

Temple Resident Survey

This is a survey to help the planning board and the steering committee understand what residents are thinking as we update the Master Plan and review our current regulations. This survey is the very first step in what will be a year-long process. The housing committee will be interviewing residents, holding focus groups and forums, and doing more surveys.

Question 1: Master Plan Vision Statement

NH RSA 674:20 defines a **Master Plan** as “a set of statements and land use and development principles for the municipality.” It provides the legal basis for zoning and other land use regulations.

The **Vision Statement** is required per the RSA, and “shall contain a set of statements which articulate the desires of the citizens” and “a set of guiding principles and priorities to implement that vision.”

In Temple’s 2018 Vision Statement of the Master Plan and in responses from the 2020 Planning Board Community Survey, residents identified several principles that were important to them. We would like to revisit a few of them here.

**Please number these principles in order of priority to you, with 1 being the most important. Please only use a number once.*

- Protecting water resources
- Protecting view sheds (clear views, open fields, open elevation)
- Encouraging land conservation
- Maintaining rural character
- Providing housing choices at all income levels
- Retaining Temple Elementary School
- Preserving historic buildings
- Providing opportunities for outdoor recreation

Question 2: Rural Character

Maintaining Temple's rural character is important to the town. How do you define “rural character” as it relates to zoning? Please put the following things in order of their importance to preserving Temple's “rural character”.

**Please number options below in order of importance to you, with 1 being the most important. Please only use a number once.*

- Building lot sizes (large lots with one house, small lots with large areas of protected open space)
- Road frontage length (which determines how close together houses may be)
- Building type (single family, duplex, multifamily, etc.)
- Dirt roads
- Agricultural land uses
- Permanently conserved land
- Walking or horse riding trails (including class 6 roads)

What else would you like us to know about Temple’s “rural character”?

Question 3: Housing Options in Temple

As Temple considers ways to add “reasonable” and diverse housing types, as identified as a principle in the 2018 Master Plan Vision Statement, it is important to think about what housing types might be a good match for the town.

Please check those options that you feel might be a good fit for Temple.

- New Village Node: a compact grouping of houses and small businesses, similar to the existing Village Center
- Accessory Dwelling Units: small units either in an existing building or in a new purpose-built building
- Housing for the elderly: age restricted apartments or cottages
- Small multifamily buildings: buildings with up to four units
- Apartment buildings: buildings with between 5 and 20 units
- Duplexes: buildings with two dwelling units
- Shared housing solutions: buildings where unrelated residents may share cooking and sanitary facilities
- Connected farm buildings: multifamily units in buildings resembling farm buildings (big house, little house, backhouse, barn)
- Tiny houses: single family houses of up to 500 square feet
- Pocket neighborhoods: groupings of small houses with shared green space.
- Conservation subdivisions: subdivision where houses are clustered together and the remaining land is permanently conserved
- None of the above

If you have questions please email the planning board at templeplanning@templenh.org

Completed surveys may be delivered to the Municipal Building. If the office is closed, they may be placed in the drop box outside.