

KENSINGTON

MASTER PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE

THE MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE IS GIVING THIS QUESTIONNAIRE TO EACH KENSINGTON VOTER. PLEASE TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS AND RETURN IT TO US RIGHT AWAY IN THE ENCLOSED STAMPED ENVELOPE.

Kensington residents will have many differing opinions on the questions asked in this questionnaire. This questionnaire is your opportunity to voice your opinion, to help guide the Town Master Plan. The Plan must reflect the opinions of as many people as possible.

When the Plan is completed, it will serve as a guide or blueprint to assist the Selectmen, the Town Boards and the voters themselves in making important future decisions affecting all of us.

Another purpose of the Master Plan is to fulfill the specific requirements of New Hampshire law that a Town have a Master Plan to validate its existing land use regulations and any new ordinances which the Town votes to adopt in the future. However, the Plan itself does not constitute "zoning".

The results of the questionnaire will be released as soon as all forms have been compiled. By answering this questionnaire promptly, you will be helping the Committee and the Town. Thank you.

1. If you were writing the Master Plan yourself, which three of the following goals would you choose as the most important planning goals for the Town for the next 10 years (Check 3 only).

- ☐ Keeping taxes down.
- ☐ Preserving and encouraging agriculture.
- ☐ Stimulating residential development.
- ☐ Restricting or limiting further residential development to a specified growth rate.
- ☐ Promoting the creation of local jobs through local industrial or commercial development.
- ☐ Preserving the town's rural character.
- ☐ Preserving open space.
- ☐ Encouraging development of facilities for the elderly.
- ☐ Encouraging development of one or more trailer parks or other low cost housing facilities.
- ☐ Restricting any residential or commercial development in those areas which are important from a conservation standpoint, such as the meadows and other wetlands.
- ☐ Keeping traffic concentrated on major arteries.
- ☐ Encouraging the development of more shopping facilities.
- ☐ Encouraging the development of more recreation facilities, such as parks and playgrounds.
- ☐ Other (specify) _____
- ☐ Other (specify) _____

2. If you were writing the Master Plan yourself, which three would you choose as the least important planning goals for the Town (check 3 only).

- ☐ Keeping taxes down.
- ☐ Preserving and encouraging agriculture.
- ☐ Stimulating residential development.
- ☐ Restricting or limiting further residential development to a specified growth rate.
- ☐ Promoting the creation of local jobs through local industrial or commercial development.
- ☐ Preserving the town's rural character.
- ☐ Preserving open space.
- ☐ Encouraging development of facilities for the elderly.
- ☐ Encouraging development of one or more trailer parks or other low cost housing facilities.
- ☐ Restricting any residential or commercial development in those areas which are

3. Are you in favor of:

- (a) Additional industry in Kensington? Yes ☐ No ☐
(b) Additional commercial development in Kensington, such as shopping, consumer and professional services, and the like? Yes ☐ No ☐

If you answered yes, what type of industry or commerce (such as restaurants, convenience shopping, offices, banks, light industry, home industry, etc.)?

4. Kensington's population (now estimated at approximately 1,235) has grown approximately 2.2% per year for the last 10 years. Kensington's growth for the next 10 years is projected at between 3.5% and 4% per year (1,920 people by 1990). What do you think would be the best annual rate of growth for the Town in the next 10 years?(Check 1)

- ☐ 0%
☐ 2%
☐ 3%
☐ 4%
☐ More than 4%

Comment: _____

5. What annual rate of growth would you like to see over the next 20 years?

(Specify) _____

6. Would you favor a town ordinance, such as Exeter's and East Kingston's, which set numerical limits on growth (such as by restricting the number of new residences built each year)?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Comment: _____

7. If Kensington were to be further developed, what type of residential development would you most prefer to see? (Check 2)

- ☐ New subdivisions with single-family dwellings, and new interior roads. All house lots one acre minimum.
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☐ Random development along existing roads on one acre lots.
☐ Cluster development (a portion of a tract developed with small house lots or with townhouse attached dwellings, with a large portion of the tract reserved for open space.
☐ Condominium, apartments or other multi-family residences.
☐ Other (specify) _____

8. If some industrial development will occur, do you feel that it should be

10. Do you favor further activities by the Conservation Commission to protect wetlands?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, which of the following techniques would you prefer? (Check 2)

- ☐ Promote the donation by private landowners to the townspeople of conservation easements and development restrictions covering their wetlands.
- ☐ Promote the Town's purchase from private landowners of conservation easements and development restrictions.
- ☐ Promote the purchase by the Town of the wetlands themselves.
- ☐ Restrict development of wetlands and other conservation areas by enacting restrictive zoning.

11. Do you feel that the Town's public services are adequate in the following categories?

Town hall	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Fire protection	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Police protection	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Highway maintenance	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Town cemetery	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Senior citizen's services	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Welfare services	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Recreational facilities	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Town park	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Traffic control	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Town library	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Trash disposal	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Ambulance service	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

Comments: _____

12. What is your water source?

☐ Dug well

☐ Drilled well

Do you have water supply problems during the driest months? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, what part of Town do you live in? _____

13. Do you ever have a problem with water quality? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, what is the problem? _____

14. What kind of Town would you like Kensington to be in the year 2000?
