

# Groton Master Plan Community Survey

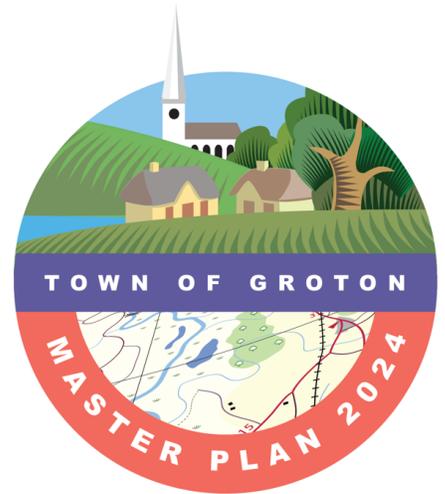
(Survey “live” dates: September 26, 2023 – October 24, 2023)

## INTRODUCTION:

Thank you for your interest in participating in the Groton Master Plan Community Survey! Your responses will help the project team draft a community vision and identify goals to incorporate into the Groton Master Plan. Below is the link the Groton Planning Board’s website that contains additional information regarding the Groton Master Plan 2023-2024:

<https://www.grotonma.gov/government/boards-and-committees/planning-board/>

The Groton Master Plan Team involves the Groton Planning Board, Planning Director, and a team of consultants led by Barrett Planning Group LLC, who will work cooperatively with residents, businesses, and stakeholders to provide guidance on a variety of issues. We invite you to help shape the Town’s future! Groton is creating an updated Master Plan with a long-term vision, goals, policies, and an implementation plan. Your contribution to the planning process will help Groton set goals and priorities for conservation and development, focusing on the following topics within a framework of sustainability.



## Master Plan Topics

- Land Use
- Transportation & Circulation
- Natural & Cultural Resources
- Sustainability & Resiliency
- Open Space & Recreation
- Housing & Residential Development
- Economic Development
- Community Facilities & Services

## Implementation

This survey will walk you through a series of questions to help us better understand your priorities for Groton’s future. An open-ended comment box will be at the end to provide additional feedback. Your responses to our survey will be kept confidential. All answers will be pooled in aggregate for reporting, and no individual person or organization will be identified.

The survey should take about (X) minutes to complete. It will close (Date & Time). If you need technical assistance with this survey, please contact Amber Dillon at [amber@barrettplanningllc.com](mailto:amber@barrettplanningllc.com).

Thank you for participating!

QUESTIONS:

## ABOUT YOU

1. What best describes your relationship with Groton?
  - a. I live in Groton year-round
  - b. I live in Groton for part of the year (9 or fewer months)
  - c. I work/own a business in Groton but do not live there
  - d. I own property in Groton but do not live here
  - e. I used to live in Groton but no longer do
  - f. Other (please explain)

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2. What brought you to Groton? Select all that apply.
  - a. Born and raised here
  - b. Employment
  - c. Found a home that meets my needs
  - d. School
  - e. Family connection
  - f. Other (please explain)

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3. What is your age?
  - a. Under 18
  - b. 18-24
  - c. 25-34
  - d. 35-44
  - e. 45-54
  - f. 55-64
  - g. 65-74
  - h. 75 and older
4. What is the highest level of schooling you have completed?
  - a. Less than a high school degree
  - b. High school diploma or equivalent
  - c. Associate degree
  - d. Bachelor's degree
  - e. Graduate or professional degree
  - f. Trade school
5. Which of the following categories best describes your employment status?
  - a. Employed full-time
  - b. Employed part-time or seasonally
  - c. Unemployed
  - d. Retired or unable to work due to disability
  - e. Student
  - f. Other (please explain)

6. What languages are used most often in your home? Select all that apply.
- a. English
  - b. American Sign Language
  - c. Spanish
  - d. Mandarin, Cantonese, or other Chinese dialect
  - e. South Asian languages
  - f. Portuguese
  - g. Other (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_
7. What best describes your current living arrangement? (only asked if #1 is a or b)
- a. I live in a home I own
  - b. I live in a house that I rent
  - c. I live in an accessory dwelling unit (ADU) / accessory apartment
  - d. I live with friends or relatives
  - e. I live in a hotel or motel
  - f. I am living in my car or on the streets
  - g. I live in an assisted living facility and pay a monthly fee for housing and services
  - h. Other (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. For how long have you lived in Groton? (only asked if #1 is a or b)
- a. Under a year
  - b. 1-10 years
  - c. 10-20 years
  - d. 20-30
  - e. Over 30 years

**LIFE IN GROTON**

9. Are you satisfied with the overall quality of life in Groton?
- a. Very satisfied
  - b. Satisfied
  - c. Neutral or no opinion
  - d. Dissatisfied
  - e. Very dissatisfied
10. Which area of Groton do you live in?
- a. Four Corners
  - b. Lost Lake
  - c. Groton Center
  - d. West Groton
  - e. Other: (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_
  - f. None of the above/I don't live in Groton

11. Are you concerned with being able to afford any of the following? Select all that apply.

- a. Rent/Mortgage
- b. Food
- c. Transportation
- d. Utility
- e. Childcare
- f. Healthcare
- g. Property taxes
- h. None of the above

12. What is the main topic(s) you would like the Groton Master Plan to address?

- a. Land Use
- b. Transportation
- c. Natural & Cultural Resources
- d. Open Space & Recreation
- e. Housing & Residential Development
- f. Economic Development
- g. Community Facilities & Services
- h. Climate Change, Resiliency, and Adaptation
- i. Other (please explain): \_\_\_\_\_

#### **OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION**

13. Are there adequate recreational facilities, parks, or open spaces in your neighborhood or near your place of employment?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Maybe/Unsure

14. How often do you visit Groton's recreational facilities, parks, or open spaces?

- a. At least once a week
- b. A few times a month
- c. Not often
- d. Rarely/Never

15. Do you visit recreational facilities, parks, or open spaces in other nearby towns?

- a. At least once a week
- b. A few times a month
- c. Not often
- d. Rarely/Never

## TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES

16. What is your primary way of getting around town? Choose up to three.

- a. Personal vehicle
  - b. Carpooling
  - c. Bike
  - d. Bus
  - e. Walking
  - f. Rideshare services (such as Uber, Lyft, etc.) or Taxi
  - g. Other (please specify)
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17. What types of transportation services would you like to see more of in Groton?

- a. Carpooling
- b. Bike
- c. Bus
- d. Walking
- e. Rideshare services (such as Uber, Lyft, etc.) or Taxi
- f. No opinion
- g. Other (please specify)

18. How satisfied are you with the quality and condition of the roads in Groton?

- a. Very satisfied
- b. Satisfied
- c. Dissatisfied
- d. Not sure/no opinion

19. How satisfied are you with the amount of bicycle infrastructure in Groton?

- a. Very satisfied
- b. Satisfied
- c. Dissatisfied
- d. Not sure/no opinion

20. How satisfied are you with the quality and condition of the sidewalks in Groton?

- a. Very satisfied
- b. Satisfied
- c. Dissatisfied
- d. Not sure/no opinion

21. How satisfied are you with the amount of sidewalks in Groton?

- a. Very satisfied
- b. Satisfied
- c. Dissatisfied
- d. Not sure/no opinion

22. When considering Groton’s existing public facilities and services, which of these is a strength or a weakness (1:Great Weakness, 2: Weakness, 3: Neutral, 4: Strength, 5: Great Strength)
- a. Schools (K-8th Grade)
  - b. High School (Public)
  - c. Police Protection and public safety
  - d. Fire Protection
  - e. Drinking water quality
  - f. Water and sewer utilities
  - g. Electric utilities
  - h. Internet and Broadband availability and reliability
  - i. Trash removal, recycling services
  - j. Stormwater Drainage / Flooding
  - k. Library
  - l. Youth Services
  - m. Senior Citizen Services
  - n. Veterans Services
  - o. Other (Please specify facility/service and whether strength/weakness)
23. When considering Groton’s existing transportation networks including roadways, sidewalks, trails, and shared-use paths, which of these is a strength or a weakness (1:Great Weakness, 2: Weakness, 3: Neutral, 4: Strength, 5: Great Strength)
- a. Ability of major roadways (119, 111, 225, 40) to handle traffic
  - b. Condition of roadways
  - c. Traffic flow and congestion in town center
  - d. Access to Interstate 495, Route 2, and other regional highways
  - e. Sidewalks and Walkability
  - f. Pedestrian and Bicycle facilities
  - g. Greenways and trails
  - h. Transit options

**LAND USE, HOUSING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

24. What kinds of housing does Groton need more of? Choose up to three.
- a. Single-family or two-family homes
  - b. Townhomes
  - c. Multifamily apartments or condominiums
  - d. Accessory Dwelling Units
  - e. Live/work units
  - f. Housing for older adults
  - g. “Top of the shop” (housing units above businesses)
  - h. None of the above
  - i. Other (please explain)
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25. What kinds of industries does Groton need more of? Choose up to three.
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| a. Agriculture  | j. Healthcare or Social Services |
| b. Construction   | k. Food service establishments   |
| c. Manufacturing  | l. Accommodations (hotels, inns) |
| d. Warehouse, distribution, shipping                      | m. Arts and Entertainment        |
| e. Retail stores  | n. None of the above             |
| f. Personal services (such as salons, dry cleaners, etc.) | o. Other (please specify)        |
| g. Gas stations   |                                  |
| h. Professional offices                                   |                                  |
| i. Banks  |                                  |
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26. Which of the following land use objectives are most important for Groton to pursue? Please choose up to three.
- Conserve land and natural resources
  - Develop more housing
  - Develop more commercial or mixed-use
  - Preserve historic properties
  - Improve transportation & connectivity
  - Improve or expand infrastructure capacity
  - None of the above
  - Other (please explain)
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27. Which of the following economic development objectives are most important for Groton to pursue? Please choose up to three.
- Job growth
  - Job retention (preventing loss of existing jobs)
  - Entrepreneur or small business development
  - Tax base expansion
  - Work-from-home opportunities
  - Increased coordination with existing institutions
  - Other (please explain)
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**NATURAL RESOURCES, SUSTAINABILITY, AND RESILIENCY**

28. Which among the following poses the greatest threat to Groton's future? (Select up to three)
- High cost of housing
  - Seasonality
  - Climate change
  - Deteriorated or blighted properties
  - Traffic congestion or speeding
  - Proximity or quality of commercial areas
  - Public safety
  - Other (please explain)
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29. Groton has several committees focusing on various aspects of resiliency and climate change adaptation including the Sustainability Commission, Regional Emergency Planning Committee, and Local Emergency Planning Committee. Would you agree that these committees:

- a. Work well together (strongly disagree, disagree, neutral, agree, strongly, agree)
- b. Communicate effectively about climate change urgency with residents of Groton
- c. Have the resources and tools required to advance sustainability and resilience-related work in the Town of Groton in future years.

30. How satisfied are you with Groton's efforts to become a more sustainable or resilient community?

- a. Very satisfied
- b. Satisfied
- c. Dissatisfied
- d. Not sure / No opinion

**FINAL QUESTION**

Are there any other thoughts you would like to share regarding the Groton Master Plan?

(Long answer comment field) \_\_\_\_\_

**End of Survey, thank you for participating!**