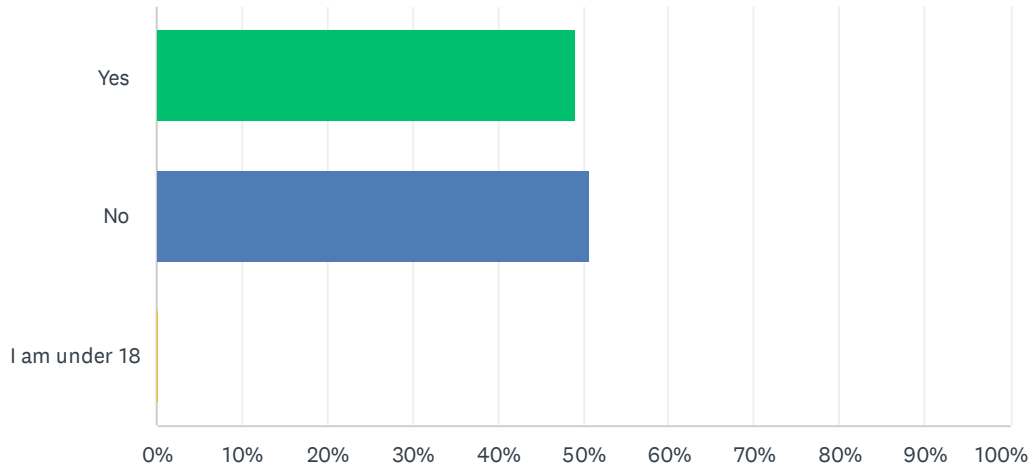
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	26.72%	97
No	73.28%	266
TOTAL		363

Q8 Do you have children under the age of 18 in your household?

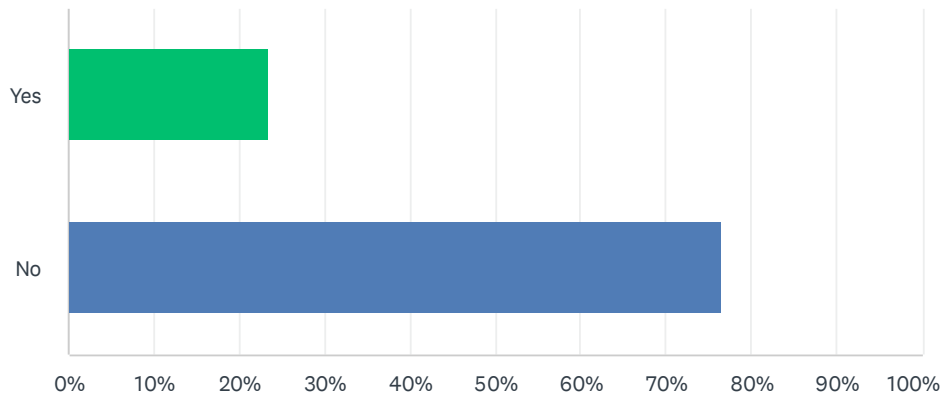
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	49.04%	178
No	50.69%	184
I am under 18	0.28%	1
TOTAL		363

Q9 Do you work in the Town of Hampden?

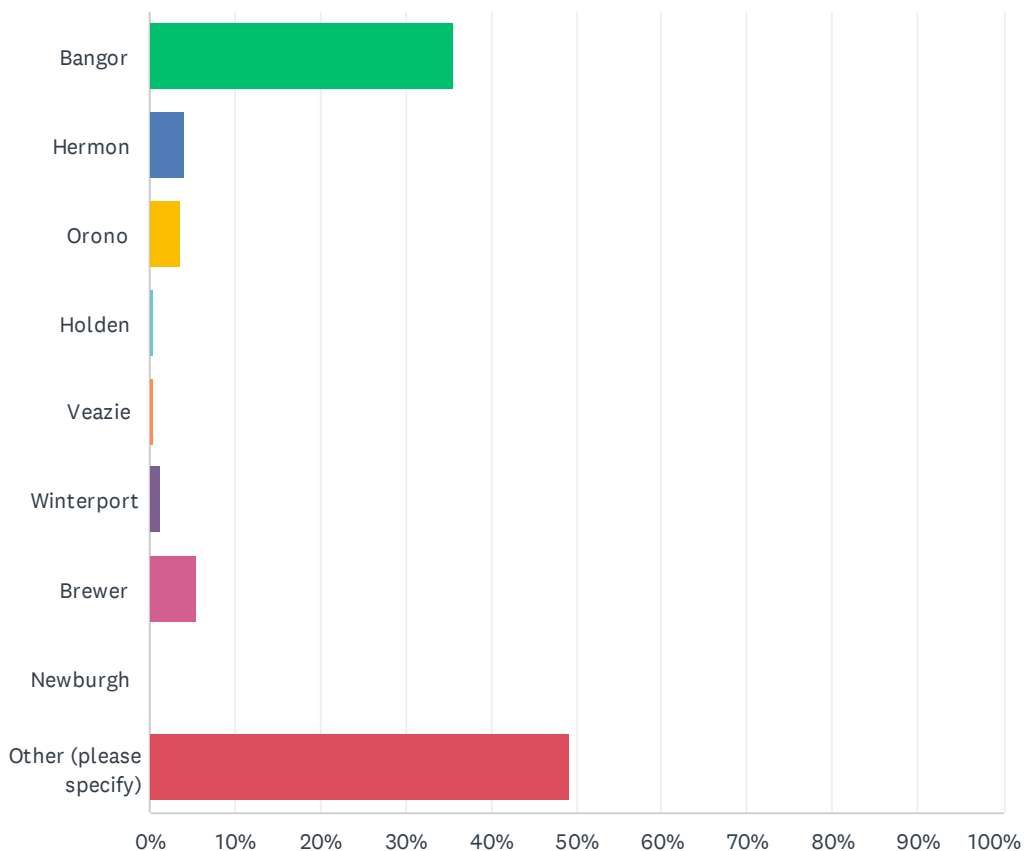
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	23.53%	84
No	76.47%	273
TOTAL		357

Q10 If not, where do you work?

Answered: 252 Skipped: 119



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Bangor	35.71% 90
Hermon	3.97% 10
Orono	3.57% 9
Holden	0.40% 1
Veazie	0.40% 1
Winterport	1.19% 3
Brewer	5.56% 14
Newburgh	0.00% 0
Other (please specify)	49.21% 124
TOTAL	252

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Retired but I used to work in Bangor	9/14/2022 1:00 PM

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2	Retired	9/12/2022 6:05 PM
3	I worked in Orono and Bucksport	9/8/2022 10:30 AM
4	Retired	9/4/2022 10:39 AM
5	Retired	8/28/2022 8:49 AM
6	Remote	8/16/2022 3:34 AM
7	retired	8/9/2022 4:06 PM
8	Old Town	8/9/2022 2:37 PM
9	Remote/MDI once a week	8/7/2022 5:49 PM
10	retired	8/5/2022 6:11 PM
11	Remotely for a US-based non-profit	8/5/2022 11:35 AM
12	remote/California	8/5/2022 12:57 AM
13	Belfast, Blue Hill, Ellsworth	8/4/2022 8:59 PM
14	retired	8/4/2022 7:02 PM
15	Retired	8/4/2022 6:17 PM
16	retired	8/4/2022 5:37 AM
17	Retired	8/3/2022 5:24 PM
18	Retired, but worked in Orono and Orrington	8/3/2022 2:54 PM
19	retired	8/3/2022 11:30 AM
20	Retired	7/28/2022 6:22 PM
21	Retired	7/21/2022 5:43 PM
22	Retired from bangor	7/21/2022 5:43 AM
23	P	7/20/2022 8:57 PM
24	Levant	7/20/2022 3:20 PM
25	Retired	7/20/2022 12:19 PM
26	Bucksport	7/20/2022 12:11 PM
27	Bar Harbor	7/20/2022 11:59 AM
28	Retired	7/20/2022 10:18 AM
29	MSAD#31	7/20/2022 10:06 AM
30	Retired	7/20/2022 9:50 AM
31	Retired	7/18/2022 7:39 PM
32	Retired	7/18/2022 12:44 PM
33	not employed/homemaker	7/15/2022 9:19 AM
34	Augusta	7/14/2022 6:31 PM
35	2 jobs - Winterport and Bangor	7/14/2022 4:02 PM
36	Retired	7/14/2022 3:00 PM
37	i'm based in Bangor but I fly other places	7/14/2022 2:59 PM
38	pittsfield	7/14/2022 2:19 PM
39	Work From Home	7/14/2022 2:12 PM

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40	Ellsworth	7/14/2022 2:11 PM
41	Self employed	7/14/2022 11:05 AM
42	Dedham	7/10/2022 9:42 PM
43	Retired	7/7/2022 8:38 PM
44	Old Town	7/4/2022 7:27 AM
45	Retired	7/2/2022 4:04 PM
46	retired	7/2/2022 9:06 AM
47	Belfast	6/30/2022 7:40 PM
48	Retired	6/30/2022 2:47 PM
49	Retired	6/30/2022 2:39 PM
50	retired	6/30/2022 2:09 PM
51	Retired	6/30/2022 1:47 PM
52	Retired	6/30/2022 9:00 AM
53	Retired	6/30/2022 8:23 AM
54	Part time appraiser in bangor	6/30/2022 6:19 AM
55	Retired	6/29/2022 10:49 PM
56	Retired	6/29/2022 9:03 PM
57	retired	6/29/2022 7:44 PM
58	On line	6/29/2022 7:21 PM
59	I am retired.	6/29/2022 5:09 PM
60	Retired	6/29/2022 4:21 PM
61	I don't work. I'm retired.	6/29/2022 4:12 PM
62	Retired	6/29/2022 3:33 PM
63	Retitred	6/29/2022 3:25 PM
64	Retired	6/29/2022 3:17 PM
65	Retired	6/29/2022 3:17 PM
66	retired	6/29/2022 3:14 PM
67	Retired	6/29/2022 2:02 PM
68	Outside of USA; work on cargo ship.	6/28/2022 11:08 AM
69	Retired	6/28/2022 12:16 AM
70	nowhere	6/27/2022 3:57 PM
71	Belfast	6/26/2022 8:56 AM
72	Bangor	6/26/2022 12:05 AM
73	I work from home	6/25/2022 7:45 PM
74	Washington DC	6/25/2022 9:49 AM
75	Retired but lived 1976 here	6/24/2022 6:43 PM
76	Retired	6/24/2022 6:17 AM
77	Remote	6/23/2022 9:23 PM

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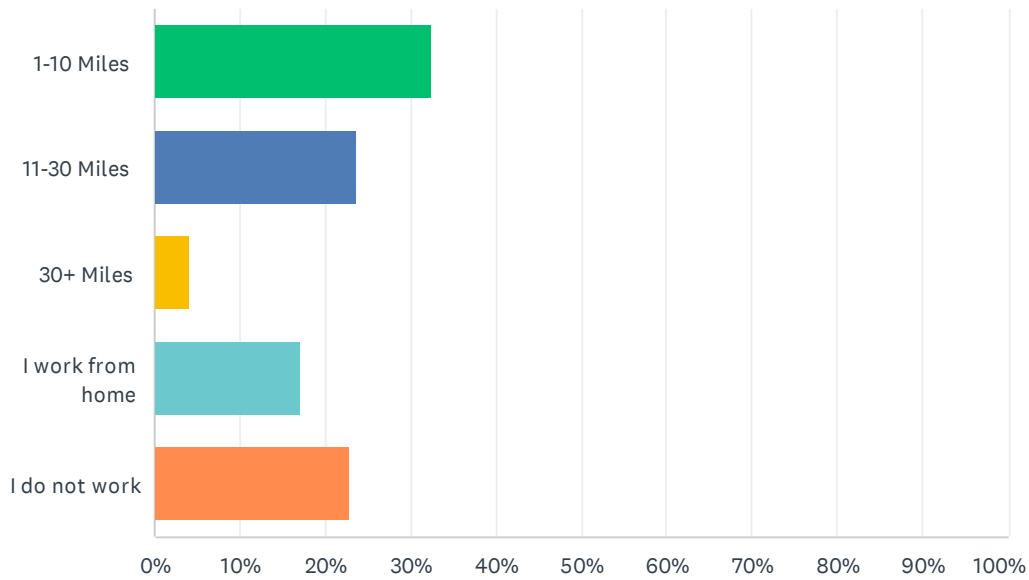
78	Pittsfield (but work from home in Hampden currently)	6/23/2022 8:45 PM
79	remote for a California-based firm	6/23/2022 8:00 PM
80	Retired	6/23/2022 1:17 PM
81	Stay at home	6/23/2022 1:00 PM
82	Retired	6/23/2022 12:58 PM
83	Remote	6/23/2022 11:54 AM
84	From home mostly	6/23/2022 11:50 AM
85	RETIRED	6/23/2022 11:36 AM
86	Newport	6/23/2022 10:53 AM
87	Camden	6/23/2022 10:31 AM
88	Remote, Portland Maine base	6/23/2022 10:01 AM
89	Remote - Boston headquarters	6/23/2022 9:42 AM
90	Stay at home mom	6/23/2022 9:16 AM
91	Augusta	6/23/2022 8:48 AM
92	Belfast	6/23/2022 8:48 AM
93	Retired	6/23/2022 8:30 AM
94	Remote	6/23/2022 8:27 AM
95	Remotely	6/23/2022 8:14 AM
96	retired	6/23/2022 8:10 AM
97	Ellsworth	6/23/2022 8:00 AM
98	Ellsworth	6/23/2022 7:34 AM
99	Stay at home parent	6/23/2022 7:26 AM
100	Retired	6/23/2022 7:22 AM
101	Augusta & Remote	6/22/2022 11:11 PM
102	Hampden and surrounding towns	6/22/2022 11:11 PM
103	Stay home mother	6/22/2022 11:06 PM
104	Remote	6/22/2022 10:46 PM
105	Newport	6/22/2022 9:54 PM
106	Orange Park, FL	6/22/2022 9:25 PM
107	Freelancer	6/22/2022 9:23 PM
108	SAHM	6/22/2022 9:11 PM
109	Retired	6/22/2022 8:50 PM
110	Active Duty Navy	6/22/2022 8:27 PM
111	All of the above	6/22/2022 7:52 PM
112	Remote worker	6/22/2022 7:48 PM
113	Pittsfield	6/22/2022 7:40 PM
114	St Albans	6/22/2022 7:24 PM
115	Belfast	6/22/2022 6:42 PM

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116	Retired from nursing	6/22/2022 6:11 PM
117	Retired	6/22/2022 5:42 PM
118	Skowhegan to Fort Kent	6/22/2022 5:32 PM
119	Stay at home parent	6/22/2022 5:29 PM
120	Greater Bangor Area	6/22/2022 5:13 PM
121	n/a	6/22/2022 5:02 PM
122	Retired	6/22/2022 5:02 PM
123	retired	6/22/2022 4:57 PM
124	Newport	6/22/2022 4:46 PM

Q11 How far do you commute to work?

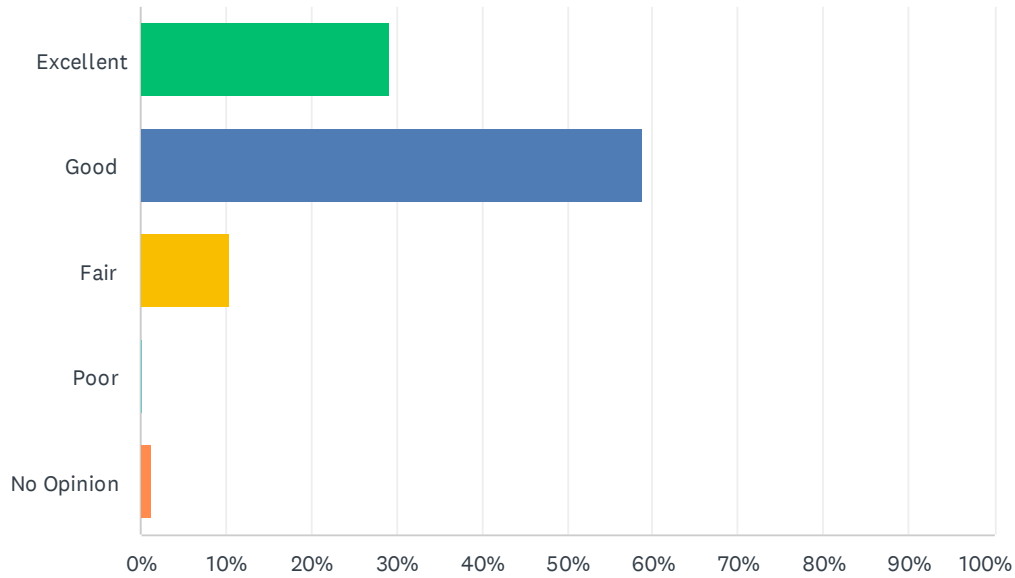
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1-10 Miles	32.37%	112
11-30 Miles	23.70%	82
30+ Miles	4.05%	14
I work from home	17.05%	59
I do not work	22.83%	79
TOTAL		346

Q12 How would you rate the quality of life in the Town of Hampden?

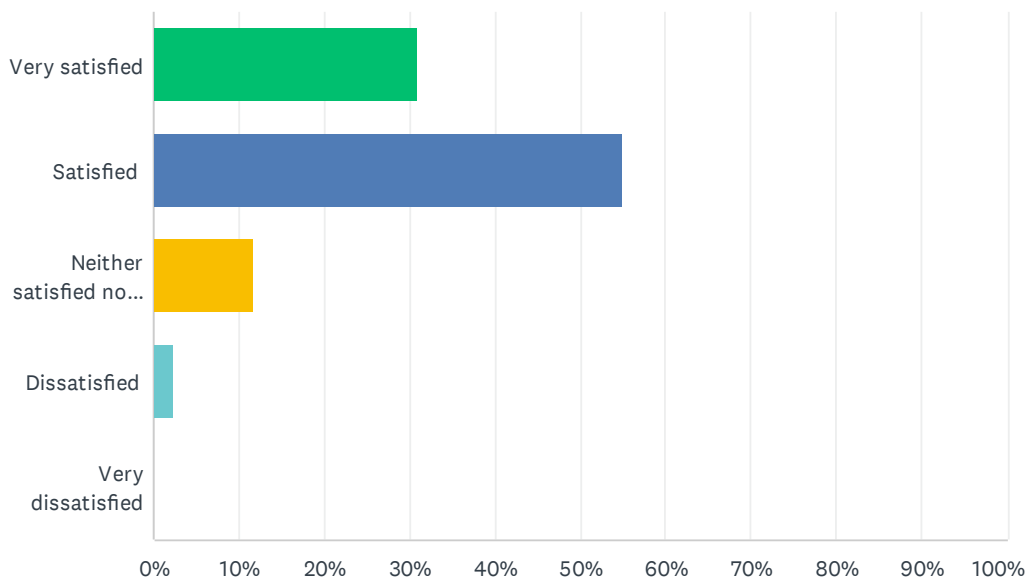
Answered: 335 Skipped: 36



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Excellent	29.25%	98
Good	58.81%	197
Fair	10.45%	35
Poor	0.30%	1
No Opinion	1.19%	4
TOTAL		335

Q13 How satisfied are you with the Town of Hampden as a place to live?

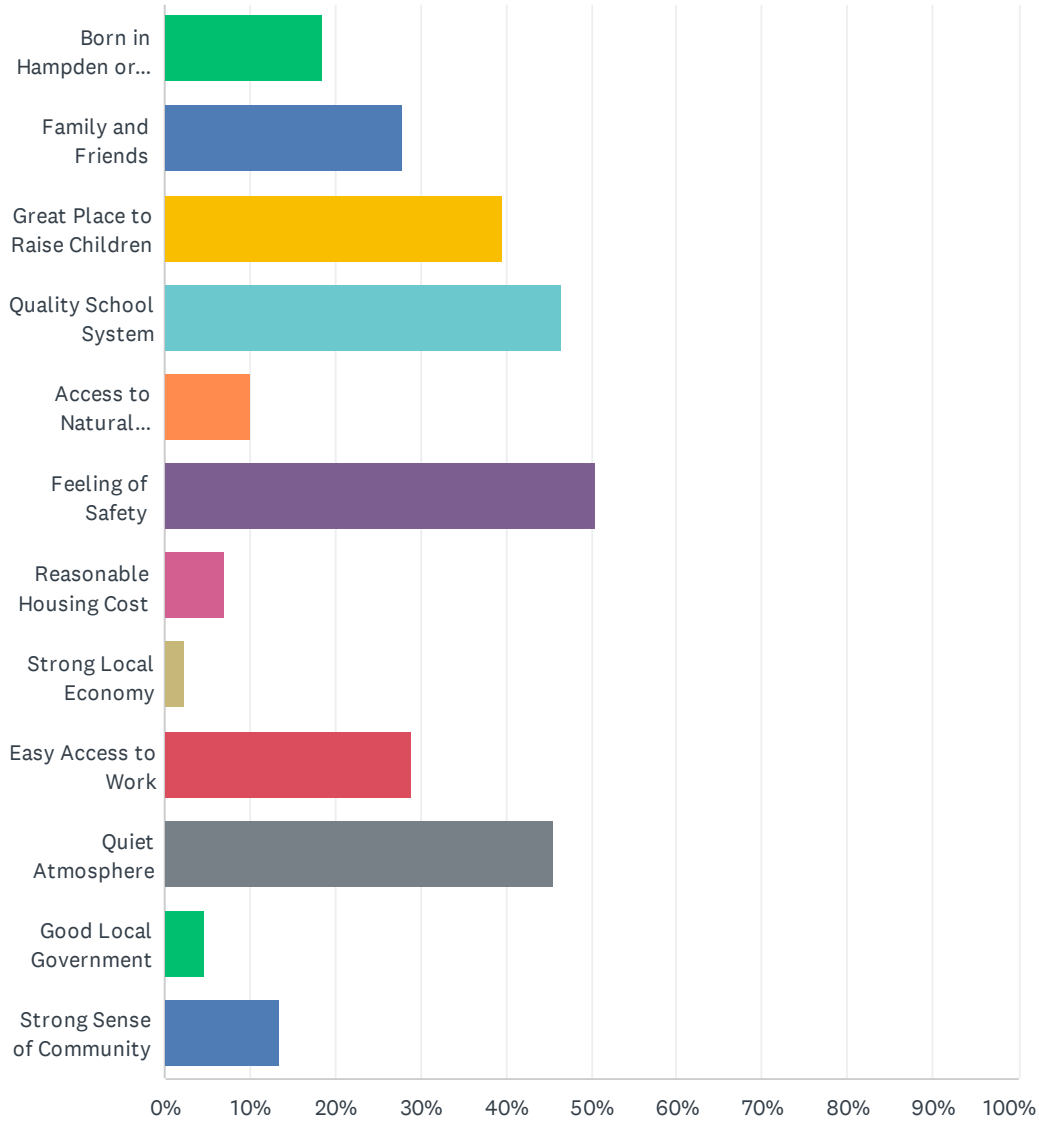
Answered: 331 Skipped: 40



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	30.82%	102
Satisfied	54.98%	182
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	11.78%	39
Dissatisfied	2.42%	8
Very dissatisfied	0.00%	0
TOTAL		331

Q14 What are your Top 3 reasons for living in the Town of Hampden? (Select up to 3)

Answered: 327 Skipped: 44



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Born in Hampden or Nearby	18.65%	61
Family and Friends	27.83%	91
Great Place to Raise Children	39.76%	130
Quality School System	46.48%	152
Access to Natural Resources	10.09%	33
Feeling of Safety	50.46%	165
Reasonable Housing Cost	7.03%	23
Strong Local Economy	2.45%	8
Easy Access to Work	29.05%	95
Quiet Atmosphere	45.57%	149
Good Local Government	4.59%	15
Strong Sense of Community	13.46%	44
Total Respondents: 327		

Q15 What are some improvements that could be made to benefit your quality of life?

Answered: 217 Skipped: 154

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Accessibility directly in town to more shopping/foods. Access directly in town to more outdoor activities for kids (rec related and non rec related) trash pickup larger school, larger playgrounds. Better technology used by town (Facebook is not all that there is). text message reminders, more automated and electronic ways to pay/do business (I could help in this space)	9/19/2022 10:09 AM
2	We live near the VFW. I appreciate the facilities offered to the public but there is noise issues with music being played loudly and kids doing donuts in the parking lot. We walk here and have young kids. Then the speed down our street where sometime our heart drop when we hear them coming to have kids pull bicycles off the road. When Hampden PD is called they ask if we have a video of so called events and there is nothing they can do. We moved here for school and safety but our safety does not seem to be priority. Also when baseball season is in full swing even parents speed down out road. Many times people run the stop sign at the intersection of VFW rd and cottage street.	9/18/2022 3:08 PM
3	A more extensive trail system in town would benefit my quality of life.	9/14/2022 9:46 PM
4	I would like to see more maintained trails, roads with shoulders for bike riding or walking, better care of the natural environment, and an attractive town center with access to the river	9/14/2022 1:08 PM
5	It would improve my quality of life if Hampden became know for being a business friendly town. This would improve the tax base and avoid large tax increases. Please govern the town in the most thrifty, efficient manner and avoid mission creep such as building a community center. In addition perhaps the Economic Development Director can be encouraged to direct her focus to; continually improving service to our current businesses and perhaps attracting new businesses to town. Isn't 'Economic Development' increasing for profit business?	9/13/2022 8:41 PM
6	A sidewalk should be installed on Old County Road. The "Triangle" has a high density population with several multiple-family developments, the largest being Old County Estates I and II and Triangle Drive. Dozens of people walk along Old County Road daily for exercise, yet the dirt footpaths along it are narrow and at points nonexistent. This is very dangerous, especially for parents with strollers. If Hampden wants to increase its "exercise opportunities" as listed for "top rated" towns, then safe sidewalks in densely populated areas should be a top priority. Mayo Road has sidewalks. Main Road has sidewalks. Old County Road residents, and those who live on the side streets and lanes, need sidewalks.	9/13/2022 11:47 AM
7	Make people responsible who own abandoned homes and property. Drive up Patterson st. And you'll see an unkempt home that apparently the town of Hampden and the property owner have very few cares about. It is an eyesore and it degrades the neighborhood.	9/12/2022 6:21 PM
8	We need to do a better job of protecting open space and natural areas in Hampden. The comprehensive plan needs to identify areas important to wildlife, forest management, and agriculture. We are losing these areas at a fast rate. We need to protect more of these areas and invite land trusts to become established in Hamden or at least protect land here. Look at the fantastic network of protected lands in Bangor and Orono that attract visitors for various forms of outdoor recreation. Thus far, we have not had the foresight to protect significant (large) areas of land in Hamdpen. Why don't we establish a town forest similar to Bangor?	9/8/2022 10:36 AM
9	More & better food establishments, cafe's restaurants etc.	9/6/2022 9:14 PM
10	expanded indoor pool	9/5/2022 1:56 PM
11	More quality small businesses to meet needs of daily life. No large chains and businesses that cater to storage, dollar items, medical weed and tattoos.	9/4/2022 10:55 AM
12	More runner-friendly areas	9/3/2022 8:17 PM
13	Sidewalks along 202 from Coldbrook to Western Ave.	9/1/2022 8:50 AM

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14	Bring downtown together physically as one unit.	8/28/2022 8:53 AM
15	More outdoor recreation! Trails, parks, sidewalks, etc.	8/28/2022 6:58 AM
16	There are a few run down buildings that are eye sores. It would be nice to have a community center but also an outdoor area that is accessible for people with physical disabilities. The children garden in brewer on the river walk is gorgeous and something like that would be great.	8/16/2022 3:41 AM
17	More access to walking areas, improved sidewalks Attract more local business to avoid frequent trips to Bangor and other communities to shop	8/9/2022 2:41 PM
18	There needs to be more business and things for young people to do. No one wants to eat out at Anglers except for old people and everything closes at 8/9pm.	8/7/2022 5:51 PM
19	Trash pickup	8/6/2022 9:35 PM
20	Better sense of community	8/6/2022 11:52 AM
21	Connected trail system and/or river walk. A cluster of businesses that include restaurants and entertainment and parks (too spread out). There really isn't a downtown or central meeting place.	8/5/2022 11:34 PM
22	Reduce traffic infractions. Seniors and citizen's center.	8/5/2022 6:29 PM
23	get rid of TDS, slow internet in most of the town where they are the only choice	8/5/2022 1:46 PM
24	See below	8/5/2022 11:42 AM
25	Improve athletic programs in high school- be more pro student instead of pro parent/coach, especially in the hockey program. It affects an entire family(s). Encourage local businesses such as eateries/pubs. Develop riverfront to accommodate vendors, food trucks, farmers markets and walkways/bicycle trails and attach them to local businesses. Use business friendly strategies to increase town revenue such as a condo development on the corner of coldbrook and 202. Use the snowmobile trails for ATV trails, or create ATV/bicycle trails that access local businesses and have a town team that will help residents develop trails. Develop a "Hampden Culture Club " that residents can join to have discounts for local services and access to services.	8/4/2022 9:40 PM
26	more sidewalks	8/4/2022 9:35 PM
27	Trail system for biking/walking/running Better playground for children Fixing Main Rd South Enforce speed limits in town- specifically Main Rd S Place a light up cross walk button at Dorothea Dix Park cross walk	8/4/2022 9:09 PM
28	Lower taxes- mostly wasteful spending at the school (administration costs), addition of a 100% fenced in dog park, better internet choices	8/4/2022 9:01 PM
29	restrict multifamily development in the rural district, preserve the rural character of the town	8/4/2022 8:51 PM
30	The ability to have the residents with generations of living in hampden to have a reality check of where they are and being open to change for the better of the town rather than "keeping things the way they've been".	8/4/2022 7:57 PM
31	Nothing that I can think of.	8/4/2022 7:51 PM
32	lower taxes	8/4/2022 7:04 PM
33	Sidewalks on Kennebec rd, and sidewalks in general in more areas. We don't have access to walking anywhere basically right now without being eaten alive by bugs from the grads or almost being run over by speeding trucks.	8/4/2022 5:02 PM
34	More trails, hiking access	8/3/2022 6:36 PM
35	Trash pick-up poss. once a month, at my home.	8/3/2022 5:21 PM
36	Improvement of rec programs for kids	8/3/2022 12:15 PM
37	Fix all the crappy looking properties such as the one on the corner of Western Avenue and Patterson Road, and all the properties on the road from Main Road to 202, etc.	8/3/2022 11:33 AM
38	Attract and maintain demand of quality business people and school officials/teachers. The	8/3/2022 11:29 AM

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town could focus on mental health resources for children, above and beyond the school's as they do not allocate enough resources. Maybe a local movie night or featuring films in an available space, too. The town needs to go around to tax payer housing and make a plan to fix culverts frost heaves, as you are responsible for the drainage. Home owners shouldn't have to call in to ask for help in areas the town could allocate time to investigate.

39	Trash pick up	7/24/2022 8:19 AM
40	A better downtown (shops, businesses, planters, etc.) area.	7/22/2022 1:08 PM
41	A downtown that can be accessed easily	7/21/2022 5:45 AM
42	Bike lanes	7/20/2022 9:20 PM
43	Trash pickup more restaurants	7/20/2022 3:33 PM
44	Having curbside trash pickup provided by the town would be really helpful.	7/20/2022 3:22 PM
45	Curbside trash pick up	7/20/2022 10:13 AM
46	Free Trash pickup, roadwork being done in a more timely manner	7/20/2022 9:45 AM
47	Trash pick up	7/20/2022 9:16 AM
48	I think Hampden has an "okay" school system and "moderate" sense of community...by Maine standards. But that's a pretty low bar. My opinion is: there is a lot of work to be done in both areas. If I was raising school-age children here, I would insist on it (while also contributing).	7/19/2022 5:53 PM
49	We like it the way it is. Don't break what's not broken.	7/19/2022 11:32 AM
50	Nice long paved river walk that is accessible for the elderlyand children. Trash pick up.	7/19/2022 10:41 AM
51	A more progressive attitude by the Hampden Town Council.	7/18/2022 7:45 PM
52	More hiking trails, Tennis courts, pickle ball courts More historical availability	7/18/2022 12:47 PM
53	There are some crummy looking buildings in the 'village/downtown' area that should be improved.	7/17/2022 12:05 AM
54	Close Irving	7/15/2022 8:27 PM
55	1. Enforcement of speed limits 2. Some sort of security/surveillance of the field on Ballfield Drive to prevent vandalism and inappropriate gatherings. 3. I would like to be able to have more than 6 hens in my area. I have chickens as a source of fresh food (eggs), and 6 laying hens isn't adequate for my family. I don't want/need a rooster, but I think the ability to have more hens—fenced in and contained— is important.	7/15/2022 1:29 PM
56	Better public grounds (trails, park, etc.) Better development and upkeep of downtown area.	7/15/2022 11:57 AM
57	More access to local eateries, shopping.	7/15/2022 11:44 AM
58	Trash pick up Better internet	7/15/2022 4:55 AM
59	Improve the downtown area or lack thereof. Brewer is doing an amazing job with downtown improvements and Hampden could offer a lot of the same vibe. Downtown is an embarrassment. Guests always want to see the downtown area and we have nothing.	7/14/2022 10:02 PM
60	None	7/14/2022 8:03 PM
61	More community events, festivals. More programming for teens.	7/14/2022 7:56 PM
62	-further develop Turtlehead Marina/walking trails. -trash/recycle pickup service -further development of Paper Mill Rd Park	7/14/2022 6:51 PM
63	More activities and access recreation opportunities	7/14/2022 6:45 PM
64	Lower taxes	7/14/2022 4:22 PM
65	We moved here for the school system and have not been very impressed. We have run into some high quality teachers but it seems many are leaving the school system. In particular my kid with an IEP didn't get what they needed in the lower grades. We had to pay for outside tutoring and bring them to the Mason's Dyslexia Center in order for them to learn to read and spell. My average middle of the road As and Bs kid does pretty well.	7/14/2022 3:57 PM

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66	Schools need to make sure they are not exposing kids to inappropriate sexual material. It has been a slippery slope the last few years.	7/14/2022 3:50 PM
67	Senior citizen activities and community center. Free town library access to tax payers of RSU 22. Increased lap swimming time at Lura Hoyt pool. It is time to adjust the hours for members as the pool usage has increased. Open on Sundays and open early Saturday morning.	7/14/2022 3:09 PM
68	Paved bike and walking trails on the river. Splash pads for kids. Lighted track for night walking.	7/14/2022 2:45 PM
69	Curbside trash pickup	7/14/2022 2:31 PM
70	Better services. Trash pickup for one. Come on. It's pretty ridiculous.	7/14/2022 2:19 PM
71	N/A	7/14/2022 2:16 PM
72	Schools return to basics of education and end social justice focus	7/14/2022 2:15 PM
73	Repairing or demolishing old buildings that are falling apart on Main Road. Limit trash in yards Don't allow Business vehicles at the transfer station	7/14/2022 2:14 PM
74	Trash pickup, town square, more local dining opportunities, a main street atmosphere.	7/14/2022 11:13 AM
75	More in town resources, trash pickup	7/13/2022 4:08 PM
76	Better internet quality, better rates at Transfer Station, change school curriculum (get away from "The New Math")	7/12/2022 11:04 PM
77	More businesses Great job on sidewalks Main Road!	7/12/2022 8:45 PM
78	Diversity education. More businesses and restaurants	7/10/2022 9:43 PM
79	Demolish some of the deteriorated structures - to improve the appearance of the town center.	7/6/2022 11:43 AM
80	The tick problem needs to be addressed. My family can't recreate in the woods, walk our neighborhood road or use public trails without the fear of picking up numerous ticks.	7/4/2022 7:31 AM
81	none	7/2/2022 9:07 AM
82	Gathering places that seniors could meet and socilize like a coffee, etc.	6/30/2022 2:50 PM
83	removal of derelict buildings along 1A	6/30/2022 2:19 PM
84	More quality eating out venues	6/30/2022 9:08 AM
85	tear down ugly buildings on corners of Western and Main and Kennebec and Main St	6/30/2022 8:25 AM
86	More restrictions on heavy truck traffic using engine brakes on route 1a	6/30/2022 6:25 AM
87	A progressive community.	6/29/2022 10:54 PM
88	I would like to see the center of town spruced up. The green and yellow house with the junk vehicle in the front needs to be torn down. Perhaps a green space there with a few benches, plantings, etc. Also, Hampden Hardware needs a facelift and a paved parking area.	6/29/2022 9:11 PM
89	more activities and facilities focused seniors	6/29/2022 7:55 PM
90	Stop minimum water Bill charge regardless of use	6/29/2022 7:21 PM
91	Restart Coastal Resources trash plant.	6/29/2022 5:14 PM
92	Downtown shops, one nice restaurant, better looking town town and route 1A, easy and pleasant access to the river	6/29/2022 4:26 PM
93	The town already has an excellent police department and we really appreciate that. All town employees we've met have been great. Nice small town atmosphere. Let's keep it this way! I know we have a new school, but don't really know much about the quality of the school system. I do hope it is good quality though, helping students learn what they need to be successful in life and contribute something worthwhile to society. The town appears to be a great place to raise children.	6/29/2022 4:19 PM
94	Briefings by Town on plans to reduce carbon footprint and planning for severe global weather changes to housing and transportation	6/29/2022 4:14 PM

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95	We like it the way it is. Don't break what isn't broken.	6/29/2022 3:35 PM
96	Recycling like real recycling. And Dangerous smoke from across the river, at burning trash plant gone forever.	6/29/2022 3:34 PM
97	Speed up rehab/removal of substandard buildings on main rd.	6/29/2022 3:26 PM
98	Town beautification. Take down unlivable buildings.	6/29/2022 3:20 PM
99	I live downtown on Western Ave. There is A LOT of traffic, which can't really be helped, but trucks tend to use their "jake brake" and it's incredibly loud. I went to the town and asked for a sign to be put up, saying trucks couldn't use that in town, but I was turned away. Meanwhile, I've seen a couple of these signs pop up around town, but not near that main intersection. It makes it so I can't have my windows open in the summer or I'll be woken up at 6 AM by braking trucks.	6/29/2022 2:10 PM
100	Having to transport our own trash is burdensome. The constant increase in rules and regulations at the transfer station is getting ridiculous. Staff act like guards and are unhelpful.	6/29/2022 6:00 AM
101	Enforcement of 25mph zone on 1A near Kennebec Road. Would love to see some water management on trails at Reed's brook to make the trails useable in wet seasons.	6/28/2022 6:07 AM
102	Parks Bakery/coffee shop Restaurants *** (important) Fix decapitated houses	6/27/2022 10:28 PM
103	More programs for older citizens as more are in town every day.	6/27/2022 2:09 PM
104	Noise/Fireworks not allowed	6/26/2022 6:44 PM
105	Stop woke agenda in schools	6/26/2022 8:58 AM
106	My husband and I chose Hampden as a town that we thought was the right choice for us to raise a family. We heard the school system was great. There were hardly any subdivisions when we bought out home. Since the past 15th are we have learned a lot about Hampden, the school system is BELOW the rating system, Hampden is very open on their political stance. No town should force people to believe one way or the other. No town should talk politics but Hampden does. Hampden is one of the worst towns to work with when it comes to building a home and starting a business. And the subdivisions that are destroying our lands is overwhelming. There is no beautiful Hampden left. It's all town houses. Very disappointing.	6/25/2022 9:11 PM
107	Taxes could be lower. Our rec sports prices are higher than all other neighboring towns.	6/25/2022 7:47 PM
108	Affordable taxes, better traffic control on Main Street, assistance with tree removal to stop damaging the side walls, impeding electric lines.	6/25/2022 9:52 AM
109	More food options, lower taxes, better playgrounds	6/25/2022 9:20 AM
110	Subdivision Ordinances that protect and promote individual homeowners quality of life by providing a mean of addressing issues. HOAs are not enforceable. As the Town grows and more subdivisions are built, planners need to think about the needs of everyone that will reside in the subdivision from the young to the elderly.	6/24/2022 8:26 PM
111	Trash pick up	6/24/2022 6:46 AM
112	Walking trail along the river	6/24/2022 6:19 AM
113	better sidewalks for the four mile square	6/23/2022 10:29 PM
114	We used to think the schools were good and it was a good place to raise kids. We are considering moving due to what seems like a decline in academic orientation at HA. We also think there is a tendency toward over-development (out) versus investment in what already exists.	6/23/2022 10:19 PM
115	Fix your school system	6/23/2022 9:24 PM
116	More community activities and specially family events/activities.	6/23/2022 9:23 PM
117	Better high speed internet alternative to spectrum	6/23/2022 8:46 PM
118	Treatment of browntail caterpillars. Dorthea dix park area / neighborhood is bad ..	6/23/2022 8:30 PM
119	Access to more local restaurants, every weekend a demo weekend,	6/23/2022 5:42 PM

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120	Development of social gathering places in/near "downtown"	6/23/2022 5:23 PM
121	Paved bike trails, splash pad	6/23/2022 3:53 PM
122	More organized farmers' markets or local artists goods for purchase	6/23/2022 3:35 PM
123	Trash pick up Better road maintenance	6/23/2022 2:30 PM
124	More walking trails that don't require walking on sidewalks; lower taxes for retirees	6/23/2022 1:56 PM
125	Trash pick up.	6/23/2022 1:55 PM
126	I'd love to see recycling include things like glass and plastics other than numbers 1 and 2. Maybe add some speed bumps in some of our cul de sac neighborhoods (like Colonial Heights) to cut down on speeding.	6/23/2022 1:55 PM
127	Trash pickup	6/23/2022 1:54 PM
128	The buildings on the corner of Western and Main (the hardware store, beauty shop and abandoned building). More fast food restaurant options.	6/23/2022 1:44 PM
129	Would like an outreach to the homeless population; making more housing for low income; renovating properties for more housing, expanding one level housing for seniors.	6/23/2022 1:39 PM
130	Stop acting like a town of 20,000 people. This is a bedroom community of Bangor	6/23/2022 1:25 PM
131	More community events, to unite the community.	6/23/2022 1:16 PM
132	A gym	6/23/2022 12:58 PM
133	Lower home owners taxes. Widen and pave Carmel Rd. N.	6/23/2022 12:55 PM
134	Lower taxes - Seems that both the school budget and town budget are high for some unnecessary things (Administration costs). I've seen some staff that don't actually WORK when they are paid to be AT WORK. This is incredibly frustrating as a tax payer. NOT ALL employee are like this, but enough that it has me questioning how my tax dollars are spent.	6/23/2022 12:39 PM
135	I would love to have an outdoor venue for more kid focused events. Also, more community wide events. Children's day is excellent, and we would love to have a couple more similar events through the year. Also, I know this is a long shot, but an outdoor pool or manmade pond for summer would be amazing.	6/23/2022 12:09 PM
136	More entertain options	6/23/2022 12:00 PM
137	There is no real sense of community unless you belong to a church.	6/23/2022 11:54 AM
138	Lower taxes School should focus on core subjects rather than social issues	6/23/2022 11:50 AM
139	More community resources and more support of the school system	6/23/2022 11:47 AM
140	Tax breaks for senior citizens with no children in the school system.	6/23/2022 11:38 AM
141	Better communication about community events, etc (things that may be traditions, but that newcomers don't know about); rental options with 3 bedrooms instead of just 2 (I know the town doesn't own/manage rental properties, but you do have to approve development and may be able to encourage certain types); fix up the Dorothea Dix park so that there is another nice outdoor recreation space in town, bigger variety of rec programs	6/23/2022 10:54 AM
142	Lower taxes, better internet/cell service	6/23/2022 10:45 AM
143	I would love to see a more vibrant downtown including some shopping, bakery, brewery, restaurants, etc. I recognize this may take decades and will require thoughtful community and land use planning. Give people a reason driving route one coastal a reason to stop and fall in love with Hampden (and spend some of their dollars here). Otherwise, we're just a pass through between Belfast/ Camden and Bar Harbor. Keeping Hampden schools, quality of teaching, and educational offerings highly competitive/ best in region is a must if we want to continue to attract families with more education and wealth.	6/23/2022 10:37 AM
144	The taxes are very very high, yet the town doesn't pick up the trash. I find this strange. I would also like to see more street lights in each of the communities in Hampden cul-de-sacs. While very safe already, it's nice to see what's going on. :)	6/23/2022 10:19 AM

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145	The roads are in awful condition.	6/23/2022 10:09 AM
146	Reduced property taxes.	6/23/2022 9:48 AM
147	A recycling system for paper, cardboard, different types of plastic. Zero sort has been shown to not work.	6/23/2022 9:43 AM
148	A more robust shopping center	6/23/2022 9:10 AM
149	Better school system and school board	6/23/2022 9:06 AM
150	I thought we were moving here for a really strong school system however I am not seeing what makes a good strong school system. Test scores are down, morale is low, sports programs are not great. The general population does not want "woke" ideology taking over our kids education goals. Get the test scores up. No more Covid excuse either.	6/23/2022 8:53 AM
151	N/A	6/23/2022 8:49 AM
152	Trash pickup	6/23/2022 8:45 AM
153	A bigger Hannaford! Lol	6/23/2022 8:30 AM
154	More affordable housing	6/23/2022 8:30 AM
155	More resources like Nike trails	6/23/2022 8:28 AM
156	Everyone. Is caught up in the myth that Hampden has a great school. We do not. We did 25 years ago. Fix that. Also great job at making the town the trash center of central Maine. First the giant mountains of stink that mark the town to visitors via i95 and will no doubt pollute our ground water and stream in years to come. Now it's the completely ridiculous so called recycling plant that was such a bad idea it only ran for 3 months and has been a waste of land, resources and tax revenue for years now	6/23/2022 8:28 AM
157	The town needs more community events and community property/space to hold said events. Parades, country carnival, cookouts, nonprofit events, movies under the stars, Rotary Club.... Events that an entire family can become involved with.	6/23/2022 8:17 AM
158	Better drinking water	6/23/2022 8:15 AM
159	Control taxes - institute a town-wide (and particularly school-wide) review program that looks at the impact and value of any program that uses our tax dollars. Periodically review every expenditure - no sacred cows.	6/23/2022 8:07 AM
160	Have more places to shop, cleanup the downtown area (lots of run down buildings.) Add sidewalks to more rural areas like Kennebec rd so people can ride bikes and walk safely. I miss being able to do that.	6/23/2022 8:04 AM
161	Sidewalk improvements for walking	6/23/2022 8:04 AM
162	None that I can think of.	6/23/2022 7:50 AM
163	More sidewalks/shoulders in town for walking and biking.	6/23/2022 7:40 AM
164	Would love an outdoor skate rink for the kids during the winter.	6/23/2022 7:30 AM
165	More information and access to offerings by the town. If you aren't "in the know" about rec offerings you miss registration, or they are filled before you can register.	6/23/2022 7:29 AM
166	More of a town center, place for outdoor concerts etc	6/23/2022 7:28 AM
167	Community gatherings, access to more trails for walking etc, a town area, better roads.	6/23/2022 7:24 AM
168	Improvements to papermill park- (also I didn't know it existed for years)- seems a little forgotten.	6/23/2022 7:24 AM
169	beach at town landing	6/23/2022 7:15 AM
170	High end restaurants	6/23/2022 6:50 AM
171	A town center, a river walk, better business incentives so people want to have start businesses here,	6/23/2022 5:43 AM
172	Better recreation opportunities in town	6/22/2022 11:17 PM

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173	better transfer hours	6/22/2022 11:14 PM
174	Swings at the park	6/22/2022 11:07 PM
175	Better restaurants and shops. Improved athletic fields and olayground. Something the town does better than anywhere else. "Known for" Ei Huge farmers market with other vendors, live music etc. Concert in the park, Halloween Parade, Winter carnival. Something over the top.	6/22/2022 10:55 PM
176	More restaurants, more walking or biking trails	6/22/2022 10:10 PM
177	Biking and walking trails	6/22/2022 9:56 PM
178	Spring Curbside yard waste pick, similar to Brewer	6/22/2022 9:54 PM
179	Lower taxes, more sensible and realistic spending for BOTH town and school budgets, free sand in the winter for driveways (like other towns)	6/22/2022 9:53 PM
180	Community center, better swim opportunities. Replace, remove broken down homes in center of town.	6/22/2022 9:36 PM
181	Trash pick-up	6/22/2022 9:26 PM
182	More community events	6/22/2022 9:25 PM
183	Town trash and recycling and composting Improved internet access	6/22/2022 9:16 PM
184	Lower property taxes... Stop letting the school focus on inappropriate material	6/22/2022 8:53 PM
185	More sidewalks.	6/22/2022 8:49 PM
186	Lower taxes, no excise tax for active duty	6/22/2022 8:29 PM
187	Less automated things and get back to personal service on the town govt. level. When you call Town Gov't you do not need or want to have to listen to options....hire someone to answer the phone with a pleasant voice and they connect you	6/22/2022 8:28 PM
188	Taxes are very high. We lived away in virginia for 13 years and our taxes more than doubled here.	6/22/2022 8:07 PM
189	Town center or more traditional downtown.	6/22/2022 8:05 PM
190	Do not allow the school to have an open checkbook so the town can reduce/maintain a reasonable property tax. Add more businesses that actually pay taxes to help reduce or maintain property tax. Low income families cannot sustain the tax increases.	6/22/2022 7:57 PM
191	More recreational options, gyms, more activities for kids	6/22/2022 7:50 PM
192	Slow down with approval of development of rental properties and keep Hampden's focus more on single family dwellings	6/22/2022 7:27 PM
193	We need more of a commercial business side of the town. I.E., a place to go to dinner, some upper scale shops, boutiques, a reason for other people to come to Hampden. This would also bring in tax revenues. I'm tired of having to drive in to Bangor, Orono, Brewer for EVERYTHING.	6/22/2022 7:06 PM
194	More parks and trail systems, it is disappointing to me the lack of outdoor facilities that promote a healthy lifestyle.	6/22/2022 6:45 PM
195	Eliminate the brown tail moths. My property and my neighbors' properties are all overrun with them. I can no longer enjoy summers out in my backyard because of the moths.	6/22/2022 6:34 PM
196	Tear down the building on the corner of main road & western Ave. Better hours of the transfer station / keep the hours up to date on Google. I've driven there 4 times and it's closed because of changed hours, Google out of date, juneteenth.	6/22/2022 6:20 PM
197	Improved recreation department and offerings	6/22/2022 6:16 PM
198	Cleaner main street and surrounding areas	6/22/2022 6:01 PM
199	More biking trails/paths/lanes and traffic behaviors to support it (police enforcement if not being safe of bike lanes)	6/22/2022 5:51 PM

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200	More for seniors, lower taxes	6/22/2022 5:47 PM
201	Town should be more involved in the crazy chaos that the schools have now.	6/22/2022 5:44 PM
202	Affordable housing for newer families. Work harder to get businesses to come into Hampden, business parks are not being used very well. Get the tax burden off residential tax payers especially the older fixed income people. Get more business paying taxes.	6/22/2022 5:39 PM
203	More commerce in town. Would love eateries & more local shopping. More grocery options as well.	6/22/2022 5:34 PM
204	More public activities	6/22/2022 5:30 PM
205	Walkability, a downtown area	6/22/2022 5:26 PM
206	Hoping a few, but not too many small businesses open. Something for younger people and family (food, snack, hangout) Would love a town ice rink	6/22/2022 5:18 PM
207	Paving the roads, adding healthier food options/restaurants, extend the dump hours, more sidewalks and walking trails, public park with outdoor adult gym equipment	6/22/2022 5:12 PM
208	Water and sewer rates a little lower Later hours during the week for trash location	6/22/2022 5:11 PM
209	Stop forgetting about the people that live outside the high rent district (5miles from the center of town)	6/22/2022 5:08 PM
210	More restaurants	6/22/2022 5:03 PM
211	Lower water/sewer bill	6/22/2022 5:01 PM
212	Live entertainment, sit down restaurants, brewery/taproom/bar.	6/22/2022 4:51 PM
213	Would love more sidewalks. I live on Bowen Drive and a sidewalk further up from Mayo Road would increase exercise and fitness in the community!	6/22/2022 4:47 PM
214	Mountain biking trails	6/22/2022 4:45 PM
215	Fixing roads Better parks	6/22/2022 4:39 PM
216	More activities or things to do when in town.	6/22/2022 10:18 AM
217	none	6/21/2022 11:18 AM

Q16 What quality of life amenities is the Town of Hampden missing?

Answered: 213 Skipped: 158

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	winter type activities - 4 season trail system (cross country in winter, walking trails in summer) that connects to a common building that can be rested and used for events. YMCA - this would fulfill many needs. Gym memberships, child care and more rec programs. the ORONO YMCA is amazing and could be mirrored - gymnastics and an indoor walking track overhead where you can watch your kids play and still get exercise, etc. bigger pool or make changes to current pool to make better, remove water slide and increase transition space from kids to adults so more kids can swim. Add diving board maybe or something more usable. Get rid of volley ball or move near tennis courts instead, make that large grassy spot a splash pad - make sure you go look at the Presque Isle splash pad and NOT the bangor one. important to know what kids actually like about splash pads and not just put whatever they sell us. large grassy soccer fields, add a space for picnic tables with cover over it, a snack shack for the PTO or other organizations to use and a better bathroom building with changes stalls/toilets, etc Find a place to add a winter ice skating rink as well if possible under a huge awning so the ice doesn't get full of snow. Use the skeehan center more. ask adults to unlock for evening bball play or allow it to be rented for birthday parties in the winter. \$50 for residents only or something like that. more shopping areas and eateries. We need a chick filet NOT MCDONALDS!! Bigger Hannaford if possible and easier access to building for small businesses to be. more access to gyms (or get the YMCA in town) restaurants would be nice, sit down and take out too. Maybe a tractor supply or something like that off the 202. Last but no least, a HUGE sledding hill somewhere near the 4 season trail OR near a picnic area for winter get togethers. we live in a place where cold weather is a good portion of our lives, we need to ensure we focus on winter activities too.	9/19/2022 10:09 AM
2	There should be an ice skating rink for the town of Hampden and also a play ground near the baseball field.	9/18/2022 3:08 PM
3	A more cohesive downtown area would be nice. Walking access with parking from the old Hampden Academy along Main Rd. to Western Ave. out to the Lura Hoyt Pool would be great.	9/14/2022 9:46 PM
4	An attractive town center where people can gather and spend time, communities designed around common open space - i.e., open space that is accessible to the community, and provides outdoor recreation opportunities.	9/14/2022 1:08 PM
5	Please make Hampden a school choice town by offering town tuitioning to any parents of students K-12. Hampden, as a school choice town, would be Hampden competitive with the dozens of other school choice towns in the area. Hampden schools try to serve all students and fail for a minority. Some parents can afford alternative education, but why should taxpayers have to pay twice for education, once to the schools district and second to an appropriate alternative school. There is probably no prohibition to a town offering town tuitioning. It mainly focuses on what town must offer it. Having had experience with the local schools with my children I would be more that happy to discuss this possibility. Perhaps 1%-3% of students might take advantage of the program. Of course RSU22 would not want to lose their monopoly, but do you really want to lock a student into the wrong school?	9/13/2022 8:41 PM
6	Sidewalks along Old County Road!	9/13/2022 11:47 AM
7	Traffic lights that are smarter. You can be the only car at one of the two lights and wait forever for a green light.	9/12/2022 6:21 PM
8	The town of Hampden used to have a Conservation Commission. Unfortunately, the Council, will little foresight, ended the Commission and all the good work that it did. They also eliminated the Ordinance that created the commission. Future generations will look back at this decision and wonder why? All progressive towns in Maine with similar populations have a Conservation Commission. Why not Hampden?	9/8/2022 10:36 AM
9	More & better food establishments, cafe's restaurants etc.	9/6/2022 9:14 PM

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10	downtown area	9/5/2022 1:56 PM
11	A well lit, walkable downtown area with benches, shops related to daily life, ie coffee/lunch with outside seating, butcher, groceries, drugstore unrelated to large chains and catering to all ages. Senior living activities, staffed and curated in an appropriate space. Outside pool and waterpark area for all ages with director and trained staff. Well marked paved/even surfaced walking and bike paths along the river.	9/4/2022 10:55 AM
12	Community center with better indoor facilities. Lighted outdoor basketball courts for the kids	9/3/2022 8:17 PM
13	Access to town sand in the winter to sand my driveway. I was told that this once was offered but a contractor ruined it. I used to live in Pittsfield and they let the residents use the town sand.	9/1/2022 8:50 AM
14	I would like to see the downtown area renovated and more landscaping.	8/28/2022 6:58 AM
15	The pool Building and a lot of buildings could use updating to be more handicapped accessible. The town could also use more food options. The parks also could use some updating to be more Inclusive for children with physical handicaps.	8/16/2022 3:41 AM
16	More restaurants	8/15/2022 9:40 PM
17	Local shops in hampden	8/9/2022 2:41 PM
18	Hampden lacks a cohesive downtown. There are little to no enjoyable amenities in this town. Things as simple as a coffee shop, more restaurants, a gym, and shopping would bring more business and create a better community.	8/7/2022 6:22 PM
19	Literally any store. There is no gym here. There are no cute cafes, shops, or restaurants.	8/7/2022 5:51 PM
20	Trash pickup	8/6/2022 9:35 PM
21	It would be nice to have more pubs or restaurants in the center of town where people can meet up. Other places like dog park, splash pad for kids, etc.	8/6/2022 11:52 AM
22	See above.	8/5/2022 11:34 PM
23	Affordable housing, especially for disabled and elderly citizens.	8/5/2022 6:29 PM
24	need more sit down dining options	8/5/2022 1:46 PM
25	Diverse, locally-owned restaurants and markets in the village center district with available parking and walkable access. More Hampden Hardwares and Pizza Gourmets, fewer Irvings and Dunkins. I spend my time eating, shopping, and walking in downtown Bangor because that's the kind of environment and business setting I prefer. I live in Hampden because I don't want to live in an urban-feel area.	8/5/2022 11:42 AM
26	Described above	8/4/2022 9:40 PM
27	Restaurants/Bar	8/4/2022 9:09 PM
28	Dog park, splash pad for kids, minigolf	8/4/2022 9:01 PM
29	have access to all I need	8/4/2022 8:51 PM
30	Easier knowledge access to town amenities (The town is known for their schools, but I'm sure there's more to offer). The ability to have trash pickup service like every other town similar to our size.	8/4/2022 7:57 PM
31	An Aroma Joe's	8/4/2022 7:51 PM
32	Trash pickup	8/4/2022 7:04 PM
33	Dog Park	8/4/2022 5:43 PM
34	More stores/restaurants would be awesome, especially more grocery options.	8/4/2022 5:02 PM
35	Activities for adults we tried to get a co-Ed softball team together and he's like trying to create a masterpiece. It seems like it's a secret society and you can't figure out how to do it you can't get there in time and all the positions are full. Have more things for adults to do.	8/4/2022 4:52 PM
36	Maybe another restaurant or two (looking forward to Mainely Tacos!)	8/3/2022 6:36 PM

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37	A school system that practice right and wrong.	8/3/2022 12:15 PM
38	Good library. Good walking area in downtown. Good restaurants.	8/3/2022 11:33 AM
39	Following up on derelict houses, and converting or improving small spaces to be visually appealing and functional to foot traffic. Also, the town could build and improve existing parks.	8/3/2022 11:29 AM
40	A well-maintained waterfront walkway.	7/22/2022 1:08 PM
41	A downtown A safe walking environment	7/21/2022 5:45 AM
42	Trash	7/20/2022 3:33 PM
43	Having curbside trash pickup provided to homeowners.	7/20/2022 3:22 PM
44	More dining / gathering options	7/20/2022 10:13 AM
45	Trash pick up	7/20/2022 9:16 AM
46	A centralized, walkable downtown area with shops and amenities. Don't talk to me about the intersection of 1A and Western Ave. That's a major thoroughfare for trucks and commercial traffic. The recently installed sidewalks don't help much. Sidewalks to what/where???	7/19/2022 5:53 PM
47	Perhaps a good hiking trail along the river.	7/19/2022 11:32 AM
48	A public beach.	7/19/2022 10:41 AM
49	A town center area, quality dinning options, improved roads, a community center building.	7/18/2022 7:45 PM
50	A downtown area	7/18/2022 12:47 PM
51	High end restaurant	7/18/2022 10:46 AM
52	A walk/bike path along the river would be great!	7/17/2022 12:05 AM
53	Noise reduction	7/15/2022 8:27 PM
54	Overall, our town is a wonderful place to live.	7/15/2022 1:29 PM
55	Better public grounds. Trails, park, playground, splashpad, areas to walk around and feel like there is a nice "center of town."	7/15/2022 11:57 AM
56	a quaint downtown feeling, shopping, local eateries. We are the gateway to the coast with our own riverfront and local B&B's. We need more of a hometown feel.	7/15/2022 11:44 AM
57	A Main Street/Town Center that is walkable with restaurants and shops	7/15/2022 9:21 AM
58	Trash pick up Better internet	7/15/2022 4:55 AM
59	Restaurants and markets. The grocery store is pitiful. traffic needs to be redirected from the schools. Traffic in the morning is terrible and no one obeys the 15-mile-an-hour speed zone, especially all the large trucks. Why did they end Route 202 at the entrance of the school?	7/14/2022 10:02 PM
60	None	7/14/2022 8:03 PM
61	Programming for teens, a walkable down town, or bike path, or community gathering area.	7/14/2022 7:56 PM
62	-ATV Trails	7/14/2022 6:51 PM
63	4 season skating rink and skate park, more playgrounds, more paved trails, more restaurants, rec center with gym/senior center/teen center, more softball fields, indoor gym access for winter practice space, art center and classes for adults, pump track for bike riding, lake access for swimming. More rental facilities for birthday parties, more activities like outdoor movie on Friday nights, dances, fun family nights!	7/14/2022 6:45 PM
64	Senior care/activities	7/14/2022 4:22 PM
65	Hampden is in dire need of a place for teenage kids to hang out and be safe that isn't necessarily a structured sport or activity. A place where teenage kids can gather, do homework or just enjoy each other's company. Maybe a skate park or coffee shop type environment.	7/14/2022 3:57 PM
66	More eateries.	7/14/2022 3:50 PM
67	Recreational opportunities for Seniors. More pool hours or enlarge the pool. Better and more	7/14/2022 3:09 PM

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senior fitness programs at Skeeahan and better senior pricing. Walking trails at the school complexes that can be used for tax payers of rsu 22 year round.

68	See prior comments	7/14/2022 2:45 PM
69	Invest in the Hampden golf course.	7/14/2022 2:31 PM
70	Need more eateries and a bar or two	7/14/2022 2:16 PM
71	More restaurant/bar/coffee shop options	7/14/2022 2:16 PM
72	Lower cost recreation programs for children and discounts for multi-child families	7/14/2022 2:15 PM
73	Splash pad Additional Restaurants / Dining options Lower Taxes	7/14/2022 2:14 PM
74	Town social events, wilderness/water front park area.	7/14/2022 11:13 AM
75	Small shops, better eateries, community spaces, developed waterfront	7/13/2022 5:32 PM
76	Good downtown area, restaurants and such.	7/13/2022 4:43 PM
77	Trash pickup, splash pad	7/13/2022 4:08 PM
78	a local gym/ training center, car wash would make life easier and more convenient in the town of Hampden.	7/12/2022 11:04 PM
79	Community events	7/12/2022 8:45 PM
80	Restaurants. Waterfront scene.	7/10/2022 9:43 PM
81	A walkable downtown with retail stores, restaurants. A walking/biking path. A public ice rink in the winter. Splash pad for the summer.	7/4/2022 7:31 AM
82	Saturday bus	7/2/2022 9:07 AM
83	Entertainment and recreational facilities outdoors for seniors.	6/30/2022 2:50 PM
84	More and better hiking trails	6/30/2022 2:43 PM
85	A sense of pride in place: specifically how Hampden looks	6/30/2022 2:19 PM
86	Walk-in-care facility	6/30/2022 9:08 AM
87	having a car wash	6/30/2022 8:25 AM
88	Better zone enforcement on shabby buildings and better voting facility with more parking	6/30/2022 6:25 AM
89	A progressive community concerned with social justice issues like widespread national poverty and violence.	6/29/2022 10:54 PM
90	a high-end restaurant, arts center, affordable childcare services, public garden space	6/29/2022 7:55 PM
91	Sitting areas and congregating areas in the down town, path along the river	6/29/2022 4:26 PM
92	None. It already has everything. If you get too many things going, it destroys all the reasons we want to live here.	6/29/2022 4:19 PM
93	Bicycle lanes and bicycle committed pathways away from traffic	6/29/2022 4:14 PM
94	Can't think of anything.	6/29/2022 3:35 PM
95	More stores to shop and different. Like Dairy Queen, etc.	6/29/2022 3:34 PM
96	Outdoor shelters at bus stops with schedules	6/29/2022 3:26 PM
97	A vibrant village. The village area has a lot of potential but lacks style.	6/29/2022 3:19 PM
98	If anything, Dorothea Dix Park could use a better playground. I see a lot of families there but the playground is very sad.	6/29/2022 2:10 PM
99	Community center, local grocer, dog park	6/28/2022 7:05 AM
100	The location of Hampden makes what it currently has plenty for Hampden to have by itself.	6/28/2022 6:07 AM
101	No trash pick up. Town office not open on Friday. What kind of town this size doesn't have the	6/28/2022 2:25 AM

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	town office open on Friday?	
102	Sidewalks Park or botanical garden Trader Joe's Panera bread More nail salons A place for teens to hang out (roller skate ring/ice skating ring, arcade place, with music and a place to buy food and snacks)	6/27/2022 10:28 PM
103	Multipurpose sports facilities, walking trails.	6/26/2022 6:44 PM
104	Kids activities Splash pad Restraunts, foos places	6/26/2022 8:58 AM
105	I love that we have a drug store, restaurants, banks and a grocery store. Honestly by adding more amenities you are pulling away from what Hampden is all about. Community, family and focusing more or attracting people, making money. Keep Hampden Hampden.	6/25/2022 9:11 PM
106	Larger park structure.	6/25/2022 7:47 PM
107	We need a town activities coordinator, who could plan events, fundraisers, galas to benefit the town and non profits and create a better sense of community.	6/25/2022 9:52 AM
108	Restaurants, downtown area, better playground with swings, outdoor pool	6/25/2022 9:20 AM
109	Subdivisions need outdoor recreation areas, a place where children can play safely, a place/space of their own. We have new subdivisions being built alongside existing ones with no foresight or planning to provide for the recreational needs of children or families who reside in homes on tiny 1/4 lots. If the Town is going to allow homes to be built on such tiny lots, then recreation areas need to also be included in the Subdivisions plans to meet the needs of children to safely play outdoors.	6/24/2022 8:26 PM
110	Trash pick up	6/24/2022 6:46 AM
111	A way to get help with chores	6/24/2022 6:19 AM
112	A community center or park for events - music in the park, art walks, etc.	6/23/2022 11:31 PM
113	Lura Hoit is too cold for babies! It was warm when I was a kid. Could HA get their own pool to practice in? Would love another playground with shade and more benches for parents to watch their kids from.	6/23/2022 9:23 PM
114	More park equipment and swings at the park by the pool	6/23/2022 8:46 PM
115	Extend sidewalk further south if Dorothea dix park and out a blinking cross walk at the park. Cars drive to fast there	6/23/2022 8:30 PM
116	Gym/fitness center, more sidewalks, more and variety of restaurants, playgrounds, sledding hill, walking trails, recreation activities for people older than children but younger than retirement age.	6/23/2022 8:19 PM
117	More restaurant options,	6/23/2022 5:42 PM
118	More rec sports opportunities for younger kids	6/23/2022 3:53 PM
119	More organized volunteer group - I want to volunteer but don't know where/how to best make an impact - cornhole tournaments or similar community events	6/23/2022 3:35 PM
120	Ice rink Upgraded park Improved sports program management Improved school system education	6/23/2022 2:30 PM
121	Trash pick up and town office open fridays for simple things like vehicle registration.	6/23/2022 1:55 PM
122	I'm looking forward to the increased broadband access being brought by TDS. I think a community garden would be a nice addition, particularly for the folks who live on small lots/apartments.	6/23/2022 1:55 PM
123	Trash pickup	6/23/2022 1:54 PM
124	More fast food restaurants. Town holiday celebrations	6/23/2022 1:44 PM
125	Expanded transportation for seniors; there is a private non profit in Hancock county whose community gets together and provides rides, support; shopping and other services for a nominal fee. I would like Hampden to have that	6/23/2022 1:39 PM
126	Nothing	6/23/2022 1:25 PM

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127	More sit down restuarants	6/23/2022 12:58 PM
128	I would like to see more being done for family entertainment such as an indoor ice rink which will not only give us family time together in the winter but will also bring in more money for the community. Also, a splash pad for the community kids would be great! I would also, with grant money and community support, would be open to the idea of operating another childcare center in our area as child care is very hard to find and frostie's is not quality childcare. Parents want a center that will take ages 6wks to 12years old. That feels more family oriented. At a reasonable price. That cares more aboutvthe kids.	6/23/2022 12:55 PM
129	Minigolf or outside activities; something within walking distance of the village center. Somewhere to get an ice cream (like Ericksons) and then do outside fun. Once a month family movie night (indoors or outdoors) at the Skehan center or Lura Hoit fields.	6/23/2022 12:39 PM
130	More events/activities for kids and families. More sports options through the rec, art camps, cooking camps, etc. perhaps even a speaker series- for kids and adults- by people in the community who have valuable things to share.	6/23/2022 12:09 PM
131	A downtown, restaurants, shopping other then drugstore hardware or food, no place for kids to hangout	6/23/2022 11:54 AM
132	All "Quality of Life" amenities that the town offers should be paid for via user fees.	6/23/2022 11:38 AM
133	A venue for small (community) outdoor music events, a more walkable downtown; Browntail Moth control efforts!! (trimming out nests over the winter)	6/23/2022 10:54 AM
134	A gym, more walking/jogging trails.	6/23/2022 10:45 AM
135	Urgent care. Restaurants (including diversity of quick takeout options). Library really seems to cater to the stay at home parent crowd, based on existing programming timing (especially in summer). Would be awesome to have more weekend hours, especially for those of us that work between 7am and 6pm on weekdays.	6/23/2022 10:37 AM
136	I think it's very important that TDS covers the entire town of Hampden with fiber access. This was a HUGE draw to the community. There are many high end communities in southern Maine that don't even have this very valuable feature. Like, Yarmouth, Falmouth, Scarborough and Brunswick. This is especially important if you're looking to draw remote workers in.	6/23/2022 10:19 AM
137	Trash pick up	6/23/2022 10:09 AM
138	Trash pick up, swings at the playground, a splash pad, a dog park.	6/23/2022 10:09 AM
139	We need a more robust recreation department but more importantly, a community building.	6/23/2022 9:48 AM
140	Community compost, robust recycling program other than zero sort. Outdoor exercise equipment.	6/23/2022 9:43 AM
141	Splash pad for kiddos. The closest one is Bangor and that gets super crowded.	6/23/2022 9:19 AM
142	Trash pick up and better internet and cell phone service for rural areas of town	6/23/2022 9:13 AM
143	A gym, clothing stores, restaurants	6/23/2022 9:10 AM
144	A more conservative school system	6/23/2022 9:06 AM
145	There is no amenities really. A couple small businesses that we don't frequent much. You guys know what's missing. Assign someone to look at Biddeford Maine's progress over the last 10 years. We need a planner in the town with vision like here	6/23/2022 8:53 AM
146	N/A	6/23/2022 8:49 AM
147	Splash pad, outdoor pool	6/23/2022 8:45 AM
148	Trash collection	6/23/2022 8:33 AM
149	Fast food . Drive through.	6/23/2022 8:32 AM
150	Dedicated paved running/biking trails	6/23/2022 8:30 AM
151	Good roads and a better playground. Trash pick up.	6/23/2022 8:30 AM
152	Trails	6/23/2022 8:28 AM

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153	Hampden is missing all the intelligent successful businessmen from Bangor/brewer. They all decided Hermon or veasie were better towns to raise a family and it shows. We got all the idiots and it shows in how this town has been run for the last 20 or so years.	6/23/2022 8:28 AM
154	More actives and ease of access to those activities for the children/teens.	6/23/2022 8:17 AM
155	free trash pickup for all	6/23/2022 8:15 AM
156	More sidewalks especially on the country roads. Get rid of run down buildings and eyesore properties with junk in the yards.	6/23/2022 8:04 AM
157	Athletic / recreation facilities need updates and improvements. RSU facilities are only outdoor facilities in many sports.	6/23/2022 8:04 AM
158	None that I can think of.	6/23/2022 7:50 AM
159	A more welcoming downtown area that would be more amenable to walking store to store.	6/23/2022 7:40 AM
160	A space for families to gather, opportunities like open gym and information/access to walking paths/parks	6/23/2022 7:29 AM
161	Better walking town, a town center,	6/23/2022 7:28 AM
162	Places for people to come together.	6/23/2022 7:24 AM
163	Splash pad at the lura hoit pool. Swings at lura hoit- with a baby swing	6/23/2022 7:24 AM
164	central meeting place	6/23/2022 7:15 AM
165	Community Center	6/23/2022 6:50 AM
166	Better sidewalks and bike lanes!	6/23/2022 5:43 AM
167	4 season skating rink (ice & roller), well maintained softball field at middle school, indoor space for athletics during winter months (schools and rec center are at capacity), local affordable gym, art studio (ceramics), skate park and teen center.	6/22/2022 11:17 PM
168	Better restaurants	6/22/2022 11:14 PM
169	Swings at the park :) As you can see I'd really love swings at the park by the pool.	6/22/2022 11:07 PM
170	Sense of community.	6/22/2022 10:55 PM
171	Restaurants	6/22/2022 10:10 PM
172	Community events that get folks together.	6/22/2022 9:56 PM
173	N/A	6/22/2022 9:54 PM
174	Small town bar/restaurant, or local small town adult hangout, minigolf	6/22/2022 9:53 PM
175	Gathering place so multiple groups could meet at the same time that isn't the school.	6/22/2022 9:36 PM
176	Another restaurant	6/22/2022 9:26 PM
177	Gathering places for casual conversation, live music, etc	6/22/2022 9:25 PM
178	More restaurants	6/22/2022 9:16 PM
179	Rec center or summer sports for the children.	6/22/2022 8:53 PM
180	Hampden is a wonderful place to live. Not much to change currently.	6/22/2022 8:49 PM
181	A better town center	6/22/2022 8:11 PM
182	A gym would be a great addition, especially with gas prices so high. It costs so much to go to bangor.	6/22/2022 8:07 PM
183	Walking and biking trails.	6/22/2022 8:05 PM
184	Sports bar or some place for adults to gather in the evenings that is not related to their children or church. This helps adults build relationships outside of their child's activities and would remain in town.	6/22/2022 7:57 PM

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185	Trash pick up as part of town services. The transfer station is a joke these days.	6/22/2022 7:54 PM
186	Gyms, kod and teen activities	6/22/2022 7:50 PM
187	Dining options	6/22/2022 7:43 PM
188	Nice places to eat. Good stores to buy things. Upscale national brands would suit Hampden really well. Places to bring in tax revenue. Trails. Places to bike, especially with kids.	6/22/2022 7:06 PM
189	Dog park and a stronger recreation department.	6/22/2022 6:45 PM
190	Addition of more restaurants, cafes, and similar places to meet and spend time with friends and neighbors.	6/22/2022 6:34 PM
191	Increase the number of eateries downtown.	6/22/2022 6:20 PM
192	A good bakery and a good pub	6/22/2022 6:06 PM
193	More dining options	6/22/2022 6:01 PM
194	Outdoor splash pad or pool. Mountain biking trails.	6/22/2022 5:54 PM
195	Restaurants! Places to hang out as family. Love the RBMS trails :)	6/22/2022 5:51 PM
196	Restaurants, more choices	6/22/2022 5:47 PM
197	Curbside trash pick up	6/22/2022 5:44 PM
198	Dining choices other then pizza, pizza, pizza and sandwiches. Things for kids to do especially when school is out. Things for seniors to do. Some type of community center that everyone could use.	6/22/2022 5:39 PM
199	Outdoor life stuff- bike trail, downtown walking area, bigger playground, arts & entertainment, more places for dinner.	6/22/2022 5:34 PM
200	Access to public activities	6/22/2022 5:30 PM
201	Decent coffee shop, outdoor eating	6/22/2022 5:26 PM
202	Infrastructure / transportation. More restaurants / bars	6/22/2022 5:14 PM
203	see above	6/22/2022 5:12 PM
204	Love more retirement living for the middle income person in an apartment setting	6/22/2022 5:11 PM
205	Not sure that's it's missing anything. I grew up in a very small town in the middle of nowhere. Here everything is close by.	6/22/2022 5:08 PM
206	Fiber internet Walkable downtown with more restaurants	6/22/2022 5:03 PM
207	Hampden has zero retail. As I move forward with building my home in hampden I am astonished by the lack of retail options as far as food and businesses. I would love to see the town work hard to encourage retail and commercial development in town to improve upon services and tax base. Additionally I think that town services are significantly lacking. I would love to see trash pick up offered. Improvement in the road maintenance. And improving I the condition of the municipal building as it is dated and does not appear to be maintained or updated.	6/22/2022 5:01 PM
208	Trash pick up included in the property tax amount, we pay close to \$7,000 annually for property taxes and an additional \$150 for a transfer station sticker. We have always been frustrated and confused about why at those prices weekly or bi-weekly trash pick up would not be included.	6/22/2022 4:53 PM
209	Would love more sidewalks. I live on Bowen Drive and a sidewalk further up from Mayo Road would increase exercise and fitness in the community!	6/22/2022 4:47 PM
210	We need more town sponsored events to bring people together	6/22/2022 4:44 PM
211	Restaurants Parks	6/22/2022 4:39 PM
212	Community Center, Town Center, congregation spaces, parks and trails	6/22/2022 10:18 AM
213	cohesiveness between residential and rural hampden	6/21/2022 11:18 AM

Q17 What is your vision for the Town of Hampden over the next 20 years?

Answered: 168 Skipped: 203

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	More things for kids/teens to do right in town that are safe and family friendly and more places for our teens to work or volunteer. more families and bigger schools for those kids.	9/19/2022 10:12 AM
2	I would like to see Hampden preserve its rural character while adding housing with regard to historical use and the capacity of municipal services, (water, sewer, etc.). I would like to see expansion of the business park and outdoor recreational parks and facilities.	9/14/2022 9:54 PM
3	I would like to more attention given to integrating neighborhoods with recreation and open space	9/14/2022 1:16 PM
4	A safe place to live, with efficient basic local government services, and has many, many thriving businesses. A town that nurtures and enables education excellence for our broad range of students, having left behind the antique education monopoly business system.	9/13/2022 8:54 PM
5	Continuance of good services and communication with residents.	9/13/2022 11:55 AM
6	Hampden has a nice pace, it's quiet and safe and I wouldn't want to lose that.	9/12/2022 6:32 PM
7	That the town will be known for more than a bedroom community. That Hampden will be known for protecting open space and natural areas in balance with development. That Hampden will do more to make it's history known to young and old.	9/8/2022 10:42 AM
8	expanded recreational area near the pool	9/5/2022 2:00 PM
9	Redeveloped downtown area.	9/1/2022 8:53 AM
10	Families and all other residents spending time together and having community building events in beautiful outdoor spaces maintained by the town.	8/28/2022 7:02 AM
11	More outdoor spaces, food options, maybe a hotel. A Central location for activities. More holiday activities. More inclusion and accessibility for people with handicaps.	8/16/2022 3:51 AM
12	more industry	8/9/2022 4:12 PM
13	Establish a downtown area and attract more businesses	8/9/2022 2:44 PM
14	Ideally Hampden would be able to hold its own in terms of activities to do. Having to go to Bangor for even a local cup of coffee is annoying.	8/7/2022 6:25 PM
15	I would like to see commercial development on 202. A cute little strip mall or "lifestyle village" in that lot next to Crawford would be amazing. Some good lunch and dinner spots, a gym, a boutique, smoothie place, etc.	8/7/2022 5:54 PM
16	I'd like it to stay pretty much the same	8/6/2022 9:36 PM
17	For Hampden to maintain what it currently has! It's awesome to see lots of places for people to be physically active in a variety of ways which helps build a sense of community.	8/6/2022 5:44 PM
18	Regional leadership in recycling and reuse of resources and materials.	8/5/2022 6:51 PM
19	more business to serve the needs of the residents smaller government, less regulations and oversight	8/5/2022 1:50 PM
20	What I see is more industrial and business park type businesses and more and more and more subdivisions. What I would like is a community. Small, local business with concentrated housing (I know I said I don't want to live in an urban area, but concentrated doesn't have to feel urban).	8/5/2022 11:47 AM
21	Hopefully a limit on taxation. Implementing services to keep taxes/ service costs at a minimum	8/4/2022 9:50 PM

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22	More protection of the rural area. Less multi-family housing	8/4/2022 9:43 PM
23	Dog park, community center, better schools	8/4/2022 9:04 PM
24	I would like to see more business development and a reduction in urban sprawl which is the pushing of multifamily developments out into the rural areas	8/4/2022 8:56 PM
25	It is a pivotal point in the town at this moment as new generations from away are moving in. The "classic" mentality of small town has come and gone. If the town wants to be successful they have to have change (more business, activities, shops). This obviously is a blanket statement but it needs to happen or else the newer generations will leave from nothing to do causing financial issues down the road.	8/4/2022 8:05 PM
26	I don't know	8/4/2022 7:54 PM
27	More commercial businesses	8/4/2022 6:48 PM
28	Seeing more commerce open up, expanding/cleaning up downtown, having more of a centralized spot to have events.	8/4/2022 5:06 PM
29	Stay the same I like it quiet and peaceful and don't build anymore.	8/4/2022 4:55 PM
30	We won't be here much longer.	8/3/2022 5:29 PM
31	The town is known for excellence in education, and attention to environmental issues such as climate change, recycling. It is a safe place to live and work, with a diverse citizenry, and respect for diverse opinions and approaches.	8/3/2022 3:06 PM
32	My vision is an inclusive environment where business people can find success, and the town has a healthy relationship with the government and the school system. I want it to be a healthy place to live, with many outdoor spaces to relax, work out, and enjoy the day. Hampden would be a safe and easy place to live, full of good energy. That is my vision.	8/3/2022 11:38 AM
33	Lovely place to live with lower property taxes. Good fiber optic high speed internet to all residences and businesses.	8/3/2022 11:36 AM
34	Bring in more local businesses, beautify/develop a downtown with shops and businesses, build a waterfront walkway, and make Hampden more than a place to have a home, but rather one where people want to also visit.	7/22/2022 1:15 PM
35	Having a beautiful place to raise my children that is safe and welcoming.	7/20/2022 3:26 PM
36	Not sure that I'll be living here at that point.	7/19/2022 5:58 PM
37	Low crime rate. Not over developed. No homeless population. Police department strongly supported by the residents.	7/19/2022 11:37 AM
38	A quiet town with trash services, a great rec department, and lots of fun things to with children	7/19/2022 10:47 AM
39	Improved infrastructure, continued support for RSU 22 schools,	7/18/2022 7:54 PM
40	A downtown area More businesses Exceptional schools	7/18/2022 12:50 PM
41	Continued GREAT public safety. An improvement of downtown aesthetics.	7/17/2022 12:11 AM
42	To not become over developed. To remain a quiet, peaceful & safe place to live. For our schools to be among the best in the state.	7/15/2022 1:34 PM
43	For a town with a lot of high end homes the town should have a similar feel.	7/15/2022 12:01 PM
44	Continued low crime Low population	7/15/2022 5:00 AM
45	Would love to see the development of the old HA and create a small town vibe with a park at the river.	7/14/2022 10:08 PM
46	Safe, low taxes	7/14/2022 8:07 PM
47	More community focused, bringing more access to local businesses and small businesses for the community to enjoy that distinguishes us from Bangor. Unique niche market and fun eclectic businesses and restaurants. Family friendly places and businesses. Have a renovated town center and a large community center with parks and expansion of green space. Expansion of rec programming, building upon of sports and arts programs and making a name	7/14/2022 6:56 PM

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for ourselves in that area. Access to more unique living areas including tiny homes for older adults and young adults. Affordable living for new families. Continuing to include public transportation in our town and expanding our roads to include bike lanes and sidewalks. More alt transportation friendly, including walking and bike paths through reeds Brook trails to connect from western/main/Kennebec/Mayo. Encouraging continued snowmobile trail use and having destinations for those who come through to stop at. Creating a 4 season outdoor rink and skate park for teens, with teen center. Building a multigenerational diverse inclusive community for all.

48	I will probably have moved. I have not found a "community" here.	7/14/2022 5:50 PM
49	Reasonable growth, affordable housing, senior services	7/14/2022 4:25 PM
50	We would like to see it continue to be a great place to raise a family. We would also like to see more little eateries and shops open up in town.	7/14/2022 3:52 PM
51	Improve the look of the center of town, it has been disgraceful looking for 20 years now. Bring a Shaws grocery store in or at the minimum a decent sized Hannaford.	7/14/2022 3:17 PM
52	Continued residential growth. Single family homes preferably.	7/14/2022 2:22 PM
53	Make it more village like to promote more small business and make it more of a destination town verses just a place to drive through to get to Bangor or work	7/14/2022 2:21 PM
54	Expanded trails at Reeds Brook for walking and xc skiing. Cuter downtown area -- removing rundown buildings.	7/14/2022 2:20 PM
55	No more growth - no additional multi unit housing, subdivisions, etc	7/14/2022 2:20 PM
56	A place that is highly sought after as the place to live.	7/14/2022 11:21 AM
57	Development along Coldbrook Road, community center, developed waterfront, shops, small venues for music, plays, etc...	7/13/2022 5:38 PM
58	Maintain the look and reputation it currently has , make downtown improvements.	7/13/2022 5:03 PM
59	Build town up so it's a small town	7/13/2022 4:12 PM
60	Still a small town, with a good sense of community with better updated facilities (gym, car wash, Town Office)	7/12/2022 11:09 PM
61	It's nearly perfect... Keep it simple... Down to earth.	7/12/2022 8:50 PM
62	Upgrade sewer gas system. Improve roads. More central location with restaurants and areas to hang out. Waterfront scene. Outdoor theater. Art walk/outdoor sale in the summer	7/10/2022 9:45 PM
63	I'd love to see a legit, walkable downtown with stores and restaurants, bike and walking paths that connect to Bangor, and more amenities (like trash pick up, etc) for the crazy taxes we pay.	7/4/2022 7:36 AM
64	I don't want it to become overdeveloped, don't want to lose more trees and green spaces.	7/2/2022 9:13 AM
65	A place to live for all people.	6/30/2022 2:54 PM
66	Department store, couple of restaurants, gift shop. Remove buildings on corner of Main Rd and Western Ave and corner of Main Rd and Kennebec Rd. They are eye sores to the community.	6/30/2022 9:35 AM
67	Better grocery shopping choices	6/30/2022 6:31 AM
68	More access to progressive resources and community. A senior center.	6/29/2022 11:03 PM
69	a town that supports people of all ages, cultures, and economic levels	6/29/2022 8:07 PM
70	The sense of a village, perhaps like Southwest Harbor	6/29/2022 4:29 PM
71	Clean up the rest of the run down buildings, and maintain the town buildings we have. The Skehan Recreation Center is the perfect place for us. It's the right side, perfect location, and we hope it stays that way.	6/29/2022 4:28 PM
72	Low income housing pockets to be built. Quality of schools maintained. Fantastic library maintained. Committed bicycle lanes so that every child can ride to school.	6/29/2022 4:23 PM

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73	Stay as is, and no drastic changes or high eyesore buildings coming in.	6/29/2022 3:41 PM
74	Remaining a nice place to live that is crime free and not spoiled by uncontrolled growth.	6/29/2022 3:40 PM
75	Improve public rec areas	6/29/2022 3:34 PM
76	Consolidate down town business area.	6/29/2022 3:28 PM
77	Creating a vibrant village.	6/29/2022 3:22 PM
78	I like that downtown has started to clean up a bit (including the house on the corner coming down soon). The sidewalk along Western Ave (and a little on the Main Road) is an absolute wreck. It's unsafe in the winter and tricky any other time. Real American flags along the poles in downtown would add to the summer aesthetic. It would just be nice to see downtown cleaned up and maintained.	6/29/2022 2:17 PM
79	Not sure	6/28/2022 7:07 AM
80	Sidewalks on every street especially Main Rd. Hangout place for teens Option for natural gas	6/27/2022 10:33 PM
81	Community center	6/27/2022 7:26 PM
82	Definitely more businesses. I do NOT want to see it like Holden with the main street being all commercial and no homes. Very poor idea.	6/27/2022 2:14 PM
83	Residential, community with small local businesses.	6/26/2022 6:50 PM
84	Increase business Lessen taxes Turn schools into a neutral political affiliation- teach education not gender! Give me a reason to stay local and not shop or eat in bangor	6/26/2022 9:04 AM
85	To stay the way it is. Stop the developments. Stop wasting money on the high school. Focus on kids educations (math, English, history, science) leave the rest to parents. I hope in 20 years Hampden stops worrying about being in money, and stops trying to gain more people.	6/25/2022 9:16 PM
86	This is like a terrible college exam question.	6/25/2022 7:53 PM
87	I'd like to see Main Road south better flagged as a historic row.	6/25/2022 9:55 AM
88	Better place for businesses, cleaned up downtown	6/25/2022 9:23 AM
89	Subdivions with MINIMUM lot sizes of 1 acre OR if smaller lot sizes are permitted, then an area of acreage must be incorporated within the subdivision to meet the needs of children to play safely on a large area that is their own within the subdivision or nearby.	6/24/2022 8:42 PM
90	Continuing a the sense of community and safety for all residents.	6/23/2022 11:35 PM
91	People are currently attracted for the low density and school reputation but we know many families that have recently moved away because of the perception that the community is too insular (people from away don't count) or due to disappointment with the school system not living up to its reputation.	6/23/2022 10:26 PM
92	Some of the downtown spruce up a bit. A lot of buildings need to be repainted. Love the addition of sidewalks on Main Rd and would love to see more t of that. More community events.	6/23/2022 9:30 PM
93	Growing community while keeping the rural feel.	6/23/2022 8:51 PM
94	Hopefully a place where my children want to live and raise their families.	6/23/2022 8:36 PM
95	I would like to see the Planning Board and the Council plan for more diversity in housing and transportation, and not just let this be a bedroom community for the wealthy	6/23/2022 5:26 PM
96	More community events and family focused plans	6/23/2022 3:57 PM
97	Minimal housing development, improved hiking trails and continued great service from the town	6/23/2022 3:39 PM
98	Hopeful It changes so we stay	6/23/2022 2:33 PM
99	Lower taxes	6/23/2022 1:59 PM
100	Continued strong investment in RSU 22.	6/23/2022 1:57 PM
101	All buildings are cleaned up. No abandoned buildings. More restaurants and shops.	6/23/2022 1:48 PM

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102	To move	6/23/2022 1:39 PM
103	I'll be dead	6/23/2022 1:34 PM
104	I would like to see Hampden add more green spaces, trails. I would love to see more businesses in the community so I don't have to travel always to get essential items.	6/23/2022 1:19 PM
105	Smart attracting of business while balancing nature, quietness of what's here today	6/23/2022 1:03 PM
106	More family oriented entertainment, fast food places, better roads that are maintained better, expecially in the winter with plowing.	6/23/2022 1:03 PM
107	Remain small and clean, but inviting to families and citizens that want to connect and contribute to their community.	6/23/2022 12:42 PM
108	I hope that there can be more family events to offer a stronger sense of community. My neighborhood has a strong sense of that, but it would be so nice to experience that throughout the entire Hampden community.	6/23/2022 12:15 PM
109	Better roads	6/23/2022 11:54 AM
110	More infrastructure	6/23/2022 11:49 AM
111	I won't be able to afford the taxes and fees that the town will force on the public.....	6/23/2022 11:42 AM
112	A welcoming, diverse community with a mixture of people who have been here for generations and people who have moved in more recently and a variety of local small businesses.	6/23/2022 10:54 AM
113	Continued great education for our children. Continued support and funding for our fire/ems/police. Maintain rural environment while also having vast resources in the community. Not overcrowding with businesses or big box stores, keep majority residential.	6/23/2022 10:50 AM
114	20 Years is a long time. I'm hoping for hoverboards and a Teleportation device to Mars. However, I'd settle for the town doing more with our inflated taxes than just dumping it all in the school. While yes, the school is extremely important here the millrate for this community is so high that I feel a lot more can be done with property taxes.	6/23/2022 10:26 AM
115	I would like Hampden to be a place where families can have fun together without having to go elsewhere. Currently, everyone says "the schools are great and we aren't too far from other towns where the fun stuff is". It would be nice if the fun places for kids were here.	6/23/2022 10:14 AM
116	More activities for the kids, more restaurants	6/23/2022 10:11 AM
117	Would like it to keep its small-town atmosphere.	6/23/2022 9:45 AM
118	Hopefully it maintains the small town atmosphere. I love it	6/23/2022 9:23 AM
119	To develop a downtown center	6/23/2022 9:12 AM
120	I don't have a vision of hampden that is any different than it is today. The area by Irving will never be developed into what people want.	6/23/2022 8:59 AM
121	To keep doing what they are doing, if it works don't fix it.	6/23/2022 8:52 AM
122	I grew up in a very small town on the west coast. Even though it was small, it still had a lot of options for coffee, cafes, restaurants, groceries, etc. I feel that's the major thing hampden is missing. (AND MOEE SIDEWALKS.)	6/23/2022 8:22 AM
123	A more pedestrian friendly planning of shopping entertainment areas. Better urban planning.	6/23/2022 8:21 AM
124	Too many new houses built while existing houses are left to deteriorate; more and more loss of open land	6/23/2022 8:21 AM
125	Continued growth and development both in residential and business	6/23/2022 8:08 AM
126	To remain a safe and beautiful place to raise a family. Building a community of diversity and inclusion that is an example to all of Maine	6/23/2022 7:37 AM
127	Slow the sprawl, more low impact development, preserve connected open space.	6/23/2022 7:31 AM
128	Friendly to small business (low taxes!) More sidewalks on some of the main throughways-kennebec, meadow, Patterson. Splash pad at Lura hoit pool	6/23/2022 7:29 AM

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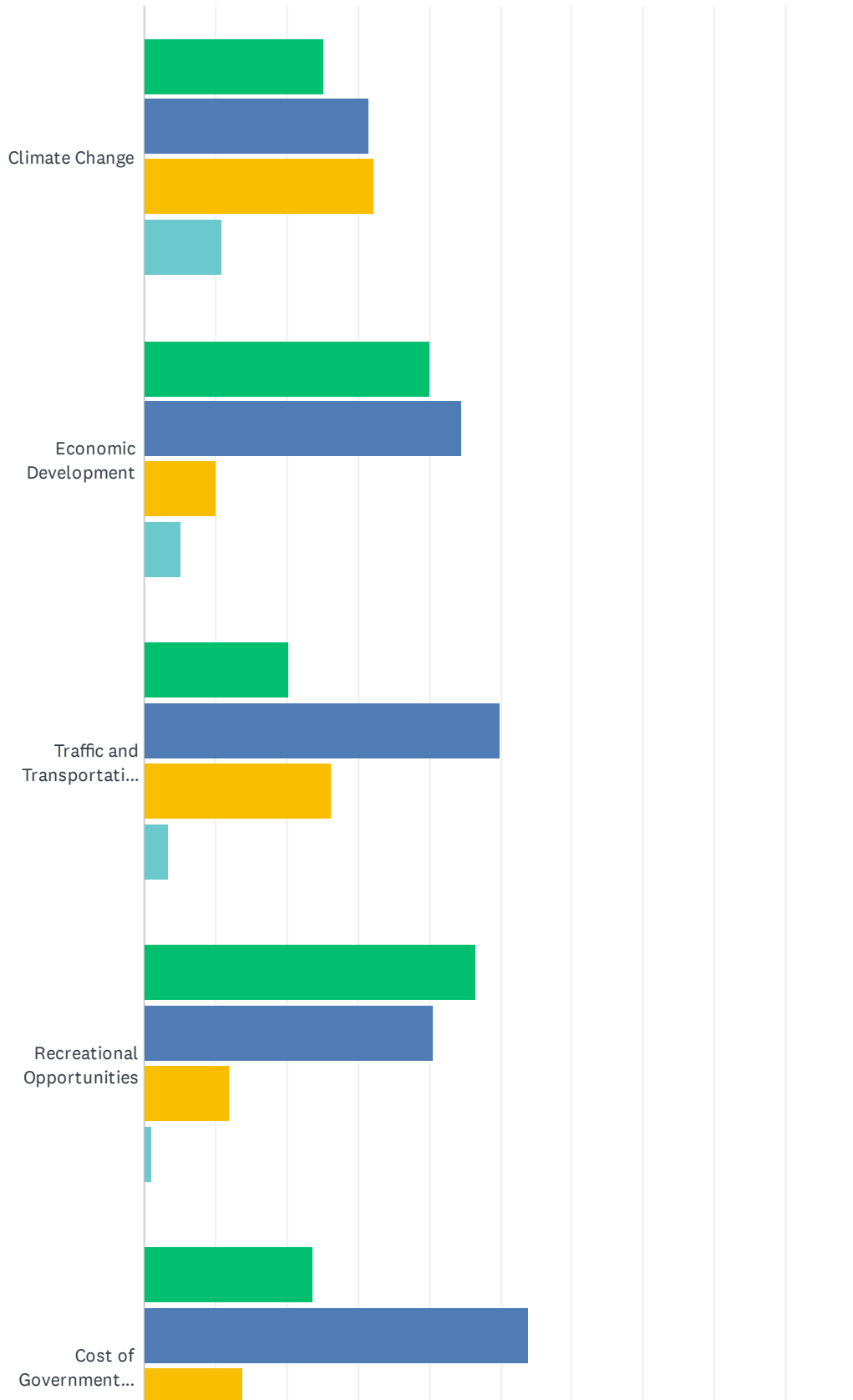
129	Maintained roads, walking trails, a more cohesive town area with community gathering spots.	6/23/2022 7:27 AM
130	need senior housing for middle class	6/23/2022 7:18 AM
131	Increased small businesses to offset the residential tax burden; sewer upgrades; high-speed internet upgrades; a community center; stormwater management; affordable housing	6/23/2022 6:55 AM
132	That it grows and becomes a place people want to visit and do business in	6/23/2022 5:46 AM
133	Having more rec facilities and amenities, including teen center, 4 season rink (ice and roller), better maintained softball field at middle school, having more indoor rec space for winter months, affordable gym, skate park, upgrading and expanding playground at pool and splash pad. Better rental spaces for parties. More inclusion, diversity and equity!	6/22/2022 11:28 PM
134	For Hampden to have youth sports fields	6/22/2022 11:18 PM
135	Swings at the park! Maybe more parks.	6/22/2022 11:11 PM
136	Best small town in New England. Hire and retain top notch teachers.	6/22/2022 11:00 PM
137	I would hope it stayed similar to what it is. If any additions I would look for areas for families to gather as a community. We have many outdoor areas but they don't accommodate or invite larger gatherings.	6/22/2022 10:14 PM
138	More affordable housing, especially low income and mixed (apartments and single family). It's a shame that there is no public housing	6/22/2022 10:01 PM
139	N/A	6/22/2022 10:01 PM
140	Unfortunately, over spending on some frivolous things, and demand for more money for administration and other non essential items.	6/22/2022 9:57 PM
141	Not much different. Great community center. More before/after school opportunities for kids or more openings.	6/22/2022 9:44 PM
142	More affordable housing	6/22/2022 9:36 PM
143	Increased public green soace, a dog park, focus on retention of teachers, public staff and piblic servants through competitive wages and benefits, town support and educational opportunities	6/22/2022 9:21 PM
144	More emphasis on getting business into town. The corner of Western Ave. and 1 A after they widen it would be a place to put in flowers, and nice place to have a bench to sit, maybe a park like area and a recognition to the founding families of town....this is the center of town and lets make it nice to the eye when coming into town for the first time.	6/22/2022 8:35 PM
145	Not to over develop	6/22/2022 8:31 PM
146	I believe Hampden would do great with more shops and restaurants. Old condemned buildings in the heart of town are a site for sore eyes!	6/22/2022 8:15 PM
147	Keep rural qualities, fields and open space, less subdivisions	6/22/2022 8:10 PM
148	Control taxes to help maintain a balance of community members.	6/22/2022 8:08 PM
149	Stop the WOKE agenda. The schools used to be the best around. When my kids went through the entire RSU 22 System we never had to worry that they were being influenced, just taught...	6/22/2022 8:00 PM
150	More than likely I will not be a resident in 20 years.	6/22/2022 7:46 PM
151	Slow, controlled growth. Keep the farmland!	6/22/2022 7:30 PM
152	I'd love to see Hampden develop parts of it that become a destination for other people, while also keeping its nice, quiet neighborhoods.	6/22/2022 7:08 PM
153	I'd like Hampden to remain mostly a bedroom community without a lot of emphasis on getting lots more businesses here, with the exception of businesses like small (non-chain) cafes and restaurants.	6/22/2022 6:39 PM
154	Continue our reputations of the best school, safe community, top-quality residents, and highest quality services/amenities.	6/22/2022 6:39 PM

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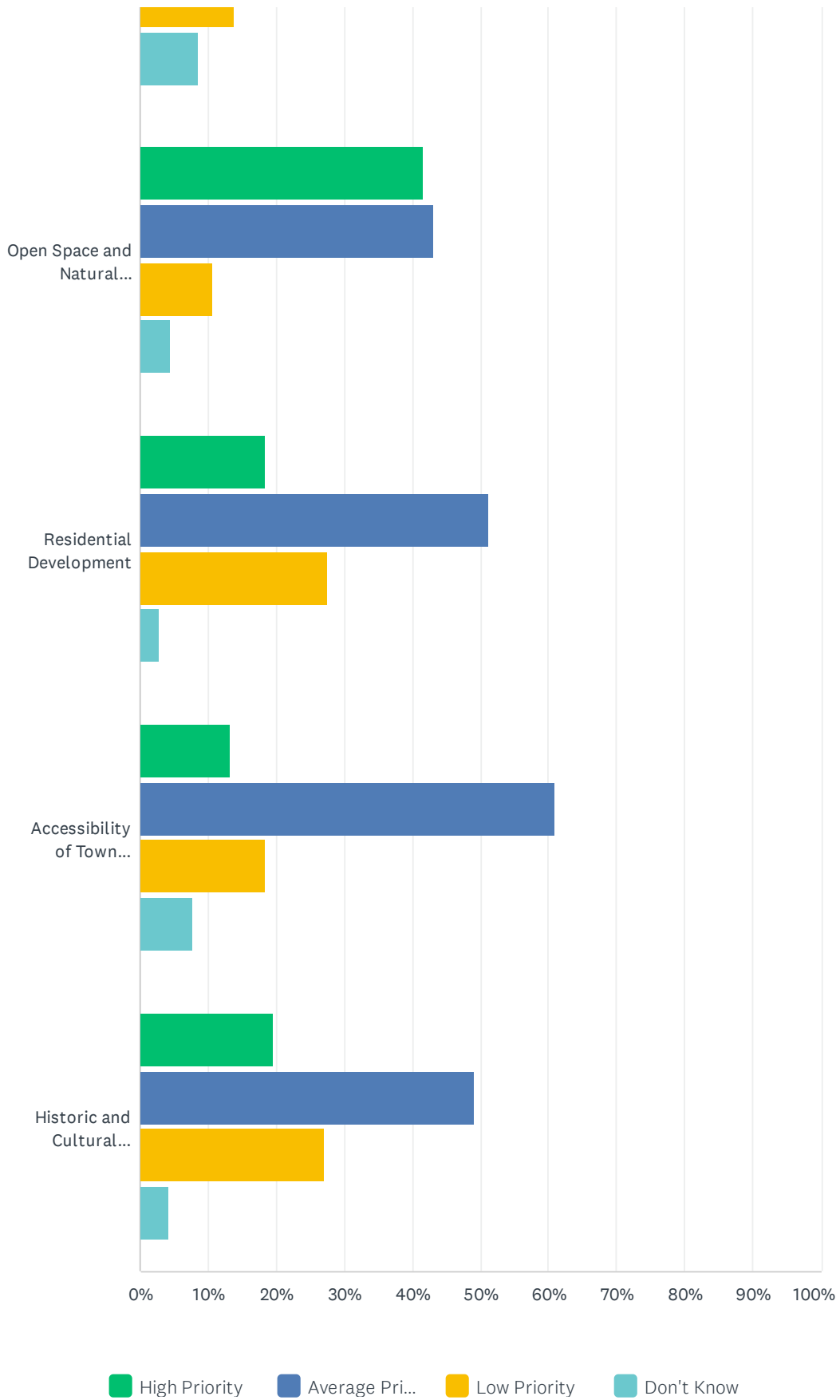
155	Continue to grow and beautify main street. More dining options that would make Hampden a place to visit.	6/22/2022 6:06 PM
156	Supportive of school, education, kids safety	6/22/2022 5:56 PM
157	Outdoor pool and recreation complex	6/22/2022 5:47 PM
158	To be one of the best towns in Maine for families to live; more community lifestyle options	6/22/2022 5:37 PM
159	An active downtown and improved walk ability	6/22/2022 5:28 PM
160	Stay small!! No corporate take over	6/22/2022 5:23 PM
161	Continue to develop	6/22/2022 5:17 PM
162	I see a lot more subdivisions and would hope more retirement apartment living for people that are not doctors or lawyers (middle income)	6/22/2022 5:17 PM
163	An inclusive community for families with a nicer main street/downtown area	6/22/2022 5:16 PM
164	My vision for the town of Hampden is to significantly improve on commercial and residential offerings. We have plenty of subdivisions and single family housing. If we can add mixed use zones with multi story mixed use buildings I think the town can continue to grow. A focus on maintaining the balance of outdoor recreation access that Maine is known for will be key. Maintaining bike trails, cross country skiing snowmobiling as such is important. I would love to see much greater access and development of the river and take advantage of the draw that can have. Additional Hampden remains one of the safest communities and which is why I want to move my family here. Ensuring that Hampden does not face the Fire Ambulance and Police crisis other towns have is key to continuing to preserve our safety.	6/22/2022 5:07 PM
165	Lower taxes	6/22/2022 5:06 PM
166	Continued gradual growth, allowing land owners to hold and use their land responsibly as they wish and keeping those rights.	6/22/2022 4:56 PM
167	A walkable, mixed-use community that prioritizes community values and promotes public health.	6/22/2022 10:21 AM
168	Maintain mil rate, business and opportunity growth	6/21/2022 11:21 AM

Q18 How would you rate the following issues in the Town of Hampden?

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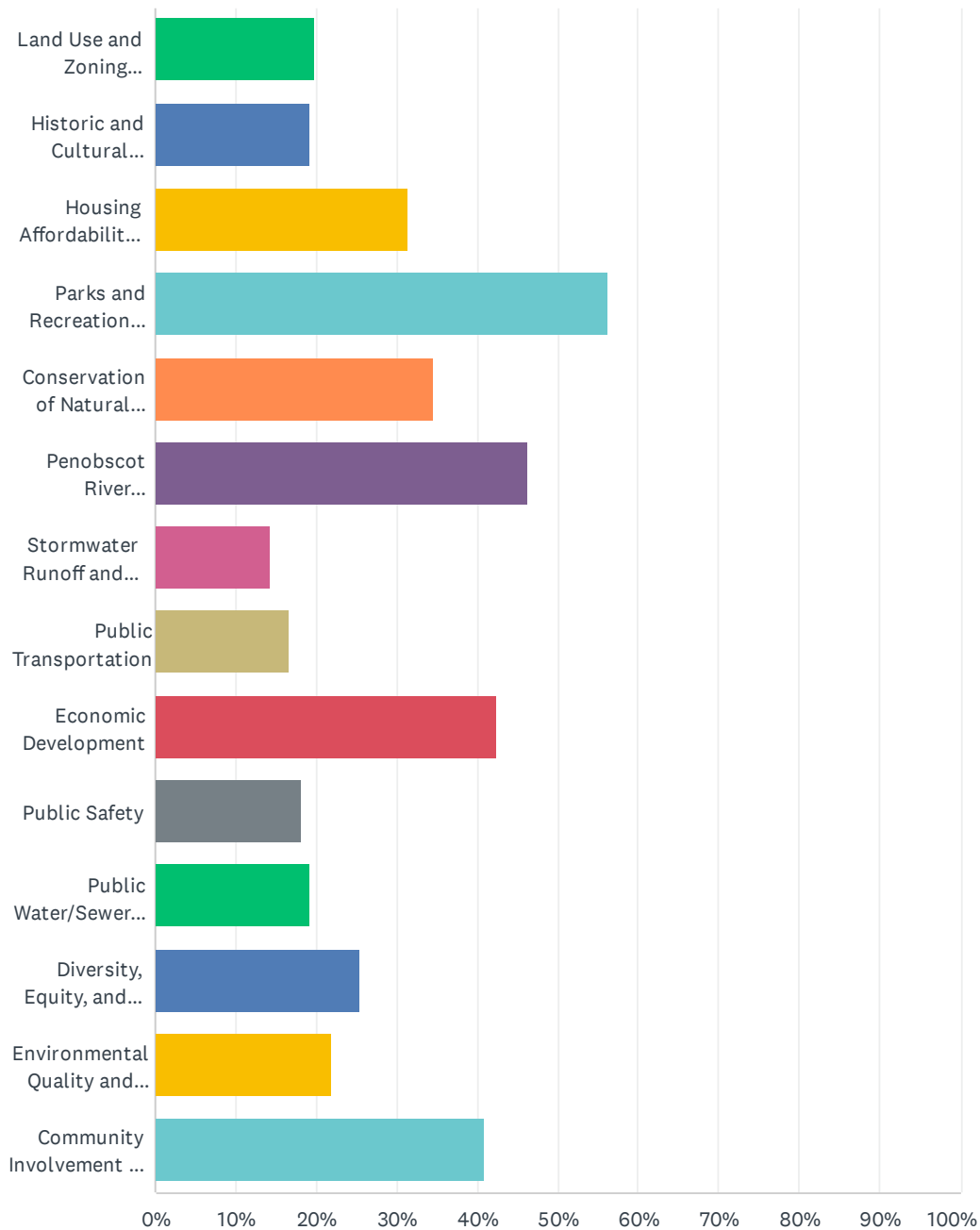


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	HIGH PRIORITY	AVERAGE PRIORITY	LOW PRIORITY	DON'T KNOW	TOTAL
Climate Change	25.26% 72	31.58% 90	32.28% 92	10.88% 31	285
Economic Development	40.14% 116	44.64% 129	10.03% 29	5.19% 15	289
Traffic and Transportation Options	20.35% 58	49.82% 142	26.32% 75	3.51% 10	285
Recreational Opportunities	46.50% 133	40.56% 116	11.89% 34	1.05% 3	286
Cost of Government Services	23.76% 67	53.90% 152	13.83% 39	8.51% 24	282
Open Space and Natural Resources	41.67% 120	43.06% 124	10.76% 31	4.51% 13	288
Residential Development	18.37% 52	51.24% 145	27.56% 78	2.83% 8	283
Accessibility of Town Officials	13.15% 38	60.90% 176	18.34% 53	7.61% 22	289
Historic and Cultural Resources	19.65% 56	49.12% 140	27.02% 77	4.21% 12	285

Q19 Which of the following topics do you feel need more attention in the Town of Hampden? (Check all that apply)

Answered: 281 Skipped: 90

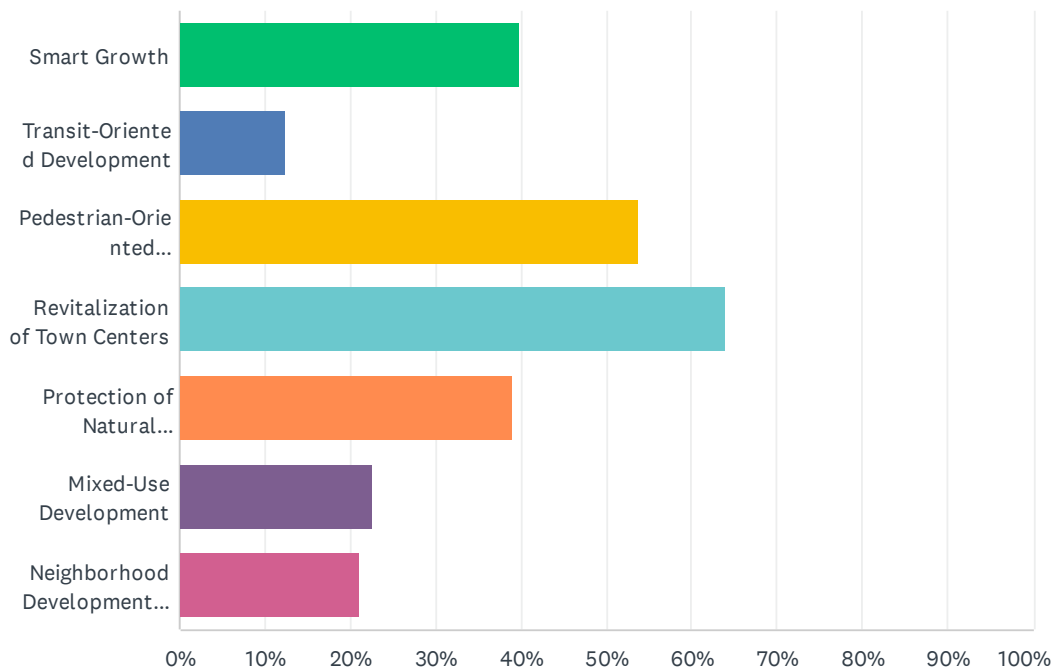


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Land Use and Zoning Ordinance Updates	19.93%	56
Historic and Cultural Preservation	19.22%	54
Housing Affordability and Availability	31.32%	88
Parks and Recreation Services	56.23%	158
Conservation of Natural Spaces	34.52%	97
Penobscot River Accessibility	46.26%	130
Stormwater Runoff and Flooding	14.23%	40
Public Transportation	16.73%	47
Economic Development	42.35%	119
Public Safety	18.15%	51
Public Water/Sewer Expansion	19.22%	54
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion	25.27%	71
Environmental Quality and Pollution Control	22.06%	62
Community Involvement and Awareness	40.93%	115
Total Respondents: 281		

Q20 Which planning techniques would you like to see better implemented in the Town of Hampden? (Check all that apply)

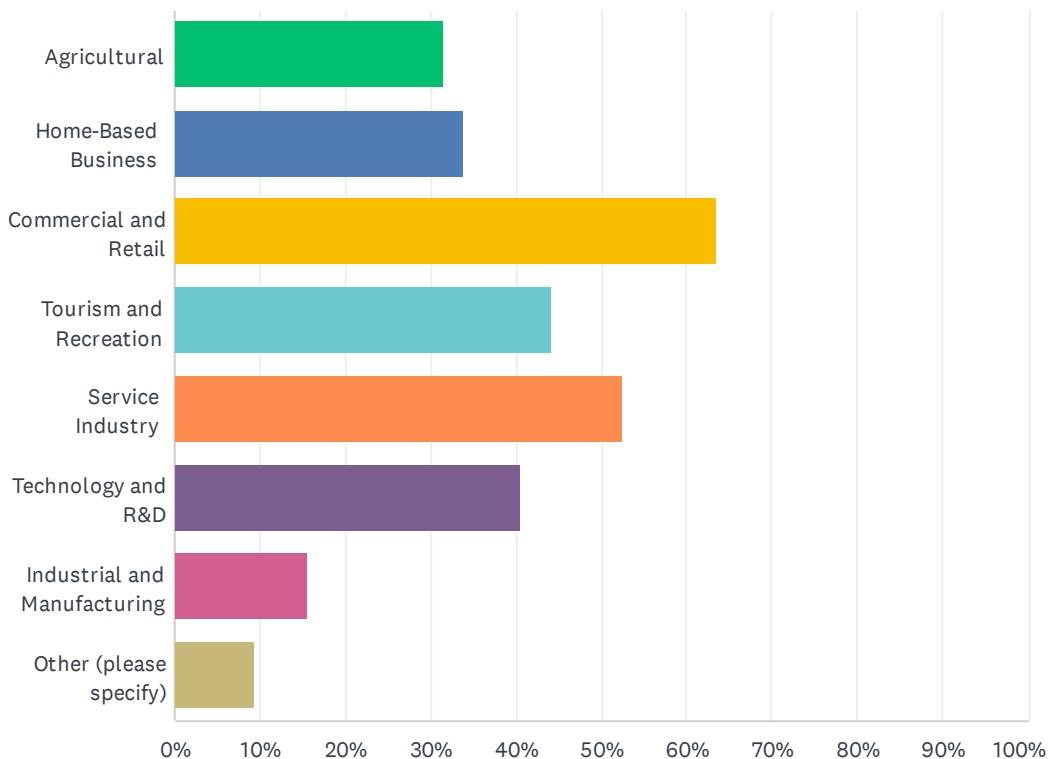
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Smart Growth	39.78%	109
Transit-Oriented Development	12.41%	34
Pedestrian-Oriented Development	53.65%	147
Revitalization of Town Centers	63.87%	175
Protection of Natural Resources from Development	39.05%	107
Mixed-Use Development	22.63%	62
Neighborhood Development Planning	21.17%	58
Total Respondents: 274		

Q21 Which of the following types of businesses would you like to see in the Town of Hampden? (Check all that apply)

Answered: 269 Skipped: 102



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Agricultural	31.60% 85
Home-Based Business	33.83% 91
Commercial and Retail	63.57% 171
Tourism and Recreation	44.24% 119
Service Industry	52.42% 141
Technology and R&D	40.52% 109
Industrial and Manufacturing	15.61% 42
Other (please specify)	9.29% 25
Total Respondents: 269	

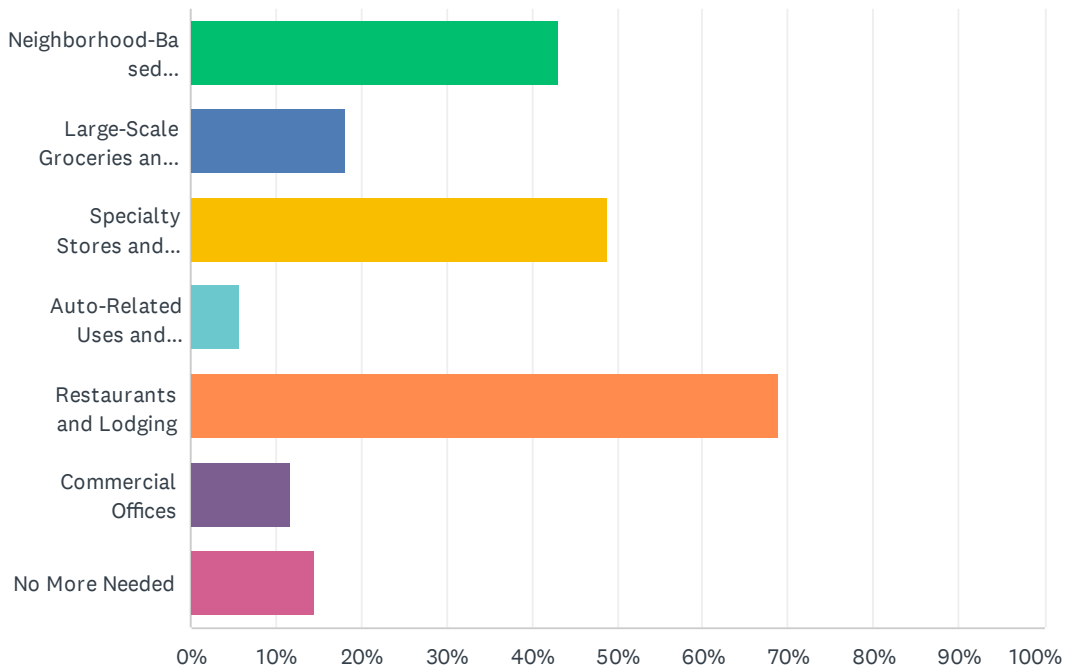
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1	YMCA - a big one that handles all our needs in the area.	9/19/2022 10:12 AM
2	Businesses that choose to be established in Hampden,	9/13/2022 8:54 PM
3	Coffee shops and restaurants	8/28/2022 7:02 AM

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4	Literally anything for people to do	8/7/2022 5:54 PM
5	Small businesses	8/4/2022 4:55 PM
6	All	8/3/2022 5:29 PM
7	RESTAURANTS	8/3/2022 11:36 AM
8	I don't want a lot of business growth in our town. It needs to be family and residential focused.	7/15/2022 1:34 PM
9	gym/fitness/spa center	7/12/2022 11:09 PM
10	No tax money invested in idle trash processing facility.	7/2/2022 4:10 PM
11	Health resources	6/29/2022 11:03 PM
12	It would be really nice if the Fiberight plant could be sold for a different purpose.	6/29/2022 4:28 PM
13	Not on my radar	6/24/2022 8:42 PM
14	Depends what types of industrial/manfg	6/23/2022 10:26 PM
15	Educational (music, art, dance lessons, tutoring, anything like that)	6/23/2022 10:54 AM
16	Engineering and Architecture	6/23/2022 10:26 AM
17	Fast food drive through	6/23/2022 8:37 AM
18	Small businesses.	6/23/2022 8:32 AM
19	Better grocery options, trader Joe's would be awesome.	6/23/2022 8:22 AM
20	senior housing	6/23/2022 7:18 AM
21	Any!	6/22/2022 10:01 PM
22	Industrial in existing Industrial park.	6/22/2022 9:44 PM
23	Privately owned food options	6/22/2022 5:23 PM
24	Restaurants	6/22/2022 5:06 PM
25	Care for children and elderly	6/21/2022 11:21 AM

Q22 Which of the following commercial uses do you feel there is a need for in the region? (Check all that apply)

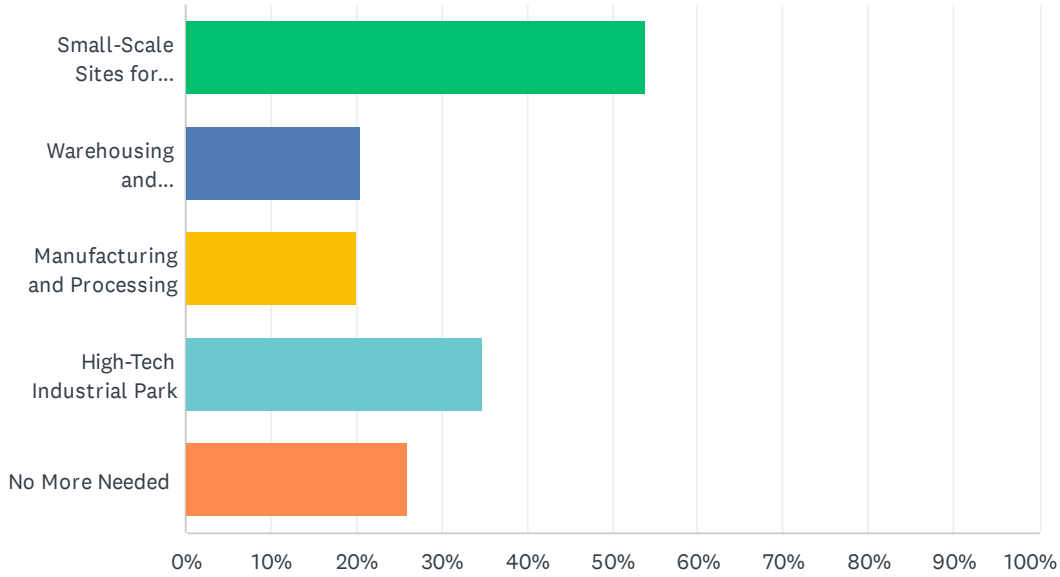
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Neighborhood-Based Conveniences	43.11%	122
Large-Scale Groceries and Pharmacies	18.02%	51
Specialty Stores and Boutiques	48.76%	138
Auto-Related Uses and Services	5.65%	16
Restaurants and Lodging	68.90%	195
Commercial Offices	11.66%	33
No More Needed	14.49%	41
Total Respondents: 283		

Q23 Which of the following types of industrial uses do you feel there is a need for in the region? (Check all that apply)

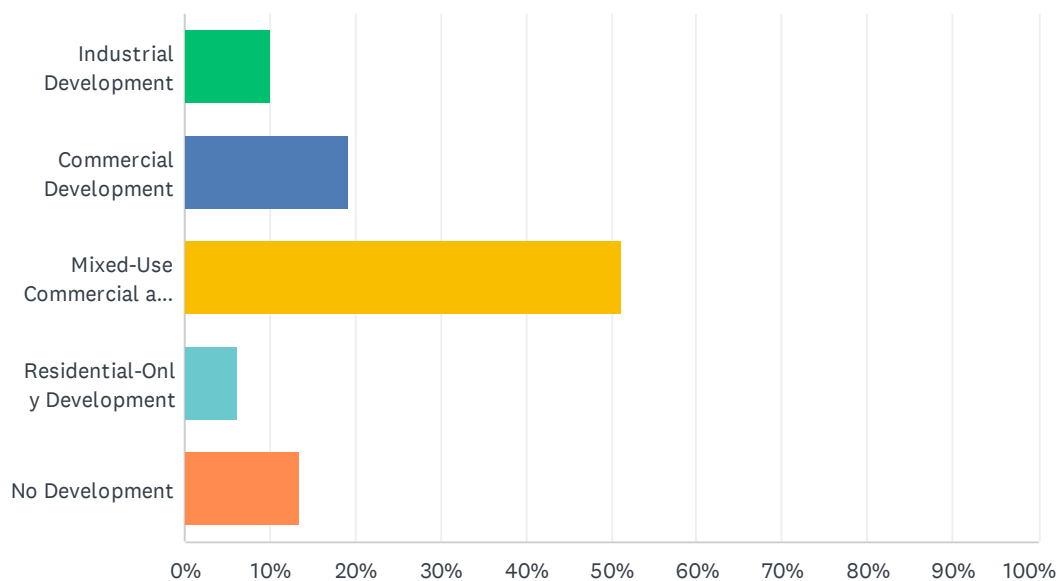
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Small-Scale Sites for Start-Up Businesses	54.00%	135
Warehousing and Distribution	20.40%	51
Manufacturing and Processing	20.00%	50
High-Tech Industrial Park	34.80%	87
No More Needed	26.00%	65
Total Respondents: 250		

Q24 What type of development would you like to see along Coldbrook Rd?

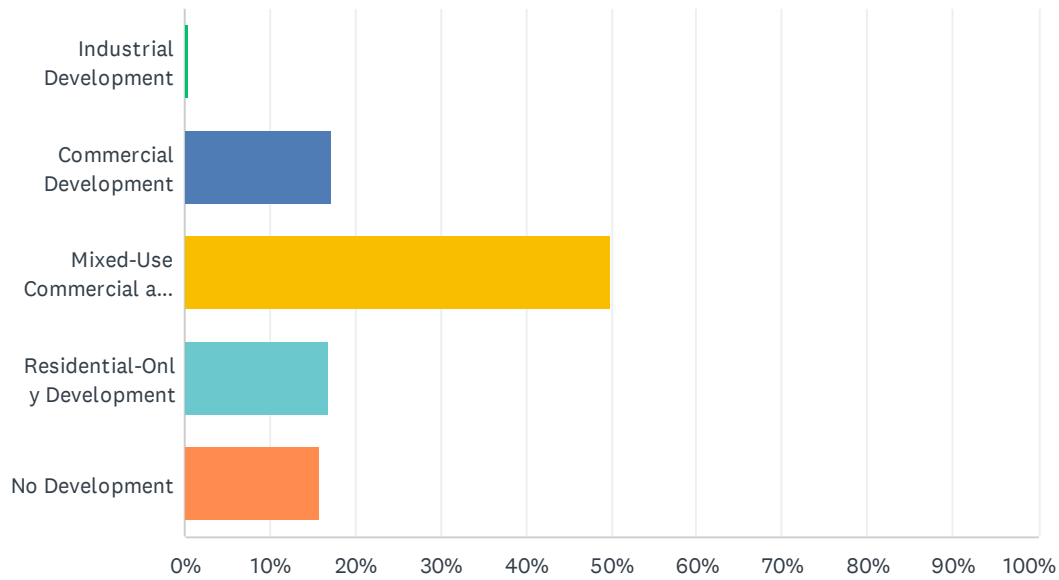
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Industrial Development	10.11%	28
Commercial Development	19.13%	53
Mixed-Use Commercial and Residential Development	51.26%	142
Residential-Only Development	6.14%	17
No Development	13.36%	37
TOTAL		277

Q25 What type of development would you like to see along Main Rd N?

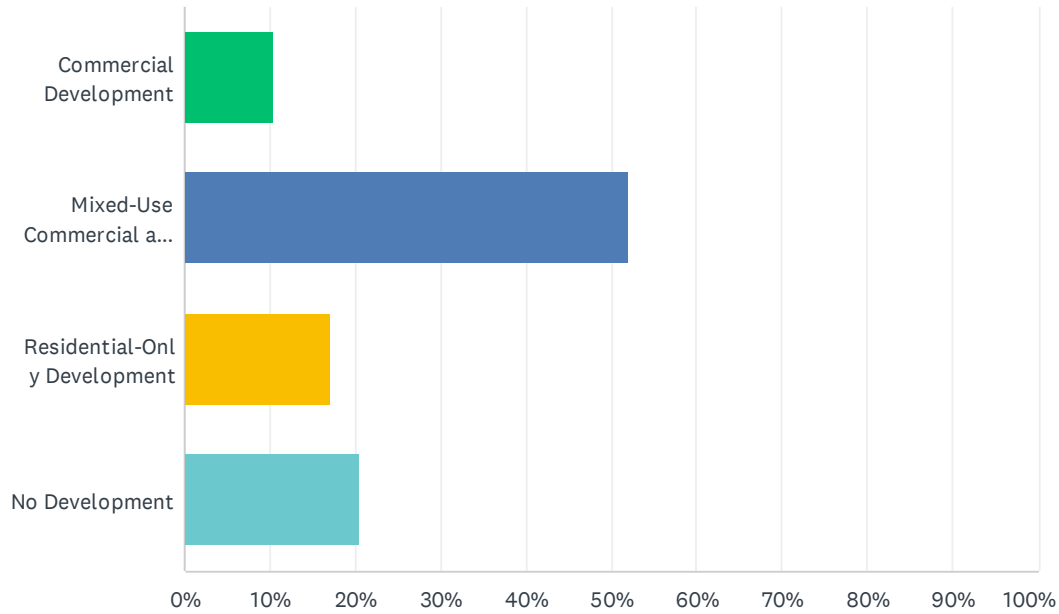
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Industrial Development	0.36%	1
Commercial Development	17.20%	48
Mixed-Use Commercial and Residential Development	49.82%	139
Residential-Only Development	16.85%	47
No Development	15.77%	44
TOTAL		279

Q26 What type of development would you like to see along Western Ave?

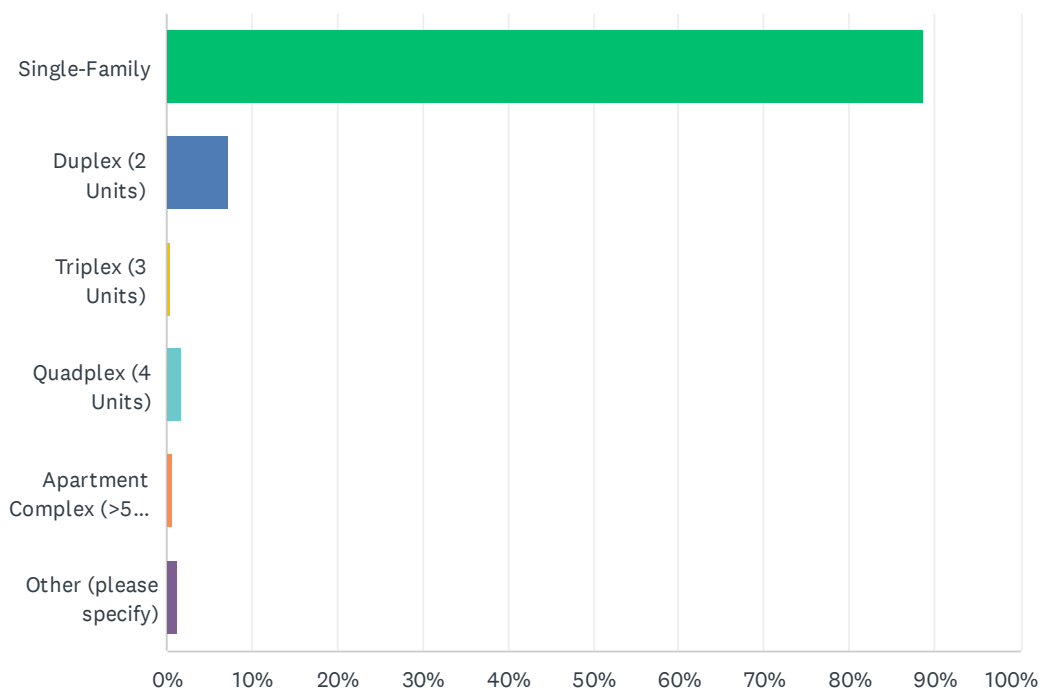
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Commercial Development	10.55%	29
Mixed-Use Commercial and Residential Development	52.00%	143
Residential-Only Development	17.09%	47
No Development	20.36%	56
TOTAL		275

Q27 Describe your residence:

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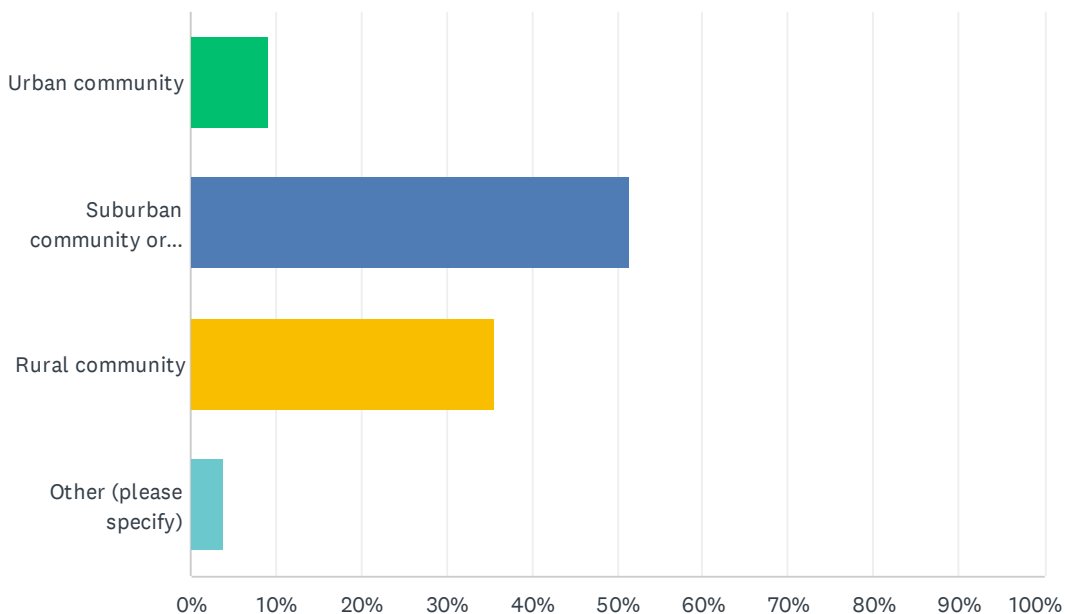


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Single-Family	88.62% 257
Duplex (2 Units)	7.24% 21
Triplex (3 Units)	0.34% 1
Quadplex (4 Units)	1.72% 5
Apartment Complex (>5 Units)	0.69% 2
Other (please specify)	1.38% 4
TOTAL	290

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Single family with adu	7/13/2022 5:40 PM
2	Retirement community Avalon	6/30/2022 9:39 AM
3	Condo in retirement village.	6/29/2022 11:08 PM
4	Single Family with In-law apartment	6/22/2022 4:59 PM

Q28 In what type of community do you live?

Answered: 284 Skipped: 87

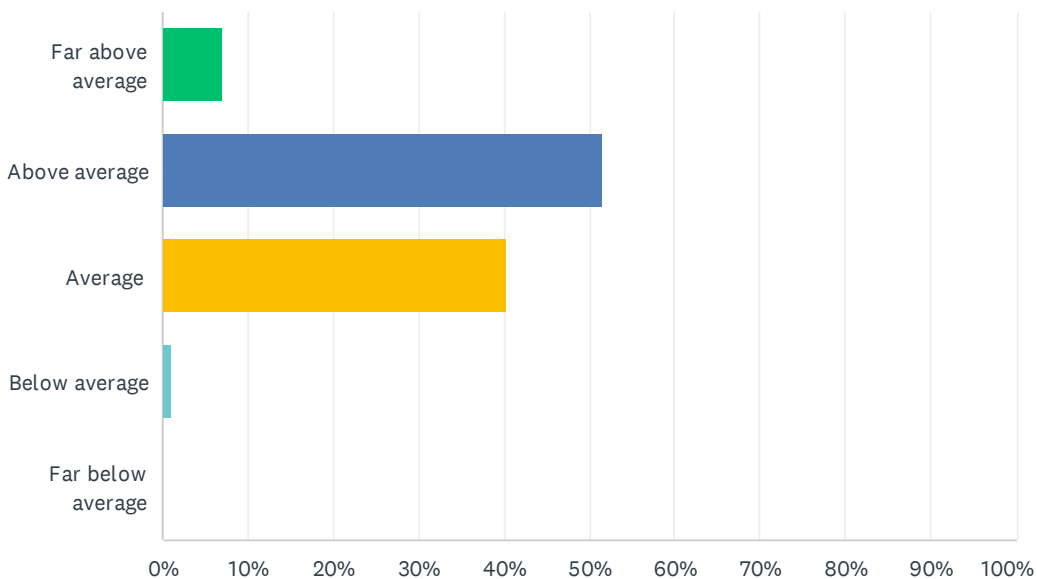


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Urban community	9.15% 26
Suburban community or subdivision	51.41% 146
Rural community	35.56% 101
Other (please specify)	3.87% 11
TOTAL	284

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Organically grown neighborhood near the center of town.	9/13/2022 9:01 PM
2	4 mile square	8/7/2022 5:55 PM
3	Retirement community	7/7/2022 8:48 PM
4	Cooperative suburban community	7/2/2022 4:13 PM
5	Avalon Village (retirement)	6/30/2022 2:29 PM
6	retirement community	6/30/2022 11:11 AM
7	55+	6/30/2022 8:31 AM
8	Retirement condo	6/30/2022 6:34 AM
9	Retirement community.	6/29/2022 11:08 PM
10	Just on a road - not exactly a suburban community - but not really rural either	6/23/2022 10:56 AM
11	As Urban as Hampden gets I think? Constitution Ave.	6/23/2022 10:36 AM

Q29 The quality of housing in the Town of Hampden is:

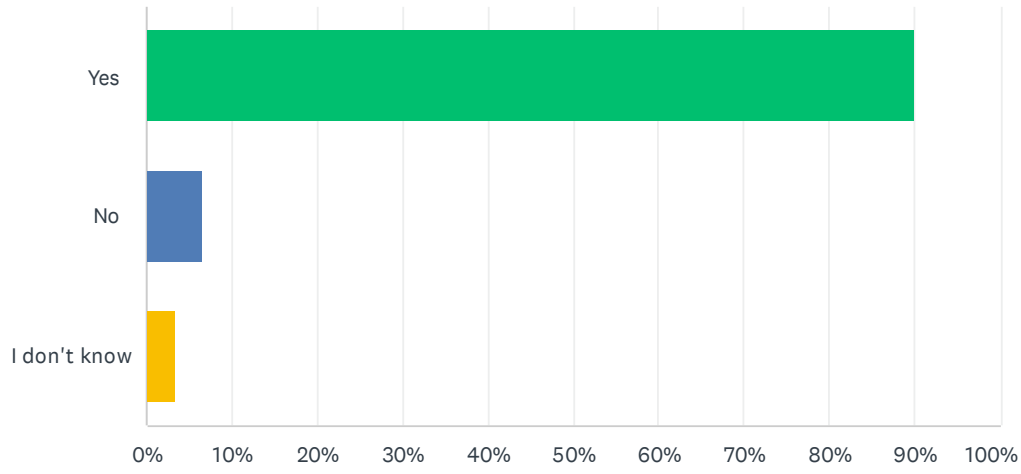
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Far above average	7.07%	20
Above average	51.59%	146
Average	40.28%	114
Below average	1.06%	3
Far below average	0.00%	0
TOTAL		283

Q30 Does your residence have access to high-speed internet?

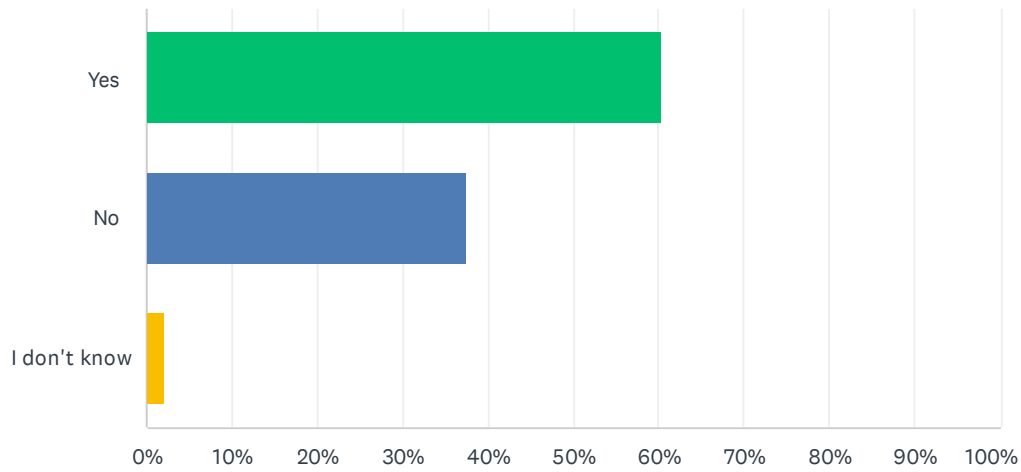
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	89.90%	258
No	6.62%	19
I don't know	3.48%	10
TOTAL		287

Q31 Does your residence have access to municipal water/sewer?

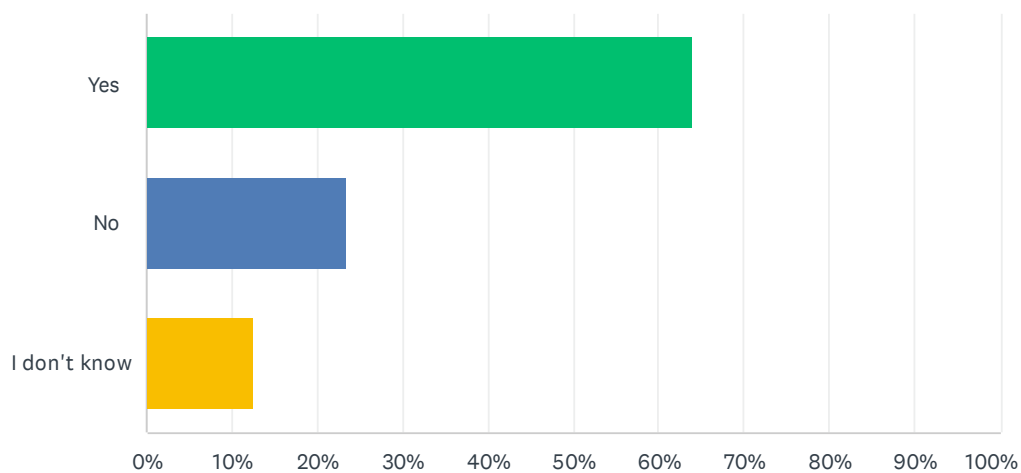
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	60.42%	174
No	37.50%	108
I don't know	2.08%	6
TOTAL		288

Q32 Would you like to see curbside trash pick-up in your neighborhood?

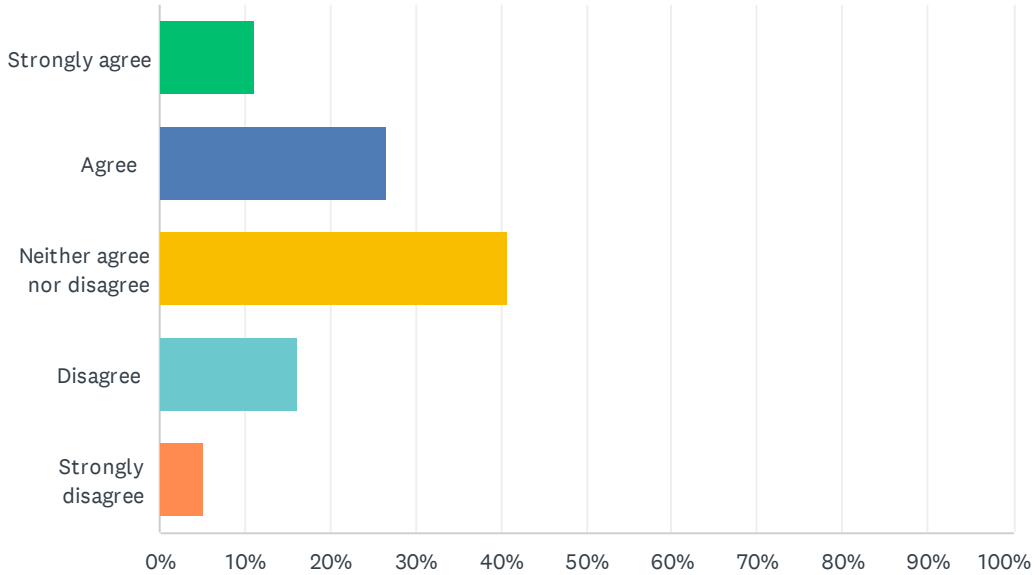
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	63.99%	183
No	23.43%	67
I don't know	12.59%	36
TOTAL		286

Q33 Do you agree with the following statement: "The Town of Hampden should encourage greater residential development"

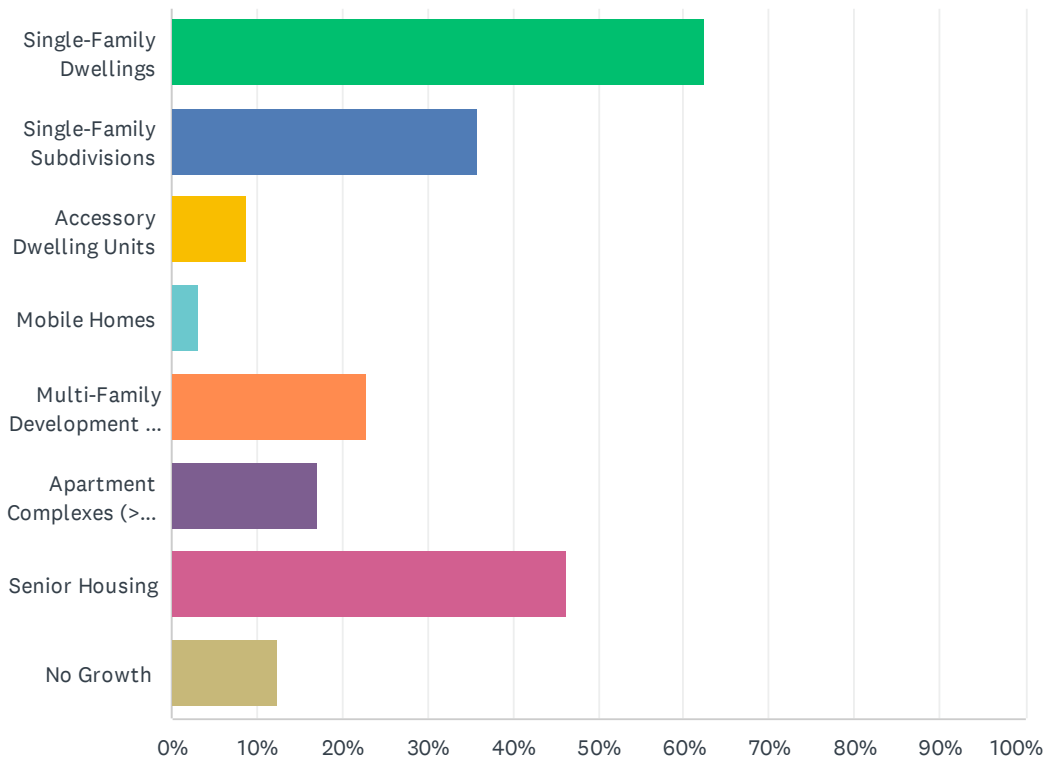
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	11.07%	32
Agree	26.64%	77
Neither agree nor disagree	40.83%	118
Disagree	16.26%	47
Strongly disagree	5.19%	15
TOTAL		289

Q34 What type of residential development should the Town of Hampden encourage? (Check all that apply)

Answered: 277 Skipped: 94



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Single-Family Dwellings	62.45%	173
Single-Family Subdivisions	35.74%	99
Accessory Dwelling Units	8.66%	24
Mobile Homes	3.25%	9
Multi-Family Development (<5 Units)	22.74%	63
Apartment Complexes (>5 Units)	16.97%	47
Senior Housing	46.21%	128
No Growth	12.27%	34
Total Respondents: 277		

Q35 What suggestions do you have for residential development in the Town of Hampden?

Answered: 96 Skipped: 275

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	stopping developing condos and small apt's that pull in residents who will not be staying long term. we need families to start here and their kids want to stay around. If we keep building appt's or places that just sell quick, then it's a new mix of people all the time and not building a community.	9/19/2022 10:14 AM
2	I would like to see residential development focused more toward the center of town while maintaining the rural character of the edges of town.	9/14/2022 9:57 PM
3	I would like to see Hampden maintain its rural character. Putting up multi-family developments in rural areas, w/o sewer & water, detracts from the character of the area. It is better to have clustered high density development where the infrastructure can support it.	9/14/2022 1:21 PM
4	Encourage and nurture the interest of those ready, willing, and able to build more homes in Hampden. Lots of new housing added to the market results in older, smaller housing to be less competitive and cost less to rent or buy. Right now there is a very tight rental and home purchase market making housing more expensive than it could be. Low supply = high prices, high supply = lower prices. The solution isn't rocket science.	9/13/2022 9:01 PM
5	A balanced approach so that development does not expand beyond the town's ability to provide all municipal services or exceed school capacity.	9/13/2022 11:58 AM
6	In recent years there has been an explosion of low-quality, unappealing, rental housing in the rural areas. These houses and their associated development are reducing the appeal and character of Hampden. Although there is a need for housing for people of all incomes these houses in the rural district and occupying valuable real estate and natural areas. We need to balance further residential development with protection of significant natural areas. Otherwise, we will loose the character of our town.	9/8/2022 10:46 AM
7	Student, faculty and physician housing units to support hospitals and University.	9/6/2022 9:29 PM
8	higher density	9/5/2022 2:02 PM
9	No more cheap tract apartments or duplexes taking up valuable countryside. Prefer restoring older buildings and homes for housing needs. It can be done in a thoughtful cost effective way	9/4/2022 11:04 AM
10	If you develop more housing, it will likely be for young people. There is nothing for young people to do in town. Why put the cart before the horse.	8/7/2022 5:55 PM
11	Reduce costs, Focus on individuals not companies.	8/5/2022 6:54 PM
12	The property behind the Old Hampden Academy or the land behind 128 Mayo Rd could be developed for places for working families making minimum wage to live.	8/5/2022 2:46 PM
13	with the current economic problems making housing more expensive the town should encourage lower priced housing.	8/5/2022 1:52 PM
14	Described above	8/4/2022 9:53 PM
15	Less Multi-Family Developments and/or apartments. More Single-Family Dwellings on larger house lots	8/4/2022 9:46 PM
16	Prices need to be consistent with market values HOWEVER they also need to be high enough to discouraged places like Capehart existing in Hampden, where there are always police/fire due to overdoses, fights, and other disorderly issues.	8/4/2022 9:06 PM
17	Multifamily development should be encouraged where there are adequate sewer and water services to support the need	8/4/2022 8:59 PM

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18	More affordable housing options	8/4/2022 7:58 PM
19	Less duplexes, apartments etc. More emphasis on single family homes	8/4/2022 5:45 PM
20	I like Hampden the way it is I live here because of the quietness, can get away from Bangor city, small town feel.	8/4/2022 4:57 PM
21	Seems to be many duplex apartments taking up a lot of land that could Be used for single family. This should not be aloud.	8/3/2022 9:06 PM
22	More housing	8/3/2022 5:31 PM
23	No high density developments. Transportation proffers.	8/3/2022 11:37 AM
24	Thoughtful subdivisions where there is still plenty of space .	7/21/2022 5:51 AM
25	We have plenty of subdivisions. Cleaning up areas of the town that have been ignored would be helpful and may also support smaller level growth.	7/20/2022 12:41 PM
26	Hampden would be a prime location for nice but affordable housing for young working professionals and young families. Bangor is getting saturated and the housing market is becoming unafforadae.	7/20/2022 9:21 AM
27	Fewer cookie-cutter subdivisions...a variety of downtown housing options (once there's a "downtown")	7/19/2022 6:00 PM
28	Let development progress naturally. Don't encourage over development that will turn Hampden into an unpleasant place to live. People are leaving Bangor because it's got so many unsolvable issues (problems). Let's not do the same thing to Hampden.	7/19/2022 11:43 AM
29	Clean up those properties which are in a state of disrepair, especially in the town center area. Consider more strict residential zoning ordinances.	7/18/2022 7:58 PM
30	None	7/15/2022 8:32 PM
31	No apartments or low income housing.	7/15/2022 1:35 PM
32	A planned 55+ community with amenities to include club house, pool, garages. walking trails. We need to compete with other states that have these readily available. Not everyone wants to live in a warm state when they retire.	7/15/2022 11:50 AM
33	Fewer apartments Encourage remodels rather than new builds.	7/15/2022 5:05 AM
34	A high-end tiny home option, something different from big poorly built colonials. Quality homes, not quantity.	7/14/2022 10:11 PM
35	Tiny homes! Diverse, alternative living quarters that are affordable!	7/14/2022 6:58 PM
36	We need affordable housing and taxes	7/14/2022 4:26 PM
37	Avoid apartments and multi family	7/14/2022 3:54 PM
38	In the rural areas of town with 2 plus acre lot sizes	7/14/2022 3:21 PM
39	No more!	7/14/2022 2:21 PM
40	Allow current residents to invest in commercial property or residential development. Sort of a 'resident owned' rental community. For example, I might have \$x to invest, but I don't have the ability to fully develop a whole subdivision with multi-family units.	7/14/2022 2:20 PM
41	Areas intended for seniors , younger families	7/14/2022 11:24 AM
42	It needs to be where it makes sense	7/13/2022 5:40 PM
43	Be careful with low-income housing. It sounds like a good idea but can create problems and bring crime to town	7/13/2022 5:05 PM
44	If the Town of Hampden has to do residential development, stay away from Mobile Home/Senior Housing/ Apartment complexes. If the town has to do residential development it should do single family house.	7/12/2022 11:12 PM
45	Make sure pedestrian and park access from each subdivision	7/10/2022 9:47 PM

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46	none	6/30/2022 2:29 PM
47	Affordable adequate housing for seniors and low income folks.	6/29/2022 11:08 PM
48	There are two new developments being built in Hampden now and that is sufficient, although I don't think the homes will be high end homes like many others. If the town is built up more, it will become more like Bangor and people won't want to live here anymore. Being overbuilt makes the town go downhill, sometimes very fast. That's not what we want for Hampden. Thank you.	6/29/2022 4:33 PM
49	Small family dwelling sub units, attractive multi family homes in a community unit, small scale apartment units with land development such as walkways and playing areas	6/29/2022 4:32 PM
50	Don't degrade the quality of life in Hampden by constructing large, family unfriendly apartment complexes run by slum lords.	6/29/2022 3:44 PM
51	Quality units with attached garages. NO subsidized housing	6/29/2022 3:37 PM
52	N/A	6/29/2022 2:19 PM
53	Plan development carefully. Remember you cannot undo what you did wrong.	6/27/2022 2:16 PM
54	You can't develop it anymore. There's been black bears in my backyard because they have no where left to go. We don't need anymore housing or rentals	6/25/2022 9:56 AM
55	Trash pickup would be nice. We have lived in Winterport where it was \$24 and Hermon where it was free. Hampden it's \$55! That's \$660 a year. Taxes are so high here and we send our kids to private school so we don't even get the school benefits.	6/25/2022 9:26 AM
56	Smart planning by understanding what it would feel like to live within one of the homes being built, plan for the needs of all ages, be sure that everyone has a voice and vote and protect each homeowners "Quality of Life" by adopting protective ordinances and planning for and meeting the needs of all residents all ages who reside within their homes in Hampden.	6/24/2022 8:48 PM
57	affordable housing and mixed use development!!!!	6/24/2022 6:56 PM
58	Curbside trash pick-up is a must. I cant believe there isnt any	6/24/2022 6:53 AM
59	I'm for residential development, but I also worry about it driving up housing costs in the area like what we're seeing in the Portland area.	6/23/2022 11:37 PM
60	More affordable housing for young families.	6/23/2022 9:32 PM
61	Keep it small - we need trees to clean the air and cut down on traffic noise- less is better with more housing	6/23/2022 3:42 PM
62	Stop wasting land with 2 acre and 200 foot frontage law.	6/23/2022 1:41 PM
63	None	6/23/2022 1:04 PM
64	NO large apartment complex (more than 5 units). Places that are 55+ community type atmosphere are the exception as they do not have a lot of noise/parties/trash outside.	6/23/2022 12:45 PM
65	More single family homes.	6/23/2022 12:16 PM
66	Strengthen the tax base with businesses to lower the taxes. We don't need more residential development that will increase real estate taxes due to higher enrollment.	6/23/2022 11:57 AM
67	Senior Housing (detached) adds to the tax rolls without stressing the school budget.	6/23/2022 11:43 AM
68	Emphasis on affordable housing for working families (moderate size homes) including some rental units with 3 bedrooms instead of just 2; moderate-density. Of course, bringing in too many children will impact school costs and crowding, but at the same time, if there isn't an effort to have more affordable housing, we will lose diversity in the student population and that isn't good for any of our students; they get the best education by having time and experience with classmates from a wide range of socio-economic, racial, and ethnic backgrounds.	6/23/2022 10:56 AM
69	Development only where fire/ems have access to water source without adding extra cost to tax payers.	6/23/2022 10:51 AM
70	I forgot about water quality. I believe Hampden should have a better quality across the board for public water. We dug really deep for research through 20+ different communities from York,	6/23/2022 10:36 AM

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ME to Bangor, ME from central Maine to the coast while looking for a home. I work from home so we could pick anywhere in those parameters. There is great value in communities like Brunswick, and Gorham which offer similar perks that Hampden did. However, Hampden's home values are about 20% lower than these two communities and we were able to get MUCH more of a house. This town is an absolute gold mine for families with children and I hope the town knows this. I appreciate all of their fantastic developmental and planning efforts as they have paid off in fold. I am very proud of our new home, our community and the new opportunities and advantages afforded to our children and ourselves.

71	There seems to be residential development happening all over. I would rather see some recreational growth.	6/23/2022 10:16 AM
72	Fix the 4 mile square so no one has to use a cross walk. The sidewalks should be on the inside area of the square.	6/23/2022 9:19 AM
73	N/a	6/23/2022 9:14 AM
74	SIDEWALKS and places to ride bikes safely.	6/23/2022 8:23 AM
75	Be careful about school capacity when pushing development. High density is great if land is preserved with connected open space. But more development can come with high costs that taxes from the development don't cover such as infrastructure and maintenance /plowing of new roads.	6/23/2022 7:34 AM
76	Subdivisions are great as long as the covenants are not overly restrictive. More housing is needed - thankfully I already live here but I could not afford to buy a house in hampden in todays market.	6/23/2022 7:32 AM
77	senior housing	6/23/2022 7:19 AM
78	Adequate fire protection MUST be a priority in rural development.	6/23/2022 6:57 AM
79	Trash and recycling pick up would be fabulous	6/22/2022 11:12 PM
80	Mixed use neighborhoods, some apartments and some single dwellings.	6/22/2022 10:03 PM
81	N/A	6/22/2022 10:03 PM
82	Give people space, DO NOT have trash pick up. People leave garbage all over the road now, it will get worse if it has to be hauled to the end of driveways. Not to mention to cost to have it picked up.	6/22/2022 9:59 PM
83	We have plenty of subdivisions, the schools are getting overwhelmed again. We could use more revenue, businesses to add to tax base.	6/22/2022 9:46 PM
84	Unsure	6/22/2022 9:41 PM
85	The whole region is suffering from a shortage of affordable housing. There are no options for recent graduates to live in Hampden. Housing is lacking or so expensive it is out of reach.	6/22/2022 8:13 PM
86	Require Larger lots in subdivisions	6/22/2022 8:11 PM
87	Zoning in rural areas is out of control. Town homes are being approved increasing population density and pedestrian traffic on 45 mph roads. Before additional apartments or townhomes are approved the developers and/or town should share in the cost of expanding sidewalks. Rural is no longer rural in some areas of Hampden.	6/22/2022 7:48 PM
88	A good mix of new, affordable housing to go along with the expensive developments that we seem to have.	6/22/2022 7:10 PM
89	No more trailer parks. I don't recommend Housing/Apartment development complexes of low-income.	6/22/2022 6:46 PM
90	Town officials need to be accessible	6/22/2022 5:49 PM
91	We need to have affordable housing for new/ young families, our kids can not afford to live in Hampden. Working families need affordable housing. Even a new state of the art mobile home park where new units are installed and not on top of each other.	6/22/2022 5:46 PM
92	None	6/22/2022 5:36 PM
93	I would love to see some spaces turned into multi story apartment complexes in areas of	6/22/2022 5:09 PM

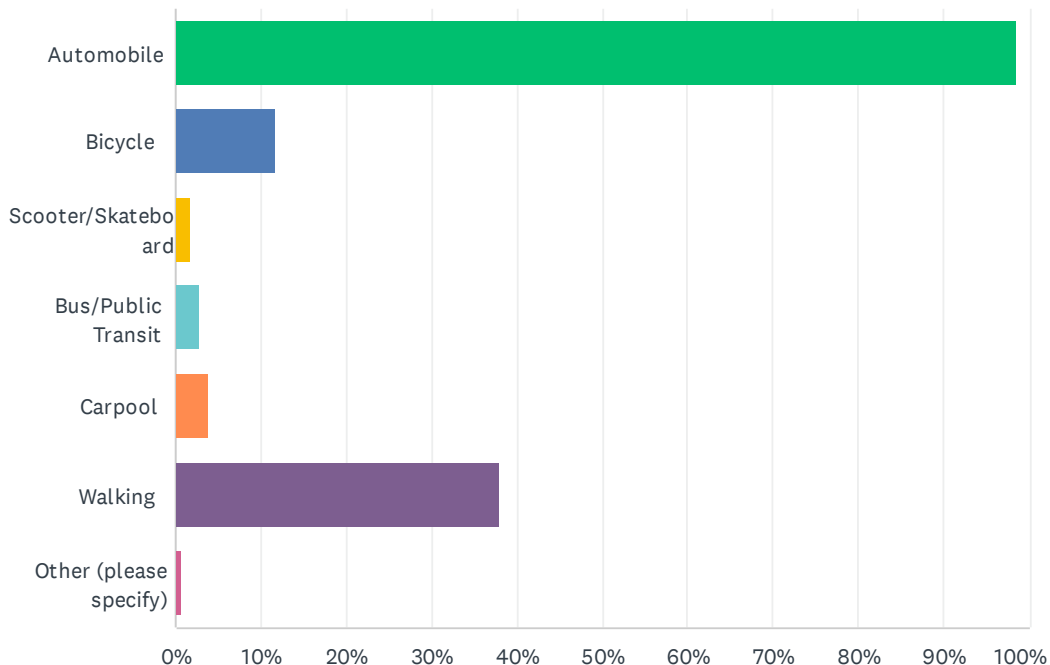
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colbrook road and Main Street north and downtown with mixed use on the first level.

94	5 acre minimum lot sizes	6/22/2022 5:07 PM
95	Curbside pickup	6/22/2022 5:06 PM
96	More affordable housing	6/22/2022 4:50 PM

Q36 What modes of transportation do you use on a regular basis? (Check all that apply)

Answered: 282 Skipped: 89

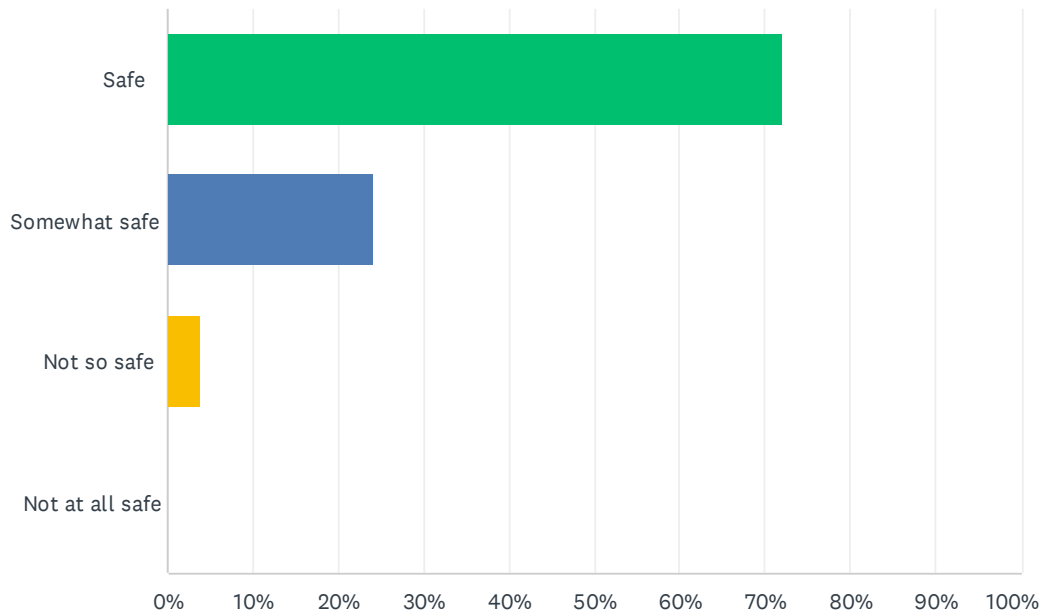


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Automobile	98.58% 278
Bicycle	11.70% 33
Scooter/Skateboard	1.77% 5
Bus/Public Transit	2.84% 8
Carpool	3.90% 11
Walking	37.94% 107
Other (please specify)	0.71% 2
Total Respondents: 282	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	We avoid public transit. Too many uncivilized people on the bus.	7/19/2022 11:52 AM
2	Motorcycle	6/23/2022 8:56 PM

Q37 How safe do you feel driving the roads in the Town of Hampden?

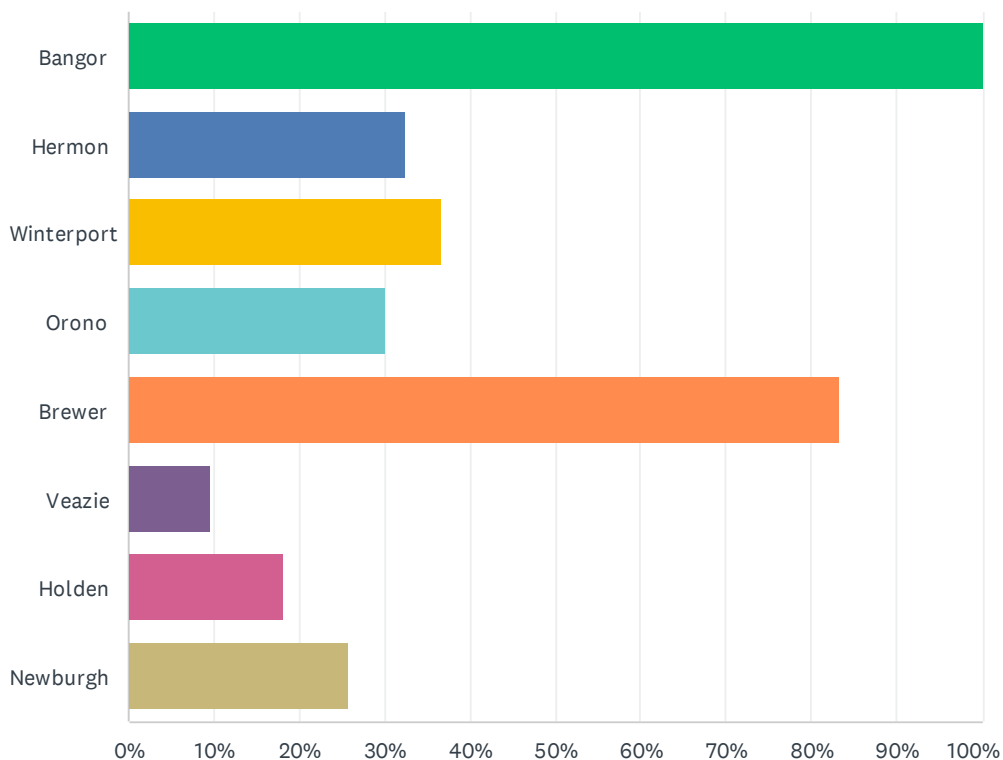
Answered: 283 Skipped: 88



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Safe	72.08%	204
Somewhat safe	24.03%	68
Not so safe	3.89%	11
Not at all safe	0.00%	0
TOTAL		283

Q38 Which nearby towns do you typically drive to? (Check all that apply)

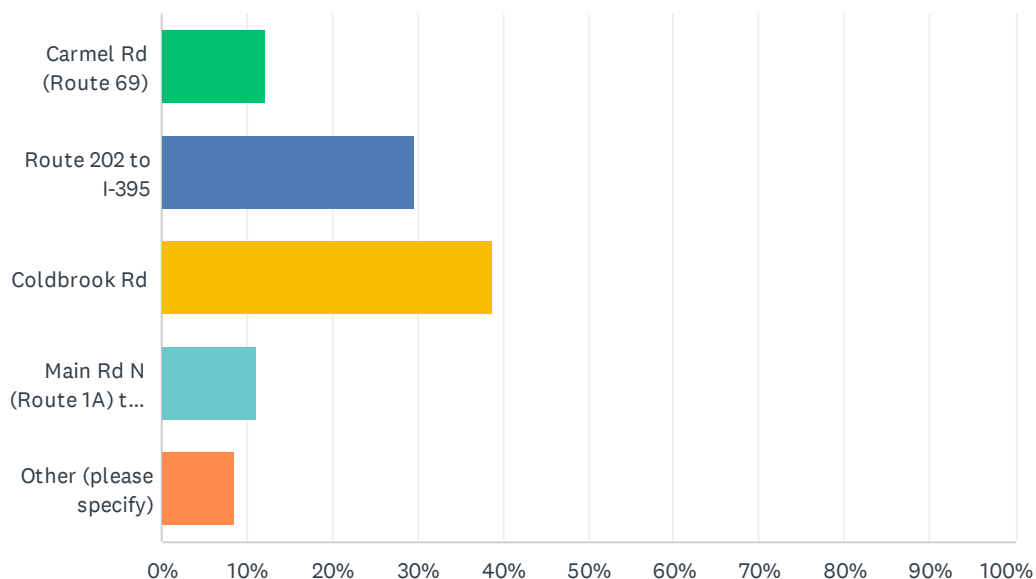
Answered: 283 Skipped: 88



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Bangor	100.00%	283
Hermon	32.51%	92
Winterport	36.75%	104
Orono	30.04%	85
Brewer	83.39%	236
Veazie	9.54%	27
Holden	18.02%	51
Newburgh	25.80%	73
Total Respondents: 283		

Q39 How do you access Interstate 95?

Answered: 281 Skipped: 90



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Carmel Rd (Route 69)	12.10%	34
Route 202 to I-395	29.54%	83
Coldbrook Rd	38.79%	109
Main Rd N (Route 1A) to I-395	11.03%	31
Other (please specify)	8.54%	24
TOTAL		281

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	When going south I use the Carmel Rd (Rte. 69); when going north I use the Coldbrook Rd.	9/14/2022 1:28 PM
2	Rt 202 to I-95 or I-395 / Coldbrook Rd to I-95 or I-395	9/14/2022 9:19 AM
3	Emerson Mill Road	9/8/2022 10:50 AM
4	Western Ave to Emerson Mill Road to Coldbrook Rd to I-95	9/6/2022 9:38 PM
5	Depends on the direction I need to go - South = Carmel Rd (Route 69); North = Coldbrook Road	8/4/2022 9:51 PM
6	Emerson Mill Road	8/4/2022 8:08 PM
7	None if I can help it.	8/3/2022 5:28 PM
8	Route 202 to I-395, Emerson Mill to Coldbrook Rd, and Rte 69, depends on where I am going	8/3/2022 3:14 PM
9	I use 202 or coldbrook to I-95 equally	7/20/2022 9:52 AM
10	3 of the above, coldbrook rd., Carmel rd. Rte 69, and Main Rd N to I-395	7/14/2022 3:31 PM

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11	202 South to Newburgh	7/14/2022 2:24 PM
12	Rte 69, Coldbrook, and 202 to 395 depending on day, time, and purpose	7/13/2022 5:44 PM
13	Emerson mill rd	7/13/2022 4:15 PM
14	Newburgh by Dysart's	6/29/2022 8:17 PM
15	Emerson mill to coldbrook	6/27/2022 8:38 PM
16	Emerson Mill Road	6/26/2022 7:31 PM
17	Emerson mill	6/26/2022 9:07 AM
18	Both Carmel and coldbrooke	6/25/2022 9:20 PM
19	Main Rd N or Coldbrook, depending on which direction I'm going	6/23/2022 8:27 PM
20	Headed north, 202 to 395. Headed South, Coldbrook	6/23/2022 1:59 PM
21	Emerson Mill Rd to Coldbrook Rd	6/23/2022 9:56 AM
22	Emerson mills	6/23/2022 8:33 AM
23	Emerson Mill Rd. To Coldbrook Rd.	6/22/2022 9:37 PM
24	Emerson Mill Rd to I95	6/22/2022 5:54 PM

Q40 What improvements do you believe need to be made to the larger regional transportation network?

Answered: 92 Skipped: 279

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	no opinion on this.	9/19/2022 10:16 AM
2	It's a state road but Route 202 needs some significant upgrades.	9/14/2022 10:01 PM
3	The secondary roads need to be wider with shoulders. They also need white lines on edge of the road, which are extremely helpful when driving at night in bad weather conditions	9/14/2022 1:28 PM
4	No suggestions. The roads I travel are in excellent condition and regularly maintained.	9/14/2022 9:19 AM
5	Passenger train service to Boston.	9/13/2022 12:02 PM
6	Better and safer sidewalks. Pedestrian-safe road crossings. A better network of public-accessible trails to walk from one part of Hampden to another without worrying about crossing private property.	9/8/2022 10:50 AM
7	ensure continued bus service	9/5/2022 2:05 PM
8	More usable public local bus/ transportation. Connection to Amtrak!	9/4/2022 11:13 AM
9	No place to walk.	8/16/2022 3:55 AM
10	Rte. 69 is too narrow for the larger truck traffic traveling to and from I95, the current work on the road should focus on widening lanes of travel and adding shoulders	8/9/2022 2:52 PM
11	Better paved roadways and more adequate plowing/salting of roads in the winter. The town does an EXTREMELY poor job of maintaining the roads in the winter. You can see a visible line of where we meet Waldo county in the winter time and not in a good way.	8/7/2022 6:28 PM
12	More amenities in Hampden	8/7/2022 5:57 PM
13	Another bridge to get to the Orrington area to allow access to trails and other areas without driving all the way to Brewer or Bucksport	8/6/2022 5:48 PM
14	Stop trying to kill off the bus route. We need to coordinate more with other towns - not less.	8/5/2022 11:42 PM
15	Public Transportation, be it bus, smaller vans, a voucher coach service (uber, etc.), to at least servicing Greater Bangor.	8/5/2022 7:31 PM
16	Hampden is too rural for public transportation to be feasible. Taxpayers shouldn't have to subsidize these services.	8/5/2022 1:56 PM
17	None at this time	8/4/2022 9:55 PM
18	None	8/4/2022 9:51 PM
19	Roads need to be replaced, not just pot holes filled (Maine DOT roads). Hampden PW does an amazing job at handling town roads.	8/4/2022 9:09 PM
20	No large scale transportation improvements are needed	8/4/2022 9:03 PM
21	No idea	8/4/2022 8:00 PM
22	Busses available seven days a week	8/3/2022 3:14 PM
23	more frequent, possibly smaller, busses going all over Hampden.	8/3/2022 11:41 AM
24	Train would be great	7/21/2022 5:54 AM
25	More bike paths	7/19/2022 6:04 PM
26	Build a better bypass around Bangor so that drivers can avoid it without traveling on I-95.	7/19/2022 11:52 AM

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27	Bicycle lanes on town roads, repaired/improved sidewalks	7/18/2022 8:05 PM
28	NONE	7/17/2022 12:17 AM
29	Not sure	7/15/2022 1:37 PM
30	Better roads	7/14/2022 8:10 PM
31	More connection and stop thinking we need to wait for people to use it, but instead build it so people with use it. We need to have a high speed rail system from Augusta to Bangor.	7/14/2022 7:03 PM
32	Road improvements!	7/14/2022 6:02 PM
33	Update roads	7/14/2022 4:29 PM
34	Enlarge cpldbrook rd. From route 202 to interstate 95. Improve Route 69, improve paving on route 202. Widen and take out dangerous blind spots on Monroe Road	7/14/2022 3:31 PM
35	Stop paving roads that don't need it. When roads are paved, make sure they are done with care and no section is missed or chunks of pavement are left on peoples lawns.	7/14/2022 2:23 PM
36	Bussing access	7/14/2022 11:30 AM
37	More walking and bike access, bus stops	7/13/2022 5:44 PM
38	None at the moment.	7/12/2022 11:20 PM
39	Public transport	7/10/2022 9:48 PM
40	Dedicated bike and pedestrian path connecting Hampden/Winterport to Bangor.	7/4/2022 7:39 AM
41	Would like to be able to travel to more towns and have Saturday bus service in Hampden.	7/2/2022 9:22 AM
42	none	6/30/2022 2:33 PM
43	more public transportation	6/30/2022 11:13 AM
44	More buses and bus routes.	6/29/2022 11:13 PM
45	trains	6/29/2022 8:17 PM
46	None. Hampden made many improvements along Route 1A and local side roads recently and they are all very much appreciated. Thank you.	6/29/2022 4:39 PM
47	Roundabout in town center	6/29/2022 4:36 PM
48	Bypass Rt 1A around Hampden to highway.	6/29/2022 3:58 PM
49	Build a better bypass around Bangor so that one doesn't have to drive onto I-95 to avoid the city.	6/29/2022 3:54 PM
50	Directional signs to businesses with an annual charge Smaller buses with better shelters fir waiting	6/29/2022 3:45 PM
51	Access to 202 from Main Rd N/Old County would be nice!	6/29/2022 2:23 PM
52	It'd be nice to have at least one paved bike/walking path off the orad.	6/27/2022 4:04 PM
53	Improved roads. People dont use public transportation so that should not be developed. Look how empty BAT is	6/26/2022 9:07 AM
54	I avoid taking 395 when traveling south on I 95 because people don't yield. The on off ramps don't feel safe. They are too close together.	6/24/2022 9:06 PM
55	traffic circles!	6/24/2022 6:58 PM
56	The light pattern at Western Ave X Main rd is ridiculous. Im not sure if possible, but making a road that connect Old County with 202 would be welcomed.	6/24/2022 8:59 AM
57	More incentive for people to ride bus... easy but so few people do it	6/23/2022 10:28 PM
58	Public transportation - more hours, more destinations (including Portland and Boston possibilities)	6/23/2022 8:27 PM

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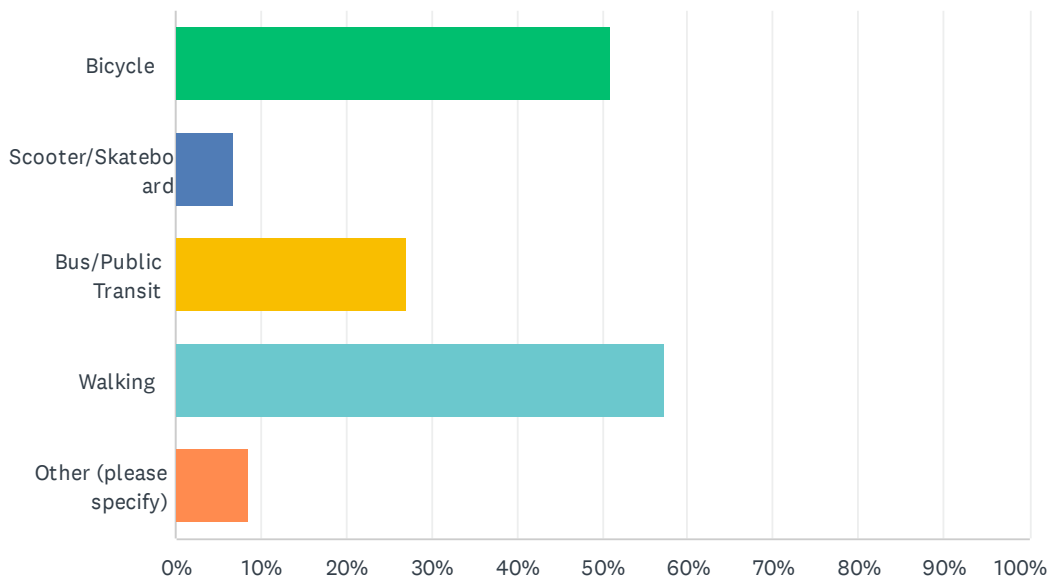
59	Roads	6/23/2022 2:35 PM
60	Traffic light at 202 is more efficient when they aren't working. Longest red light in the state! Put a traffic circle in	6/23/2022 2:01 PM
61	Enforcement of existing traffic laws	6/23/2022 1:49 PM
62	None	6/23/2022 1:09 PM
63	Route 69 SHOULD NOT allow Semi-trucks on it. The road is too narrow, and even widening doesn't seem logical. The same trucks that take Coldbrook, Main Rd N. and Western Ave use Carmel Rd, but Carmel Rd is NOT maintained as well or even have the same quality of road . I'm not saying to take eminent domain over people's property, but instead CHANGE what vehicles may use the road.	6/23/2022 12:49 PM
64	Have the state pave main rd south	6/23/2022 11:59 AM
65	More frequent public transportation.	6/23/2022 11:46 AM
66	The BAT bus needs to run longer hours. People can't use it for many jobs or even courses because it doesn't run late enough. We also need more bike paths/lanes so that bicycling can be a more viable/safer option. More sidewalks, too!	6/23/2022 11:01 AM
67	They already do a great job.	6/23/2022 10:53 AM
68	Encourage affordable, quality and safe private travel options like Uber. I think if Hampden can become more technically aware than other communities it would be a great advantage.	6/23/2022 10:50 AM
69	The road quality around town is awful. Kennebec and Route 69 need to be updated	6/23/2022 9:17 AM
70	Sides of the roads need to be cut and sprayed like they used to be to keep down the spread of ticks and brown tail moths.	6/23/2022 8:55 AM
71	Better enforcement of speed limits, and pedestrian crossing lights	6/23/2022 8:34 AM
72	On ramps longer	6/23/2022 8:33 AM
73	Unsure	6/23/2022 8:27 AM
74	Route 69 needs to be fixed. I understand it's a state road. We get continuous washout from the road into our driveway. Our vehicles are taking a toll from driving the road daily just to get to and from work or the town area.	6/23/2022 7:32 AM
75	Regular road maintenance	6/23/2022 7:00 AM
76	Expansion of services, days and times	6/22/2022 11:35 PM
77	Low or no emission vehicles	6/22/2022 10:16 PM
78	Not have DOT screw-up so much on Carmel Rd N. Ugh. Also, reroute the tractor trailer trucks, they ruin the road and it is unsafe. Give out more tickets to speeders and dangerous drivers	6/22/2022 10:03 PM
79	I think Hampden is fine. Bangor should offer runs more often.	6/22/2022 9:48 PM
80	Better ice control along 202	6/22/2022 9:23 PM
81	More public transportation options beyond Bangor	6/22/2022 8:58 PM
82	Maintain roads	6/22/2022 8:34 PM
83	The roads are crumbling. Rt one by dorothea dix park is a mess. People are driving half in the breakdown lane it's so rough. Main rd south is a general mess with drainage issues.	6/22/2022 8:18 PM
84	202 to 4 lanes....	6/22/2022 8:04 PM
85	Improved maintenance	6/22/2022 7:49 PM
86	I don't know	6/22/2022 6:49 PM
87	Better bus service	6/22/2022 6:10 PM
88	Enforcement of traffic laws.	6/22/2022 6:02 PM
89	Housing developments for new young families should have access to transportation.	6/22/2022 5:54 PM

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90	202...no Jake brakes	6/22/2022 5:51 PM
91	Teaching drivers how to yield when entering 95	6/22/2022 5:09 PM
92	More frequent public transit options	6/22/2022 10:23 AM

Q41 What alternative modes of transportation would you be interested in using? (Check all that apply)

Answered: 188 Skipped: 183



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Bicycle	51.06% 96
Scooter/Skateboard	6.91% 13
Bus/Public Transit	27.13% 51
Walking	57.45% 108
Other (please specify)	8.51% 16
Total Respondents: 188	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	NA	9/14/2022 9:19 AM
2	passenger train service	9/13/2022 12:02 PM
3	none	8/5/2022 1:56 PM
4	Teletransportation ;)	8/4/2022 9:09 PM
5	None	7/17/2022 12:17 AM
6	None	7/15/2022 1:37 PM
7	High speed transit rail	7/14/2022 7:03 PM
8	None	7/12/2022 11:20 PM
9	none	6/30/2022 2:33 PM
10	none	6/30/2022 8:33 AM

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11	Taxi	6/30/2022 6:40 AM
12	I do a lot of walking and there are plenty of safe places to walk here. I appreciate the maintenance that has been done to our roadways. Thank you.	6/29/2022 4:39 PM
13	None	6/23/2022 11:59 AM
14	Public Moped and/or Scooters could be a great advantage!	6/23/2022 10:50 AM
15	My car only	6/22/2022 6:49 PM
16	None	6/22/2022 5:47 PM

Q42 What is preventing you from using alternative modes of transportation?

Answered: 147 Skipped: 224

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The bus does not go where I go. I do not feel safe riding a bicycle along Main Rd. North to Bangor.	9/14/2022 10:01 PM
2	There are no paved shoulders on many rural roads and no bike paths.	9/14/2022 1:28 PM
3	The closest train station is too far away.	9/13/2022 12:02 PM
4	Lack of a public trail system for walking and biking.	9/8/2022 10:50 AM
5	Distance to destination.	9/6/2022 9:38 PM
6	convenience	9/5/2022 2:05 PM
7	No safe space for walking in most areas. Bus is not available in most spots	9/4/2022 11:13 AM
8	Safety	8/28/2022 9:05 AM
9	No sidewalks in some places	8/28/2022 7:04 AM
10	Safety	8/16/2022 3:55 AM
11	not available	8/9/2022 4:16 PM
12	Live to far away from town resources	8/9/2022 2:52 PM
13	The bus into Hampden is stupid and stops at a stupid time. If it ran longer into the evening I would take it into Bangor for concerts, etc.	8/7/2022 5:57 PM
14	The sidewalk doesn't go all the way to my house	8/6/2022 9:38 PM
15	It takes too long to get from Hampden to Orono via bus or biking	8/6/2022 5:48 PM
16	Schedule and need to have a ride to access the bus. If I have a car and use it to get to the bus, I'll need a parking lot for my car.	8/5/2022 7:31 PM
17	The Bus's schedule doesn't fit with my work schedule.	8/5/2022 2:48 PM
18	too rural of an area to make sense, it's quite easy to drive to where ever I need to be.	8/5/2022 1:56 PM
19	Hampden does not feel walkable. It feels dangerous to use sidewalks here. The bus service is more than 2 miles from my house and does not operate when I would use it (evenings/weekends)	8/5/2022 11:51 AM
20	Lack of sidewalks and/or wider road shoulders	8/4/2022 9:51 PM
21	Schedules, small children, rural location	8/4/2022 9:09 PM
22	Live in rural area without access to public transit and too lazy to bike	8/4/2022 9:03 PM
23	The length to get to other amenities	8/4/2022 8:08 PM
24	I have my own car	8/4/2022 8:00 PM
25	No sidewalks on Kennebec	8/4/2022 5:09 PM
26	Love to walk and bike but they are not a lot of places to do it. Back Winterport Road needs a bike path or walking path many people live along that road and it is dangerous to walk or bike	8/4/2022 5:00 PM
27	No need	8/3/2022 5:32 PM
28	Concern about safety when biking on most roads with little or no paved shoulder. Hard to get to	8/3/2022 3:14 PM

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	a bus stop from where I live.	
29	Access to safe bike lane or availability of side walk/quality of walkway.	8/3/2022 11:42 AM
30	I'm in a rural area so the alternatives are not practical.	8/3/2022 11:41 AM
31	little to no shoulders or sidewalks	7/20/2022 9:25 PM
32	The roads don't all have access to a safe or groomed sidewalk.	7/20/2022 3:30 PM
33	The bus system seems satisfactory, but there's little of interest at either endpoint.	7/19/2022 6:04 PM
34	Like I said earlier, we avoid the bus because of the bad people that often take the bus.	7/19/2022 11:52 AM
35	Not bike or pedestrian friendly.	7/19/2022 10:50 AM
36	Poor condition of local roads, lack of designated bicycle lanes on local roads.	7/18/2022 8:05 PM
37	autonomy	7/18/2022 11:36 AM
38	I have access to auto.	7/17/2022 12:17 AM
39	No interest	7/15/2022 1:37 PM
40	Lack of safe places to do so.	7/15/2022 12:03 PM
41	I live too far away to utilize any other form	7/15/2022 5:08 AM
42	No need	7/14/2022 10:13 PM
43	The ease of using my own vehicle	7/14/2022 7:04 PM
44	Frequency and hours of operation; destinations	7/14/2022 7:03 PM
45	No bus Service where I live. Walking or riding your bike on the Kennebec Road anywhere further out from town then the Mayo Rd is treacherous.	7/14/2022 6:02 PM
46	Energy and safety	7/14/2022 4:29 PM
47	Lack of safe bicycle paths, lack of sidewalks. Lack of turning lanes.	7/14/2022 3:31 PM
48	Convenience	7/14/2022 2:23 PM
49	My job as a contractor	7/14/2022 11:30 AM
50	Area in which to ride or bike	7/13/2022 5:44 PM
51	No need	7/13/2022 5:07 PM
52	Bad side walks	7/13/2022 4:15 PM
53	I dont have a need of using an alternative.	7/12/2022 11:20 PM
54	No side walks	7/10/2022 9:48 PM
55	Roads are too busy to feel safe on a bike.	7/4/2022 7:39 AM
56	Personal comfort & felxibility	7/2/2022 4:15 PM
57	Too nervous to ride a bike in traffic.	7/2/2022 9:22 AM
58	NOT NEEDED AT THIS POINT...STILL DRIVE	6/30/2022 6:14 PM
59	age and no need	6/30/2022 2:33 PM
60	Not conveniently available	6/30/2022 11:13 AM
61	nothing	6/30/2022 8:33 AM
62	Inconvenience	6/30/2022 6:40 AM
63	Fares and accessibility.	6/29/2022 11:13 PM
64	not feeling comfortable on public transportation when alone	6/29/2022 8:17 PM
65	Infrequent availability	6/29/2022 5:23 PM

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66	Nothing. I have my own car that can take me wherever I need to go. I already walk about 7 miles a day for pleasure. Thank you.	6/29/2022 4:39 PM
67	Nothing	6/29/2022 4:36 PM
68	Safe pathways	6/29/2022 4:26 PM
69	We avoid the city bus (BART) because of all the creeps riding on it. Don't consider it to be a safe place to be.	6/29/2022 3:54 PM
70	Need partially subsidized taxi to key areas within Hampden centers	6/29/2022 3:45 PM
71	Lack of dedicated facilities	6/29/2022 3:35 PM
72	Distance	6/29/2022 2:23 PM
73	Not available when I live.	6/28/2022 2:29 AM
74	No sidewalks so I feel it's not safe to walk.	6/27/2022 10:36 PM
75	Lack of walking paths	6/26/2022 7:31 PM
76	Convenience.	6/26/2022 9:07 AM
77	To busy. Lazy haha	6/25/2022 9:20 PM
78	I don't want to get hit by a car. No bike lanes.	6/25/2022 7:56 PM
79	My kids ride their bikes on western but it doesn't feel very safe. We cross by Constitution and often the cars don't even stop for pedestrians or bikers. Bikes are not supposed to go on the sidewalk but the shoulder is very small. Many times I have seen cars just try to go around the car in front of them that is stopped for a pedestrian. Very unsafe.	6/25/2022 9:29 AM
80	No designated bus stop near Daisey Lane. No access to bus schedule or bus routes. Unfamiliarity with using a public bus system. I went to D.C. and found the metro system there easy to use and convenient to use.	6/24/2022 9:06 PM
81	bus timing and availability, biking safely	6/24/2022 6:58 PM
82	Limits	6/24/2022 6:54 PM
83	No need or want	6/24/2022 8:59 AM
84	I own a car and it's too far to bike to work.	6/23/2022 11:40 PM
85	Safety. No shoulder to roads (kennebec past mayo)	6/23/2022 8:56 PM
86	Not safe to ride bicycle.. bike lanes would be nice .	6/23/2022 8:41 PM
87	Time (it takes longer, schedule may not match) or not a match to my destination (shopping is hard with walking or bike riding because there's a lot to carry; often my trips are too far for walking/biking or places public transportation does not go)	6/23/2022 8:27 PM
88	More frequent bus stops with actual shelters	6/23/2022 5:31 PM
89	Too scary to walk on route 1A with the speed of traffic and no sidewalks	6/23/2022 3:46 PM
90	Walking on western seems unsafe	6/23/2022 1:52 PM
91	Where I live	6/23/2022 1:49 PM
92	Safety concerns for bicycles. Roads are in disrepair and have little to no room to safely move out of the way. No bicycle lanes most roads don't even break down lanes. Walking is ok but still have the problem of very narrow roads.	6/23/2022 1:47 PM
93	Weather only	6/23/2022 1:43 PM
94	Safety of roads/ distracted drivers	6/23/2022 1:22 PM
95	We don't have sidewalks on Carmel Rd. N	6/23/2022 1:09 PM
96	ruralness and quality of roads	6/23/2022 12:49 PM
97	No bike lanes- feels unsafe	6/23/2022 12:20 PM

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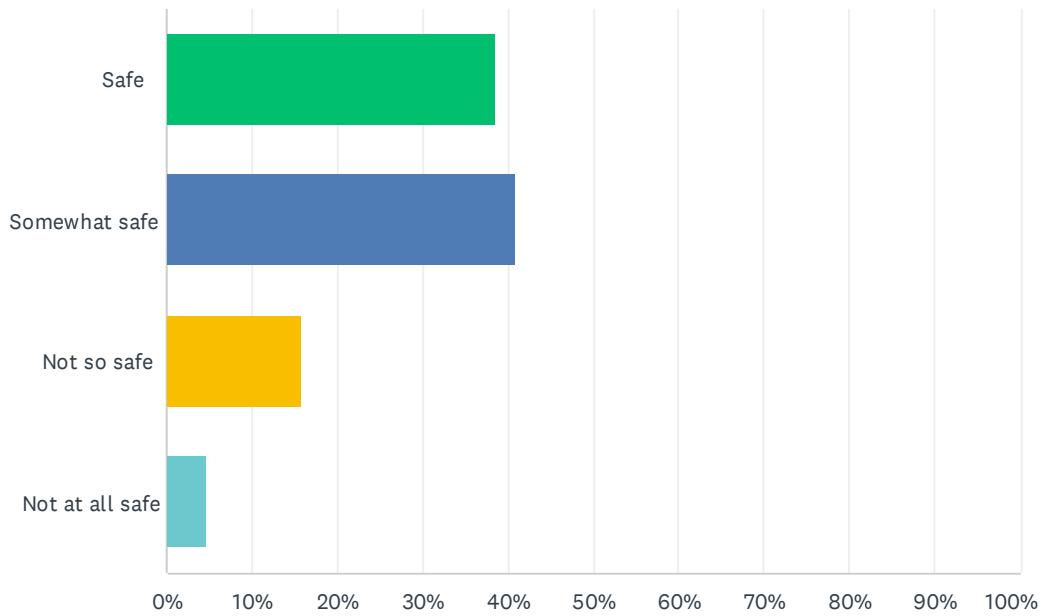
98	Time constraints	6/23/2022 11:51 AM
99	Closest bus stop is more than 4 miles away.	6/23/2022 11:46 AM
100	Children. Also, my job is too far away.	6/23/2022 11:01 AM
101	Distance	6/23/2022 10:53 AM
102	No need. Though, if public scooters/mopeds were offered here I might consider selling a car, as I don't travel often.	6/23/2022 10:50 AM
103	Convenience	6/23/2022 9:56 AM
104	Not available in my area.	6/23/2022 9:48 AM
105	No necessary	6/23/2022 9:22 AM
106	I don't need to	6/23/2022 9:17 AM
107	Rt 1A does not have a sidewalk down by our house. If there was a full sidewalk and actual places to go "down town" we would love to ride the bicycle	6/23/2022 9:04 AM
108	Dangerously fast roads	6/23/2022 8:36 AM
109	Sidewalks	6/23/2022 8:33 AM
110	Lack of sidewalks especially on Kennebec and surrounding areas. Feels unsafe.	6/23/2022 8:27 AM
111	Lack of sidewalks.	6/23/2022 8:24 AM
112	Live too far from the center of town.	6/23/2022 7:54 AM
113	Good shoulders on the roads	6/23/2022 7:45 AM
114	Time it would take to get to work	6/23/2022 7:35 AM
115	Lack of sidewalks	6/23/2022 7:34 AM
116	Access	6/23/2022 7:00 AM
117	Lack of bike lanes	6/23/2022 5:48 AM
118	Lack of sidewalks; potholes, no bike lanes; children, job too far away	6/22/2022 11:35 PM
119	Money	6/22/2022 11:22 PM
120	No sidewalks	6/22/2022 11:14 PM
121	Busy and don't have extra time	6/22/2022 10:20 PM
122	No public transportation to my employment	6/22/2022 10:05 PM
123	It's not realistic due to about of time wasted on pickup/drop off for others and scheduled stops.	6/22/2022 10:03 PM
124	Physical shape	6/22/2022 9:48 PM
125	Don't feel safe biking down Western Ave. It would be great if there were bike lanes. And extending the sidewalk on Western past Sidney Blvd	6/22/2022 9:18 PM
126	Sidewalks	6/22/2022 8:58 PM
127	No bike path	6/22/2022 8:34 PM
128	Doesn't go past my house	6/22/2022 8:18 PM
129	Too far away from house	6/22/2022 8:12 PM
130	Work/Business	6/22/2022 7:59 PM
131	Office location	6/22/2022 7:49 PM
132	It's not easy to bike or walk around Hampden.	6/22/2022 7:11 PM
133	I don't want to.	6/22/2022 6:49 PM

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134	Convenience	6/22/2022 6:42 PM
135	Don't have a need	6/22/2022 6:10 PM
136	Crazy drivers	6/22/2022 6:02 PM
137	Live in the rural area and the bus is not an option. Lack of bike lanes and the condition of some roads make bicycling dangerous.	6/22/2022 5:54 PM
138	Don't need them	6/22/2022 5:51 PM
139	I need my vehicle do my job. Not only to go and dem work but at work as well.	6/22/2022 5:47 PM
140	Travel too far	6/22/2022 5:39 PM
141	Lack of sidewalks past Mayo	6/22/2022 5:26 PM
142	Lack of sidewalk on route 69	6/22/2022 5:19 PM
143	Access and distance.	6/22/2022 5:11 PM
144	No sidewalks	6/22/2022 5:09 PM
145	Sidewalks further up western avenue	6/22/2022 4:51 PM
146	Road safety, lack of sidewalks and bike lanes, slow or infrequent bus system without dedicated stops	6/22/2022 10:23 AM
147	too far in rural district	6/21/2022 11:24 AM

Q43 How safe do you feel walking or biking around the Town of Hampden?

Answered: 274 Skipped: 97



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Safe	38.69%	106
Somewhat safe	40.88%	112
Not so safe	15.69%	43
Not at all safe	4.74%	13
TOTAL		274

Q44 What transportation services or features would benefit your regular commutes around Hampden?

Answered: 84 Skipped: 287

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	more sidewalks or wider roads in places of high walking traffic. ways to get from the outskirts into town without being run over.	9/19/2022 10:16 AM
2	see above	9/14/2022 1:28 PM
3	It would be great is the sidewalks, particularly the 4 Mile Square, were walkable in the winter. There is ice, uneven snow removal, and are generally not usable.	9/14/2022 9:19 AM
4	More sidewalks.	9/13/2022 12:02 PM
5	Wider and better maintained sidewalks.	9/8/2022 10:50 AM
6	Better walking trail as opposed to sidewalk alongside route 1	9/4/2022 11:13 AM
7	Bike lanes - sidewalks	8/28/2022 9:05 AM
8	Sidewalks! Wider, with a bike lane	8/28/2022 7:04 AM
9	Safe walking paths	8/16/2022 3:55 AM
10	There are no safe areas to walk, especially with dogs where we live on Rte. 69. In town sidewalks force you to cross roads multiple time and can be difficult at western Ave 202 intersection. This causes our family typically to drive to Bangor to go for walks and usually run our errands while there, and not spending money in Hampden businesses	8/9/2022 2:52 PM
11	Sidewalks, crosswalks with lights, and a better bus to Bangor	8/7/2022 5:57 PM
12	Bike and runner/walker lanes or dividers	8/5/2022 11:42 PM
13	Dedicated public parking.	8/5/2022 7:31 PM
14	Bicycle lanes	8/4/2022 9:55 PM
15	Better roads- again DOT roads	8/4/2022 9:09 PM
16	none	8/4/2022 9:03 PM
17	Nothing	8/4/2022 8:00 PM
18	There is only one for mile path around Bangor what about going down Kennebec Road, back Winterport Road, Western Avenue. People in the outskirts in Hampden feel a little left out	8/4/2022 5:00 PM
19	More frequent, smaller busses.	8/3/2022 11:41 AM
20	Places to lock a bicycle	7/20/2022 9:25 PM
21	More sidewalks	7/20/2022 3:30 PM
22	Bike paths	7/19/2022 6:04 PM
23	Our car.	7/19/2022 11:52 AM
24	More sidewalks and nice trees.	7/19/2022 10:50 AM
25	Improved roads and sidewalks, designated bicycle lanes.	7/18/2022 8:05 PM
26	Large trucks routed away from village	7/14/2022 10:13 PM
27	Uber!!!	7/14/2022 7:03 PM
28	Sidewalks, break down lanes or bike lanes on some of the more narrow well traveled streets	7/14/2022 6:02 PM

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	like the Kennebec Road.	
29	I am fine with driving	7/14/2022 4:29 PM
30	Already answered this question in above	7/14/2022 3:31 PM
31	Bus system	7/14/2022 11:30 AM
32	Car wash	7/12/2022 11:20 PM
33	have already stated this	7/2/2022 9:22 AM
34	none	6/30/2022 2:33 PM
35	prefer my car	6/30/2022 8:33 AM
36	Buses. Ride services for elderly.	6/29/2022 11:13 PM
37	None. My personal vehicle works great. I do not use public transportation.	6/29/2022 4:39 PM
38	None, but village center shuttles might help some	6/29/2022 4:36 PM
39	None. We like our car and or walking.	6/29/2022 3:54 PM
40	Core area frequent at prescribed stops only	6/29/2022 3:45 PM
41	Bike path	6/29/2022 3:35 PM
42	N/A	6/29/2022 2:23 PM
43	Bus.	6/28/2022 2:29 AM
44	Walking paths	6/26/2022 7:31 PM
45	Better sidewalks and revitalization of current sidewalks.	6/25/2022 7:56 PM
46	I would like to see some sort of park where kids can ride their bikes safely, since they're not allowed on the school track and half the town drives like idiots	6/25/2022 9:58 AM
47	More sidewalks within all the subdivisions please. Larger breakdown lanes on roads for bicycling safely. bike lanes would be nice.	6/24/2022 9:06 PM
48	Bus	6/24/2022 6:54 PM
49	I cant think of anything I would use, sorry	6/24/2022 8:59 AM
50	Bikes	6/23/2022 8:41 PM
51	A sidewalk all the way into downtown Bangor, bike lanes on the roads	6/23/2022 8:27 PM
52	None at this time- in 20 years I may to use a bus service	6/23/2022 3:46 PM
53	Make it more bicycle friendly and public transportation friendly.	6/23/2022 1:47 PM
54	I wish there was a bike path/trail that went from Hampden into Bangor possibly along 202.	6/23/2022 1:22 PM
55	We live too far from the town center to walk or ride a bike. We have vehicles so we drive. I would like to have sidewalks though so I could go on walks with my family	6/23/2022 1:09 PM
56	N/A	6/23/2022 12:49 PM
57	Bike lanes.	6/23/2022 12:20 PM
58	More frequent public transportation.	6/23/2022 11:46 AM
59	Just keep up with potholes. (Mostly hasn't been too bad in Hampden, though, as far as I've seen)	6/23/2022 11:01 AM
60	Nine, I live too far to walk as a commute. My commute by car is efficient	6/23/2022 10:53 AM
61	Scooter/Moped	6/23/2022 10:50 AM
62	Wider rural streets and additional sidewalks	6/23/2022 9:56 AM
63	Extending the bus routes.	6/23/2022 9:48 AM

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64	Sidewalks	6/23/2022 8:33 AM
65	Better sidewalks, more speed enforcement on Kennebec. Keeping pot holes fixed	6/23/2022 8:27 AM
66	No suggestions	6/23/2022 7:00 AM
67	Two laps of bus. Passes my home once every hour.	6/22/2022 11:35 PM
68	Street lights on sensors	6/22/2022 11:22 PM
69	None	6/22/2022 10:03 PM
70	Designated and enforced bike lanes	6/22/2022 9:23 PM
71	More sidewalks	6/22/2022 8:58 PM
72	Better roads, speed enforcement.	6/22/2022 8:18 PM
73	Bike lanes, sidewalks	6/22/2022 7:11 PM
74	None. The way everything is spaced out. Car is the only thing that makes sense.	6/22/2022 6:49 PM
75	More traffic lights for pedestrians to cross larger roads more easily, speed bumps in our neighborhood (Lots of cars that don't live in our neighborhood speed in our neighborhood even though we live on a dead end)	6/22/2022 6:20 PM
76	Doing fine with my own	6/22/2022 6:17 PM
77	None	6/22/2022 6:10 PM
78	Bike walking lanes in the rural areas, Western Ave, Kennebec Rt 69, Meadow, Canaan and Patterson have lots l'd residents but not very wide for biking or walking.	6/22/2022 5:54 PM
79	N/a	6/22/2022 5:51 PM
80	Uber	6/22/2022 5:47 PM
81	Sidewalks	6/22/2022 5:26 PM
82	More sidewalks.	6/22/2022 5:11 PM
83	20+ pax shuttle busses (NOT vans)	6/22/2022 5:09 PM
84	bus, bicycles	6/21/2022 11:24 AM

Q45 What could be done to improve road safety in the Town of Hampden?

Answered: 130 Skipped: 241

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	more sidewalks or just extra space on sides of roads.	9/19/2022 10:16 AM
2	see above	9/14/2022 1:28 PM
3	No suggestions.	9/14/2022 9:19 AM
4	Install sidewalks on Old County Road.	9/13/2022 12:02 PM
5	More responsive traffic lights.	9/12/2022 6:38 PM
6	sidewalks	9/5/2022 2:05 PM
7	Bike and Walking trails, paved sides of roads	9/4/2022 11:13 AM
8	Cut down brush in ditch at end of Papermill Rd to Coldbrook. It is hard to see oncoming traffic.	9/1/2022 9:33 AM
9	More side walks.	8/16/2022 3:55 AM
10	more sidewalks	8/9/2022 4:16 PM
11	Wider roads with larger shoulders	8/9/2022 2:52 PM
12	Cameras, there are a LOT of red light runners in Hampden.	8/7/2022 11:25 PM
13	Pave them	8/7/2022 5:57 PM
14	More sidewalks	8/6/2022 9:38 PM
15	Increase signage and/or breakdown lane widths on 4 mile square and Main Rd for bikes	8/6/2022 5:48 PM
16	A public committed to obeying the rules they followed to obtain a driver's license.	8/5/2022 7:31 PM
17	None	8/4/2022 9:55 PM
18	more sidewalks and/or wider road shoulders	8/4/2022 9:51 PM
19	Enforce speed limits	8/4/2022 9:27 PM
20	Trimming of trees and tall grasses at intersections	8/4/2022 9:09 PM
21	roads are very safe but stricter enforcement of speed limits would be good	8/4/2022 9:03 PM
22	Nothing	8/4/2022 8:00 PM
23	Speeding traps, especially on Kennebec. And sidewalks.	8/4/2022 5:09 PM
24	More sidewalks and paved shoulders; bike/walking paths	8/3/2022 3:14 PM
25	teach people how to merge onto 95/395. frequent fixing of road striping. speed measuring radar signs to increase awareness of speed. get dump trucks off of Patterson Road.	8/3/2022 11:41 AM
26	More sidewalks and bike paths	7/28/2022 6:30 PM
27	Keep trees/bushes trimmed near intersections.	7/22/2022 1:20 PM
28	Crosswalk lights	7/21/2022 5:54 AM
29	bike lanes	7/20/2022 9:25 PM
30	Having clearly posted speed limits and touched up road paint markings.	7/20/2022 3:30 PM
31	Better visibility at the bottom of coldbrook and southbound exit on to coldbrook.	7/20/2022 12:42 PM
32	Roads were just redone but that long ago and are already cracking- they were resurfaced	7/20/2022 9:52 AM

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	versus redone. The existing frost heaves immediately damaged them again.	
33	Enforce traffic speeds	7/19/2022 6:04 PM
34	Stricter traffic enforcement	7/19/2022 11:52 AM
35	Repair the roads!!! Too many dangerous potholes and patches.	7/18/2022 8:05 PM
36	More side walks	7/18/2022 12:54 PM
37	The State fixing their roads of potholes and dangerous conditions. Hampden roads are typically in good shape.	7/18/2022 11:36 AM
38	Expanded sidewalks.	7/15/2022 12:03 PM
39	Decreased cell phone usage by drivers. It is scary to be driving and see someone looking down at their phone while they are driving.	7/15/2022 9:28 AM
40	Faster clean up of road kill	7/15/2022 5:08 AM
41	The intersection of coldbrook and main rd can be difficult to cross (blind spots). Makes it worrisome to have kids walk to and from school or activities	7/14/2022 8:03 PM
42	Additional Public Safety Personnel. More high quality officers on duty at one time.	7/14/2022 7:04 PM
43	Bikes lane, sidewalks!	7/14/2022 7:03 PM
44	Fill in potholes repair roads in bad shape	7/14/2022 6:02 PM
45	Sidewalks, speed control, shoulders	7/14/2022 4:29 PM
46	Ask the engineers. But the sidewalks are crooked and way too narrow. For instance, Mayo Road. And in front of Maine savings.	7/14/2022 3:31 PM
47	Paved shoulders on back roads	7/14/2022 2:26 PM
48	More sidewalks	7/14/2022 2:24 PM
49	Rumble strips, more turn lanes	7/14/2022 11:30 AM
50	Better sidewalks, wider breakdown lanes, site line improvements	7/13/2022 5:44 PM
51	I think it's pretty good	7/13/2022 5:07 PM
52	The new corner at the Intersection of Coldbrook Road and Main Road North. It is a terrible intersection. The stop line is too far back that you cant see cars coming down the hill towards the bridge. If you pull ahead the cars taking a left on coldbrook road are blocked from making a safe turn. It is a terrible spot in town over all and the trees and banking should be cut back.	7/12/2022 11:20 PM
53	Main road corner/Hill turning on coldbrook road... Dangerous in winter. Coldbrook rd... Section icy all winter right after you turn	7/12/2022 8:54 PM
54	Side walks bike lanes	7/10/2022 9:48 PM
55	The crosswalk in front of Lura Hoit Pool is unsafe - needs a pedestrian x-lnc light.	7/4/2022 7:39 AM
56	Stricter enforcement of speed limits.	7/2/2022 4:15 PM
57	I think generally the road safety is excellent.	7/2/2022 9:22 AM
58	none	6/30/2022 2:33 PM
59	maintain visibility around intersections - sometimes trees are overgrown	6/30/2022 8:33 AM
60	1a connection to coldbrook rd is dangerous. The recent redesign is inadequate considering down slope of hill. A different design fence should be installed between 1a and stream.	6/30/2022 6:40 AM
61	Wider lanes. More signs.	6/29/2022 11:13 PM
62	The best thing is policing, and I think the town of Hampden does a great job with that! Thank you to the law enforcement in Hampden. We appreciate you!	6/29/2022 4:39 PM
63	Separate entrance to housing subdivision on so not from Rte 202	6/29/2022 4:36 PM

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64	Perhaps a little stricter traffic enforcement. After living and driving in Glenburn for over 20 years before moving to Hampden, we've seen a huge difference in the way people drive in Hampden and in Glenburn. People are much safer drivers in Hampden. Kudos to Chief Chris Bailey for keeping it safer.	6/29/2022 3:54 PM
65	Better lighting	6/29/2022 3:45 PM
66	Bike lanes	6/29/2022 3:35 PM
67	Our officers do a pretty good job of enforcing the speed limit in town, but sometimes people fly by and we find alcohol containers thrown onto our lawn or driveway (on Western). Even more policing of this area could help.	6/29/2022 2:23 PM
68	Bike lanes on western ave	6/27/2022 8:38 PM
69	I've asked for something to be done to make our neighborhood safer many times. Essentially, nothing can be done. The crossing on Constitution to the Lura Hoit Pool needs improvement. It is extremely unsafe. People do not stop at least 75% of the time and are driving very fast.	6/27/2022 4:04 PM
70	A stop light at the end of constitution ave.	6/25/2022 7:56 PM
71	The pot holes and construction clean up. I've lost count of how many tires and windshields I've had to replace	6/25/2022 9:58 AM
72	Bike lanes. Better cross walks	6/25/2022 9:29 AM
73	An ordinance requiring basket ball hoops can be placed on the Town ROW, unless there are complaints or nearby homeowners are being impeded from entering and exiting their driveway, or the activity becomes a nuisance, something enforceable by public safety or enforceable by the Town.	6/24/2022 9:06 PM
74	traffic control devices, protected bike lanes where possible	6/24/2022 6:58 PM
75	Widen or sidewalk old country rd	6/24/2022 6:54 PM
76	The sidewalks on Main Rd have been an incredible addition! I wish there was something that could be done about people speeding down Old County Rd though	6/24/2022 8:59 AM
77	Better/more sidewalks	6/23/2022 10:28 PM
78	Cars need to slow down coming from winterport into hampden	6/23/2022 8:41 PM
79	Better speed enforcement	6/23/2022 8:27 PM
80	Continue to enforce speed limits, work w/ DOT not only on the IA/Western Ave intersection but on all of IA w/in Town limits	6/23/2022 5:31 PM
81	More sidewalks	6/23/2022 4:00 PM
82	Sidewalks	6/23/2022 3:46 PM
83	Speed humps in residential neighborhoods	6/23/2022 1:59 PM
84	Better side walks, more crosswalks. Lights at the crosswalks	6/23/2022 1:52 PM
85	Enforcement of speed limits an laws	6/23/2022 1:49 PM
86	Fix/pave the roads!!ost are horrible and they do a number on our cars.	6/23/2022 1:09 PM
87	More patrol and issuing of tickets . For example: Yarmouth/Falmouth Maine is KNOWN for getting tickets if you go over the speed limit. It's enforced, therefore people drive the speed limit. This applies to commercial vehicles too!	6/23/2022 12:49 PM
88	Bike lanes. Enforced speed limits especially on Main Road N. Crosswalk lights like they have in Bangor.	6/23/2022 12:20 PM
89	Paving, paving and paving.	6/23/2022 11:46 AM
90	some roads need attention/filling in of the shoulder, but mostly it's seemed pretty good compared to most Maine towns.	6/23/2022 11:01 AM
91	Support law enforcement and our public works.	6/23/2022 10:53 AM

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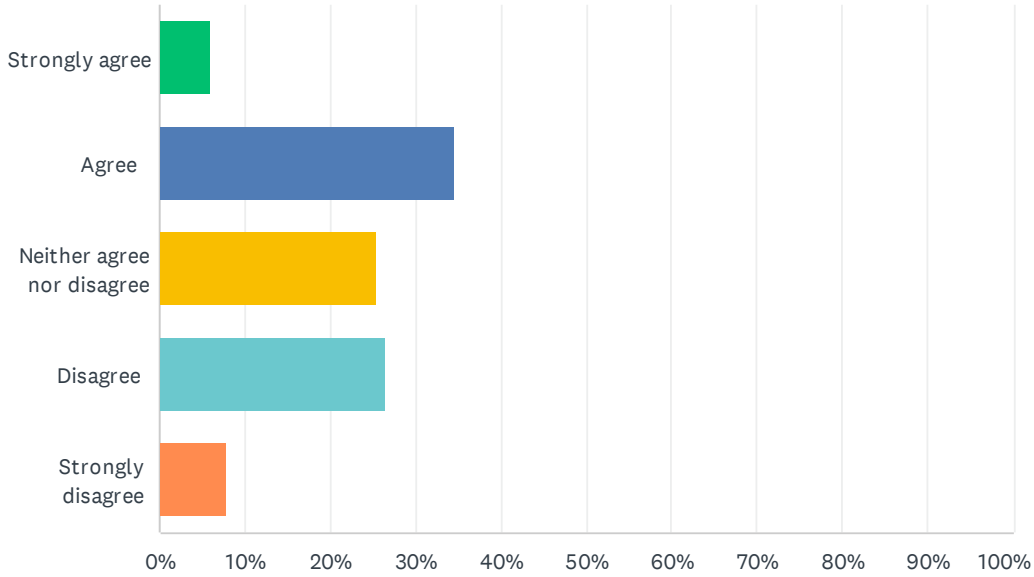
92	Encourage kids to watch car accident videos on YouTube before driving on their own. :)	6/23/2022 10:50 AM
93	Pedestrian pathways on western ave do not feel very safe. It is easy to be hit with rocks, water etc on the end past HA heading toward the playground and my home. There is also only a sidewalk on one side. If the sidewalk was also on the other side, with a cross walk further down, crossing in the large 202 intersection could be avoided. I always feel VERY unsafe there with my children. I would much rather start on the other side of the street and only need to cross the HA crosswalks.	6/23/2022 10:21 AM
94	We called last year about the snowplow leaving slush pin the road and the road freezing going down the hill by Kennebec road, my husband has lived in Maine for 9 years but has an accent and she told him he doesn't sound like he is from around here and that hampden. Won't be doing anything about it so get used to it. This was just after we moved here, awful experience welcoming us to Hampden a town where we pay taxes.	6/23/2022 10:15 AM
95	Wider streets, better rural lighting	6/23/2022 9:56 AM
96	Better plowing and sanding on Kennebec Road past Canaan Road.	6/23/2022 9:48 AM
97	Bike lanes, sidewalks, better pavement	6/23/2022 9:22 AM
98	Seriously? Have you driven on the roads down rt1a?	6/23/2022 9:04 AM
99	Ensure painted lines are always in good condition	6/23/2022 8:37 AM
100	more enforcement of existing speed limits	6/23/2022 8:34 AM
101	street lighting police presence	6/23/2022 8:28 AM
102	Keep pot holes fixed. Add wider shoulders for pedestrians.	6/23/2022 8:27 AM
103	Sidewalk that go further up Western Ave, maybe all the way to Emerson Mill Rd. More cross walks with flashing lights.	6/23/2022 7:39 AM
104	More extensive sidewalks	6/23/2022 7:34 AM
105	Widen roads without sidewalks to have break down lanes with a space to walk/run. We have to choose which time of day to walk our dog to avoid getting hit by busy traffic. We often drive into town to use the sidewalks.	6/23/2022 7:32 AM
106	Enforcing speed limits	6/23/2022 7:00 AM
107	Not much	6/22/2022 11:22 PM
108	The cross walks though major improvements have been made are still a joke. People do not pay attention. They should be monitoring those crossings for people not stoping. It is and has been a problem for a long time.	6/22/2022 10:20 PM
109	Reduced or enforced speed. Gave up riding my bike in town roads	6/22/2022 10:05 PM
110	Enforcement of speeding, running of read lights, and careless drivers. Eliminate tractor trailers from certain roads completely.	6/22/2022 10:03 PM
111	Repave, fix potholes	6/22/2022 9:48 PM
112	Bike lanes,	6/22/2022 9:23 PM
113	Fill in potholes	6/22/2022 9:18 PM
114	Speeding has become a huge problem on main rd south. People are not slowing down when the spped heading northbound drops to 35 just before dorothy dix park. They keep going 50	6/22/2022 8:18 PM
115	Better lighting along the roads and cleaning up sidewalks so people don't walk on narrow parts of the road.	6/22/2022 8:13 PM
116	More sidewalks or less apartments	6/22/2022 7:49 PM
117	Bike lanes	6/22/2022 7:11 PM
118	None	6/22/2022 6:49 PM
119	Better and safer ways for pedestrians to walk and cross the road. Better ways to slow down traffic in residential areas	6/22/2022 6:20 PM

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120	Repaired roads (South Main Street)	6/22/2022 6:10 PM
121	Bicycle lanes	6/22/2022 6:02 PM
122	Better lighting, side walks/ bike lanes, crosswalk lights like in town, all major road crosswalks should have lights. Crosswalk across from pool should have lights.	6/22/2022 5:54 PM
123	Enforce speed limits	6/22/2022 5:51 PM
124	Plow the Kennebec better from the meadow road out.	6/22/2022 5:47 PM
125	Better sidewalks for walking/ running - Particularly on western ave	6/22/2022 5:39 PM
126	Sidewalks	6/22/2022 5:26 PM
127	Improve the quality of the roads. They have some severe pitch in certain areas. Improve signage and intersection visibility. Reduce speeds.	6/22/2022 5:11 PM
128	Better lane markings year round More lights	6/22/2022 5:09 PM
129	Narrower roads, more sidewalks, more crosswalks	6/22/2022 10:23 AM
130	lit crosswalks	6/21/2022 11:24 AM

Q46 Do you agree with the following statement: "The Town of Hampden is a walkable community"

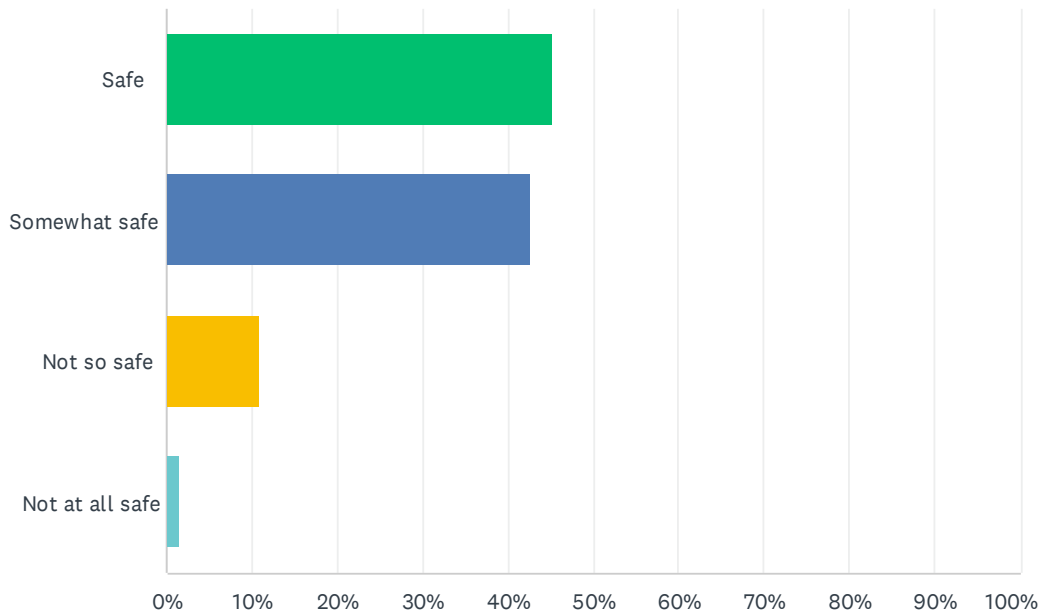
Answered: 281 Skipped: 90



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	6.05%	17
Agree	34.52%	97
Neither agree nor disagree	25.27%	71
Disagree	26.33%	74
Strongly disagree	7.83%	22
TOTAL		281

Q47 How safe do you feel using existing crosswalks and sidewalks?

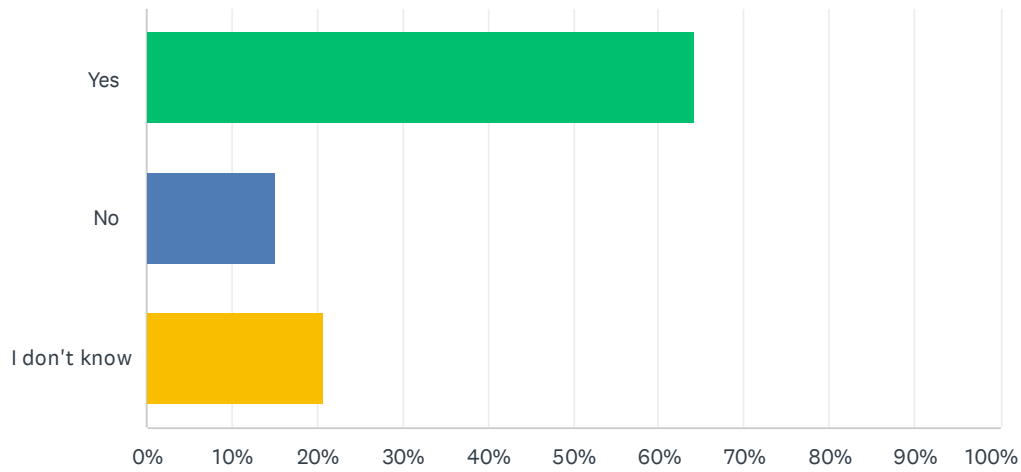
Answered: 277 Skipped: 94



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Safe	45.13%	125
Somewhat safe	42.60%	118
Not so safe	10.83%	30
Not at all safe	1.44%	4
TOTAL		277

Q48 Does the Town of Hampden need more crosswalks and sidewalks?

Answered: 279 Skipped: 92



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	64.16%	179
No	15.05%	42
I don't know	20.79%	58
TOTAL		279

Q49 Where did you go for your last vacation?

Answered: 218 Skipped: 153

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Great Wolk Lodge, Mass	9/19/2022 10:18 AM
2	Florida.	9/18/2022 3:16 PM
3	Washington DC and New York City	9/14/2022 10:05 PM
4	Canada	9/14/2022 1:32 PM
5	What vacation?	9/14/2022 9:24 AM
6	Greenville, Maine	9/13/2022 12:05 PM
7	Campobello Island New Brunswick	9/8/2022 11:01 AM
8	Boston	9/6/2022 9:50 PM
9	northern Maine	9/5/2022 2:10 PM
10	Florida	9/4/2022 11:15 AM
11	Bar Harbor	9/1/2022 9:34 AM
12	Machiasport	8/28/2022 9:07 AM
13	Machiasport	8/28/2022 7:05 AM
14	Nyc	8/21/2022 8:26 PM
15	Out of state.	8/16/2022 3:59 AM
16	florida	8/9/2022 4:18 PM
17	Bar harbor	8/9/2022 3:00 PM
18	Nova Scotia	8/8/2022 10:44 AM
19	Europe	8/7/2022 6:29 PM
20	Chicago	8/7/2022 6:00 PM
21	Dallas Texas	8/6/2022 5:51 PM
22	Moosehead	8/5/2022 11:44 PM
23	Hopkins Pond, Mariaville, Maine	8/5/2022 7:41 PM
24	Nashville	8/5/2022 1:57 PM
25	Lubec, ME	8/5/2022 11:54 AM
26	Eustis, maine	8/4/2022 10:49 PM
27	Rangeley, Maine	8/4/2022 10:25 PM
28	Nova Scotia	8/4/2022 9:59 PM
29	Harpswell, Maine	8/4/2022 9:54 PM
30	Out of state	8/4/2022 9:12 PM
31	Harpswell	8/4/2022 9:04 PM
32	Italy	8/4/2022 9:03 PM
33	N/A	8/4/2022 8:09 PM

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34	Portland, ME	8/4/2022 8:01 PM
35	Hawaii	8/4/2022 5:49 PM
36	Dominican Republic	8/4/2022 5:49 PM
37	Italy	8/4/2022 5:11 PM
38	Italy	8/4/2022 5:04 PM
39	Florida	8/3/2022 9:10 PM
40	Blue Hill	8/3/2022 6:42 PM
41	Cruise	8/3/2022 5:33 PM
42	I am retired, so life is a permanent VACATION.....	8/3/2022 5:30 PM
43	Camping in Maine (pre-pandemic we planned trips outside of Maine and the US)	8/3/2022 3:19 PM
44	Sebago lake	8/3/2022 12:55 PM
45	Seattle, Washington.	8/3/2022 11:49 AM
46	Tampa, Fl	8/3/2022 11:45 AM
47	South Carolina	7/28/2022 6:32 PM
48	Florida	7/22/2022 1:22 PM
49	Camp	7/21/2022 5:55 AM
50	North Dakota	7/20/2022 9:26 PM
51	Florida	7/20/2022 3:31 PM
52	Hull, MA	7/20/2022 9:56 AM
53	Martha's Vineyard	7/19/2022 6:07 PM
54	Quebec	7/19/2022 12:01 PM
55	Liberty maine. St george.	7/19/2022 10:53 AM
56	Hilton Head Island, South Carolina	7/18/2022 8:10 PM
57	Florida	7/18/2022 12:55 PM
58	Colorado	7/18/2022 11:37 AM
59	South Carolina	7/18/2022 10:54 AM
60	Prince Edward Island, Canada	7/17/2022 12:23 AM
61	Boston	7/15/2022 1:39 PM
62	York Beach.	7/15/2022 12:07 PM
63	Florida	7/15/2022 11:55 AM
64	Arizona	7/15/2022 9:32 AM
65	Unfortunately, Florida	7/15/2022 5:12 AM
66	Midwest	7/14/2022 10:18 PM
67	California	7/14/2022 9:12 PM
68	Boston	7/14/2022 8:13 PM
69	Florida	7/14/2022 8:08 PM
70	Florida	7/14/2022 7:06 PM
71	Vermont	7/14/2022 7:06 PM

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72	My sister's camp	7/14/2022 4:31 PM
73	Pine point maine	7/14/2022 3:56 PM
74	Southern Maine and western maine	7/14/2022 3:38 PM
75	Disney	7/14/2022 2:51 PM
76	Florida	7/14/2022 2:28 PM
77	Florida	7/14/2022 2:25 PM
78	Out of state	7/14/2022 11:38 AM
79	Mexico	7/13/2022 5:51 PM
80	Florida	7/13/2022 5:08 PM
81	Boston	7/13/2022 4:19 PM
82	Nashville	7/12/2022 11:20 PM
83	Lake in Monmouth	7/12/2022 8:55 PM
84	Hawaii	7/10/2022 9:49 PM
85	Utah	7/4/2022 7:42 AM
86	Colorado	7/2/2022 12:21 PM
87	none	7/2/2022 9:24 AM
88	NONE	6/30/2022 6:17 PM
89	None	6/30/2022 3:00 PM
90	Bermuda	6/30/2022 2:39 PM
91	Cananda	6/30/2022 11:15 AM
92	Florida	6/30/2022 9:41 AM
93	Oregon	6/30/2022 8:35 AM
94	California	6/30/2022 6:43 AM
95	Cabin in Wisconsin.	6/29/2022 11:17 PM
96	Florida	6/29/2022 8:19 PM
97	Florida	6/29/2022 7:25 PM
98	Florida	6/29/2022 5:26 PM
99	Canada	6/29/2022 4:48 PM
100	Prince Edward Island	6/29/2022 4:39 PM
101	NH	6/29/2022 4:29 PM
102	Oregon	6/29/2022 4:07 PM
103	Maritime provinces in Canada	6/29/2022 4:03 PM
104	North Conway NH Mt Washington area	6/29/2022 3:52 PM
105	Machiasport	6/29/2022 3:38 PM
106	Rangel maine	6/29/2022 3:37 PM
107	Florida	6/29/2022 3:26 PM
108	Florida	6/29/2022 2:27 PM
109	Aroostook County	6/29/2022 6:09 AM

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110	Jamaica	6/27/2022 10:39 PM
111	Bar harbor	6/27/2022 8:39 PM
112	Outer Banks NC	6/27/2022 7:28 PM
113	Utah	6/27/2022 4:07 PM
114	Boothbay Harbor, ME	6/27/2022 2:20 PM
115	Burlington, Vermont	6/26/2022 7:34 PM
116	Spain	6/26/2022 12:10 AM
117	Florida	6/25/2022 9:23 PM
118	Texas	6/25/2022 8:00 PM
119	Sweden	6/25/2022 10:02 AM
120	Florida	6/25/2022 9:30 AM
121	New Hampshire	6/24/2022 9:25 PM
122	Kittery, ME	6/24/2022 6:59 PM
123	Florida	6/24/2022 6:56 PM
124	Ive never traveled for a vacation	6/24/2022 9:01 AM
125	Downeast maine	6/24/2022 6:32 AM
126	Salem, Massachusetts	6/23/2022 11:44 PM
127	Baxter state park	6/23/2022 10:30 PM
128	Florida	6/23/2022 9:34 PM
129	NYC.	6/23/2022 9:34 PM
130	Eagle lake	6/23/2022 9:00 PM
131	Quebec city	6/23/2022 8:33 PM
132	Puerto Vallarta Mexico	6/23/2022 8:06 PM
133	Cape Cod	6/23/2022 5:33 PM
134	Pine Point in Scarborough	6/23/2022 4:03 PM
135	Rangeley	6/23/2022 3:48 PM
136	CT and MA	6/23/2022 2:05 PM
137	Florida	6/23/2022 2:02 PM
138	FL	6/23/2022 2:01 PM
139	Out of state mostly	6/23/2022 2:01 PM
140	Florida	6/23/2022 2:00 PM
141	San Diego	6/23/2022 1:56 PM
142	Florida	6/23/2022 1:54 PM
143	Campobello NB	6/23/2022 1:50 PM
144	NYC	6/23/2022 1:24 PM
145	Camping in Eddington	6/23/2022 1:11 PM
146	Florida	6/23/2022 12:55 PM
147	Out of state - to see family	6/23/2022 12:53 PM

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148	Los Angeles	6/23/2022 12:22 PM
149	Italy	6/23/2022 11:48 AM
150	I can't remember, unless visiting family counts.	6/23/2022 11:05 AM
151	Massachusetts - gillette stadium	6/23/2022 10:59 AM
152	Sebago Lake for a week in 2021.	6/23/2022 10:56 AM
153	Disney World	6/23/2022 10:25 AM
154	Florida	6/23/2022 10:16 AM
155	New Hampshire - Only because Covid took away my cruise	6/23/2022 10:00 AM
156	No vacation.	6/23/2022 9:49 AM
157	Camping	6/23/2022 9:30 AM
158	Florida	6/23/2022 9:18 AM
159	Out of Country	6/23/2022 8:57 AM
160	Barbados	6/23/2022 8:38 AM
161	Camping	6/23/2022 8:38 AM
162	Florida	6/23/2022 8:38 AM
163	Barbados	6/23/2022 8:35 AM
164	Walt Disney World	6/23/2022 8:32 AM
165	Italy	6/23/2022 8:28 AM
166	Marco island Florida	6/23/2022 8:19 AM
167	Florida	6/23/2022 8:14 AM
168	Cruise	6/23/2022 8:05 AM
169	Disney	6/23/2022 7:55 AM
170	White Mountains New Hampshire	6/23/2022 7:45 AM
171	Vermont	6/23/2022 7:38 AM
172	Laconia nh	6/23/2022 7:38 AM
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178	Old Orchard Beach	6/22/2022 11:24 PM
179	Colorado	6/22/2022 11:15 PM
180	Orlando	6/22/2022 11:06 PM
181	Hawaii	6/22/2022 10:23 PM
182	Western Maine	6/22/2022 10:19 PM
183	Bar Harbor	6/22/2022 10:07 PM
184	Missouri	6/22/2022 10:06 PM
185	Santa's village	6/22/2022 9:49 PM

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186	Florida	6/22/2022 9:25 PM
187	Jamaica	6/22/2022 9:20 PM
188	Williamsburg Virginia	6/22/2022 9:01 PM
189	Florida	6/22/2022 9:01 PM
190	New Hamshire	6/22/2022 8:40 PM
191	SC	6/22/2022 8:35 PM
192	Can't afford vacations.	6/22/2022 8:21 PM
193	Tropical location	6/22/2022 8:16 PM
194	Dominican Republic	6/22/2022 8:14 PM
195	Florida	6/22/2022 8:07 PM
196	Louisville, KY	6/22/2022 8:06 PM
197	Oregon	6/22/2022 8:01 PM
198	Cruise	6/22/2022 7:58 PM
199	New Jersey	6/22/2022 7:34 PM
200	New York City	6/22/2022 7:14 PM
201	Disney - Florida	6/22/2022 6:55 PM
202	Playa del Playa, Mexico	6/22/2022 6:45 PM
203	Canada	6/22/2022 6:18 PM
204	Aruba	6/22/2022 6:12 PM
205	Mass	6/22/2022 6:04 PM
206	Orlando Florida	6/22/2022 6:04 PM
207	The lake	6/22/2022 5:56 PM
208	California	6/22/2022 5:52 PM
209	Florida	6/22/2022 5:41 PM
210	France	6/22/2022 5:31 PM
211	Maine	6/22/2022 5:28 PM
212	South Carolina	6/22/2022 5:22 PM
213	Florida	6/22/2022 5:21 PM
214	Virginia	6/22/2022 5:11 PM
215	Virginia	6/22/2022 5:09 PM
216	Florida	6/22/2022 4:58 PM
217	New Hampshire	6/22/2022 4:55 PM
218	Jamaica	6/21/2022 11:25 AM

Q50 What did you like about your last vacation?

Answered: 201 Skipped: 170

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	indoor access in winter months to recreation for the kids and lodging for a large family of 6.	9/19/2022 10:18 AM
2	Water parks	9/18/2022 3:16 PM
3	The free museums in DC and theater in NYC.	9/14/2022 10:05 PM
4	Natural scenery and interesting places to visit and shop	9/14/2022 1:32 PM
5	NA	9/14/2022 9:24 AM
6	Close proximity of recreation opportunities, restaurants, and shops.	9/13/2022 12:05 PM
7	Parks, trails, open space, wildlife, historical destinations, culture.	9/8/2022 11:01 AM
8	Time with family on new experiences.	9/6/2022 9:50 PM
9	remoteness	9/5/2022 2:10 PM
10	Warm weather and vacation amenities	9/4/2022 11:15 AM
11	Great hiking and location.	9/1/2022 9:34 AM
12	Ocean	8/28/2022 9:07 AM
13	The ocean	8/28/2022 7:05 AM
14	What's not to like about nyc	8/21/2022 8:26 PM
15	Lodging, food options, more rec options, outdoor options	8/16/2022 3:59 AM
16	warmth	8/9/2022 4:18 PM
17	A clearly defined downtown, sidewalks on both sides of road, easily walkable	8/9/2022 3:00 PM
18	Easily accessible town centers and walkability.	8/7/2022 6:29 PM
19	It's easy to walk around and bike, loved biking around neighborhoods with ebikes, there are a ton of cafes and restaurants and shops. We weren't even downtown we were in Wrigleyville, a nice neighborhood.	8/7/2022 6:00 PM
20	Easy to get from point A to point B, lots of variety in family activities (zoos, trampoline parks, laser tag, water parks, etc.)	8/6/2022 5:51 PM
21	Quiet and space	8/5/2022 11:44 PM
22	It was a piece of Heaven.	8/5/2022 7:41 PM
23	it's vacation, not much to dislike.	8/5/2022 1:57 PM
24	Slow pace, small downtown with businesses and residences, proximity to natural resources.	8/5/2022 11:54 AM
25	Family	8/4/2022 10:49 PM
26	Remote	8/4/2022 10:25 PM
27	Family, warmth of people	8/4/2022 9:59 PM
28	Very scenic, lots of hiking trails, good food and company	8/4/2022 9:54 PM
29	Time off from work	8/4/2022 9:12 PM
30	Fishing	8/4/2022 9:04 PM
31	The history and tourism	8/4/2022 9:03 PM

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32	N/A	8/4/2022 8:09 PM
33	The restaurants	8/4/2022 8:01 PM
34	It's Hawaii	8/4/2022 5:49 PM
35	All inclusive, no need to do anything	8/4/2022 5:49 PM
36	The fact that you can walk everywhere and it's all within reach.	8/4/2022 5:11 PM
37	Visited family	8/4/2022 5:04 PM
38	Coast/ocean access, beach	8/3/2022 6:42 PM
39	Tropics	8/3/2022 5:33 PM
40	Seeing new places, being outdoors, trying new foods, shopping for local or unique items	8/3/2022 3:19 PM
41	Took an Alaska Cruise so lots of tourist opportunities.	8/3/2022 11:49 AM
42	Many amenities and small shops; many to facilitate outdoor recreation.	8/3/2022 11:45 AM
43	Ease of access for walking and biking	7/28/2022 6:32 PM
44	Disney	7/22/2022 1:22 PM
45	Peace and quiet	7/21/2022 5:55 AM
46	family reunion	7/20/2022 9:26 PM
47	The weather was beautiful	7/20/2022 3:31 PM
48	Beach	7/20/2022 9:56 AM
49	Interesting people to talk to	7/19/2022 6:07 PM
50	Great scenery, great hiking and biking trails, great food, and the seashore.	7/19/2022 12:01 PM
51	Quiet on the water. Nearby facilities.	7/19/2022 10:53 AM
52	Beaches, fantastic/quality roads and bicycle paths, more moderate weather in the months of March and April.	7/18/2022 8:10 PM
53	Warm climate in the winter	7/18/2022 12:55 PM
54	The location	7/18/2022 11:37 AM
55	Relaxation	7/17/2022 12:23 AM
56	Theater—saw Broadway shows	7/15/2022 1:39 PM
57	Downtown area.	7/15/2022 12:07 PM
58	warmth. Lots of shopping.	7/15/2022 11:55 AM
59	Outdoor activities, hiking, etc.	7/15/2022 9:32 AM
60	Warmth	7/15/2022 5:12 AM
61	Diversity and options	7/14/2022 10:18 PM
62	Lots to do	7/14/2022 8:13 PM
63	Weather, water parks	7/14/2022 8:08 PM
64	Beach, warm water	7/14/2022 7:06 PM
65	Seeing family	7/14/2022 7:06 PM
66	Beautiful, peaceful, private, and free	7/14/2022 4:31 PM
67	Beach	7/14/2022 3:56 PM
68	Outdoor activities	7/14/2022 3:38 PM
69	It was warm:)	7/14/2022 2:28 PM

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70	Warm / Disney	7/14/2022 2:25 PM
71	Something new to do	7/14/2022 11:38 AM
72	Almost everything was within walking distance, or accessible by cab or uber	7/13/2022 5:51 PM
73	Restaurants and convenience of centrally downtown location	7/13/2022 5:08 PM
74	Can take the T every where. Lots of things to do for the kids. Lots of dinning options	7/13/2022 4:19 PM
75	Being able to walk from our house to go grab dinner without needing a car.	7/12/2022 11:20 PM
76	Lake, quiet, peaceful	7/12/2022 8:55 PM
77	Food and weather	7/10/2022 9:49 PM
78	National parks	7/4/2022 7:42 AM
79	Wilderness, parks	7/2/2022 12:21 PM
80	none	7/2/2022 9:24 AM
81	NA	6/30/2022 3:00 PM
82	easy flight from Boston, excellent resort accomodations, swimming with dolphins	6/30/2022 2:39 PM
83	Visiting family, walking, site seeing	6/30/2022 9:41 AM
84	different scenery	6/30/2022 8:35 AM
85	Family connection	6/30/2022 6:43 AM
86	Nature.	6/29/2022 11:17 PM
87	seeing family	6/29/2022 8:19 PM
88	Community pools and psrks	6/29/2022 7:25 PM
89	Warm winters.	6/29/2022 5:26 PM
90	Rural and open areas	6/29/2022 4:48 PM
91	Boardwalks, variety of restaurants near beach	6/29/2022 4:39 PM
92	The restaurants, Settlers green type mall	6/29/2022 4:29 PM
93	All kinds of things to enjoy.	6/29/2022 4:07 PM
94	No crowds, light traffic, relative safety, beautiful scenery, good restaurants.	6/29/2022 4:03 PM
95	Dining and access to activities	6/29/2022 3:52 PM
96	On the ocean	6/29/2022 3:38 PM
97	Museums , street dancing, restaurants, camping	6/29/2022 3:37 PM
98	The weather!	6/29/2022 3:26 PM
99	Warm weather and attractions	6/29/2022 2:27 PM
100	Quiet	6/29/2022 6:09 AM
101	Beach	6/27/2022 10:39 PM
102	Close to home	6/27/2022 8:39 PM
103	Proximity to the ocean and the low level of commercialization.	6/27/2022 7:28 PM
104	Outdoor Adventures and National Parks	6/27/2022 4:07 PM
105	Sitting by the ocean and watching boats and people.	6/27/2022 2:20 PM
106	Walkable town, bicycle friendly, Homie atmosphere, Friendly people.	6/26/2022 7:34 PM
107	Friendly	6/26/2022 12:10 AM

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108	No advertisements about political things. Friendly people.	6/25/2022 9:23 PM
109	My family lives there. The climate was warmer.	6/25/2022 8:00 PM
110	Beach	6/25/2022 9:30 AM
111	Family	6/24/2022 9:25 PM
112	Ocean within safe walk	6/24/2022 6:56 PM
113	Getting stuff done around the house i guesa	6/24/2022 9:01 AM
114	Ocean	6/24/2022 6:32 AM
115	Historical tours, shops all within walking distance, and a wonderful sense of community and inclusiveness in that city.	6/23/2022 11:44 PM
116	Outdoor access	6/23/2022 10:30 PM
117	Ocean, Sun, warmth	6/23/2022 9:34 PM
118	Museums and zoos.	6/23/2022 9:34 PM
119	In nature	6/23/2022 9:00 PM
120	It felt like Europe but was closer and cheaper	6/23/2022 8:33 PM
121	different climate, different sites, different culture	6/23/2022 8:06 PM
122	Ocean, seeing family	6/23/2022 5:33 PM
123	How peaceful it was, walking access to restaurants plus recreation	6/23/2022 4:03 PM
124	Lake side	6/23/2022 3:48 PM
125	Change of scenery	6/23/2022 2:05 PM
126	Sun	6/23/2022 2:02 PM
127	More restaurants	6/23/2022 2:01 PM
128	Relaxing	6/23/2022 2:01 PM
129	Mickey Mouse	6/23/2022 2:00 PM
130	Variety of restaurants	6/23/2022 1:56 PM
131	Sunshine	6/23/2022 1:54 PM
132	Safety, beauty and affordability of tent cabin site.	6/23/2022 1:50 PM
133	City Feel	6/23/2022 1:24 PM
134	It was peaceful	6/23/2022 1:11 PM
135	Weather	6/23/2022 12:55 PM
136	Gas prices were lower and there were outdoor activities for families to do (outdoor movies, farmers market, mini-golf, petting zoo, etc.)	6/23/2022 12:53 PM
137	Lots to do, great restaurants	6/23/2022 12:22 PM
138	Accessibility	6/23/2022 11:48 AM
139	Sandy ocean beach (with family)	6/23/2022 11:05 AM
140	Seeing a music concert	6/23/2022 10:59 AM
141	The lake is amazing. I love being on a lake, swimming and relaxing.	6/23/2022 10:56 AM
142	Plenty of activities for my children	6/23/2022 10:25 AM
143	Lots to do and see	6/23/2022 10:16 AM
144	Cost	6/23/2022 10:00 AM

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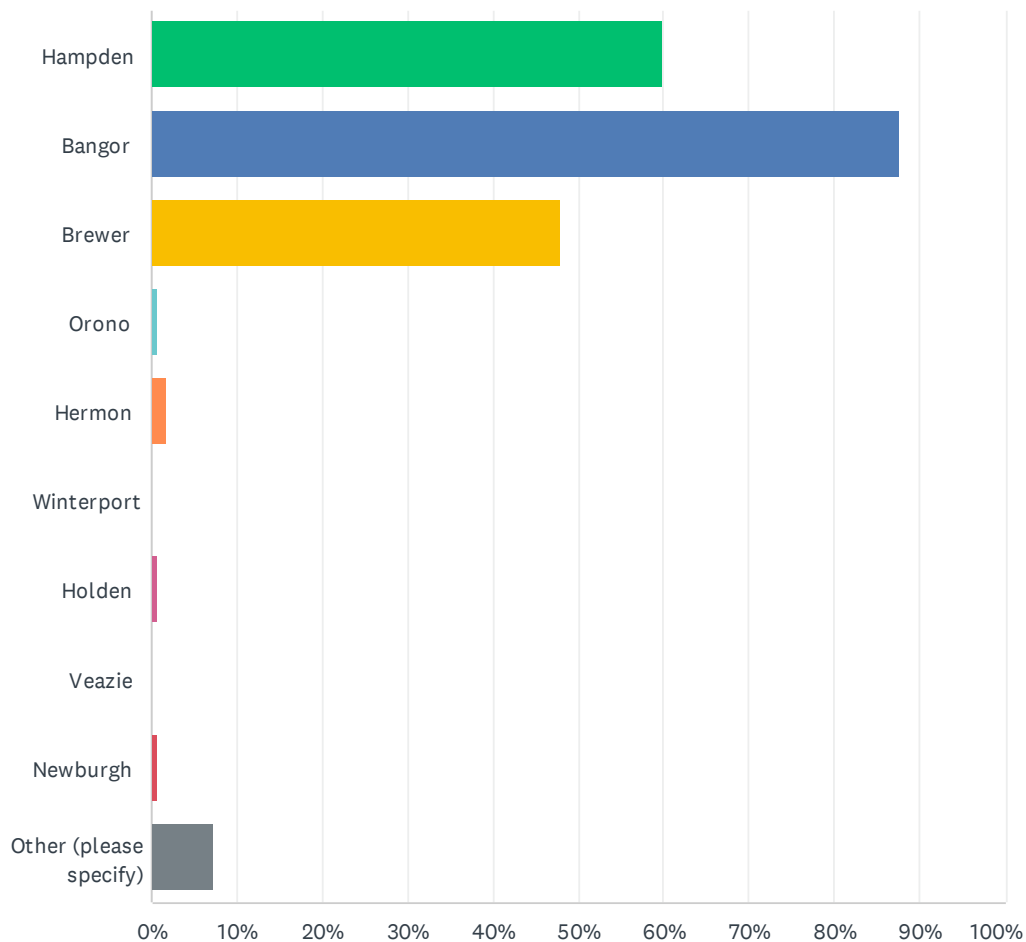
145	n/a	6/23/2022 9:49 AM
146	Lakeside, love the outdoors	6/23/2022 9:30 AM
147	Beaches, restaurants, lively atmosphere	6/23/2022 9:18 AM
148	It was out of Country...	6/23/2022 8:57 AM
149	Drinks on the beach	6/23/2022 8:38 AM
150	No winter weather	6/23/2022 8:38 AM
151	Beach	6/23/2022 8:35 AM
152	It's Disney.....what's not to like. WDW created an environment that fits every need of their guests so that guests stay on property. This means all of those tourists dollars stay with WDW. Plus the customer service experience is top notch. Hampden is missing out on tourism dollars. The town doesn't need to become a tourist attraction but should be a stopping point for those passing on to Belfast or Bar Harbor. We don't need hotels but why can't we have events like Dover-Foxcroft, Bangor, Hermon, Belfast, etc?	6/23/2022 8:32 AM
153	The walkability of the entire region	6/23/2022 8:28 AM
154	Quality stores and opportunities to get outside. (Pickle ball, open gym, etc).	6/23/2022 8:19 AM
155	Warm weather	6/23/2022 8:14 AM
156	Fun, sun	6/23/2022 8:05 AM
157	Was able to fly out of Bangor	6/23/2022 7:55 AM
158	Lots of easily accessible family activities at reasonable prices	6/23/2022 7:45 AM
159	Walking around a small town with a town center and sidewalks	6/23/2022 7:38 AM
160	Variety of things to do	6/23/2022 7:38 AM
161	We went with extended family. I liked that there was something available for everyone and options within all areas such as food, recreation, etc.	6/23/2022 7:35 AM
162	Traffic and crime	6/23/2022 7:28 AM
163	Lots of fun activities at reasonable prices in a close area	6/23/2022 7:19 AM
164	Out in nature	6/23/2022 7:01 AM
165	The beach	6/22/2022 11:24 PM
166	Scenic	6/22/2022 11:15 PM
167	Options	6/22/2022 11:06 PM
168	The ocean	6/22/2022 10:23 PM
169	Mountains	6/22/2022 10:19 PM
170	Getting away	6/22/2022 10:07 PM
171	Gas wasn't expensive, things to do/explore, and food options	6/22/2022 10:06 PM
172	The Waterpark and attractions	6/22/2022 9:49 PM
173	Amusement park	6/22/2022 9:25 PM
174	Beach, recreation activities	6/22/2022 9:20 PM
175	Weather	6/22/2022 9:01 PM
176	pretty much tax free....great shopping in the Conway area...	6/22/2022 8:40 PM
177	Family visit	6/22/2022 8:35 PM
178	N/a	6/22/2022 8:21 PM
179	quiet	6/22/2022 8:16 PM

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180	Warm weather and beach	6/22/2022 8:14 PM
181	Weather	6/22/2022 8:07 PM
182	Local area	6/22/2022 8:06 PM
183	Warm location	6/22/2022 7:58 PM
184	Visiting with family	6/22/2022 7:34 PM
185	Good, different and diverse places to eat. Lots of nice ways to be entertained.	6/22/2022 7:14 PM
186	The weather was warm. I could walk everyday to Disney Springs and have dinner somewhere different every night.	6/22/2022 6:55 PM
187	Sunshine, beach, relaxation, and great food.	6/22/2022 6:45 PM
188	Went to PEI ,much l8ke Maine was twenty years ago. Very family friendly.	6/22/2022 6:18 PM
189	White sand beaches	6/22/2022 6:12 PM
190	Remote and quiet area	6/22/2022 6:04 PM
191	Amusement Parks, shops, restaurants, entertainment options. Fountains, landscaping, things to do and places to relax	6/22/2022 6:04 PM
192	I was not at work.	6/22/2022 5:56 PM
193	variety of shopping and restaurants	6/22/2022 5:52 PM
194	Accessibility to food, shopping and recreation	6/22/2022 5:41 PM
195	Walking	6/22/2022 5:31 PM
196	Everything, so I moved here	6/22/2022 5:28 PM
197	bike paths, plenty of restaurants and attractions to check out	6/22/2022 5:22 PM
198	Sunshine and time away	6/22/2022 5:21 PM
199	Got together with friends	6/22/2022 5:11 PM
200	Scenic views, accommodations	6/22/2022 4:55 PM
201	weather	6/21/2022 11:25 AM

Q51 Where do you purchase the majority of your general goods and services? (Check all that apply)

Answered: 277 Skipped: 94



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Hampden	59.93%	166
Bangor	87.73%	243
Brewer	48.01%	133
Orono	0.72%	2
Hermon	1.81%	5
Winterport	0.00%	0
Holden	0.72%	2
Veazie	0.00%	0
Newburgh	0.72%	2
Other (please specify)	7.22%	20
Total Respondents: 277		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Online	9/14/2022 9:24 AM
2	Portland	8/21/2022 8:26 PM
3	Amazon	7/19/2022 12:01 PM
4	Online	7/19/2022 10:53 AM
5	online	7/15/2022 11:55 AM
6	The Hannaford is much better there and Tiller and Rye.	7/14/2022 10:18 PM
7	Online	7/14/2022 3:56 PM
8	Belfast and Portland area	7/14/2022 3:38 PM
9	Waterville, Augusta	7/13/2022 5:51 PM
10	Online.	6/29/2022 11:17 PM
11	online	6/29/2022 8:19 PM
12	Newport	6/29/2022 4:07 PM
13	Belfast	6/29/2022 4:03 PM
14	Amazon	6/24/2022 9:25 PM
15	Amazon	6/23/2022 2:01 PM
16	Ellsworth	6/23/2022 11:05 AM
17	Online	6/23/2022 9:49 AM
18	Online	6/22/2022 11:38 PM
19	Newport	6/22/2022 7:34 PM
20	Online	6/22/2022 4:58 PM

Q52 What other communities in Maine do you like to visit? Why?

Answered: 176 Skipped: 195

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Old Orchard	9/19/2022 10:18 AM
2	OOB- beach, topsham- accessibility	9/18/2022 3:16 PM
3	Camden, Ellsworth, and Acadia/Bar Harbor. I like the shopping and dining in Camden. I visit Branch Lake in Ellsworth often. We like hiking in Acadia and shopping and dining in Bar Harbor.	9/14/2022 10:05 PM
4	Blue Hill, Belfast, Bucksport, Waterville - All have easy places to walk, interesting shops, and restaurants	9/14/2022 1:32 PM
5	All the areas of the State I haven't already visited.	9/14/2022 9:24 AM
6	Belfast. So much to see and do in a pedestrian area.	9/13/2022 12:05 PM
7	Coastal towns	9/12/2022 6:40 PM
8	Hampden is far from being a "destination town." There is not a lot to do, visit, or participate in in Hampden. We regularly visit Acadia National Park, Campden-Rockland, Bangor, Orono, and the Portland area.	9/8/2022 11:01 AM
9	Bar Harbor, Acadia National Park, Fort Point State Park, Moose Point State Park, Belfast, natural beauty and local cuisine.	9/6/2022 9:50 PM
10	midcoast	9/5/2022 2:10 PM
11	Augusta, has more retail stores for everyday needs	9/4/2022 11:15 AM
12	MDI - Seal Harbor	8/28/2022 9:07 AM
13	Midcoast communities like Belfast - walkable downtown, restaurants/stores, nice parks and walking areas	8/28/2022 7:05 AM
14	Brunswick. More local food and shops and a central area for activities. Lots of holiday activities.	8/16/2022 3:59 AM
15	Bangor, easy to walk, access to stores and multiple options for going out to eat.	8/9/2022 3:00 PM
16	Camden/Rockland have distinct town centers with a variety of things to do for people of all ages.	8/7/2022 6:29 PM
17	Bangor- because it has all the nice restaurants and shops. Stockton Springs and Bucksport even have more cute things than Hampden.	8/7/2022 6:00 PM
18	Anywhere with large trail networks for multi-use. Also southern Maine for the variety in shops and the Trader Joe's in Portland.	8/6/2022 5:51 PM
19	Belfast. Nice town center	8/6/2022 11:58 AM
20	Ellsworth for restaurants - Belfast same.	8/5/2022 11:44 PM
21	Belfast. Nice small coastal city, Northeast Harbor and quiet side of MDI for it's serenity and beauty. Wells Beach Area for beaches and York County sites.	8/5/2022 7:41 PM
22	Lambert Lake, have a camp there.	8/5/2022 1:57 PM
23	Any with access to hiking, skiing, other outdoor activities where I can grab a beer and a bite afterward.	8/5/2022 11:54 AM
24	Glenburn, holden, ellsworth, bar harbor, augusta	8/4/2022 9:12 PM
25	none specifically, all areas have some redeeming feature	8/4/2022 9:04 PM

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26	Camden due to the coastal vibes and closeness of the downtown. They are great for tourism due to their town square ideology but other than that there's nothing.	8/4/2022 9:03 PM
27	Rockland. I like the area and the stores	8/4/2022 8:01 PM
28	Lubec, born and raised. Own a home there also.	8/4/2022 5:49 PM
29	Bar Harbor/portland we like to walk around and see everything and eat.	8/4/2022 5:11 PM
30	Blue Hill peninsula	8/3/2022 6:42 PM
31	Stockton Springs, ME, My "home town".	8/3/2022 5:30 PM
32	Many places to enjoy the natural beauty and recreation opportunities. S Maine to visit family.	8/3/2022 3:19 PM
33	Bar Harbor...restaurants and tourist opportunities	8/3/2022 11:49 AM
34	Many that are quiet and have access to natural resource activities, restaurants, and quality paths to enjoy natural surroundings.	8/3/2022 11:45 AM
35	Westbrook to visit family	7/28/2022 6:32 PM
36	Bangor downtown for its local, small-town restaurants and Brewer for Hannaford (more choices there) and Lowe's.	7/22/2022 1:22 PM
37	Bucksport, friend lives there	7/20/2022 9:26 PM
38	I love to visit the ocean a lot and areas like Belfast and bucksport. There's a nice town feel and also fun shops to enjoy.	7/20/2022 3:31 PM
39	Belfast Sabago	7/20/2022 2:01 PM
40	Bar Harbor, Rockland, Camden, South Portland and Portland, OOB, Freeport, Kittery (shopping, scenery, things to do)	7/20/2022 9:56 AM
41	Coastal	7/20/2022 9:23 AM
42	Blue Hill/Deer Isle, because of the beautiful scenery and interesting people.	7/19/2022 6:07 PM
43	Communities along the mid and Downeast coast in the areas where the traffic is not horrible. We don't enjoy driving in heavy traffic.	7/19/2022 12:01 PM
44	Bangor, has auto services and certain restaurants.	7/19/2022 10:53 AM
45	Orono: access to University of Maine. Bar Harbor: Access to Acadia National Park	7/18/2022 8:10 PM
46	I visit many Maine communities, there is so much to see and do in Maine	7/18/2022 12:55 PM
47	Portland, south portland, brunwick	7/17/2022 12:23 AM
48	Moosehead Lake area, Tidal Falls I like the lack of crowds and tourists.	7/15/2022 1:39 PM
49	Belfast (kids park and dinning options).	7/15/2022 12:07 PM
50	Camden, Belfast, Rockport, Portland. Quaint, walkable towns with access to shopping, eating, and water.	7/15/2022 11:55 AM
51	Southern Maine for shopping	7/15/2022 5:12 AM
52	Portland and coastal. Options and coastal feeling	7/14/2022 10:18 PM
53	Coastal communities, Acadia National Park, Bar Harbor, Bucksport, Belfast, Searsport. I love the coast, Ocean, river walks, hikes, views, restaurants.	7/14/2022 8:13 PM
54	Bangor and Portland-things to do; the coast (like Belfast, owls head area)- water and down town areas; and Greenville - water and mountain activities	7/14/2022 8:08 PM
55	Portland	7/14/2022 7:06 PM
56	Belfast, Mt Desert, Searsport: love the ocean	7/14/2022 4:31 PM
57	Belfast, Ellsworth, MDI, Bethel. They are Strong communities and pedestrian and shopping friendly. And healthy communities with diverse and healthy food.	7/14/2022 3:38 PM

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58	Freeport/Portland, more to do with great breweries	7/14/2022 2:28 PM
59	Coastal areas . We like the ocean	7/14/2022 11:38 AM
60	Southern Maine - OOB, Wells, Arundel Coastal - Belfast, Rockland, Bar Harbor, Damariscotta, Newcastle, etc Western/North - Bridgton, Sunday River, Byron, Anson, Jackman, Greenville, Lee, Millinocket, Presque Isle, Downeast many, many, many places	7/13/2022 5:51 PM
61	Millinockett, for nature	7/13/2022 5:08 PM
62	Searsport. Ocean parks for families but can also grab food near parks	7/13/2022 4:19 PM
63	Fairfield, Oakland, Belgrade, Rome	7/12/2022 11:20 PM
64	Orono...Collins center	7/12/2022 8:55 PM
65	Camden and belfast. Central place with restaurants and stores. Greta parks and feeling	7/10/2022 9:49 PM
66	Brunswick/Topsham, Ellsworth, Greenville, Portland	7/4/2022 7:42 AM
67	Greenville, Portland, Brunswick, Bar Harbor & MDI in off-season	7/2/2022 4:21 PM
68	Camden, Machias, Damariscotta, Belfast because of the coast. Orono, Manchester lake access. Rangeley, Greenville, Patton because of the mountains. Blue Hill for coast and hiking.	7/2/2022 12:21 PM
69	I don't travel much.	7/2/2022 9:24 AM
70	midcoast towns for restaurants, friends	6/30/2022 2:39 PM
71	Orrington, because friends live there	6/30/2022 9:41 AM
72	don't travel now	6/30/2022 8:35 AM
73	Belfast.....great shopping, restaurant, certain medical specialists	6/30/2022 6:43 AM
74	Any with shorelines and woods.	6/29/2022 11:17 PM
75	Portland - diversity	6/29/2022 8:19 PM
76	Piscataquis county. Because there are no people there.	6/29/2022 5:26 PM
77	Washington County because of the rural nature and beautiful ocean views and trails.	6/29/2022 4:48 PM
78	Northeast and Southwest Harbors , Camden, Blue Hill, Ellsworth	6/29/2022 4:39 PM
79	Belfast diversity of downtown shopping	6/29/2022 4:29 PM
80	Orono - feel welcome	6/29/2022 4:07 PM
81	Downeast communities. Lack of crowds and no traffic congestion.	6/29/2022 4:03 PM
82	Belfast. Walkable to all needs	6/29/2022 3:52 PM
83	Camden - small shops Belfast - small shops	6/29/2022 3:38 PM
84	Bar harbor	6/29/2022 3:37 PM
85	Orono for the university. The Atlantic coast for the scenery, hiking and the ocean.	6/29/2022 3:26 PM
86	Millinocket and Winter Harbor. We have family camps at both.	6/29/2022 2:27 PM
87	Coastal towns for access to the ocean.	6/29/2022 6:09 AM
88	Portland. Nice mall, Trader Joe's. Great restaurants.	6/27/2022 10:39 PM
89	Belfast. It hosts a lot a walking and local shops.	6/27/2022 7:28 PM
90	Bath, Maine and Brunswick, Maine because of its unique shops and ample downtown. Portland for Trader Joe's. Greenville for the shops and lakeside atmosphere.	6/27/2022 4:07 PM
91	Ogunquit----The Theater	6/27/2022 2:20 PM
92	Brunswick Maine. Beautiful residential neighborhoods, walking paths throughout the community.	6/26/2022 7:34 PM

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93	Greenville. Small, quiet . People get along. Hampden is too snobby. Hampden has a lot of people that are not from Maine. Out of staters move to Hampden and try to make it theirs.	6/25/2022 9:23 PM
94	Bangor, because there are restaurants and shopping.	6/25/2022 8:00 PM
95	Bar harbor. Vintage candy store, and cute restaurants	6/25/2022 10:02 AM
96	Bucksport	6/25/2022 9:30 AM
97	Mt Desert off season, ocean, beauty, hiking, Bangor waterfront walking food trucks, restaurants, Bangor forest trails, Bangor Band, Fourth of July fireworks over the river, large grocery stores, health food store, shopping, Brewer river walk, dining outdoors riverside	6/24/2022 9:25 PM
98	Bar harbor	6/24/2022 6:56 PM
99	Bangor and Brewer. Mostly out of convenience and habit	6/24/2022 9:01 AM
100	Lubec for ocean trails	6/24/2022 6:32 AM
101	Portland for events/sites, Millinocket/Katahdin region for outdoor adventures	6/23/2022 11:44 PM
102	Rockland	6/23/2022 9:34 PM
103	Orono for family and the trampoline park.	6/23/2022 9:34 PM
104	Caribou - family Brewer riverwalk	6/23/2022 9:00 PM
105	Orono and Scarborough because they have rock climbing gyms, Eddington/Ellsworth area because of the lakes for kayaking and swimming, Acadia national park area for hiking,	6/23/2022 8:33 PM
106	Belfast, Camden, Rockport - all due to ocean access	6/23/2022 8:06 PM
107	Pine Point in Scarborough, Belfast, Greenville	6/23/2022 4:03 PM
108	Rangeley- family camp on lake- lots of great restaurants with outdoor dining- all local places	6/23/2022 3:48 PM
109	Brewer hockey	6/23/2022 2:36 PM
110	Caribou, Westbrook, Windham, Kennebunk - family; Old Orchard Beach, Belfast - scenery and walking opportunities	6/23/2022 2:05 PM
111	Portland shopping restaurants cultural. Orono, Bar Harbor, The forks and More rural towns for hiking and camping	6/23/2022 2:01 PM
112	Kennebunkport, Biddeford	6/23/2022 1:56 PM
113	Stonington. Common sense people an family	6/23/2022 1:54 PM
114	Waterville for Museum; (BTW Bangor museum is great)	6/23/2022 1:50 PM
115	Acadia/Bar Harbor. The trails and outdoor opportunities.	6/23/2022 1:24 PM
116	Freeport, bar harbor, kittery	6/23/2022 1:11 PM
117	Freeport - outlet shopping	6/23/2022 12:55 PM
118	Bar Harbor, Holden, Eddington, Freeport, Fryeburg, Naples, Casco, Windham	6/23/2022 12:53 PM
119	Blue Hill. Quaint but still nice shops and restaurants.	6/23/2022 12:22 PM
120	Bangor, services Brewer, shopping	6/23/2022 11:48 AM
121	Ellsworth. I love Ellsworth - the playground has real bathrooms, the splash pad is great, and then one can park downtown and walk among the library and family-friendly places to eat and window-shop (or even really shop)	6/23/2022 11:05 AM
122	Jackson, parents live there. Portland for trader Joes	6/23/2022 10:59 AM
123	Portland - Fun/Family, Cumberland - Family, Corinna - Family, Dixfield - Family, and Brunswick - Fun	6/23/2022 10:56 AM
124	Bangor for shopping and children events, Baxter Park region for swimming and recreation, Acadia region for swimming and recreation	6/23/2022 10:25 AM

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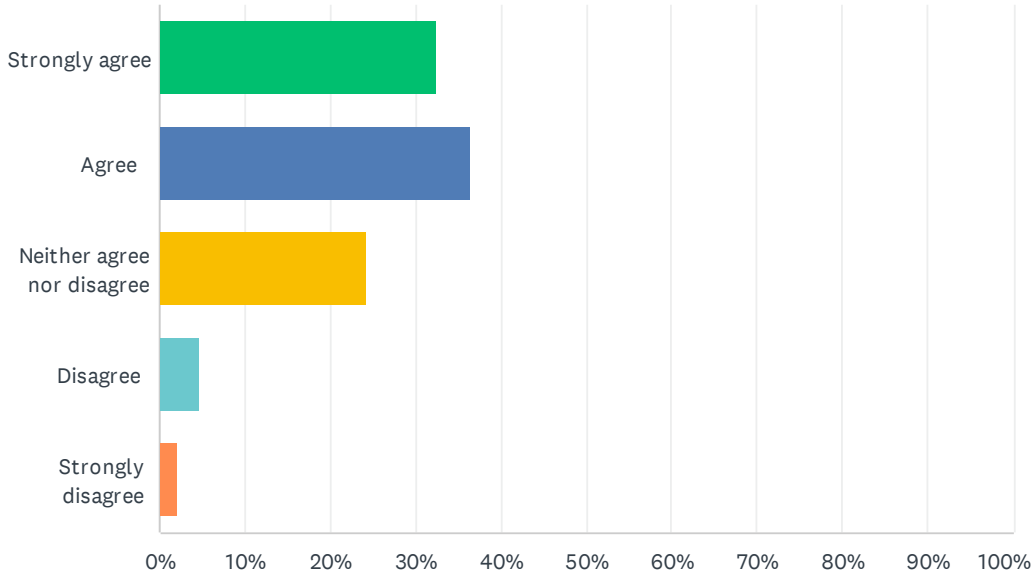
125	Portland, beaches, kids activities	6/23/2022 10:16 AM
126	Coastal communities with easy access to water. Hampden needs a better boat ramp with access to the Penobscot River. This is a place many people go and while the parking is grand, the boat ramp needs to be improved. Additional lanes need to be added and they need to change the direction to go further into the river to allow large vessels to launch during low tides.	6/23/2022 10:00 AM
127	The ocean.	6/23/2022 9:49 AM
128	Nice parks within a 30 minute drive for playground facilities or just a to be outside and let the kids run.	6/23/2022 9:30 AM
129	Orono, great down district.	6/23/2022 9:18 AM
130	Belfast has a great downtown.	6/23/2022 9:07 AM
131	Belfast Because it's pretty	6/23/2022 8:38 AM
132	Coastal communities with family	6/23/2022 8:38 AM
133	Sebago lakes region...easy access to water	6/23/2022 8:35 AM
134	Belfast, Bar Harbor for the Gilmore Girls vibe (which is a major draw for many out of towners looking for quaint, community, and cute) Portland for the ethnic and melting pot of cultures.	6/23/2022 8:32 AM
135	Bar Harbor, it is fun to walk around and see everything. Lots to do. Accessible on foot.	6/23/2022 8:28 AM
136	Ellsworth Camden	6/23/2022 8:28 AM
137	Newport. I have family there	6/23/2022 8:14 AM
138	Coastal towns. We like the quiet beaches.	6/23/2022 7:55 AM
139	Coastal communities - lots of access to actives	6/23/2022 7:45 AM
140	Bangor- city forest- and stores, splash pads Belfast- walk-ability of downtown	6/23/2022 7:38 AM
141	MDI; my husband and I are both originally from there but moved to Hampden for our careers.	6/23/2022 7:35 AM
142	Belfast and Ellsworth	6/23/2022 7:28 AM
143	mdi	6/23/2022 7:21 AM
144	Belfast, Freeport, Portland	6/23/2022 7:01 AM
145	Portland - Trader Joe's and play it again sports	6/22/2022 11:38 PM
146	Bar Harbor	6/22/2022 11:24 PM
147	Acadia it's beautiful	6/22/2022 11:15 PM
148	Biddeford Pool, Western Maine, Schoodic Peninsula for outdoor recreation and natural beauty	6/22/2022 10:19 PM
149	Coastal towns/ good restaurants & the ocean	6/22/2022 10:07 PM
150	Bar harbor, Ellsworth, Rockland, Naples, windham, Newport,	6/22/2022 10:06 PM
151	Orono and bangor have more cultural opportunities Cathance lake has lots of natual areas	6/22/2022 9:25 PM
152	Anywhere near the coast, preferably when there are limited number of tourists. Often best to go "off season"	6/22/2022 9:01 PM
153	The county to see God's country	6/22/2022 8:35 PM
154	Belfast. Quaint local shops.	6/22/2022 8:21 PM
155	Lubec	6/22/2022 8:16 PM
156	Lubec, quiet, not a lot of tourists, family connections	6/22/2022 8:14 PM
157	Northern Maine	6/22/2022 8:01 PM
158	Aroostook County, to visit family	6/22/2022 7:58 PM

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159	Portland and Freeport, lots of things to do there.	6/22/2022 7:14 PM
160	Belfast, love the food. Bangor, enjoy the variety of restaurants and breweries.	6/22/2022 6:55 PM
161	Belfast - great restaurant choices and waterfront events MDI communities - hiking and restaurant choices	6/22/2022 6:45 PM
162	Camden; walkable with a beautiful view and easier to access water in that area	6/22/2022 6:21 PM
163	Bar Harbor, York	6/22/2022 6:12 PM
164	Camden for the atmosphere. Outdoor restaurants in Bangor brewer	6/22/2022 6:04 PM
165	State parks, Acadia, fairs	6/22/2022 6:04 PM
166	Mid coast and Portland	6/22/2022 5:52 PM
167	Portland, Scarborough, Augusta, Bangor -good food & shopping resources	6/22/2022 5:41 PM
168	Belfast, rockland, deer isle Prefer beaches	6/22/2022 5:28 PM
169	Belfast - nice downtown area	6/22/2022 5:22 PM
170	Bar Harbor, Belfast, Rockland Camden, Orono. We love the amazing dinning options, easy access to outdoor recreation.	6/22/2022 5:14 PM
171	Lamoine, Portland. Family.	6/22/2022 5:11 PM
172	Bangor - Entertainment, restaurants, breweries	6/22/2022 5:00 PM
173	Freeport, shopping and recreation/dining. Any other coastal communities for the dining and shopping	6/22/2022 4:58 PM
174	Greenville, the coast	6/22/2022 4:55 PM
175	Bar Harbor, Hallowell, Augusta, Portland - all walkable with a mixture of different activities to partake in	6/22/2022 10:24 AM
176	Western for hiking and coastal for views and downtown feels	6/21/2022 11:25 AM

Q53 Do you agree with the following statement: "The Town of Hampden should encourage greater economic development"

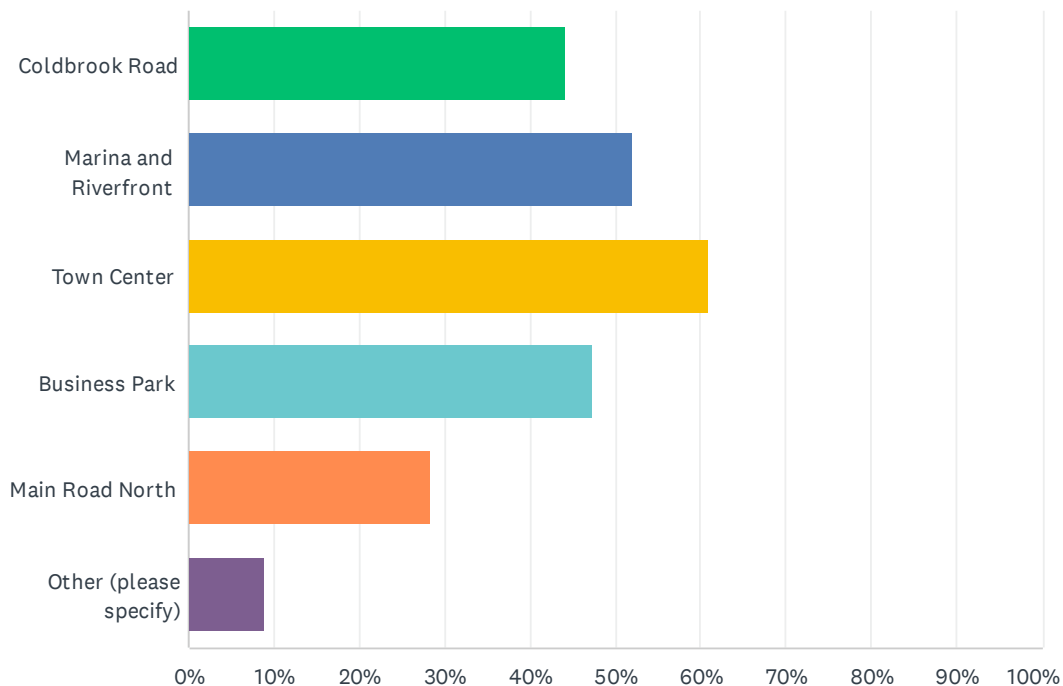
Answered: 275 Skipped: 96



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	32.36%	89
Agree	36.36%	100
Neither agree nor disagree	24.36%	67
Disagree	4.73%	13
Strongly disagree	2.18%	6
TOTAL		275

Q54 Where would you like to see greater economic development in the Town of Hampden? (Check all that apply)

Answered: 254 Skipped: 117



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Coldbrook Road	44.09% 112
Marina and Riverfront	51.97% 132
Town Center	61.02% 155
Business Park	47.24% 120
Main Road North	28.35% 72
Other (please specify)	9.06% 23
Total Respondents: 254	

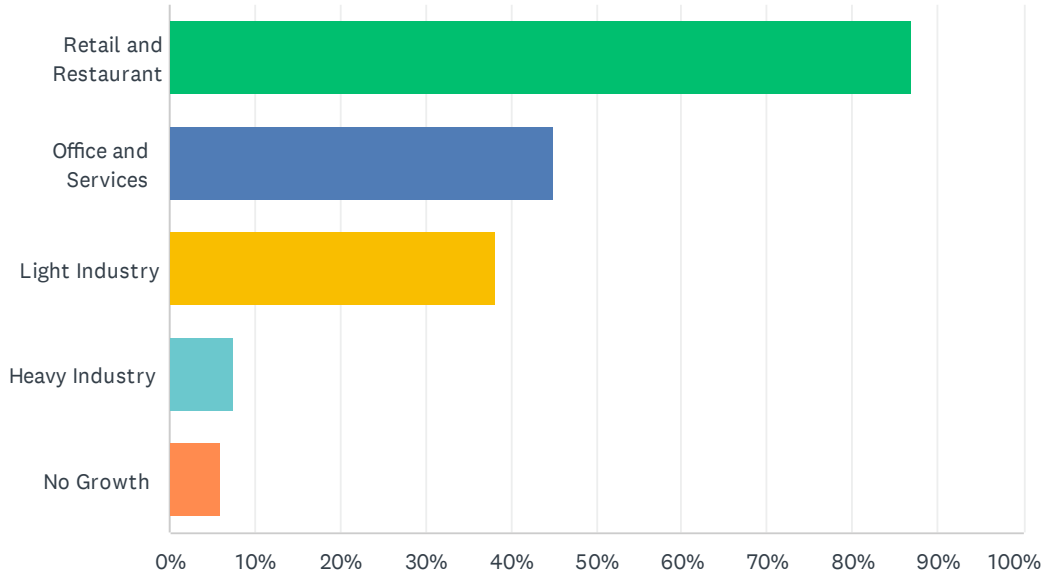
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	202, lots of space for a YMCA or a large Hannaford or tractor supply, etc.	9/19/2022 10:18 AM
2	Would love walking paths/ bike path/ river walk	9/18/2022 3:16 PM
3	The areas entrepreneurs identify as suitable locations.	9/14/2022 9:24 AM
4	Above the objections of many in Hamden (from previous comprehensive plans), the town built a Business Park. Let's build out that Industrial Park before we destroy additional open space areas in town. Part of the Industrial Park is still forested. Why don't we balance development with equal acreage of open space where Hampden residents (or those from other towns) may visit and recreate? Why not a Town Forest to help educate our youth about the environment and help with climate change?	9/8/2022 11:01 AM

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5	Main Road South	9/6/2022 9:50 PM
6	202	8/7/2022 6:00 PM
7	Western ave past mayo rd	8/4/2022 9:03 PM
8	Hampden Business park	8/3/2022 9:10 PM
9	All of the above ... depends on the type of development	8/3/2022 3:19 PM
10	Don't break what isn't broken. The town is fine the way it is.	7/19/2022 12:01 PM
11	WE need a downtown, something more than Circle K and a bird infested old ratty buildings.	7/14/2022 10:18 PM
12	None.	6/29/2022 11:17 PM
13	Access to Penobscot from Hanpden with pier for fishing and boat launch.	6/29/2022 4:07 PM
14	Corner of western/main	6/23/2022 1:56 PM
15	Western Avenue	6/23/2022 9:18 AM
16	Concentrate on getting that trash faciity up and running	6/23/2022 8:38 AM
17	Get rid of broken buildings & put something better there	6/23/2022 8:28 AM
18	town square with upscale restaurants and boutique shops	6/23/2022 8:28 AM
19	I don't know what that statement implies. What is greater economic development?	6/23/2022 7:38 AM
20	All	6/22/2022 10:07 PM
21	9 and 1A "IS" the town center	6/22/2022 8:40 PM
22	Western ave	6/22/2022 8:21 PM
23	Affordable housing	6/22/2022 6:04 PM

Q55 What type of economic development should the Town of Hampden encourage? (Check all that apply)

Answered: 267 Skipped: 104



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Retail and Restaurant	86.89%	232
Office and Services	44.94%	120
Light Industry	38.20%	102
Heavy Industry	7.49%	20
No Growth	5.99%	16
Total Respondents: 267		

Q56 What types of businesses would you like to see in the Town of Hampden?

Answered: 138 Skipped: 233

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Chick filet, panera bread, applebees/99/ruby tuesday. Harvest moon deli.	9/19/2022 10:18 AM
2	I would like to see more technology companies and some unique retail shops.	9/14/2022 10:05 PM
3	Support entrepreneurs with their creative ideas for type of business and suitable location.	9/14/2022 9:24 AM
4	A Reny's Department Store. More diner-type restaurants.	9/13/2022 12:05 PM
5	Small businesses that make our town more attractive to visitors. Hamden is not a destination town. It's reputation is more as a bedroom community for businesses in the greater Bangor area and it is well known for its quality of schools. Most people leave town to recreate because there is little infrastructure here to attract visitors. The easiest way to attract visitors would be to protect significant areas of open space and develop recreational opportunities there (nice cross-country ski and hiking trails, nature interpretation, infrastructure to promote outdoor recreation - birding, hiking, hunting and fishing, safe places for children and families to spend time outdoors instead of in their homes on various screens. Nature-based and small businesses would be preferable to the trash incinerator and other large, industrial business.	9/8/2022 11:01 AM
6	Restaurants, Cafe's, Retail, Technology, manufacturing.	9/6/2022 9:50 PM
7	national transportation businesses on Coldbrook	9/5/2022 2:10 PM
8	Food, local services meaning very little big retailers	8/16/2022 3:59 AM
9	manufacturing	8/9/2022 4:18 PM
10	Restaurants Outdoor recreation	8/9/2022 3:00 PM
11	A box store such as Walmart	8/7/2022 11:28 PM
12	Small coffee shop, restaurants, boutiques, and shops.	8/7/2022 6:29 PM
13	Restaurants and a gym at the very least	8/7/2022 6:00 PM
14	Bike shop, any food variety we don't have	8/6/2022 5:51 PM
15	Pubs and restaurants	8/6/2022 11:58 AM
16	Retail, restsurant, entertainment. - gathering spaces	8/5/2022 11:44 PM
17	This survey is too long.....	8/5/2022 7:41 PM
18	I feel I've answered this several times already--small, local businesses.	8/5/2022 11:54 AM
19	McDonald's	8/4/2022 10:49 PM
20	Retail	8/4/2022 10:25 PM
21	Irish pub, Tim Horton's	8/4/2022 9:59 PM
22	Tyler technogies should go to Hampdens business park off of 202, NOT Orono . Same with Amazon (Not Portland area)	8/4/2022 9:12 PM
23	Coffee shop/ light lunch or unique chain	8/4/2022 9:03 PM
24	Whole Foods	8/4/2022 8:01 PM
25	Boutiques/shops would be great, just any sort of downtown in general would be awesome. There's nothing here we always have to leave to go to bangor or other towns to eat or do just about anything.	8/4/2022 5:11 PM

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26	Small businesses like maybe a sports restaurant where you can go and play corn hole sit outside have some lunch	8/4/2022 5:04 PM
27	Restaurants. Medical facilities. Small specialty stores	8/3/2022 11:49 AM
28	Restaurants and shops	7/22/2022 1:22 PM
29	Family restaurant	7/21/2022 5:55 AM
30	More restaurants that are open later than 8pm	7/20/2022 3:31 PM
31	Dining / gathering	7/20/2022 2:01 PM
32	A decent bookstore/coffee shop that people will actually support (if you can pry them away from their laptops/video games).	7/19/2022 6:07 PM
33	A really good car wash with attendants like the one they have in Old Town just past Governor's Restaurant.	7/19/2022 12:01 PM
34	Recreation and fun	7/19/2022 10:53 AM
35	Restaurants especially!!!	7/18/2022 8:10 PM
36	Restaurant	7/17/2022 12:23 AM
37	Health food, fitness.	7/15/2022 12:07 PM
38	Brewery, laundry services, specialty shops (could be chain stores) i.e. Einstein bagels, Gourmet food stores, specialty paper stores, coffee shops, NO More pizza places!	7/15/2022 11:55 AM
39	Whole Foods	7/15/2022 5:12 AM
40	Market, Improve what we have	7/14/2022 10:18 PM
41	Maybe recreation (like kayak rentals at the water, or place to store kayaks). Outdoor pool or splash park etc	7/14/2022 8:08 PM
42	Trader Joe's, unique businesses, restaurants, clothing/consignment	7/14/2022 7:06 PM
43	Green and clean	7/14/2022 4:31 PM
44	Retail shops and eateries	7/14/2022 3:56 PM
45	A year round community center as well as stand alone covered market place for farmers markets and holiday market, and community musical events.	7/14/2022 3:38 PM
46	Restaurant	7/14/2022 2:25 PM
47	stores/specialty shops, including better food choices besides Hannaford, brewery or a club, recreational activities such as axe throwing etc, home based businesses, tech businesses, service businesses	7/13/2022 5:51 PM
48	Lodging, restaurants, shops,	7/13/2022 4:19 PM
49	Gym/fitness/spa center, car wash, bar/restaurant.	7/12/2022 11:20 PM
50	Restaurants boutiques apparel art supply	7/10/2022 9:49 PM
51	Retail, independent restaurants (no chains or fast food)	7/4/2022 7:42 AM
52	Those with adequate parking & transportation & non-polluting.	7/2/2022 4:21 PM
53	Tech, restaurants, small businesses	7/2/2022 12:21 PM
54	unsure	7/2/2022 9:24 AM
55	sporting goods	6/30/2022 2:39 PM
56	craft stores coffee shops and restaurants	6/30/2022 11:15 AM
57	car wash	6/30/2022 8:35 AM
58	Retail	6/30/2022 6:43 AM
59	Health food stores.	6/29/2022 11:17 PM

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60	Drive through car wash	6/29/2022 9:21 PM
61	Niche specialty shops	6/29/2022 8:19 PM
62	I'd like to see all the farmland in Hampden remain in farmland and used to the fullest extent possible for growing food produce or as grazing for animals. It should be required that it remain in farming only. It should not be used for other development purposes.	6/29/2022 4:48 PM
63	Cafes, restaurants, retail, ice cream take out, bakeries, speciality foods	6/29/2022 4:39 PM
64	Growth start up building for small manufacturing wnd " home " businesses.	6/29/2022 4:29 PM
65	Dairy Queen, A good Chinese restaurant. A bigger breakfast and lunch restaurant. Family restaurants. A pool Hall.	6/29/2022 4:07 PM
66	No Big Box Stores!!! Hannafords needs to enlarge their Hampden store - not enough parking, aisles are too narrow in the store. We usually go to the Brewer Hannafords for that reason.	6/29/2022 4:03 PM
67	Riverfront dining enclosed winter activities	6/29/2022 3:52 PM
68	More retail shopping	6/29/2022 3:26 PM
69	Another restaurant would be nice. Or a local coffee/tea shop with lattes and desserts. Dunkin is too mainstream, the cafe in town is way too small and busy, and Erickson's is very limited in their menu.	6/29/2022 2:27 PM
70	More restaurants and Trader Joe's.	6/29/2022 6:09 AM
71	Restaurant Cafe	6/27/2022 10:39 PM
72	Renys, Trader Joes, bookstore, toy store, unique coffee shop, another quick food option besides pizza, a restaurant open on Mondays	6/27/2022 4:07 PM
73	Restaurants, retail, a grocery store where the food doesn't rot in two days, a gym.	6/25/2022 8:00 PM
74	More small owned businesses. I grew up in Sweden and had a small town hardware store with a dog named Axel. I still remember that place and the dog. I half moved here because Ericksons reminded me of that place and I wanted those memories for my kids. We need better encouragement for small businesses that put back into the community and value isn't always just money.	6/25/2022 10:02 AM
75	Restaurants, gyms, cafes, retail shops	6/25/2022 9:30 AM
76	Trader Joe's on Coldbrook Road or a larger grocery store, SuperCuts, BJ's in the industrial park, Chic Filet	6/24/2022 9:25 PM
77	high tech businesses to bring and retain younger people w/ college educations	6/24/2022 6:59 PM
78	More entertainment type businesses. I would love to see a game/hobby type store	6/24/2022 9:01 AM
79	Small shopd	6/24/2022 6:32 AM
80	Small businesses, boutiques, restaurants	6/23/2022 11:44 PM
81	I would like to see more focus on existing development areas (center/business park) rather than continuous expansion/loss of wildlife corridors	6/23/2022 10:30 PM
82	More restaurants.	6/23/2022 9:34 PM
83	More restaurants but also don't want housing developments everywhere to prevent rural living and lifestyle	6/23/2022 9:00 PM
84	A classy little restaurant, or brewery	6/23/2022 8:44 PM
85	Ethnic restaurants	6/23/2022 8:33 PM
86	Restaurants	6/23/2022 5:33 PM
87	Fine dining local restaurants/ breweries, wineries, boutiques	6/23/2022 3:48 PM
88	More restaurants, and things to do.	6/23/2022 2:02 PM
89	Restaurants, a place for kids to go, small businesses, retail	6/23/2022 2:01 PM

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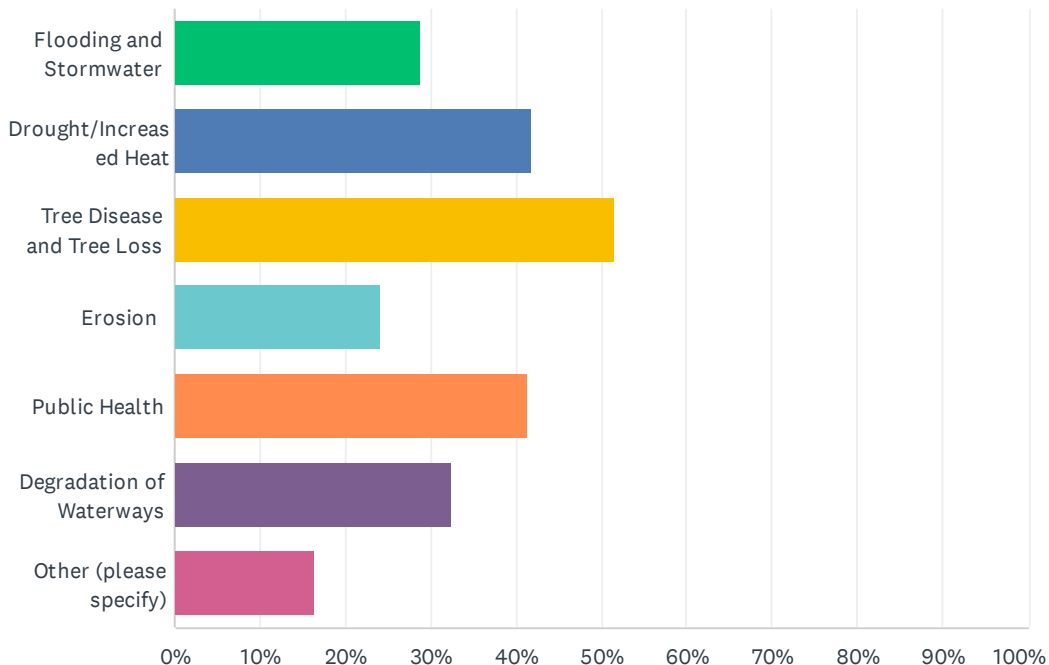
90	More restaurants and shops	6/23/2022 1:56 PM
91	More restaurants; coffee shops with internet like Wicked Brew; Art galleries, Art studios to do art together; Senior community center to do cards and art. Would love a peace & justice center; outside groups coming into Hampden Academy to do art and dancing. Would love offerings at night so I could see a movie or do a class - Hampden Academy is a great venue.	6/23/2022 1:50 PM
92	Ice rink, specialty shops, bakery, fast food and more restaurants	6/23/2022 1:11 PM
93	Outlet shopping and restaurant/bar	6/23/2022 12:55 PM
94	Shared space - some offices/some apartments on coldbrook rd	6/23/2022 12:53 PM
95	Restaurants, shops.	6/23/2022 12:22 PM
96	Self-sustaining businesses.	6/23/2022 11:48 AM
97	A variety that will support people earning enough to live around here. Not too much - the town shouldn't grow a lot. But staying up to date and high-quality.	6/23/2022 11:05 AM
98	Local Artisans, local food growers, I don't really want any big box, but teader joes would be AMAZING and would absolutely bring people from other towns. Many travel to Portland to go. Huge opportunity. Fits the local food, organic, sustainability goals of the majority in hampden.	6/23/2022 10:59 AM
99	More Tech. It does great already, but investing into Tech development will be a huge benefit in the short term and even bigger long term.	6/23/2022 10:56 AM
100	Restaurants	6/23/2022 10:00 AM
101	McDonnell's or Burger King.	6/23/2022 8:43 AM
102	Nothing that would impact the small town feel	6/23/2022 8:38 AM
103	Not lacking anything	6/23/2022 8:38 AM
104	Events and festivals. This would mean a community park that could be multi purpose.	6/23/2022 8:32 AM
105	More grocery options, services, restaurants, etc.	6/23/2022 8:28 AM
106	upscale restaurants boutique shops high-end car dealerships make Hampden a luxury stopover for MDI visitors arriving from the airport	6/23/2022 8:28 AM
107	More places to eat and play!	6/23/2022 7:45 AM
108	I guess a restaurant or bar in a walkable town center would be nice but we don't have a town center.	6/23/2022 7:38 AM
109	Retail and restaurants with walking access to the riverfront	6/23/2022 7:38 AM
110	A coffee shop where people can meet up, grab sandwiches to go, use the wifi to complete work. A store to grab a gift for a last minute party. Restaurant options.	6/23/2022 7:35 AM
111	More restaurants	6/23/2022 7:28 AM
112	senior center	6/23/2022 7:21 AM
113	Restaurants, unique shops	6/22/2022 11:38 PM
114	Restaurant	6/22/2022 11:24 PM
115	A few more restaurants would be nice.	6/22/2022 10:23 PM
116	Any	6/22/2022 10:07 PM
117	Those that will lower the tax burden on residents but NOT attracts those that have drug/alcohol and substances issues.	6/22/2022 10:06 PM
118	Cultural and restaurant	6/22/2022 9:25 PM
119	Restaurants - not fast food. Outdoor Recreation based businesses.	6/22/2022 9:01 PM
120	Restaurants that seat more than 10 people at a time, thrift stores.	6/22/2022 8:21 PM
121	Pub... restaurant with a bar, local dinner in town center	6/22/2022 8:07 PM

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122	Restaurants, healthcare, manufacturing	6/22/2022 8:06 PM
123	More restaurant and department stores	6/22/2022 7:58 PM
124	We have a little bit of everything so I feel we are well rounded as is.	6/22/2022 7:34 PM
125	Destination places, things that will bring people to Hampden. Places like a Whole Foods, Starbucks, or Panera Bread. We need more nice places to shop and shouldn't be giving that stuff away to other towns. I'm tired of having to drive to do ANYTHING.	6/22/2022 7:14 PM
126	Various restaurants.	6/22/2022 6:55 PM
127	I'd like to see primarily restaurants (non-chain) and small shops.	6/22/2022 6:45 PM
128	Bakery and pub	6/22/2022 6:21 PM
129	Restaurants and shops	6/22/2022 6:12 PM
130	I think the triangle formed by Rt 202, Coldbrook Rd and I-95 should be developed into all kinds of businesses. light and heavy, we need jobs and a tax base. Closer to town and the schools should developed affordable housing for new families and older folks. The 4 Mile square should be opened up for development. Having housing close to the school would be a draw. Mixed housing such as condos would be a plus.	6/22/2022 6:04 PM
131	Retail and restaurants	6/22/2022 5:52 PM
132	Stated previous	6/22/2022 5:28 PM
133	Healthy sandwich and smoothie restaurant, upscale restaurant, shopping plaza, kids indoor playspace	6/22/2022 5:22 PM
134	Restaurants, services, entertainment, honestly we need more of everything. Our tax base faces a heavy burden when it comes to increasing municipal services. Any buisness would be great. Other than weed shops and storage units. The area has plenty of those.	6/22/2022 5:14 PM
135	Restaurants. Family businesses like Erickson's and Hampden Hardware	6/22/2022 5:11 PM
136	Brewery, Taproom, Bar/entertainment venue	6/22/2022 5:00 PM
137	Fast food establishments, more places to eat	6/22/2022 4:55 PM
138	restaurants, boutiques	6/21/2022 11:25 AM

Q57 What climate change issues are you concerned about in the Town of Hampden? (Check all that apply)

Answered: 225 Skipped: 146



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Flooding and Stormwater	28.89% 65
Drought/Increased Heat	41.78% 94
Tree Disease and Tree Loss	51.56% 116
Erosion	24.00% 54
Public Health	41.33% 93
Degradation of Waterways	32.44% 73
Other (please specify)	16.44% 37
Total Respondents: 225	

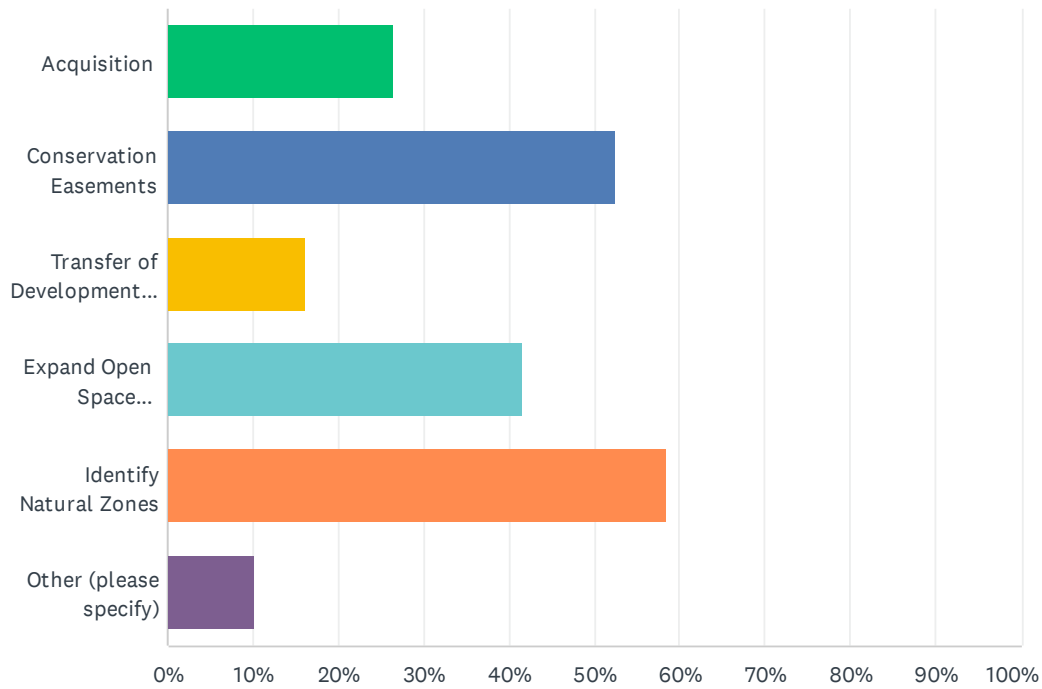
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	If the building code doesn't require very well insulated homes, it should be amended. "In 2019, cold temperatures killed nearly four times as many people as warm temperatures, according to a new study from the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluations,"	9/14/2022 9:51 AM
2	These choices miss the most obvious and important climate change issue - how can our community and municipal government develop to become carbon neutral? Why are there no solar panels on our municipal roofs? Why are we not planting and maintaining trees? Why do we have ordinances that allow developers to level forested lots before they build? Why don't we encourage more cluster development with common open spaces (as we did in the past when we had a Conservation Commission and progressive Planning Board).	9/8/2022 11:15 AM

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3	Fuel prices, Hampden should put natural gas as far into the town as they can	8/7/2022 6:01 PM
4	this doesn't concern me	8/5/2022 1:59 PM
5	None	8/4/2022 9:13 PM
6	Brown Tail Moths	8/3/2022 9:11 PM
7	Sources of renewable energy - residential & commercial	8/3/2022 3:24 PM
8	Climate change is a hoax.	8/3/2022 11:51 AM
9	We're not concerned. The window of opportunity closed about 30 years ago on climate change. It's unstoppable now. Get over it.	7/19/2022 12:05 PM
10	None	7/17/2022 12:26 AM
11	Not concerned about climate change issues	7/14/2022 7:09 PM
12	None	7/14/2022 2:25 PM
13	Hope Hampden doesn't provide illegal immigrant housing	6/30/2022 6:49 AM
14	Ticks.	6/29/2022 11:22 PM
15	Climate change is not proven science.	6/29/2022 5:29 PM
16	One big concern I have is that we don't know enough about what all these windmills and solar panels are doing to the environment, except that we do know windmills are killing a LOT of birds. I also know windmills do not have any payback, i.e., they wear out before you can ever pay the cost of putting them up. Solar Panels put a lot of heat into the environment, heat that is rising, and causing who knows how much damage.	6/29/2022 4:55 PM
17	The window for doing something about climate change closed about 30 years ago. We stopped worrying about something that is now unstoppable. Sorry.	6/29/2022 4:12 PM
18	Lyme Disease	6/27/2022 4:09 PM
19	Trees	6/25/2022 10:05 AM
20	ticks and brown tail moth	6/23/2022 12:54 PM
21	Browntail moths!!	6/23/2022 11:07 AM
22	None	6/23/2022 9:32 AM
23	Stop pushing climate change agenda.	6/23/2022 9:09 AM
24	Increase of tick/brown tail moth	6/23/2022 8:38 AM
25	Increase in ticks	6/23/2022 7:56 AM
26	Huh	6/23/2022 7:39 AM
27	Brown Tail Moth infestation	6/23/2022 7:36 AM
28	Ticks	6/22/2022 10:08 PM
29	Degradation of roads. You can only cold patch for so long.	6/22/2022 8:23 PM
30	Brown tail moth infestation	6/22/2022 7:35 PM
31	None	6/22/2022 6:58 PM
32	Increase in browntail moths	6/22/2022 6:47 PM
33	None	6/22/2022 6:13 PM
34	None of these I see as a problem	6/22/2022 6:02 PM
35	None	6/22/2022 5:54 PM
36	Ticks!	6/22/2022 5:29 PM

Q58 Which of the following techniques would you support to protect natural resources? (Check all that apply)

Answered: 185 Skipped: 186



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Acquisition	26.49% 49
Conservation Easements	52.43% 97
Transfer of Development Rights	16.22% 30
Expand Open Space Requirements	41.62% 77
Identify Natural Zones	58.38% 108
Other (please specify)	10.27% 19
Total Respondents: 185	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Keep firmly in mind that land use restrictions push up the cost of land and therefor increases the cost of homes. Lower income people are pushed further and further to the rural areas with cheaper land. Loans use restrictions increase total miles driven and sprawl. How much of that do we want?	9/14/2022 9:51 AM
2	Hampden is far behind similar-sized communities in conservation and open space planning. Unlike other nearby communities, we do not have a functional land trust. We are killing the goose that lays the golden egg. Many Hamden residents live here because of the balance of residential and open space. However, we are losing open space at a fast clip. We have few functioning farms remaining in Hampden. How can we promote farming and producing locally sourced food? There was a knee-jerk reaction to the last Comprehensive Plan that prevented	9/8/2022 11:15 AM

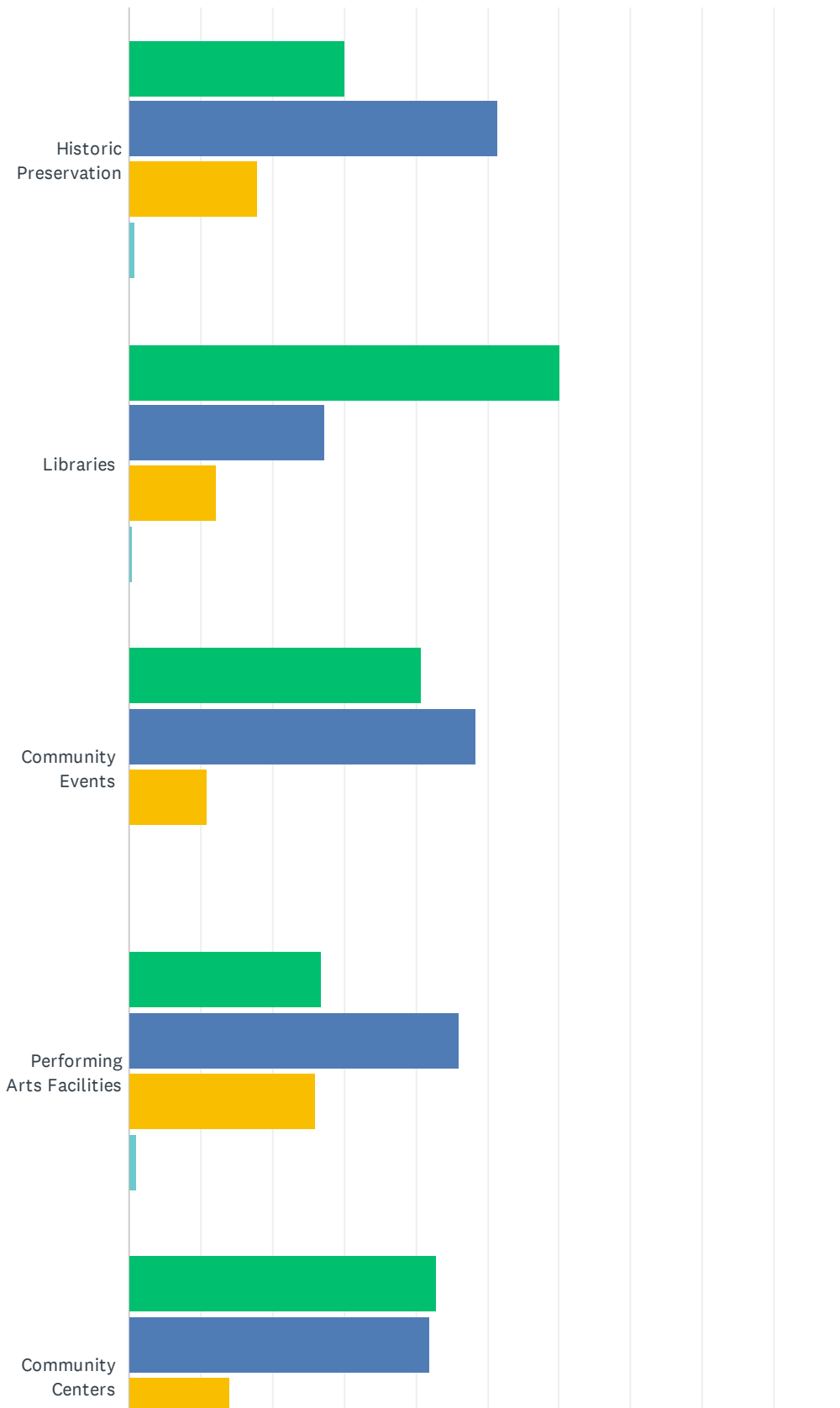
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the town from protecting land. Towns elsewhere in the Bangor area have seen the value of balancing growth with protecting natural areas. Because of their foresight, they are destinations (e.g. Orono, Bangor). Hampden could be also. We need to protect open space to promote a healthy environment for people and wildlife. A good example would be expanding open space opportunities along Soudabscook Stream to promote the return of anadromous fish, eagles and ospreys, but also to provide for higher quality recreational experiences.

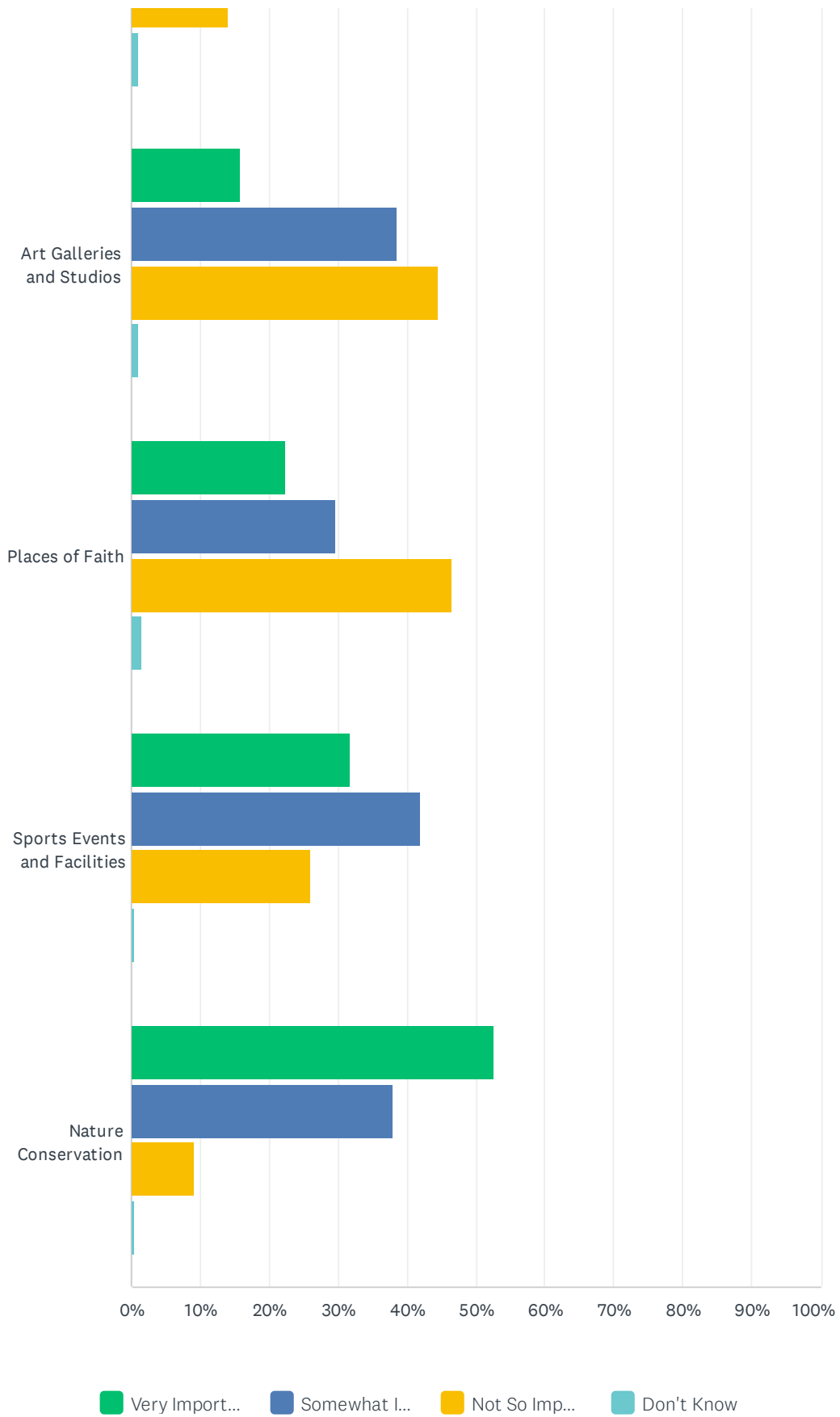
3	too many restrictions and rules already telling people what they can and can't do with their own land	8/5/2022 1:59 PM
4	Not sure	7/15/2022 1:41 PM
5	Remodels instead of new builds	7/15/2022 5:14 AM
6	None of the above	7/14/2022 7:09 PM
7	I don't understand what the above options entail, so can't answer	7/2/2022 9:26 AM
8	Large nature center with educational activities.	6/29/2022 11:22 PM
9	Teach youngsters in the school system about conservation and natural resource protection. Expose them more to the natural world. Stress the importance of STEM courses so they will understand the importance of natural resources.	6/29/2022 4:12 PM
10	I don't support any of these	6/25/2022 8:03 PM
11	I have no idea what any of these even are?	6/24/2022 9:03 AM
12	Tree maintenance	6/23/2022 12:57 PM
13	I don't really know enough to differentiate which of these I think is the best for Hampden. Each could be good, in certain cases.	6/23/2022 11:07 AM
14	I'm not sure.	6/23/2022 10:59 AM
15	I don't know enough about these methods to weigh in, but would be willing to learn	6/23/2022 7:47 AM
16	Proper zoning enforcement	6/22/2022 8:07 PM
17	I don't know	6/22/2022 6:58 PM
18	None	6/22/2022 6:02 PM
19	None	6/22/2022 5:54 PM

Q59 How important are the following cultural resources to you?

Answered: 267 Skipped: 104



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	VERY IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	NOT SO IMPORTANT	DON'T KNOW	TOTAL
Historic Preservation	30.04% 79	51.33% 135	17.87% 47	0.76% 2	263
Libraries	60.08% 158	27.38% 72	12.17% 32	0.38% 1	263
Community Events	40.75% 108	48.30% 128	10.94% 29	0.00% 0	265
Performing Arts Facilities	26.79% 71	46.04% 122	26.04% 69	1.13% 3	265
Community Centers	42.80% 113	42.05% 111	14.02% 37	1.14% 3	264
Art Galleries and Studios	15.85% 42	38.49% 102	44.53% 118	1.13% 3	265
Places of Faith	22.43% 59	29.66% 78	46.39% 122	1.52% 4	263
Sports Events and Facilities	31.68% 83	41.98% 110	25.95% 68	0.38% 1	262
Nature Conservation	52.65% 139	37.88% 100	9.09% 24	0.38% 1	264

Q60 What are your favorite cultural resources in the Town of Hampden?

Answered: 113 Skipped: 258

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The Edythe Dyer Library and Children's Day. I enjoy the plays and concerts at the Hampden Academy Performing Arts Center.	9/14/2022 10:07 PM
2	Library, pool, and park	9/14/2022 1:34 PM
3	The 4 Mile Square. I walk it many days a week.	9/14/2022 9:51 AM
4	Edythe Dyer Community Library	9/13/2022 12:07 PM
5	There are few, because natural and cultural resources are so much better developed in nearby towns. The library is an important resource. I value the Hampden Historical Society (although I do not use it). I most value and cherish the open space (forests and farms) near to my home where I can hike, go bird watching, hunt and fish, and spend time in nature. However, nearly all access is on private land and by permission. There are a few, small town owned parcels that provide these opportunities. There needs to be more and more significant areas.	9/8/2022 11:15 AM
6	Walking four mile square, VFW ball fields, tennis courts etc., The swimming hole that once was a huge community attraction on Souadabscook Stream along Paper Mill Road.	9/6/2022 9:57 PM
7	architectural resources	9/5/2022 2:12 PM
8	?	9/4/2022 11:16 AM
9	Library	8/28/2022 9:09 AM
10	The Reeds Brook trails and the library	8/28/2022 7:06 AM
11	Library	8/16/2022 4:00 AM
12	sport fields	8/9/2022 4:20 PM
13	~none~	8/7/2022 6:01 PM
14	Edythe Dyer Community Library!!!	8/6/2022 9:40 PM
15	The rec center and sports facilities	8/6/2022 5:53 PM
16	We have cultural resources? The library is awesome. Farmer's market is nice.	8/5/2022 11:47 PM
17	This survey is to long.....	8/5/2022 7:43 PM
18	Athletic fields, Laura Hoyt Pool	8/4/2022 9:56 PM
19	Library, reeds Brook walking trail	8/4/2022 9:13 PM
20	Unfortunately hard to say as there's not many, but the farmers market is best	8/4/2022 9:05 PM
21	Don't have any	8/4/2022 8:01 PM
22	The library	8/4/2022 5:05 PM
23	The Hampden Historical Society.	8/3/2022 5:32 PM
24	Parks and Rec facilities and programs; events at the HS arts center; library; non-motorized recreational trails	8/3/2022 3:24 PM
25	none	8/3/2022 11:51 AM
26	HA Performing Arts Center	7/22/2022 1:24 PM
27	Library	7/20/2022 9:28 PM
28	Are there any???	7/19/2022 6:09 PM

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29	The Penobscot River. Well maintained homes, including historic ones.	7/19/2022 12:05 PM
30	Pool, river walk	7/19/2022 10:54 AM
31	Access to Skeehan Center	7/18/2022 8:13 PM
32	Hammond Pond, Trails, Dorothy Dix Park	7/18/2022 12:57 PM
33	Library and schools	7/17/2022 12:26 AM
34	Historical society	7/15/2022 8:38 PM
35	The PAC at HA. We need more shows and acts brought in for the community	7/15/2022 1:41 PM
36	Reeds brook walking trails, Parks.	7/15/2022 11:57 AM
37	The performing arts center at Hampden Academy	7/15/2022 9:34 AM
38	Library and rec center	7/14/2022 8:09 PM
39	Performing art center at the HS, the library	7/14/2022 7:08 PM
40	The library is a sad dark and dank place. Build a new one. And the old Hampden academy is a disgraceful looking mess. Hampden does not have hardly any cultural resources in town.	7/14/2022 3:42 PM
41	Historic buildings, churches	7/14/2022 2:25 PM
42	library, historical society	7/13/2022 5:53 PM
43	Paper Mill Rd park	7/13/2022 4:24 PM
44	Lara Hoyt Center (but the town has outgrown it)	7/12/2022 11:22 PM
45	I don't really think of anything as cultural? Library is a huge resource	7/10/2022 9:50 PM
46	Our library	7/4/2022 7:43 AM
47	LIBRARY	7/2/2022 9:26 AM
48	Edith Dyer library	6/30/2022 3:17 PM
49	Recreation facility, library and gym.	6/30/2022 3:02 PM
50	excellent and unique library in a peaceful wooded setting	6/30/2022 2:42 PM
51	Would like to see more concerts and plays. Also art galleries	6/30/2022 11:18 AM
52	Highly ranked schools	6/30/2022 9:46 AM
53	library	6/30/2022 8:37 AM
54	Don't care	6/30/2022 6:49 AM
55	Not aware of any in Hampden of interest to me.	6/29/2022 11:22 PM
56	Edythe after Library	6/29/2022 9:24 PM
57	Hampden Historical Society performances at Hampden Academy	6/29/2022 8:20 PM
58	A community center and library are both very important, and we already have both that are fully meeting our needs. We'd like to see them maintained as they are for many years to come. We could expand on nature conservation. If we don't conserve our natural spaces now, they won't be there to conserve/preserve later.	6/29/2022 4:55 PM
59	Library, swimming pool	6/29/2022 4:40 PM
60	The library	6/29/2022 4:30 PM
61	library, Penobscot River, Dorothea Dix Park, Park down by the town marina	6/29/2022 4:12 PM
62	Historical Society, Our beautiful Library	6/29/2022 4:10 PM
63	The library	6/29/2022 3:27 PM
64	The library (in its current location) and the Rock Church	6/29/2022 2:29 PM

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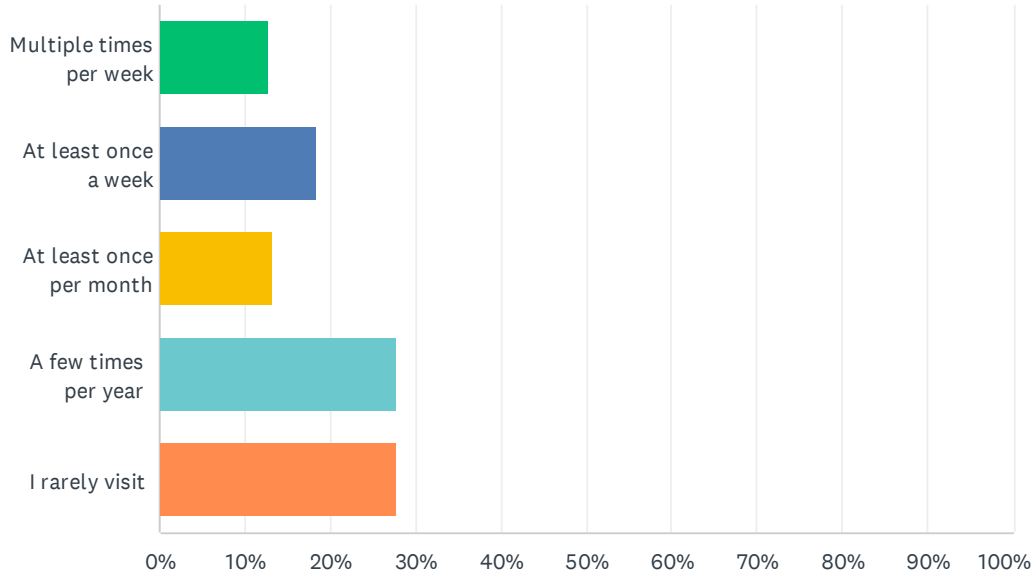
65	There really are not any cultural resources in Hampden.	6/25/2022 8:03 PM
66	There's zero religion where I grew up and I really like the churches and community events they do for the town and how they invite everyone. I would like to see more done to support the historical society and bring in younger members as well. I'd like to see the garden clubs property rented for town events and parties. And I'd like main road n/s to have some sort of historical records available for residents	6/25/2022 10:05 AM
67	Library	6/25/2022 9:31 AM
68	Hampden Historical Society	6/24/2022 9:29 PM
69	Don't know of any	6/24/2022 7:01 PM
70	the library and pool	6/24/2022 7:00 PM
71	I dont know of any	6/24/2022 9:03 AM
72	Have not taken advantage of any since moving here in 2019.	6/23/2022 11:45 PM
73	Library.	6/23/2022 9:36 PM
74	The museum.	6/23/2022 8:45 PM
75	Our church (Discover), the library	6/23/2022 8:34 PM
76	Library	6/23/2022 5:34 PM
77	Edythe Dyer Library, St Matthew's and Highlands Methodist Church, Cole Transportation Museum (although not in Hampden)	6/23/2022 4:06 PM
78	New to the town so haven't explored much yet	6/23/2022 3:50 PM
79	The library is the best, followed by the RSU 22 performing arts faculty/departments	6/23/2022 2:07 PM
80	Hampden Historical society	6/23/2022 1:58 PM
81	THE LIBRARY	6/23/2022 1:51 PM
82	The schools and rec. Center.	6/23/2022 1:15 PM
83	Small churches that do community events	6/23/2022 12:54 PM
84	?	6/23/2022 12:24 PM
85	none	6/23/2022 11:49 AM
86	The library and the schools.	6/23/2022 11:07 AM
87	Paper mill rec area, play grounds for kids, farmers market	6/23/2022 11:01 AM
88	The Library is great! I also like the school's sports culture as well.	6/23/2022 10:59 AM
89	N/A	6/23/2022 10:01 AM
90	The library	6/23/2022 9:09 AM
91	Library; programs through Hampden Rec; Historical Society	6/23/2022 8:40 AM
92	Are there any? Other than the library?	6/23/2022 8:34 AM
93	The pool and rec. Looking forward to visiting the Historical Society this summer as well	6/23/2022 7:47 AM
94	I love the library	6/23/2022 7:42 AM
95	HA performing arts center	6/23/2022 7:41 AM
96	Library and Historical Society	6/23/2022 7:02 AM
97	The library	6/23/2022 5:50 AM
98	Not aware of many, usually go to Bangor or Orono	6/22/2022 10:08 PM
99	The farmers market, the historical society, and garden club	6/22/2022 10:08 PM

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100	Edith dyer library, lura hoit pool, HA performing arts center.	6/22/2022 9:26 PM
101	Natural resources like the parks and access to bodies of water. Papermill Park is beautiful and beloved!	6/22/2022 9:04 PM
102	Library, historic society	6/22/2022 8:23 PM
103	Bars, restaurants, adult sports,	6/22/2022 8:17 PM
104	Marina	6/22/2022 8:07 PM
105	I'm not sure what cultural resources we have. The school? It's pretty bleak, culturally.	6/22/2022 7:16 PM
106	The privacy and safety of my neighborhood.	6/22/2022 6:58 PM
107	Hampden Historical Society	6/22/2022 6:47 PM
108	Historical Society	6/22/2022 6:13 PM
109	Events held at the schools	6/22/2022 6:07 PM
110	There really aren't any except at Hampden Academy	6/22/2022 5:54 PM
111	Library	6/22/2022 5:23 PM
112	I didn't know there were any.	6/22/2022 5:12 PM
113	Performing arts center at the high school. The historical center	6/22/2022 4:57 PM

Q61 How often do you visit parks and recreation facilities in the Town of Hampden?

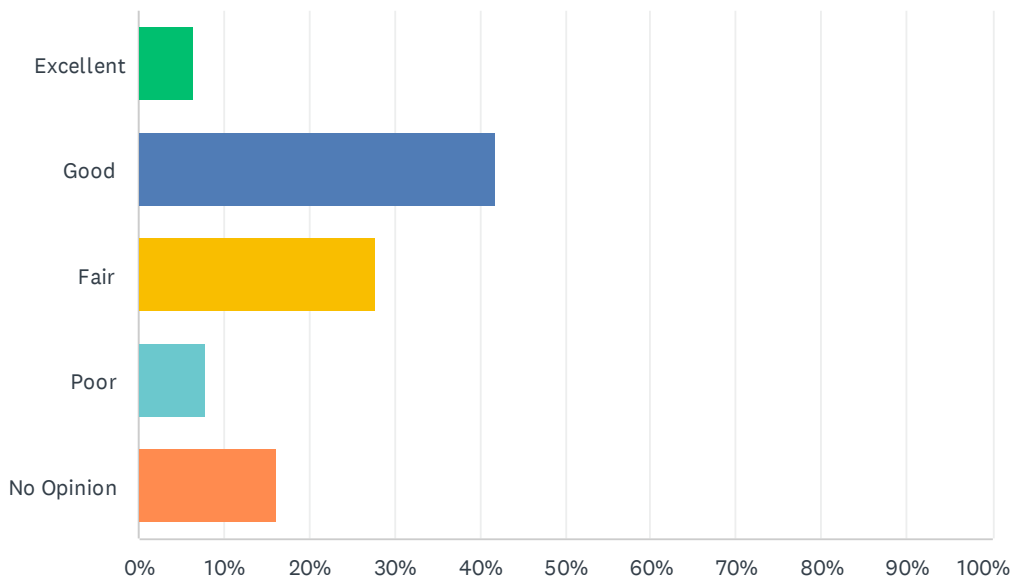
Answered: 266 Skipped: 105



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Multiple times per week	12.78%	34
At least once a week	18.42%	49
At least once per month	13.16%	35
A few times per year	27.82%	74
I rarely visit	27.82%	74
TOTAL		266

Q62 How would you rate the quality of parks and recreation spaces in the Town of Hampden?

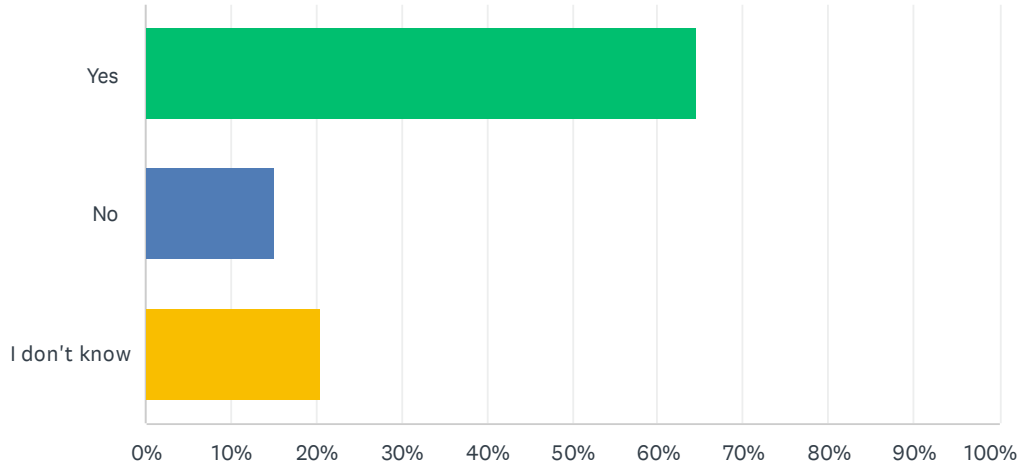
Answered: 266 Skipped: 105



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Excellent	6.39%	17
Good	41.73%	111
Fair	27.82%	74
Poor	7.89%	21
No Opinion	16.17%	43
TOTAL		266

Q63 Do you feel there is a need for more parks and recreation facilities in the Town of Hampden?

Answered: 265 Skipped: 106



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	64.53%	171
No	15.09%	40
I don't know	20.38%	54
TOTAL		265

Q64 What parks and recreation facilities do you visit and why?

Answered: 133 Skipped: 238

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	none	9/19/2022 10:27 AM
2	The tennis courts behind the VFW, the trails behind the library and Avalon Village. I enjoy playing tennis with my son and walking in the woods with my dog.	9/14/2022 10:09 PM
3	Dorothea Dix - hiking; park by the pool - gazebo garden	9/14/2022 1:40 PM
4	Turtlehead Park, library park along the river ridge, Avalon Village for walking exercise.	9/13/2022 12:12 PM
5	We visit the pool and playground area with our grandson. Occasionally Dorothea Dix park. Unfortunately, there are few town-sponsored areas that are not focused on sports (soccer, football). We occasionally cross-country ski on the groomed trails behind the high school, but they are limited. It would be nice to have a larger area of trails, ski trails, nature interpretation, town forest somewhere in Hampden. There are far nicer areas to do these activities in Bangor and Orono.	9/8/2022 11:33 AM
6	Dorothea Dix Park for picnic/ needs tables/grills. VFW courts for exercise.	9/6/2022 10:08 PM
7	expanded fields near pool	9/5/2022 2:15 PM
8	Waterpark, walking trails, boardwalks	9/4/2022 11:29 AM
9	Papermill Park	9/1/2022 9:36 AM
10	School park because that's really the only place for kids besides the pool park	8/16/2022 4:03 AM
11	sport fields children games	8/9/2022 4:23 PM
12	Bangor waterfront, brewer waterfront, fort point state park, bucksport walking trail	8/7/2022 6:02 PM
13	Dorothea Dix Park Trails around the library	8/6/2022 9:42 PM
14	Skehan rec center for Pickleball	8/6/2022 5:56 PM
15	Trails mostly.	8/5/2022 11:53 PM
16	Dorothea Dix, Papermill, and the Reeds Brook trails	8/5/2022 11:59 AM
17	Next to Lora Holt pool	8/4/2022 10:51 PM
18	Dorthea Dix	8/4/2022 10:06 PM
19	Athletic fields, walking trails at the schools, Laura Hoyt Pool	8/4/2022 9:59 PM
20	marina to launch boat	8/4/2022 9:08 PM
21	None	8/4/2022 8:03 PM
22	Luray Hoit Pool Field	8/4/2022 5:52 PM
23	I don't visit any all of them are geared to children My children are grown and out of the house and it's night time I can't really find anything to do in a recreation facility in Hampden	8/4/2022 5:08 PM
24	Skegan gym for exercise classes; trails for cross-country skiing	8/3/2022 3:29 PM
25	none	8/3/2022 11:53 AM
26	I visit parks like the Orono Bog Walk and many outdoor places throughout the state that offer similar enjoyment.	8/3/2022 11:50 AM
27	Gym for exercise class	7/28/2022 6:36 PM
28	Sports complexes	7/22/2022 1:30 PM

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29	I love walking around the library and enjoying the walking trails near the schools.	7/20/2022 3:33 PM
30	All for childcare, kids activities and sports (inc swim)	7/20/2022 2:20 PM
31	Track and tennis courts at high school.	7/19/2022 6:13 PM
32	School, Dorothea Dix, trail near town marina.	7/19/2022 12:10 PM
33	Pool, playground at school, and dorothea dix park . I can have fun with my toddler and walk my dog.	7/19/2022 10:57 AM
34	Skeehan Center for Recreation Department sponsored activities. Laura Hoit Pool for swimming.	7/18/2022 8:23 PM
35	Dorothea Dix, Baseball fields, Pool	7/18/2022 1:00 PM
36	Marina to use the boat launch	7/18/2022 11:40 AM
37	Playgrounds, sports fields/courts, rec center, pool	7/17/2022 12:30 AM
38	Park, riverfront	7/15/2022 8:41 PM
39	Softball Field on Ballfield Drive Rec Center for softball clinic Dorothea Dix Park for picnic	7/15/2022 1:45 PM
40	Prior to Covid, I swam regularly at LHP and intend to return to this.	7/15/2022 9:36 AM
41	Paper Mill and MARina	7/14/2022 10:22 PM
42	Not as much now that the children are older.	7/14/2022 8:15 PM
43	Softball field, playgrounds, skehan	7/14/2022 7:13 PM
44	Lura Hoit	7/14/2022 3:58 PM
45	Lura hoot pool, the high school track when it is available to enjoy which is seldom because of school in session.	7/14/2022 3:51 PM
46	Mcgraw, Hoit Pool, Skehan Center	7/14/2022 2:28 PM
47	Old HA, HA track, RB trails	7/14/2022 2:28 PM
48	Papermill park. Walking in winter	7/14/2022 2:26 PM
49	Sport fields for kids activities, the paper mill park for the water fall areas	7/14/2022 11:45 AM
50	Papermill Park, Marina, Dorothea Dix To enjoy the natural beauty. The Marina is also to go to Kimberly's which is one of our nicest restaurants with a lovely view that I can bring friends to	7/13/2022 6:01 PM
51	Not so much anymore but I used all sports facilities growing up	7/13/2022 5:13 PM
52	Pool, playground by pool, paper Mill Rd park	7/13/2022 4:29 PM
53	Lara Hoyt, Paper Mill Park, Dorthea Dix Park	7/12/2022 11:24 PM
54	School playground and by pool with kids	7/12/2022 8:58 PM
55	Lura Hoit pool and park.	7/10/2022 9:51 PM
56	Trails for hiking/biking/walking; boat ramps for paddling/fishing	7/4/2022 7:48 AM
57	I live in Avalon Village and am in the woods there daily and behind the library.	7/2/2022 9:29 AM
58	Recreation department for exercise class. Library for reading material.	6/30/2022 3:10 PM
59	former Papermill Park to fish	6/30/2022 2:47 PM
60	Bangor waterfront, Bangor 13th st facility, Belfast waterfront....all for dog walking	6/30/2022 6:52 AM
61	Bangor YMCA for health. Acadia NP for nature.	6/29/2022 11:31 PM
62	Bangor Forest. Walkable trails.	6/29/2022 9:26 PM
63	McGraw School Park, the little park by McLaughlin's marina, Dorothea Dix Park, and Skehan Recreation Center. They are quiet and restful places. Skehan has great exercise classes!	6/29/2022 5:08 PM

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64	Trails, exercise stations on walkways, snowshoe and cross country facilities	6/29/2022 4:44 PM
65	The library. The sidewalks	6/29/2022 4:34 PM
66	Dorothea Dix Park for walking	6/29/2022 4:21 PM
67	Swimming and basketball do not interest me.	6/29/2022 4:04 PM
68	Lura Hoyt for the pool. The soccer fields	6/29/2022 3:29 PM
69	Dorothea Dix for the trails. The playground by the pool is good. We also use the pool.	6/29/2022 2:44 PM
70	Lura Hoit park	6/27/2022 7:34 PM
71	Lura Hoit Pool playground because it's close to us.	6/27/2022 4:12 PM
72	Basketball courts, soccer fields	6/26/2022 7:37 PM
73	Rec fields for tee ball, bronco softball fields, playground at pool, hampden track	6/25/2022 8:07 PM
74	Hampden academy track and fields, the pool, the pool park, McGraw	6/25/2022 10:07 AM
75	Usually go to playgrounds in other towns	6/25/2022 9:33 AM
76	Pool, doratjea dix, miss papermill facility	6/24/2022 7:05 PM
77	the pool and playground connected to it, because they are what my daughter really enjoys	6/24/2022 7:01 PM
78	The track at Hampden School	6/24/2022 10:10 AM
79	Playgrounds, pool, library, etc for children.	6/23/2022 9:42 PM
80	By the pool	6/23/2022 9:13 PM
81	Dorthea dix .. live that side of town	6/23/2022 8:47 PM
82	The pool, Skeeihan (kids programs)	6/23/2022 8:37 PM
83	Reeds Brook, D Dix due to proximity	6/23/2022 5:35 PM
84	Reeds Brook trails, trails behind the library: they are quiet and peaceful. The trails by the library make it easy to access the library and shaded in the summer	6/23/2022 4:10 PM
85	New to the area	6/23/2022 3:54 PM
86	Baseball and softball fields	6/23/2022 1:59 PM
87	walk the park behind the Library; and the Hampden Academy track is invaluable. Walk everywhere	6/23/2022 1:53 PM
88	Brewer Ice rink. Because my 6 year old plays hockey but also because ice skating is something we do as a family. Also the ball fields	6/23/2022 1:22 PM
89	Lura Hoit Pool - playground and fields (not the pool itself) RSU22 school playground Reeds Brook trail - walking	6/23/2022 12:58 PM
90	Baseball fields, Lura Hoit to entertain the kids.	6/23/2022 12:29 PM
91	none	6/23/2022 11:51 AM
92	School playground, mainly. Papermill park, rarely. Lura Hoit playground only if there's an event/other people who want to meet there. Would have used pool more (my kids need swim lessons) but then there was Covid and I'm still being cautious about it.	6/23/2022 11:17 AM
93	The pool and playground, 2 step children. They live the little library there. Papermill park, love the water, quiet, trails.	6/23/2022 11:11 AM
94	Lura E Hoit Pool and Park. We live right near it, and my daughter likes to swim and play in the park.	6/23/2022 11:05 AM
95	The pool and playground right next to it. It's close to my home.	6/23/2022 10:30 AM
96	Laura Hoit Pool	6/23/2022 10:04 AM
97	We bike ride around the schools, and have been to the Laura hoit pool. I wish there was a little	6/23/2022 9:55 AM

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	more to do, like more nature trails or bike trails in Hampden.	
98	n/a	6/23/2022 9:52 AM
99	We go to papermill park a lot. Great spot to walk with the kids. We have a pool membership and use the playground frequently. We have also gone behind the middle school and walked the trails.	6/23/2022 9:36 AM
100	Hampden Academy track, Laura Hoyt Pool. There are few options in town.	6/23/2022 9:23 AM
101	Softball field, high school track	6/23/2022 9:12 AM
102	Skehan Center for exercise program	6/23/2022 8:44 AM
103	Dorthea dix. I can take my dog there.	6/23/2022 8:41 AM
104	Pool for swimming lessons, rec center for basketball and soon for wrestling We use the facilities mostly for lessons offered for kids	6/23/2022 8:03 AM
105	The playground and pool area, the walking trails	6/23/2022 7:44 AM
106	Lura hoyt and the playground	6/23/2022 7:42 AM
107	Reeds Brook trails to walk my dog, HA track to safely walk/run	6/23/2022 7:38 AM
108	town boat launch	6/23/2022 7:24 AM
109	Skehan Center; walking trails	6/23/2022 7:05 AM
110	Skehan Center for basketball	6/22/2022 11:30 PM
111	Pool field for recreation sports.	6/22/2022 11:19 PM
112	Paper mill park for fishing and enjoying nature Dorothea dix Walking	6/22/2022 10:28 PM
113	Dorothea Dix park, Reeds Brook trails, snowmobile trails to walk dog and Nordic ski	6/22/2022 10:22 PM
114	Have used pool for classes in past	6/22/2022 10:11 PM
115	Lura Hoyt playground- playground and open fields	6/22/2022 10:11 PM
116	Ball fields, Kiwanis area	6/22/2022 9:53 PM
117	Lura Hoyt Pool & Fields; Skehan Center	6/22/2022 9:43 PM
118	Playground by the pool, turtle head marina...kids like to play at the river at low tide	6/22/2022 9:23 PM
119	Papermill Park is close to home is an easy walk for kids. It's quiet and pretty well maintained.	6/22/2022 9:08 PM
120	Dorothy Dix park. I live nearby and it has a hiking trail	6/22/2022 8:26 PM
121	waterfront occasionally	6/22/2022 8:20 PM
122	Skehan center and pool, playgrounds	6/22/2022 8:16 PM
123	Marina - access to Penobscot	6/22/2022 8:09 PM
124	Ball fields, kids play area	6/22/2022 8:07 PM
125	The space around the pool	6/22/2022 7:18 PM
126	Reeds Brook trails - walk my dog	6/22/2022 7:00 PM
127	I think a community center where programs for all ages such as arts and crafts, corn hole, movie nights, gaming, clubs, guest speakers etc.	6/22/2022 6:22 PM
128	Hampden academy, VFW fields	6/22/2022 6:16 PM
129	RBMS trails, HA track	6/22/2022 6:08 PM
130	Pool for grandkids	6/22/2022 5:56 PM
131	Lura Holt McGraw playground	6/22/2022 5:43 PM
132	Laura hoyt pool park	6/22/2022 5:00 PM

Q65 What recreation programs do you participate in?

Answered: 110 Skipped: 261

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	kids activities sometimes.	9/19/2022 10:27 AM
2	I plan on using the pool as COVID rates decline	9/14/2022 1:40 PM
3	Walking in Hampden, fitness classes in Bangor. We have from time to time participated in Dana Tardiff's classes, a truly great asset in Hampden.	9/14/2022 10:16 AM
4	brisk walking, long strolling	9/13/2022 12:12 PM
5	My wife participates in exercise classes at the Skeeihan gym. We cross-country ski on the groomed trails behind the schools.	9/8/2022 11:33 AM
6	None.	9/6/2022 10:08 PM
7	Fitness, adult Ed classes	9/4/2022 11:29 AM
8	Swimming	8/16/2022 4:03 AM
9	none	8/9/2022 4:23 PM
10	A gym	8/7/2022 6:02 PM
11	Pickleball	8/6/2022 5:56 PM
12	Sports for kids	8/6/2022 12:00 PM
13	None	8/5/2022 11:59 AM
14	Hiking	8/4/2022 8:03 PM
15	I don't participate in any adult now don't seem to be too many to participate in would love to be in a corn hole tournament play coed softball Pickleball racquetball	8/4/2022 5:08 PM
16	Reshaping Retirement	8/3/2022 3:29 PM
17	nine	8/3/2022 11:53 AM
18	We do not participate in any programs currently.	8/3/2022 11:50 AM
19	Exercise class	7/28/2022 6:36 PM
20	Youth sports	7/22/2022 1:30 PM
21	None	7/20/2022 3:33 PM
22	Kids corner, sports, swim	7/20/2022 2:20 PM
23	None. Too busy working.	7/19/2022 12:10 PM
24	None	7/19/2022 10:57 AM
25	Pickleball, adult exercise.	7/18/2022 8:23 PM
26	I use to do many, but age has slowed me down	7/18/2022 1:00 PM
27	Nerf, swim	7/17/2022 12:30 AM
28	Softball for our daughter	7/15/2022 1:45 PM
29	Swm, very very grateful for the pool, hiking trails	7/14/2022 10:22 PM
30	Used to participate in the rec	7/14/2022 8:15 PM
31	Softball, family events, art classes	7/14/2022 7:13 PM

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32	Kids Swimming classes Kids Dance classes Kids soccer	7/14/2022 3:58 PM
33	Lura bout pool There is not enough choice for skeehan center fitness activities for seniors.	7/14/2022 3:51 PM
34	After care.	7/14/2022 2:28 PM
35	Children's programs	7/14/2022 2:28 PM
36	Sports, fishing ,swimming, boating	7/14/2022 11:45 AM
37	Did, school athletics year round.	7/13/2022 5:13 PM
38	Youth sports, pool	7/13/2022 4:29 PM
39	Swimming and youth sports	7/10/2022 9:51 PM
40	Kids sports, fishing, hunting, hiking, biking	7/4/2022 7:48 AM
41	Childrens swim lessons at Laura Holt pool	7/2/2022 12:24 PM
42	none	7/2/2022 9:29 AM
43	Monday, Wednesday and Friday exercise classes at the recreational department. Pickle ball.	6/30/2022 3:10 PM
44	private at Avalon Village	6/30/2022 2:47 PM
45	Exercise classes	6/30/2022 11:20 AM
46	none	6/30/2022 8:38 AM
47	None	6/30/2022 6:52 AM
48	Bangor YMCA.	6/29/2022 11:31 PM
49	swimming sometimes	6/29/2022 8:25 PM
50	Reshaping Retirement	6/29/2022 5:08 PM
51	None now	6/29/2022 4:44 PM
52	Senior activities at Avalon Village	6/29/2022 4:34 PM
53	None	6/29/2022 4:21 PM
54	Bicycling,	6/29/2022 4:04 PM
55	N/A	6/29/2022 2:44 PM
56	Track and field as well as soccer	6/27/2022 7:34 PM
57	1-2 kids activities a year	6/27/2022 4:12 PM
58	Basketball, Soccer, tennis	6/26/2022 7:37 PM
59	Teeball, bronco softball, usatf track	6/25/2022 8:07 PM
60	Swimming	6/25/2022 10:07 AM
61	Rec sports	6/25/2022 9:33 AM
62	swim classes for young kids	6/24/2022 7:01 PM
63	None	6/24/2022 10:10 AM
64	Used to do swim lessons at Lura Hoit but it's too cold! So frustrating. Tried signing my kid up for soccer last summer and then it cancelled due to lack of coaches.	6/23/2022 9:42 PM
65	None yet but looking to with young daughter soon	6/23/2022 9:13 PM
66	walking	6/23/2022 5:35 PM
67	None	6/23/2022 4:10 PM
68	None / new to the area	6/23/2022 3:54 PM
69	None	6/23/2022 2:07 PM

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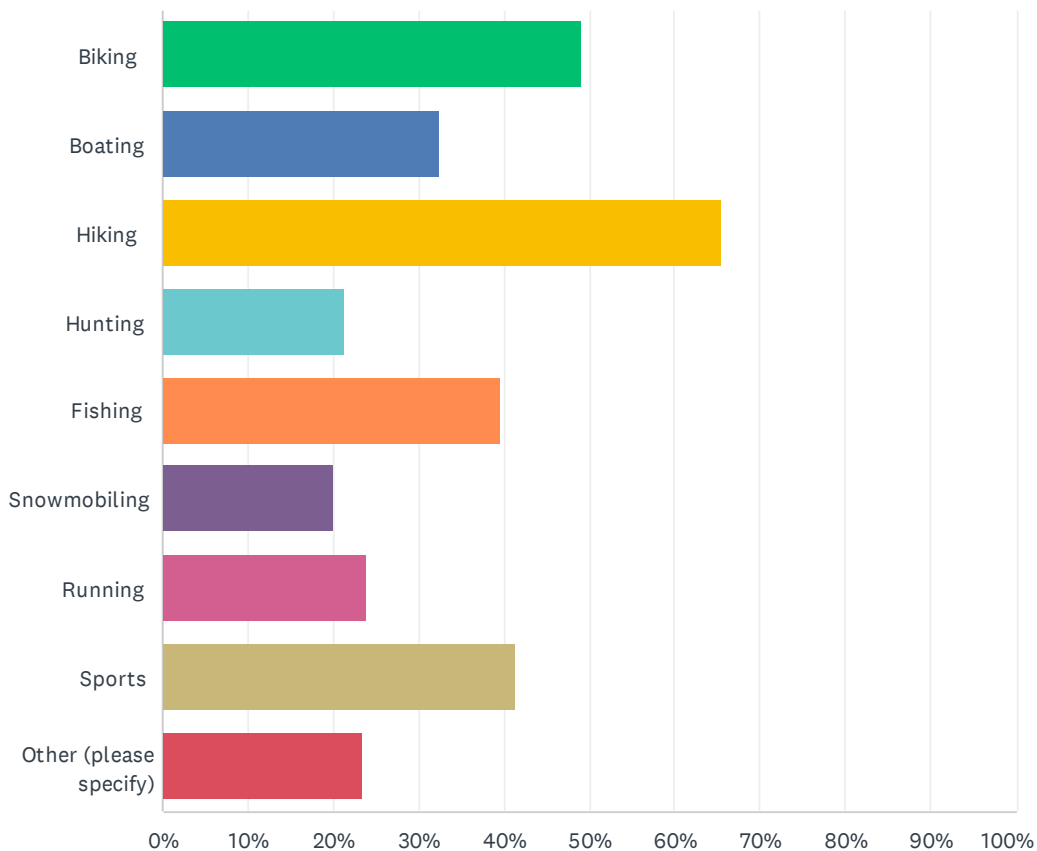
70	Hampden Academy walking program	6/23/2022 1:53 PM
71	My children play ice hockey in Brewer, gymnastics in Hermon, and last year played tball in Hampden.	6/23/2022 1:22 PM
72	no official ones	6/23/2022 12:58 PM
73	Baseball/softball. Basketball.	6/23/2022 12:29 PM
74	none	6/23/2022 11:51 AM
75	None, currently - mainly due to covid and lack of precautions being required in rec programs or taken seriously by enough town residents	6/23/2022 11:17 AM
76	None suit me	6/23/2022 11:11 AM
77	None myself, but my wife and daughter participate in Library activities and Girl Scouts.	6/23/2022 11:05 AM
78	Various children's programs.	6/23/2022 10:30 AM
79	Carmel, there are limited activities for kids under age 7/8	6/23/2022 10:18 AM
80	N/A	6/23/2022 10:04 AM
81	Bicycle, swimming, basketball, tennis, soccer	6/23/2022 9:55 AM
82	n/a	6/23/2022 9:52 AM
83	Softball, track	6/23/2022 9:12 AM
84	Exercise	6/23/2022 8:44 AM
85	Swim lessons	6/23/2022 8:41 AM
86	We have done several of the sports sessions, swim lessons, purchased Fun Town tickets and look forward to doing more as more options open up	6/23/2022 8:03 AM
87	Our kids participate in basketball and soccer through the rec department.	6/23/2022 8:02 AM
88	All of them	6/23/2022 7:44 AM
89	Soccer and swim lessons	6/23/2022 7:42 AM
90	Reshaping Retirement	6/23/2022 7:05 AM
91	None	6/22/2022 11:30 PM
92	My son has participated in t-ball, baseball, soccer, basketball and now track	6/22/2022 11:19 PM
93	Swim lessons, sport camps,	6/22/2022 11:12 PM
94	None in Hampden.	6/22/2022 10:28 PM
95	None	6/22/2022 10:11 PM
96	None	6/22/2022 10:11 PM
97	Swimming, soccer, basketball	6/22/2022 9:43 PM
98	Soccer, skiing, track, swim lessons	6/22/2022 9:23 PM
99	Hampden Rec before school program	6/22/2022 9:08 PM
100	None	6/22/2022 8:26 PM
101	none	6/22/2022 8:20 PM
102	Children participate in rec programs	6/22/2022 8:16 PM
103	Hampden rec soccer, track	6/22/2022 7:18 PM
104	None	6/22/2022 7:00 PM
105	Walking	6/22/2022 6:22 PM

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106	Youth sports	6/22/2022 6:16 PM
107	HA Rec (soccer track), some swim	6/22/2022 6:08 PM
108	None	6/22/2022 5:56 PM
109	Hampden Rec	6/22/2022 5:43 PM
110	my children participate in seasonal sports	6/21/2022 11:28 AM

Q66 What recreational activities are important to you? (Check all that apply)

Answered: 235 Skipped: 136



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Biking	48.94%	115
Boating	32.34%	76
Hiking	65.53%	154
Hunting	21.28%	50
Fishing	39.57%	93
Snowmobiling	20.00%	47
Running	23.83%	56
Sports	41.28%	97
Other (please specify)	23.40%	55
Total Respondents: 235		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
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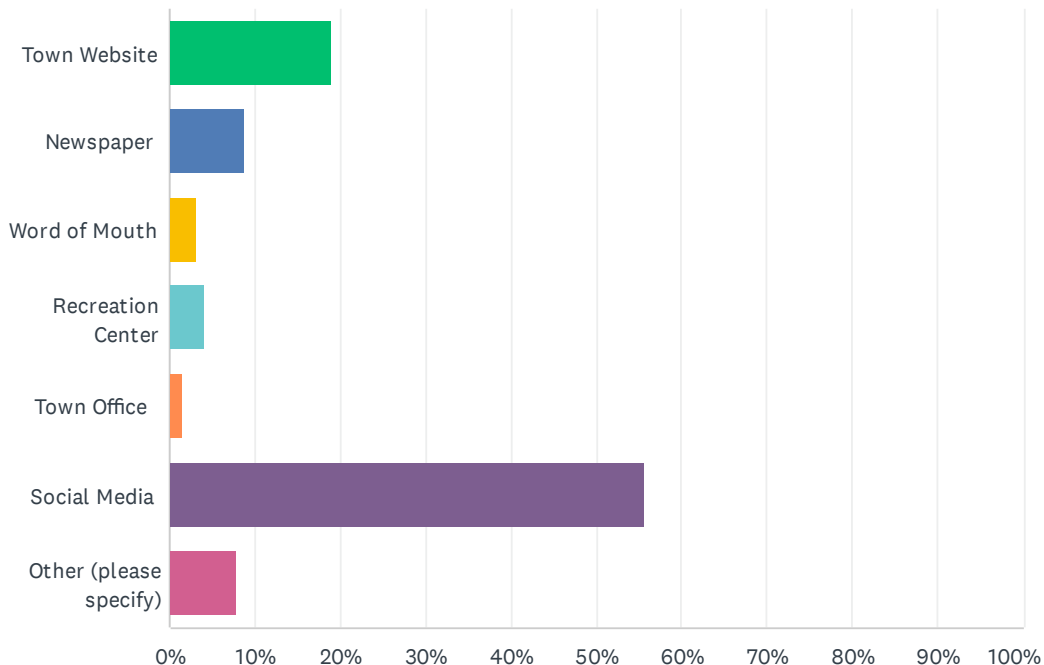
1	cross country skiing; canoeing	9/14/2022 1:40 PM
2	Walking, fitness class, online yoga classes.	9/14/2022 10:16 AM
3	brisk walks, long strolls	9/13/2022 12:12 PM
4	Birding is the most popular and fastest growing outdoor recreation. Few areas are developed to accommodate nature-type activities.	9/8/2022 11:33 AM
5	Walking	9/4/2022 11:29 AM
6	Snowshoeing	8/28/2022 7:08 AM
7	Walking	8/16/2022 4:03 AM
8	Walking	8/4/2022 9:59 PM
9	Walking	8/4/2022 8:17 PM
10	Camping	7/19/2022 10:57 AM
11	walking	7/19/2022 8:22 AM
12	Walking	7/15/2022 8:41 PM
13	Walking with our dog	7/15/2022 9:36 AM
14	Roller skating skateboarding	7/14/2022 9:17 PM
15	Arts, skating	7/14/2022 7:13 PM
16	ATVing	7/14/2022 7:12 PM
17	Walking,	7/14/2022 3:51 PM
18	concerts, dancing, kayaking, gardening	7/13/2022 6:01 PM
19	Swimming, walking	7/13/2022 4:29 PM
20	Xc ski horse back riding	7/10/2022 9:51 PM
21	Kayaking	7/2/2022 4:27 PM
22	Walking	6/30/2022 3:10 PM
23	stream fishing	6/30/2022 8:38 AM
24	Wailing	6/30/2022 6:52 AM
25	Downeast Outing Club	6/29/2022 11:31 PM
26	Exercise program and walking/hiking	6/29/2022 5:08 PM
27	Gardening	6/29/2022 4:34 PM
28	Flying, walking	6/29/2022 4:21 PM
29	Walking	6/29/2022 3:36 PM
30	Walking	6/29/2022 3:29 PM
31	Bird watching and photography.	6/27/2022 2:24 PM
32	Outdoor full basketball courts	6/24/2022 9:58 PM
33	Roller skating	6/23/2022 11:47 PM
34	Ice skating, yoga	6/23/2022 3:20 PM
35	Atv trails	6/23/2022 2:37 PM
36	walking	6/23/2022 2:10 PM
37	Golf	6/23/2022 1:18 PM
38	Non sport activities	6/23/2022 12:29 PM

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39	Nature walks; would say boating if that includes canoeing or kayaking but figured it meant motorboats.	6/23/2022 11:17 AM
40	Tennis! It would be fantastic to have a public tennis court here other than the one at the High School.	6/23/2022 11:05 AM
41	Walking	6/23/2022 9:52 AM
42	walking and formal exercise	6/23/2022 8:44 AM
43	walking	6/23/2022 8:07 AM
44	Walking	6/23/2022 7:30 AM
45	4 wheeling	6/22/2022 11:12 PM
46	Fishing	6/22/2022 10:28 PM
47	Kayaking	6/22/2022 9:08 PM
48	walking	6/22/2022 8:42 PM
49	Skiing	6/22/2022 8:09 PM
50	Horseback riding	6/22/2022 6:48 PM
51	Walking, community center get togethers	6/22/2022 6:22 PM
52	None at present,older citizen	6/22/2022 6:21 PM
53	Skating	6/22/2022 5:30 PM
54	classes like kickboxing and yoga	6/22/2022 5:25 PM
55	Walking	6/22/2022 5:00 PM

Q67 How do you prefer to learn about parks and recreation facilities, programming, and services?

Answered: 253 Skipped: 118



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Town Website	18.97%	48
Newspaper	8.70%	22
Word of Mouth	3.16%	8
Recreation Center	3.95%	10
Town Office	1.58%	4
Social Media	55.73%	141
Other (please specify)	7.91%	20
TOTAL		253

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Town newsletter	9/14/2022 10:16 AM
2	town newsletter	9/13/2022 12:12 PM
3	Town newsletter	9/1/2022 9:36 AM
4	Text/email	8/4/2022 10:06 PM
5	Need to use multiple methods to reach diverse audiences	8/3/2022 3:29 PM
6	signs	7/20/2022 9:30 PM

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7	Internet	7/18/2022 1:00 PM
8	Email	7/17/2022 12:30 AM
9	Multiple sources, not just one!!	7/14/2022 7:13 PM
10	Several of the above. Keep the website up to date, the town website	7/14/2022 3:51 PM
11	Post at recreation site	6/30/2022 3:10 PM
12	Tv	6/30/2022 6:52 AM
13	Multitple sources	6/29/2022 4:21 PM
14	Email	6/23/2022 12:29 PM
15	Multiple ways, please! Website, social media, and please have an e-mail list we can sign up for!	6/23/2022 11:17 AM
16	email	6/23/2022 8:44 AM
17	All of these! There doesn't seem to be consistent communication about community offerings that reaches our whole community.	6/23/2022 8:03 AM
18	Email	6/23/2022 7:42 AM
19	Website, Facebook, social media, school new letters	6/22/2022 6:22 PM
20	Social media or email (Facebook is good but the algorithm thing means things get missed)	6/22/2022 6:08 PM

Q68 What are some barriers that keep you from participating in recreational programs with the Town of Hampden Recreation Department?

Answered: 138 Skipped: 233

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	time of events being offered are during work hours. volunteers needed for events to take place	9/19/2022 10:27 AM
2	Nothing of interest	9/18/2022 3:18 PM
3	My work schedule.	9/14/2022 10:09 PM
4	My age	9/14/2022 1:40 PM
5	Ice and snow on the sidewalks in the winter. It would be great to have a crossing light at the corner of Main Road North and Canoe Club Road/Western Avenue that worked. That crossing light hasn't worked in at least 10 years.	9/14/2022 10:16 AM
6	indoor activities during pandemic	9/13/2022 12:12 PM
7	Areas to hunt are being developed. Access to large areas of open space is difficult (requiring landowner permission). In the recent past, the Town Council has seemed adverse to protecting open space in the town. They abolished the Conservation Commission and accompanying ordinances. They were opposed to identifying important areas of open space and wildlife habitat in the Plan. This seems to be the close-mindedness and barrier that is preventing Hampden from expanding recreational opportunities.	9/8/2022 11:33 AM
8	Interesting programs and knowledge of their schedules.	9/6/2022 10:08 PM
9	time	9/5/2022 2:15 PM
10	I don't know about them because if you aren't in the clique you don't know.	9/4/2022 11:29 AM
11	Age	8/28/2022 9:12 AM
12	Not handicap accessible, hours and times, not enough openings	8/16/2022 4:03 AM
13	age	8/9/2022 4:23 PM
14	I don't know what recreational programs are available	8/9/2022 3:03 PM
15	It's only for old people or children	8/7/2022 6:02 PM
16	I don't always hear about them	8/6/2022 9:42 PM
17	Time of day for activities (difficult to do so during the work day)	8/6/2022 5:56 PM
18	Wish there was more available in the summer for people who don't want their kids to be in camp full-time.	8/6/2022 12:00 PM
19	Not a great variety - meant for certain kids whi like sports only.	8/5/2022 11:53 PM
20	time restraints	8/5/2022 2:57 PM
21	I don't know what they are and have not sought them out.	8/5/2022 11:59 AM
22	Lack of time and haven't really looked into it	8/4/2022 9:59 PM
23	time	8/4/2022 9:08 PM
24	Not knowing what's readily available	8/4/2022 9:08 PM
25	I don't know many people in Hampden	8/4/2022 8:03 PM
26	Work schedule	8/4/2022 5:52 PM
27	I can't walk there, or ride my bike safely there.	8/4/2022 5:13 PM

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28	There aren't many available to adults that are outside of work hours	8/4/2022 5:08 PM
29	don't know much about them and what I do know isn't of interest.	8/3/2022 11:53 AM
30	Prior commitments	7/22/2022 1:30 PM
31	Limited knowledge of what is taking place	7/20/2022 3:33 PM
32	Not aware of what is offered and when	7/20/2022 9:59 AM
33	We're at a different stage of our life. We took advantage of anything and everything in Wisconsin/Minnesota* when our children were young. *Two states where you'll find progressive town planning. Check 'em out!	7/19/2022 6:13 PM
34	Not enough time.	7/19/2022 12:10 PM
35	Times, childcare	7/19/2022 10:57 AM
36	Old age and injuries.	7/18/2022 8:23 PM
37	Age	7/18/2022 1:00 PM
38	None	7/17/2022 12:30 AM
39	Physical handicaps	7/15/2022 8:41 PM
40	Schedule conflicts	7/15/2022 1:45 PM
41	Not as much for teens, family activities, or older adults that aren't seniors	7/14/2022 8:15 PM
42	Cost at times, days/times	7/14/2022 7:13 PM
43	Lack of selection and high priced at Skeeihan Center. Honor senior discounts	7/14/2022 3:51 PM
44	Time	7/14/2022 2:28 PM
45	Cost	7/14/2022 2:28 PM
46	Time	7/14/2022 11:45 AM
47	Knowing about them, not many adult options	7/13/2022 4:29 PM
48	Difficult to make the time work	7/12/2022 11:24 PM
49	Times	7/10/2022 9:51 PM
50	Age	7/7/2022 8:55 PM
51	Lack of knowledge of what is happening	7/4/2022 7:48 AM
52	My age	7/2/2022 4:27 PM
53	Covid 19. Not interested in most. Appreciate very much that we have Lura Hoit Pool but I am not a swimmer.	7/2/2022 9:29 AM
54	Age and skill level.	6/30/2022 3:10 PM
55	age and ability	6/30/2022 2:47 PM
56	physical limitations	6/30/2022 11:20 AM
57	Age and physical limitations	6/30/2022 9:51 AM
58	own physical abilities	6/30/2022 8:38 AM
59	Don't like group events	6/30/2022 6:52 AM
60	Like outside resources better.	6/29/2022 11:31 PM
61	My age	6/29/2022 5:32 PM
62	No barriers.	6/29/2022 5:08 PM
63	Not much available.	6/29/2022 4:44 PM

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64	I still work 50 hours a week	6/29/2022 4:34 PM
65	Lack of motivation on my part. It's not anything the Town does wrong. There are only so many hours in the day.	6/29/2022 4:21 PM
66	Old age	6/29/2022 4:13 PM
67	Communication	6/29/2022 4:04 PM
68	Lack of promotion	6/29/2022 3:43 PM
69	Lack of knowledge	6/29/2022 3:29 PM
70	Lack of time (not your fault)	6/29/2022 2:44 PM
71	Few good choices	6/27/2022 10:43 PM
72	Cost	6/27/2022 7:34 PM
73	It's too expensive - much more expensive than other area towns.	6/27/2022 4:12 PM
74	currently do not use as we are 75 years old.	6/27/2022 2:24 PM
75	None	6/25/2022 8:07 PM
76	Too far away. They are not located within walking distance to subdivisions and homes where majority of children live.	6/24/2022 9:58 PM
77	Limited	6/24/2022 7:05 PM
78	timing	6/24/2022 7:01 PM
79	My free time	6/24/2022 10:10 AM
80	Covid	6/24/2022 6:37 AM
81	Not sure what's available	6/23/2022 11:47 PM
82	Lack of availability	6/23/2022 9:42 PM
83	Time, knowing what there is, and space (often booked like for swimming lessons for my daughter)	6/23/2022 9:13 PM
84	There isn't much offered, adult offerings seem geared towards retirement (mid-day and mid-week, etc.), not a match for my interests	6/23/2022 8:37 PM
85	Young children	6/23/2022 4:10 PM
86	Need better info as to what's available- new to the area - not sure what's here	6/23/2022 3:54 PM
87	Time	6/23/2022 3:20 PM
88	Time of day	6/23/2022 2:10 PM
89	Age	6/23/2022 2:07 PM
90	Other than weather, nothing	6/23/2022 1:53 PM
91	Lack of time.	6/23/2022 1:27 PM
92	They don't offer a wide variety for kids and especially adults.	6/23/2022 1:22 PM
93	work schedule and child care	6/23/2022 12:58 PM
94	Not enough options for my kids' ages. 6,7and 13.	6/23/2022 12:29 PM
95	Health issues	6/23/2022 11:51 AM
96	- Not finding out about events/offerings; lack of covid precautions for indoor events; scheduling	6/23/2022 11:17 AM
97	None that suit what I'm looking for	6/23/2022 11:11 AM
98	I am and have always been a little socially awkward and shy. I also have very little time during the day to participate but will most likely slowly work some things into my schedule as we settle into our new home.	6/23/2022 11:05 AM

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99	By the time I find out about new ones, they are often full or registration is closed.	6/23/2022 10:30 AM
100	Scheduling	6/23/2022 10:04 AM
101	I don't hear about them or know about them.	6/23/2022 9:55 AM
102	Too busy	6/23/2022 9:52 AM
103	I don't know about them	6/23/2022 9:23 AM
104	none	6/23/2022 8:44 AM
105	No good bike trails such as a Rails to Trails or similar	6/23/2022 8:42 AM
106	Don't know what's out there	6/23/2022 8:39 AM
107	Lack of advertising, lack of age variety	6/23/2022 8:36 AM
108	Not knowing what is going on and when. By the time it gets to Mom Facebook groups, sessions are filled, or the activity is happening the next day, and we can't make it	6/23/2022 8:03 AM
109	They all seem like sports for kids	6/23/2022 7:44 AM
110	Sometimes the times available but i don't believe that's the towns issue	6/23/2022 7:42 AM
111	Limited knowledge about there occurrence.	6/23/2022 7:38 AM
112	None	6/23/2022 7:05 AM
113	Fitness center	6/22/2022 11:30 PM
114	Financial	6/22/2022 11:19 PM
115	Program times	6/22/2022 10:28 PM
116	Membership at other location that offers more activity in one place -Bangor Y	6/22/2022 10:11 PM
117	Scheduling conflicts	6/22/2022 10:11 PM
118	Time programming is offered, limited numbers of sign ups. Need more swim lesson options.	6/22/2022 9:53 PM
119	Not all sports my kids play are offered in Hampden (Hockey, lacrosse)	6/22/2022 9:43 PM
120	Access to information on social media or website. Newsletter is helpful!	6/22/2022 9:08 PM
121	my age 67	6/22/2022 8:42 PM
122	I'm not a people person	6/22/2022 8:26 PM
123	Nothing of interest, too much focus on youth sports and children's activities. Nothing for people without children.	6/22/2022 8:20 PM
124	Time	6/22/2022 8:09 PM
125	Time	6/22/2022 8:07 PM
126	Not aware of them	6/22/2022 8:00 PM
127	Time, lack of quality offerings	6/22/2022 7:18 PM
128	None	6/22/2022 7:00 PM
129	Lack of knowledge of what is available, dates and times.	6/22/2022 6:22 PM
130	Schedule	6/22/2022 6:16 PM
131	Work hours	6/22/2022 6:08 PM
132	Don't know about them	6/22/2022 5:56 PM
133	cost	6/22/2022 5:25 PM
134	Hours	6/22/2022 5:24 PM
135	Nothing I'm interested in	6/22/2022 5:15 PM

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136	Not enough variety	6/22/2022 4:59 PM
137	There aren't too many activities in the evenings dedicated to adults	6/22/2022 10:27 AM
138	times and scheduling	6/21/2022 11:28 AM

Q69 What are your suggestions to improve the Hampden Recreation Department and its programming?

Answered: 93 Skipped: 278

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	hire more workers, just put it in the budget and stop asking for volunteers to get things done. get high school kids to volunteer and get credit for it or get a grade adjusted for it. tell people what time events are instead of saying "time is dependent on volunteer availability". Always give tshirts or something to kids who participate. Offer adult bball and other adult activities in evenings vs noon or during work day.	9/19/2022 10:27 AM
2	Be very thrifty. Better to encourage a private business to off the service.	9/14/2022 10:16 AM
3	More outdoor activities for seniors	9/13/2022 12:12 PM
4	Our children used the after school programs years ago. Otherwise, I know little about what Hamden Recreation offers for senior citizens (other than exercise class). Better information needs to be distributed about recreational opportunities. Is the Recreation Department open to developing trails, walking areas, dog parks, and other opportunities that get people outdoors.	9/8/2022 11:33 AM
5	Encouragement to use facilities.	9/6/2022 10:08 PM
6	Job shadow a program that has lots to off its citizens and do some of that!	9/4/2022 11:29 AM
7	More accessible, better communication	8/16/2022 4:03 AM
8	larger facilities	8/9/2022 4:23 PM
9	Run ads on social media to spread the word on what the Town of Hampden offers for recreation.	8/9/2022 3:03 PM
10	Doing something geared more towards young couples/families that isn't just for kids.	8/7/2022 6:02 PM
11	More proactive communication	8/6/2022 9:42 PM
12	Add indoor or outdoor volleyball in a season that Brewer is in the off season (or on a different day of the week)	8/6/2022 5:56 PM
13	More Flexible summer rec options. Not just summer rec as full-time daycare.	8/6/2022 12:00 PM
14	Outdoor swimming pool. Existing is too crowded and loud. Outdoor skating rink and sledding at the pool outdoor space would be awesome. So much room.	8/5/2022 11:53 PM
15	From what I recall when there were kids in the house was that everything was very young, young child centric and not appropriate for all ages (meaning no kids).	8/5/2022 11:59 AM
16	Described above	8/4/2022 10:06 PM
17	A more internet facing front or monthly mailers	8/4/2022 9:08 PM
18	No suggestions	8/4/2022 8:03 PM
19	Incentives for coaches that are always in need for rec sports	8/4/2022 5:52 PM
20	There aren't many available to adults that are outside of work hours	8/4/2022 5:08 PM
21	don't raise taxes, do user fees instead.	8/3/2022 11:53 AM
22	Better facilities. The best facilities in the town belong to the school. The town operated facilities are useable, but not great.	7/22/2022 1:30 PM
23	More updates about opportunities provided by the town.	7/20/2022 3:33 PM
24	Paid coaches , more developmental support, lower costs	7/20/2022 2:20 PM

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25	None	7/19/2022 12:10 PM
26	More toddler friendly activities	7/19/2022 10:57 AM
27	Build a new Community Center, develop more walking trails, construct trails which are accessible for biking.	7/18/2022 8:23 PM
28	Keep them going and target the kids	7/18/2022 1:00 PM
29	Doing a great job.	7/17/2022 12:30 AM
30	More programming for older adults	7/15/2022 8:41 PM
31	Not sure	7/15/2022 1:45 PM
32	More teen based and family based activities (not all kids want to be on a school or competitive sports team, but May like to be active in a casual setting). Outings	7/14/2022 8:15 PM
33	More! Sometimes there isn't enough going on and it seems very focused on sports and not a lot of art or other types of recreation. Would love to see more art, and mental stimulation activities for those kids who aren't sports centered.	7/14/2022 7:13 PM
34	More communication	7/14/2022 3:58 PM
35	More pool lap time hours in early mornings 7 days a week. For Pete's sake it is only 3 lanes wide and not regulation width. You can only cram in so many sardines in one lane. ENLARGE THE POOL	7/14/2022 3:51 PM
36	Lower costs, multi-child discount	7/14/2022 2:28 PM
37	Bus service for kids	7/10/2022 9:51 PM
38	Email newsletter, weekly "what's happening" post on social, electronic sign in downtown with list of what's happening	7/4/2022 7:48 AM
39	no opinion	7/2/2022 9:29 AM
40	Instructions on the available event	6/30/2022 3:10 PM
41	restore Papermill Park	6/30/2022 2:47 PM
42	none	6/30/2022 8:38 AM
43	None	6/30/2022 6:52 AM
44	Better advertising.	6/29/2022 11:31 PM
45	Keep it where it is. The location is perfect and the programs are great! Thank you so much!	6/29/2022 5:08 PM
46	Outdoor fire pits, cross country skiing, open air chess venues, open air tai chi, picnic areas	6/29/2022 4:44 PM
47	It's fine the way it is.	6/29/2022 4:21 PM
48	Email info to ALL residents on a monthly basis of. Current and upcoming events allowing feedback. Much more efficient than sporadic printed matter	6/29/2022 4:04 PM
49	A gymnastics program would be awesome, but I know insurance is an issue.	6/29/2022 2:44 PM
50	There needs to be more options, and they need to be more affordable. I would like many more options for my kids.	6/27/2022 4:12 PM
51	The pool needs better swim instructors.	6/25/2022 8:07 PM
52	We need a safe place for kids to ride bikes	6/25/2022 10:07 AM
53	The pool sucks. It's dark and they are mean. I only hear negative things about the lessons and the atmosphere. Most people I know go to ymca instead.	6/25/2022 9:33 AM
54	Spread the programming throughout different locations in the Town and sprinkle the services, activities and appropriate funding to acquire land and build what is needed, where it is needed and provide the needed recreational opportunities for children,where they live, so they can walk there and feel free to play safely in a space that is their own and designed for recreation (ex: a	6/24/2022 9:58 PM

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full size basketball court) near subdivisions within the Town of Hampden. This will provide safe, healthy, appropriate exercise and build a sense of community and foster relationships.

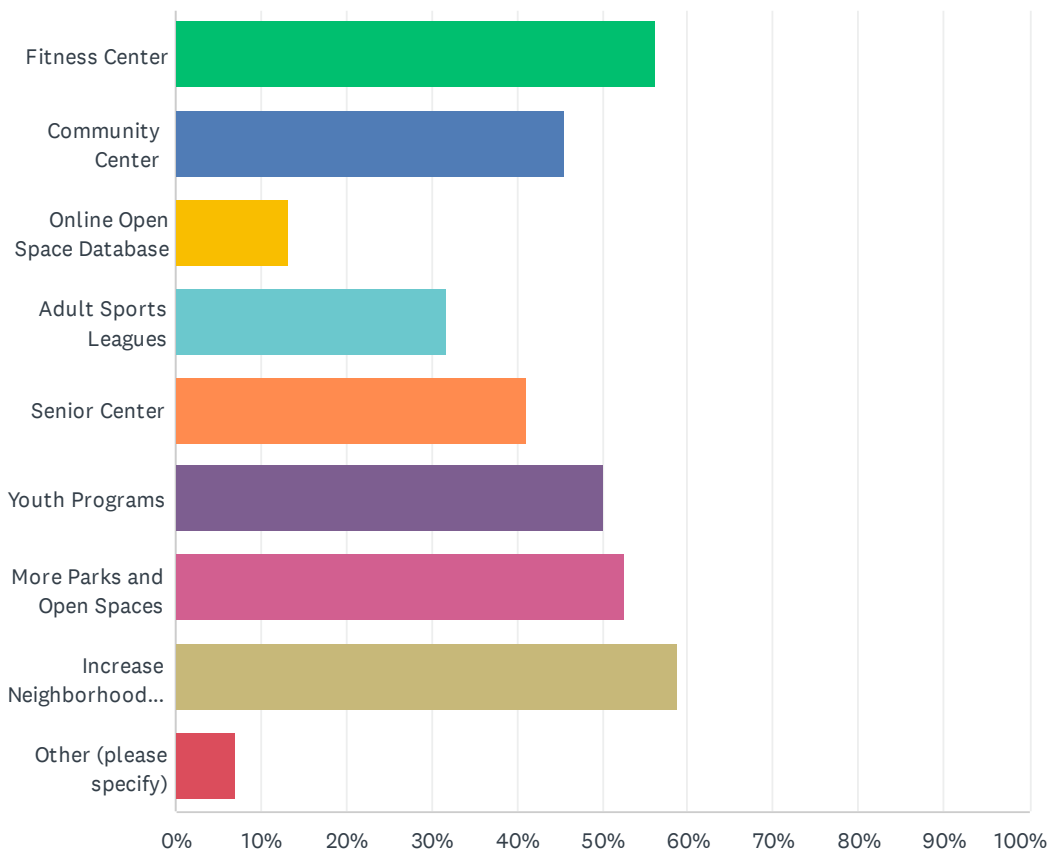
55	Outdoor town pool	6/24/2022 7:05 PM
56	increased outreach/advertising	6/24/2022 7:01 PM
57	Bring in more programs for kids under five.	6/23/2022 9:42 PM
58	More programs for young children	6/23/2022 4:10 PM
59	Communication	6/23/2022 3:54 PM
60	Email programs and schedules to citizens	6/23/2022 2:10 PM
61	Offer more. Get volunteers to coach before you advertise for sports. Advertise for upcoming activities or sports being offered around the community so we know about it and don't have to go on the website 2x a week to see whats coming up.	6/23/2022 1:22 PM
62	More non-sport offerings. More activity days/events.	6/23/2022 12:29 PM
63	Public awareness is lacking	6/23/2022 11:51 AM
64	- Bigger variety of activities (crafts, performing arts, etc in addition to sports); have a few designated as covid-cautious so that people have options; KidsKorner needs to be open on half days and in-service days; much better communication about activities	6/23/2022 11:17 AM
65	More communication on social media/advertising. Create more trails near water ways and scenic areas, community gardens (I'd love to volunteer my time to one)	6/23/2022 11:11 AM
66	Tennis Courts! :)	6/23/2022 11:05 AM
67	More social media advertisement (it seems inconsistent)	6/23/2022 10:30 AM
68	Longer sports seasons, 5 weeks of youth baseball/ basketball with cancellations from weather don't give kids enough opportunity to grow	6/23/2022 10:18 AM
69	Rearrange to allow for more childcare/camp options at the Skehan Center to allow Kids Kamp to get out of the schools. Move other programming to early mornings and evenings to share the space.	6/23/2022 10:04 AM
70	Getting word out more. Also, the Laura hoit pool does NOT answer emails. When we first moved here we emailed them asking questions and nobody ever responded. It's frustrating.	6/23/2022 9:55 AM
71	Lower the cost/free offerings	6/23/2022 9:52 AM
72	A new facility that is easy to identify	6/23/2022 9:23 AM
73	None	6/23/2022 8:44 AM
74	Lean into social media	6/23/2022 8:39 AM
75	More consistent communication on offerings, more "drop in" type activities for families (popsicles in the park, open gym, craft day). The Library offerings, and communication are a great example!	6/23/2022 8:03 AM
76	We need an outdoor skate rink for kids in the winter	6/23/2022 7:44 AM
77	Recreation can be more than sports.	6/23/2022 7:44 AM
78	increase senior activities	6/23/2022 7:24 AM
79	Strategic growth plan	6/23/2022 7:05 AM
80	Have Skehan be open more(longer hours for adults)!	6/22/2022 11:30 PM
81	Swings at the park!	6/22/2022 11:19 PM
82	Be cost aware and reduce spending if events and programs are not cost effective.	6/22/2022 10:11 PM
83	Softball and Volleyball	6/22/2022 9:08 PM
84	More advertising	6/22/2022 8:00 PM

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85	Better programming? More adult offerings? Coordinate with other towns?	6/22/2022 7:18 PM
86	Programs that bring people together, corn hole tournaments movie nights, computer gaming clubs, gardening, things that bring the community together.	6/22/2022 6:22 PM
87	None at this time	6/22/2022 6:16 PM
88	Expand age groups (ie, my 5 year old who will start kindergarten can't run track)	6/22/2022 6:08 PM
89	more adult programs and better communication	6/22/2022 5:56 PM
90	Would love a gym like planet fitness	6/22/2022 5:24 PM
91	More exposure in various forums. Residents planning activities.	6/22/2022 5:15 PM
92	Partner with local municipalities to create regional sports leagues (youth and adult)	6/22/2022 10:27 AM
93	continue to expand on offerings for all ages	6/21/2022 11:28 AM

Q70 What types of recreational facilities, services, and programming should the Town of Hampden invest in? (Check all that apply)

Answered: 243 Skipped: 128



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Fitness Center	56.38%	137
Community Center	45.68%	111
Online Open Space Database	13.17%	32
Adult Sports Leagues	31.69%	77
Senior Center	41.15%	100
Youth Programs	50.21%	122
More Parks and Open Spaces	52.67%	128
Increase Neighborhood Walkability	58.85%	143
Other (please specify)	7.00%	17
Total Respondents: 243		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
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1	YMCA vs build our own community center. we will still struggle with staffing.	9/19/2022 10:27 AM
2	No new programs until inflation is below 2% for at least one year.	9/14/2022 10:16 AM
3	Community stocked fish pond for young children only.	9/6/2022 10:08 PM
4	town should ease back on spending	8/5/2022 2:00 PM
5	community center could include a senior center, fitness center, youth programs, etc	8/3/2022 3:29 PM
6	Waterfront walkway	7/22/2022 1:30 PM
7	4 season skating rink, teen center, skate park, additional softball field	7/14/2022 7:13 PM
8	Enlarge the pool or at least open it up to more lap time hours	7/14/2022 3:51 PM
9	Put benches on the side walk so people can rest as they walk.	6/30/2022 3:10 PM
10	Let's not make Hampden into another Bangor, please.	6/29/2022 5:08 PM
11	You need to explain what an "Online Open Space Database" entails	6/29/2022 4:21 PM
12	Hockey rink	6/23/2022 2:37 PM
13	Community arts/music activities	6/23/2022 11:17 AM
14	We need all of these! Our seniors and youth need a community place to connect. We need a gym and walking path or track other than the HS. A 1/4 mile one maybe so ppl know how far they are going	6/23/2022 11:11 AM
15	Splash pad	6/23/2022 9:36 AM
16	current facilities are adequate	6/23/2022 8:44 AM
17	More concerts etc like Orono does	6/23/2022 7:44 AM

Q71 What comments or suggestions do you have for improved parks and recreation facilities, services, and programming?

Answered: 59 Skipped: 312

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	collobrate with other recs to learn. I had offered to do this for the town, called many times to help find new ways to get volunteers and no one wanted help yet they keep saying they don't have the staff to do anything. the PTO at the school does more than the rec...very odd. Although I will say the NEW rec director has made huge strides and I've seen amazing changes, I do want to call that out and I foresee him doing so much more. get a group of parents as a "committee" for the rec who come with ideas and feel empowered to help the rec vs us all feel like we jsut wait till 3 or 4 people decide.	9/19/2022 10:27 AM
2	From what I see the department seems to be doing a nice job of maintaining ball fields, etc.	9/14/2022 10:16 AM
3	Install benches along walkways for rest and reflection.	9/13/2022 12:12 PM
4	See previous comments. When compared with other towns in the region, Hampden has not done a good job of protecting open space, forests, and wildlife habitat. We do not have a signicantly large (200-500 acre) town-owned area that we can call out own and that is developed for various forms of outdoor recreation and conservation programs (or if we do it is not well-known to the populace). This would be a good first start. We also need ordinances that promote and protect privately-owned open space. Private landowners that maintain significant acreage of farms, forests, and other open space should be encouraged by reduced taxes.	9/8/2022 11:33 AM
5	Community stocked fish pond for young children only with picnic areas, walking trails, swings, playground etc.	9/6/2022 10:08 PM
6	Hire staff to take care of them	9/4/2022 11:29 AM
7	More walking spaces and more handicap accessible	8/16/2022 4:03 AM
8	add more	8/9/2022 4:23 PM
9	Advertise what is currently available,	8/9/2022 3:03 PM
10	Hampden needs a gym ASAP	8/7/2022 6:02 PM
11	Trail maintenance	8/6/2022 9:42 PM
12	Increase the trails at Reedsbrook—current trails are awesome and convenient, but more distance would be helpful to encourage people to get out there	8/6/2022 5:56 PM
13	Offer more programs for kids not interested in organized sports. Get more creative and out of the Skeehan Center. Use our outdoor spaces better.	8/5/2022 11:53 PM
14	None	8/4/2022 8:03 PM
15	More programs for jobs outside of work hours	8/4/2022 5:08 PM
16	do user fees instead of raising taxes	8/3/2022 11:53 AM
17	Utilize the waterfront space and develop something where those who live outside of Hamdpden want to come visit.	7/22/2022 1:30 PM
18	I think the town is doing a good job with the resources it already has.	7/19/2022 12:10 PM
19	Better walking	7/19/2022 10:57 AM
20	Current Skeehan Center lease is not financially attractive for the Town of Hampden.	7/18/2022 8:23 PM
21	Maybe a dog park	7/15/2022 1:45 PM
22	Not just a playground for younger kids, but have teen or family activities (walking or biking	7/14/2022 8:15 PM

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	path, sports courts, skate park, picnic tables, kayak launch space,)	
23	Better pool access for lap swimmers	7/14/2022 3:51 PM
24	trail maintenance and identification, rest rooms at the marina, boat slips at the marina,	7/13/2022 6:01 PM
25	It would be nice to have walking areas out in rural areas. The roads are not safe to walk on cars to fast not much ditch	7/13/2022 4:29 PM
26	Multi-town connected bike/hike trail system; addressing the tick problem (spray for them town-wide!)	7/4/2022 7:48 AM
27	none	6/30/2022 2:47 PM
28	More walking trails.	6/29/2022 11:31 PM
29	Keep them maintained.	6/29/2022 5:08 PM
30	Picnic areas, skating rink, art shows	6/29/2022 4:44 PM
31	Bike/ pedestrian pathways	6/29/2022 4:34 PM
32	A Fitness Center would be nice for town residents (all ages)	6/29/2022 4:21 PM
33	You mentioned a fitness center above--that would be AWESOME. My husband and I use Golds Gym, but it has become WAY overcrowded. And of course I'd love if it was closer.	6/29/2022 2:44 PM
34	More access to snowmobile trails and atv trails.	6/27/2022 7:34 PM
35	Ice skating rink, splash pad, riverside paved path, access to Penobscot for fishing. Spraying fields and trails for ticks to improve safety.	6/27/2022 4:12 PM
36	Better, larger park equipment	6/25/2022 8:07 PM
37	Better and smart planning, meet the needs of citizens and children, put the facilities and recreational parks throughout the Town and close to where the children live, where there is the most residential growth and subdivisions, incorporate it into future Plans at the outset, look at other towns and cities throughout the country who have adopted this kind of pre planning and learn from their ideas and strategies to see what has been done and "borrow" those Plans to use here.	6/24/2022 9:58 PM
38	More options/equipment, community gym	6/23/2022 9:13 PM
39	Rock climbing gym	6/23/2022 8:37 PM
40	Create a paved bike path and splash pad	6/23/2022 4:10 PM
41	Communication as to what's available	6/23/2022 3:54 PM
42	Offer afternoon programs for seniors	6/23/2022 2:10 PM
43	None other than I already mentioned	6/23/2022 1:22 PM
44	Now doesn't seem to be the time to build anything as costs are incredibly high. If there are under utilized places/spaces and costs can be moved from A to B to make something more useful it should be done.	6/23/2022 12:58 PM
45	More swings would be great. Also, some sort of outdoor pool or water play area would be really nice near the playground. More picnic tables.	6/23/2022 12:29 PM
46	none	6/23/2022 11:51 AM
47	Fix up Dorothea Dix park!! More shade/shelter both there and Lura Hoit playground, including a structure that could maybe be used for outdoor craft activities. Somewhere for outdoor community concerts (and maybe movies?).	6/23/2022 11:17 AM
48	Start a fun run 5 or 10 k. Many here go to bangor for a gym or fitness. Could find raise for a community gym/track with these funds. I would volunteer.	6/23/2022 11:11 AM
49	Tennis Courts?	6/23/2022 11:05 AM
50	Update websites, respond to emails, put more info on websites.	6/23/2022 9:55 AM

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51	Additional senior fitness activities.	6/23/2022 9:52 AM
52	current facilities and programs are adequate	6/23/2022 8:44 AM
53	Making the spaces we have more accessible, and using them for a greater variety of things. We don't need to wait to build a community center to offer community gatherings of different types, we have a space, even if it isn't ideal. Offering more non-sports activities for kids would be great. A cooking club, a science session, crafting, kids theater classes.... so many things other than just sports that families have to seek either private lessons or join outside our community	6/23/2022 8:03 AM
54	Turf sports fields	6/22/2022 11:30 PM
55	Swings! :)	6/22/2022 11:19 PM
56	24 hour fitness center with keycard would be great! And daycare support	6/22/2022 10:11 PM
57	As I said earlier I believe a community center that would bring over and younger people together would be a great idea. Have a place where people can go. Having movie nights and maybe corn hole tournaments, computer based classes and gaming programs.	6/22/2022 6:22 PM
58	I like the idea of adult sports league more	6/22/2022 6:16 PM
59	Start a website and use Facebook to get exposure	6/22/2022 5:15 PM

Q72 What recommendations would you like for the Town of Hampden to consider in the Parks and Recreation section of the Comprehensive Plan?

Answered: 62 Skipped: 309

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	covered areas around parks, skate park or walking path that is paved that is really long for kids to scooter on and it goes the length or something liek that.	9/19/2022 10:27 AM
2	Please keep firmly in mind that the town competes with private business with some recreation programs. Be gentle in competing with for profit business. Also remember that every additional town benefit costs families money, whether they participate or not. As the cost of living is now out of control, please keep recreation costs as low as possible and maybe don't add any new programs until inflation is under 2% again.	9/14/2022 10:16 AM
3	More access along the river for walking and resting to enjoy the view	9/13/2022 12:12 PM
4	The municipal government of Hampden needs to set goals for being carbon neutral. Part of addressing climate change is maintaining our forests and planting more trees. Hampden should purchase a large area of open space and develop it for outdoor recreation and conservation. This could become a "destination" and require relatively little infrastructure and funding (compared to say an Industrial Park that has destroyed one of the most cherished open spaces in town and has been very slow to develop).	9/8/2022 11:33 AM
5	Recreate the swimming hole/facilities on Souadabscook Stream along Paper Mill Road.	9/6/2022 10:08 PM
6	I would really like to see access to the Penobscot River in Hampden. I would also love to see a park developed somewhere away from traffic (model - Webster park in Orono).	8/28/2022 7:08 AM
7	Walking places, community center, more youth options, increased accessibility	8/16/2022 4:03 AM
8	more athletic fields for children	8/9/2022 4:23 PM
9	Get a gym, like a planet fitness or a Y	8/7/2022 6:02 PM
10	Trail maintenance, more signage, publicly accessible trail maps	8/6/2022 9:42 PM
11	Make sure it is for everyone - not just 10 yesr old boys who like organized sports.	8/5/2022 11:53 PM
12	Described above. Thank you very much for the interest in our community	8/4/2022 10:06 PM
13	None	8/4/2022 8:03 PM
14	have more open areas to prevent development.	8/3/2022 11:53 AM
15	Update and maintain your town owned recreation facilities. Develop a skating area for the winter.	7/22/2022 1:30 PM
16	Improve the Dorothea Dix park and take better care of it.	7/19/2022 12:10 PM
17	A nice long river walk that the elderly and toddlers can go yo.	7/19/2022 10:57 AM
18	Build a new Community Center which would house a Recreation Center, construct new trails, construct some trails which are accessable to bicycles.	7/18/2022 8:23 PM
19	Large central community center with area around it for ammenities	7/14/2022 7:13 PM
20	-ATV trails -Further development of Turtlehead Marina	7/14/2022 7:12 PM
21	The pool	7/14/2022 3:51 PM
22	Water front park area	7/14/2022 11:45 AM
23	A dedicated parks and rec employee	7/13/2022 6:01 PM
24	More programs for all and a fitness center so we don't have to travel to Bangor for everything	7/13/2022 4:29 PM

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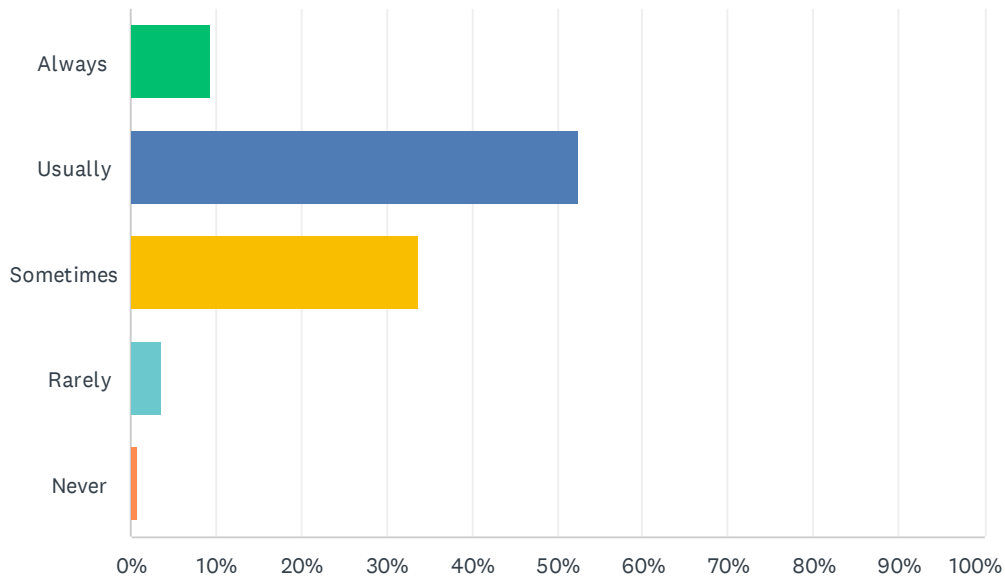
25	Consider vest-pocket park spaces	7/2/2022 4:27 PM
26	none	6/30/2022 2:47 PM
27	More senior activities and advertising of them. Day trips for seniors,	6/29/2022 11:31 PM
28	Keep the programs maintained as is.	6/29/2022 5:08 PM
29	See above	6/29/2022 4:44 PM
30	Bike / pedestrian pathways. Look at Sweden for example	6/29/2022 4:34 PM
31	Same as comment inn previous box.	6/29/2022 4:21 PM
32	Urge involvement by high school students and seniors	6/29/2022 4:04 PM
33	N/A	6/29/2022 2:44 PM
34	Outdoor recreation areas throughout Hampden for the children of Hampden, within walking distance of their homes. They need wide open spaces.	6/24/2022 9:58 PM
35	Make a paved bike path and splash pad	6/23/2022 4:10 PM
36	Walkability	6/23/2022 3:54 PM
37	Not to over do for the percentage of people that would use the programs	6/23/2022 2:07 PM
38	Knowledge of the areas..many people don't know they exist and what the parks offer	6/23/2022 1:27 PM
39	Ice rink!	6/23/2022 1:22 PM
40	A Sports complex is NOT necessary, especially E-Sports. A fitness center with 24/7 access could be nice, but it may not be cost savvy at this time.	6/23/2022 12:58 PM
41	A space for water play, more options through the rec center for kids' activities.	6/23/2022 12:29 PM
42	Self-financed	6/23/2022 11:51 AM
43	Fix up Dorothea Dix park! Also, is there, or could there be, any area with river access, or anyplace where there could be canoes, kayaks, little rowboats?	6/23/2022 11:17 AM
44	Create a volunteer database so you have free labor to rely on to help. Ask donations of time/equipment from local businesses. A rec center built by, and for Hampden residents. Like, "adopt a trail" so every spring the adopter would help maintain it etc. Encouraging residents to volunteer ensures a true vested interest in the longevity of the project and is cost effective... free. Or incentive, highschoolers that need volunteer hours can sign up for summer volunteer programs. Need alternative and creative ways to get the community involved with hands on, boots on the ground development. Also avoids people complaining about town government, because it's residents doing the work.	6/23/2022 11:11 AM
45	Unsure.	6/23/2022 11:05 AM
46	Splash pad, dog park, swings at the playground.	6/23/2022 10:30 AM
47	Opening a gym	6/23/2022 10:18 AM
48	Tennis courts would be awesome.	6/23/2022 9:55 AM
49	An outdoor exercise area.	6/23/2022 9:52 AM
50	Maintaining current facilities and programs	6/23/2022 8:44 AM
51	Please look at offering both short term and long term solutions. We don't need to wait to build new facilities to offer new programing. We don't need the newest and greatest of everything, we need to invest in people who want to bring our community together and offer great programing.	6/23/2022 8:03 AM
52	More recreational activities that isn't sports based. Connected trails would be great.	6/23/2022 7:44 AM
53	Splash pad and swing set at Lura Hoit! - maybe even have a food truck there every once and a while. ♀	6/23/2022 7:42 AM
54	develop a beach at town boat launch area	6/23/2022 7:24 AM

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55	Maintenance of parks; expanding waterfront at the marina	6/23/2022 7:05 AM
56	Swing	6/22/2022 11:19 PM
57	Less government involvement the better	6/22/2022 10:11 PM
58	An open fitness center, with gym equipment and such.	6/22/2022 9:53 PM
59	See above	6/22/2022 6:22 PM
60	More hiking trails	6/22/2022 6:16 PM
61	Access to hunting areas , continued snowmobiling trail maintenance, bike trails and mountain bike trails, cross country skiing trails, a waterfront access trails	6/22/2022 5:16 PM
62	Transportation	6/22/2022 5:15 PM

Q73 Do you feel your needs are supported by the Town of Hampden?

Answered: 255 Skipped: 116



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	9.41%	24
Usually	52.55%	134
Sometimes	33.73%	86
Rarely	3.53%	9
Never	0.78%	2
TOTAL		255

Q74 How can the Town of Hampden better support you?

Answered: 70 Skipped: 301

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I do think, now that COVID is better, the town is really great. I moved here right before covid so everything just seemed negative everywhere and I got a bad first impression. I do feel the shcools, town, rec and all involved are trying their very best and doing a great job. I do think having a committee of parents who devote time to the communities and schools should be able to have some say in what gets offered by the rec or town and have the support from the town for things like that.	9/19/2022 10:30 AM
2	I think the town does an excellent job listening and responding to concerns.	9/14/2022 1:44 PM
3	Please offer school choice for the families that need an alternative education program for their children. Town tuitioning is a long and success method. Ask yourself if your concerns are primarily the impact on RSU22 or the student and family. Or to put it another way are you more concerned with protecting the monopoly of the education industry or the needs of a child. I am happy to talk to you and answer any questions and share with you the compelling family stories.	9/14/2022 10:40 AM
4	Install sidewalks along Old County Road.	9/13/2022 12:14 PM
5	The transfer station could do more to promote recycling. How many people in Hampden recycle (the Conservation Commission used to do polls and promote recycling at the transfer station.) The Zero sort bin was recently closed. The attendant said, "Don't worry, it all goes to the same place anyway." Is that true? Are we really recycling?	9/8/2022 11:40 AM
6	Get back to teaching the basics in school instead of woke agenda nonsense.	9/6/2022 11:48 PM
7	Free sand for driveways. No extra charge for demolition weekends.	9/1/2022 9:38 AM
8	Bike lanes - sidewalks	8/28/2022 9:14 AM
9	Better communication and more accessible. It's hard to get in touch with people and they don't always call you back	8/16/2022 4:05 AM
10	More amenities	8/7/2022 6:07 PM
11	Trash pickup	8/6/2022 9:44 PM
12	More support with permitting process	8/6/2022 12:02 PM
13	Let's admit it. Hampden does not do much - pretty hands off on purpose.	8/5/2022 11:57 PM
14	Curbside trash pickup. My road is littered with trash from people incorrectly transporting trash to the transfer station	8/4/2022 10:02 PM
15	I am pretty self sufficient	8/4/2022 9:09 PM
16	Having a fire department adequate staffing, to better protect the citizens of Hampden, including me.	8/4/2022 8:05 PM
17	Allow me to "dump" the \$6000 dump trailer that I purchased when moving to Hampden just for that reason at the transfer station.	8/4/2022 5:54 PM
18	see above answers	8/3/2022 11:55 AM
19	Be open minded and provide a town where outsiders want to visit us, rather than residents going elsewhere for services and/or accommodations.	7/22/2022 1:34 PM
20	They're pretty responsive. No complaints.	7/19/2022 6:17 PM
21	I'm satisfied the way things are and it's not due to apathy. Things work very well in this town compared to some other Maine towns I've lived in.	7/19/2022 12:16 PM

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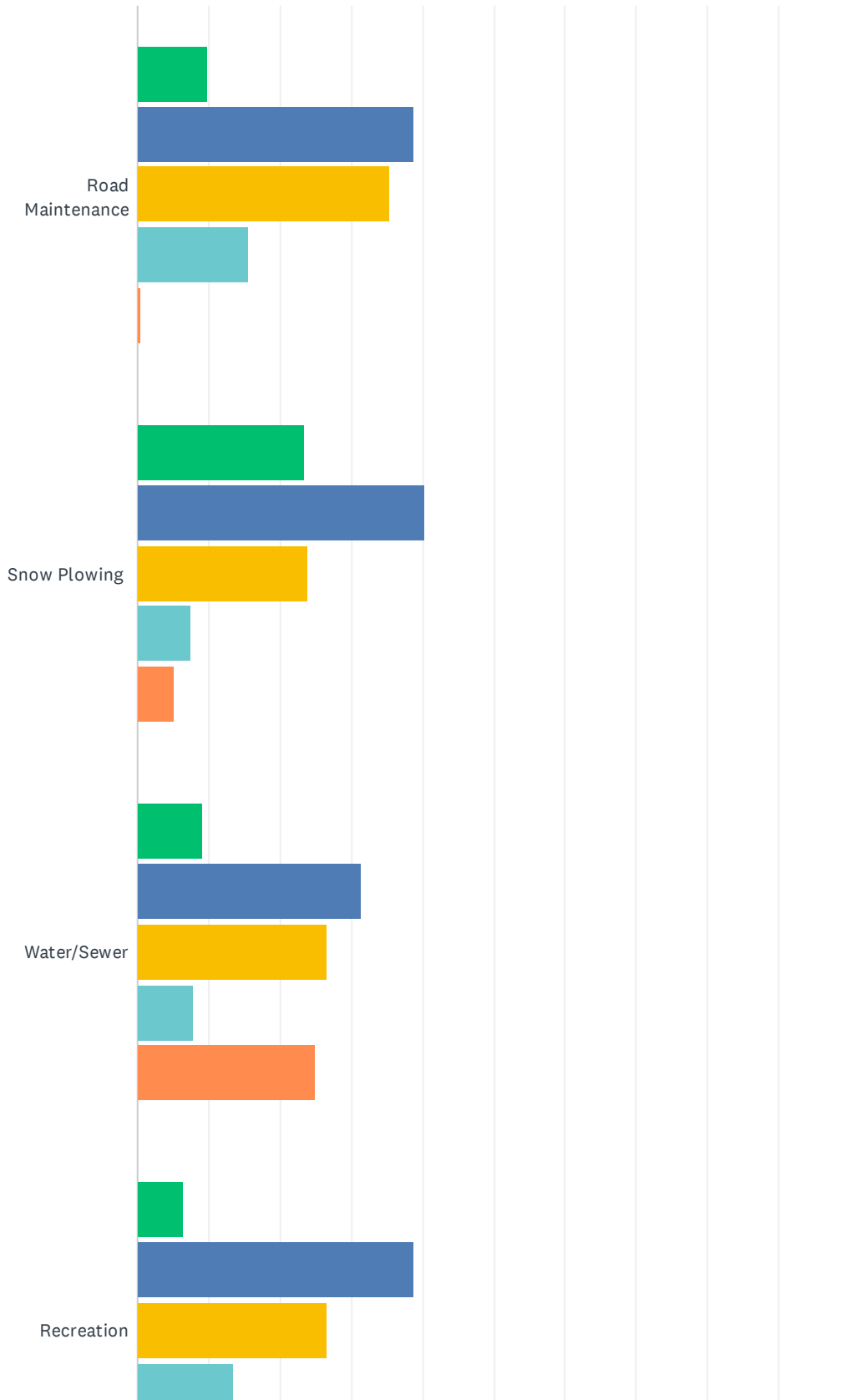
22	More open times at the pool especially sundays for families, longer pre-k times, trash pick up, etc	7/19/2022 11:00 AM
23	Improve the functionality of the Town Council.	7/18/2022 8:57 PM
24	Communication and outreach seems appropriate.	7/17/2022 12:33 AM
25	Trash pick up Better internet	7/15/2022 5:17 AM
26	Pay attention to the needs of citizens	7/14/2022 3:53 PM
27	Help us get large trash to the dump. Don't have vehicles to make that happen	7/13/2022 4:31 PM
28	Listen	7/12/2022 11:25 PM
29	Diversity and inclusion	7/10/2022 9:52 PM
30	Trash pick up	7/4/2022 7:51 AM
31	nothing I can think of now	6/30/2022 8:40 AM
32	Better access to voting	6/30/2022 6:56 AM
33	More senior activities.	6/29/2022 11:36 PM
34	Keep doing what you have been. Town employees are your best asset. They do a great job already. Thank you!	6/29/2022 5:24 PM
35	See above	6/29/2022 4:47 PM
36	Better responsiveness from elected board members	6/29/2022 4:36 PM
37	We're fine.	6/29/2022 4:24 PM
38	Just Listen to us all.	6/29/2022 4:16 PM
39	I live in Hampden but I go to Bangor/Brewer/Belfast for recreation and activities	6/29/2022 4:10 PM
40	See my previously mentioned concerns.	6/29/2022 2:45 PM
41	By replacing the culvert on Main st and Foster Ave. The town tried to fix it by cutting part of it and now it's worse then it was and whe it rains there's flooding. I called and was told it not in the budget and to call the state. The state said the town cut it so they should replace it.	6/27/2022 10:45 PM
42	Providing information of public meetings, allowing me to have a voice, a say, a vote about what is occurring in my community, in my Subdivision, on the street I live on, and outside of my home where I have lived for nearly 18 years.	6/24/2022 10:06 PM
43	Public safety answer calls in less than 3 days	6/24/2022 7:08 PM
44	all set	6/23/2022 5:37 PM
45	Better info on recreational activities and volunteer programs	6/23/2022 3:56 PM
46	More diverse community activities	6/23/2022 3:24 PM
47	Please recognize those wonderful people in the office...they are always so smart and efficient	6/23/2022 2:02 PM
48	Offer CPR classes. I would love to see the town offer more adult ed classes.	6/23/2022 1:25 PM
49	Lower taxes	6/23/2022 1:19 PM
50	Continue with posting things on social media/websites. Continue livesteam of meetings for those that can't attend. Have a feedback option (maybe there is one) for people to submit suggestions/request.	6/23/2022 1:00 PM
51	More cultural inclusion.	6/23/2022 12:31 PM
52	Better communication	6/23/2022 11:20 AM
53	Maintain good pay and benefits to our PD/fire/ems. Continue the great road mantis and plowing. REALLY need better social media alerts on town events and transfer Station details. So many times I've been, no posted closures, amd they closed unexpectedly and I have bags of stinky trash in my car.	6/23/2022 11:17 AM

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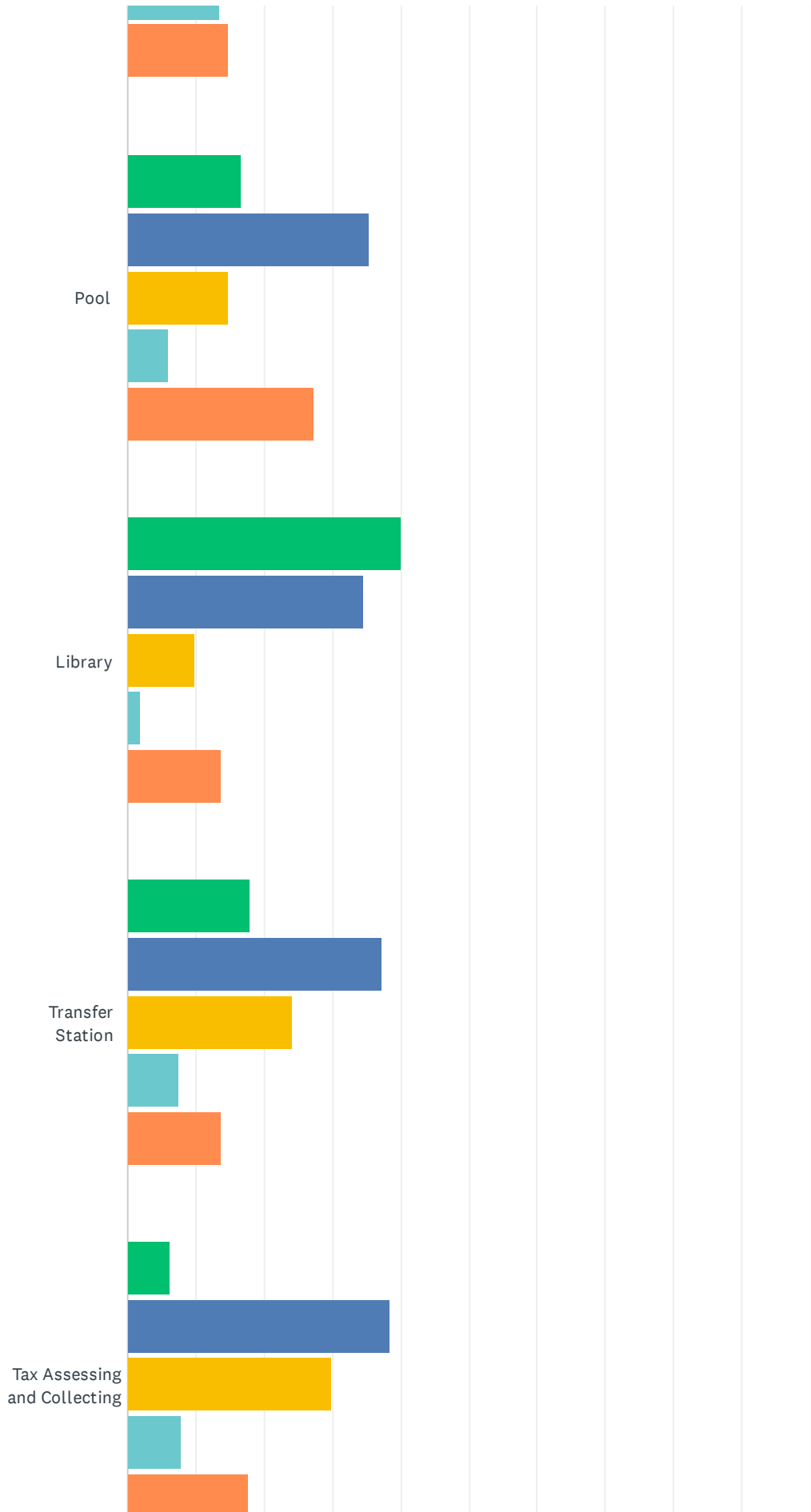
54	More neighborhood lights, Tennis courts, and all the other things I already discussed.	6/23/2022 11:08 AM
55	Provide more access to adult/senior fitness programs.	6/23/2022 9:58 AM
56	You guys are great for the most part!	6/23/2022 9:57 AM
57	Trash pick up and a place to get sand for Ivey driveways in the winter	6/23/2022 7:48 AM
58	It is fine. The schools are great but we go elsewhere for activities	6/23/2022 7:46 AM
59	Shift tax burden from homeowners	6/23/2022 7:07 AM
60	Reduce taxes	6/22/2022 10:15 PM
61	Some departments (water) are very responsive and polite. Others, not so much	6/22/2022 10:13 PM
62	Fix the roads, they are getting worse quickly.	6/22/2022 8:27 PM
63	Focus on all residents and treat them with respect.	6/22/2022 8:24 PM
64	Adopt transfer station hours that fit needs of commuting employees	6/22/2022 8:12 PM
65	I hear a lot of people talk about the share building out to the transfer station. A lot of people like to see that open up sooner than later. I think anytime we can reuse material rather than sending it to a landfill is a plus for everybody.	6/22/2022 6:26 PM
66	Lower rates for services related to home ownership	6/22/2022 5:26 PM
67	Trash pickup, Friday office hours.	6/22/2022 5:18 PM
68	Public sewer/water, natural gas, high speed internet	6/22/2022 5:17 PM
69	We need good reliable internet	6/22/2022 5:02 PM
70	Trash pick up	6/22/2022 5:01 PM

Q75 Please rate the following community facilities and services:

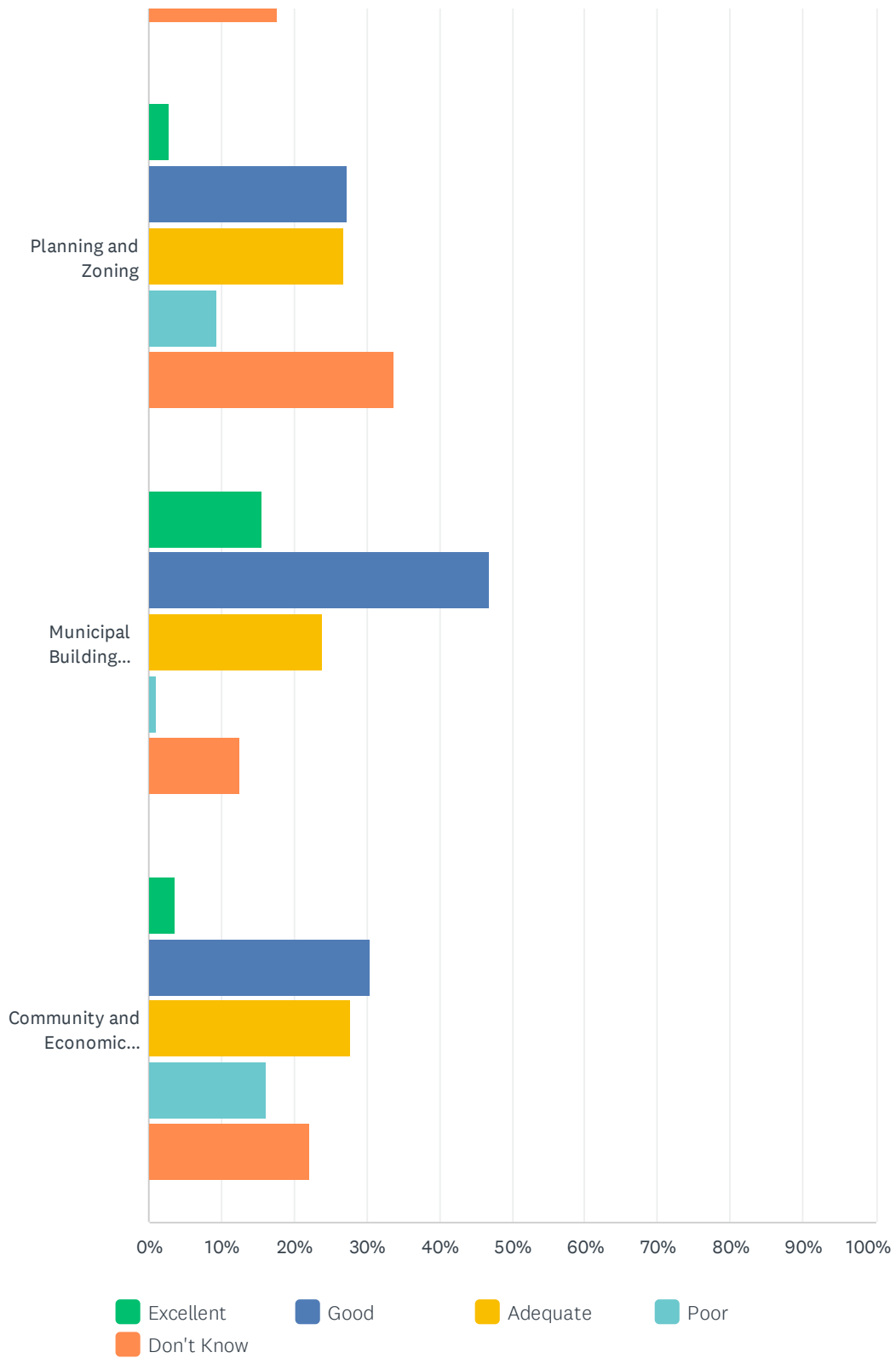
Answered: 258 Skipped: 113



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	EXCELLENT	GOOD	ADEQUATE	POOR	DON'T KNOW	TOTAL
Road Maintenance	9.73% 25	38.91% 100	35.41% 91	15.56% 40	0.39% 1	257
Snow Plowing	23.44% 60	40.23% 103	23.83% 61	7.42% 19	5.08% 13	256
Water/Sewer	9.13% 23	31.35% 79	26.59% 67	7.94% 20	25.00% 63	252
Recreation	6.35% 16	38.89% 98	26.59% 67	13.49% 34	14.68% 37	252
Pool	16.67% 42	35.32% 89	14.68% 37	5.95% 15	27.38% 69	252
Library	40.08% 103	34.63% 89	9.73% 25	1.95% 5	13.62% 35	257
Transfer Station	17.83% 46	37.21% 96	24.03% 62	7.36% 19	13.57% 35	258
Tax Assessing and Collecting	6.27% 16	38.43% 98	29.80% 76	7.84% 20	17.65% 45	255
Planning and Zoning	2.77% 7	27.27% 69	26.88% 68	9.49% 24	33.60% 85	253
Municipal Building Services	15.63% 40	46.88% 120	23.83% 61	1.17% 3	12.50% 32	256
Community and Economic Development	3.56% 9	30.43% 77	27.67% 70	16.21% 41	22.13% 56	253

Q76 What suggestions do you have to improve community facilities and services?

Answered: 66 Skipped: 305

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	open the rec for more public use. allow certain volunteers open the building for adult activies at night and allow to rent the facilities out for a cost to residents only.	9/19/2022 10:30 AM
2	Expand sewer and municipal water services.	9/14/2022 10:10 PM
3	Economic Development seems to me to be the weakest department. The town of Hampden isn't known to be business friendly. The past efforts in the last year to openly compete with a local business in taking away their cable customers with a town owned internet company indicates a lack of understanding of growing Hampden's economic base. Now the push to build a community building is a misuse of the economic director's time and focus. Let's nurture and care for: our current businesses as well as be very responsive to potential businesses.	9/14/2022 10:40 AM
4	Promote water and energy conservation. Bangor is promoting heat pumps to their residents with rebates. Why not Hampden? What are we doing to promote development of solar in Hampden? Why not on the old landfill? What other renewable energy options could the town employ on their own property and promote to residents?	9/8/2022 11:40 AM
5	The Town office should be open a minimum of five days a week. It's heated and depreciated 7 days a week... Enough with four day work weeks, 3 when there's a holiday on Monday, like Labor Day.	9/6/2022 11:48 PM
6	As a senior I'd like to be able to dump my trailer at the transfer station again as it's more that can be handled to load and then unload however there is no other option	9/4/2022 11:59 AM
7	Handicap accessible	8/16/2022 4:05 AM
8	add more	8/9/2022 4:26 PM
9	Bring more	8/7/2022 6:07 PM
10	Make the rules around bulk trash easier to understand.	8/6/2022 9:44 PM
11	I don't really understand what this means. Hampden is purposefully low on services.	8/5/2022 11:57 PM
12	Our development on Frances Drive continues to flood	8/4/2022 10:11 PM
13	None	8/4/2022 8:05 PM
14	We need a can and bottle redemption center please it's such a hassle to get our bottles redeemed we had to go all the way to the Bangor Mall area this deters a lot of people from recycling and redeeming their bottles they just throw them away this is a shame	8/4/2022 5:10 PM
15	Improvement in the public works needed, knowledges of construction practices are lacking, knowledge of right of ways, knowledge of using a mulching head on a excavator, that the operator killed many trees while clearing to the right of way that's not marked. Very in professional, when someone comes home from work and see what the public works did to there land. The right of way should have been ribboned off so the operator didn't go outside the right of way.	8/3/2022 9:16 PM
16	Do user fees instead of raising taxes	8/3/2022 11:55 AM
17	See previous comments.	7/22/2022 1:34 PM
18	An outdoor seasonal pool would be wonderful. Cost of sewer is high	7/20/2022 10:02 AM
19	Edythe Dyer Library is quaint, but the town could really use a centrally located, state-of-the-art building. THAT's something I would support/contribute to.	7/19/2022 6:17 PM
20	The town needs to divest itself of any financial stake that it has in the Coastal Resources	7/19/2022 12:16 PM

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Trash Plant off of Coldbrook Road. The venture has been a money pit and a scam since it was first proposed. Someone needs to be held accountable for this travesty.

21	Establish an in-service system of education/professional development focusing on local government best practices for Town Council members. Topics such as basic knowledge of Roberts Rules of Order, budget development, policy development, etc. A better functioning Town Council is one of Hampden's most urgent needs!	7/18/2022 8:57 PM
22	Overall, doing very well.	7/17/2022 12:33 AM
23	Our vehicles have commercial plates for our business. The transfer station is now an issue for us.	7/15/2022 1:46 PM
24	Better roadkill clean up Better sand clean up post winter	7/15/2022 5:17 AM
25	I could use some help at times when I am at the transfer station. It seems everyone looks the other way when you are struggling to get things out of your car!	7/14/2022 10:25 PM
26	The Assessing department is understaffed for a town this size. The Town needs a revaluation to keep our ratio at 100% market value. Without this, the residents will lose homestead exemptions. The Transfer Station is severely undersize - built when the population was about 3500, it is not efficient due to it's small footprint. The inefficiencies are not the fault of staff. Hampden should have curbside service. New residents to the town are surprised we don't have it when they ask what day pick up is. We also have an older population in some regards who struggle taking their trash to the Transfer Station. Others who are in a higher income bracket expect roadside and do not wish to transport trash.	7/14/2022 8:59 AM
27	Ways to get trash to the dump	7/13/2022 4:31 PM
28	For our tax amount, trash pick up should be included. Demo should be an added fee, but far less. Like \$20 annually.	7/4/2022 7:51 AM
29	none	6/30/2022 2:50 PM
30	Much larger library. Senior center.	6/29/2022 11:36 PM
31	The Hampden Fiberight plant is a huge waste of money. This facility should be sold for another purpose to a business entity wishing to have a facility there. It makes no sense to keep dumping more money into this when it is never going to be a successful business. It never should have gotten as far as it did. I worked with many start-up and expanding businesses when I was working and could clearly see this was not going to pan out. Some things were just not to be. Cut the losses now and offer the building to someone else for a different business that can be successful. 115 towns are suffering because of this mistake. It's time to let them all out of this misery, and move on.	6/29/2022 5:24 PM
32	More connectivity near town hall	6/29/2022 4:47 PM
33	None	6/29/2022 4:24 PM
34	Town free ad paper	6/29/2022 4:16 PM
35	Long term plan. We can't be everything to everybod. I really wish zi didn't have to go out of town for recreation dining etc	6/29/2022 4:10 PM
36	N/A	6/29/2022 2:45 PM
37	Several homes have flooded due to issues with the water. The town has done nothing to remedy the situation, and it appears to be due to too many homes on too small of piping. We would like this fixed; however, it would be insane to raise our water and sewer rates again. They've gone up 3x in the last 6 years.	6/27/2022 4:14 PM
38	Bus service with dedicated bus stops, more trails, bike paths, more recreational spaces for kids to gather and play(not in the road), garbage pick up	6/24/2022 10:06 PM
39	The pool should be a bit warmer, it's so cold if you're not swimming laps	6/23/2022 8:39 PM
40	None	6/23/2022 3:56 PM
41	Lower sewer prices	6/23/2022 2:12 PM
42	None	6/23/2022 1:25 PM

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43	see previous comments	6/23/2022 1:00 PM
44	More salt/sand on the roads, especially on non-snow days when there is a storm.	6/23/2022 12:31 PM
45	none	6/23/2022 11:53 AM
46	Is there really recycling? It's highly unclear, even at the transfer station, despite the extensive list of what can/can't be recycled, which compactor is for which and if it matters. Please have real recycling, and better information about it. Curbside recycling pickup would be ideal!	6/23/2022 11:20 AM
47	An Hampden Town app. Has LIVE up to Date info on rec events, town government, school closings and events, road closures and maintenance, transfer Station issues and closures etc. And someone to maintain the app sonits up to date. I think it would be easier and utilized more in app form.	6/23/2022 11:17 AM
48	Unsure	6/23/2022 11:08 AM
49	I stopped bringing my children to the pool because it is too cold for them. Their lips turn purple after only a short time inside. This is a complaint I hear regularly from mothers of other young children and in the local facebook mom's group as well. It is way too cold for little kids.	6/23/2022 10:33 AM
50	Better recycling program. More fitness activities for adults and seniors.	6/23/2022 9:58 AM
51	Answer emails.	6/23/2022 9:57 AM
52	Stop letting anyone with a pulse run sports programs. We understand it's hard to get volunteers but maybe a different approach would get the right candidates in place	6/23/2022 9:14 AM
53	Main rd N could use some fixing up	6/23/2022 8:44 AM
54	Welcome packet for new resident	6/23/2022 8:40 AM
55	Trash pick up- Make the cost of the dump passes all the same price with access to the oversized things. Instead of \$10 and \$100 just make them all \$40 and call it a day. Even an old lady has a broom she needs to throw Away and \$100 is ridiculous. I have a pile of stuff that I'm accumulating because I refuse to pay \$100 every year.	6/23/2022 7:48 AM
56	The library is wonderful	6/23/2022 7:46 AM
57	Better road maintenance	6/23/2022 7:32 AM
58	Continued field development off Western Ave; transfer station operation to include swap shop	6/23/2022 7:07 AM
59	Look for overlap and duplicity, reduce costs were necessary and reallocate funds for other requested programs. Ask for volunteers to help with staffing. Offer free or reduced costs on gym membership or transfer Station pass	6/22/2022 10:15 PM
60	Bring back later hours at dump for thur and Friday during months it's light out later.	6/22/2022 9:55 PM
61	Improve snow removal on side streets and focus on ways to reduce property taxes, which means not allowing the school cart blanche on their budget.	6/22/2022 8:24 PM
62	Keep the transfer station open later more than one night a week	6/22/2022 8:12 PM
63	Maybe schedule the town office staff so that have a work Monday through Thursday and the other half work Tuesday through Friday. That would still allow the employees to have their four day work week but allow the town office to be open for five days a week instead of four.	6/22/2022 6:26 PM
64	Update the municipal building! It looks old and dated and would benefit from a significant overhaul, when compared to our schools it does not match.	6/22/2022 5:18 PM
65	Community services should all be co-located in one municipal facility.	6/22/2022 10:28 AM
66	Public Works crew driving around a lot when could be improving parks, gardens, etc.	6/21/2022 11:30 AM

Q77 What community services do you need that the Town of Hampden does not provide?

Answered: 70 Skipped: 301

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I don't see that you included in the list above public safety. I would like to complement the police, fire, and EMT services. They are prompt, extremely polite, and very mission focuses. This is as it should be. Job well done.	9/14/2022 10:40 AM
2	Communication with residents could be improved. Newsletters do not seem as frequent as they used to be. We enjoy the SAD 22 newspaper even though we no longer have children in school.	9/8/2022 11:40 AM
3	Town office open Friday After noon.	9/6/2022 11:48 PM
4	Someone to unload trailers for elderly at the transfer station	9/4/2022 11:59 AM
5	Garbage pick up	8/21/2022 8:28 PM
6	Disability services	8/16/2022 4:05 AM
7	Trash collection	8/7/2022 6:07 PM
8	Trash pickup	8/6/2022 9:44 PM
9	Trash. We all got hoodwinked on broadband. Should have negotiated something more concrete than empty promises.	8/5/2022 11:57 PM
10	Flooding of our development	8/4/2022 10:11 PM
11	None	8/4/2022 8:05 PM
12	Better priced groceries, places to get coffee that isn't dunkin. Starbucks would be AWESOME. Or just a smaller Cafe that serves good coffee and bagels.	8/4/2022 5:15 PM
13	Trash pick up in recycling I cannot believe that there is no recycling here in Hampden has do it all yourself and then if it is done is no where to return your cans set for Hannaford clink and that is not very efficient	8/4/2022 5:10 PM
14	bus service near locations of interest and home.	8/3/2022 11:55 AM
15	Start with making the current ones great, then look to build upon those.	7/22/2022 1:34 PM
16	Trash pickup	7/20/2022 3:34 PM
17	A community fitness center	7/20/2022 10:02 AM
18	None	7/19/2022 12:16 PM
19	Longer prek. 9a to 230p is only good for non working parents.	7/19/2022 11:00 AM
20	Curbside trash pick-up.	7/18/2022 8:57 PM
21	None	7/17/2022 12:33 AM
22	Trash pick up. Monthly debris pick up. curbside recycling.	7/15/2022 12:01 PM
23	Trash pick up	7/15/2022 5:17 AM
24	Trash pickup and pickup a few times a year for tree limbs and yard debris. There is nowhere to put it.	7/14/2022 10:25 PM
25	Trash and recycling pick up	7/14/2022 7:15 PM
26	Curbside Trash	7/14/2022 2:29 PM

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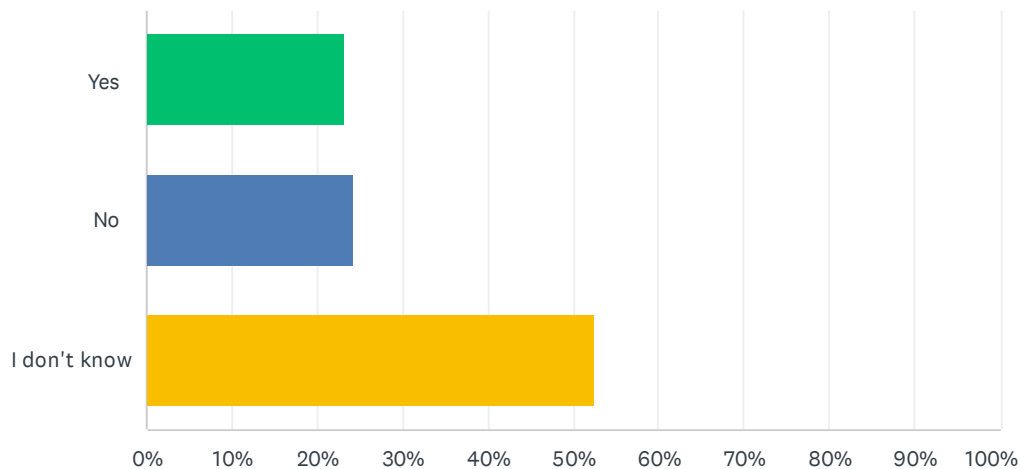
27	Trash pickup	7/14/2022 11:47 AM
28	Curbside trash pick up.	7/14/2022 8:59 AM
29	Fitness center , redemption center	7/13/2022 4:31 PM
30	Trash	7/10/2022 9:52 PM
31	Trash pick up	7/4/2022 7:51 AM
32	Consider Municipal trash removal by feasibility study.	7/2/2022 4:29 PM
33	none	6/30/2022 2:50 PM
34	car wash	6/30/2022 8:40 AM
35	More shops	6/30/2022 6:56 AM
36	Senior center and activities.	6/29/2022 11:36 PM
37	Drive through car wash	6/29/2022 9:28 PM
38	None.	6/29/2022 5:24 PM
39	Shopping, walking, meet and greet areas such as cafes, outdoor areas for summer and winter	6/29/2022 4:47 PM
40	Senior center. Low income housing	6/29/2022 4:36 PM
41	None	6/29/2022 4:24 PM
42	Evening activities	6/29/2022 4:10 PM
43	N/A	6/29/2022 2:45 PM
44	Curbside trash pickup.	6/29/2022 6:13 AM
45	Trash removal	6/25/2022 10:09 AM
46	Ordinances to address behaviors within Subdivisions , HOAs are not enforceable	6/24/2022 10:06 PM
47	municipal trash and recycling pickup would be amazing	6/24/2022 7:02 PM
48	Trash pickup	6/23/2022 8:39 PM
49	Place(s) to gather	6/23/2022 5:37 PM
50	None	6/23/2022 3:56 PM
51	The pool is ok for families but very poor for lap swimming or for swim team.	6/23/2022 3:24 PM
52	So upset that I cannot recycle. I understand the problem but I am distressed that I add to the landfill. Please let us know more about this other than the BDN.	6/23/2022 2:02 PM
53	Cpr and first aid classes on the weekend at least once a year	6/23/2022 1:25 PM
54	see previous comments on outdoor spaces for families	6/23/2022 1:00 PM
55	none	6/23/2022 11:53 AM
56	A gym, track or scenic/woods trail close to town center.	6/23/2022 11:17 AM
57	Trash pickup.	6/23/2022 11:08 AM
58	Trash pick up.	6/23/2022 10:33 AM
59	Better recycling program. Community center.	6/23/2022 9:58 AM
60	Sidewalks!	6/23/2022 9:57 AM
61	Several questions refer to sewer/water, but difficult to answer because I have town water but no sewer	6/23/2022 8:47 AM
62	Trash pick up.	6/23/2022 7:48 AM
63	None	6/22/2022 10:15 PM

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64	Trash pick up. Especially for seniors or folks without a truck for big items like brush	6/22/2022 10:13 PM
65	Open community fitness options.	6/22/2022 9:55 PM
66	Trash pick up would be great. We currently pay 44 dollars a month for it.	6/22/2022 9:10 PM
67	Fitness center, senior center	6/22/2022 8:27 PM
68	An outdoor pool and perhaps other facilities maybe just for residents of Hampden? Think this would help build a sense of town community	6/22/2022 7:00 PM
69	Automatic bill pay for water/sewer services.	6/22/2022 5:05 PM
70	Curbside trash pick-up	6/22/2022 10:28 AM

Q78 Should the Town of Hampden switch from voting districts to an at-large candidacy model?

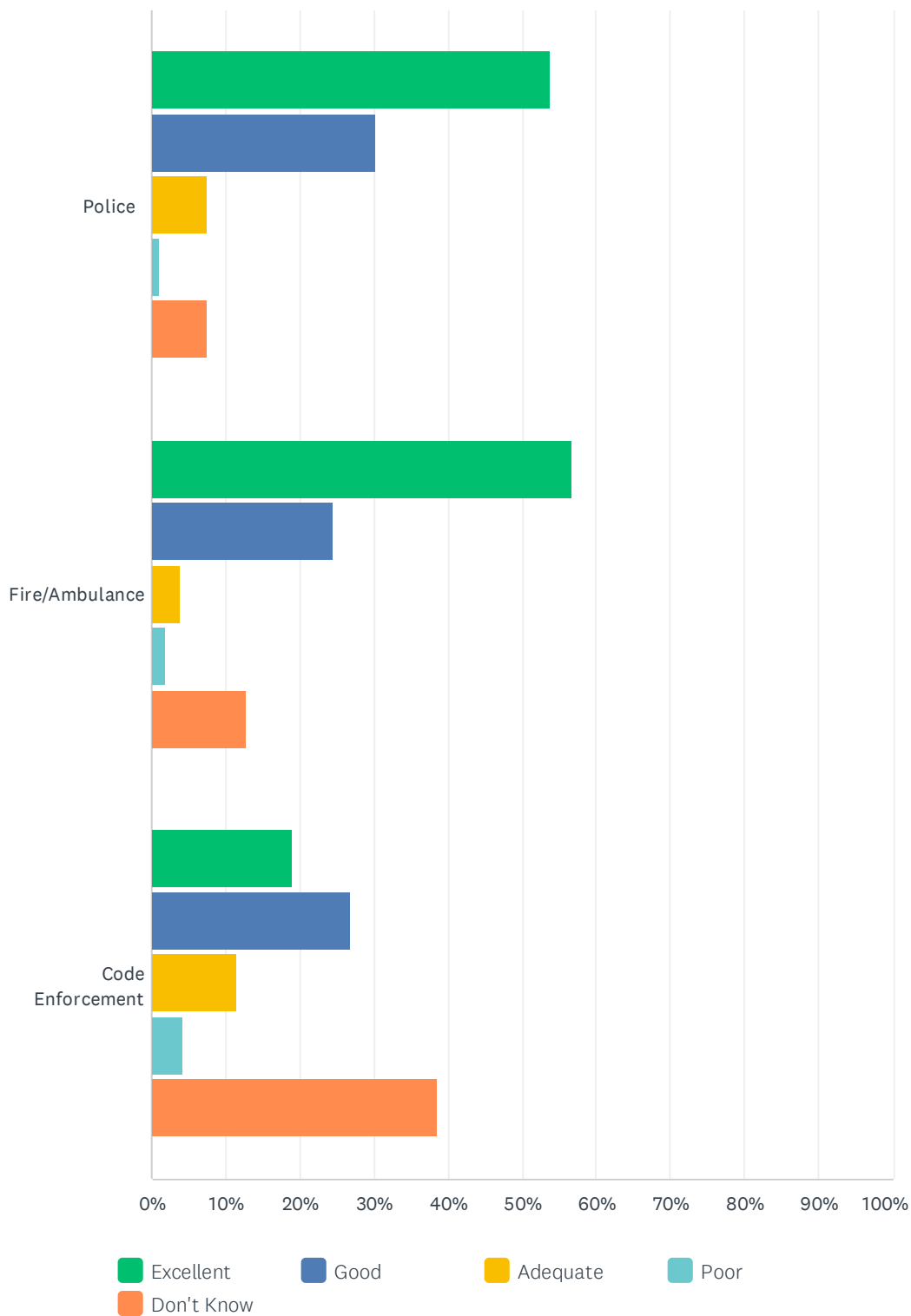
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	23.20%	58
No	24.40%	61
I don't know	52.40%	131
TOTAL		250

Q79 How would you rate the level of service from Hampden Public Safety?

Answered: 257 Skipped: 114

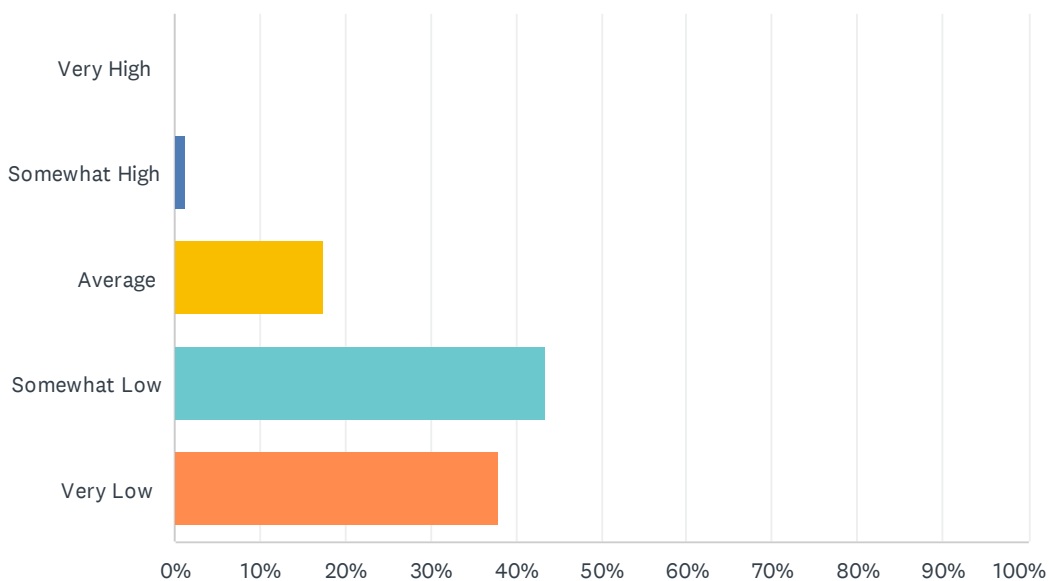


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	EXCELLENT	GOOD	ADEQUATE	POOR	DON'T KNOW	TOTAL
Police	53.70% 138	30.35% 78	7.39% 19	1.17% 3	7.39% 19	257
Fire/Ambulance	56.81% 146	24.51% 63	3.89% 10	1.95% 5	12.84% 33	257
Code Enforcement	18.90% 48	26.77% 68	11.42% 29	4.33% 11	38.58% 98	254

Q80 How would you rate the level of crime in the Town of Hampden?

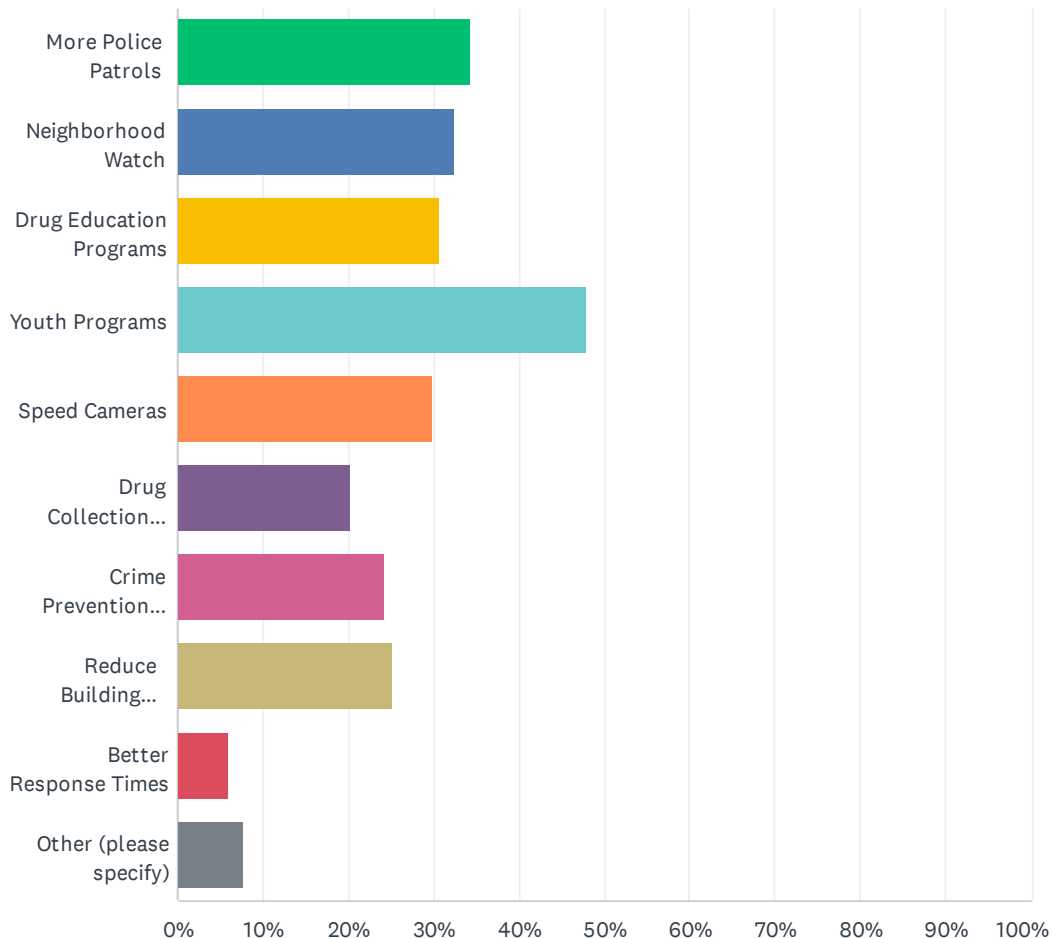
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very High	0.00%	0
Somewhat High	1.20%	3
Average	17.53%	44
Somewhat Low	43.43%	109
Very Low	37.85%	95
TOTAL		251

Q81 Which of the following would help reduce crime in Hampden? (Check all that apply)

Answered: 198 Skipped: 173



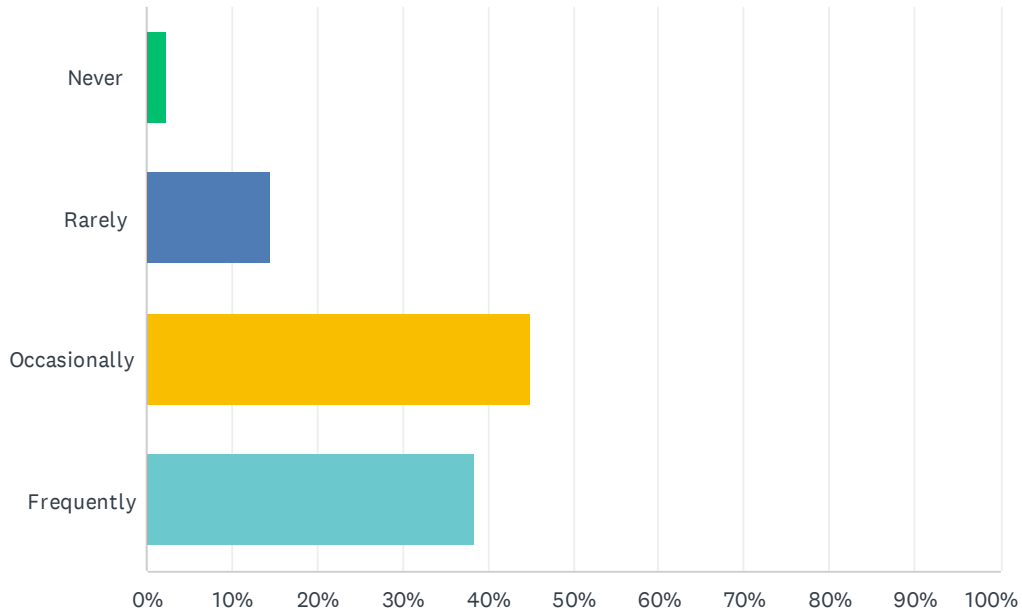
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
More Police Patrols	34.34%	68
Neighborhood Watch	32.32%	64
Drug Education Programs	30.81%	61
Youth Programs	47.98%	95
Speed Cameras	29.80%	59
Drug Collection Sites	20.20%	40
Crime Prevention Programs	24.24%	48
Reduce Building Vacancy Rates	25.25%	50
Better Response Times	6.06%	12
Other (please specify)	7.58%	15
Total Respondents: 198		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	I don't feel the crime is very high and I think drawing attention by doing these things makes it worse sometimes.	9/19/2022 10:32 AM
2	I have no information of what crimes are a problem. Perhaps add this information to the next newsletter.	9/14/2022 10:43 AM
3	There's like no crime, if anything the police chief shouldn't be directing elementary school traffic that's a waste of money	8/7/2022 6:08 PM
4	Many parks are not well maintained or monitored and iften do not feel safe and have found drug paraphanalia on grounds.	8/6/2022 12:00 AM
5	Don't build a homeless shelter in Hampden.	7/19/2022 12:18 PM
6	Crime is fine	7/19/2022 11:01 AM
7	Police should be patrolling the town not sitting watching for speeders. There is a LOT of recklessness, noise and exhaust that needs to be remedied. Irving is a hangout. Need to move people along g and not allow to loiter there and along the river	7/15/2022 8:47 PM
8	More funding and support for the police and fire departments	7/15/2022 5:29 AM
9	not needed	6/30/2022 2:51 PM
10	Address any poverty where possible like free school lunches and activities, affordable housing, transportation vouchers.	6/29/2022 11:41 PM
11	Don't let marijuana dispensaries in town, keep out other things that bring in crime and drugs, like homeless shelters and methadone clinics. Thank you so much!	6/29/2022 5:31 PM
12	Hampden PD & FD are outstanding. We fully support and appreciate all that they do.	6/29/2022 4:28 PM
13	Focus on prevention, get pd into schools for education Q&A's. Please please start posting police blotter on a town app. Social pressure is a greater deterrent of crime than the law. If everyone knows John doe was caught speeding and said something to him about it, he's statistically less likely to do it again than if he just paid a fine. Also informs us of any local danger, ie, increase in thefts around a street etc. I.creases communication of residents with PD. Please consider this. Social pressure is powerful. Amd as for privacy concerns, if you want your business private don't break the law, it's that simple. See how it could prevent crime? No one wants public shame. It works.	6/23/2022 11:25 AM
14	Hampden shouldn't be using the Penobscot call center. It delays response times.	6/23/2022 9:59 AM

Q82 How often do you see people speeding in the Town of Hampden?

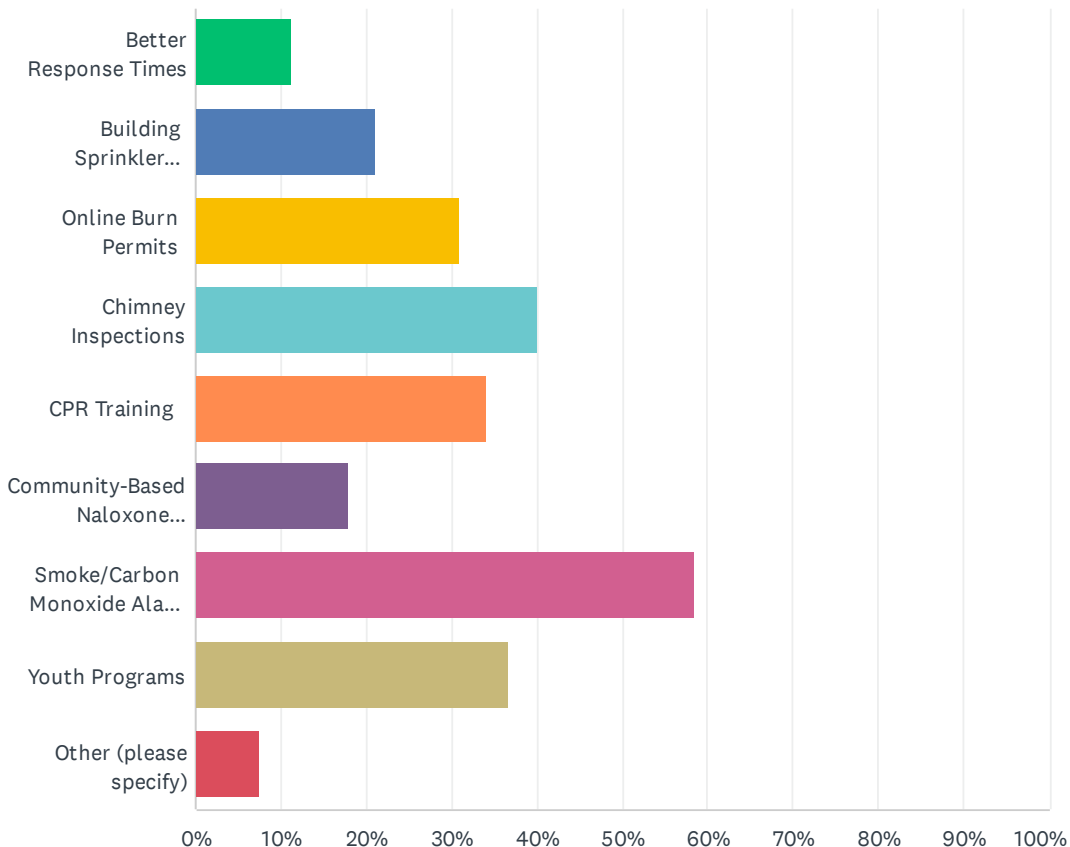
Answered: 256 Skipped: 115



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Never	2.34% 6
Rarely	14.45% 37
Occasionally	44.92% 115
Frequently	38.28% 98
TOTAL	256

Q83 Which of the following would help reduce fire/EMS incidents in Hampden? (Check all that apply)

Answered: 185 Skipped: 186



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Better Response Times	11.35%	21
Building Sprinkler Systems	21.08%	39
Online Burn Permits	30.81%	57
Chimney Inspections	40.00%	74
CPR Training	34.05%	63
Community-Based Naloxone Distribution Program	17.84%	33
Smoke/Carbon Monoxide Alarm Distribution	58.38%	108
Youth Programs	36.76%	68
Other (please specify)	7.57%	14
Total Respondents: 185		

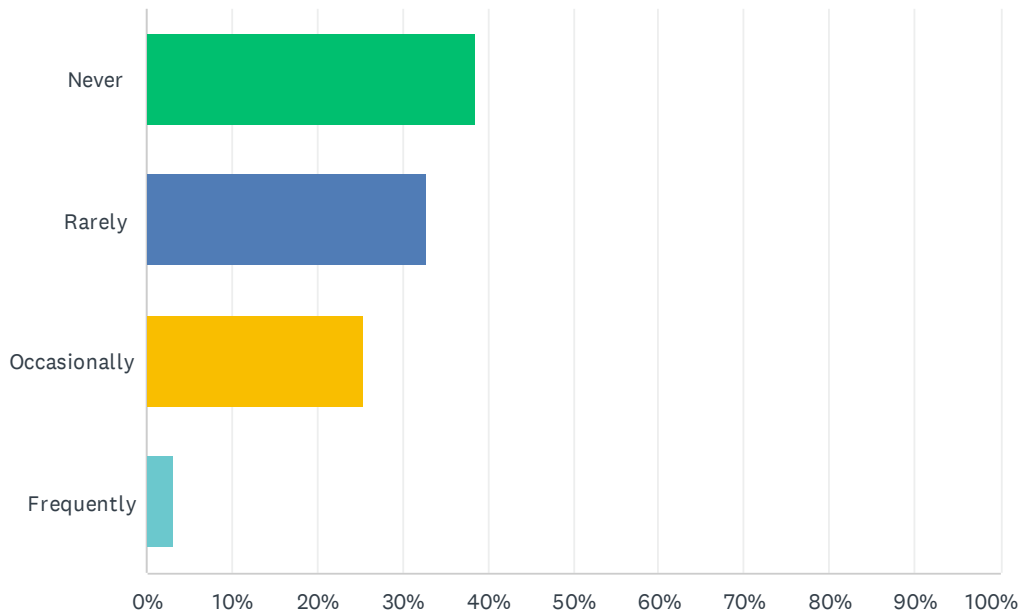
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
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1	Do not allow burning. If people are concerned about climate change and air pollution, why does the town still allow burning?	9/14/2022 1:47 PM
2	What are the incidents of fire/EMS incidents? Perhaps add this information to the next newsletter.	9/14/2022 10:43 AM
3	Increase fire/EMS staffing. One emergency call for fire/EMS and the town goes uncovered until the on duty crew returns from that incident	8/9/2022 3:06 PM
4	It's fine	8/7/2022 6:08 PM
5	More staffing	8/4/2022 6:54 PM
6	They are doing an excellent job already.	7/19/2022 12:18 PM
7	Na	7/4/2022 7:52 AM
8	don't know	6/30/2022 2:51 PM
9	Do not provide naloxone in overdose response	6/30/2022 6:59 AM
10	Police/fire/EMS response times are excellent already. I don't see where any of the above will help reduce incidents.	6/29/2022 5:31 PM
11	Don't put a homeless shelter in Hampden. Drugs and crime will follow.	6/29/2022 4:28 PM
12	More staffing to allow for both ambulances to handle calls. The current staffing seems inadequate for the number of trucks we have.	6/27/2022 7:37 PM
13	Possibly a program to inform citizens of what we do have available to help people in town.	6/27/2022 2:27 PM
14	Pay fire/ems to do free home inspections for fire hazards. Getting them into schools to teach kids cpr, naloxone administration. Interact with the community as often as possible especially our youth. Support what ems and fire identify ways to reduce fire/ems incidents. They will know best what to do, not the public. They are the experts in response in our community. Trust them. They want what's best for our community and they know it best. Should really be asking them not the citizens. Appreciate the opportunity to have input though.	6/23/2022 11:25 AM

Q84 Do you attend Town Council and/or Planning Board meetings?

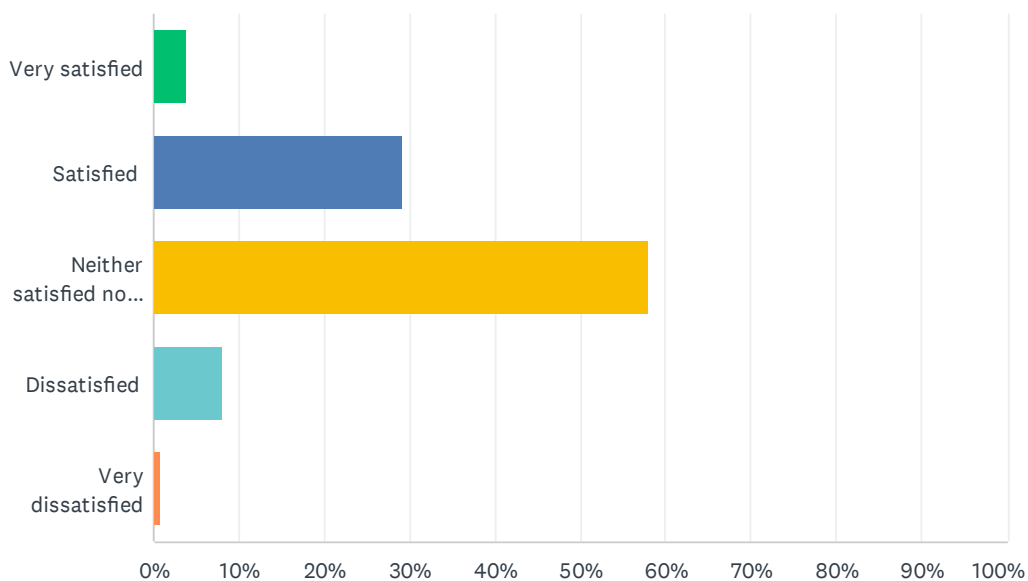
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Never	38.67% 99
Rarely	32.81% 84
Occasionally	25.39% 65
Frequently	3.13% 8
TOTAL	256

Q85 Are you satisfied with the conduct of Town meetings?

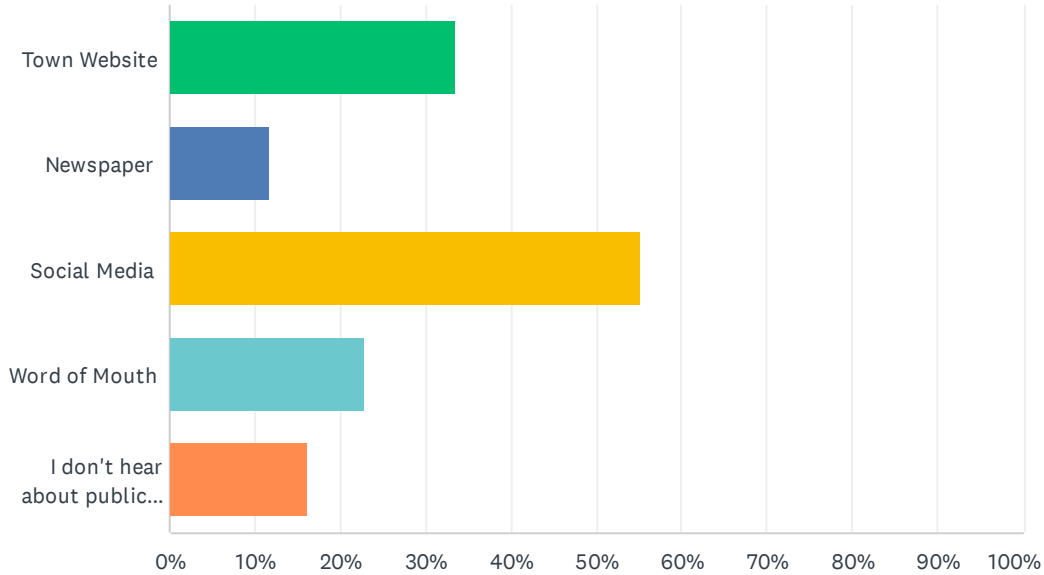
Answered: 233 Skipped: 138



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	3.86%	9
Satisfied	29.18%	68
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	57.94%	135
Dissatisfied	8.15%	19
Very dissatisfied	0.86%	2
TOTAL		233

Q86 How do you hear about public events and meetings? (Check all that apply)

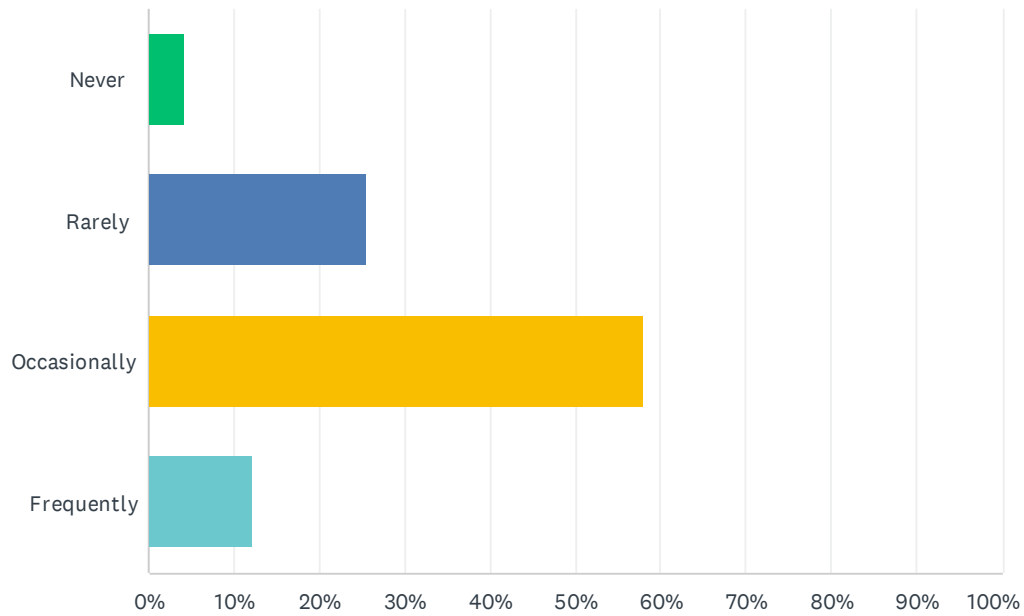
Answered: 254 Skipped: 117



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Town Website	33.46%	85
Newspaper	11.81%	30
Social Media	55.12%	140
Word of Mouth	22.83%	58
I don't hear about public events and meetings	16.14%	41
Total Respondents: 254		

Q87 How often do you visit the Town Website?

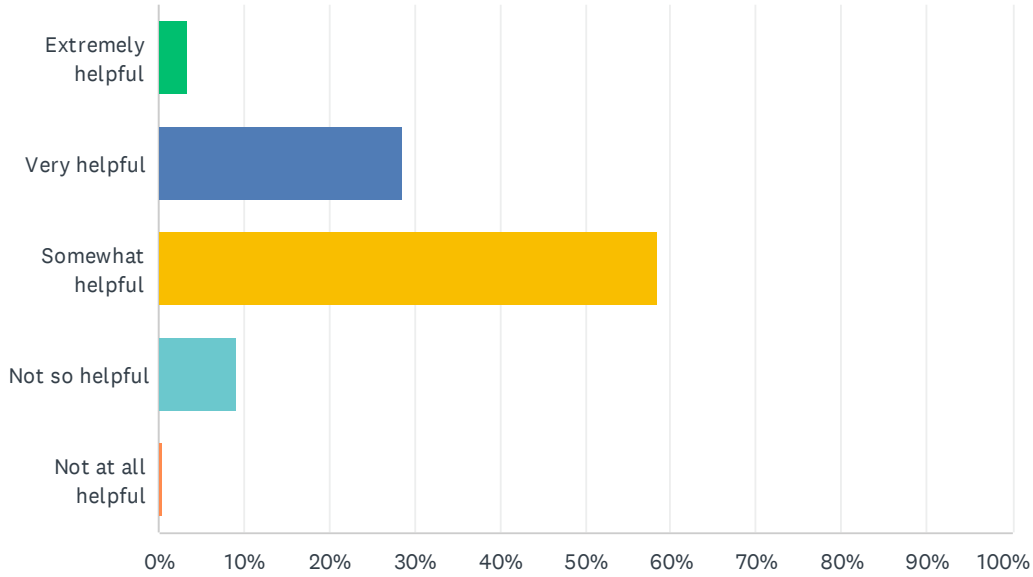
Answered: 255 Skipped: 116



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Never	4.31%	11
Rarely	25.49%	65
Occasionally	58.04%	148
Frequently	12.16%	31
TOTAL		255

Q88 How would you describe the quality of information distributed by the Town of Hampden?

Answered: 241 Skipped: 130



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Extremely helpful	3.32%	8
Very helpful	28.63%	69
Somewhat helpful	58.51%	141
Not so helpful	9.13%	22
Not at all helpful	0.41%	1
TOTAL		241

Q89 What suggestions do you have to increase informational awareness of public events and meetings?

Answered: 65 Skipped: 306

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I love the newsletter that just came out in the mail. very nice and if you're not on social media or miss a post, it comes right to your door. I'd like to see more of that. I do like social media but we have like 7 sites to look at for hampden. it's alot.	9/19/2022 10:33 AM
2	Using the web and newspaper. Working with community organizers. Getting information on neighborhood social media sites.	9/14/2022 1:52 PM
3	I can always go the website if I need information about a meeting that I need to attend.	9/14/2022 10:46 AM
4	Publish in the Penobscot Times on a regular basis	9/13/2022 12:17 PM
5	A digital sign with information visible to motorists.	9/7/2022 8:31 AM
6	We watch town council meetings on YouTube. That's helpful	9/4/2022 12:05 PM
7	Social media	8/7/2022 6:08 PM
8	Instagram account or Twitter account, maybe an email list?	8/6/2022 9:46 PM
9	You have all if our addresses. Why not communicate more tgat way? No one reads the Hannaford bulletin board.	8/6/2022 12:03 AM
10	Improve the website. It is so dated, unattractive, hard to use, and there is too much outdated information to be useful.	8/5/2022 12:02 PM
11	Invite all residents to join. And keep asking	8/4/2022 10:17 PM
12	More social engagement	8/4/2022 9:12 PM
13	Social media outreach	8/4/2022 8:08 PM
14	Make the website a little bit more informative there's not much information on there especially about activities for adults	8/4/2022 5:12 PM
15	I find the website challenging to negotiate. We get the weekly paper (not BDN) so look there for info. Often see Facebook postings.	8/3/2022 3:39 PM
16	put more information online. use an e-mail list for announcements.	8/3/2022 11:57 AM
17	Posting on social media	7/20/2022 3:36 PM
18	None	7/19/2022 12:19 PM
19	Have regular updates on Facebook page	7/19/2022 11:02 AM
20	Construct an electronic message board along Western Avenue in front of the Municipal Building.	7/18/2022 9:05 PM
21	Mail, social media	7/15/2022 8:48 PM
22	Use social media to promote upcoming events collectively as a town monthly to include all facilities in Hampden and area towns as well. Calendar of events need to update weekly to include performances/sports at the high school.	7/15/2022 12:04 PM
23	Diversify where you post info. Send info home by mail.	7/14/2022 7:18 PM
24	A monitored social media site	7/14/2022 11:52 AM
25	Community wide email system to deliver information in a blast.	7/14/2022 9:04 AM
26	?Facebook .?mailiings ?emailings. I have learned about some stuff in the past when there was	7/2/2022 9:35 AM

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	a big banner advertising iit on Main Road.	
27	none	6/30/2022 2:52 PM
28	Advertise website.	6/29/2022 11:43 PM
29	Monthly Newsletter	6/29/2022 9:31 PM
30	Website is probably the best way.	6/29/2022 5:33 PM
31	Signage, fliers	6/29/2022 4:50 PM
32	Water dept should do pfas tests and publicize	6/29/2022 4:38 PM
33	None.	6/29/2022 4:31 PM
34	Create a Person(s) responsible for non political contact and community cibract	6/29/2022 4:17 PM
35	It doesn't look like the town website is very user friendly. I feel like whenever I go on there I usually can't find what I'm looking for.	6/29/2022 2:50 PM
36	Email blasts.	6/27/2022 7:38 PM
37	Make the website more organized and up to date, user friendly	6/24/2022 10:19 PM
38	Mail fliers or post on social media. Email blast?	6/23/2022 9:21 PM
39	More Facebook presence	6/23/2022 4:14 PM
40	More social media or email newsletter that alerts you to events etc on website	6/23/2022 3:59 PM
41	Facebook posts about public events and meetings	6/23/2022 2:14 PM
42	It needs updating	6/23/2022 2:06 PM
43	Put it at Hannaford in a bigger way..make it colorful	6/23/2022 2:04 PM
44	Text message alerts to all citizens.	6/23/2022 1:29 PM
45	Continue improving social media connections and posts/alerts	6/23/2022 1:02 PM
46	The meeting agenda should have an explanation as to what is transpiring. Town meetings are not user friendly when it comes to informing the public.	6/23/2022 11:57 AM
47	Need an app that has everything in one spot. More importantly that is up to date and maintained daily.	6/23/2022 11:29 AM
48	Keep info up to date on website and facebook; use signage on Western Ave; offer an e-mail list to sign up for	6/23/2022 11:23 AM
49	Unsure	6/23/2022 11:10 AM
50	I think that the town does very well with this.	6/23/2022 10:35 AM
51	Create a more dynamic website	6/23/2022 9:58 AM
52	Social media	6/23/2022 8:42 AM
53	Better use of social media and marketing	6/23/2022 8:40 AM
54	Highlighting the agenda items to be discussed at the meetings in a consistent way (a weekly social media post, or email blast). - Teach us where to look, and what we are looking for, then be consistent about sharing it that way	6/23/2022 8:09 AM
55	Post agendas regularly on social media	6/23/2022 7:48 AM
56	Reinstitute a regular newsletter	6/23/2022 7:11 AM
57	Things are better with posts on Facebook and the website. Thank you	6/22/2022 10:17 PM
58	Mailings?	6/22/2022 10:16 PM
59	Post topics of upcoming meetings on Facebook page	6/22/2022 9:37 PM
60	Put a programmable sign up at the 202 western ave intersection. Half the town drives through	6/22/2022 8:31 PM

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there.

61	Improve notices and information on town council meetings and agenda access.	6/22/2022 8:28 PM
62	Direct mail residents with pertinent and ongoing information about development in their immediate neighborhood	6/22/2022 7:41 PM
63	Have a communications director	6/22/2022 5:59 PM
64	A better more user friendly website. The towns website is dated and hard to navigate.	6/22/2022 5:20 PM
65	Add to newsletter	6/21/2022 11:31 AM

Q90 What suggestions do you have to increase public participation?

Answered: 57 Skipped: 314

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	none	9/19/2022 10:33 AM
2	Encourage broad participation in volunteer opportunities by recruiting new members.	9/14/2022 10:13 PM
3	Community gatherings and meetings often help raise awareness of public issues. Once people are aware of the issues they are more inclined to participate in town government.	9/14/2022 1:52 PM
4	Little public participation is a measure of public satisfaction. We vote for people to take care of town business and as long as they are doing a good job, there is no need to look over their shoulder.	9/14/2022 10:46 AM
5	Include information about online resource as well as in-person option	9/13/2022 12:17 PM
6	The last time I attended a Town Council meeting and spoke on an issue I was treated poorly and with indifference. Few Councilors made eye contact with me, no one had questions, I was treated poorly. I hope that things have changed. I have not attended a Council meeting since.	9/8/2022 11:43 AM
7	Mailed questionnaires with relevant worthwhile information and project ideas.	9/7/2022 8:31 AM
8	More public outreach. You figure out how that's done.	9/4/2022 12:05 PM
9	Better zoom	8/7/2022 6:08 PM
10	Posting a picture of or address for the meeting	8/6/2022 5:59 PM
11	Keep up virtual. Communicate better when things are happening.	8/6/2022 12:03 AM
12	No idea	8/4/2022 8:08 PM
13	increase public visibility for events	8/3/2022 11:57 AM
14	Limit public comments from whackos and conspiracy theorists at BOTH ends of the political spectrum. The vast majority of people aren't extreme in their views, and they're not starved for attention.	7/19/2022 6:21 PM
15	None	7/19/2022 12:19 PM
16	Social media putreach	7/19/2022 11:02 AM
17	Access is available for those who are so inclined. Most young families in the 25-55 age bracket feature 2 working parents, so availability from this age bracket is restricted. This is unfortunate, because this is an important population target for new, progressive thinking and ideas.	7/18/2022 9:05 PM
18	Online surveys	7/17/2022 12:39 AM
19	Personal mail and social media	7/15/2022 8:48 PM
20	More openness, hampden can be cliquey	7/14/2022 8:18 PM
21	Provide food or incentives.	7/14/2022 7:18 PM
22	More social events to build a sense of community	7/14/2022 11:52 AM
23	Starting younger - high school age, or just out of school to get a younger perspective. There should also be more women elected to the Council.	7/14/2022 9:04 AM
24	Vary meeting times or formats	7/10/2022 9:54 PM
25	none	6/30/2022 2:52 PM
26	Advertise.	6/29/2022 11:43 PM

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27	I'm not sure. People are either going to participate or they are not.	6/29/2022 5:33 PM
28	Art shows, senior citizen events, plays,outdoor music events. Community yard sales	6/29/2022 4:50 PM
29	Don't go "Woke" at School Board and Town Council Meetings.	6/29/2022 4:31 PM
30	See above	6/29/2022 4:17 PM
31	N/A	6/29/2022 2:50 PM
32	Social and Media relatons	6/25/2022 10:10 AM
33	Provide snacks and water, break down into small groups, encourage hands on participation by providing pen and paper to encourage free thinking and writing down of thoughts ideas, allow and support everyone to have a voice to speak, hand each participant a symbolic " magic wands" to encourage even the smallest of wishes, dreams and hopes for ones community and individual quality of life within the community we call Hampden.	6/24/2022 10:19 PM
34	More community events to build more community involvement overall	6/23/2022 4:14 PM
35	Electronic suggestion box Email newsletter	6/23/2022 3:59 PM
36	Whatever they are doing at the Halloween...it is remarkable. I think it is all about kids	6/23/2022 2:04 PM
37	Let people know about them and that they can attend. Also let them know whats going to be discussed	6/23/2022 1:29 PM
38	more town hall type meetings - maybe outside. Touch-a-truck events for those with small kids and allow for community members to meet/discuss things with town members. Like how public safety does 'coffee with a cop'	6/23/2022 1:02 PM
39	More information as to what is being voted on. Department specific votes should be explained by the department heads not the council members.	6/23/2022 11:57 AM
40	Recruiting volunteers for community projects. When someone has put their own work into something, now you have their vested interest. They will advocate for their work by word of mouth and in voting. Invite and involve seniors and have school offer credit or qualifying volunteer hours for graduation requirements. (The least they can do for all we pay to provide a great education)	6/23/2022 11:29 AM
41	Publish clear guidelines/explanation for what members of the public can expect from each type of meeting and what the format for participation will be like. Also, as above: Keep info up to date on website and facebook; use signage on Western Ave; offer an e-mail list to sign up for	6/23/2022 11:23 AM
42	Unsure	6/23/2022 11:10 AM
43	Change the time of meetings.	6/23/2022 10:35 AM
44	Allow online participation.	6/23/2022 9:59 AM
45	I personally don't have a ton of free time, so I only attend meetings about things that are hugely important to me. But I would suggest trying to "get to the heart" of issues, not so much fluff and politics. It makes people tune out.	6/23/2022 9:59 AM
46	Incentives like free bulky item tag or something	6/23/2022 8:42 AM
47	Create a community instead of a place to hang your hat.	6/23/2022 8:40 AM
48	Make sure sessions are at differing times to catch people who need to address childcare issues, work schedules and other obstacles. Invite local groups to attend if the subject matter is important to them (all the parents of children who did a rec program in the last year, if discussing the rec)	6/23/2022 8:09 AM
49	Post agendas regularly on social media.	6/23/2022 7:48 AM
50	Tough one - Is council compensation comparable to surrounding/like-size communities; better public recognition of who is serving on committees	6/23/2022 7:11 AM
51	Short and easy online surveys and polls	6/22/2022 10:17 PM
52	Door prizes and giveaways of donated business items.	6/22/2022 8:31 PM

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53	Keep meetings shorter and publish on social media and other meetings the agendas	6/22/2022 8:28 PM
54	Increase the flow of targeted information	6/22/2022 7:41 PM
55	People are busy, hope they would take advantage of the on line participation. Would be nice if questions could be sent in via text for those who can not be there in person.	6/22/2022 6:32 PM
56	Better announcements of meetings. Maybe community email?	6/22/2022 6:11 PM
57	collaborate with businesses and schools	6/21/2022 11:31 AM



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Residency

* Do you live in the Town of Hampden?

Yes

No

If yes, do you rent or own?

Rent

Own

How long have you lived in the Town of Hampden?

Under 2 Years

10+ Years

2-5 Years

I do not live in Hampden

6-10 Years



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Employment

Do you work in the Town of Hampden?

Yes

No

If not, where do you work?

Bangor

Veazie

Hermon

Winterport

Orono

Brewer

Holden

Newburgh

Other (please specify)

How far do you commute to work?

1-10 Miles

I work from home

11-30 Miles

I do not work

30+ Miles



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Future Planning

What is your vision for the Town of Hampden over the next 20 years?

Stay small, provide good services,
good education. Not much growth needed.

How would you rate the following issues in the Town of Hampden?

	High Priority	Average Priority	Low Priority	Don't Know
Climate Change	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Economic Development	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Traffic and Transportation Options	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recreational Opportunities	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cost of Government Services	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Open Space and Natural Resources	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Residential Development	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Accessibility of Town Officials	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Historic and Cultural Resources	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Which of the following topics do you feel need more attention in the Town of Hampden?
(Check all that apply)

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use and Zoning Ordinance Updates | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic and Cultural Preservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing Affordability and Availability | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Safety |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parks and Recreation Services | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Water/Sewer Expansion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation of Natural Spaces | <input type="checkbox"/> Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Penobscot River Accessibility | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental Quality and Pollution Control |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stormwater Runoff and Flooding | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Involvement and Awareness |

What type of development would you like to see along Coldbrook Rd?

- Industrial Development
 - Commercial Development
 - Mixed-Use Commercial and Residential Development
 - Residential-Only Development
 - No Development
- > ok if done well*

What type of development would you like to see along Main Rd N?

- Industrial Development
- Commercial Development
- Mixed-Use Commercial and Residential Development
- Residential-Only Development
- No Development

What type of development would you like to see along Western Ave?

- Commercial Development
- Mixed-Use Commercial and Residential Development
- Residential-Only Development
- No Development

Would you like to see curbside trash pick-up in your neighborhood?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

Do you agree with the following statement: "The Town of Hampden should encourage greater residential development"

- Strongly agree
- Disagree
- Agree
- Strongly disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree

What type of residential development should the Town of Hampden encourage? (Check all that apply)

- Single-Family Dwellings
- Single-Family Subdivisions
- Accessory Dwelling Units
- Mobile Homes
- Multi-Family Development (<5 Units)
- Apartment Complexes (>5 Units)
- Senior Housing
- No Growth

What suggestions do you have for residential development in the Town of Hampden?

We're big enough.

What improvements do you believe need to be made to the larger regional transportation network?

I have no idea what this means.

What alternative modes of transportation would you be interested in using? (Check all that apply)

- Bicycle
- Scooter/Skateboard
- Bus/Public Transit
- Walking
- Other (please specify)

What is preventing you from using alternative modes of transportation?

No bike lane ^{side walk} on Western past Mayo road (to golf course?)

How safe do you feel walking or biking around the Town of Hampden?

- Safe
- Somewhat safe
- Not so safe
- Not at all safe

What transportation services or features would benefit your regular commutes around Hampden?

None

What could be done to improve road safety in the Town of Hampden?

It's fine

Do you agree with the following statement: "The Town of Hampden is a walkable community"

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree



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Economic Development

Where did you go for your last vacation?

NC

What did you like about your last vacation?

Met up w/ family from around
country at central location

Where do you purchase the majority of your general goods and services? (Check all that apply)

- | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hampden | <input type="checkbox"/> Winterport |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bangor | <input type="checkbox"/> Holden |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brewer | <input type="checkbox"/> Veazie |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Orono | <input type="checkbox"/> Newburgh |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hermon | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | |

Online

What other communities in Maine do you like to visit? Why?

Belfast, cute shops, good food

Do you agree with the following statement: "The Town of Hampden should encourage greater economic development"

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Strongly agree | <input type="radio"/> Disagree |
| <input type="radio"/> Agree | <input type="radio"/> Strongly disagree |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> Neither agree nor disagree | |

Not at the expense of
small town living.
We're a town, not a destination



Town of Hampden Comprehensive Plan Survey

Natural and Cultural Resources

What climate change issues are you concerned about in the Town of Hampden? (Check all that apply)

Flooding and Stormwater

Erosion

Drought/Increased Heat

Public Health

Tree Disease and Tree Loss

Degradation of Waterways

Other (please specify)

Which of the following techniques would you support to protect natural resources? (Check all that apply)

Acquisition

Conservation Easements

Transfer of Development Rights

Expand Open Space Requirements

Identify Natural Zones

Other (please specify)



Town of Hampden Comprehensive Plan Survey

Parks and Recreation

How often do you visit parks and recreation facilities in the Town of Hampden?

- Multiple times per week
- At least once a week
- At least once per month
- A few times per year
- I rarely visit

How would you rate the quality of parks and recreation spaces in the Town of Hampden?

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- No Opinion

Do you feel there is a need for more parks and recreation facilities in the Town of Hampden?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

What parks and recreation facilities do you visit and why?

Trails systems in summer & winter.

What recreation programs do you participate in?

Library, pool, town wide yard sale
Stream clean up. Kids rec programs

What comments or suggestions do you have for improved parks and recreation facilities, services, and programming?

Keep them all going.
Work to maintain all town trails. (Partnerships?)

What recommendations would you like for the Town of Hampden to consider in the Parks and Recreation section of the Comprehensive Plan?

Doing a good job, keep it up!
~~Summer reading program is~~
always awesome!

What community services do you need that the Town of Hampden does not provide?

None

Should the Town of Hampden switch from voting districts to an at-large candidacy model?

- Yes ←?
- No
- I don't know

Which of the following would help reduce fire/EMS incidents in Hampden? (Check all that apply)

Better Response Times

Building Sprinkler Systems

Online Burn Permits

Chimney Inspections

Other (please specify)

CPR Training

Community-Based Naloxone Distribution Program

Smoke/Carbon Monoxide Alarm Distribution

Youth Programs

What suggestions do you have to increase informational awareness of public events and meetings?

Facebook page w/ large poster notifying at town buildings.

Town text alerts for voting days

What suggestions do you have to increase public participation?

Town text alerts (like the school does) for voting days.



Appendix C: Visual Preference Survey

This appendix includes the data gathered through the supplemental Visual Preference Survey (VPS). This survey was available at all public workshops, Committee meetings, and Town Council and Planning Board workshops. The objective of the VPS was to enhance participants' feedback by providing visual examples during the workshops or meetings.

VISUAL PREFERENCE SURVEY

The Visual Preference Survey (VPS) is a common tool used in urban planning and architectural design to gather public opinion and preferences regarding the visual aspects of a building or neighborhood. Its purpose is to involve community members in the decision-making process and incorporate their viewpoints into urban development plans. The survey presents respondents with a series of images or visual representations of different design options, architectural styles, streetscapes, public spaces, or building types.

The VPS was an optional and supplementary component of the comprehensive planning process. This survey was available public workshops, Committee meetings, and Town Council and Planning Board workshops. The VPS consisted of 32 images that were used to illustrate the principles of transect planning. Participants had the opportunity to draw on town maps while referring to these images (see [Appendix A](#)).

The main objective of the VPS was to enrich participants' feedback by presenting visual examples during the workshops and meetings.

Participants completing the VPS were asked to rank each image based on its appeal using the following scoring system:

- 2 Unappealing
- 1 Somewhat Unappealing
- 0 Neutral
- 1 Somewhat Appealing
- 2 Appealing

Using this data, decision-makers, business owners, and developers can progress the development of urban design guidelines and zoning regulations that ensure that the visual qualities of the Town are maintained or enhanced in a manner consistent with the community's preferences.

Figure C.1 Visual Preference Survey Results

Picture #	Participant #																				Average Score
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
1	1	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	1	-1	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	2	1.45
2	2	2	2	-1	2	-1	2	-2	1	-1	1	1	2	-2	-2	-2	-2	2	-2	0	0.10
3	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	0	-2	-2	-2	0	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	(1.80)
4	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	(2.00)
5	2	1	2	2	2	1	2	1	1	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	2	1.65
6	1	2	2	1	1	-2	2	-2	0	0	1	0	2	1	1	-2	0	0	-1	2	0.45
7	-1	-2	-2	-2	-1	-1	-2	-2	0	-1	-1	-1	0	0	-1	0	-2	-1	1	-1	(1.00)
8	-1	1	1	0	-1	1	1	-2	0	1	-2	1	1	1	1	-1	-2	-1	1	-1	(0.05)
9	-1	-2	-2	-1	-2	-2	-2	0	-1	-2	-2	-2	-2	-1	-2	-2	-2	-2	1	-2	(1.55)
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11	1	-1	0	1	1	1	2	1	1	-1	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	1	0	2	0.95
12	2	1	1	1	-1	1	2	2	2	0	0	1	-2	-1	2	-2	1	0	0	0	0.50
13	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	0	1	1	1	1	2	0	1	2	2	2	1	2	1.40
14	-2	-2	-2	0	0	-1	-2	-2	0	-2	-1	-2	0	0	-1	-2	-2	-2	1		(1.16)
15	1	2	2	2	1	2	-1	2	2	1	1	1	2	1	0	1		2	1	2	1.32
16	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-1	-1	-2	0	-2	-1	-1	-2	-2	-1	0	-2	(1.55)
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18	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	-1	1	-1	1	1	2	0	2	1	1	0	0	1	0.70
19	-1	-1	-2	-1	-1	1	-1	-2	-1	-2	1	-1	0	-1	1	-2	-2	0	-2	-1	(0.90)
20	-1	1	1	0	-1	1	-1	-2	0	-2	0	1	-2	0	1	-2	-1	1	-1	-1	(0.40)
21	0	1	0	0	0	1	-1	1	1	0	0	0	2	1	1	2		1	1	-1	0.53
22	-1	2	-1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	-1	1	-2	0	1	1		1	-2	0	0.00
23	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	-2	1	2	1	1	1	-1	2	1	1	2	0	1.5	0.98
24	1	2	0	-1	0	-1	2	-2	0	0	-2	0	-2	0	2	-2	-2	2	-2	-2	(0.35)
25	1	1	0	1	1	-1	2	2	1	0	1	1	-1	0	2	-2	-1	2	-1	1	0.50
26	1	1	-2	0	1	1	0	-2	1	-1	-1	1	-1	-1	1	-2		0	-1	2	(0.11)
27	1	1	0	1	0	-2	2	1	2	-1	1	1	1	-1	1	-2		1	-1	1	0.37
28	1	2	2	1	-1	-1	0	-2	1	1	0	1	1	0	-2	-2	-2	2	0	-2	0.00
29	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	2	0	2	2	2	2	1	2	1.65
30	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	-1	1	1	0	0	2	0	-1	-1	1	2	0.90
31	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	0	0	-1	2	2	-1	0	-1	1	0.95
32	1	-1	0	0	0	1	0	-2	1	0		1	0	0	-2	-2	-2	-2	-1	0	(0.42)



PICTURE # 1 AVERAGE SCORE 1.45



PICTURE # 2 AVERAGE SCORE 0.10



PICTURE # 3 AVERAGE SCORE (1.80)



PICTURE # 4 AVERAGE SCORE (2.00)



PICTURE # 5 AVERAGE SCORE 1.65



PICTURE # 6 AVERAGE SCORE 0.45



PICTURE # 7 AVERAGE SCORE (1.00)



PICTURE # 8 AVERAGE SCORE (0.05)



PICTURE # 9 AVERAGE SCORE (1.55)



PICTURE # 10 AVERAGE SCORE 1.26



PICTURE # 11 AVERAGE SCORE 0.95



PICTURE # 12 AVERAGE SCORE 0.50



PICTURE # 13 AVERAGE SCORE 1.40



PICTURE # 14 AVERAGE SCORE (1.16)



PICTURE # 15 AVERAGE SCORE 1.32



PICTURE # 16 AVERAGE SCORE (1.55)



PICTURE # 17 AVERAGE SCORE 0.95



PICTURE # 18 AVERAGE SCORE 0.70



PICTURE # 19 AVERAGE SCORE (0.90)



PICTURE # 20 AVERAGE SCORE (0.40)



PICTURE # 21 AVERAGE SCORE 0.53



PICTURE # 22 AVERAGE SCORE 0.00



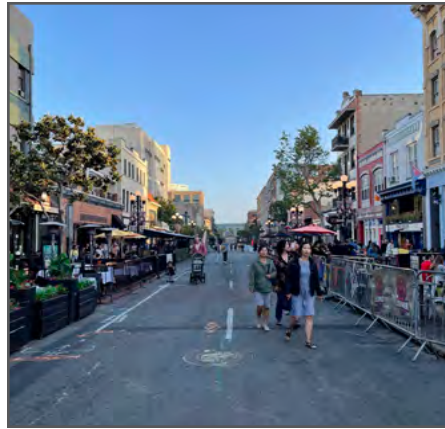
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PICTURE # 24 AVERAGE SCORE (0.35)



PICTURE # 25 AVERAGE SCORE 0.50



PICTURE # 26 AVERAGE SCORE (0.11)



PICTURE # 27 AVERAGE SCORE 0.37



PICTURE # 28 AVERAGE SCORE 0.00



PICTURE # 29 AVERAGE SCORE 1.65



PICTURE # 30 AVERAGE SCORE 0.90



PICTURE # 31 AVERAGE SCORE 0.95



PICTURE # 32 AVERAGE SCORE (0.42)



Appendix D: Recreation Department Survey

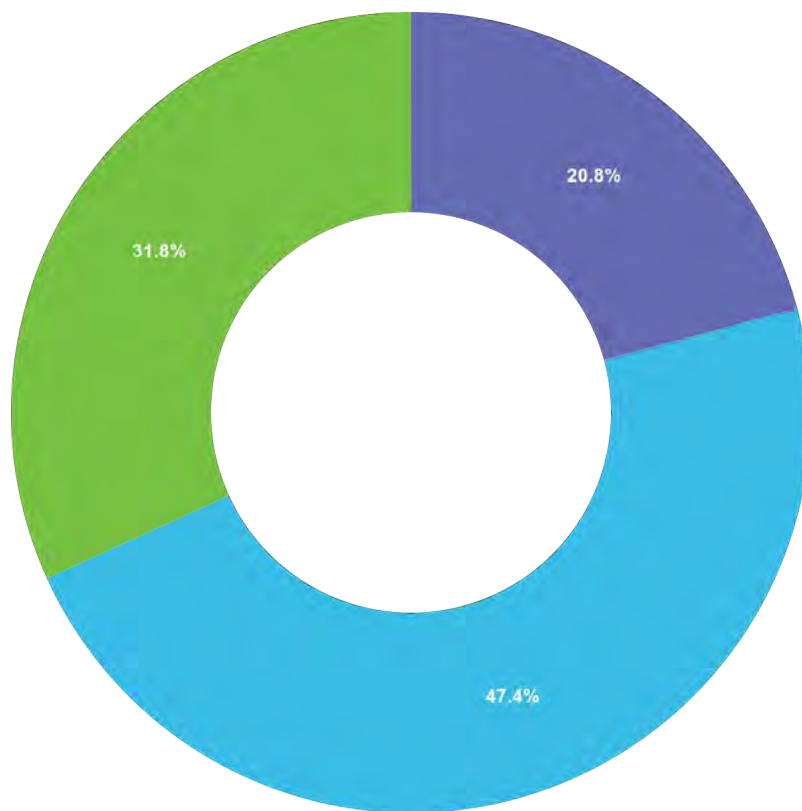
This appendix includes the separate survey conducted by the Recreation Department in January 2023. This survey allowed the department to gather feedback from residents on the recreational offerings, events, and potential improvements.

Hampden Recreation looking for input!

Hi,

Thank you for participating in this survey to help the Hampden Recreation Department better serve our community. Your input is helpful and appreciated!

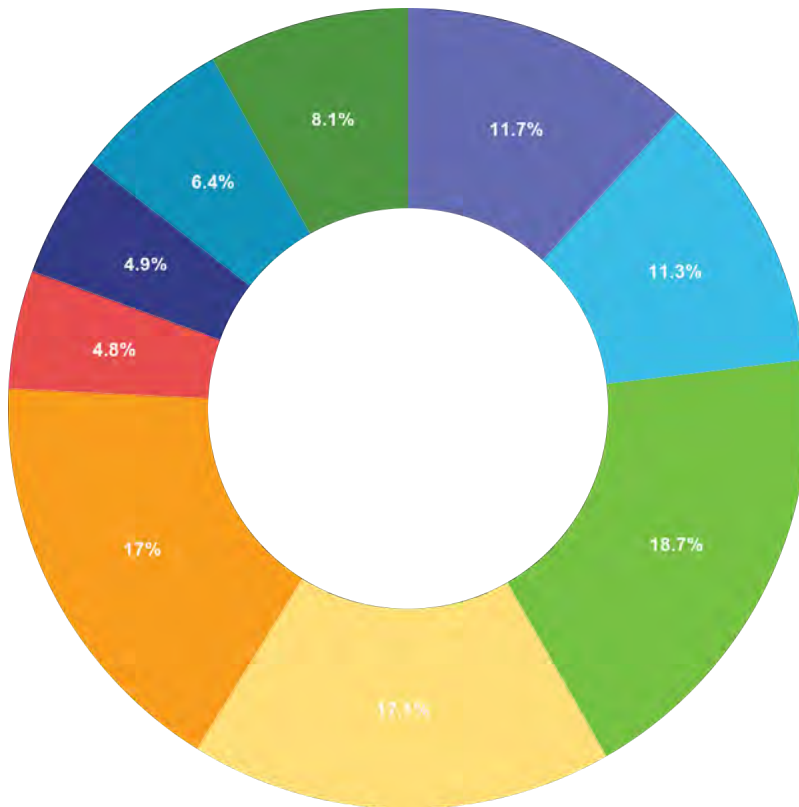
Q1 We are looking at setting up a bus trip to go river floating in the summer. Would you be interested in this activity?




Answered: 346 Unanswered: 5

Choice	Total
Yes 100%	72
Maybe	164
No	110

Q2 We are looking at bringing back our paddle boarding class for adults this summer. What time would you prefer? This class would be once a week and we would go to different lakes/ponds each session.



Answered: 220 Unanswered: 131

Choice	Total
 4:00 p.m.	81
 4:30 p.m.	78
 5:00 p.m.	129
 5:30 p.m.	118
 6:00 p.m.	117
 6:00 a.m.	33
 6:30 a.m.	34
 7:00 a.m.	44
 7:30 a.m.	56

Q3 Do you have any rec programming ideas you would like us to implement this winter, spring, and summer?

Tuesday, January 17, 2023, 11:36 AM UTC

Painting

Tennis

Sunday, January 15, 2023, 5:37 PM UTC

Roller skating

Sunday, January 15, 2023, 1:19 AM UTC

Golf lessons with local golf courses!

Saturday, January 14, 2023, 6:14 PM UTC

The coaching situation for rec is not good. There are some parents that are great at it and others who frankly are terrible. We all lay a fee for a rec yet every kid gets an entirely different experience. I paid for my pre-K child to play basketball and stopped going because it was so bad. The young coach had one hour with ten 4-5year olds. During that one hour each kid shot ONE time and dribbled up the court ONE time. The rest of the hour they waited in line awaiting their turn while their coach had to keep reminding the kids to keep still.

I don't want to coach so I didn't complain, but I certainly questioned what I paid for. Why aren't the rec staff coaching or using high school kids to help out? There has to be a better way than this.

Saturday, January 14, 2023, 2:10 AM UTC

Open gym basketball. Indoor soccer.

Friday, January 13, 2023, 6:59 PM UTC

Soccer, basketball, t-ball for preschool age

Friday, January 13, 2023, 6:56 PM UTC

I wish we had an indoor running/walking track.

Friday, January 13, 2023, 6:30 PM UTC

Fencing, tag football

Friday, January 13, 2023, 6:24 PM UTC

Archery

Friday, January 13, 2023, 6:19 PM UTC

It would be nice to have more open gym time for kids, especially during the winter. A regular, unstructured time when parents could supervise their children shooting hoops, etc.

Friday, January 13, 2023, 5:13 PM UTC

Kids yoga/mindfulness

Friday, January 13, 2023, 4:58 PM UTC

Adult learn to swim.

Friday, January 13, 2023, 4:54 PM UTC

Golf, yoga/meditation for children in all age groups, gardening...

Friday, January 13, 2023, 4:49 PM UTC

More programming for preteens and teens. Utilization of Skehan for travel basketball if possible.

Friday, January 13, 2023, 4:32 PM UTC

More adult sport leagues, like baseball/softball and soccer.

Friday, January 13, 2023, 4:20 PM UTC

cornhole, disc golf and dog park

Wednesday, January 11, 2023, 6:48 PM UTC

Please bring back Sunday morning Pickleball!!!

Wednesday, January 11, 2023, 4:12 PM UTC

Pickle ball year round (indoors)

Wednesday, January 11, 2023, 1:12 PM UTC

Parents night outs.....yoga on weekends somehow. For family/All ages if possible.....weekend adult programs...

Wednesday, January 11, 2023, 11:48 AM UTC

Ultimate frisbee, more open gym, maybe a sports re-sale indoor yard sale (individuals could pay for a booth and resell anything sports related)

Wednesday, January 11, 2023, 11:45 AM UTC

Bring back fencing and martial arts

Wednesday, January 11, 2023, 2:29 AM UTC

Cheerleading or gymnastics for young girls;
Baking classes for kids

Wednesday, January 11, 2023, 2:23 AM UTC

No

Wednesday, January 11, 2023, 12:26 AM UTC

More open gym times for kids

Wednesday, January 11, 2023, 12:04 AM UTC

Coed Volleyball teams, similar paired programs like the cornhole teams. Other yard games?

Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 9:56 PM UTC

A pickup adult softball game per week- non league. Same time but at a diff field.

Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 7:58 PM UTC

More options for kids 3 and under such as basketball

Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 7:16 PM UTC

Father Daughter Dance and open gym

Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 7:06 PM UTC

Open gym time in winter

Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 7:03 PM UTC

Group hikes, summer day camps for kids, community picnic, parent & child yoga classes, nature play day

Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 12:40 PM UTC

Meditation ♀yoga

Monday, January 9, 2023, 11:21 PM UTC

Volleyball

Monday, January 9, 2023, 10:48 AM UTC

Toddler activities

Monday, January 9, 2023, 12:58 AM UTC

No, but these are great!

Sunday, January 8, 2023, 3:24 AM UTC

ice skating, winter carnival, sledding at Hermon mountain, snowshoeing, cross country skiing,

Saturday, January 7, 2023, 11:06 PM UTC

Hiking adventures for kids

Saturday, January 7, 2023, 11:05 PM UTC

Activities for toddlers, like dance, gym classes etc

Saturday, January 7, 2023, 10:02 PM UTC

Toddler play groups on Thursday mornings. Preferably starting at 9 or 10 because 1115-1 is lunch time and nap time for toddler aged kids.

Saturday, January 7, 2023, 9:12 PM UTC

More summer camp activities/themes/offerings

Saturday, January 7, 2023, 5:27 PM UTC

Pickleball on Sunday AM

Saturday, January 7, 2023, 2:57 PM UTC

Community Gym classes ie Zumba...

Saturday, January 7, 2023, 2:19 PM UTC

Bicycle rides together or walks

Saturday, January 7, 2023, 3:26 AM UTC

Summer beach volleyball league

Spring indoor volleyball pick up/league

Saturday, January 7, 2023, 2:33 AM UTC

Please bring back nerf nights for middle schoolers..

Saturday, January 7, 2023, 1:19 AM UTC

Paddle boarding. Fishing. Snow shoeing.

Saturday, January 7, 2023, 12:54 AM UTC

We always talk about an ice skating rink. My husband and I both think they just seem to bring a town together in the winter time. A little snack shack where the different PTOs and sports boosters could take turns selling cocoa and popcorn on the weekends. We're always dreaming! We are thankful for all you do, our kids are always busy and happy!

Saturday, January 7, 2023, 12:25 AM UTC

Dodgeball

Friday, January 6, 2023, 11:43 PM UTC

Social night, game night

Friday, January 6, 2023, 11:20 PM UTC

Adult softball

Friday, January 6, 2023, 11:11 PM UTC

More options for young kids. Like 2-3 year Olds.

Friday, January 6, 2023, 10:54 PM UTC

I enjoy your pickleball program and especially the people I have met while playing.

Friday, January 6, 2023, 10:18 PM UTC

Summer: Gaga ball for kids, outdoor yoga for adults

Winter: snowshoeing

Friday, January 6, 2023, 8:15 PM UTC

Great job on what you offer and you are really thinking outside the box on new programming.

Friday, January 6, 2023, 8:12 PM UTC

We would be interested in arts/craft classes. Also-doing a parents night out-where people could pay to drop their children off from 6-8 would be fun! Have movies and snacks for kids.

Friday, January 6, 2023, 7:45 PM UTC

Outdoor volleyball!

Friday, January 6, 2023, 7:08 PM UTC

Mountain bike trail building

Friday, January 6, 2023, 6:11 PM UTC

Flag football for pre-k and k, grades 1-2.

Friday, January 6, 2023, 5:52 PM UTC

More pickleball slots!

Friday, January 6, 2023, 5:32 PM UTC

We are new here so not sure if you already do these but youth tennis and golf

Friday, January 6, 2023, 5:25 PM UTC

Youth wrestling program.

Friday, January 6, 2023, 5:22 PM UTC

pickle ball

Friday, January 6, 2023, 5:12 PM UTC

Crafts for tween through adults. Great to have an activity for adults to do or 12 and up with parents or with friends. So many activities for k-5 but beyond that not a lot of options

Friday, January 6, 2023, 5:08 PM UTC

I'm not sure what but more for 3-8 graders. The nerf night more often.

Friday, January 6, 2023, 4:43 PM UTC

Do you have any open gym times where kids can play this winter? Also, it would be great if there were less-than-full-day options for summer activities/camp. Especially for the early elementary grades, a full-day camp is just too much for my guy, and it would be nice to have options for families not looking for full-time day care. I understand why families needing full-time childcare coverage are prioritized, but it leaves fewer options for those of us whose kids don't want full-day, but still need social or active outlets.

Friday, January 6, 2023, 4:24 PM UTC

Youth cross country skiing, public outdoor ice rink

Friday, January 6, 2023, 4:11 PM UTC

I would love for the Public pool to be a little warmer. I took my child there for swim lessons last winter and it was way to cold!

Friday, January 6, 2023, 4:03 PM UTC

Pickle ball for kids

Friday, January 6, 2023, 3:59 PM UTC

Yoga for beginners

Friday, January 6, 2023, 3:49 PM UTC

I'd like Dana's exercise class to start at 8:00 a.m. instead of 9:00 in the summer.

Friday, January 6, 2023, 3:48 PM UTC

pickleball

Friday, January 6, 2023, 3:44 PM UTC

More available swim lesson times

Friday, January 6, 2023, 3:38 PM UTC

Do you have ice skating?

Friday, January 6, 2023, 3:38 PM UTC

winter: pickleball 1 -2 evenings

Friday, January 6, 2023, 3:30 PM UTC

Volleyball indoor or outdoor for adults and kids to support the schools new sports

Dodgeball league for adults and kids

Summer hikes in our areas in groups so kids and adults can see what options are right here in the back yard

I would love to see more cross country or track options for fall/spring. I am not a runner but have kids who are and they need people willing to run with them.

Friday, January 6, 2023, 3:29 PM UTC

Kayaking, boating, homesteading

Friday, January 6, 2023, 3:27 PM UTC

CO-Ed Outdoor Volleyball and/or kickball at Lura Hoit!

Friday, January 6, 2023, 3:26 PM UTC

Pickleball late afternoon or on weekend if possible

Friday, January 6, 2023, 3:12 PM UTC

Town ice rink.

Friday, January 6, 2023, 3:09 PM UTC

Fun run/obstacle course for kids and adults

Friday, January 6, 2023, 3:08 PM UTC

Kids Rec open gym time with basketball nets their height, soccer nets and other equipment to play with.

Friday, January 6, 2023, 3:06 PM UTC

Open gym at hours that any family could come.

Friday, January 6, 2023, 3:04 PM UTC

Ice rink for skating

Friday, January 6, 2023, 2:48 PM UTC

More for toddlers! And I noticed weekend toddler/kid activities often run 12-3/4ish which is prime nap time for those with children under 5 so we often cannot make the activities. I'd love to meet more Hampden families as a working mom, but the weekend activities don't fit a toddler schedule and the weekday activities many parents are working. Evening activities during the week would even be nice!

Friday, January 6, 2023, 2:44 PM UTC

Another dance for families.

Friday, January 6, 2023, 2:41 PM UTC
Line dancing for exercise or Latin style Zumba

Friday, January 6, 2023, 2:39 PM UTC
Any running activities!

Friday, January 6, 2023, 2:20 PM UTC
Volleyball
Volleyball
Volleyball

Friday, January 6, 2023, 2:11 PM UTC
No

Friday, January 6, 2023, 1:38 PM UTC
Cross country for K and older
Mountain biking.
Martial arts/karate

Friday, January 6, 2023, 1:34 PM UTC
Kids and adult tennis lessons (I know there was a coaching shortage last year)
Bingo
Archery for kids and families
Enrichment activities.. like valentine, Christmas card making

Friday, January 6, 2023, 12:40 PM UTC
Snowshoeing

Friday, January 6, 2023, 11:36 AM UTC

I would love to be able to use the gym in the winter months for some walking

Friday, January 6, 2023, 9:59 AM UTC

Teen paddle boarding

Friday, January 6, 2023, 3:23 AM UTC

Guided hikes, I don't know the area well myself but would like to explore. Mountain bike rides. I like outdoor but my adult friends do not so I would like to join others

Friday, January 6, 2023, 2:27 AM UTC

This is a big request, but some sort of outdoor splash pad for kids at the town park would be the most marvelous thing. Also some swings.. the kids always wished there were swings there.

Friday, January 6, 2023, 1:22 AM UTC

Gymnastics, cheer, learn to skate learn to play hockey floor hockey

Friday, January 6, 2023, 1:14 AM UTC

Flag football for K-1

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 11:46 PM UTC

Ice skating

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 11:15 PM UTC

Summer camp for older children above grade five

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 11:07 PM UTC

More kids camp options in summer.

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 11:02 PM UTC

Something for the littles, walking one year olds!

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 11:01 PM UTC

Toddler playtimes are wonderful during the week or weened, like the one the Bangor Parks & Rec dept does. It helps kids get out and burn energy but more importantly, socialize, during the months we're shut in.

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 10:17 PM UTC

Ice skating would be wonderful!

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 10:07 PM UTC

When my children where ages 3-4 they had a program called multi sport where they played a different sport every week as an introduction. Kickball, Tball, basketball, etc

I also think a older version of that might be good for kids who enjoy gym class but not necessarily team sports

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 10:04 PM UTC

An ice rink!

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 9:40 PM UTC

Cheering

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 9:21 PM UTC

Fitness classes

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 9:18 PM UTC

Outdoor ice rink!

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 9:06 PM UTC

Volleyball!!!! I've begging for volleyball for a while now lol

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 8:46 PM UTC

More toddler/parent activities that start EARLY, like 7, 8 am. I find that a lot of programs geared towards toddlers (my babies are 6 months & 2 years) are always during their nap time, late morning/early afternoon. We love hiking, biking, snowshoeing, open gym, etc.

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 8:36 PM UTC

more open gyms!! and get the owner to let local teams use the beautiful gym for an affordable price!!!! it is a shame it is not used for our local basketball teams!

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 8:17 PM UTC

Senior classes

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 8:07 PM UTC

Adult kickball league and volleyball league!

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 8:03 PM UTC

No. It's nice to get schedules in advance due to crazy work schedules. Releasing things last minute isn't helpful for family planning.

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 7:57 PM UTC

Cross country skiing and beginner kayaking

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 7:56 PM UTC

More toddler / kids activities

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 7:50 PM UTC

adult sports, cultural education events

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 7:29 PM UTC

Adult volleyball

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 7:10 PM UTC

Adult day trips for easy hikes, kayak paddling, sightseeing.

Winter....meet ups for cross-country skiing on weekends.

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:58 PM UTC

I would have loved to put my son in b-ball (he's K this year) but the times offered were not feasible in the least. Earlier times - especially in the winter - would have made it easier to participate.

Sometimes mother/daughter or mother/son. Softball or softball skills. Partner dances. Or easy hikes/walks nearby. Family yoga. Something exercise related for adults. Even if it was a dancing-style class or walking club.

Snow-shoeing or skating - an outdoor rink here in Hampden would be amazing.

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:39 PM UTC

Indoor/outdoor football things for kids, activities for 3 year olds,

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:38 PM UTC

Roller skating, outdoor ice rink, drive in movie nights in the field (lay out blankets and have concessions), skate park, teen nights (like Bangor library does)

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:29 PM UTC

Field hockey and it would awesome to have kids ice hockey

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:28 PM UTC

dont be so stingy on refunding people the money that you force them to pre pay for events if they cant make it. youll never get another dollar from me and thats a shame because i have 4 children that would love to go to your events however you all stole my money and fuck you thanks

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:20 PM UTC

Zumba or aerobics-evening or weekend times

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:17 PM UTC

Possibly evening open gym

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:13 PM UTC

Kids tennis, arts and crafts session,

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:13 PM UTC

Would love an aerobics, Zumba or jazzercise class

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:09 PM UTC

We would love an outdoor hockey rink!

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:07 PM UTC

I would love for rec to offer cheering for my daughter who will be entering first grade next year!

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:07 PM UTC

Bring back aqua zumba classes at the pool and/or David's Saturday morning aqua class.

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:04 PM UTC

Tennis/ golf/ basketball/ spring soccer for young kids 4+

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:00 PM UTC

More private swim lessons for kids in the afternoon

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:59 PM UTC

Busing to the snowboard and ski lessons. Lacrosse

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:58 PM UTC

A non competitive lap swim/exercise group for middle school aged kids

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:55 PM UTC

I wish pickleball was after typical work hours.

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:54 PM UTC

X-country skiing or snowshoeing. Hiking, family trail biking.

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:53 PM UTC

no, we just use the pool

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:47 PM UTC

None at this time

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:45 PM UTC

Maybe a toddler time hosted by the rec?

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:42 PM UTC

Not specific ideas, necessarily, but would love to see some expanded options for adults -- perhaps some catered towards adults who are new to town? I'm in my mid-40's and am not sure how to meet other people in town! Maybe a game night, cooking event, or yoga in a park?

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:41 PM UTC

For non water activity, an archery class would be nice. If we are looking for water based classes, having a water basketball/volleyball, or another sport. More water aerobics courses during the evenings would be great!

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:41 PM UTC

Kids cross country

Kids Karate / Martial Arts

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:36 PM UTC

More events like the dance, Halloween party and breakfast with Santa

Crafting classes/opportunities

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:36 PM UTC

Kids summer party with outside games

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:36 PM UTC

Cross country skiing; couch to 5 k; various challenges

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:35 PM UTC

Sledding under the lights? Sledding at night some place.

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:34 PM UTC

More community and kid activities.

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:33 PM UTC

Allow more people for birthday parties

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:32 PM UTC

Anything for younger children aged 3-5

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:31 PM UTC

Drop in exercise classes.

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:30 PM UTC

Ice skating rink

Some kind of kid friendly group to explore local parks and reserves.

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:29 PM UTC

Please open the pool on Sundays!!!

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:07 PM UTC

Yes, anything that is fun and engaging.

Answered: 154 **Unanswered:** 197

Q4 Would you be interested in an outdoor ice skating rink?

Tuesday, January 17, 2023, 11:36 AM UTC

Yes!

Sunday, January 15, 2023, 6:18 PM UTC

Yes

Sunday, January 15, 2023, 5:37 PM UTC

Yes

Sunday, January 15, 2023, 1:19 AM UTC

Yes!

Saturday, January 14, 2023, 6:14 PM UTC

Yes

Saturday, January 14, 2023, 12:50 PM UTC

Yes

Saturday, January 14, 2023, 2:10 AM UTC

Yes

Friday, January 13, 2023, 11:07 PM UTC

Yes!!!!

Friday, January 13, 2023, 10:42 PM UTC

Not at this time but kids love skating rinks

Friday, January 13, 2023, 9:45 PM UTC

Yes

Friday, January 13, 2023, 9:21 PM UTC

I think it would be good for those who skate, but so far this winter has been too warm

Friday, January 13, 2023, 8:16 PM UTC

yes

Friday, January 13, 2023, 6:59 PM UTC

Yes

Friday, January 13, 2023, 6:56 PM UTC

Yes, absolutely

Friday, January 13, 2023, 6:30 PM UTC

Yes

Friday, January 13, 2023, 6:24 PM UTC

Yes

Friday, January 13, 2023, 6:19 PM UTC

Yes!!!!

Friday, January 13, 2023, 5:13 PM UTC

Yes!!!!

Friday, January 13, 2023, 5:03 PM UTC

Yes

Friday, January 13, 2023, 5:03 PM UTC

Yes

Friday, January 13, 2023, 4:58 PM UTC

No

Friday, January 13, 2023, 4:54 PM UTC

Yes!

Friday, January 13, 2023, 4:49 PM UTC

Yes

Friday, January 13, 2023, 4:42 PM UTC

Yes

Friday, January 13, 2023, 4:33 PM UTC

Yes

Friday, January 13, 2023, 4:32 PM UTC

Yes!

Friday, January 13, 2023, 4:24 PM UTC

Yes

Friday, January 13, 2023, 4:20 PM UTC

yes

Friday, January 13, 2023, 3:36 PM UTC

Yes!

Wednesday, January 11, 2023, 6:48 PM UTC

No

Wednesday, January 11, 2023, 1:12 PM UTC

Yes!!!!!!

Wednesday, January 11, 2023, 11:48 AM UTC

Yes!

Wednesday, January 11, 2023, 11:45 AM UTC

Yes!

Wednesday, January 11, 2023, 3:52 AM UTC

Yes

Wednesday, January 11, 2023, 2:29 AM UTC

Yes for sure

Wednesday, January 11, 2023, 2:23 AM UTC

Not personally but it's a great idea for the community

Wednesday, January 11, 2023, 12:26 AM UTC

Yes

Wednesday, January 11, 2023, 12:04 AM UTC

Yes

Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 10:26 PM UTC

Yes!!

Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 10:13 PM UTC

Yes

Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 10:01 PM UTC

Yes

Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 9:56 PM UTC

Sure

Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 8:50 PM UTC

Yes!

Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 7:58 PM UTC

Yes!

Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 7:17 PM UTC

Yes

Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 7:16 PM UTC

Yes

Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 7:06 PM UTC

Yes

Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 7:03 PM UTC

Yes!

Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 12:40 PM UTC

No

Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 6:34 AM UTC

No

Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 3:49 AM UTC

Yes

Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 12:58 AM UTC

Yes!!!

Monday, January 9, 2023, 11:21 PM UTC

YES

Monday, January 9, 2023, 7:17 PM UTC

Yes

Monday, January 9, 2023, 3:47 PM UTC

yes

Monday, January 9, 2023, 10:48 AM UTC

Yes!

Monday, January 9, 2023, 3:03 AM UTC

Yes

Monday, January 9, 2023, 12:58 AM UTC

Probably not

Sunday, January 8, 2023, 2:27 PM UTC

Yes!

Sunday, January 8, 2023, 3:24 AM UTC

YES YES YES I grew up in Hampden and skated every day after school at the rink behind the VFW. I was so disappointed when they removed it for Tennis courts

Saturday, January 7, 2023, 11:30 PM UTC

Probably not

Saturday, January 7, 2023, 11:06 PM UTC

Yes!

Saturday, January 7, 2023, 11:05 PM UTC

Yes!

Saturday, January 7, 2023, 10:02 PM UTC

Yes

Saturday, January 7, 2023, 9:12 PM UTC

Yes

Saturday, January 7, 2023, 8:17 PM UTC

My children are too little for this but it does sound fun

Saturday, January 7, 2023, 7:21 PM UTC

Yes

Saturday, January 7, 2023, 5:27 PM UTC

No

Saturday, January 7, 2023, 2:57 PM UTC

Yes

Saturday, January 7, 2023, 2:19 PM UTC

Yes please!

Saturday, January 7, 2023, 12:48 PM UTC

Yes

Saturday, January 7, 2023, 12:21 PM UTC

YES

Saturday, January 7, 2023, 11:16 AM UTC

Yes

Saturday, January 7, 2023, 10:15 AM UTC

Yes!

Saturday, January 7, 2023, 4:54 AM UTC

Yes

Saturday, January 7, 2023, 3:33 AM UTC

Yes!

Saturday, January 7, 2023, 3:26 AM UTC

Indifferent

Saturday, January 7, 2023, 2:33 AM UTC

Yes!

Saturday, January 7, 2023, 2:15 AM UTC

Yes

Saturday, January 7, 2023, 2:06 AM UTC

Yes

Saturday, January 7, 2023, 1:51 AM UTC

Yes!!!

Saturday, January 7, 2023, 1:45 AM UTC

Yes!

Saturday, January 7, 2023, 1:24 AM UTC

Yes

Saturday, January 7, 2023, 1:19 AM UTC

YES!

Saturday, January 7, 2023, 12:54 AM UTC

Yes!!! :-)

Saturday, January 7, 2023, 12:44 AM UTC

Yes

Saturday, January 7, 2023, 12:25 AM UTC

No

Saturday, January 7, 2023, 12:04 AM UTC

Yes!!

Friday, January 6, 2023, 11:52 PM UTC

Yes

Friday, January 6, 2023, 11:43 PM UTC

Yes!

Friday, January 6, 2023, 11:24 PM UTC

Yes

Friday, January 6, 2023, 11:20 PM UTC

Yes!

Friday, January 6, 2023, 11:11 PM UTC

Yes

Friday, January 6, 2023, 10:54 PM UTC

I enjoyed our outdoor skating rink in Limestone when I was a youngster.

Friday, January 6, 2023, 10:18 PM UTC

YES PLEASE!!

Friday, January 6, 2023, 9:57 PM UTC

Yes, absolutely!! I would love to have one in our town.

Friday, January 6, 2023, 9:51 PM UTC

YES!!!!

Friday, January 6, 2023, 9:30 PM UTC

Yes

Friday, January 6, 2023, 9:01 PM UTC

Yes

Friday, January 6, 2023, 8:15 PM UTC

No

Friday, January 6, 2023, 8:12 PM UTC

yes

Friday, January 6, 2023, 7:56 PM UTC

YES!

Friday, January 6, 2023, 7:45 PM UTC

Yes.

Friday, January 6, 2023, 7:09 PM UTC

Yes

Friday, January 6, 2023, 7:08 PM UTC

Yes!

Friday, January 6, 2023, 6:45 PM UTC

yes

Friday, January 6, 2023, 6:29 PM UTC

Yes

Friday, January 6, 2023, 6:11 PM UTC

Yes

Friday, January 6, 2023, 5:59 PM UTC

Yes!!!

Friday, January 6, 2023, 5:52 PM UTC

No.

Friday, January 6, 2023, 5:32 PM UTC

Yes

Friday, January 6, 2023, 5:25 PM UTC

Absolutely!!

Friday, January 6, 2023, 5:22 PM UTC

yes

Friday, January 6, 2023, 5:12 PM UTC

Yes

Friday, January 6, 2023, 5:11 PM UTC

Yes!!

Friday, January 6, 2023, 5:08 PM UTC

No

Friday, January 6, 2023, 5:01 PM UTC

Definitely!

Friday, January 6, 2023, 4:47 PM UTC

No

Friday, January 6, 2023, 4:43 PM UTC

Yes

Friday, January 6, 2023, 4:43 PM UTC

YES YES YES YES YES

Friday, January 6, 2023, 4:34 PM UTC

Yes

Friday, January 6, 2023, 4:27 PM UTC

Yes!

Friday, January 6, 2023, 4:24 PM UTC

yes

Friday, January 6, 2023, 4:18 PM UTC

Yes

Friday, January 6, 2023, 4:17 PM UTC

Yes!

Friday, January 6, 2023, 4:11 PM UTC

Maybe

Friday, January 6, 2023, 4:06 PM UTC

Yes

Friday, January 6, 2023, 4:03 PM UTC

Yes

Friday, January 6, 2023, 3:59 PM UTC

Yes

Friday, January 6, 2023, 3:49 PM UTC

If hockey was limited to free up the ice.

Friday, January 6, 2023, 3:48 PM UTC

No, but I think many other people would be. It would be great for the kids if only the weather would cooperate. Maybe next year.

Friday, January 6, 2023, 3:44 PM UTC

absolutely

Friday, January 6, 2023, 3:38 PM UTC

Yes

Friday, January 6, 2023, 3:30 PM UTC

Sure

Friday, January 6, 2023, 3:29 PM UTC

Yes

Friday, January 6, 2023, 3:27 PM UTC

Not opposed, just don't have any kids and rink skating tends to be a much more kid/family activity

Friday, January 6, 2023, 3:26 PM UTC

Maybe

Friday, January 6, 2023, 3:22 PM UTC

Yes!

Friday, January 6, 2023, 3:20 PM UTC

Yes

Friday, January 6, 2023, 3:18 PM UTC

Yes

Friday, January 6, 2023, 3:14 PM UTC

Yes!!!

Friday, January 6, 2023, 3:14 PM UTC

Yes!

Friday, January 6, 2023, 3:14 PM UTC

Yes!

Friday, January 6, 2023, 3:12 PM UTC

YES

Friday, January 6, 2023, 3:10 PM UTC

Yes

Friday, January 6, 2023, 3:10 PM UTC

Yes!

Friday, January 6, 2023, 3:09 PM UTC

Yea

Friday, January 6, 2023, 3:09 PM UTC

No

Friday, January 6, 2023, 3:08 PM UTC

Absolutely.

Friday, January 6, 2023, 3:06 PM UTC

Yes!!! Very much!

Friday, January 6, 2023, 3:04 PM UTC

Yes

Friday, January 6, 2023, 2:56 PM UTC

yes!

Friday, January 6, 2023, 2:48 PM UTC

Yes

Friday, January 6, 2023, 2:44 PM UTC

Yes

Friday, January 6, 2023, 2:41 PM UTC

yes!!

Friday, January 6, 2023, 2:40 PM UTC

Yes

Friday, January 6, 2023, 2:39 PM UTC

yes!

Friday, January 6, 2023, 2:27 PM UTC

Yes

Friday, January 6, 2023, 2:23 PM UTC

Yes!!

Friday, January 6, 2023, 2:20 PM UTC

Yes

Friday, January 6, 2023, 2:20 PM UTC

Yes

Friday, January 6, 2023, 2:16 PM UTC

I personally would not but think it is a great idea....with lighting for night use...and not to be used by any school teams for practice...to be used to enjoy and family skate.

Friday, January 6, 2023, 2:15 PM UTC

Yes- that would be awesome

Friday, January 6, 2023, 2:11 PM UTC

Yes

Friday, January 6, 2023, 2:01 PM UTC

Yes absolutely!

Friday, January 6, 2023, 1:38 PM UTC

Yes.

Friday, January 6, 2023, 1:34 PM UTC

yes!!

Friday, January 6, 2023, 1:16 PM UTC

Yes

Friday, January 6, 2023, 1:13 PM UTC

Yes!

Friday, January 6, 2023, 12:40 PM UTC

Absolutely

Friday, January 6, 2023, 9:59 AM UTC

Yes!

Friday, January 6, 2023, 4:06 AM UTC

Yes

Friday, January 6, 2023, 3:36 AM UTC

Yes

Friday, January 6, 2023, 3:23 AM UTC

Sure!

Friday, January 6, 2023, 2:27 AM UTC

YES!!!!

Friday, January 6, 2023, 2:26 AM UTC

Maybe. If the kids were younger, it would have been a solid yes 10 years ago.

Friday, January 6, 2023, 1:43 AM UTC

Yes

Friday, January 6, 2023, 1:42 AM UTC

yes

Friday, January 6, 2023, 1:22 AM UTC

YES

Friday, January 6, 2023, 1:14 AM UTC

Yes

Friday, January 6, 2023, 12:09 AM UTC

Yes

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 11:51 PM UTC

Yes!

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 11:48 PM UTC

Yes

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 11:46 PM UTC

YES

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 11:38 PM UTC

Yes

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 11:35 PM UTC

Yes

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 11:25 PM UTC

Yes!

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 11:15 PM UTC

No

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 11:07 PM UTC

Absolutely!!

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 11:01 PM UTC

Possibly

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 10:45 PM UTC

Yes

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 10:17 PM UTC

Yes!!!

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 10:14 PM UTC

Yes

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 10:07 PM UTC

My kids have not had the opportunity to skate yet partly because they don't have skates, I think a rink would be fun maybe some type of skate rental to

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 10:06 PM UTC

no

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 10:04 PM UTC

Haha absolutely!

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 10:02 PM UTC

Yes

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 9:51 PM UTC

No

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 9:40 PM UTC

Yes

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 9:40 PM UTC

No, but it's a great idea.

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 9:21 PM UTC

No

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 9:18 PM UTC

Yes, definitely!

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 9:06 PM UTC

Yes

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 8:53 PM UTC

Yes, I was just talking to my granddaughter about learning to skate.

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 8:46 PM UTC

Yes, big hockey family!!

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 8:36 PM UTC

yes

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 8:32 PM UTC

Yes

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 8:30 PM UTC

Yes!

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 8:20 PM UTC

Yes

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 8:18 PM UTC

Yes

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 8:17 PM UTC

Yes

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 8:09 PM UTC

Yes

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 8:07 PM UTC

Yes!!!

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 8:05 PM UTC

Yes!

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 8:03 PM UTC

YES!

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 7:57 PM UTC

Oh my goodness, Yes !

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 7:50 PM UTC

Yes.

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 7:49 PM UTC

Think it's a good idea.

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 7:32 PM UTC

Yes

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 7:30 PM UTC

Y s

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 7:29 PM UTC

Yes!

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 7:23 PM UTC

Yes

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 7:19 PM UTC
perhaps

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 7:15 PM UTC
Yes

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 7:10 PM UTC
Yes

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 7:08 PM UTC
Yes!!

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 7:01 PM UTC
No but it is a great idea! I am too old to skate.

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:59 PM UTC
Yes

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:58 PM UTC
YES!!

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:42 PM UTC
Yes!

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:39 PM UTC
YES

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:38 PM UTC

Yes!

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:33 PM UTC

YES! I have had numerous people ask me about this. There are many hockey families in town that would utilize this on a regular basis. Please make this happen!

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:32 PM UTC

Yes

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:32 PM UTC

Yes!

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:31 PM UTC

Yes!

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:31 PM UTC

Yes

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:30 PM UTC

Yes

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:29 PM UTC

Heck yes!

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:28 PM UTC

Yes

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:28 PM UTC

no

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:27 PM UTC

Yes

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:26 PM UTC

Yes

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:22 PM UTC

Yes!

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:20 PM UTC

maybe

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:17 PM UTC

Yes!

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:17 PM UTC

Yes

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:15 PM UTC

YES!

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:13 PM UTC

Yes

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:13 PM UTC

Yes for my kids

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:11 PM UTC

YES!

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:09 PM UTC

Yes

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:09 PM UTC

100%

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:08 PM UTC

YES

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:07 PM UTC

YES!!!!!!!

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:07 PM UTC

no

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:04 PM UTC

Yes

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:00 PM UTC

no

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:00 PM UTC

Yes!!

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:59 PM UTC

Yes

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:58 PM UTC

Yes

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:58 PM UTC

If there would be skates to rent

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:58 PM UTC

Yes!

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:58 PM UTC

Yes, although there is one in winterport.

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:58 PM UTC

Yes

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:57 PM UTC

Yes

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:55 PM UTC

Yes

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:55 PM UTC

yes

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:55 PM UTC

Not for me

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:54 PM UTC

Yes!

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:53 PM UTC

my son is not old enough, no

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:52 PM UTC

Yes

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:50 PM UTC

Yes, absolutely.

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:50 PM UTC

Yes

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:47 PM UTC

Yes!!!!

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:46 PM UTC

Yes

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:45 PM UTC

Yes

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:42 PM UTC

Yes

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:42 PM UTC

Yes!

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:41 PM UTC

No, I have no balance and would hurt myself or others LOL

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:41 PM UTC

Yes

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:37 PM UTC

Yes

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:37 PM UTC

YES!

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:36 PM UTC

No

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:36 PM UTC

Yes

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:36 PM UTC

Yes

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:36 PM UTC

Yes

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:35 PM UTC

Yes.

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:34 PM UTC

YES

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:33 PM UTC

Yes!

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:32 PM UTC

Yes

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:31 PM UTC

Yes

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:31 PM UTC

Yes

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:30 PM UTC

Yes

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:30 PM UTC

Yes

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:30 PM UTC

Yes!

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:29 PM UTC

Yes

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:29 PM UTC

Yes

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:29 PM UTC

YES

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:29 PM UTC

little bit

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:29 PM UTC

Always loved having one where I grew up in Eddington.

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:28 PM UTC

Yes

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:07 PM UTC

No, I can't skate. Too much work.

Answered: 303 **Unanswered:** 48

Q5 What events would you like to see organized by the Hampden Rec Department?

Tuesday, January 17, 2023, 11:36 AM UTC

Festivals and fairs are the best! More days like children's day!

Sunday, January 15, 2023, 5:37 PM UTC

Open gym for roller skating

Friday, January 13, 2023, 6:19 PM UTC

Evening yoga classes or weekend retreats, evening workout classes, pickle ball for kids

Friday, January 13, 2023, 5:13 PM UTC

I'd love to see the increase in community events this year – like the fall festival in events are in the holidays – more of those or family activities all ages can attend would be a welcome addition.

Friday, January 13, 2023, 5:03 PM UTC

Not sure! You're doing a great job!

Friday, January 13, 2023, 4:54 PM UTC

Father daughter dance, mother son dance, family dances such as the mistletoe ball. Volley ball teams...

Friday, January 13, 2023, 4:42 PM UTC

If you end up building a new facility please include indoor track

Friday, January 13, 2023, 4:32 PM UTC

Maybe some community concert or outdoor movie events.

Friday, January 13, 2023, 3:36 PM UTC

Father daughter dance

Wednesday, January 11, 2023, 1:12 PM UTC

Parents nights out....group hikes in area and beyond

Wednesday, January 11, 2023, 11:45 AM UTC

Do the family mistletoe ball again, and ballroom dance classes or clinics for families

Wednesday, January 11, 2023, 2:29 AM UTC

Baking competitions

Wednesday, January 11, 2023, 2:23 AM UTC

Unsure

Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 9:56 PM UTC

Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 7:16 PM UTC

Father Daughter Dance

Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 7:06 PM UTC

Winter carnival

Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 12:40 PM UTC

Dances? More vendor fairs with local vendors. That was great.

Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 6:34 AM UTC

Road race, eg turkey trot

Monday, January 9, 2023, 7:17 PM UTC

Kids golf, ice skating lessons, hockey

Monday, January 9, 2023, 10:48 AM UTC

Toddler activities on the weekend morning or late afternoon

Monday, January 9, 2023, 12:58 AM UTC

Not sure

Sunday, January 8, 2023, 3:24 AM UTC

Red Sox game trip, Maine Hockey trip any local and non local sports trips. Community Gardens.

Community theater group. Bike trips Trips to Bar harbor and Beach trips

Saturday, January 7, 2023, 11:06 PM UTC

Not sure at this moment other than the ones you already do

Saturday, January 7, 2023, 11:05 PM UTC

easter, hunter eggs

Saturday, January 7, 2023, 9:12 PM UTC

Summer Day trips

Saturday, January 7, 2023, 5:27 PM UTC

Adult volleyball

Saturday, January 7, 2023, 2:57 PM UTC

Live Music, movies in the park...

Saturday, January 7, 2023, 2:19 PM UTC

Live music

Saturday, January 7, 2023, 12:21 PM UTC

More dances- loved the Mistletoe Ball!!!

Saturday, January 7, 2023, 3:33 AM UTC

Haunted hay ride for charity fund raising or funds for events

Saturday, January 7, 2023, 3:26 AM UTC

Corn hole tournament for adults

Saturday, January 7, 2023, 1:51 AM UTC

food truck evenings

Saturday, January 7, 2023, 1:19 AM UTC

Community kid-friendly outdoor events.

Saturday, January 7, 2023, 12:54 AM UTC

We LOVED the fall festival this year!

Maybe a "Chocolate Fling" to raise money for the ice skating rink? It's like a big bake sale but everything must be donated and must be chocolate! Shoppers can bring their own Tupperware and fill a small container for \$5 or items can be priced otherwise....

Saturday, January 7, 2023, 12:44 AM UTC

Bike riding group

Saturday, January 7, 2023, 12:25 AM UTC

Dodgeball

Saturday, January 7, 2023, 12:04 AM UTC

Loved all the end of summer, fall and winter programming. Open gym time for younger kids and toddlers would be awesome!!

Friday, January 6, 2023, 11:24 PM UTC

Golf for kids, volleyball, more swimming opportunities

Friday, January 6, 2023, 11:11 PM UTC

I missed the dance. That seemed fun.

Friday, January 6, 2023, 10:18 PM UTC

Friday, January 6, 2023, 8:15 PM UTC

Indoor soccer?

Friday, January 6, 2023, 8:12 PM UTC

Anything that involves the whole family. Dances, Activities, etc.

Friday, January 6, 2023, 7:56 PM UTC

Father daughter valentines dance.

Ice skating

Summer basketball clinic for young kids

Friday, January 6, 2023, 7:09 PM UTC

More events to increase socialization would be great. Kids yoga things like that

Friday, January 6, 2023, 7:08 PM UTC

Xc ski and/or snow shoe group for kids, summer youth swim team, tennis lessons

Friday, January 6, 2023, 6:11 PM UTC

More open gym options for younger kids with lower hoop.

Friday, January 6, 2023, 5:59 PM UTC

More kids events. They have been awesome!

Friday, January 6, 2023, 5:25 PM UTC

Involvement at Hampden Children's Day. You are a big part of a lot of our youths lives and make an impact on our community.

Friday, January 6, 2023, 5:22 PM UTC

not sure

Friday, January 6, 2023, 5:12 PM UTC

More like held in the fall. Great event to help small businesses. Maybe a rock and gen show like held in brewer.

Friday, January 6, 2023, 4:55 PM UTC

More adult activities

Friday, January 6, 2023, 4:47 PM UTC

Summer band concerts

Friday, January 6, 2023, 4:43 PM UTC

More indoor activities in winter, especially if we continue to have more winters like these, where it's iffy if/ when we're going to get snow...

Friday, January 6, 2023, 4:27 PM UTC

A community 5k, walking groups etc.

Friday, January 6, 2023, 4:06 PM UTC

Longer kids basketball program - youth hockey program starting prek or k - football for younger than 2nd grade available

Friday, January 6, 2023, 4:03 PM UTC

Pickle ball

Friday, January 6, 2023, 3:49 PM UTC

Theatre trips

Friday, January 6, 2023, 3:48 PM UTC

pickleball

Friday, January 6, 2023, 3:44 PM UTC

more outdoor things like snowshoeing or sledding and ice skating

Friday, January 6, 2023, 3:30 PM UTC

Sledding and hot cocoa event would be cool

Father daughter type dance or something similar

Family nights where we can play some games not board games but active games with other families. Or have activities with other families. But everyone can participate

Friday, January 6, 2023, 3:29 PM UTC

Some with well planned parking and traffic direction

Friday, January 6, 2023, 3:27 PM UTC

Any adult sports leagues/tournaments. It's been great to see all the activities for families lately, but it would be great to see more adult activities for the 5:00-8:00 time slots.

Friday, January 6, 2023, 3:14 PM UTC

First Friday - Music, Food trucks, beer tents, vendors,

Friday, January 6, 2023, 3:14 PM UTC

I think the new ideas and additions over the last 1-2 years have been great, keep along these lines

Friday, January 6, 2023, 3:08 PM UTC

Snow shoeing groups

Friday, January 6, 2023, 3:06 PM UTC

Open gym times for all ages at times when any family could make it, not just stay at home moms and dads. Excessive classes for those who work Business hours, hiking in trails with lead, skiing where the bus takes kids to hermon just like holden schools do.

Friday, January 6, 2023, 2:56 PM UTC

more non-sport activities - arts/music/other types of recreational activities

Friday, January 6, 2023, 2:48 PM UTC

Toddler open gym, soccer, etc.

Friday, January 6, 2023, 2:44 PM UTC

Any classes for beginners in different skills whether dance, art, sporting activities, etc.

Friday, January 6, 2023, 2:39 PM UTC

Running road races.

Friday, January 6, 2023, 2:20 PM UTC

Youth dances (non-religious)

Open gym for basketball

Walking time set for after school kid drop off

Yoga

Community building events (non-religious)

Friday, January 6, 2023, 2:11 PM UTC

None

Friday, January 6, 2023, 1:38 PM UTC

More things like the Halloween party and breakfast with Santa.

Friday, January 6, 2023, 9:59 AM UTC

Anything fun For kids

Friday, January 6, 2023, 4:06 AM UTC

Flag football for kids

Friday, January 6, 2023, 3:23 AM UTC

Adult learn to speak Spanish classes

Friday, January 6, 2023, 2:27 AM UTC

Daddy/Daughter Dance- Vday time? Or something along those lines. Y'all did the mistletoe ball and it was adorable.

Kids Summer socials filled with things for kids to do to have a chance to play and see friends.

More Vending events/markets..those r great

Highlight different hiking trails around town that everyone may not know about.

Friday, January 6, 2023, 1:43 AM UTC

Crib tournament

Friday, January 6, 2023, 1:22 AM UTC

Dances, fun no contract pageants. Game nights.

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 11:51 PM UTC

I like the fun family events. Maybe a field day!

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 11:38 PM UTC

ChristmS and Halloween

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 11:35 PM UTC

I think the Rec Department does a great job hosting a variety of events.

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 10:17 PM UTC

Fundraisers for local families/children impacted by hardship.

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 10:07 PM UTC

You day festivals are fun maybe a spring at fall one

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 10:06 PM UTC

outside group trail walks

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 10:04 PM UTC

Valentines Dance, community easter egg hunt, town wide scavenger hunt

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 9:51 PM UTC

No

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 9:18 PM UTC

Outdoor ice rink and after-school skiing and snowboarding that busses from the schools.

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 8:46 PM UTC

Cooking classes for adults would be cool!

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 8:36 PM UTC

more open gyms

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 8:30 PM UTC

A mid winter event would be great! Like hot chocolate and sledding or tubing at hermon mountain

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 8:07 PM UTC

Not sure

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 8:05 PM UTC

Easter egg hunt

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 7:56 PM UTC

Family fun events like the hampden family fair this past fall

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 7:29 PM UTC

Yoga

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:58 PM UTC

A mother/son dance or father/daughter dance would be great - I saw one recently on Facebook but it didn't look very organized. We love the parade and kids day. Something in the spring would be fun - like a spring fling - live music, food, activities. Something different than what we do in August.

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:38 PM UTC

See previous question

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:29 PM UTC

Seasonal carnivals.

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:28 PM UTC

a refund for my santa money that you took despite the fact that my kids didnt get to have breakfast with santa. it was over priced and the only time ive ever prepaid for something like that. shame on you all.

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:17 PM UTC

Winter tubing, sledding

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:09 PM UTC

5k

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:07 PM UTC

Love any opportunities similar to Children's Day, winter carnival, etc.

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:04 PM UTC

Easter egg hunt that includes younger kids 2-3+

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:00 PM UTC

Father daughter dances or mother son

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:59 PM UTC

The rec has done a great job this year with new events

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:58 PM UTC

Skating, tubing, whitewater rafting

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:58 PM UTC

I would really like to see non-competative exercise opportunities for middle school aged kids.

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:55 PM UTC

Ultima Frisbee, Frisbee Golf, Backyard Ultra

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:55 PM UTC

I am only interested in the pool related activities, so I have no idea what other people would like

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:53 PM UTC

the halloween party was fun, maybe something like that for other holidays like valentine's day or 4th of july

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:47 PM UTC

Unsure at this time

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:46 PM UTC

Outdoor survival course

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:42 PM UTC

Road running race maybe 10k

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:41 PM UTC

Loved the Santa breakfast, and Halloween event. More fun events like this!

Kids fun runs

****Forgot to put Mountain Biking for kids for something offered thru the Rec for the kids.

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:37 PM UTC

Father daughter dance

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:37 PM UTC

I love the breakfast with Santa, maybe more based around holidays.

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:36 PM UTC

More craft fairs, family events, things like the fall festival

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:36 PM UTC

Physical challenges where you can win a prize; road races (bike or foot or walk or run/walk)

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:34 PM UTC

Would love to see an Easter egg hunt. Last year there was one at the McGraw playground and it was strange. You had to find wooden eggs and turn them in for candy. My little kids weren't fast and didn't find any before all the older kids had taken them. My little girl skinned her knee and was crying in the chaos. I just think the planning could have been better. We moved here from the South and down there they give the little kids a head start and it goes much smoother.

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:30 PM UTC

Yoga

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:29 PM UTC

I was very dissatisfied with soccer. My child had an unprovoked dog attack from an unfamiliar dog last spring. He almost lost his leg. We were not able to participate in soccer due to the number of dogs on the field during games.

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:29 PM UTC

Happy with the way it is

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:07 PM UTC

Movie nights, music in the park, fishing, go carting

Answered: 123 **Unanswered:** 228

Q6 How can the Hampden Rec Department improve their programming and services?

Tuesday, January 17, 2023, 11:36 AM UTC

It's good

Sunday, January 15, 2023, 5:37 PM UTC

More open gym times

Saturday, January 14, 2023, 6:14 PM UTC

Coaching staff

Using high school or college athletes for school credits.

Some sort of training curriculum for coaches to ensure each kid is getting a similar experience

Saturday, January 14, 2023, 12:50 PM UTC

When signing up for youth sports, ask on the registration forms which nights work and which nights don't, similar to the soccer sign up.

Friday, January 13, 2023, 6:59 PM UTC

It's too difficult to find out what programs you offer

Friday, January 13, 2023, 6:19 PM UTC

You are doing a great job, I really appreciate your programming!

Friday, January 13, 2023, 5:13 PM UTC

By sending a general overview with specific information prior to the start of the event. Discounts for multiple children/large families would also be great.

Friday, January 13, 2023, 5:06 PM UTC

Yes to skating rink!

Friday, January 13, 2023, 4:58 PM UTC

You're doing a great job already.

Friday, January 13, 2023, 4:54 PM UTC

More structure to programs, equally divide grades and teams, have a different way for coaches to sign up and volunteer.

Maybe have coaches volunteer first, then put a note out to the community that would say something like, we have 10 coaches, so we can take 100 kids for this sport. I'd there are more volunteers, we can open more slots. That may make it easier on all of you, and give parents more insight as to how important it is to volunteer.

Friday, January 13, 2023, 4:32 PM UTC

The Facebook advertising is pretty visible but physical signs and notices throughout town would improve local knowledge of events, like the winter craft fair.

Friday, January 13, 2023, 3:37 PM UTC

You are doing a great job! Love all the new ideas and programs you have tried and added this year!

Wednesday, January 11, 2023, 1:12 PM UTC

Keep up the communications as you have.

Wednesday, January 11, 2023, 11:45 AM UTC

More town/family events like the fall festival

Wednesday, January 11, 2023, 3:52 AM UTC

Water stations throughout town for runners

Wednesday, January 11, 2023, 2:23 AM UTC

I've seen some really great improvements over the past year or so, my child is older now and we no longer participate in many of the rec programs but I love the new activities and events I've seen over the past year!

Wednesday, January 11, 2023, 12:26 AM UTC

Rec basketball needs to have better officiating. The kids aren't learning the rules of basketball. They need to call fouls.

Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 10:01 PM UTC

Have trained coaches for the sports activities. There is always a shortage with volunteer coaches, maybe we could hire some that are qualified to teach.

Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 8:50 PM UTC

It seems there's usually a big plea for volunteer coaches for the children's sports programs. I've always thought it might be nice to offer an incentive...reduced fee and/or a coaches t-shirt, something like that.

Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 7:58 PM UTC

More offerings for younger kids

Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 7:17 PM UTC

Local travel games for rec teams against the other recs.

Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 7:16 PM UTC

N/A

Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 7:03 PM UTC

Age-appropriate scheduling for programs and events.

Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 12:40 PM UTC

More variety. We loved the fencing. Wish that would come back or other varieties of programs

Monday, January 9, 2023, 11:21 PM UTC

Communication and organization

Monday, January 9, 2023, 7:17 PM UTC

Larger Rec Center for people to use, ice rink indoor

Monday, January 9, 2023, 3:47 PM UTC

little kids shouldn't be so late, and more emphasis on the practices rather than the games since they are so young and are just learning new skills.

Monday, January 9, 2023, 12:58 AM UTC

I think you do a great job!

Sunday, January 8, 2023, 3:24 AM UTC

Have the information available on paper not just the internet. Dont do everything online.

Saturday, January 7, 2023, 11:06 PM UTC

Maybe add more options for kids and adults to participate in. But at this moment I am happy with the programs and services offered as well as you advertise them.

Saturday, January 7, 2023, 11:05 PM UTC

More activities

Saturday, January 7, 2023, 8:17 PM UTC

The younger swimming lesson schedule would be better earlier in the day, middle of the day messes with a lot of lunch/nap routines

Saturday, January 7, 2023, 5:55 PM UTC

I could not go back and answer the question in this survey that I skimmed. Tai Chi and yoga program would be good. Also programs that are less sport related. Fitness is great but art and music activities would be a great addition to programming.

Saturday, January 7, 2023, 5:27 PM UTC

Apply for silver sneakers program

Saturday, January 7, 2023, 2:57 PM UTC

Better website and mailing list to keep people updated on current events and programs

Saturday, January 7, 2023, 2:19 PM UTC

Better website

Saturday, January 7, 2023, 3:26 AM UTC

Continued social media engagement and information.

Thank you for all you do!

Saturday, January 7, 2023, 3:17 AM UTC

Clean the pool and upkeep the facilities

Saturday, January 7, 2023, 12:54 AM UTC

We are so happy with the programs offered!

Saturday, January 7, 2023, 12:25 AM UTC

More offerings for adults

Saturday, January 7, 2023, 12:04 AM UTC

Thank you for all the offerings!

Friday, January 6, 2023, 11:24 PM UTC

Basketball—start in November again, no coed teams for middle school, but back to how it was prior to COVID

Friday, January 6, 2023, 11:11 PM UTC

Is there a way to compensate parents for being coaches for sports? If so it would make it easier to find "volunteers". Maybe even just their kid plays free would help.

Also I'd love to volunteer as a coach but I have two younger kids so I can't. Would there be a way to contact the Hampden Academy Key Club to maybe get sitters for younger kids?

Friday, January 6, 2023, 10:18 PM UTC

Giving parents an idea of evening schedules for a sport ahead of time would make signing up much easier.

Friday, January 6, 2023, 9:57 PM UTC

I do wish we had an indoor track, so we could run or walk in the winter.

Friday, January 6, 2023, 8:12 PM UTC

I think you guys do a great job! In the summer it would be helpful to have kids korner kamp only have 1 week in between Kamp and school.

Friday, January 6, 2023, 7:56 PM UTC

- No official games are needed for the youngest pre-k k sports.
 - Scrimmaging can happen within their own practice time if coaches feel necessary.
 - More qualified coaches.
 - Avoiding weekend games/activities, especially for youngest participants.
 - earlier practice times for younger kids
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Friday, January 6, 2023, 7:45 PM UTC

Adult programming

Friday, January 6, 2023, 7:08 PM UTC

More flexible with registration, grouping - it is impossible to know practice times when registering for a team sport and it seems like many get placed at a practice time that doesn't work for the family.

Friday, January 6, 2023, 6:11 PM UTC

I would love it if programs lasted longer than 4 weeks.

Friday, January 6, 2023, 5:59 PM UTC

You guys are doing a great job already. Don't spread yourselves too thin!

Friday, January 6, 2023, 5:25 PM UTC

I've spoke to several parents who are on the fence about volunteering to coach for different programs however, they shy away from it due to not having the experience or confident with practice drills they can implement. Maybe having a preseason coach training or meeting would help equip potential volunteer coaches with the tools they need to be affective coaches. I feel very strongly that a lot more parents and community members would offer to volunteer and the consistent need for volunteer coaches would be addressed.

Friday, January 6, 2023, 5:22 PM UTC

more pickle ball for people
who work example times after work

Friday, January 6, 2023, 5:08 PM UTC

More activities in general

Friday, January 6, 2023, 4:43 PM UTC

We have enjoyed the sports we've participated in so far! It seems that getting volunteer parent coaches is a challenge. Is there any budget to recruit mature high school/college students to help with this? Just an idea. It seems that relying on volunteers is tough on the rec dept. Thanks for all you do to offer fun things for our kids to do!

Friday, January 6, 2023, 4:24 PM UTC

Lower costs, greater variety

Friday, January 6, 2023, 4:18 PM UTC

I think you do an amazing job.

Friday, January 6, 2023, 3:49 PM UTC

Whatever gym is provided for exercise should have a good, big ventilation fan.

Friday, January 6, 2023, 3:38 PM UTC

I think its good for the most part

Friday, January 6, 2023, 3:30 PM UTC

By what you are doing here. Ask and then follow through with what feedback you get back. I forgot this but toddler things in mornings would be nice allow parents to walk the gym while littles play together. Parents need time to exercise too so hard with little ones

Friday, January 6, 2023, 3:29 PM UTC

Plan for crowd control and parking.

Friday, January 6, 2023, 3:27 PM UTC

Availability/activities outside of business hours for adults--it's hard to feel part of a community when you don't have kids

Friday, January 6, 2023, 3:26 PM UTC

I believe Hampden Already does a great job.
A new recreation recreation building would improve the services they already offer by better placed activity rooms, offices for staff and by being strategically located to other recreation facilities.

Friday, January 6, 2023, 3:10 PM UTC

We have one of the highest Rec fees for sports and use volunteer parents. There is very little structure to some of the teams we have been placed on, many with a coach never even playing the sport before but doing it so there is a team. Times need to be earlier please for the younger kiddos and kids in general shouldn't be getting home past 8 on a school night. I liked that for baseball we were asked what days worked for us and then we were placed on a team. We did not have that option when signing up for basketball this time. Overall we are thankful for the Rec and the sports they offer.

Friday, January 6, 2023, 3:09 PM UTC

They are doing a great job

Friday, January 6, 2023, 3:08 PM UTC

N/a.

Friday, January 6, 2023, 3:06 PM UTC

You guys are already doing so great and we've seen so much improvement. I'd like to see times where busses take kids to events. Like taking 50 kids to the trampoline park for glow night on Fridays or something like that. Thank for all you do and thank you for this survey. It makes us feel heard!

Friday, January 6, 2023, 3:04 PM UTC

Don't overlap games to help with parking at the Lura Hoit field

Friday, January 6, 2023, 2:56 PM UTC

This survey is a great way to do that!

Friday, January 6, 2023, 2:48 PM UTC

More available.

Friday, January 6, 2023, 2:44 PM UTC

Continue to branch out in family and individual programs.

Friday, January 6, 2023, 2:39 PM UTC

Places to grab water in the summer. Lots of people run around Hampden and have to carry water. Places throughout Hampden to grab water would be awesome.

Friday, January 6, 2023, 2:23 PM UTC

I'm not sure, you guys are great!

Friday, January 6, 2023, 2:20 PM UTC

Informational campaign on how a strong rec dept strengthens communities (posters, flyers)

Offer movie night

Potlucks? Fundraisers?

Friday, January 6, 2023, 2:15 PM UTC

For kids Sports we need dto

Friday, January 6, 2023, 2:11 PM UTC

You're doing a good job

Friday, January 6, 2023, 1:46 PM UTC

I think you do a great job

Friday, January 6, 2023, 1:38 PM UTC

Not have such late practices for the younger kids. 6:45 practice isn't practical for this age of kids. Also finding a solution for the lack of volunteers. I can not volunteer because I have a husband who is gone a lot, and younger children who can not participate or is way past their bedtime. We may a lot for each of these activities. I feel like we could come up with a better solution. And more than anything these times are just outrageous!

Friday, January 6, 2023, 1:16 PM UTC

There often seems to be a shortage of volunteer coaches for youth sports; perhaps offering free registration to the child of the parent volunteer would be a little incentive to encourage more volunteers

Friday, January 6, 2023, 9:59 AM UTC

Pre-k soccer was a little hard for the young one setting it up like Tball with a half hour practice half hour game might be a good idea for the little one

Friday, January 6, 2023, 4:06 AM UTC

Unsure

Friday, January 6, 2023, 3:23 AM UTC

More!

Friday, January 6, 2023, 2:27 AM UTC

I love how you run all the rec programs. The services are equally amazing. I think the facilities are great too but Fixing up the picnic gazebo and the surrounding grounds would be a great benefit for the town- esp the kiddos.

Friday, January 6, 2023, 1:43 AM UTC

More open events where we can meet people

Friday, January 6, 2023, 1:22 AM UTC

Include little kids the pre k 4 yr olds are always left out. Let the bigger kids help the Littles pricing money is tight for 99% of people.

Friday, January 6, 2023, 1:14 AM UTC

Maybe stagger games times at the pool field to improve parking

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 11:38 PM UTC

I'm not sure

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 11:35 PM UTC

The only thing I can think of is to offset practice/game times by 15 minutes at the field by the pool to allow for families to clear out and the next set of parents to arrive at the field. Lines on the parking lot by the pool would be great too. But overall, the new parking area is fantastic!

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 11:02 PM UTC

Offering programs for littles. There aren't many opportunities for kiddos under 3/4 to participate in activities, even if it's just open gym!

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 10:17 PM UTC

As mentioned in previous question

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 10:14 PM UTC

Make pricing same for all towns of the school district and give discounts for multiple enrollments

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 10:07 PM UTC

Maybe some evening programs for adults. The line dancing and pickle ball are midday most people are working

My middle school aged child is interested in lacrosse. I have been trying to find a middle school league or and introductory program for him.

Middle school programs for kids that are not on club or schools teams

Hoit pool is kinda separate but more lessons, twice a week lessons, lessons after 5pm for working families

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 10:06 PM UTC

wish the pool would take Silver Sneakers

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 10:04 PM UTC

You are doing great!

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 8:46 PM UTC

I had a great experience with Bryann where I recommended open gym for toddlers and now it's happening. I think y'all are doing great. The only feedback I have about that is my friends/family that I have shared it with have said they'll probably still go to Brewer or Bangor because it's free and earlier in the morning. To make it more of a success in my opinion and in others.. maybe no \$3/kid fee and more of a 8:30/9:30 start time?

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 8:36 PM UTC

get the gym so more teams can use it!

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 8:07 PM UTC

Send text alerts when schedules/programs change instead of emails.

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 8:03 PM UTC

Release schedules early. I can't get back to last question: Outdoor safety, fishing, quite, map reading etc classes for elementary kids would be good!

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 7:57 PM UTC

Tell the lady that runs the pool in Hampden to take a customer service class to learn how to talk and interact kindly with people.

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 7:50 PM UTC

I don't have the 'back' button so this would be for events: 4th of July parade, carnival, picnic... Movies in the park, TAB club: (Teens Against Boredom) essentially a meeting location that provides maybe a pool table, video games, movies, seating area, snacks on sale, specific nights for specific age groups... to provide the local kids someplace to hang out that is commuting distance for the adults driving them (instead of going into Bangor or Brewer)

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 7:49 PM UTC

I just use the pool. I very much appreciate going to aqua exercise.

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 7:29 PM UTC

You are doing a fine job! Thank you!

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 7:19 PM UTC

doing a great job now

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 7:10 PM UTC

not sure

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 7:01 PM UTC

The Rec Dept does a good job now.

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:58 PM UTC

The swim program needs a lot of development and work. I've had terrible experiences and upon sharing with other mothers - many others had terrible experiences as well. My son was greeted by his instructor on the first day by her yelling his name and waving him over. He was 5 and these were private lessons. He was so shy - that first impression killed his connection and confidence immediately. He quit on the spot. There needs to be better training in "water-side manner" and how to work with kids instead of just expecting them all to dive in and push through their fear. And not all kids react to strangers openly.

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:48 PM UTC

I would like to see the softball season go loner in the summer, or at least get some sort of playoff season at the end. It was very upsetting that we didn't get one last year after having 2 years of Covid. :(

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:39 PM UTC

Offering the scholarships is AWESOME keep doing this,

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:38 PM UTC

More variety, continue to keep costs low, partner with groups

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:31 PM UTC

Offer free registration to those who volunteer to coach

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:29 PM UTC

Continue to offer and invest in feeder programs such as youth field hockey.

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:28 PM UTC

you can start with a sincere apology and a refund and then finish by removing me from your mailing list.

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:13 PM UTC

I think the offerings for recreation for kids is suitable but I think there needs to be a solution for not having adequate volunteers for the programs offered. It's understandable that parents can't always volunteer. Perhaps there needs to be a payroll for coaches. Perhaps high school kids either paying them or encouraging volunteering for their volunteer hours. Parents always seem to come through and volunteer but there must be a different way.

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:11 PM UTC

I understand the need for parent volunteers but it seems like we don't have a huge number of those available during each sporting event. I think the quality of the programs could improve if the Rec was able to have more coaches on staff/through local colleges, etc.

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:09 PM UTC

You're already killing it! Great events and programming.

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:04 PM UTC

More programs for preschool kids.

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:00 PM UTC

Private swim lessons for kids right after school instead of dinner times

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:58 PM UTC

Awareness of upcoming programs and dates they open. We missed baseball last year because I didn't even know it was an option.

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:58 PM UTC

Is there any way/space to add an outdoor playground?

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:58 PM UTC

More activities for children 1-3 years.

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:55 PM UTC

My only recommendation would be to have the water in the pool a little bit warmer.

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:53 PM UTC

none for us right now

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:50 PM UTC

Text alerts for changes and cancellations.

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:47 PM UTC

Continue to do what you're doing

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:46 PM UTC

During basketball practice you need to inform parents that siblings are not allowed to play on the court.

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:45 PM UTC

I took my son for swim class there, H2, and even though he had a great time, I felt like the instructor could've done a better job with the teaching aspect.

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:42 PM UTC

More events catered to working adults.

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:41 PM UTC
Add more kid friendly activities and events.

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:36 PM UTC
Longer family swim time, longer pool rental times

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:35 PM UTC
Evening movie indoor or outdoor, gymnastics offering?

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:34 PM UTC
More community events. Maybe like a Down Town Get Down where vendors could set up in the old HA parking lot or nearby with some live music/local talents.

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:33 PM UTC
Allowing more people for birthday parties.

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:31 PM UTC
Day time open swimming for homeschoolers

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:30 PM UTC
More communication between Rec programs and parents.

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:29 PM UTC
I was horrified that there wasn't a rule about bringing dogs to soccer games.

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:29 PM UTC
warm up the pool

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:07 PM UTC

Offer more good food and music. Have Jill be present at all events.

Answered: 137 **Unanswered:** 214

