



Strategic/Comprehensive Plan Survey – March 2016

Our Town of Wells is in the process of updating our 2005 Comprehensive Plan in order to revitalize its blueprint for the future and we need your help and cooperation to do this, please.

Your input will aid us, the Comprehensive Planning Committee, in completing our mission by providing us with your unique vision as to our Town's core values, possibilities, needs and direction.

We would greatly appreciate your participating in this survey in order to benefit the Committee and Town. Please fill out and submit this survey to our Town Hall Manager's Office, the Library or Senior Center by May 15, 2016. Thank you. (Also can be completed and submitted electronically on the Town website: www.wellstown.org)

Please indicate your level of agreement with the following Goals /Actions by checking the box that best represents your view.

	Goal /Action	Strongly Agree	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion
1.	Work actively to retain the rural character of Wells as defined, in large measure, by its open land, marshes, fields, farms and woodlands.						
2.	Improve Wells' economic climate by promoting investment, revenue generation, and year-round, good quality job opportunities by encouraging the development of diverse small businesses and industries that are consistent with the community's small town character.						
3.	Continue to support education facilities and programs kinder garden through grade 12. Involves spending Town funds.						
4.	Continue to promote and encourage neighborhood conservation areas and parks throughout the Town such as Fenderson Wildlife Commons to protect public access for traditional outdoor recreation and to protect critical wildlife habitat. May reduce the property tax base.						
5.	Assist and encourage water and sewer utility extensions to and west of the Exit 19 area. May involve spending Town funds.						
6.	Manage the rate of residential and non-residential growth in a manner that maintains the Town's rural, small-town character and is consistent with the Town's ability to accommodate it. May involve re-establishing a growth permit cap and/or establishing impact fees to mitigate the cost of services.						
7.	Work to encourage that new commercial development is of a scale and intensity that is compatible with the existing character of Wells.						
8.	Continue to encourage suitable areas for low-impact businesses that have access to major transportation resources such as the Maine Turnpike, Routes 9 and 109.						
9.	Encourage tourist-related activities and development consistent with the character and scale of the community and the image of Wells as a family resort area, especially in the Route 1 Corridor/Beach Business Area.						
10.	Restrict the development of commercial tourist "attractions" designed to appeal primarily to the transient tourist or "non-family" travelers, such as nightclubs, bars, amusement parks, and outdoor water slides.						
11.	Continue to encourage the development of a Town Center/Village that can serve as an economic engine for the entire community. May involve spending Town funds.						
12.	Support the Town's programs and ordinances for protecting sensitive, natural resources. May involve spending Town funds.						
13.	Support programs for acquiring key land areas of environmental concern to provide for the protection of these resources, while compensating the property owner. Involves spending Town funds.						
14.	Continue to protect the Branch Brook aquifer from potential sources of contamination by controlling land use in this area and maintaining the availability and quality of other existing and potential water supplies.						
15.	Continue to encourage, manage and support natural resource based enterprises such as agriculture, forestry and mineral extraction.						
16.	Continue to preserve public access to the beaches and Harbor in Wells while managing and maintaining these resources in the best interests of the community and adjacent landowners. May involve spending Town funds.						
17.	Ensure the Wells Harbor remains a viable resource since the Harbor plays an important role as both an economic and recreational resource for the Town. May involve expending Town funds.						
18.	Continue to protect recreational fishing and shell fishing in the Town's coastal waters and estuaries.						
19.	Identify specific land use policies, projects and programs that will mitigate and reduce future flood related damages. May involve spending Town funds.						
20.	Continue to support the Town acquiring conservation land for public uses such as hiking, fishing, and picnicking. May involve spending Town funds.						
21.	Investigate and promote alternative energy sources in the community.						
22.	Continue to encourage and support the expansion of the York						



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Table with 7 columns: Goal/Action, Strongly Agree, Agree, Somewhat Agree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree, No Opinion. Rows include County Community College and two numbered items (23, 24) regarding historical/archaeological resources.

Please indicate which one of the following best describes your residency in Wells:

- 1. Year-round resident (more than 6 months/year)
2. Seasonal resident (less than 6 months/year)
3. Non-resident property owner
4. Non-resident business owner/manager
5. Student

How long have you lived in Wells?

- 1. Two years or less
2. Three to five years
3. Six to ten years
4. Eleven to twenty years
5. More than twenty years
6. Do not live in Wells

Please indicate which of the following apply to you:

- a. Registered voter in Wells?
b. Owner of a residential home/unit in Wells?
c. Renter of a residential home/unit in Wells?
d. Owner of vacant land in Wells?
e. Owner of commercial property in Wells?
f. Owner of a business in Wells?

Please indicate if children live in your household for most of the year:

- a. Preschool aged children
b. School aged children
c. Children over 18

How old are you?

- 1. 15 - 18
2. 19-24
3. 25-34
4. 35-44
5. 45-54
6. 55-64
7. 65 or older

What do you think are the three most important issues facing Wells? (Except for Route 1 traffic, which is already known to be a priority). In the spaces below, please write your thoughts:

Three numbered lines for handwritten responses.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR PARTICIPATING.

Information on the Comprehensive Plan Committee materials, meetings and the draft Plan is available at the Town website www.wellstown.org under the header "Community."

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