

NORTHWOOD MASTER PLAN 2023/2024 UPDATE

Community Facilities, Natural Resources & Water Resources, and Recreation Chapters Survey

The Town is continuing to update chapters of the Northwood Master Plan and we want to hear from you! In 2022, the Planning Board updated the Vision and Land Use chapters. In 2023, the Town started the Housing Chapter update. Now, in 2024, we are updating three additional chapters: Community Facilities, Natural Resources & Water Resources, and Recreation. Your input will be useful in helping to develop these chapters. All responses will remain anonymous.

Thank you in advance for completing this survey!

Please visit <https://northwoodmp.info>, or contact weaver@northwoodnh.org to learn more about this planning process.

You can take this survey online at:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NW_2024MasterPlanSurvey or by scanning this QR code:



Please complete the survey by January 31, 2024

Community Facilities Questions

1. At the present time, how satisfied are you with these town services?

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Unsatisfied	Very Unsatisfied
Chesley Memorial Library	<input type="radio"/>	<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"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Town Hall	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Northwood Athletic Fields	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Northwood School	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Coe Brown Academy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Police Department	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fire Department	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Town Beaches	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other, please specify:	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
_____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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2. During the next 10 years, these town *facilities* (buildings and spaces) will be sufficient to meet the needs of the community.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Chesley Memorial Library	<input type="radio"/>	<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"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Town Hall	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Northwood Athletic Fields	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Northwood School	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Coe Brown Academy	<input type="radio"/>	<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"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fire Station (Narrows)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fire Station Annex (Rt 4 next to school)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Town Beaches	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other, please specify _____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

3. How satisfied are you with the Transfer Station?

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Unsatisfied	Very Unsatisfied	I do not use the Transfer Station
Yard waste	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Household trash	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Annual hazardous waste collection	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recycling	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other comments on the Transfer Station: _____

4. Would you be willing to pay a little extra to recycle?

- Yes
- No

5. The Town should consider adding these initiatives:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Solar energy for town facilities and operations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Privately owned and operated solar farms.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Energy conservation measures for Town facilities and operations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Municipal sewer infrastructure	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Municipal drinking water infrastructure	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sidewalks on town roads	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

6. What additional facilities and spaces will the town need as it grows?

Natural Resources & Water Resources Questions

1. Northwood’s natural resources are accessible to me for these activities:

Use	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Hunting	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Snowmobiling	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
All-terrain vehicles	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mountain biking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Horseback riding	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cross country skiing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Snowshoeing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hiking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

2. Northwood’s water resources are accessible to me.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

3. If you were responsible for allocating \$10 to natural resources, how would you spend it? *Please assign a dollar value to each category. The total must equal \$10.*

- \$ _____ Construction of new trails and amenities
- \$ _____ Maintenance of existing trails and amenities
- \$ _____ Cleanup and trash removal of rivers, streams, and natural areas
- \$ _____ Wildlife habitat management
- \$ _____ Funding to acquire conservation easement to permanently protect land
- \$ _____ Educational events and material
- \$ _____ Recreational events for the public
- \$ _____ Managing terrestrial (on land) invasive species
- \$ _____ Managing aquatic invasive species
- \$ _____ Exploration for new sources of drinking water
- \$ _____ Other _____
- \$ 10 Total

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4. **Should the Town work with interested and willing property owners to conserve a greater percentage of land in the town?**

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

5. **When the Northwood Conservation Commission evaluates whether to conserve or permanently protect a property from development, what values or characteristics should they consider? Choose up to 5 that you think are most important.**

- Land that is forested
- Land that has wetlands
- Land that has vernal pools
- Land that has meadows
- Land that is actively farmed
- Land that allows public access
- Land that allows recreational opportunities
- Land that provides high quality wildlife habitat
- Land that has high quality soils for agriculture
- Land that is adjacent to or connected to other protected land
- Land that provides flood protection
- Land that protects water resources
- Land that is adjacent to rivers and streams (riparian)
- Land that is most likely to be developed in the near future if not conserved
- Land that provides a scenic view
- Land that is over a minimum acreage
- Land that includes a substantial area of agricultural soils
- Land that is adjacent to lakes, ponds, rivers, and streams.
- Land that is situated above potential future drinking water supplies
- Land in the Route 4 corridor
- Other, please specify: _____

6. To better protect natural resources and water resources, are you in favor of the Planning Board and Conservation Commission proposing the following model ordinances and regulations to Town Meeting:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Stormwater management regulations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Groundwater Protection Ordinance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Drinking Water Quality Buffer Ordinance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Shoreline protection standards and regulations for building setbacks and tree removal that are stricter than the state standards.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Impervious surface area limitations within the shoreline area or another defined area surrounding water bodies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Regulations to limit pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers near waterbodies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Stronger regulations, including increasing the setbacks for primary structures for all waterbodies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Stronger regulations, including increasing the setbacks for septic systems from water bodies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Expansion of the Conservation Overlay District to include more natural areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Greater amount of land set aside in conservation subdivisions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Recreation Chapter Questions

1. **Parks and recreational facilities and programs in Northwood are important to my quality of life.**

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

2. **Do existing recreation facilities and programs meet your needs?**

- Yes
- No

Please explain: _____

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3. How often do you visit these locations? Please choose the best option. Choose only one per row.

	At least once per week	Once per month	Once every two months	Once or twice a year	Never	I am not familiar with this resource
Athletic Fields	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Athletic Fields Playgrounds	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pavilion at Upper Athletic Field	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Serenity Garden	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<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"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lucas Pond Boat Launch	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Northwood Lake Beach	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Northwood Lake Boat Launch	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mary Waldron Beach	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mary Waldron Boat Launch	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bennett Bridge Beach	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Northwood Meadows State Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Guptill-Lamprey Pasture Conservation Area Trails	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Saddleback Mountain Trails	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Coe Brown Northwood Academy Trails	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
NALMC trails	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other location, please specify	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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4. How satisfied are you with the following in Northwood:

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Unsatisfied	Very Unsatisfied
Variety of recreational amenities in town	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Quality of the athletic fields	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Condition of facilities and structures	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Variety of recreation programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Accessibility of recreational opportunities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Passive use recreational areas (i.e. spaces for unstructured recreation and leisure, such as hiking, birdwatching, picnicking, canoeing, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parking at the Athletic Fields	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parking at beaches	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

5. What types of additional programming would you like to see in Northwood? *Select all that apply.*

- Sports
- Activities for seniors
- Activities for pre-school aged children
- Summer camps
- Large community events
- Transportation to get to indoor and outdoor recreational opportunities in Northwood
- Special events
- Other, please specify: _____

6. Trail systems, recreational areas, schools, and other destinations should be better connected and more accessible by foot or bicycle.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

7. Please use this space to tell us about additional recreational opportunities and amenities you would like in Northwood.

Please return paper copies of the survey to the Town Offices no later than January 31, 2024.

Would you like to receive updates about the Master Plan? If so, please visit the Town website, and subscribe to the Planning Board's mailing list <https://www.northwoodnh.org/subscriptions>.

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