

Town of Loudon, New Hampshire Master Plan Community Survey

1. Number of individuals in Household

	Response Percent	Response Count
1	14.0%	52
2	46.8%	174
3	16.7%	62
4	14.5%	54
5	5.6%	21
6	1.6%	6
7	0.5%	2
8	0.3%	1
	answered question	372
	skipped question	8

2. Are you a resident of:

	Response Percent	Response Count
Loudon	92.0%	343
Other NH Town	5.9%	22
Out of State	2.1%	8
	answered question	373
	skipped question	7

3. Do you reside in Loudon:		
	Response Percent	Response Count
Year-round	96.9%	343
Seasonally, if so what months?	3.1%	11
	Months	16
	answered question	354
	skipped question	26

4. How long have you lived i	n Loudon?	
	Response Percent	Response Count
Less than 5 Years	15.0%	54
5 – 10 Years	18.8%	68
10 –20 Years	21.1%	76
Over 20 Years	45.2%	163
	answered question	361
	skipped question	19

5. Are you a		
	Response Percent	Response Count
Home Owner	96.1%	348
Renter	3.9%	14
	Other (please specify)	11
	answered question	362
	skipped question	18

6. Rural Residential		
	Response Percent	Response Count
Stay with current 2 acres (or 3 acres for 2-Family)	74.4%	256
3 Acres	10.8%	37
5 Acres	6.7%	23
No Opinion	8.1%	28
	Other (please specify)	17
	answered question	344
	skipped question	36

7. Agriculture/Forestry Pres	servation		
Response Percent		Response Count	
Stay with current 5 acres		72.1%	253
6 Acres		2.0%	7
10 Acres		12.0%	42
No Opinion		14.0%	49
		Other (please specify)	11
		answered question	351
		skipped question	29

8. Commercial		
	Response Percent	Response Count
Stay with current 2 acres	82.9%	277
No Opinion	17.1%	57
	Other (please specify)	24
	answered question	334
	skipped question	46

9. Industrial		
	Response Percent	Response Count
Stay with current 5 acres	85.1%	286
No Opinion	14.9%	50
	Other (please specify)	23
	answered question	336
	skipped question	44

10. Village		
	Response Percent	Response Count
Stay with current 40,000 square feet	62.0%	222
Increase	12.8%	46
Decrease	5.0%	18
No Opinion	20.1%	72
	answered question	358
	skipped question	22

11. Are you in favor of Loudon trying to encourage commercial / industrial uses (nonresidential growth) to broaden its tax base?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	75.6%	269
No	19.4%	69
No Opinion	5.1%	18
	answered question	356
	skipped question	24

12. The current zoning regulations allow for commercial and industrial uses in the same area. Should the Town have an area, or areas, that are dedicated strictly for industrial uses?

Response Count	Response Percent	
174	49.7%	Yes
120	34.3%	No
56	16.0%	No Opinion
45	If so, where should this zone be located	
350	answered question	
30	skipped question	

13. Are you in favor of the Planning Board reexamining the Route 106 commercial zone to increase the zone's area? The Route 106 Commercial/Industrial Zone is located the length of Route 106 and generally stretches approximately 500' back from the highway, except when bordered by the Soucook River.

Response Count	Response Percent	
144	40.9%	Yes
147	41.8%	No
61	17.3%	No Opinion
30	If yes, where and how?	
352	answered question	
28	skipped question	

14. Should Loudon consider allowing New Hampshire Motor Speedway (NHMS) to build a casino on their property if future state legislation permits it?

-	Response Percent	
% 181	50.7%	Yes
6 167	46.8%	No
% 9	2.5%	No Opinion
? 99	Do you have any comments regarding this issue?	
n 357	answered question	
n 23	skipped question	

15. In your opinion, which statement best characterizes Loudon's rate of growth:

	Response Percent	Response Count
Loudon is growing too fast	15.1%	53
Loudon is growing as fast as neighboring Towns	32.7%	115
Loudon is not growing fast enough	9.1%	32
Growth is not a major issue here	31.8%	112
No Opinion	11.4%	40
	answered question	352
	skipped question	28

16. What types of development would you prefer in Loudon? Please give order of priority (1, 2, 3, etc.)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Rating Average	Response Count
Industrial /Commercial Development	24.8% (80)	26.0% (84)	18.6% (60)	19.8% (64)	6.5% (21)	4.3% (14)	2.70	323
Residential Development	13.0% (42)	27.2% (88)	32.2% (104)	19.8% (64)	4.0% (13)	3.7% (12)	2.86	32:
Mixed-Use Development	9.0% (29)	25.1% (81)	32.5% (105)	26.6% (86)	5.6% (18)	1.2% (4)	2.98	32:
Any Type of Development Designed to Help the Preserve Loudon's Quality of Life	46.4% (150)	14.6% (47)	10.2% (33)	24.5% (79)	3.7% (12)	0.6% (2)	2.26	32
No Development	5.0% (16)	4.6% (15)	4.3% (14)	6.5% (21)	64.7% (209)	14.9% (48)	4.66	32
Other (please specify below)	1.9% (6)	2.5% (8)	2.2% (7)	2.8% (9)	15.5% (50)	75.2% (243)	5.53	323
						answered	question	323
						skipped	question	5

 17. Other types of development
 Response Count

 Response Count
 85

 answered question
 85

 skipped question
 295

18. Which of the following commercial enterprises would you like to see within Loudon?

	Like	Dislike	No Opinion	Response Count
Professional Offices	83.5% (274)	6.7% (22)	9.8% (32)	328
Light Industrial Parks	73.5% (238)	17.9% (58)	8.6% (28)	324
Heavy Industrial Parks	14.5% (44)	68.1% (207)	17.4% (53)	304
Retail	73.3% (236)	16.5% (53)	10.2% (33)	322
Restaurants	86.1% (285)	7.9% (26)	6.0% (20)	331
Services	77.6% (246)	6.3% (20)	16.1% (51)	317
Home Businesses	77.9% (247)	7.3% (23)	14.8% (47)	317
Recreational Businesses	76.0% (237)	11.2% (35)	12.8% (40)	312
Motels/Hotels/Inns	56.5% (179)	25.9% (82)	17.7% (56)	317
Major Shopping Malls	16.2% (50)	75.0% (231)	8.8% (27)	308
Major Grocery Store	48.3% (155)	44.5% (143)	7.2% (23)	321
Tourism-related Businesses	66.5% (212)	17.9% (57)	15.7% (50)	319
Agriculture-related Businesses	86.3% (270)	1.6% (5)	12.1% (38)	313
			Other (please specify)	13

answered question	344
skipped question	36

19. Why do you feel that Loudon is a desirable place to live? (Please check all that are important)

	Response Percent	Response Count
Small Town / Rural Atmosphere	89.9%	311
Proximity to Cities	83.2%	288
Employment Opportunities	4.9%	17
Educational System	24.6%	85
People / Community Spirit	55.5%	192
Community / Recreational Facilities	28.3%	98
Town Services	28.6%	99
NH Motor Speedway	27.5%	95
Scenic Areas	52.0%	180
Historical Character	39.3%	136
	Other (please specify)	17
	answered question	346
	skipped question	34

20. Do you have any other comments related to land use and economics?		
	Response Count	
	69	
answered question	69	
skipped question	311	

21. Loudon's predominant form of housing is Single Family. What other types of housing would you like to see Loudon encourage? (Please check all that apply)

	Response Percent	Response Count
2-Family (Duplexes)	40.9%	110
Conversion of Large Homes into Apartments	13.8%	37
Manufactured homes on individual lots	24.9%	67
Workforce Housing *	33.8%	91
Condominiums	23.0%	62
New Apartment Buildings	11.5%	31
Cluster Developments (single family homes on smaller lots with remaining area as open space)	36.4%	98
Housing for persons over 55 years of age	46.8%	126
Accessory Dwelling Units/In-law Apts. **	50.2%	135
	answered question	269
	skipped question	111

22. Do you have any other housing comments?	
	Response Count
	65
answered question	65
skipped question	315

23. What areas/resources in Town do you think should be protected?

	Response Count
	125
answered question	125
skipped question	255

24. Do you use the Soucook River for any of the following activities?				
	Yes	Νο	Response Count	
Fishing	39.5% (121)	60.5% (185)	306	
Swimming	19.5% (52)	80.5% (215)	267	
Hiking	29.7% (80)	70.3% (189)	269	
Canoeing/Kayaking/Boating	29.4% (82)	70.6% (197)	279	
Birding	20.8% (54)	79.2% (206)	260	
Nature Observation	42.3% (116)	57.7% (158)	274	
		Other (please specify)	12	
		answered question	322	
		skipped question	58	

25. If so, how often?				
	Weekly	Monthly	Yearly	Response Count
Fishing	13.8% (16)	40.5% (47)	45.7% (53)	116
Swimming	13.7% (7)	27.5% (14)	58.8% (30)	51
Hiking	23.9% (21)	42.0% (37)	34.1% (30)	88
Canoeing/Kayaking/Boating	10.0% (8)	35.0% (28)	55.0% (44)	80
Birding	36.2% (21)	32.8% (19)	31.0% (18)	58
Nature Observation	39.8% (43)	35.2% (38)	25.0% (27)	108
			Other (please specify)	6
			answered question	181
			skipped question	199

26. Please describe any reasons why you cannot use the Suncook River if you wanted to:	
	Response Count
	77
answered question	77
skipped question	303

27. Do you feel the Soucook River is important to the character of Loudon?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	80.2%	275
No	4.4%	15
No Opinion	15.5%	53
	answered question	343
	skipped question	37

28. Do you feel the Town should invest in the development and improvement of access points to the Soucook River?

Response Percent	
Yes 53.5%	6 176
No 19.19	63
No Opinion 27.49	6 90
If yes, where	? 41
answered question	n 329
skipped question	n 51

29. Do you support the restoration of the Mill Pond in the Village as part of additional bridge abutment/dam repair efforts in the next few years? Doing so will provide increased recreational opportunities along the Soucook River and improve the general appearance of the area.

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	73.3%	244
No	12.6%	42
No Opinion	14.1%	47
	answered question	333
	skipped question	47

30. A greenway is a linear open space established along a natural corridor, usually designed to accommodate both wildlife and low-impact human recreational uses. A greenway can serve as a linkage between existing natural and historic sites. Are you in favor of creating a greenway along the Soucook River?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	68.4%	227
No	13.3%	44
No Opinion	18.4%	61
	answered question	332
	skipped question	48

31. Do you support the continued use of 50% of the Land Use Change tax for conservation purposes? The funding has been used for appraisals that have led to the acquisition of three parcels of land for conservation purposes in town since 2005.

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	67.5%	222
No	13.7%	45
No Opinion	18.8%	62
	answered question	329
	skipped question	51

32. Do you have any other comments related to conservation?	
	Response Count
	41
answered question	41
skipped question	339

33. In your opinion, what is the general condition of roads in Loudon?		
	Response Percent	Response Count
Good	42.1%	143
Fair	48.5%	165
Poor	8.2%	28
No Opinion	1.2%	4
	answered question	340
	skipped question	40

 34. Please identify any road(s) or specific segments of roads which you feel are particularly dangerous and should be improved:
 Response Count

 Image: Specific segments of roads which you feel are particularly dangerous and should be improved:
 138

 Image: Specific segments of roads which you feel are particularly dangerous and should be improved:
 138

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 35. Please identify any segments of roads which are dangerous for pedestrians and where sidewalks should be built:
 Response Count

 83
 Response Count
 83

 93
 Answered question
 83

 93
 Skipped question
 297

36. Do you support the addition of bike lanes on le	local roads when appropriate?
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	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	55.5%	187
No	32.9%	111
No Opinion	11.6%	39
	answered question	337
	skipped question	43

37. Do you agree that traffic lights/intersection improvements are necessary at the NH 106/Staniels Road/Josiah Bartlett Road intersection?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	64.1%	214
No	25.7%	86
No Opinion	10.2%	34
	answered question	334
	skipped question	46

38. Do you agree that traffic lights/intersection improvements are necessary at the NH 106/Chichester Road/S. Village Road intersection?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	55.5%	186
No	37.0%	124
No Opinion	7.5%	25
	answered question	335
	skipped question	45

39. Do you have any other concerns regarding other intersections/access points along NH 106?

Response Count	Response Percent	
63	20.6%	Yes
185	60.5%	No
58	19.0%	No Opinion
68	If yes, please specify:	
306	answered question	
74	skipped question	

40. Do you support the potential installation of center turn lanes along NH 106 as described in the NH Route 106 Interim Corridor Assessment?

Response Count	Response Percent	
214	64.7%	Yes
62	18.7%	No
55	16.6%	No Opinion
36	Comments:	
331	answered question	
49	skipped question	

41. Do you support the potential installation of passing lanes along NH 106 as described in the NH Route 106 Interim Corridor Assessment?

Response Count	Response Percent	
106	33.0%	Yes
155	48.3%	No
60	18.7%	No Opinion
24	Comments:	
321	answered question	
59	skipped question	

	safety concerns regarding NH 106?	42. Do you have any other s
Response Count	Response Percent	
63	20.9%	Yes
179	59.5%	No
59	19.6%	No Opinion
74	If yes, please specify:	
301	answered question	
79	skipped question	

43. Would you support New Hampshire Motor Speedway (NHMS) installing lights to help extend the NASCAR event day in case of rain (to eliminate a delay of the race until Monday)?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	58.6%	201
No	34.1%	117
No Opinion	7.3%	25
	answered question	343
	skipped question	37

44. Would you support a Saturday night NHMS race to shorten a race weekend's impact on the area?

	Response	Response
	Percent	Count
Yes	58.1%	198
No	35.5%	121
No Opinion	6.5%	22
	answered question	341
	skipped question	39

45. Do you have concerns/comments regarding NHMS race day traffic flow?

Response Count	Response Percent	
93	29.2%	Yes
198	62.1%	No
28	8.8%	No Opinion
122	If yes, please specify:	
319	answered question	
61	skipped question	

46. Do you support the development of a potential Park and Ride lot along Route 106?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	63.1%	212
No	18.5%	62
No Opinion	18.5%	62
	answered question	336
	skipped question	44

47. Do you have any other transportation related comments?	
	Response Count
	49
answered question	49
skipped question	331

48. Do you have access to broadband internet (DSL, cable modem) that is adequate for your needs?

Response Count	Response Percent	
287	86.4%	Yes
30	9.0%	No
15	4.5%	No Opinion
23	If no, please note the street or general area that does not have service.	
332	answered question	
48	skipped question	

49. Are you in favor of the Town investigating the potential installation of new sidewalks throughout the Village to improve pedestrian access to the Elementary School and Maxfield Public Library? The study and potential construction could be funded through the Federal Highway Administration's Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program.

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	71.5%	241
No	19.6%	66
No Opinion	8.9%	30
	answered question	337
	skipped question	43

50. Please indicate what recreational facilities you would like the Town to develop in the future. (Please check all that apply)

	Response Percent	Response Count
Basketball (Outdoor)	13.0%	42
Basketball (Indoor)	12.4%	40
Canoe / boat launch (Soucook River)	53.4%	172
Picnic Areas	39.8%	128
Community Center	31.7%	102
Recreational Trails (all types)	51.6%	166
Bicycle Paths	42.9%	138
Playgrounds	26.4%	85
Cultural Activities (summer concerts, etc.)	35.4%	114
Senior Center	23.6%	76
Seasonal Ice Rink	28.0%	90
None. Recreational facilities in Town are adequate.	10.6%	34
No Opinion	9.9%	32
	Other (please specify)	18
	answered question	322
	skipped question	58

51. Do you have any other community facility comments?

	Response Count
	40
answered question	40
skipped question	340

52. Loudon's effort should be:

	More	Same	Less	No Opinion	Response Count
Designation & Protection of Wetlands	27.4% (85)	46.5% (144)	12.3% (38)	14.2% (44)	310
Protection of Woodlands & Wildlife Habitat	33.4% (105)	50.0% (157)	3.5% (11)	13.1% (41)	314
Preservation of Farmland	45.2% (141)	41.3% (129)	2.9% (9)	10.6% (33)	312
Protection of Ground & Surface Water	38.0% (119)	46.0% (144)	3.2% (10)	12.8% (40)	313
Preservation of Historic Sites & Buildings	28.9% (88)	55.4% (169)	5.6% (17)	10.5% (32)	305
Operation of Parks & Recreational Facilities	28.3% (87)	57.7% (177)	2.6% (8)	12.1% (37)	307
Development of Trails	48.4% (151)	34.0% (106)	6.7% (21)	11.9% (37)	312
Expansion of Town Forests / Conservation Lands	37.5% (114)	43.1% (131)	8.9% (27)	11.2% (34)	304
Encourage Commercial / Retail Growth	46.7% (143)	31.4% (96)	12.7% (39)	9.8% (30)	306
Encourage Development of Light Industry	46.7% (141)	31.8% (96)	11.6% (35)	10.3% (31)	302
Development of Town Water System	15.3% (47)	30.0% (92)	36.8% (113)	18.2% (56)	307
Development of Town Sewer	16.1% (49)	29.2% (89)	37.0% (113)	18.4% (56)	305

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Improving Access to Ponds & Soucook River	50.2% (153)	29.5% (90)	6.9% (21)	13.8% (42)	305
Revitalizing the Village Area	40.7% (124)	37.7% (115)	10.5% (32)	11.5% (35)	305
Increasing the Municipal Land Area in the Village	18.7% (56)	45.7% (137)	18.7% (56)	17.0% (51)	300
Encouraging the Tourism Industry	33.2% (100)	40.9% (123)	12.0% (36)	14.0% (42)	301
Noise Control	25.8% (77)	52.5% (157)	10.0% (30)	12.0% (36)	299
Encouraging Growth of Industrial Parks	22.8% (68)	36.9% (110)	28.5% (85)	12.4% (37)	298
Adequacy of Zoning Ordinance & Regulations	11.3% (34)	66.8% (201)	9.3% (28)	13.0% (39)	301
Traffic Control	28.6% (87)	58.2% (177)	3.6% (11)	10.5% (32)	304
Protection of Aquifer	33.9% (100)	45.8% (135)	4.1% (12)	16.6% (49)	295
			Othe	r (please specify)	13
			an	swered question	324
			S	kipped question	56
53. Do you have any additic	onal comments	s regarding To	wn Issues?		
					Response Count
					39
			an	swered question	39

skipped question 341

54. Please rate these town services.

	Good	Fair	Poor	No Opinion	Response Count
Animal Control	44.8% (137)	20.9% (64)	4.9% (15)	29.4% (90)	306
Building Code Enforcement	47.9% (148)	25.2% (78)	4.5% (14)	22.3% (69)	309
Cemetery Care	34.9% (105)	25.2% (76)	14.3% (43)	25.6% (77)	301
Fire Protection	75.6% (233)	15.9% (49)	0.3% (1)	8.1% (25)	308
Health Regulations & Enforcement	43.4% (131)	23.5% (71)	2.3% (7)	30.8% (93)	302
Library	72.5% (224)	17.2% (53)	1.9% (6)	8.4% (26)	309
Natural Resource Conservation	45.5% (137)	29.6% (89)	1.7% (5)	23.3% (70)	301
Parks & Recreation	44.5% (133)	35.8% (107)	4.3% (13)	15.4% (46)	299
Planning Regulation Admin & Enforcement	41.0% (123)	29.7% (89)	5.7% (17)	23.7% (71)	300
Police Protection	78.1% (243)	16.1% (50)	1.9% (6)	3.9% (12)	311
Rescue / Ambulance Service	75.6% (232)	13.4% (41)	0.0% (0)	11.1% (34)	307
Road Maintenance	44.5% (137)	41.2% (127)	10.4% (32)	3.9% (12)	308
School System	54.1% (166)	22.8% (70)	4.9% (15)	18.2% (56)	307
Snow Removal	69.8% (213)	23.0% (70)	3.6% (11)	3.6% (11)	305
Garbage Disposal & Recycling	64.2% (194)	21.5% (65)	4.3% (13)	9.9% (30)	302
Welfare	23.2% (68)	18.4% (54)	2.4% (7)	56.0% (164)	293
Zoning Administration & Enforcement	38.6% (115)	28.5% (85)	7.4% (22)	25.5% (76)	298

Other (please specify)

12

answered question 316

skipped question 64

55. How much money should the Town spend on each service?

	More	Same	Less	No Opinion	Response Count
Animal Control	4.8% (13)	64.8% (175)	9.3% (25)	21.1% (57)	270
Building Code Enforcement	5.1% (14)	68.0% (185)	8.8% (24)	18.0% (49)	272
Cemetery Care	21.6% (58)	56.0% (150)	2.2% (6)	20.1% (54)	268
Fire Protection	17.0% (46)	65.9% (178)	5.2% (14)	11.9% (32)	270
Health Regulations & Enforcement	7.1% (19)	65.3% (175)	5.2% (14)	22.4% (60)	268
Library	21.7% (60)	54.0% (149)	10.9% (30)	13.4% (37)	276
Natural Resource Conservation	21.6% (60)	55.0% (153)	6.8% (19)	16.5% (46)	278
Parks & Recreation	26.5% (72)	55.9% (152)	3.7% (10)	14.0% (38)	272
Planning Regulation Admin & Enforcement	5.9% (16)	66.2% (180)	7.7% (21)	20.2% (55)	272
Police Protection	18.8% (52)	63.8% (176)	5.1% (14)	12.3% (34)	276
Rescue / Ambulance Service	19.9% (54)	65.7% (178)	1.5% (4)	12.9% (35)	271
Road Maintenance	42.6% (118)	46.6% (129)	0.4% (1)	10.5% (29)	277
School System	20.0% (55)	55.6% (153)	9.5% (26)	14.9% (41)	275
Snow Removal	12.1% (33)	75.1% (205)	0.7% (2)	12.1% (33)	273
Garbage Disposal & Recycling	10.9% (30)	71.2% (195)	3.3% (9)	14.6% (40)	274
Welfare	3.3% (9)	41.5% (112)	17.4% (47)	37.8% (102)	270
Zoning Administration & Enforcement	5.2% (14)	62.1% (167)	10.4% (28)	22.3% (60)	269

Other (please specify)

15

answered question 286

skipped question 94

56. Please comment on any issues you believe are important to Loudon:

	Response Count
	129
answered question	129
skipped question	251