



2023 Brookline Community Survey

Thank you for taking the 2023 Brookline Community Survey. This survey should take approximately 15 minutes to complete and will provide valuable information to the Planning Board as they update chapters of the Master Plan.

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VISION

* 1. What do you like and dislike about Brookline?

	Like	Dislike	No opinion
Small town atmosphere	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community spirit	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public Safety & law enforcement	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
School system	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Outdoor recreation opportunities (i.e., Lake Potanipo, trails)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Natural landscapes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Housing availability and affordability	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Job opportunities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Town facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Town revenue/spending	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

* 2. Why do you live in Brookline? (Select all that apply)

- ☐ Location

☐ Work

☐ Available services

☐ Retirement

☐ Quality of life

☐ Close to family/friends

☐ Quality of schools

☐ Other (please specify)

☐ I do not currently live in Brookline.

* 3. How long have you lived in Brookline?

☐ Less than 5 years

☐ 20 years or more

☐ 5 to 9 years

☐ I do not currently live in Brookline.

☐ 10 to 19 years

* 4. How long do you intend to stay in Brookline? (Select all that apply)

☐ Less than 5 years

☐ Until children graduate

☐ 5 to 9 years

☐ Until retirement

☐ 10 to 19 years

☐ Through retirement

☐ 20 year or more

☐ I do not currently live in Brookline.

HOUSING

* 5. How important are the following types of housing to Brookline?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	No opinion
Single-family detached housing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Two-family housing/Duplex	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Multi-family housing (3+ units in a building)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Accessory dwelling units (ADUs - a small housing unit attached to or inside a single-family home. Also known as in-law apartments).	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
1-bedroom housing units	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2-bedroom housing units	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3-bedroom housing units	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Open space development (homes on smaller lots with land left as protected open space)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tiny houses (homes 400 sq. ft. or smaller)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Manufactured Housing (Also known as trailer and mobile homes)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

* 6. Related to town growth, what are your top concerns? (Select up to three)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing availability and affordability | <input type="checkbox"/> Demand on public infrastructure and services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town character | <input type="checkbox"/> Quality of education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Natural environment | <input type="checkbox"/> Adequacy of school facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Population Density | <input type="checkbox"/> Water supply |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic congestion | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | |

- ☐ No concerns

7. What would prevent you from staying in Brookline? (Select all that apply)

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> No suitable housing choices | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Inability to downsize | <input type="checkbox"/> A decline in school quality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing costs | <input type="checkbox"/> Nothing is preventing me from staying. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town taxes | <input type="checkbox"/> I do not currently live in Brookline. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | |

8. If you selected "Lack of Services" in the above question, please describe which services are lacking. Otherwise, please skip over this question.

* 9. How important are the following housing opportunities?

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important	No opinion
Rental Housing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Senior (55+) Housing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Assisted Living for Seniors	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Supported Housing (with supportive services such as mental wellness care, job training, dormitory, accessibility etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

LAND USE

* 10. The town owns more than 300 acres around Melendy Pond. Much of it is forested hillside while a small portion of the tract includes 80% of the shore around Melendy Pond. Some of the shore is currently leased for seasonal camps.

At the 2019 town meeting, residents voted not to extend the leases past December 31, 2032. After the leases expire, all buildings on town land will need to be removed. What do you think the town should do with the property afterward? (Select your top preference)

- ☐ Low-impact recreation (walking/hiking trails)
- ☐ Maintained recreation (benches, picnic areas, fields, parking)
- ☐ Town beach (staffed oversight, parking, etc.)
- ☐ Municipal building (library, offices, meeting hall, etc.)
- ☐ Convert to conservation land
- ☐ Sell the land for development
- ☐ Other (please specify)

NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION

* 11. Currently, 20.3% of Brookline is town-owned conservation land. The Conservation Commission has a goal of protecting a minimum of 25% of the town's land for conservation. Does this goal align with your vision for the future of Brookline?

- ☐ The goal seems about right.
- ☐ The goal should be lower.
- ☐ The goal should be higher.

12. For each of the following land types, check the methods that should be used to protect them: (Select all that apply)

	Purchase more conservation land	Make changes in building and planning	Change zoning regulations
Agricultural lands	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Floodplains	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wetlands	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wildlife habitats	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other ecological significant areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>













TRANSPORTATION

* 13. Please rate the importance of maintaining offerings and/or improving the following transportation options in Brookline.

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	No opinion
A pedestrian crossing across Route 13 at Mason Road	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sidewalks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Paved road shoulder for walking and biking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pedestrian and bike paths separated from roads	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
School Pick-up/drop-off	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bus service (Souhegan Valley Ride)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Park and ride	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public electric vehicle charging stations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

* 14. The Economic Development Committee (EDC) promotes long-term economic development that reflects and enhances the character of Brookline. Please rank the following projects for the EDC to reach that goal, with 1 as the most important and 6 as the least important:







		Encourage mixed use (residential & commercial on same lot/building)
		Expand business development to diversify Brookline's tax base
		Support economic development initiatives that create a simple, walkable town center
		Support and encourage home businesses
		Create promotional materials to attract new businesses to Brookline
		Create a Brookline Business Association to support current commercial/industrial businesses

* 15. Coworking and business incubator spaces typically rent desk space or access to tools and resources. How likely would you be to use a coworking or incubator space in Brookline?

- ☐ Very likely
- ☐ Likely
- ☐ Neither likely nor unlikely
- ☐ Unlikely
- ☐ Very unlikely

RECREATION AND CULTURAL & HISTORIC RESOURCES

* 16. The Brookline NH Historical Society is here to preserve historic artifacts and oral history. Please rate the importance of maintaining and/or improving the following historic resources, with 1 as the most important and 6 as the least important:

		Provide historic presentations at the Historical Society Barn
		Identify and record historic structures in Brookline
		Install signage on historic buildings and historically significant areas (i.e., year built signs)
		Provide school field trips for a whole elementary grade
		Develop historic landmark trail
		Catalog and inventory historic artifacts and oral histories

* 17. What action should the Town take with regard to the following activities/resources?

	Improve/Offer	Leave as is	Do not want	No opinion
Field spaces & playgrounds	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Park & recreation facility	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Court Spaces (basketball, tennis, pickle ball, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public events & social gatherings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community theater	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ice skating facility	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Swimming (Town Beach)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Nature/hiking trails	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Boating/fishing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Camping	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hunting/game preserve	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Trails (biking, hiking, horseback riding, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public art	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Music performances	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES

* 18. What action should the Town take regarding the following facilities?

	Improve/Offer	Leave as is	Do not want	No opinion
Town Hall building	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Police station	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Library building and parking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Transfer station	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Department of Public Works building	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community garden plots	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lake Potanipo Beach (Max Cohen Memorial Grove)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Water access for recreational activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Senior center	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community center	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Brookline Chapel	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Youth center for teens	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

* 19. What action should the Town take regarding the following services?

	Improve/Offer	Leave as is	Do not want	No opinion
Town office hours	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Emergency services (police, fire, ambulance)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Transfer station hours	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Town water service	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Town sewer service	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Town gas service	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
After school program for teens	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Volunteer outreach programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Host a Household Hazardous Waste collection event in Brookline	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

* 20. How important is the following infrastructure to Brookline?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	No opinion
High speed internet access	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cable TV	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cell phone coverage	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Telephone (land line)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improved 911 service	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Live streaming and recording of public meetings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public Wi-Fi	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

ENERGY

* 21. How important are the following energy-related programs for Brookline?

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important	No opinion
Town tax incentives for home/business energy conservation upgrades	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Town tax incentives for home/business green energy production	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Green standards for Town buildings, vehicles, and equipment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Investment in energy conservation projects on Town-owned properties	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Investment in Town's green energy production	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

22. What makes Brookline a special place to live and work?

DEMOGRAPHICS

* 23. Please indicate your age:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Under 18 | <input type="radio"/> 55-64 |
| <input type="radio"/> 18-24 | <input type="radio"/> 65-74 |
| <input type="radio"/> 25-34 | <input type="radio"/> 75-84 |
| <input type="radio"/> 35-44 | <input type="radio"/> 85+ |
| <input type="radio"/> 45-54 | <input type="radio"/> I do not wish to answer |

* 24. Please indicate your gender:

- ☐ Female
- ☐ Male
- ☐ Nonbinary
- ☐ Prefer not to say

* 25. Please select your annual household income:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Less than \$34,999 | <input type="radio"/> \$100,000 to \$149,999 |
| <input type="radio"/> \$35,000 to \$49,999 | <input type="radio"/> \$150,000 to \$199,999 |
| <input type="radio"/> \$50,000 to \$74,999 | <input type="radio"/> \$200,000 or more |
| <input type="radio"/> \$75,000 to \$99,999 | <input type="radio"/> I do not wish to answer |

26. How many people of the following ages are in your household?

People under 18	<input type="text"/>
People 18 to 64	<input type="text"/>
People 65 and older	<input type="text"/>

27. We would like to hear more from you! There will be town community forums, on 10/21 and 10/24. Please save the date and look out for more information at Town Hall.

If you would like to receive an email invitation for the forums, please share your email address:

Thank you for completing the survey.

Remember to save the date for the community forums on 10/21 and 10/24!

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