

# **APPENDIX II**

## **EFFINGHAM MASTER PLAN SURVEY 2010**

### **Summary Report**



## SUMMARY REPORT WITH BAR CHARTS EFFINGHAM MASTER PLAN SURVEY 2010

Effingham Master Plan Survey  
2010




Start Date: 3/23/2010  
End Date: 9/30/2010  
Maximum number of  
respondents: 500  
Total Respondents Completed:  
110  
Partial Completes: 3

### Demographics

a) Please check one of the following options that best describes your residence status in Effingham.

• **Select one of the following**





(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Year-round resident	74		66%
Seasonal/occasional resident	18		16%
Own property in Effingham but do not live here	20		18%
<b>Total Responses: 112</b>		0% 20% 40% 60% 80%	

b) Please check one of the following options that best describes your age.

• **Select one of the following**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
18-30	2		2%
31-50	32		29%
51-70	68		61%
Over 70	9		8%
<b>Total Responses: 111</b>		0% 20% 40% 60% 80%	

## General Issues

a) Please check only five of the general issues that you consider of utmost importance in Effingham over the next 10 years.

- **Select only five**

(Each Respondent could choose **ANY** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Promote Affordable Housing	13		12%
Protecting Property Rights	62		55%
Attracting Business/Cottage Industries	47		42%
Support Educational Opportunities	24		21%
New Or Upgrade Town Facilities	8		7%
Create Park & Recreation Facility	14		12%
Protecting Drinking Water	51		46%
Preserving/Conserving Forests	46		41%
Protecting Historical Sites/Properties	26		23%
Protecting Open Space	47		42%
Protecting Water Bodies	56		50%
Encourage Regional Cooperation	12		11%
Improving Roads	37		33%
Town Tax Burden	59		53%
Provide Regional Transportation	8		7%
Improving Communication Infrastructure	25		22%
Other (please specify)	12		11%
<b>Total Responses: 112</b>		<b>0% 20% 40% 60% 80%</b>	

- **Other (please specify)**





- provide cell phone support
- plowing private roads
- Protect/Encourage Small-Scale Agriculture
- non conforming lots need better laws to allow maintenance and upgrades to properties without costing and taking months to approve
- Protecting Agricultural Interests
- Improve state RSA RE. rural towns
- promoting agriculture
- Create Town park
- Taxes too too high on summer residences with water front
- town needs to be way more taxpayer friendly. Very poor attitude to taxpayers. need more info from town via taxbill mail etc.
- Reducing individual tax burden/property taxes

**1) Land Use**

**a) Please indicate if you support the following methods for guiding future growth and development in Effingham:**





- **Encourage Clustered Residential Subdivisions**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Yes	60		55%
No	37		34%
Not Sure	8		7%
No Opinion	4		4%
<b>Total Responses: 109</b>		<b>0% 20% 40% 60% 80%</b>	





- **Encourage Commercial Development**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Yes	65		59%
No	38		34%
Not Sure	7		6%
No Opinion	1		1%
<b>Total Responses: 111</b>		<b>0% 20% 40% 60% 80%</b>	





- **Encourage Industrial Development**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Yes	29		27%
No	63		59%
Not Sure	12		11%
No Opinion	2		2%
<b>Total Responses: 106</b>		<b>0% 20% 40% 60% 80%</b>	





- **Consider Reducing Lot Size Requirements**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Yes	28		25%
No	71		65%
Not Sure	8		7%
No Opinion	3		3%
<b>Total Responses: 110</b>		<b>0% 20% 40% 60% 80%</b>	



- **Update the Town Ordinances**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Yes	64		59%
No	14		13%
Not Sure	19		17%
No Opinion	12		11%
<b>Total Responses: 109</b>		<b>0% 20% 40% 60% 80%</b>	

- **Encourage Home Business Development**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Yes	89		82%
No	6		6%

Not Sure	6		6%
No Opinion	8		7%
<b>Total Responses: 109</b>		0% 20% 40% 60% 80%	

• **Other**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Yes	14		64%
No	3		14%
Not Sure	1		5%
No Opinion	4		18%
<b>Total Responses: 22</b>		0% 20% 40% 60% 80%	

• **If other, please describe:**

- Establish reasonable land use regulations relative to Home Business Development
- update steep slope ordinances
- Encouraging commercial & business development depends on its compatibility with the land use, water and other such factors.
- working with countywide organizations
- Encourage Mixed Use Development
- allow non conforming lots around lake to upgrade properties without major hassles from Town Zoning officer
- reduce lot size in village districts and increase lot size in forest blocks
- Encourage limited, responsible Commercial Development. A balanced zoning plan would be paramount
- Encouraging proper agricultural development and related businesses
- pass/enforce code regarding junk/trash on house/land lots
- Green Cottage Industries
- allow residents to start small business
- allow residents to start small business
- less laws & rules. Home business's. and RTE 25 would be about the only good place for commercial & Industrial development
- Many people moved to Effingham to get away from large growth and Commercial business and Industry. Lets stay small.





**2) Transportation**

**a) Do you want the following?**

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• **Improvements To Route 153**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Yes	76		70%
No	19		18%
No Opinion	13		12%
<b>Total Responses: 108</b>			





• **Reconstruct Roads**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Yes	48		45%
No	41		39%
No Opinion	17		16%
<b>Total Responses: 106</b>			





• **A Park & Ride Facility**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Yes	36		35%
No	45		44%
No Opinion	22		21%
<b>Total Responses: 103</b>			

• **Pave The Current Dirt Roads**




(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Yes	33		31%
No	62		57%
No Opinion	13		12%
<b>Total Responses: 108</b>			






• **Consider A Regional Public Transport System**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Yes	48		45%
No	43		41%
No Opinion	15		14%
<b>Total Responses: 106</b>		<b>0% 20% 40% 60% 80%</b>	




• **Partner With Agencies To Have A Bike Path**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Yes	69		63%
No	25		23%
No Opinion	16		15%
<b>Total Responses: 110</b>		<b>0% 20% 40% 60% 80%</b>	

• **Other**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Yes	6		60%
No	2		20%
No Opinion	2		20%
<b>Total Responses: 10</b>		<b>0% 20% 40% 60% 80%</b>	

• **If other, please describe:**

- Pave Rt 171 to 153
- place where people can gather socially other than library
- Begin to address the roads around the perimeter of the lake that are being undermined by the erosion caused by the high water since the dam was installed.
- Selected Road Bumps to control speed
- roads should be kept safe
- roads should be kept safe
- Only if cost is less than cost for automobile
- again less is better. Let the developers pay for it. Worst depression in my life time & yet you are still spending taxpayer money to fix roads that can wait.

PEOPLE ARE HURTING!!!

### 3) Community Facilities

a) Please rate the following town facilities and services:

#### Facilities & Services

- **Animal Control**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Excellent	6		5%
Good	17		15%
Adequate	28		25%
Poor	11		10%
No Opinion	49		44%
<b>Total Responses: 111</b>		0% 20% 40% 60% 80%	

#### Facilities & Services

- **Code Enforcement**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Excellent	10		9%
Good	20		18%
Adequate	19		17%
Poor	23		21%
No Opinion	37		34%
<b>Total Responses: 109</b>		0% 20% 40% 60% 80%	

#### Facilities & Services

- **Fire/Ambulance/Rescue**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Excellent	13		12%
Good	26		23%
Adequate	33		30%
Poor	16		14%

No Opinion	23		21%
<b>Total Responses: 111</b>		<b>0% 20% 40% 60% 80%</b>	

### Facilities & Services

- Library**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Excellent	32		29%
Good	41		37%
Adequate	21		19%
Poor	3		3%
No Opinion	15		13%
<b>Total Responses: 112</b>		<b>0% 20% 40% 60% 80%</b>	

### Facilities & Services

- Police**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)





Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Excellent	19		17%
Good	37		33%
Adequate	30		27%
Poor	4		4%
No Opinion	21		19%
<b>Total Responses: 111</b>		<b>0% 20% 40% 60% 80%</b>	

### Facilities & Services

- Recreational Areas/Facilities**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)







Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Excellent	1		1%
Good	8		7%

Adequate	37		33%
Poor	34		31%
No Opinion	31		28%
<b>Total Responses: 111</b>			

**Facilities & Services**

• **Recreational Programs for Youths/Seniors**







(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Excellent	1		1%
Good	3		3%
Adequate	18		16%
Poor	44		40%
No Opinion	45		41%
<b>Total Responses: 111</b>			

**Facilities & Services**

• **Road Maintenance**



(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)





Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Excellent	3		3%
Good	19		17%
Adequate	60		54%
Poor	23		21%
No Opinion	7		6%
<b>Total Responses: 112</b>			

**Facilities & Services**

• **Tax Assessment**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)






Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Excellent	2		2%
Good	23		21%

Adequate	50		45%
Poor	25		23%
No Opinion	11		10%
<b>Total Responses: 111</b>			

**Facilities & Services**

• **Transfer Station/Recycling**







(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Excellent	25		22%
Good	53		47%
Adequate	19		17%
Poor	0		0%
No Opinion	15		13%
<b>Total Responses: 112</b>			

**Facilities & Services**

• **Town Offices**



(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)


Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Excellent	21		19%
Good	56		50%
Adequate	23		21%
Poor	6		5%
No Opinion	5		5%
<b>Total Responses: 111</b>			

**b) Would you be in favor of the following community facilities?**

• **Athletic Fields**




(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Yes	46		43%
No	36		34%

No Opinion	25		23%
<b>Total Responses: 107</b>		0% 20% 40% 60% 80%	




• **Community center/Recreation center**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Yes	54		49%
No	30		27%
No Opinion	26		24%
<b>Total Responses: 110</b>		0% 20% 40% 60% 80%	




• **New Fire Station**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Yes	24		22%
No	61		56%
No Opinion	23		21%
<b>Total Responses: 108</b>		0% 20% 40% 60% 80%	




• **New Salt Shed**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Yes	30		28%
No	43		40%
No Opinion	34		32%
<b>Total Responses: 107</b>		0% 20% 40% 60% 80%	

• **Town Garage**




(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Yes	18		17%
No	55		52%
No Opinion	33		31%

<b>Total Responses: 106</b>	0% 20% 40% 60% 80%
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• **Other**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Yes	4		27%
No	3		20%
No Opinion	8		53%
<b>Total Responses: 15</b>		0% 20% 40% 60% 80%	

• **If other, please describe:**






- Provide community swimming access at lakes or rivers
- hiking trails & 4 wheel trails
- skate board park
- Again we are a very small town we do not need more facilities. Stop spending so much
- New fire station on east side of green Mtn
- Downsize. Reduce spending.

**4) Economic Development**

**a) Please indicate the level of importance of the following items that the town should encourage:**


• **High Speed Internet**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Very Important	65		59%
Somewhat Important	34		31%
Not Very Important	6		5%
Not at all Important	4		4%
No Opinion	2		2%
<b>Total Responses: 111</b>		0% 20% 40% 60% 80%	

• **Light Industry**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Very Important	34		32%

Somewhat Important	31		30%
Not Very Important	23		22%
Not at all Important	10		10%
No Opinion	7		7%
<b>Total Responses: 105</b>			

• **Cottage Industry**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Very Important	56		52%
Somewhat Important	32		30%
Not Very Important	14		13%
Not at all Important	2		2%
No Opinion	4		4%
<b>Total Responses: 108</b>			

• **Office Business development**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)



Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Very Important	31		29%
Somewhat Important	35		32%
Not Very Important	28		26%
Not at all Important	10		9%
No Opinion	4		4%
<b>Total Responses: 108</b>			

• **Home Business**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)






Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Very Important	57		51%
Somewhat Important	35		32%
Not Very Important	11		10%



Not at all Important	4		4%
No Opinion	4		4%
<b>Total Responses: 111</b>		0% 20% 40% 60% 80%	






• **Retail business development**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Very Important	31		29%
Somewhat Important	38		35%
Not Very Important	24		22%
Not at all Important	11		10%
No Opinion	4		4%
<b>Total Responses: 108</b>		0% 20% 40% 60% 80%	






• **Industrial Development**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Very Important	17		16%
Somewhat Important	21		20%
Not Very Important	32		30%
Not at all Important	31		29%
No Opinion	6		6%
<b>Total Responses: 107</b>		0% 20% 40% 60% 80%	

• **Restaurants**






(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Very Important	26		24%
Somewhat Important	46		42%
Not Very Important	26		24%
Not at all Important	8		7%
No Opinion	4		4%

<b>Total Responses: 110</b>	0% 20% 40% 60% 80%
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• **Service Sector Business**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Very Important	28		26%
Somewhat Important	41		38%
Not Very Important	23		21%
Not at all Important	9		8%
No Opinion	8		7%
<b>Total Responses: 109</b>		0% 20% 40% 60% 80%	






• **Logging & Forestry**






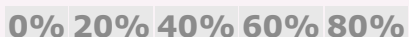
(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Very Important	34		31%
Somewhat Important	46		43%
Not Very Important	14		13%
Not at all Important	10		9%
No Opinion	4		4%
<b>Total Responses: 108</b>		0% 20% 40% 60% 80%	

• **Agricultural Businesses**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Very Important	52		47%
Somewhat Important	40		36%
Not Very Important	12		11%
Not at all Important	1		1%
No Opinion	6		5%
<b>Total Responses: 111</b>		0% 20% 40% 60% 80%	

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Very Important	52		47%
Somewhat Important	40		36%
Not Very Important	12		11%
Not at all Important	1		1%
No Opinion	6		5%
<b>Total Responses: 111</b>			

**b) Where in town would you suggest locating the following?**

• **Light Commercial Buildings**

- route 25
- along rtes 25 & 153
- Along 25/153
- 153 or 25
- Route 25
- along rt 25 and 153
- Route 25
- near 25 & 16
- on 153
- Rte 153
- nowhere
- Where they can be constructed in good taste
- none
- Anywhere
- Rural Agricultural
- Rte 16
- None
- Rt. 25
- Route 153
- Route 153
- Route 25 & in walking distance of Effingham Falls
- rt153
- 153
- not over the aquifer
- Rte 25 Across from Community Sports Fields
- route 153 area
- Along major roads, Rt 16 etc
- 153 or 25
- Anywhere
- Route 25

- 25 and 153
- Rt 25 Ryefield Rd
- Rte. 153/25
- rte 25
- non residential areas
- Routes 25 & 153
- Route 25
- School Street & Province Lake Rd.
- Pine River Rd, Rt 25
- where you are" shovel ready"
- out of site of town roads ( adequate buffers
- No preference
- throughout town
- throughout town
- along rte 16
- Routes 25 & 153
- Hwy 25
- Green Mt. Road Rt 153 & 25
- along 153 and 25
- All on Route 153
- Rt 25
- Rt 25 or Rt 153
- Rt 25
- any available space
- Off Rt 25
- None
- NO where
- along 153 & 25
- RTE 25
- rte 25
- Freedom
- rt 25.ryefield road
- No appropriate locations in Effingham
- Rt 153/Rt 25 corridor
- rt 25
- Route 25

- **Heavy Commercial Buildings**

- route 25
- along rte 25
- no where
- not good for town
- Route 25
- ossipee
- not
- no opinion
- Rte 25
- "
- Off Major Roadways
- none
- Rt. 25
- Rte 25
- Rte 25 & Rte 16
- None
- Rt. 25
- nowhere
- Route 25
- Nowhere
- rt 153
- none
- no where
- Not in Favor, will prompt us to sell
- Route 25 area
- None
- 25
- Anywhere
- no where
- none
- absolutely nowhere
- Rte. 25
- rte 25
- non residential areas
- Routes 25 & 153
- None
- Nowhere
- Pine River Rd
- where you are "shovel ready"
- none
- No preference
- ?

- Route 25 & 153
- Hwy 25
- Rt 25
- Rt 25
- Rt 25 or Rt 153
- No
- no place
- None
- None
- No where
- RTE 25
- across the border
- Ossipee
- rt 25
- No appropriate locations in Effingham
- Rt 153/Rt 25 corridor
- rt 25
- Route 25

- **Industrial Buildings**

- route 25
- along rte 25
- Right in the middle of Province Lake Golf Club...seriously, heavy industry probably doesn't fit in this town
- not good for town
- Route 25
- rte 25
- Route 25
- not
- no opinion
- Rte 25
- "
- Off Major Roadways
- none
- Rt. 25
- Rte25 and Rte 153
- Rte 25
- None
- Rt.25
- nowhere
- Route 25
- Route 25
- none

- no where
- Not in Favor, will prompt us to sell
- no-where
- Along major roads, Rt 16 etc
- ossipee
- Anywhere
- no where
- 25 and 153
- Rte. 25
- rte 25
- non residential areas
- None
- Nowhere
- Pine River Rd
- where you are "shovel ready"
- none
- No preference
- nowhere
- Hwy 25
- Rt 25
- Rt 25
- None
- No
- no place
- None
- None
- No where
- RTE 25
- across the border
- Ossipee
- rt 25
- No appropriate locations in Effingham
- Rt 153/Rt 25 corridor
- rt 25
- Route 25

**• Name one type of retail business, industry or service that does not exist in Effingham that you wish were available:**

- Retail/Grocery Supercenter
- food store
- a market for local produce and crafts on weekends during tourist season
- restaurants

- Large box store
- grocery or recreational facility
- cell phone tower
- gas station centrally located
- none
- Movie Theater
- none
- fabrics and crafts
- fabrics and crafts
- convenience/lunch store south part
- grocery store
- None
- bed and breakfast
- I go to Ossipee for everything I need, and I like it that way.
- coffee shop
- Farmers Market/Natural Foods Store
- Major grocery chain
- restaurant
- Clean, Affordable Family Restaurant
- Grocery, dept store.
- Food store
- Any
- there really isn't any except for Boyle's
- restaurant
- High speed internet
- Bakery
- Restaurant
- restaurant
- general store
- general store
- Grocery Store
- MARKET BASKET,SPA WITH POOL,MOVIE THEATER,BOWLING
- Market Basket Grocery
- General Store
- Grocery Store
- Supermarket, public transportation
- Small grocery store
- ?
- None
- Variety Store
- Anything that does not use town service and lowers taxes
- No suggestion
- Super Walmart/Sams
- There is very little in Effingham and that is just fine! It's why we moved here!







## 5) Natural Resources

### a) Please indicate the level of importance of the following:





- **Agricultural Land Protection**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Very Important	68		64%
Somewhat Important	33		31%
Not Very Important	5		5%
Not at all Important	1		1%
No Opinion	0		0%
<b>Total Responses: 107</b>		<b>0% 20% 40% 60% 80%</b>	





- **Aquifer Protection**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Very Important	79		74%
Somewhat Important	19		18%
Not Very Important	7		7%
Not at all Important	0		0%
No Opinion	2		2%
<b>Total Responses: 107</b>		<b>0% 20% 40% 60% 80%</b>	






- **Public Access to Water Bodies**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Very Important	59		54%
Somewhat Important	33		30%
Not Very Important	15		14%
Not at all Important	2		2%
No Opinion	0		0%
<b>Total Responses: 109</b>		<b>0% 20% 40% 60% 80%</b>	






• **Ridge Line Protection**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Very Important	48		44%
Somewhat Important	24		22%
Not Very Important	14		13%
Not at all Important	10		9%
No Opinion	12		11%
<b>Total Responses: 108</b>		<b>0% 20% 40% 60% 80%</b>	






• **Commercial Water Extraction Restriction**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Very Important	58		54%
Somewhat Important	19		18%
Not Very Important	14		13%
Not at all Important	4		4%
No Opinion	13		12%
<b>Total Responses: 108</b>		<b>0% 20% 40% 60% 80%</b>	






• **Exemplary Wetlands Protection**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Very Important	59		54%
Somewhat Important	25		23%
Not Very Important	17		16%
Not at all Important	1		1%
No Opinion	7		6%
<b>Total Responses: 109</b>		<b>0% 20% 40% 60% 80%</b>	






- **Conservation Easements**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Very Important	50		47%
Somewhat Important	29		27%
Not Very Important	16		15%
Not at all Important	3		3%
No Opinion	9		8%
<b>Total Responses: 107</b>		<b>0% 20% 40% 60% 80%</b>	






- **View Protection**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Very Important	47		44%
Somewhat Important	28		26%
Not Very Important	19		18%
Not at all Important	12		11%
No Opinion	1		1%
<b>Total Responses: 107</b>		<b>0% 20% 40% 60% 80%</b>	







- **Hillsides and Steep Slopes Protection**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Very Important	56		51%
Somewhat Important	26		24%
Not Very Important	16		15%
Not at all Important	7		6%
No Opinion	5		5%
<b>Total Responses: 110</b>		<b>0% 20% 40% 60% 80%</b>	







• **Light Pollution Prevention**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Very Important	56		51%
Somewhat Important	36		33%
Not Very Important	8		7%
Not at all Important	7		6%
No Opinion	3		3%
<b>Total Responses: 110</b>			






• **Sand and Gravel Site Access**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Very Important	10		9%
Somewhat Important	46		43%
Not Very Important	29		27%
Not at all Important	7		7%
No Opinion	14		13%
<b>Total Responses: 106</b>			





• **Access to Public Land; Trails**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Very Important	48		44%
Somewhat Important	53		48%
Not Very Important	7		6%
Not at all Important	2		2%
No Opinion	0		0%
<b>Total Responses: 110</b>			






- **Protect Surface Water; ponds, streams**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Very Important	71		65%
Somewhat Important	32		29%
Not Very Important	5		5%
Not at all Important	2		2%
No Opinion	0		0%
<b>Total Responses: 110</b>		<b>0% 20% 40% 60% 80%</b>	






- **Wildlife Corridor and Habitat Protection**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Very Important	62		57%
Somewhat Important	32		29%
Not Very Important	12		11%
Not at all Important	2		2%
No Opinion	1		1%
<b>Total Responses: 109</b>		<b>0% 20% 40% 60% 80%</b>	






- **Watershed Protection**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Very Important	71		65%
Somewhat Important	26		24%
Not Very Important	6		5%
Not at all Important	2		2%
No Opinion	5		5%
<b>Total Responses: 110</b>		<b>0% 20% 40% 60% 80%</b>	






• **Purchase Town Conservation Land**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Very Important	43		40%
Somewhat Important	25		23%
Not Very Important	28		26%
Not at all Important	7		7%
No Opinion	4		4%
<b>Total Responses: 107</b>		<b>0% 20% 40% 60% 80%</b>	






• **Protect the Drinking Water Supply**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Very Important	82		75%
Somewhat Important	24		22%
Not Very Important	2		2%
Not at all Important	1		1%
No Opinion	1		1%
<b>Total Responses: 110</b>		<b>0% 20% 40% 60% 80%</b>	






• **Protect Green Mountain**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Very Important	60		56%
Somewhat Important	25		23%
Not Very Important	13		12%
Not at all Important	7		6%
No Opinion	3		3%
<b>Total Responses: 108</b>		<b>0% 20% 40% 60% 80%</b>	






- **Protect Endangered Wildlife**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Very Important	56		52%
Somewhat Important	34		32%
Not Very Important	11		10%
Not at all Important	3		3%
No Opinion	3		3%
<b>Total Responses: 107</b>		<b>0% 20% 40% 60% 80%</b>	




- **Continue Best Management Practices For Culverts**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Very Important	52		48%
Somewhat Important	37		34%
Not Very Important	7		6%
Not at all Important	2		2%
No Opinion	10		9%
<b>Total Responses: 108</b>		<b>0% 20% 40% 60% 80%</b>	

- **Other**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Very Important	9		64%
Somewhat Important	1		7%
Not Very Important	0		0%
Not at all Important	0		0%
No Opinion	4		29%
<b>Total Responses: 14</b>		<b>0% 20% 40% 60% 80%</b>	

- **If other, please describe:**

- don't over regulate my land





- historic preservation
- Protect Dark Skies, Minimize Impermeable Surfaces
- Reduce taxes
- limit development to area not on aquifer
- Buying land for conservation is often the result of poor planning before encroachment or overdevelopment becomes a problem. Please look around the country at other small towns which have sacrificed natural resources for the sake of progress or commercialization. Effingham is very special, plan well and you will have a sustainable economy without destroying this rare jewel.
- Enforce Shoreline Protection Act
- How can all that was listed not be important? If one would care about a couple of items one would care about all
- Protect Open Space
- we need to balance residents needs with environmental needs
- we need to balance residents needs with environmental needs
- Must be controlled to prevent overuse and damage/pollution to water and property
- Commercial Water extraction should be avoided at all costs!

## 6) Natural Hazards

### a) Should the town invest in the following?




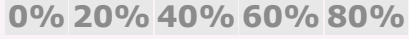
- **Emergency Communication Measures**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Yes	70		64%
No	28		26%
No Opinion	11		10%
<b>Total Responses: 109</b>			

- **Flood Control Measures**




(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Yes	42		39%
No	47		44%
No Opinion	19		18%
<b>Total Responses: 108</b>			






• **Forest Fire Prevention**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Yes	83		78%
No	19		18%
No Opinion	5		5%
<b>Total Responses: 107</b>		<b>0% 20% 40% 60% 80%</b>	




• **General Disaster Preparation/Recovery**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Yes	73		67%
No	27		25%
No Opinion	9		8%
<b>Total Responses: 109</b>		<b>0% 20% 40% 60% 80%</b>	

• **Other**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Yes	1		11%
No	4		44%
No Opinion	4		44%
<b>Total Responses: 9</b>		<b>0% 20% 40% 60% 80%</b>	

• **If other, please describe:**

- library
- in-town/community response network/group
- forest fire prevention is important
- again stop spending. we have what we need for now. You can never be prepared for disasters. just read the news and see that

**7) Recreation**

**a) Please check the level of importance to the following items:**

• **Athletic Fields & Playgrounds**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Very Important	16		15%
Somewhat Important	52		48%
Not Very Important	24		22%
Not at all Important	12		11%
No Opinion	4		4%
<b>Total Responses: 108</b>			

• **Nature trails & Trailheads**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Very Important	40		37%
Somewhat Important	46		43%
Not Very Important	15		14%
Not at all Important	6		6%
No Opinion	1		1%
<b>Total Responses: 108</b>			






• **Park & Recreation Facility**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Very Important	18		17%
Somewhat Important	47		44%
Not Very Important	28		26%
Not at all Important	10		9%
No Opinion	5		5%
<b>Total Responses: 108</b>			






• **Public Events & Social Gatherings**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Very Important	24		22%
Somewhat Important	46		43%
Not Very Important	27		25%
Not at all Important	9		8%
No Opinion	2		2%
<b>Total Responses: 108</b>		<b>0% 20% 40% 60% 80%</b>	





• **Public Waterfronts**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Very Important	36		33%
Somewhat Important	44		41%
Not Very Important	18		17%
Not at all Important	8		7%
No Opinion	2		2%
<b>Total Responses: 108</b>		<b>0% 20% 40% 60% 80%</b>	







• **Public Scenic View Access**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Very Important	28		26%
Somewhat Important	39		36%
Not Very Important	26		24%
Not at all Important	14		13%
No Opinion	0		0%
<b>Total Responses: 107</b>		<b>0% 20% 40% 60% 80%</b>	







- **Snowmobile Trails**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Very Important	15		14%
Somewhat Important	28		26%
Not Very Important	37		35%
Not at all Important	22		21%
No Opinion	5		5%
<b>Total Responses: 107</b>			





- **ATV Trails**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Very Important	11		10%
Somewhat Important	18		17%
Not Very Important	28		26%
Not at all Important	47		44%
No Opinion	4		4%
<b>Total Responses: 108</b>			

- **Other**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Very Important	4		50%
Somewhat Important	0		0%
Not Very Important	0		0%
Not at all Important	1		12%
No Opinion	3		38%
<b>Total Responses: 8</b>			

- **If other, please describe:**

- Playground is available at school already





- public outdoor facilities must be well supervised and maintained
- non-motorized bike paths
- Well planned use of public land can support recreational activities including Snowmobiles, Biking and ATV trails. This has been demonstrated in other pristine areas in the Northeast, Midwest and West. Rails to Trails, etc. - Annual permits to support and maintain
- cross country skiing trails
- NO ATV TRAILS
- totally against ATVs. Very destructive.
- • There are several in town now
- anything that brings in money from visitors
- Current rate of property taxes, the number vacant homes and homes for sale, indicate that this would not be a fiscally responsible use of our tax dollars.

## 8) Utility & Public Service

### a) Should the town of Effingham encourage in the following:





- **Improved Cell Phone Reception**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Yes	85		79%
No	17		16%
No Opinion	6		6%
<b>Total Responses: 108</b>			



- **Additional Fire Ponds/Dry Hydrants**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Yes	66		62%
No	17		16%
No Opinion	24		22%
<b>Total Responses: 107</b>			

- **Expanded High Speed Internet**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Yes	87		81%
No	14		13%

No Opinion	7		6%
<b>Total Responses: 108</b>		0% 20% 40% 60% 80%	

**• Expanded Recycling**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Yes	72		67%
No	26		24%
No Opinion	10		9%
<b>Total Responses: 108</b>		0% 20% 40% 60% 80%	

**• Other**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Yes	2		33%
No	1		17%
No Opinion	3		50%
<b>Total Responses: 6</b>		0% 20% 40% 60% 80%	

**• If other, please describe:**

- Is cell coverage deficient today? If yes, promote limited footprint measures for towers so that they must blend with the landscape and not offend the landscape. Once this genie is let out of the bottle, it will be nearly impossible to control. In other parts of the country, landowners and business owners are selling land use rights to Cell providers for towers because their are not effective guidelines to manage this expansion.
- Fund Conservation
- enforce recycling better. Too many ovens, appliances, & tires dropped off for a town this size. We should limit it to so many per household per year. Like 1 appl, 4 tires, etc.

**9) Cultural & Historic Resources**

**a) Please rate the following:**

**• Town Acquisition of Historic sites/structures**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)



Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Strongly in Favor	22		21%
Somewhat in Favor	49		46%
Somewhat Opposed	16		15%
Strongly Opposed	15		14%
No Opinion	5		5%
<b>Total Responses: 107</b>		<b>0% 20% 40% 60% 80%</b>	

• **Expand Historic Districts**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Strongly in Favor	17		16%
Somewhat in Favor	34		32%
Somewhat Opposed	24		23%
Strongly Opposed	13		12%
No Opinion	17		16%
<b>Total Responses: 105</b>		<b>0% 20% 40% 60% 80%</b>	

• **Improve Historic Signage**






(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Strongly in Favor	30		28%
Somewhat in Favor	43		40%
Somewhat Opposed	14		13%
Strongly Opposed	6		6%
No Opinion	14		13%
<b>Total Responses: 107</b>		<b>0% 20% 40% 60% 80%</b>	

• **Preservation of Historic Structures**




(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Strongly in Favor	42		40%

Somewhat in Favor	50		47%
Somewhat Opposed	6		6%
Strongly Opposed	5		5%
No Opinion	3		3%
<b>Total Responses: 106</b>			

• **Other**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Strongly in Favor	1		17%
Somewhat in Favor	0		0%
Somewhat Opposed	0		0%
Strongly Opposed	0		0%
No Opinion	5		83%
<b>Total Responses: 6</b>			

• **If other, please describe:**







- rip it down, start new!
- Preserve Agricultural status
- encourage taxpayers with tax breaks to do it. Again stop taxpayer spending

**10) Regional Concerns**







**a) Below is a list of items that could require regional rather than one town's attention. Please check the 4 options that are most important to you.**

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(Each Respondent could choose **ANY** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Regional Development	44		41%
Regional Traffic	33		31%
Pollution	42		39%
Public Transportation	32		30%
Public Safety	34		32%
Natural Resources	65		61%



Solid Waste Disposal	26		24%
Water Bodies	70		65%
Air Quality	27		25%
Hazardous Waste Program	40		37%
Other (please specify)	3		3%
<b>Total Responses: 107</b>			

- **Other (please specify)**






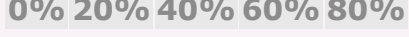
- Public health, public education
- reduce light pollution
- Should be held twice a year - hazardous waste program

### 11) Community Designs

a) Please check the level of importance that the town should give to the following future building projects:






- **Fire Station**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Very Important	17		16%
Somewhat Important	35		32%
Not Very Important	26		24%
Not at all Important	18		17%
No Opinion	12		11%
<b>Total Responses: 108</b>			

- **Municipal Offices**






(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Very Important	9		8%
Somewhat Important	28		26%
Not Very Important	38		36%
Not at all Important	20		19%
No Opinion	11		10%

<b>Total Responses: 106</b>	0% 20% 40% 60% 80%
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• **Library**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Very Important	25		24%
Somewhat Important	36		34%
Not Very Important	21		20%
Not at all Important	15		14%
No Opinion	9		8%
<b>Total Responses: 106</b>		0% 20% 40% 60% 80%	






• **Police Station**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Very Important	14		13%
Somewhat Important	45		42%
Not Very Important	22		20%
Not at all Important	15		14%
No Opinion	12		11%
<b>Total Responses: 108</b>		0% 20% 40% 60% 80%	

• **Salt Shed**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Very Important	14		13%
Somewhat Important	25		23%
Not Very Important	26		24%
Not at all Important	21		20%
No Opinion	21		20%
<b>Total Responses: 107</b>		0% 20% 40% 60% 80%	

• **Transfer Station**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Very Important	19		18%
Somewhat Important	39		36%
Not Very Important	24		22%
Not at all Important	13		12%
No Opinion	13		12%
<b>Total Responses: 108</b>			

• **Recycling Facility**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Very Important	27		25%
Somewhat Important	39		36%
Not Very Important	22		20%
Not at all Important	10		9%
No Opinion	10		9%
<b>Total Responses: 108</b>			

• **Hazardous Waste Facility**




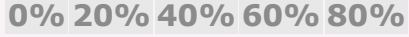
(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Very Important	16		15%
Somewhat Important	39		36%
Not Very Important	24		22%
Not at all Important	14		13%
No Opinion	14		13%
<b>Total Responses: 107</b>			

**b) For each item, please check one option:**




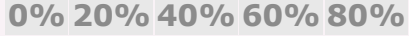
- **Fire Station**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Renovate	42		41%
Replace	11		11%
No Action	50		49%
<b>Total Responses: 103</b>			




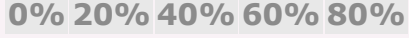
- **Municipal Office**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Renovate	41		40%
Replace	4		4%
No Action	58		56%
<b>Total Responses: 103</b>			




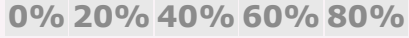
- **Library (Old Town Hall)**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Renovate	55		53%
Replace	7		7%
No Action	42		40%
<b>Total Responses: 104</b>			





- **Police Station**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Renovate	28		28%
Replace	24		24%
No Action	49		49%
<b>Total Responses: 101</b>			





- **Salt Shed**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Renovate	28		28%
Replace	13		13%
No Action	60		59%
<b>Total Responses: 101</b>			

- **Transfer Station**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)







Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Renovate	33		33%
Replace	4		4%
No Action	64		63%
<b>Total Responses: 101</b>			

## 12) Housing

**a) Please rank the importance of the following types of housing in Effingham over the next ten years:**


- **Single-family**





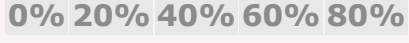
(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Very Important	61		58%
Somewhat Important	30		28%
Not Very Important	5		5%
Not at all Important	3		3%
No Opinion	7		7%
<b>Total Responses: 106</b>			

- **Two-family (duplex)**






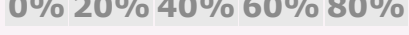
(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Very Important	20		19%

Somewhat Important	35		33%
Not Very Important	23		22%
Not at all Important	21		20%
No Opinion	7		7%
<b>Total Responses: 106</b>			







• **Multi-family (2+ units)**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Very Important	18		17%
Somewhat Important	26		24%
Not Very Important	27		25%
Not at all Important	28		26%
No Opinion	8		7%
<b>Total Responses: 107</b>			




• **Apartments**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Very Important	20		19%
Somewhat Important	31		29%
Not Very Important	26		24%
Not at all Important	25		23%
No Opinion	5		5%
<b>Total Responses: 107</b>			

• **Condominiums/Townhouses**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Very Important	16		15%
Somewhat Important	32		30%
Not Very Important	28		27%

Not at all Important	25		24%
No Opinion	4		4%
<b>Total Responses: 105</b>			

• **Manufactured Housing(Mobile Homes)**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Very Important	6		6%
Somewhat Important	24		23%
Not Very Important	26		25%
Not at all Important	39		38%
No Opinion	8		8%
<b>Total Responses: 103</b>			

• **Conservation Subdivision (homes on small lots land left as protected open space)**


(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Very Important	42		40%
Somewhat Important	25		24%
Not Very Important	14		13%
Not at all Important	15		14%
No Opinion	9		9%
<b>Total Responses: 105</b>			

• **Other**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Very Important	5		42%
Somewhat Important	1		8%
Not Very Important	0		0%
Not at all Important	0		0%

No Opinion	6		50%
<b>Total Responses: 12</b>		0% 20% 40% 60% 80%	




• **If other, please describe:**

- Give some town owned land to Habitat for Humanity to build on
- Allow for the possibility of co-housing
- This question is ambiguous. "Important to support" or "Important to discourage" I would discourage the development of multi-family and condominiums anywhere except the north side of Green Mountain on Route 25.
- apartments will just cost taxpayers more then they being in on taxes.
- Eliminate trailer clusters that are forming around town
- A great many existing homes are vacant or for sale, This does not indicate a need to expand housing!

**b) Please indicate your preference in the following housing based questions for the town of Effingham by checking yes, no, or no opinion:**




• **Need for Workforce Housing**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Yes	32		30%
No	58		55%
No Opinion	16		15%
<b>Total Responses: 106</b>		0% 20% 40% 60% 80%	


• **Need for Senior Housing**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)



Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Yes	63		58%
No	32		30%
No Opinion	13		12%
<b>Total Responses: 108</b>		0% 20% 40% 60% 80%	

• **Need for Low-Income Housing**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)




Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Yes	45		42%



No	47		44%
No Opinion	14		13%
<b>Total Responses: 106</b>		<b>0% 20% 40% 60% 80%</b>	




• **Housing restrictions in Historic District**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Yes	59		56%
No	28		26%
No Opinion	19		18%
<b>Total Responses: 106</b>		<b>0% 20% 40% 60% 80%</b>	




• **Need for Building Inspections**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Yes	58		54%
No	37		35%
No Opinion	12		11%
<b>Total Responses: 107</b>		<b>0% 20% 40% 60% 80%</b>	



• **Favor Seasonal Campgrounds**


(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Yes	45		43%
No	42		40%
No Opinion	18		17%
<b>Total Responses: 105</b>		<b>0% 20% 40% 60% 80%</b>	

• **Favor Housing Developments**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Yes	29		27%
No	63		59%

No Opinion	14		13%
<b>Total Responses: 106</b>		0% 20% 40% 60% 80%	

**• Do you believe the Town lands are properly zoned?  
If not, what needs changing?**

- yes
- yes
- zoning is pretty general - mostly one type
- More commercial zoning
- expand opportunity though expanded special exceptions
- yes
- yes
- yes
- yes
- Yes
- lots incorrectly deemed as wetland
- yes
- Yes.
- yes - properly zoned
- the lake needs help with loosening the laws to allow property owners to maintain their highly taxed property
- favor conservation subdivision
- If Housing developments are truly deemed important to support a growing population, a conservation approach would be favorable to limit the impact to open space. This does require very specific zoning ordinances and planning with a long range plan. In this case, a ten year plan is in my opinion too short. consider a 15 - 20 year plan.
- yes
- Yes
- No
- is there an on-line zoning map?
- Realistic reqs. Not ones that tend to try to make owners bring their property up to current regulations.
- establish flood elevation levels
- Yes
- It is too strictly, micromanaged.
- yes
- No
- too much zoning poorly enforced
- yes
- Pretty good as is.
- do not know







- Overly Zoned, needs more diverse tax-base
- yes
- No, zoning for residential business and zoning for light commercial
- Commercial zones established - do not mix commercial with private homes
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes
- yes
- I need more background on this.
- no opinion
- Get rid of the Green Mountain Hunting range. Unsafe!
- **Other, please describe:**
- Regulate the amount of clutter that residents are allowed to have/sell/display in front of there homes
- Zoning regulations are too strict
- Be more realistic about some of the zoning requests.
- Make zoning less strict
- Conservation subdivisions

### 13) Town Services

#### a) Should the town pursue/expand the following services:





- **Full-Time Code Enforcement Officer**


(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Strongly Agree	13		12%
Somewhat Agree	30		28%
Somewhat Disagree	24		22%
Strongly Disagree	30		28%
No Opinion	11		10%
<b>Total Responses: 108</b>			

- **Licenses And Fees For Zoning Permits**






(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Strongly Agree	18		17%
Somewhat Agree	35		33%
Somewhat Disagree	16		15%
Strongly Disagree	25		23%

No Opinion	13		12%
<b>Total Responses: 107</b>		<b>0% 20% 40% 60% 80%</b>	






• **Full-Time Town Administrator**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Strongly Agree	10		9%
Somewhat Agree	21		19%
Somewhat Disagree	25		23%
Strongly Disagree	40		37%
No Opinion	12		11%
<b>Total Responses: 108</b>		<b>0% 20% 40% 60% 80%</b>	






• **Capital Improvement Plan & Reserve**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Strongly Agree	29		28%
Somewhat Agree	43		41%
Somewhat Disagree	10		10%
Strongly Disagree	11		10%
No Opinion	12		11%
<b>Total Responses: 105</b>		<b>0% 20% 40% 60% 80%</b>	







• **Pay-As-You-Throw Trash Pick-Up Service**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Strongly Agree	12		11%
Somewhat Agree	13		12%
Somewhat Disagree	26		24%
Strongly Disagree	45		42%
No Opinion	11		10%
<b>Total Responses: 107</b>		<b>0% 20% 40% 60% 80%</b>	






• **Accept Private Roads As Public Roads**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Strongly Agree	19		18%
Somewhat Agree	14		13%
Somewhat Disagree	17		16%
Strongly Disagree	44		41%
No Opinion	14		13%
<b>Total Responses: 108</b>			

• **Other**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Strongly Agree	3		30%
Somewhat Agree	0		0%
Somewhat Disagree	1		10%
Strongly Disagree	1		10%
No Opinion	5		50%
<b>Total Responses: 10</b>			

• **If other, please describe:**



- conservation of capital assets
- Town plowing on private roads for fee
- LOWER TAXES
- Stop spending




**14) Energy**

**a) Please rank the level of importance for the following energy related items that you believe should be supported by the town of Effingham:**

• **Wind Farms**







(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Very Important	44		41%
Somewhat Important	39		36%

Not Very Important	13		12%
Not at all Important	12		11%
No Opinion	0		0%
<b>Total Responses: 108</b>			







• **Solar Energy**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Very Important	63		59%
Somewhat Important	30		28%
Not Very Important	8		7%
Not at all Important	5		5%
No Opinion	1		1%
<b>Total Responses: 107</b>			





• **Geothermal Energy**


(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Very Important	44		42%
Somewhat Important	32		31%
Not Very Important	12		12%
Not at all Important	9		9%
No Opinion	7		7%
<b>Total Responses: 104</b>			

• **Tax Incentives for Energy Conservation Upgrades**



(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Very Important	68		63%
Somewhat Important	28		26%
Not Very Important	2		2%
Not at all Important	7		6%

No Opinion	3		3%
<b>Total Responses: 108</b>		0% 20% 40% 60% 80%	

• **Other**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Very Important	6		60%
Somewhat Important	0		0%
Not Very Important	0		0%
Not at all Important	0		0%
No Opinion	4		40%
<b>Total Responses: 10</b>		0% 20% 40% 60% 80%	

• **If other, please describe:**

- Include in town renovations as well
- winds are too inconsistent for effective wind farms and would ruin landscape.
- Wind if non-blade (vertical, semi-enclosed)
- conservation of older homes, barns
- There are Federal tax incentives offered for investments in sustainable energy improvements. Provide sound advice or exposure to educational links for this purpose. If unknown, please, ask for help.
- Heating Town buildings with waste oil
- While I support wind farms, I would not want to see a large tract of land denuded to put in a wind farm.
- Education
- Hydro
- Location important - raptors bird migration routes, etc., must be considered

**Conclusion**

**a) If you were to identify one vision for Effingham, what would it be?**

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- Maintain it friendly nature with good schools, transparent government, and protected natural resources.
- A better balance of residences and businesses to relieve some of the tax burden, and create a stronger sense of community.
- increase the tax base to reduce property taxes on individuals
- Think Provence, France.  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Provence#Extent\\_and\\_geography](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Provence#Extent_and_geography)
- A rural haven with a strong historic character recognized by the state and national

governments.

- I would like to see decisions that would make Effingham a great place to live with nearby recreation opportunities and commute to other areas better set up for commerce/industry. We would rather have a dirt road than a factory nearby.
- An affordable place to live and WORK. Less people live here now than when it was founded. Zero opportunity.
- Increase business opportunities and Establish cluster housing with access to pharmacies/groceries
- Maintain rural character, but with good regional access to shopping and commercial services.
- Small rural town welcoming to sustainable, "green" agricultural and home based businesses. Support of public gathering areas for recreation, social, and cultural/intellectual development. Fostering a physical and cultural environment of dignity and respect for all creatures from the smallest element through the frailest and strongest human.
- Measured growth supporting clean, light commercial development such as technology.
- Affordable housing, especially for seniors
- Preserving our natural resources and open spaces. Keeping our beautiful night sky free from light pollution. Preserving habitats for our wild animal co-inhabitants.
- Incorporate reasonable land use regulations into the Zoning Ordinance which will protect the rural character of the town - in other words - keep your unsightly junk out of sight!
- moving into the future with a strong plan to do right by the residents of Effingham. With energy conservation, recycling and growth without losing the nature aspect of this beautiful town.
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- Less Whining more doing
- No Comment as I only visit once in a great while.
- family orientated
- Effingham to maintain its rural character.
- Only the tax rate has changed in decades.
- We do need businesses into Effingham to ease the tax burden on the private sector, but with control.
- a town where historic architecture is well preserved, open space is valued, and a small town attitude and personality are cherished.
- To stay the way it is.
- Most important I think would be to find a way to ease the tax burden on tax paying home owners so we can afford to stay in the town of Effingham.
- a more integrated community with more people working cooperatively for the betterment of the town - more board involvement and more people running for elected positions.
- To promote the sustainable relocation of Effingham's and the region's



economy while protecting rural character and natural resources.

- To re-evaluate the tax burden placed upon the waterfront community, it is way over our neighboring towns tax base (wakefield) The restrictions along with a high tax are causing a decay in the housing along the water.
- Rural community supported with local agriculture, village districts that were more densely populated and thriving and open forest blocks of managed timber
- I like the way Effingham is, that`s why I bought land there and plan to live there soon. Please don`t change a thing.
- rural character
- Plan wisely for expansion as it will occur but do not sell off the character and beauty of this incredible natural resource for the sake of progress or riches. Effingham touches the soul and is a respite from a fast paced and often selfish world. Year round residents are true pioneers and should be commended for their perseverance and strength of character.
- Keep as rural as possible
- Rural beauty
- Keep it rural/agriculture.
- MORE BUSINESSES !!!!
- Effingham should be a place where people can enjoy their life and pursue their own objectives on their own property without being micromanaged by the town.
- A small quaint historic corner of New Hampshire that remains unspoiled by over development and greed.
- Keeping the town character as it was in the 50's and 60's Less regulation with micro management in mind.
- To keep the small town feel and not become another over taxed massachusetts town.
- Clean up the towns reputation of being a trash pit. This is the most important statement I have made as it is effecting housing at all levels.
- Develop community based senior housing that encourages cluster development of homes that add to the tax base. The creation of a business park and tax incentives within an existing corridor that has 3 phase power.
- Retain rural and historic character.
- Save the unfragmented open space
- to encourage and invite some businesses
- To grow while still maintaining the rural, small town character it has.
- maintain the LIVE FREE OR DIE spirit
- Creations of 1 bedroom attached rental units for currently single family homes..requisit eptic etc...
- A community where people can pursue their business, hobby or interest without being micro managed by the town,
- maintain historic features, conserve land, forest, water resources, cluster development
- I would like to see Effingham become a town that my children would like to live in and raise their children and so on. It seems that so many of our youth are going off to college, military, jobs, etc. and not returning. A recreation facility, better

transportation and more employment options would be a great start!





- MORE BUSINESSES, LOWER TAXES
- Village atmosphere with lots of cottage industry.
- Protect natural resources while addressing needs of citizens - towards a rural, not suburban lifestyle.
- Small rural town with mix of light commercial and industrial or cottage industries. With industrial development set so as to be invisible to passersby.
- retain its small town identity while using modern facilities
- Attract young families
- Get a cell tower on Green Mtn
- Nothing. I love it just the way it is
- To stay pretty much the same. Maintain quality of life. Keep thing simple.
- a "town center" so to speak
- To remain a small rural community where services are few and neighbors help you out.
- Preserve open space, discourage all development.
- Reduce the effort to grow. Reduce property taxes. Keep the four ladies in the town office. Keep the transfer station as is. Every other position and all other expenses should be reviewed for downsizing or elimination.
- no opinion
- Green community

- **More business and reduced taxes.**

**b) Do you wish to see the town of Effingham maintain its rural character?**

- **Select one of the following**

(Each Respondent could choose only **ONE** of the following options:)

Response	Total	% of Total Respondents	%
Yes	44		42%
No	10		10%
If yes, write your definition of rural character.	51		49%
<b>Total Responses: 105</b>			

- **If yes, write your definition of rural character.**
- open lands, no large developments
- off the beaten path
- as it is now
- Family owned farms, stores, and homes

- No or little commercial and industrial development
- development that is mindful of open space
- Low population density, forested, limited commercial development, but with good communication and transportation services.
- Small New Hampshire character respectful of its flora, fauna, and human inhabitants. Supportive of the conservation and protection of its environment. Nurturing the next generation to develop opportunities for itself to live in harmony with dignity and respect for all.
- no heavy industry, factories, malls etc.
- agricultural fields, quiet country roads, few street lights.
- Open fields, mostly wooded with some housing and business development
- as above
- Junk storage not visible from roadway
- beauty of nature
- beauty of nature
- To me rural means clusters of mixed use buildings next to generous open spaces. Light industry and retail operations - a small business district to be included. No strip malls or big box stores.
- Freedom to have a junk car or two and be left alone by the neighbors
- not densely populated, containing working farms and cottage industry
- boonies
- To limit the growth of housing and business.
- Remain as pristine as possible with easier travel and telecommunications access
- mountain, swamp and
- No industry, low traffic, no large chain store buildings, peace and quiet, large lots, wildlife, water, air and land protection, no development of Green Mountain, better control of hunters out-of-season.
- farms, open spaces, places to hike, etc
- Plenty of open space, clean air and water, dark skies, strong sense of community and reciprocity, slow pace of life, agriculture, self-reliance, politeness, small and reasonable dwellings, localized economy, powered by renewable resources.
- I like it the way it is
- No heavy Industry
- Yes, But we need JOBS in this town. Keep the Businesses back from the road and put some tree in front of them.
- Rural character is the variety and diversity created when people are allowed to live as they wish, without being micromanaged by suburban/urban rules and regulations.
- The agricultural history of the town with small self sustaining farms and related products such as maple syrup, beverages, cider etc etc. along with animal husbandry and supporting local businesses
- open space, wildlife habitat, unobtrusive or agricultural/silvicultural businesses
- low population, wildlife, undeveloped spaces
- More farm land reopened/reclaimed.

- We're on Province Lake several weeks a year, and happy with its' present character, but realize some changes may be needed by residents.
- As Is!
- Preserve historic aspects, limit development
- least human encroachment evident
- well planned, well designed growth for the future
- Farm based community
- open space or forest, agriculture, low development
- See a).
- Basic services, but acceptance that some inconvenience results from not having all services at hand; low impact, self directed recreation
- Open space, lakes, water, trees, mountains
- Tight knit community
- Country life, a town not a big city.
- clean, undeveloped area, views, natural resources, agriculture, architectural charm, curb appeal
- Few people, little business, no industry.
- Many people look for the Quaint small town like Effingham. Once a community grows into a Wakefield or an Ossipee, you can never go back!
- The way that it is. Only with less people!