

ATKINSON AHEAD

A Master Plan for the Future

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Above: Woodlock Recreation Area
Source: Atkinson Recreation Facebook Page

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INTRODUCTION

*Sawmill Swamp
Source: Atkinson Conservation Facebook Page
Credit to Rick Stevenson*



What is a Master Plan?

Atkinson’s Master Plan serves as the town’s long-range policy document. The Plan will guide land use, regulatory changes, infrastructure investments, resource protection, and other non-regulatory initiatives in town over the next 10+ years. Though not a regulatory document, without a Master Plan, Atkinson would not be able to enact the zoning ordinance and land use regulations that are utilized daily to guide and regulate development activity.

This Plan provides a big picture view of where the community is today, a vision for where Atkinson wants to be in the future, and collaborative actions to work on over the next decade to achieve that vision. It provides guidance to local officials making decisions on budgets, ordinances, capital improvements, zoning and subdivision matters, and other development related issues.

Atkinson has a long legacy of master planning.

The State of New Hampshire authorizes municipalities to maintain a regularly updated master plan (RSA 674:2) to guide future growth, land use, and development. The town adopted its first Master Plan in 1980, and underwent three comprehensive updates in 1990, 1998, and 2015. Each of these documents provided historical context that informed the creation of the 2024 Master Plan, and are included in the reference list in the Appendix of this Plan.

Although led by the Town, the Master Plan will be implemented by many partners in the community. To achieve the vision, collaboration among Town staff, local officials, community partners, local businesses, developers, property owners, residents, regional organizations, state agencies, and others is necessary. Together, this will build the momentum needed to accomplish the projects that will help Atkinson remain a vibrant and appealing place to live.

A Snapshot of Atkinson



Location and Appeal

Atkinson is a semi-rural, commuter community located in Rockingham County in southern New Hampshire with a population of 7,321 as of 2022. It is bordered by Haverhill, Massachusetts, and Plaistow, Hampstead, Derry and Salem, New Hampshire. It is a total area of 11.4 square miles. Atkinson is desirable for many reasons, including its proximity to the I-495 and I-93 corridors to Boston, both known for jobs in high tech, defense, healthcare, and other related industries. The town offers a quaint, New England feel while being close to retail, restaurants, and services. Its location also offers easy access to the Seacoast, the White Mountains, state parks, rail trails, and a myriad of outdoor, year-round activities.

Rural Residential Character

Atkinson is primarily a residential community and residents would like this to remain true in the future. 52% of Atkinson's land area is currently utilized for residential uses. Atkinson also has diverse natural resources and open spaces throughout the community due to its long-standing commitment to preserving the natural and rural aspects of the town. Protected open space accounts for 21% of Atkinson's land area. While predominantly residential, the northwest and southeast areas of the town also feature concentrated commercial development, comprising retail, services, and light manufacturing. This strategic placement is intended to protect the surrounding rural areas.



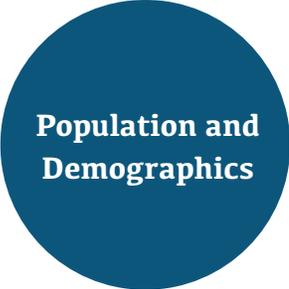
**Concerns
Related to
Growth and Loss
of Character**

In recent years, Atkinson has experienced growth due to its proximity to major employment centers and easy access to the metropolitan Boston region. Atkinson's population has steadily increased each decade since the 1980's, and is projected to continue slowly increasing through 2030 to a population of 7,653. Land values have increased dramatically in recent years. There is concern by residents about the impact of population growth and increased development on the town's municipal services and facilities, conservation interests, and the quality and quantity of the town's water resources.



**Small
Town
Identity**

The community is known for its small town identity and historic charm. Atkinson's winding Main Street has been adopted as one of New Hampshire's scenic byways. The community is also home to Atkinson Academy, the oldest standing co-educational school in the United States, the Kimball House Museum, and hosts many community events that celebrate Atkinson's heritage. The town has an active Public Library and a Community Center, which serve as important gathering places, offering rich programs and activities for residents to enjoy. Frequent and varied community events reinforce Atkinson's sense of place and unique culture, while giving an opportunity for community members to connect and build neighborly relationships with each other. This increases social capital in Atkinson, which is critical for ensuring the town remains a vibrant, tight-knit community.



**Population and
Demographics**

Atkinson is an aging community. About 43% of the population is 55 years old or older. Older adults, which represent a significant proportion of the population in town, should be able to live and remain living in the community as they age. There has also been a decline in residents that are considered to be in the "family-forming" age cohort (25-44 years old), which now comprise only 15% of Atkinson's total population. Young families should have opportunities to move to and/or stay in Atkinson, and be able to purchase homes. Becoming a more multi-generational community can be supported by ensuring high-quality community facilities and services, promoting a diversity of housing opportunities, preserving cultural resources and recreation opportunities, and providing access to public spaces and natural lands.

The Creation of this Master Plan

Atkinson's Master Plan was informed by a comprehensive analysis of existing conditions within the community, the creation of a new vision statement, and the development of goals, objectives, and actions for the town to implement over the next 10 - 15 years. The Existing Conditions Analysis Report documents all current conditions, trends, and data related to Atkinson today and is included as an Appendix to this Master Plan. The Master Plan was also created with input from the public to ensure it best reflects the community's priorities, needs, and desires for the future. The vision and other plan elements of this document were informed by community members through robust public engagement throughout the planning process. The Outreach and Engagement Report compiles all of the public feedback provided for the creation of this Master Plan, and includes a summary of all outreach activities completed. It is included in the Appendix of this Master Plan. The major phases completed in the master planning process are summarized below:

Phase 1: Who is Atkinson Today?

- Analyzed existing conditions in town
- Assessed data, maps, and trends

- Developed baseline report that documents where Atkinson is today

Phase 2: What's Next Atkinson?

- Solicited input from Atkinson residents through diverse mechanisms including:
 - Two community forum events
 - Multi-media promotion
 - A Housing Focus Group Session
 - A Recreation Focus Group Session
 - A Water Resource Committee Focus Group Session
 - A meeting with elementary school students
 - A town-wide mailer to recruit community participation

Phase 3: How Will Atkinson Get There?

- Developed a report cataloging all feedback received
- Articulated a vision and goals for the future
- Identified a future land use strategy to guide future land use decision making
- Crafted actions to achieve the vision and goals
- Created the final Master Plan document

How the Plan is Organized

The major components of Atkinson's Master Plan include the following:

- **A Vision Statement (pg. 7)**, which paints a picture of Atkinson's future and will guide implementation.
- **Goals and Objectives (pg. 8)**, which are meant to be more specific targets and initiatives for the town to work towards while implementing the vision and future land use strategy.
- **A Future Land Use Strategy (pg. 10)**, which states the desired future land uses and development pattern that the town will work towards by implementing regulatory and non-regulatory strategies.

- **Key Themes**, which are used to highlight the big focus areas that Atkinson's future work is centered around. These themes include:

- **COMMUNITY (PG. 14)**
- **LAND AND WATER PROTECTION (PG.25)**
- **TOWN FACILITIES AND SERVICES (PG. 38)**

- **Implementation Actions (pg. 50)**, which are specific actions the town can take to achieve its vision, goals, and objectives



Community Priorities

The identified community priorities informed the creation of the Atkinson Master Plan. During the public outreach phase of this project, community members were asked how they wanted Atkinson to look and feel ten years from now. Community members said:

- Retain Atkinson's **small-town, rural feel** by protecting open space throughout the community.
- Locate any additional commercial development, with a desire for **smaller, local businesses**, near Route 111 and Route 121 where this type of development already exists.
- Maintain and improve **town facilities**.
- Create more **trails and bike paths** connecting areas of town.
- Create more **recreational areas and flexible spaces** for community event programming.

A Vision for 2035



Atkinson's vision beyond the next decade was informed by extensive community feedback. The resulting Vision Statement presented in this Plan highlights the desired qualities and characteristics Atkinson wishes to retain in the future.

Atkinson's vision is to retain its rural residential character and historic resources, protect natural resources, encourage a diversity of housing opportunities, and provide or ensure basic services, infrastructure, and amenities that serve the greater community and support the health, safety, well-being, and quality of life of its residents.

Atkinson strives to recognize and balance the competing needs of resources, funding, demographics, environmental impact, and community desires through wise resource planning, strategic planning, governance, and community engagement.

Goals and Objectives

Atkinson identified key goals and objectives of this Master Plan, which give more direction, guidance, and coordination to what the town will focus on over time to achieve its vision.

Goal 1. Remain a primarily residential community and retain its rural character.

Atkinson is a predominantly residential community and wishes to stay primarily residential. Economic growth and commercial development will be limited and directed strategically.

Objective 1.1: Allow for balanced growth and diversity of housing opportunities.

Objective 1.2: Maintain a primarily residential development pattern and environment through zoning, land use standards, and innovative land use controls.

Objective 1.3: Look for opportunities in commercial districts to allow for community-desired businesses or services that may not be well suited in residential areas.

Goal 2. Continue to strategically evaluate conservation opportunities in Atkinson to protect the town's natural resources and rural character.

Protected open space preserves the quality of wildlife habitat, clean water, and the small town feel of the community.

Objective 2.1: Utilize the 2022 Land Conservation Plan, prepared by the Rockingham Planning Commission (RPC) in collaboration with the Atkinson Conservation Commission, which identifies several locations in Atkinson

for priority conservation based on a co-occurrence analysis to inform evaluation and decisions of future conservation opportunities.

Goal 3. Protect the quality of Atkinson's surface and groundwater resources.

Access to a clean, safe, and reliable supply of drinking water is essential to the health of all residents and wildlife. To safeguard the well-being of current and future residents, and to protect land values, Atkinson should proactively protect this natural resource and its impact on surrounding communities.

Objective 3.1: Maintain a development density that will allow for individual sewage disposal systems without the need for public sewage treatment.

Objective 3.2: Provide for continued measures that allow densities and regulations that address soil conditions and keep individual water supplies and sewage disposal systems efficient and without groundwater or surface water pollution.

Objective 3.3: Continue careful identification of land uses and their interrelationship and coordination with soil types. Prevent future adverse groundwater impacts through planning, management, education, monitoring, and funding.

Objective 3.4: Continue to participate in the MS4 Stormwater Management Program and evaluate whether to expand monitoring of surface water.

Goal 4. Plan for municipal facility needs and infrastructure; including maintenance, upgrades, repairs, renovations, replacement, and land investment.

Part of the duties of local government are focused on stewardship of financial resources and planning for the future. Investments should be carefully planned to stabilize tax rates and to help avoid unanticipated large expenses.

Objective 4.1: Strategically coordinate capital investments and maintenance of municipal facilities to ensure Atkinson is proactively addressing facility needs.

Objective 4.2: Consider how investments are funded and the impact on property taxes and seek diverse funding avenues to offset potential impacts.

Objective 4.3: Assess if there is a need to improve walkability, bikeability, pedestrian access and safety, and traffic calming measures in key areas.

Objective 4.4: Engage the community in planning for longer term investments.

Goal 5. Recognize, support and encourage the interconnectedness and sense of community throughout Atkinson by continuing to provide recreational, cultural, historic, civic and social opportunities to grow community engagement.

Strong social networks strengthen community ties and are vital to solving the challenges of the future. Prioritizing this goal through availability of indoor and outdoor space and municipal facilities, supporting volunteerism, and better involving residents in local decision making processes, will make Atkinson's future richer and more resilient.

Objective 5.1: Establish a long range recreational, open space, and community facilities plan to be considered in the town's planning and capital improvement plan.

Objective 5.2: Explore greater connectedness between town government and local community groups.

Goal 6. Use the Master Plan to Guide the Town.

Use the Master Plan as a strategic guide for town departments, elected officials, and residents to ensure that short and long-term activities are consistent and inherently connected to the implementation of the Master Plan. To be effective, Atkinson should engage in a collaborative effort that includes local officials, boards, committees, commissions, and community members to implement and continuously assess and improve the Plan's actions and the town's response.

Objective 6.1: Establish an annual cross-functional review and update of the Master Plan's Implementation Actions.

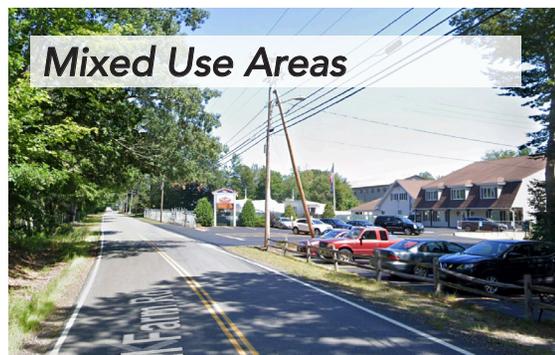
Objective 6.2: Encourage the adoption by policy and implementation of a 3-5 year mid-term planning process.

Objective 6.3: Use the Master Plan as a roadmap for department managers and Town officials to refer to when planning for Town services and service levels, capital improvements, and investments.

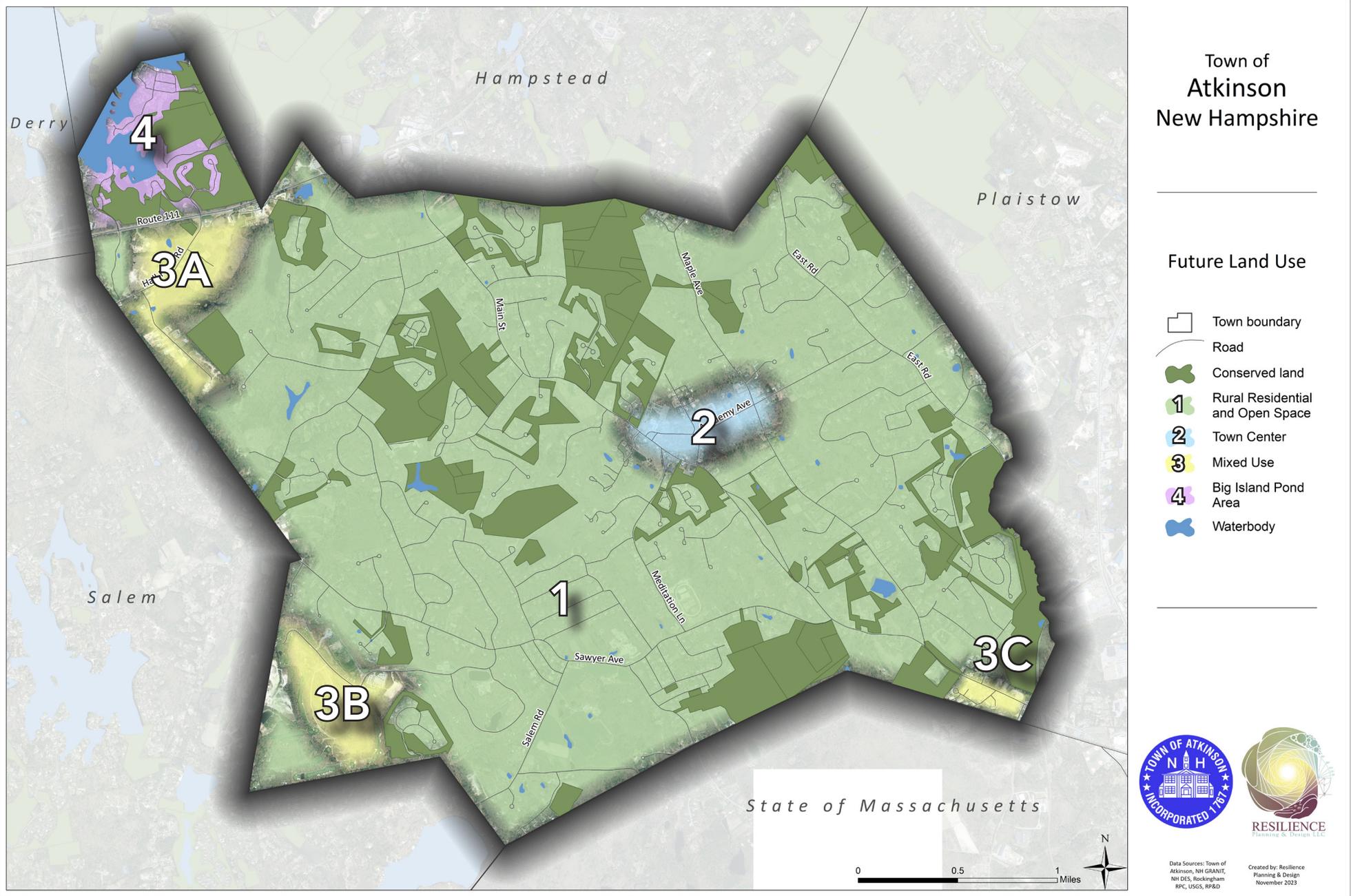
A Future Land Use Strategy

The future land use strategy provides a broad spatial overview of how land use, new development, infrastructure investment, and resource protection will be guided in distinct areas of the community over the next ten to fifteen years.

It represents the desired future land use pattern the town is committed to working towards through regulatory and non-regulatory actions. This strategy is not meant to provide parcel-specific direction, but instead offer a big-picture vision for how and where development should be guided, broadly, in the community. The site level implementation efforts in each area of town should consider the suitability of soils, septic capacity, and potential impacts to water resources.



Map 1: Future Land Use Map



Future Land Use Areas

1. RURAL RESIDENTIAL AND OPEN SPACE

When directing land use activity, including conservation and development, the town will continue to promote a rural residential land use pattern. The Rural Residential and Open Space area, which represents the largest area in town, currently consists of mostly low-density residential development, cluster residential development with protected open spaces, conservation properties and public trail systems, a limited amount of undeveloped land, a network of streams and rivers, and numerous scenic vistas.

This area of town should continue to limit allowable uses and promote a rural development pattern to ensure the rural character of the community is protected. Outdoor recreation should be maintained and expanded where appropriate. Incompatible land use activities should be discouraged in this area of town to protect its rural-residential character. Diverse housing alternatives that are compatible

with this more rural land use pattern (such as accessory dwelling units and cluster housing) should continue to be accommodated and promoted. Barriers should be identified and reduced to address Atkinson's housing needs in a way that is aligned with the town's vision for future land use.

2. TOWN CENTER

The Town Center is the anchor of the community and will continue to serve as the hub of civic and cultural activity. The distinct historic character and number of institutional uses within the Town Center set it apart from other areas in town.

Located on NH 121/Main Street (which is a part of Atkinson's Old Stagecoach Scenic Byway designation) and Academy Avenue, this area is frequently visited by residents. It includes the Atkinson Academy, the Town Offices, the Fire Department, Atkinson Cemetery, the Atkinson Village Store, the Dow Common, Kimball Library, and the Kimball House. The Town

Center area is surrounded by residential development and wooded areas. It feels like the center of a traditional New England community, with important town buildings centered around common green spaces.

Preservation and enhancement of existing civic and institutional uses, protection of the town's historic and cultural resources, consideration of pedestrian and bicycle safety, and utilizing public space for community events are key priorities for future land use in this area of town.

3. MIXED USE AREAS

Atkinson's three mixed-use areas in town will continue to be locations where non-residential development is strategically directed and could be places where future housing alternatives are encouraged. Currently, these areas include different combinations of residential, sports and recreation, institutional, commercial, and light industrial uses.

AREA 3A. This mixed use area includes the southern side of Route 111, Hall Farm Road, Commerce Drive, and Industrial Way. This is Atkinson’s primary commercial and industrial development area that extends into the neighboring communities of Hampstead and Salem, and currently includes a mix of commercial development and light industrial development.

It is also surrounded by undeveloped open space that serves as a visual buffer and contributes to the open space network in town. This area currently includes a gas station, construction companies, a propane supplier, light manufacturing activity, a screen printing company, storage facilities, an auto repair company, and an equipment rental company.

AREA 3B. This mixed use area includes the Atkinson Resort and Country Club and associated grounds and facilities, and Atkinson Heights, a 55+ condominium development.

AREA 3C. This mixed use area includes the southwestern portion of Route 121/Main Street and consists of the Community Center, the Post Office, Atkinson Apartments, professional/office space, single-family residences, and some retail.

Each of these areas will continue to accommodate a mix of uses. This includes light industrial activity (in Area 3A), small-scale commercial development (which was indicated by residents as being desirable), and professional/office space. These mixed use areas may also provide locations for some additional housing development, including housing alternatives, such as duplexes.

In these areas, development standards and best management practices should encourage the preservation of the town’s rural character, proper management of stormwater, preservation of tree canopy, and protection of water quality, and the quality of nearby natural resources. Regulatory tools should be utilized to limit the number of driveways and sprawl, and ensure the safety and capacity of major roadways.

4. BIG ISLAND POND AREA

Big Island Pond, which is located in Atkinson as well Derry and Hampstead, is the largest waterbody in town. This area is easily distinguished by its unique natural resources, the pond and conservation land, and dense residential neighborhoods. These neighbors, former “groves”, were once seasonal cottages that over time most of which have been converted to year-round homes. The infrastructure in this region predates current town specifications. Also, parcel changes typically require approval from the Atkinson Zoning Board of Adjustment due to misalignment with current zoning ordinances.

Future land use in this area must reconcile development intents with the protection of the shoreland and water quality as well as promote the stewardship of the protected lands. The situations that present challenges in this area of Atkinson are distinctive. The town does have the ability to collaborate with the Big Island Pond Corporation as well as NHDES to ensure that natural resources are not harmed by future land use initiatives.

Community

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Community is about people and place. Atkinson's residents create community in their interactions with each other, their relationships, how they work together, and where they socialize. Atkinson's community character shapes the town's identity as a distinct place. As Atkinson guides future land use and development, its rural, small-town characteristics will be preserved as some of the community's greatest assets.

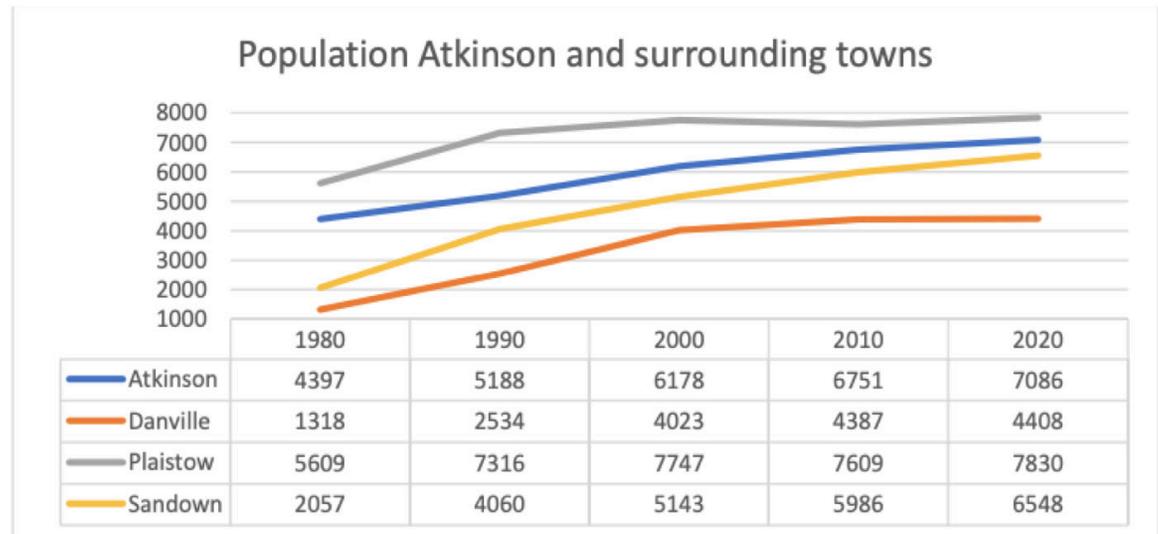


Above: Atkinson's Summer Concert Series

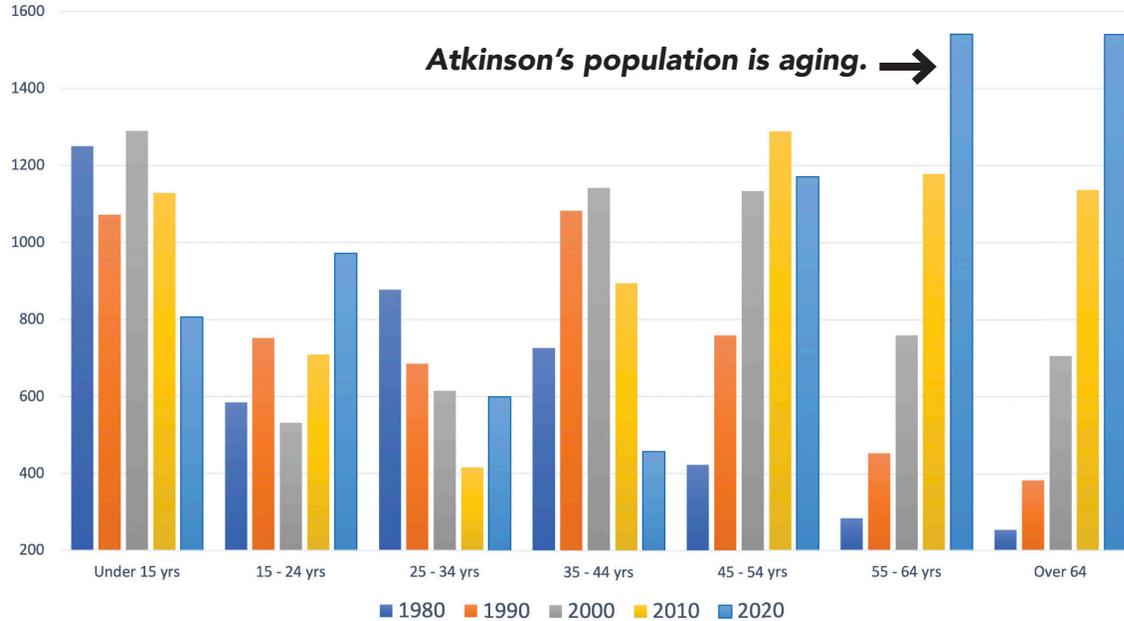
Atkinson's Demographics

Demographics influence community composition and illustrates the distribution of who lives in Atkinson.

In 2022, the town's population was 7,321 and it is projected to continue slowly increasing through 2030 to a population of 7,653. The graph on the right shows how Atkinson's population has changed over time in comparison to neighboring communities.



POPULATION TREND BY AGE



land use standards, and innovative land use controls. Access to housing options for a range of current and potential residents remains an important issue for Atkinson to address.

While Atkinson strives to remain largely residential, it is also important to understand how well the existing housing supply is serving the community and acknowledge how housing needs are changing. Housing needs have become a critical issue in Atkinson, and throughout New Hampshire, as demographics have shifted, housing costs have increased, and the housing market has tightened. The result is a lack of available housing units and limited options to remain in the community as a person’s housing needs change. This is an issue that impacts all age groups regardless of the desire to purchase or rent a home.

Atkinson’s Existing Housing Supply

There are a total of 3,072 housing units in town. Ninety-four percent (94%) of these are single-family homes and the remaining 6% are multi-family units.

Over the years, Atkinson’s population has been aging. As of 2021, the average median age of Atkinson residents was 52 years old. The median age for the state of New Hampshire is 43 years old and the median age in Rockingham County is 45 years old. In Atkinson, about 22% of its residents are currently 64 years or older, making up nearly a quarter of the population. Additionally, the number of residents in the “family forming cohort” (25-44 years old) is now only 15% of the population in Atkinson. This is lower

than the state’s average at 25%. To create a more multi-generational community in the future, the town must ensure there are opportunities for individuals of diverse ages, incomes, and demographics to be able to live and/or stay in Atkinson.

Atkinson’s Housing

A central goal of this Master Plan is for Atkinson to remain a primarily residential community, and to retain its rural character through zoning,

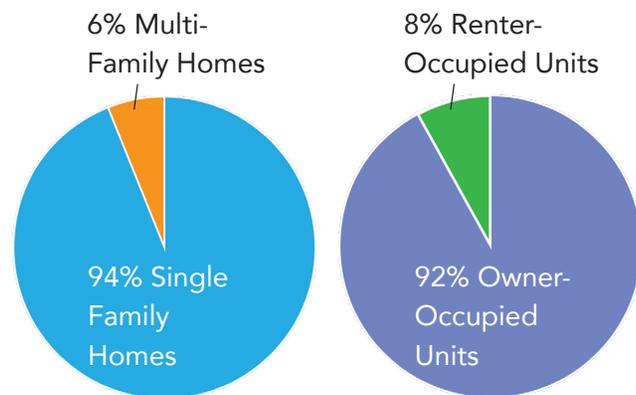
The majority of the housing in Atkinson are owner-occupied homes representing 92% of the total housing stock. Eight percent (8%) of housing units in town are renter-occupied. There is an apartment complex on Route 121 known as Atkinson Apartments, which consists of 10 buildings with a total of 178 one-bedroom units. There are also two age-restricted housing developments in town. These include Settler’s Ridge Apartments, located on Pope Road, and Atkinson Heights Condominiums, located near the Atkinson Resort and Country Club. Settlers Ridge consists of 3 buildings with 20 one-bedroom units and 6 two-bedroom units, available for renters. Atkinson Condominiums provides market rate condo units and is still under construction. Two buildings

have been completed and construction has begun on the third. It is projected that it will take ten years for all the units within Atkinson Heights to be completed. Both accommodate adults age 55+, and have wait lists due to high demand.

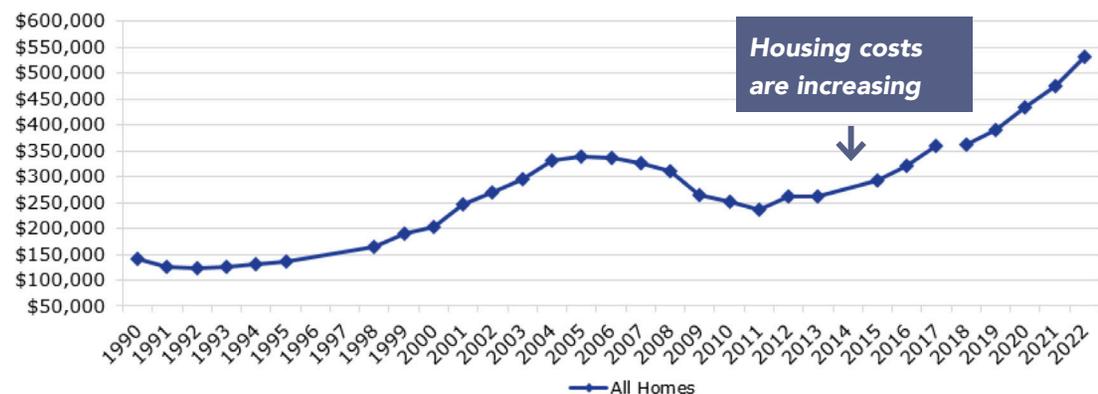
square feet. In recent years, there has been interest from local buyers in properties with accessory dwelling units as they allow for multi-generational housing or rental income. Currently, there are 58 homes with an approved accessory dwelling units.

Atkinson approved its first “in-law” apartment in the early 1980s. Throughout the years, the Zoning Ordinance has allowed efficiency apartments, called Extended Family Living Units, within certain specifications as approved by the Zoning Board of Adjustment. In 2016, Atkinson voters approved as a replacement, the current Accessory Dwelling Ordinance, which provides regulations for attached accessory dwelling units of up to 1000

The 2020 U.S. Census indicated that Atkinson has a significantly low vacancy rate for rental units at 0% and has been at a rate of 1% or lower vacancy for many years. This makes finding and securing rental housing in Atkinson a challenge. The lack of supply especially impacts fixed income households, first time homebuyers, and middle to low-income residents.



Median Home Purchase Price - Atkinson



Housing Costs

According to NH Housing, the median home purchase price for Rockingham County and for Atkinson has been increasing steadily over the last ten to fifteen years. In 2021-2022, the average sale price of a single-family home in Atkinson was \$744,966 and the average sale price of a condominium unit was \$506,454. Rental costs in the region have also been increasing over the last ten years. The 2022 median rental cost in Rockingham County was \$1,708, compared to the 2015 median rental cost which was about \$400 less.

Encouraging Housing Diversity

Continuing to diversify the housing supply beyond single family, owner-occupied housing units is important to meet the wide range of housing needs of community members

(whether they are older adults looking to downsize their home or younger families looking to purchase their first home).

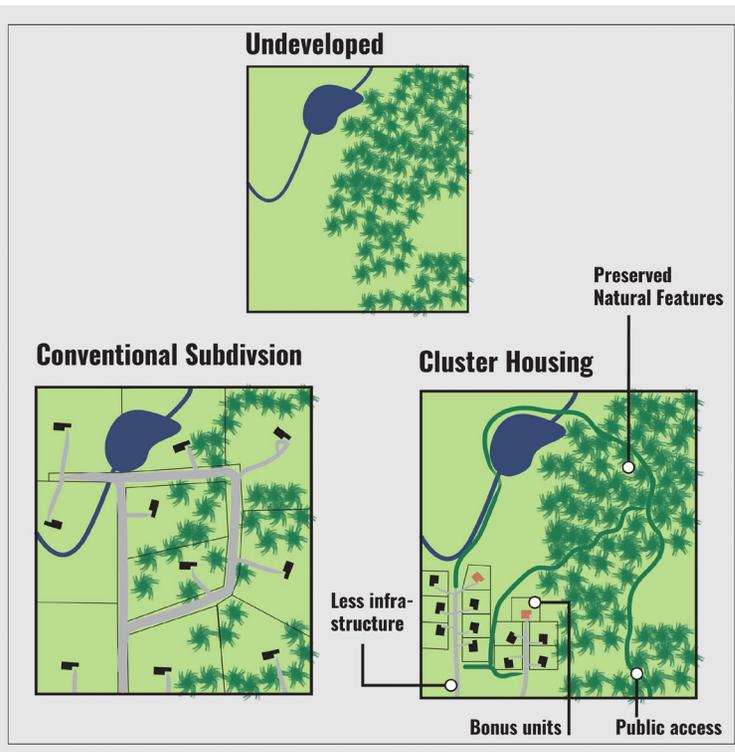
Housing alternatives could include accessory dwelling units, duplexes, and cottage style housing developments that protect open space while offering smaller homes at higher densities. However, there are challenges and barriers in Atkinson to constructing affordable and accessible housing including the cost and availability of land, construction costs, regulatory requirements, and the availability of contractors and developers. These will need to be assessed further as Atkinson develops housing solutions.

Public outreach conducted during the master planning process indicated mixed opinions about the need for more affordable housing and promoting a wider spectrum of housing types in town. Concerns included overdevelopment,

Housing Definitions

- **Affordable Housing** – housing, rental or owner-occupied, that costs no more than 30% of one’s gross income. Rental cost is defined as rent + utilities. Ownership cost includes monthly principal, interest, taxes and insurance.
- **Workforce Housing** – the term workforce housing means permanent housing, intended as a primary year-round residence that is available to households regardless of age and is best provided near places of employment. Workforce housing can include, but is not limited to, subsidized and affordable housing, as well as market-rate and mixed-income housing. New Hampshire RSA 674:58-:61, the state’s workforce housing law, defines income and affordability ranges.
- **Single-Family Housing** – any detached dwelling unit meant for only one family to reside in. A single-family home is often built on its own parcel of land.
- **Multi-Family Housing** – a building or structure designed to house different households in separate housing units; could be renter-occupied or owner-occupied.
- **Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU)** – a residential living unit that can be within or attached to a single-family dwelling, or a detached unit that provides independent living facilities for one or more persons.

Atkinson has effectively used its land use regulations to guide the creation of many residential cluster subdivisions. This has resulted in additional conserved open space identified during subdivision development and has blended these neighborhoods into the community. The diagram on the right shows the concept of cluster development concentration.



Source: NH Housing Toolbox

NH Workforce Housing Law

In 2008, the New Hampshire Legislature passed a law that requires every community in NH to provide “reasonable and realistic opportunities” for the development of workforce housing, including rental and multifamily housing. Workforce housing opportunities must be allowed in a majority of the land area where residential uses are permitted (but not necessarily multi-family). New Hampshire’s workforce housing statute (NH RSA 674: 58- 61) defines “workforce housing” and what is considered “affordable”. RSA 672:1, III-e states that housing that is affordable to low- and moderate-income households “shall not be prohibited or discouraged by use of municipal planning and zoning powers or by unreasonable interpretation of such powers.”

Additional housing mandates that build on this state law, strengthen incentives for new housing units, or remove barriers to development are likely to be proposed and adopted at the State level as housing needs persist. Atkinson should continue to monitor these statewide housing related requirements and be prepared to address them locally.

negatively impacting the town’s rural character, placing a strain on municipal resources, and impacting the tax rate. These concerns must be considered as the town works towards addressing housing needs in a way that protects the community’s character.

Infrastructure Considerations

Atkinson residents receive drinking water via individual private wells and a privately-owned public water infrastructure system that services a

portion of the community. There is no public sewer system. Individual and community septic systems provide sewage disposal for residents. The lack of town-wide public or commercial drinking water and wastewater services is a critical consideration when evaluating future housing opportunities, and the allowable density of future development. The carrying capacity of the land to accommodate drinking water wells and septic systems will ultimately limit the

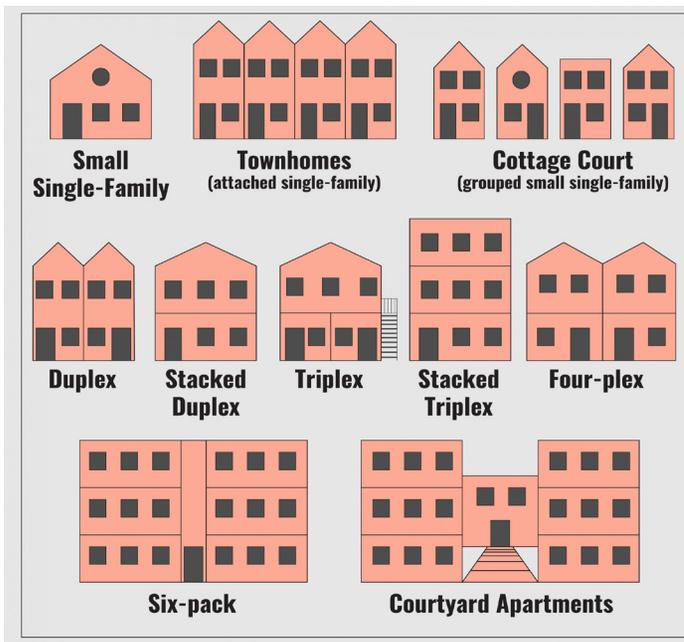
Exploring Housing Alternatives

The following information on potential housing types to promote in Atkinson was collected from the Atkinson Housing Focus Group session which was a community conversation on the future of housing in town. More detailed notes on this can be found in the Appendix.

- In general, there was broad support for promoting Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) as a housing solution in Atkinson, and for expanding the ordinance to allow detached units in town (given that the language is carefully crafted to avoid impacting the character of the community negatively).
- In general, there appeared to be broad support for cottage style developments and tiny house villages with vegetative buffers. These could provide housing options for many different populations in town (those looking to downsize, those looking for a starter home, etc.).
- Other housing options that were mentioned as being supported by some participants include manufactured homes and townhouses.
- Many participants noted they only wanted to see duplexes allowed in specific areas of town (such as the commercial zones) while others thought they should be allowed everywhere.

Residential homes can look many different ways and serve many different populations. They can also be designed to blend into the community.

Source: NH Housing Toolbox



Accessory dwelling units can also be integrated into a site design in a variety of ways that blend into the character of a neighborhood.

Source: NH Housing Toolbox

future density of housing. As Atkinson explores ways to accommodate housing alternatives in town, the intention is to maintain a development density that will be supported by individual and community sewage disposal systems without the need for public sewage treatment.

Planning for the Future of Housing

As Atkinson aims to balance its housing needs with the protection of its rural character, several priority actions were identified for the town to pursue:

- Coordinating an outreach and engagement effort to foster dialogue on affordable and workforce housing issues, alternative housing, “debunking” housing myths, and collaboratively discussing potential housing policies that will enable the town to facilitate the necessary changes to better meet housing needs in Atkinson.
- Exploring potential regulatory amendments that remove barriers to producing alternative housing types in desired areas of town. As potential regulatory changes are

considered, evaluate them using a local government capacity lens, understanding that Atkinson has limited administrative capacity.

- Consider developing a housing committee that includes representatives from local land use boards, businesses, residents, property owners, and others to work towards developing a cohesive housing strategy encompassing both regulatory and non-regulatory housing solutions to better comply with state law and meet local housing needs.

Community Character

The character of a place is the collective impression a town makes on residents and visitors and defines both the town’s sense of place and community. Atkinson’s natural landscape, rural heritage, and cultural resources play an essential role in defining its identity and sense of place.

Elements of Community Character

Many participants who provided feedback during the master planning process indicated that they moved to Atkinson because they liked the “rural small town feel and New England character of our community.”

Community character is, ultimately, the “look and feel” of a town and is defined by elements like:

- Land use types present in town
- Building size and height
- Setbacks from the street
- Building spacing
- Density of structures
- Architecture
- Parking
- Landscaping
- Lighting
- The presence of accessible public spaces
- The qualities of its transportation corridors
- The type and amount of open space that exists within and surrounding developed areas

A Rural Heritage

Atkinson's community character is defined by its rural residential land use pattern, its open space, its unique historic structures, its Town Center (which contributes to its quaint, small-town feel) and, last but certainly not least, its people – past and present.

The people of Atkinson enjoy a landscape of natural resources shaped by many years of stewardship and land conservation action. The rural scenery of the town is characterized by fields, meadows, and woodlands, as well as historic features like

As indicated by the public for the creation of this Master Plan, overdevelopment is a concern of many community members in Atkinson, with many residents hoping to preserve the community's small-town character as growth occurs.

stone walls and foundations. Together, these features help tell the story of how the town was developed over time and illustrate its agricultural history. Farms that were once central to Atkinson's land use pattern and identity have slowly disappeared, but remnants of the agricultural landscape still exist today. Atkinson's rural characteristics support its small-town traditions and promote a distinct identity. To protect its community character and unique heritage, the town must ensure its land use regulations support its small-town identity and the resources it cherishes most. Whether its building size, setbacks, allowable land uses, density requirements, or the presence of open space requirements, these elements can be regulated by the town's zoning, site plan review, and subdivision regulations.

Historic and Cultural Resources

Historic houses, civic buildings, the traditional town center, the

Atkinson's Old Stagecoach Scenic Byway

The Old Stagecoach Scenic Byway reflects the history and culture of rural Southern New Hampshire and how it was shaped by the early transportation network of the region - the stagecoach service that connected Boston and Concord and that followed what is now NH Route 121. The Old Stagecoach Scenic Byway highlights the numerous historic sites, scenic views, outdoor recreational opportunities, and other attractions that the town and region have to offer, raising awareness among residents, and promoting visitation for economic development.

In Atkinson, there are numerous sites of interest along the Byway including the Green Tunnel, a 0.3 mi. section of the Byway that is said to be the most scenic section of Route 121 (due to the complete arched canopy of trees that form a tunnel over the road), the Atkinson Congregational Church, Atkinson Town Center, the Dow Common and Civil War Memorial, Atkinson Academy, 41 Historic Buildings, Atkinson Cemetery, and the Atkinson Town Pound. Designated landscape vistas on the Atkinson Old Stagecoach Scenic Byway include East Road, Maple Avenue, Main Street, Island Pond Road, Sawyer Avenue, Shannon Road, North Broadway, and Salem Road.

Common, and other places throughout town anchor the community, contribute to its character, and add to Atkinson’s vibrancy. Many of the town’s historic structures can be seen along Atkinson’s Old Stagecoach Scenic Byway, which extends along Route 121/Main Street. Atkinson’s landscape vistas can also be seen throughout town, and especially along the Scenic Byway.

Buildings like the Kimball House, the Atkinson Academy, a National Register Historic Place, and the Center School, a NH Register Historic Place, contribute to the story of Atkinson’s history. The Kimball House is home to Atkinson’s Historical Museum, which is maintained by the Atkinson Historical Society. The Kimball House has an extensive collection of maps, clothing, furniture, letters, and other documents related to the history of Atkinson. Atkinson should continue promoting the town’s rural history, cultural assets, and heritage by supporting organizations like the Historical Society and continuing to promote the preservation and maintenance of historic structures and properties.

Social Capital

Social capital refers to the relationships, connectedness, and trustworthiness among people within a community. It is reflected in the opportunities residents have to gather, the quality of community spaces, and in the town’s local government, community groups, and local organizations.

Strong personal connections and friendships build community, and are an indication of healthy levels of social capital in Atkinson today. This includes networks of people involved in “civic engagement” activities such as neighborhood associations, service and charitable clubs, volunteerism, recreation groups, and the like. However, it can take many forms – it can be a neighbor down the street who is willing to help in an emergency, or the volunteers who come together to coordinate a community event or address a local issue.

When social capital is high, people feel part of the community, have a sense of belonging and collective identity,

have the ability to make a meaningful contribution to the community, and together are better equipped to govern the community together.

The Community Center and the Kimball Library are important places that build social capital in Atkinson, both serving as hubs for programming, education, gathering, and community events that support health, wellbeing, social interactions, and recreation for older adults, families, and children.

Community Groups

Atkinson’s many community groups and organizations also represent social capital and include:



Above: Chestnut Tree Planting at Dow Common
Source: Carriage Towne News

- Atkinson Women’s Civic Club
- Atkinson Historical Society
- Atkinson Garden Club
- Atkinson Lion’s Club
- Friends of the Library
- Boy Scout Troop 9
- Girl Scout Troop 20056, 12373, 59015, and 63008
- Cub Scout Pack 95

Town Boards and Committees

In addition to Atkinson’s local organizations, the town has active boards, commissions, and committees including:

- Board of Selectmen
- Budget Committee
- Capital Improvement Committee
- Cemetery Trustees
- Conflict of Interest Committee
- Conservation Commission
- Emergency Operations Committee
- Energy Commission
- Kimball Library Trustees
- Master Plan Committee
- Planning Board
- Recreation Commission
- Trustees of the Trust Funds
- Water Resource Committee
- Zoning Board of Adjustment

Atkinson’s volunteers are a critical part of the town’s government and in local decision making around many different issues. Social capital, which can be reflected in the trust, communication, negotiation, and management of conflict between residents, helps the town make more efficient decisions. To build on the town’s existing social capital, Atkinson should focus on:

- Increasing public awareness of municipal initiatives, capital expenditures, local decisions, local programs, and changes to the town’s land use regulations early on.
- Foster partnerships with local organizations to meet mutual goals.
- Maintaining high quality community spaces and programming that builds community connections and relationships.

Commercial Activity

Many of Atkinson’s residents travel to and rely on services and employment in the neighboring communities of Salem, Hampstead, Derry, Plaistow, and Haverhill. However, while Atkinson is primarily a residential community, there is some commercial activity in town.

Atkinson’s largest employers are located throughout the community, but most are located near NH 111, Sawyer Avenue, and Country Club Road. Other existing commercial activity includes gas stations, auto shops, construction companies, farms, small retail stores, the Village Store in the center of town, and other service-based businesses.

Looking to the future, Atkinson hopes to preserve its community character by strategically locating future commercial development in the existing areas of town that accommodate non-residential land uses now. Among community members who provided feedback during the planning process, people were split on whether they wanted to see more commercial development or not. Many stated that any future development should be smaller, local businesses compatible with the character of Atkinson including restaurants, personal or professional services, and small-scale retail. As Atkinson continues to accommodate context-sensitive economic development, limiting undesirable businesses and investigating opportunities to allow desired commercial businesses in town strategically will be a priority.



Land and Water Protection

Atkinson's open spaces, which include many types of natural lands, provide clean water and clean air to residents, provide habitat for wildlife, offer outdoor recreation opportunities, and contribute to the overall character of the community. As Atkinson guides future land use changes and development, protection of open space and natural resources and increasing open space connectivity should be priorities.

Open Space Resources

Open space refers to natural and undeveloped lands that contribute ecological, scenic, or recreational value. They include conserved land, forests, farms, fields, wetlands, and other natural land types.

Forests

Appalachian oak-pine forests are the most common forest type in Atkinson covering 43% of the town, of which

*"The protected areas and conservation lands help to ensure that Atkinson remains the place that people who live here love."
- Community Member*

one quarter (25%) are protected. This data was derived from the State of NH Wildlife Action Plan without regard to property ownership and much of this forested land in Atkinson consists of trees growing on homeowners' properties. Atkinson is fortunate to also have 10 Town Forests that total approximately 580 acres. These lands provide recreational assets, timber value, wildlife habitat, and water resource protection. The Conservation Commission oversees the management of Atkinson's Town Forests including:

- Chambers-Fila Town Forest
- Caroline Orr Town Forest
- Ruth McPherson Town Forest
- Chadwick Town Forest
- Slade Town Forest
- Judge Marshall Town Forest
- Sawmill Town Forest
- Stickney Town Forest
- Ruth Marshall Town Forest

What Are Ecosystem Services?

Atkinson's 2022 Land Conservation Plan identifies the many community benefits for preserving open space lands. These benefits are often referred to as ecosystem services. When we replace our natural systems with development, we lose important ecosystem services. These include clean water, clean air, flood control, scenic value, recreation, and more. Together, these benefits are referred to as ecosystem services. More specifically, nature provides us:

- **Provisioning services** - such as food production, water sources, and resources like wood, fibers, and fuels.
- **Supporting services** - such as soil formation, nutrient cycling, and habitat provision.
- **Cultural services** - such as spiritual, aesthetic, educational, and recreational opportunities.
- **Regulating services** - such as climate, weather, and flood regulation, and water purification.

Conserved and Protected Land

Voluntary land conservation is an important part of preserving Atkinson's landscape. Conserved lands are properties that are generally undeveloped and protected from future development in perpetuity with conservation easements through the acquisition of land. Currently, 10% of Atkinson's land area has been permanently conserved, and the majority of this conservation land is town owned and managed. These lands are dispersed throughout town. Many of these lands are designated town forests and are maintained by the Conservation Commission. Atkinson's Conservation Commission plays a significant role in the conservation and stewardship of land across the community.

Protected land is defined as acres that are mostly undeveloped and are protected from further development. An additional 9.9% of Atkinson is protected open space land associated with Cluster Developments. As these cluster developments were constructed, a percentage of the land was set aside as undeveloped open space to protect the character of Atkinson and to

ensure the town's open space network remained intact despite development. Not all of these parcels are accessible to the public. **Map 2** shows conserved and protected lands in town.

2022 Land Conservation Plan

Currently, the town only has a handful of large open space parcels remaining, which led to the need for a strategic and prioritized plan to focus the use of the town's land conservation funds for maximum conservation benefit. This awareness led to the development of a town-wide Conservation Plan in 2022, spearheaded by the Atkinson Conservation Commission. It included a co-occurrence analysis that identified lands with the highest concentration of high quality natural resources to inform strategic conservation planning. These are referred to as natural resource priority areas and are displayed on **Map 4**. The Land Conservation Plan will help the Conservation Commission and the town focus on protecting high-value lands that contain wildlife and plant habitat, upland buffers surrounding high-value wetlands, water quality, scenic vistas, and other important natural resources.

Wildlife Connectivity

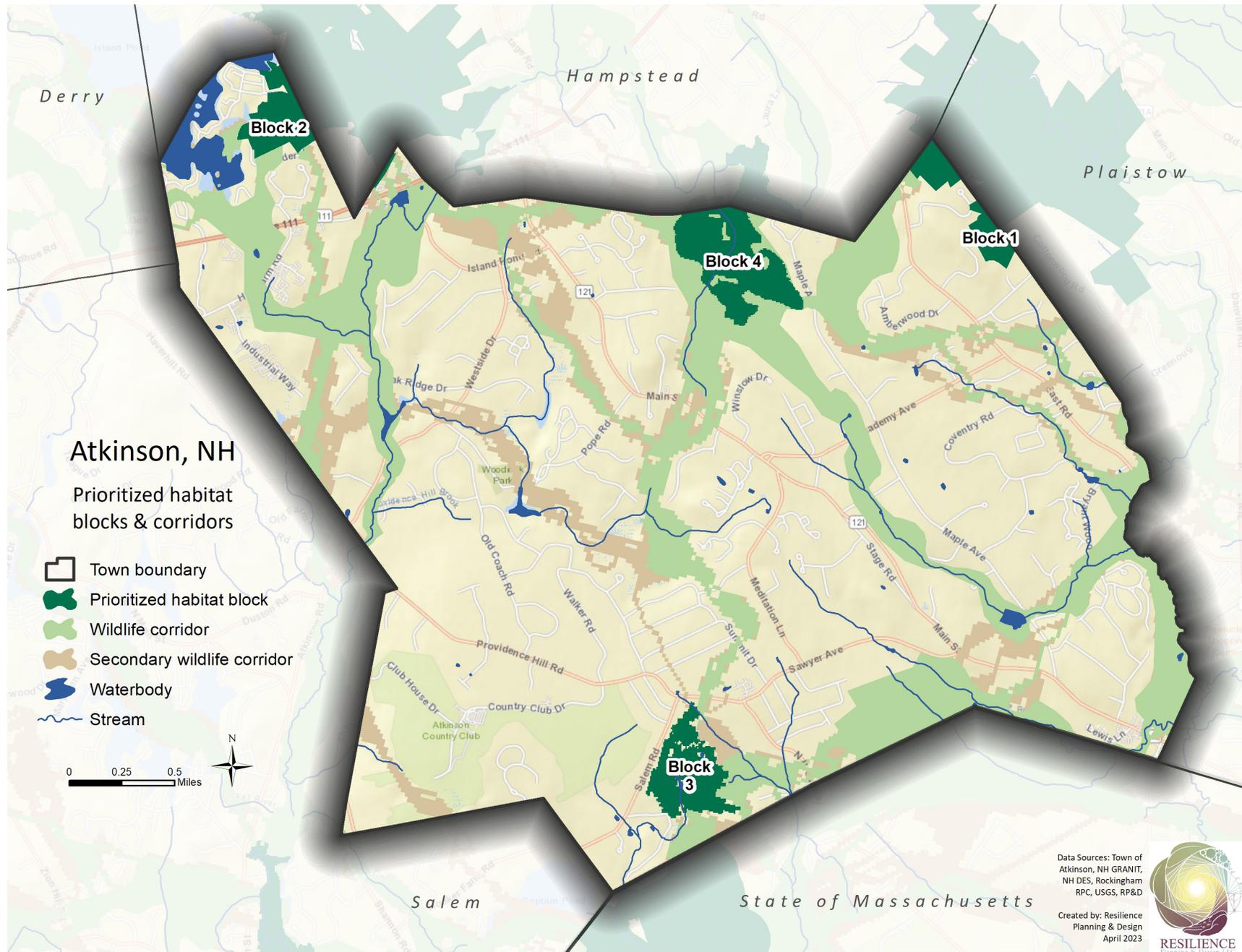
According to the State's Wildlife Connectivity Model, there are four identified blocks in Atkinson that are identified as priority habitat (shown on **Map 3**). Three of these coincide with existing protected lands. These core wildlife habitat blocks are areas over 50 acres in size that are a priority in the New Hampshire Wildlife Action Plan (Highest Ranked Habitat in NH and/or Highest Ranked Habitat in Biological Regions). Atkinson's identified wildlife corridors connecting the priority habitat areas, which can be used for future conservation planning. Wildlife corridors connect larger habitat blocks to each other and facilitate movement of wildlife.

Wildlife corridors are critical for the conservation of wildlife. The loss of wildlife corridors may impact species and populations through direct mortality, habitat fragmentation, and creating barriers to dispersal. More specifically, mortality can affect the dispersal and viability of isolated populations, and eventually cause the loss of local populations.

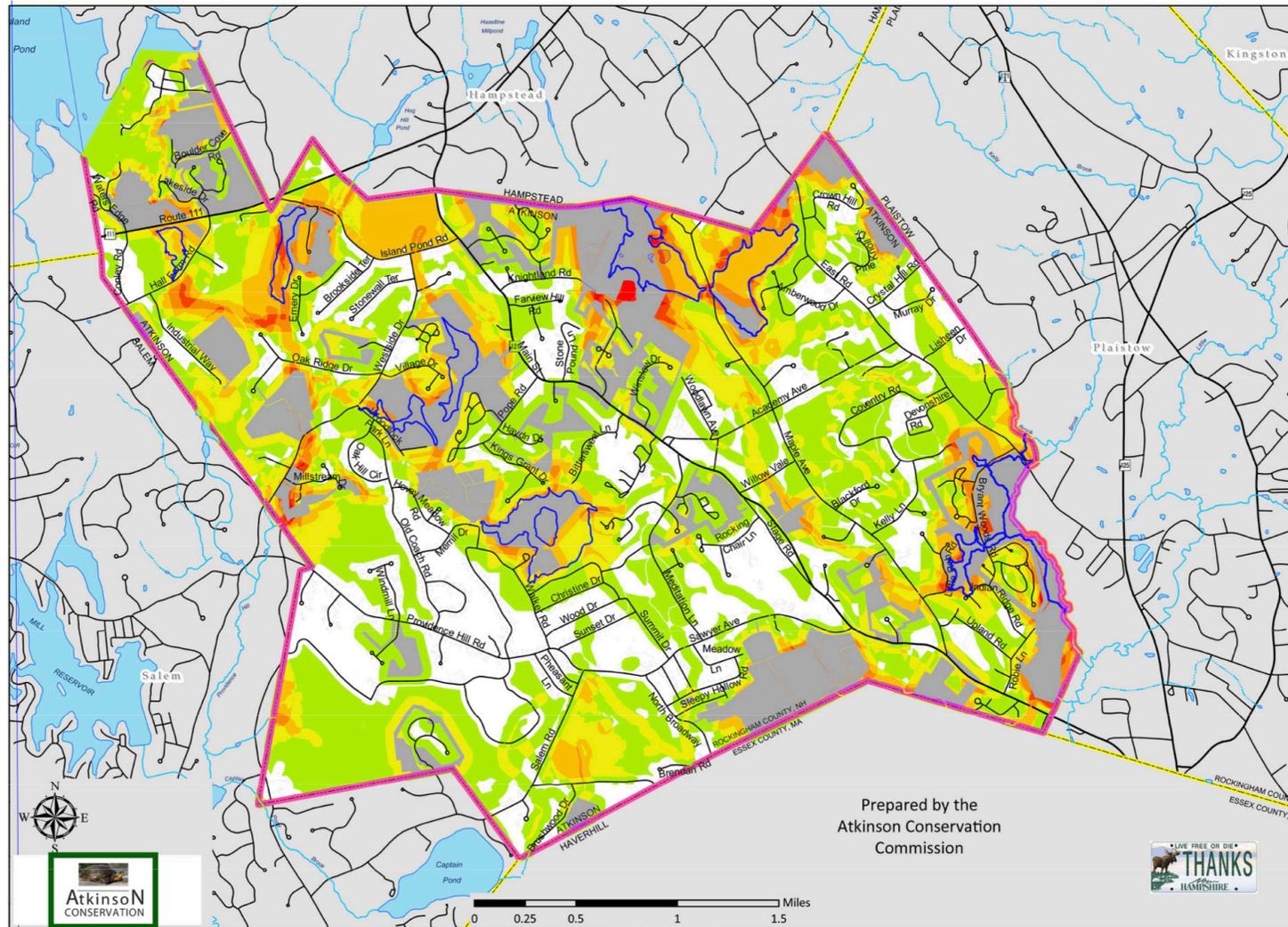
Map 2: Conserved/Protected Lands and Recreation



Map 3: Prioritized Habitat Blocks and Corridors



Map 4: Natural Resource Priority Areas



Land Conservation Plan Atkinson, NH 2022

Co-Occurrence Natural Resource Map
This map shows the number of natural resource attributes that exist at each point in the Town of Atkinson. It was created by layering natural resource attributes from other maps contained in this report, and counting the number of attributes that exist at each point. This co-occurrence value is shown by colors, as explained below.

There are many factors to be considered when evaluating a land conservation opportunity. Other factors that cannot be easily enumerated include Rural Character, Scenic Vistas, vernal pools, and the willingness of landowners to want to preserve their land.

Natural Resource Attributes included in this map are:

- Map 4: Farmland of statewide importance
- Map 6: Above a stratified drift aquifer
- Map 7: Within 300' of a Prime Wetland
- Map 8: Within 200' of protected land
- Map 9: Tier 1-3 WAP wildlife habitats
- Map 11: Within 100' of a stream or pond
- Map 12: Part of an unfragmented block
- Map 14: Part of a wildlife corridor

- 1 attribute
- 2 attributes
- 3 attributes
- 4 attributes
- 5 attributes
- 6 or more attributes
- Land Already Conserved
- Prime Wetlands

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Outdoor Recreation

There are approximately 21 miles of trails in Atkinson offering a diversity of recreational opportunities that include, but are not limited to, walking, bicycling, cross-country skiing/snowshoeing, and dog walking on nine unique trail systems. Many of Atkinson's established trails are on protected land owned by the town. There are also a significant number of trails that are privately owned in cluster development neighborhoods that are not a part of the Town of Atkinson Trail System, but still exist in town for residents of those neighborhoods such as the Bryant Woods Trails. **Map 5** shows where the trails located on town-owned property..

Recent Projects

Atkinson's Conservation Commission has worked to expand the trail network over time, and in recent years, trail maps were created and supplied at each of the trailheads. In 2021, the Conservation Commission established a new trail entrance on Juniper Lane to the western portion of Sawyer Forest, completed the addition of a Fitness Trail along the Woodlock trails in the Chadwick Town Forest, and took initial steps toward

completing ADA Compliant Trails in Slade Town Forest in collaboration with the Atkinson Recreation Department. The Conservation Commission is also currently completing some selective logging at Stickney Town Forest to provide a new growth forest for wildlife.

Additionally, the town has started implementing the 2022 Conservation Plan. For example, Atkinson is acquiring a 15-acre parcel at the end of Knightland Road (adjacent to the Sawmill Ridge Development's open space). This parcel is already surrounded by conserved land and will extend the North Sawmill Swamp Town Forest. This represents an example of expanding open space connectivity, and expanding core habitat for wildlife.

Future Open Space Protection

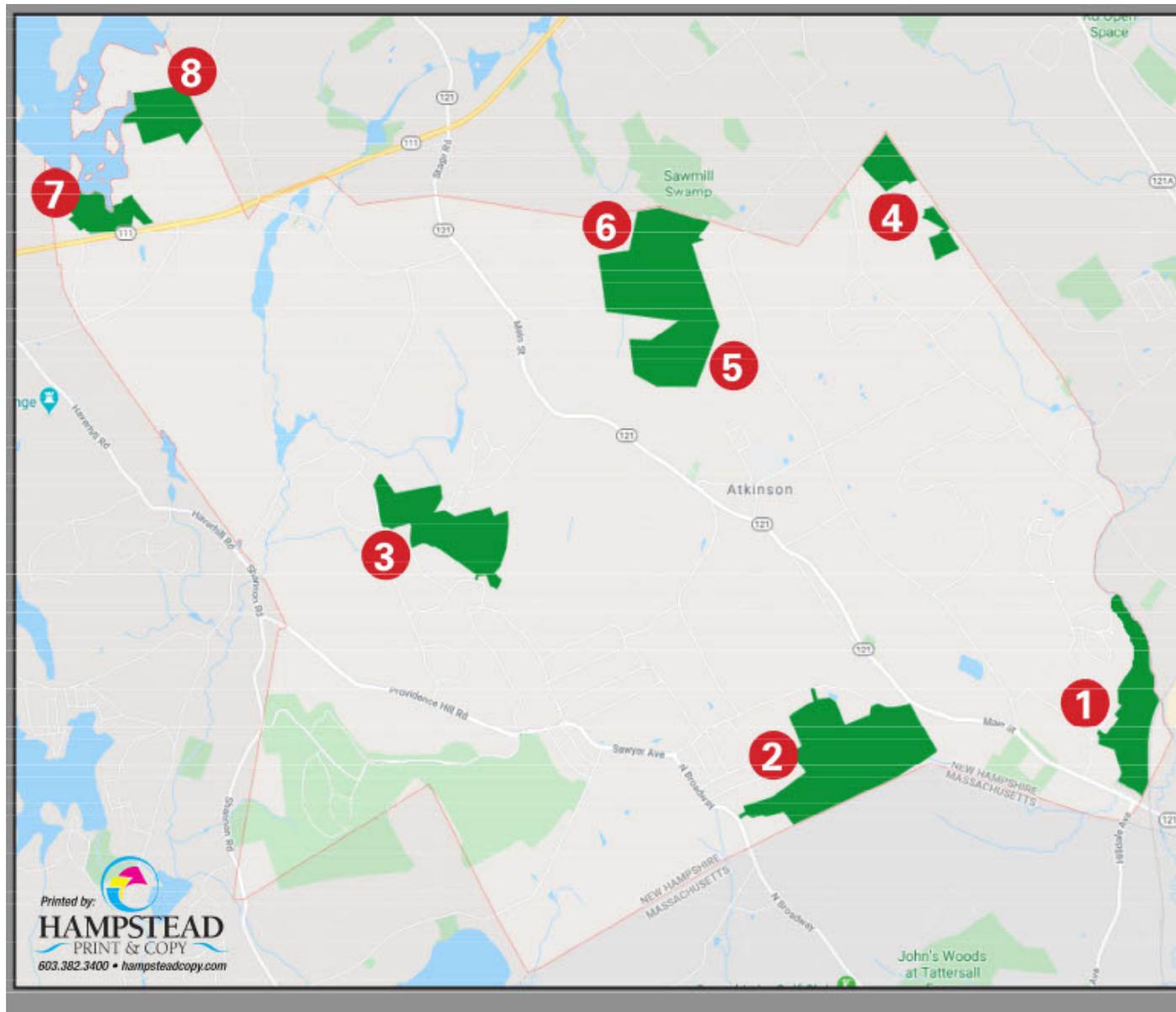
As Atkinson aims to protect additional open space in town, several priority actions were identified including:

- Actively pursuing conservation easements, the outright purchase of land, the purchase of development rights, or utilizing other mechanisms to protect key natural lands in town.

Especially those that were identified in the co-occurrence analysis of the 2022 Conservation Plan. This can be accomplished through local means and/or in partnership with other land protection organizations, such as the Southeast Land Trust.

- Educating property owners in town about measures they can take to protect and manage their lands in alignment with the town's conservation values.
- Expanding outdoor recreation opportunities on appropriate parcels and maintain the quality of the existing trail network.
- Collaborating with volunteers, landowners, and adjacent towns, as needed, to monitor and maintain town-owned conservation land to ensure they meet the needs of community members and wildlife.

Map 5: Trails on Conservation Land



- 1 - Caroline Orr Trails
- 2 - Sawyer Trails
- 3 - Woodlock Trails
- 4 - Chambers-Fila Trails
- 5 - Sawmill South Trails
- 6 - Sawmill North Trails
- 7 - Stickney Trails
- 8 - Ruth Marshall Trails

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Water Resources

Key priorities for water resource protection include preserving water quality in Atkinson and guiding development so that the quantity of Atkinson’s groundwater resources are not depleted.

Existing Water Resources

Atkinson’s water resources include groundwater, aquifers, floodplains, ponds, wetlands, streams, and other water sources. The town’s watersheds, which represent geographic areas where water drains from uplands to a particular river or stream, include:

- The Arlington Mill Reservoir,
- The Little River watershed,
- The Lower Merrimack River watershed, and
- The Lower Spickett River watershed

There are 21 miles of streams and rivers that flow through Atkinson. Big Island Pond is the largest waterbody in Atkinson and is located in the northwest corner of town, with large portions of the pond located in Hampstead and Derry. Approximately 218 acres of Big Island Pond is located within Atkinson.

In Atkinson, 1,137 acres or 16% of the town’s total land area is composed of hydric wetland soils of which 33% are protected. The town also has eight Prime Wetland areas that provide critical ecosystem services, such as flood storage and water quality protection, and include:

- Hall Farm Pond
- Hog Hill Brook
- Hovey Meadow Wetland
- Steward Pond Farm
- Sawmill Swamp East
- Sawmill Swamp West
- Wright Farm Pond
- Bryant Brook

Atkinson also has numerous riparian zones, or areas, which are the vegetated strips of land that border streams, rivers, or other bodies of water. These riparian ecosystems occupy the transitional area between the terrestrial (dry) and aquatic (wet) ecosystems. Examples include floodplains, stream banks, shorelines, and wetlands. Riparian corridors provide critical wildlife habitat, being areas that are watery with dense plant cover, providing predator protection, shade, breeding and nesting areas, and food sources.

“The town water supply needs to be protected.”

- Community Member

Additionally, there are groundwater resources in Atkinson that provide critical drinking water to residents. Atkinson has limited stratified drift aquifers with only 7% of the town containing this type of groundwater resource. Approximately 15 acres in Atkinson contain high yield stratified drift aquifers. More than one third (35%) of all land on top of aquifers has been protected.

Water Contamination

Existing and future development has the potential to pose risks to Atkinson’s water quality if not held to a high standard. According to the NH Department of Environmental Services, the potential contamination sites that exist in town are mostly located in the industrial zone and near NH 111 in the northwest part of town. Other potential contamination sites are located in the center of town near the intersection of Main Street and Academy Avenue. Academy Avenue is the detected source of PFAS contaminants due to

the cleaning of fire trucks at the Atkinson Fire Department and the associated runoff. PFAS are widely used, long lasting chemicals, which break down very slowly over time. According to the EPA, scientific studies have shown that exposure to some PFAS in the environment may be linked to harmful health effects in humans and animals.

These areas of potential contamination (in the center and northwest areas of town), are also located within Atkinson's wellhead protection areas (see **Map 6**). A wellhead protection area is defined as the surface and subsurface area surrounding a well, supplying a public water system, through which contaminants are reasonably likely to move toward and reach. Wellhead protection areas account for 55% or 3,965 acres of Atkinson. Reducing contamination risks to Atkinson's water resources is critical for the community.

Water Supply

Hampstead Area Water Company (HAWC), a privately owned and publicly operated water system, services 1,426 connections in Atkinson or about 3,565 people (as of 2022). This means that about half (49%) of the town's population is tied into the HAWC system. The other approximately 51% of Atkinson's population are on private wells. There are a total of forty-three public water systems in Atkinson in which eighteen are active. These systems are community water systems that provide drinking water to housing developments and subdivisions. Most of Atkinson's active public water supply wells are bedrock wells and there is only one active gravel-packed well in town.

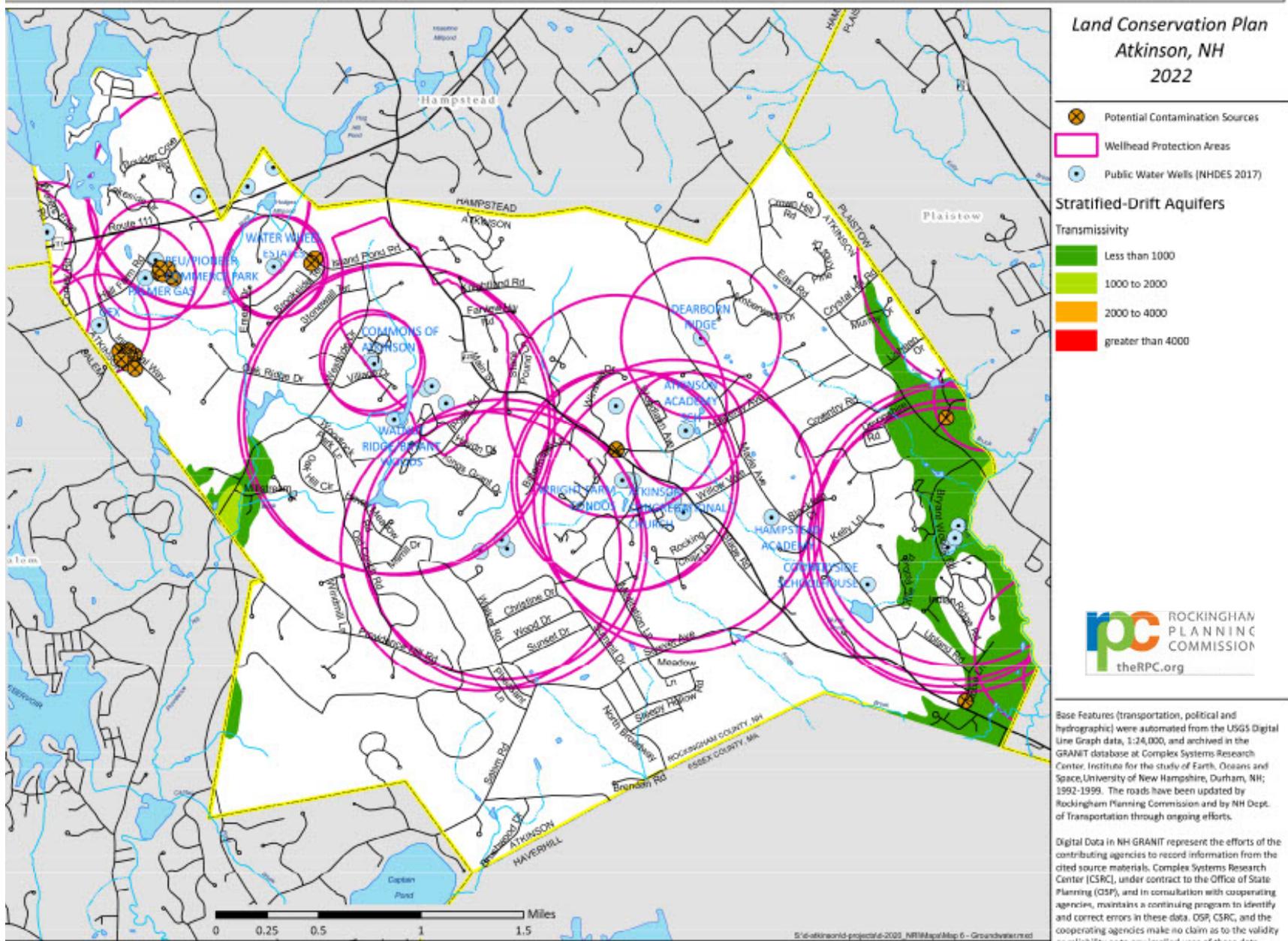
New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services only releases public water supply data as public information, therefore data on private wells and private water supplies in Atkinson is limited.

Atkinson's MS4 Permit and Stormwater Management Program

Stormwater is runoff that is generated from rain and snowmelt events that flow over land or impervious surfaces, such as paved streets, parking lots, and building rooftops, and does not soak into the ground. The runoff picks up pollutants like trash, chemicals, oils, and dirt/sediment that can harm rivers, streams, and lakes.

A Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System, or MS4, is a conveyance or system of conveyances of stormwater that is not part of a combined sewer or sewage treatment plant. MS4s are regulated to reduce stormwater runoff and pollution. The U.S. EPA MS4 communities comply with National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program permits for stormwater discharges. Atkinson is an MS4 community and, therefore, must comply with permit requirements set by the EPA, including the development of a stormwater management program. Atkinson's Stormwater Management Program focuses on activities like reducing stormwater runoff through public education, illicit discharge detection and elimination, and setting standards for construction and post construction stormwater runoff control. This program represents one avenue for Atkinson to coordinate its water protection activities.

Map 6: Groundwater Resources Map



Quantity of Groundwater Resources

There are six active bedrock public water supply wells in Atkinson that have a yield lower than the state's median which is 15 gpm. Approximately 39% of Atkinson's active public wells have a below average yield per minute. This could indicate potential issues in the future related to the quantity of available groundwater. It is also important for the town to ensure that its groundwater resources have the potential to be replenished through infiltration and the natural hydrological cycle.

Threats to Groundwater Resources

In 2018, a neighborhood in Hampstead reported supply, replenishment, and quality issues with water from their privately owned wells. NHDES determined that these wells were being negatively impacted by large withdrawals from a nearby Hampstead Area Water Company (HAWC) owned well. It took legal

action and several years to remedy and HAWC was ordered to lower the withdrawal rate. As Atkinson is supplied by the same Public Water Utility Company operating wells within town borders and 51% of residents rely on private wells, this event created more awareness and concerns in the community of potential threats to future supply and quality.

Due to the operations of Johnson and Johnson Company in the 1980's, located on NH 111, there have been 1-4 Dioxane contaminants discharged to Atkinson's groundwater. Many Atkinson residents' water supplies have been contaminated as a result, and in order to address these and other contamination issues, the Southern New Hampshire Regional Pipeline expansion was implemented to provide drinking water to the region.

As unpredictable weather patterns continue (such as drought), in part, due to climate change, it is important for the town to consider

Southern New Hampshire Regional Pipeline Expansion

The State of New Hampshire's largest regional water distribution project was completed in the Southern New Hampshire communities of Derry, Windham, Plaistow, Salem, and with the Hampstead Area Water Company (HAWC) which serves the towns of Atkinson and Hampstead. This project was implemented because of water supply issues in these communities due to a reduction in supply capacity from contamination of local wells, and because of the region's growing population.

Phase one of this project began in 2016 by creating a regional water pipeline from Manchester Water Works (Lake Massabesic water supply) to Derry, Windham, Salem, HAWC (Atkinson and Hampstead), and Plaistow. Phase 2 involved sending 7.15 million gallons of water per day to the Hookset pump station of which 3.1 million gallons of water per day gets sent down to southern New Hampshire through Derry. Since 2020, HAWC (Atkinson & Hampstead) have been tied into this regional pipeline water supply. Hampstead Area Water Company receives 250,000 gallons of water per day from this pipeline to supply Atkinson and Hampstead.

groundwater quantity in future planning and to protect natural lands around these resources to promote water filtration and storage.

Future Water Resource Protection

As Atkinson aims to protect additional water resources in town, several priority actions centered around comprehensive planning, management, education, and monitoring were identified including:

- Continue to support the work of the Water Resources Committee. The Water Resource Committee was formed to serve as an advisory and educational resource to the Town of Atkinson and its residents on issues concerning environmental sustainability, with a focus on water access, quality, conservation, economics, education, and regulation. The Committee also serves as the primary advisor to the Select Board on all issues pertaining to water resources.
 - Continue using regulatory measures that address soil conditions and keep individual water supplies and sewage disposal systems without
- groundwater or surface water pollution.
 - Work with a consultant to complete a comprehensive evaluation of existing groundwater resources, study the town's long-term water needs, and project future water availability to better guide future growth, and development. This information could then be used to determine issues and opportunities related to water supply, inform land use regulations, ensure compliance, and guide the allowable development density of the community.
 - Continue to implement Atkinson's Stormwater Management Plan and manage the town's MS4 program to adhere to permit guidelines and requirements for municipal stormwater management.
 - Encourage and promote private residential well testing for property owners in Atkinson.
 - Strengthen regulatory requirements designed to protect Atkinson's water supply and resources. This could include maintaining and enforcing the town's wetlands/ floodplain ordinances, evaluating the

- need for a groundwater protection ordinance, and reviewing stormwater management requirements.
- Collaborate with surrounding towns, the Hampstead Water Company, and the Merrimack River Watershed Council.



Town Facilities and Services

*Lacrosse Practice at Atkinson's Collins Park
Source: Atkinson Recreation Facebook Page*

Atkinson's town facilities provide essential infrastructure and services to residents. This includes municipal buildings, roadways, recreation facilities and assets, and a range of town services including administration, recreation, and public safety. In the future, the town should maintain the quality of existing services and prioritize necessary changes and upgrades as demographics shift, facilities age, and community needs evolve.

Existing Town Facilities and Services

While the community is conscious of municipal spending, it is also supportive of the level of services, shared gathering spaces, and other benefits provided by its town facilities.

Atkinson currently has eight municipal buildings including:

- The Police Station
- The Town Hall

- The Fire Station
- The Kimball Library
- The Community Center
- The Town Garage
- The Kimball House
- The Center School

The town also owns one cemetery and maintains other infrastructure, such as its town roadways. Most of these facilities are centrally located in Atkinson near Academy Avenue and in the southern portion of town along Main Street. Atkinson also provides fire, police, road maintenance, grounds maintenance, solid waste disposal, recycling, curbside waste pickup, and other services to its residents.

Master Planning provides an opportunity to assess the level of infrastructure, community facilities, and variety of services currently available to residents and property owners, and to determine what related investments may be needed in the future. Existing properties and land uses rely on access to the transportation network, fire and police protection, and other services. All of these services and the related infrastructure require planning, maintenance, and



Above: Fire Department



Above: Town Hall



Above: Kimball Library

budgeting to continue. Atkinson residents also benefit from access to established recreation areas and diverse programs, a robust library, an active community center, and innovative elder services. This is impressive for a smaller community with a rural setting. However, for this to continue in a sustainable fashion, there needs to be a clear and accessible capital investment planning process established.

Planning for Future Needs

Facility Needs

A 2020 Town Facilities Conditions Assessment report indicated many of the town buildings need investment and maintenance. Several facilities may be reaching their serviceable or useful life. Facilities identified for upgrading include:

The Town Hall

Atkinson's Town Hall currently houses offices for many town services including Atkinson Community Television, Assessing, the Building and Land Use Department, the Tax

Collector, Town Administration, Town Clerk, and Financial Management. It is also where local boards and committees conduct their meetings. The 2020 Building Needs Assessment identified that the condition of the Town Hall was rated as "poor". Staff identified needs included reconfiguration of space for better utilization for office and meeting space, aged and poor interiors conditions, centralized air system and a back-up generator.

The Police Station

In 2018, a Space Needs Assessment for a modern-day police facility concluded that the current facility does not and could not meet the needs intended for its purpose of use.

It concluded that a new Police Station was needed and should be constructed to accommodate the wider service needs of the community.

A design has been created and a site chosen to accommodate the Atkinson Police Department staff and operations for the next 50+ years of departmental and Town-wide growth and function.

Spending for the new police station will need to be approved by town voters

The Fire Station

The Fire Station has needed significant infrastructure upgrades and renovations since its construction of which the town has addressed. Future facility investments may be needed to accommodate services, service levels and related staffing needs. A Space Needs Assessment may be required.

The Community Center

Atkinson's Community Center is home to the Departments of Recreation, Elder Services, and the Supervisors of the Checklist. The Community Center facility is heavily utilized as a gathering space. It also is Atkinson's primary indoor meeting space for large town & government gatherings. Assessment of the facility identified poor interior condition throughout the entire building. Due to the age and poor condition, the "West house" is not utilized for community programs. A space needs assessment may be needed to accommodate the multiple uses and better utilization of space. Staff cited increased participation

in elder programs, space limitations, indoor recreation and community meeting space needs.

The Highway Garage

The 2020 Facility Condition Assessment indicated that by 2030, the Highway Garage could reach the end its useful life, suggesting that a new facility may be required. Staff identified needs included space for current and future equipment and aged and inadequate office space.

More about each and other department and facility needs can be found in the “Community Facilities and Services” Section of the Existing Conditions Analysis Report, located in the Appendix or at Town Hall.

Commitment to Energy Efficiency and Sustainability

As investments are made, there is community support to make its town facilities and infrastructure more energy efficient and sustainable. As the town plans upgrades and improvements to its facilities over time. This will result in long-term cost savings and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

Efforts could include:

- Retrofitting existing public buildings to improve energy performance, lower operating and maintenance costs, and transition to cleaner energy solutions over time
- Consider green building principles during all new public building construction in the future.

Understanding Future Demand

Atkinson has experienced some growth over the last five years and continued growth is projected. As a result, additional demands on services are anticipated to increase, especially for the Police and Fire Departments as calls for services increase.

Water and Utilities

Atkinson’s privately owned and publicly operated water system operated by Hampstead Area Water Company (HAWC) appears to meet the town’s demand for drinking water in the area that it serves. However, according to a 2022 Water System Study, the water system does not appear to meet the needed fire flow demands for many of the commercial properties in town,

and some of the multi-family residential dwelling complexes.

Cemetery

The town has also identified a need for more cemetery space in the future. As of 2022, there were still plots available in Atkinson Cemetery. However, when looking at the projected need for cemetery space, the town should ensure additional land is secured to provide future Atkinson generations with burial space in the community.

Timberlane Regional School District (TRSD)

Being part of a regional school district, enrollment, property assessments and state allocations drive Atkinson’s contribution of the district’s operating costs and capital investments. TRSD has a Capital Improvement Committee & Plan. The plan identifies district needs for facility renovations, reconstructions, and replacements.

Capital Improvement Planning

One way to plan for such investments in municipal facilities, infrastructure, and services over time is through the development, adoption,

and implementation of a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). At its simplest a Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) is a spreadsheet of municipal projects that cost more than a certain monetary threshold (such as \$10,000). They are displayed in a schedule over six years and show the overall impact to the tax rate per \$1,000 of net valuation.

A capital project could be an addition to a municipal building, a vehicle or piece of equipment, a Zoning Ordinance rewrite, a cemetery plan, or the acquisition of land for a new municipal facility. In the most general sense, a capital improvement is something that has a high cost and a useful life of several years, municipalities may authorize either the planning board or a special CIP committee to work on the CIP. Atkinson does not currently use a Capital Improvement Planning Process. Establishment of such a process and plan is underway in Atkinson and, if fully employed, it will help the community coordinate, schedule, and prioritize its investments in the coming years.

As a component of this, the town should consider utilizing an asset management program to begin tracking maintenance,

and to plan for building and infrastructure investments. This is quickly becoming an industry standard for municipalities. Such a level of planning often begins with completing facility condition assessments of each town-owned building to create a record of all internal and external building components, their useful life, and replacement schedules. Having facility assessments allows the town to then track maintenance, and schedule investments that should be included in the annual Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Together, this approach will help Atkinson maintain the quality of its

What Are the Benefits of a Capital Improvement Program (CIP)?

- The CIP schedules improvements over time to effectively manage capital expenditures in the community.
- When implemented, the CIP can eliminate major fluctuations in municipal expenditures.
- The CIP can help meet the demands placed on municipal services by anticipated growth.
- By identifying what equipment is necessary to maintain the Town, public safety is improved.

Improving Municipal Facility Maintenance and Planning

To effectively plan for the maintenance of municipal facilities, the following steps are recommended as part of a three-phase approach to coordinate and plan for future investments.



Asset Management Planning

Careful monitoring and maintenance of municipal assets (buildings and infrastructure) will ensure consistent and timely investment is made towards priority projects and will guide investment decisions into the future. The municipal infrastructure in Atkinson is the legacy of many generations of investment that is stewarded by municipal staff and volunteers.

Increasingly, we are recognizing the value of tracking and monitoring this investment to better plan for future upgrades and replacements. To accomplish this, many municipalities are now turning their attention toward asset management programs as a process for making informed decisions to achieve the goal of delivering services, managing risks, and getting greater value for the money invested.

Asset management helps municipal departments confidently evaluate and communicate trade-offs between service, cost, and risk. This provides the community with a way of prioritizing projects and resources and can be used to inform the capital improvement planning process. In doing so it helps the community decide what infrastructure needs to be replaced or renewed, and how many years they can get out of the investment. It also helps the community figure out how much they should be saving for future infrastructure investments, and can demonstrate accountability to residents and businesses in the community.

Asset management plans often include the following components:

- Existing Facilities and Infrastructure: inventorying and documenting the current condition of each asset.
- Level of Service: defining how the system or asset should be performing over the long term.
- Business Risk Exposure: identifying and prioritizing recommended improvements to the various facilities and infrastructure.
- Financial Implementation Plan: identifying the potential impacts to user rates and taxes based on the proposed capital improvements recommended.
- Asset Management Program and Maintenance Plan: documenting next steps and recommended workflows for the continued maintenance and support of the asset management program.
- Communication Plan: creating a summary of internal and external communications to educate and inform all stakeholders on the development and use of the asset management program.

While this resource is mostly centered on asset management planning for utilities, there are many elements that are transferrable to planning for buildings and facilities: <https://www.des.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt341/files/documents/wd-21-04.pdf>

facilities and services while stabilizing the tax rate as investments are made, support efforts to secure diverse funding sources, and over time will help avoid unanticipated large expenses. This also provides a clear and predictable way to engage the community in planning for longer-term municipal investments. Such investments should also include efforts to reduce the energy consumption of Atkinson's municipal buildings, and to improve their sustainability in line with the community's strong conservation ethic.

Atkinson's Transportation System

Atkinson is a largely residential community with a lower density, dispersed development pattern that results in an automobile focused transportation system.

The transportation system is a network of rural and suburban roadways that include some regionally important state routes, including Route 111 and Route 121, carrying higher traffic volumes. Interstate 93 to the west in Salem/Windham and Interstate 495 to the south in Haverhill, MA are the two

Participants who provided feedback during the master planning process indicated that Atkinson's roadways are car-oriented and do not provide safe access for walkers and bikers.

most relied upon regional highway systems for Atkinson residents. The transportation system also includes culverts, trails, a bridge, and sidewalks.

When planning for a transportation system that accommodates more modes of travel, there are real concerns in Atkinson related to the cost and potential impact on community character. Fortunately, there are ample resources and examples that can inform the planning and coordination of such investments to ensure they fit the largely rural character of the community.

Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety

There is limited pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure in the community. Addressing these deficiency and safety concerns over time will take some creativity, and possibly partnerships and outside funding. However, there are numerous health and safety

benefits that will be realized as a result. Atkinson should assess the level of need to improve walkability, bicycle, and pedestrian access and safety, and traffic calming measures in key areas of town, such as the Town Center. To start, the town should utilize the Strava maps that were generated for the Existing Conditions Analysis Report that shows where Atkinson residents who use the Strava app are walking and biking in town. They also show where users are frequently participating in a variety of recreation activities.

Multi-Modal Transportation Planning

Multi-modal transportation planning refers to providing transportation infrastructure that supports multiple modes of travel and is accessible to all. When effectively integrated into a community's transportation system, bicycling, walking, and other transportation alternatives help advance various environmental, health, and congestion-mitigating benefits for the community. Creating a Multi-Modal Transportation Plan will help identify the

roadway design standards and techniques that Atkinson's future transportation network should employ to increase its ability to accommodate multiple transportation modes.

Such a plan would also help prioritize the location and extent of pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure investments needed in the community over time. This includes creating unique designs that are based on the traffic volume and neighborhood context so they can promote pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicle safety while also reinforcing the character of the community. This may include widening the shoulders of some roadways, identifying locations for sidewalks where necessary, and/or constructing multi-use pathways that are separate from the roadways to accommodate both pedestrian and bicycles.

Recreation Resources and Community Spaces

The network of conservation lands, recreation fields, facilities, trails, and roadways in Atkinson provide abundant opportunities for individual and group recreation.

The town is fortunate to have an active Recreation Department and Commission that is also supporting community events and recreation programs which pull residents together, and help them remain active and engaged in the community. The Recreation Department and Commission offer multiple programs available for all ages at different sites throughout the town and all year around. These recreation sites are a combination of built structures, like the

Atkinson's Elder Services Department

Another critical component of the transportation system in Atkinson's is Elder Services Department, which runs an innovative and locally funded program that provides rides to Atkinson residents age 60 and older (or under, if permanently disabled). The Elder Services Department provides complimentary transportation by appointment, lends a variety of donated medical equipment as needed, and acts as a link to information regarding helpful community resources. The Elder Services Department also offers Wellness Checks, reliable contractor's information, referral to Veterans Administration services, and works to collaborate with the Atkinson Recreation, Fire, and Police Departments.

Atkinson's Elder Services Program maintains 5 vehicles to provide transportation to Atkinson seniors. In 2021, the Atkinson Elder Services Transportation Vehicles provided 1,800 rides and traveled nearly 51,000 miles for medical appointment transportation, delivered library books through the Kimball Library homebound program, and delivered medical equipment rentals. There is no direct cost to the participating resident and rides are scheduled ahead of time. Given the rural nature of the community and the lack of available public transit options, this is a significant innovation that helps residents remain in the community when they can no longer drive. The community is very supportive of this program and will continue to provide this service.

Community Center, and designated open spaces, such as the athletic fields and parks.

Recreation Programming

Currently, multiple recreation programs are offered at the Atkinson Community Center for older adults including weekly exercise classes (Line dancing, Tai Chi, Fitness Fusion, Jacki’s Aerobic Dance, and Yoga), games (Bingo, Whist), occasional enrichment programs, seasonal luncheons, and day trips.

A few community programs like the Summer Concert & Ice Cream Social, Veteran’s Breakfast & Ceremony, and the Tree Lighting program are offered for all ages and held at the town facilities. For youth, a few seasonal program such as the Fishing Derby at the Town Hall Pond, the Egg Hunt, and the 6-week summer program “Sun ‘N Fun” at Woodlock Park are offered for children. Also, the Recreation Department and Commission support four youth sports leagues for local children spring through fall at the playing fields. These include the Atkinson Youth Baseball and Softball, the Timberlane Youth Soccer League, and Timberwolves Soccer Club at the

Woodlock Park, and the Timberlane Youth Lacrosse League at Collins Parks.

The Community Center as a Gathering Space

The Atkinson Community Center is not just utilized by Recreation Department sponsored programs. It also provides the community with a gathering space for occasions like meetings, fundraiser events, school district boosters, and space for the 40+ local non-profit organizations like Veterans Club, Scout Troops, Garden Club, Lions Club, Women’s Civic Club, the 9 condo/home owners’ associations, a bereavement support group, and 2 substance abuse support groups. It is also rented for private functions. Fundraising events by local non-profit groups are wonderful opportunities to bring our community together. People simply enjoy these events, showing support for the groups, and being a part of the community. Here is the list of groups and their fundraising events that are held at the Community Center.

- Atkinson Garden Club – Plants, Sale, Greens Sale
- Atkinson Lions Club – Food Drives,

Breakfast, Meat Raffle, dinners.

- Atkinson Women’s Civic Club – Town Wide Yard Sales, Shredding Day, Artisan Markets
- Boy Scouts Troop 9 – Electronics Recycling
- Cub Scout Pack 95 – Food Drive

Over the coming decade, there is interest in providing more programming for youth and teens.

The Kimball Library

The Kimball Library is a vital community resource for Atkinson residents of all ages and backgrounds. The Kimball Library provides a variety of educational, informational, and recreational programs for adults. This includes speakers, performances, classes, craft and exercise programs, a book club, and others. The Kimball Library provides youth programming including a robust summer reading program, story times, Mother Goose on the Loose, STEAM and coding classes, performances, book clubs for children, and other programs. The Kimball Library also provides teen programs including interactive movie nights, monthly book discussions, and teen nights. In 2022, 8,606 adults,

teens, and children attended over 708 programs at the Kimball Library.

Trails in Atkinson

There are also approximately 21 miles of trails across eight unique trail systems in Atkinson that provide opportunities for walking, bicycling, cross-country skiing/snowshoeing, and dog walking. There is interest in better maintaining the existing trails in town and adding new trails, where appropriate, and as opportunities arise.

Roadways as Recreation Resources

The roadways in Atkinson also present an opportunity for recreation. The New Hampshire Department of Transportation has identified 7.6 miles of roadway as currently suitable as bicycle routes. This is a fairly low number considering the nearly 60 miles of public roads that exist in Atkinson currently. What this highlights most is the need to consider transportation improvements (roadway shoulders and multi-use pathways) that could expand the recreation and transportation options for residents in Atkinson.

Future Recreation Planning

As Atkinson aims to improve and maintain its recreation resources and community spaces, the town should consider the following actions:

- Continue to support the Library, Community Center, Recreation Department, town events and programs, public parks and gathering

In 2022, approximately 20,000 people utilized the Community Center building and/or grounds for recreation, private functions, fundraisers, group meetings, and elections.



Above: Woodlock Trail System
Source: Trail Finder Website

spaces, trails and pathways, and shared recreation facilities for all ages. Together these opportunities for multi-generational interaction will create and support strong social networks, and strengthen community ties in Atkinson.

- Create a long-range and strategic recreation needs plan that can be used to inform the town's Capital Improvement Plan. This planning process does not need to be the sole responsibility of the town. It should also include the involvement of interested local community groups and organizations. The focus of this plan should include the addition and/or improvement of recreational facilities, recreation programs, and the staffing or partnering required to implement and maintain these investments. It is an opportunity to create a vision and long-range plan specific to the network of recreation assets in Atkinson, and to recognize the many health and social benefits they provide while building a sense of community and contributing to the quality of life for all residents.
- Create a community events committee to increase capacity for planning town events and investigate opportunities for new events in collaboration with other town boards and non-profit organizations.



*Above: Summer Concert Series at Woodlock Recreation Area
Source: Atkinson Recreation Facebook Page*

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIONS

Community Forum Event for the Master Plan Update
Source: Resilience Planning and Design

A Roadmap for Implementing the Master Plan

Implementation is where the rubber meets the road. This section includes a series of actions that, together, will help Atkinson work towards achieving its vision, goals, and objectives. The actions identified include regulatory amendments, new studies, funding appropriations, and other collaborative initiatives.

During the ten to fifteen year timeframe of this Plan, there will be many decisions to make along the way, and coordination will be required to ensure successful implementation. The actions are nested under each of the six major goals of Atkinson's Master Plan. The town will track the actions on an annual basis to ensure their progress and that the actions are completed over time.

To assist with implementation and tracking, each action includes space for the following information:

- Responsible Party(s) - identifies the primary parties who should be responsible for the action.
- Priority - identifies the level of priority or importance of each action in the matrix to help the town prioritize which actions should be worked on first.
- Status - identifies whether actions are in progress or completed.

The table will be filled out during the implementation process of this plan and reviewed regularly.

Atkinson Ahead - Actions

#	Action	Responsible Party(s)	Level of Priority (High, Medium, Low)	Status (In progress, complete, pending)
Goal 1. Remain a primarily residential community and retain Atkinson’s rural character.				
1.1	To preserve Atkinson’s small-town character and primarily residential development pattern, its recommended that the Town complete a comprehensive assessment of its land use regulations against the new Master Plan to provide greater insight and direction on regulatory disconnects, barriers, and opportunities across all future land use areas and priorities. Identify potential amendments based on these inconsistencies and establish a work plan to accomplish them.			
1.2	Evaluate the establishment of design standards in Atkinson’s zoning ordinance to ensure regulations are best protecting the small-town character of Atkinson. Zoning changes should be grounded in the notion that Atkinson prefers to stay a primarily residential community. Design standards could include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Placement and type of buildings in residential zones to keep the residential nature intact. • Design of Accessory Dwelling Units to blend in with the primary residence. • Types of materials and the design of buildings in the Commercial and Industrial zones to reflect Atkinson’s character. 			
1.3	Consider developing a housing committee that includes representatives from local land use boards, businesses, residents, property owners, and others to work towards developing a cohesive housing strategy that encompasses both regulatory and non-regulatory housing solutions to better comply with state law and meet local housing needs.			
1.4	Initiate an outreach and engagement campaign around housing alternatives and affordable housing in Atkinson. Create opportunities for community dialogue about potential regulatory changes and non-regulatory solutions, as well as education on housing issues facing the town and compliance around workforce housing laws.			

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1.5	Identify appropriate regulatory changes to meet future housing needs and identify locations to allow these housing alternatives. Conduct public outreach, such as community meetings and focus groups, to foster community dialogue and inform the direction of potential regulatory changes. These could include:			
	A. Review the accessory dwelling unit ordinance and make improvements to offer greater flexibility to property owners, clarify the regulatory process, and protect neighborhood character.			
	B. Consider allowing cottage courts/tiny house villages through greater flexibility of the town's land use regulations.			
	C. Consider allowing assisted living facilities in the Commercial Industrial & Commercial Professional (CI/CP) zones.			
	D. Consider allowing housing alternatives in the commercial/professional zone, such as duplexes, while considering the impact to municipal resources and protection of town character.			
	E. Identify ways to encourage the conversion of non-residential properties to residential use.			
1.6	Develop communication materials focused on accessory dwelling units (ADUs) to educate homeowners on the benefits of ADU's and the requirements for construction.			
1.7	Investigate opportunities in commercial districts to allow for community-desired businesses or services that may not be well-suited for residential areas.			
1.8	Review land use regulations and local permitting guidelines to identify any unintentional barriers that may exist to the construction of renewable energy systems while considering the character of the town.			

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Goal 2. Continue to strategically evaluate conservation opportunities to protect the town's natural resources.				
2.1	Utilize the 2022 Conservation Plan, prepared by the Rockingham Planning Commission (RPC) in collaboration with the Atkinson Conservation Commission, to strategically evaluate conservation opportunities in Atkinson. The Conservation Plan identifies several locations for priority conservation based on a co-occurrence analysis to inform evaluation and decisions on future conservation opportunities. These are shown in Map 15 of the Conservation Plan titled: Natural Resource Priority Areas. Future conservation projects should focus on water protection, riparian and shoreland habitats, climate resilience, prime agricultural soils, critical habitat areas, and green corridors that enable wildlife movement across the landscape and provide connectivity across the community.			
2.2	Use conservation easements, outright purchase of land, the purchase of development rights, or other mechanisms to conserve additional land and natural resources as opportunities arise in Atkinson.			
2.3	Partner with surrounding towns and regional land conservation organizations, such as the Southeast Land Trust, to protect priority open space areas in town and those that extend beyond Atkinson's borders.			
2.4	Work with owners of properties that possess important conservation and/or recreational value to inform them about measures they can take to protect and manage their lands, and to communicate about the Town's priorities for conservation.			
2.5	Work with volunteers, landowners, and adjacent towns to monitor and maintain town-owned conserved land and open space parcels.			

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Goal 3. Protect the quality of Atkinson’s surface and groundwater resources.				
3.1	Work with a consultant to complete a comprehensive evaluation of existing groundwater resources, study the town’s long-term water needs, and project future water availability. This information should then be used to determine issues and opportunities related to water supply, inform land use regulations, ensure compliance, and inform the allowable development density of the community.			
3.2	Continue to encourage private residential well testing for property owners in Atkinson.			
3.3	Partner with surrounding towns and the Hampstead Water Company on local and regional water resource issues.			
3.4	Encourage collaboration between the Conservation Commission and the Water Resources Committee.			
3.5	Actively participate in the Merrimack River Watershed Council.			
3.6	Continue to implement Atkinson’s Stormwater Management Plan and manage the town’s MS4 program to adhere to permit guidelines and requirements for municipal stormwater management.			
3.7	Build a multi-year plan to budget and maintain drainage systems and stormwater run-off including swales and fire ponds.			
3.8	Inspect fire ponds per National Fire Protection Association guidelines.			
3.9	Provide on-going education on the importance of water conservation measures, stormwater management, water quantity issues, and groundwater supply replenishment to residents and property owners. As part of this:			

#	Action	Responsible Party(s)	Level of Priority (High, Medium, Low)	Status (In progress, complete, pending)
	A. Continue to utilize the Town website and other communication methods, like social media, to increase public awareness of the presence of groundwater pollutants and the importance of preventing groundwater pollutants from affecting Atkinson’s drinking water resources.			
	B. Consider inviting water resource professionals to speak to community members about surface and groundwater protection.			
	C. Create and provide educational materials to the public on water issues and advances in town.			
	D. Provide information to property owners about water management during drought conditions and how to facilitate groundwater recharge and water harvesting.			
3.10	Reduce road salt usage on town roads during winter weather when feasible. To assist with this, ensure that town Highway Department staff participate in New Hampshire’s Road Salt Reduction Program and complete the Green Snow Pro Certification.			
3.11	Track new, existing, and abandoned wells through the creation of a local inventory and permitting process.			
3.12	Study water access rights and the need to secure rights for long term supply.			
3.13	Strengthen requirements designed to protect Atkinson’s natural resources, which shape its rural character. These could include:			
	A. Maintain and enforce the town’s existing wetlands and floodplain ordinances.			
	B. Evaluation of the need for groundwater protection ordinances.			
	C. Developing vegetative buffer setback requirements around wetlands, lakes and streams.			

#	Action	Responsible Party(s)	Level of Priority (High, Medium, Low)	Status (In progress, complete, pending)
	D. Reviewing stormwater management requirements and ensuring they meet contemporary best practices (such as promoting infiltration and the incorporation of green infrastructure designs).			
Goal 4. Plan for municipal facility needs, community services, and infrastructure, including maintenance, upgrades, repairs, renovations, replacement, and land investment.				
4.1	Strategically coordinate capital investments by developing and regularly updating a municipal Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). This planning process will help ensure municipal facilities and infrastructure improvements are coordinated and scheduled to reduce the financial impact on taxpayers. Engage the community in planning for these longer-term investments.			
4.2	Strategically coordinate maintenance of municipal facilities to ensure Atkinson is proactively addressing and investing in facility needs. To accomplish this, the Town should complete facility condition assessments of each town-owned building to create a record of all internal and external building components, their useful life, and replacement schedules. Having a facility plan and schedule will also help prioritize items in the annual Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Identified facility needs and projects include:			
	A. Continue investigating options for designing and constructing a new police station.			
	B. Continue investigating options for designing and constructing a new community center building.			
	C. Make improvements to Town Offices to better serve staff and volunteer needs (such as expanding meeting space and updating offices).			
	D. Make necessary improvements to the town's Highway Garage to address space needs.			

#	Action	Responsible Party(s)	Level of Priority (High, Medium, Low)	Status (In progress, complete, pending)
	E. Provide for maintenance, security, updates, and expansion of technology to keep up with the needs of the town for data, communication, network and Internet connectivity, and video production and broadcasting.			
	F. Improve the ADA accessibility of municipal buildings and facilities over time.			
	G. Continue to make energy efficiency upgrades to municipal buildings. This may include LED lighting, better insulation, energy efficient windows, and renewable energy systems. Research into funding sources from state and federal agencies and others.			
	H. Investigate options for obtaining land to expand Atkinson’s cemetery to meet future needs.			
4.3	Conduct solar installation feasibility studies for Atkinson’s municipal buildings and sites, and plan for the addition of solar energy systems where appropriate.			
4.4	Consider how investments are funded and the impact on property taxes and seek diverse funding avenues to offset potential impacts.			
4.5	Explore greater connectedness between town government and local community groups.			
4.6	Assess the need to improve walkability, bicycle and pedestrian access and safety, and traffic calming measures in key areas.			

#	Action	Responsible Party(s)	Level of Priority (High, Medium, Low)	Status (In progress, complete, pending)
4.7	<p>Create a Multi-Modal Transportation Plan to identify roadway design standards that Atkinson’s future transportation network should adhere to. This Plan will help establish a network of pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure throughout the community and should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide clear design standards and alternatives based on the traffic volume and context of the roadway to promote pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicle safety. • Identify and address areas that are unsafe for cyclists and pedestrians through traffic calming along main travel routes, in heavily trafficked neighborhoods, and those that connect residential areas to the village center, the schools, and to recreation facilities and trails. • Investigate ways to expand pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure in Atkinson in priority areas of the community. This may include widening the shoulders of roadways, identifying locations for sidewalks, and/or constructing multi-use pathways that are separate from the roadways. 			
4.8	Continue to support elder services transportation.			
<p>Goal 5. Encourage and support the social capital by providing recreational programs & space, community facilities, historic heritage, cultural programs, and civic engagement.</p>				
5.1	Prepare a strategic recreation needs plan to guide the addition and/or improvement of recreational facilities, recreation programs, elderly programs, and related staffing. This could include:			
	A. Identify ways for the town to partner with existing recreation non-profit organizations to address programming and facility needs.			
	B. Expanding parks and recreation programming to provide a diversity of programming options for all ages, from youth to older adults.			

#	Action	Responsible Party(s)	Level of Priority (High, Medium, Low)	Status (In progress, complete, pending)
	D. Investigating opportunities for a new indoor, multi-purpose community center.			
	E. Considering the addition of new recreation facilities and programming in town including a dog park, pickleball courts, and multi-use pathways.			
	Maintain, upkeep, and improve Atkinson’s existing recreation facilities, such as Woodlock Park, Collins Park, and Pope Field.			
5.2	Create a community events committee that coordinates events in town in collaboration with other town boards and non-profit organizations.			
5.3	Continue to support the library, community center, and historical society as important cultural centers in Atkinson.			
5.4	Promote and educate to residents and the larger community the historical significance of the Town of Atkinson			
5.5	Continue to document historic and archaeological sites throughout the community for their protection and enjoyment. This could include establishing priorities for research, documentation, and protection of sites; and steps to promote and share Atkinson’s heritage and its role in maintaining the rural character of the community.			
5.6	Maintain existing trails in town and add new trails on protected lands, where appropriate, and as opportunities arise.			
Goal 6. Use the Master Plan to Guide the Town.				
6.1	Utilize the Master Plan as a guide to inform the town’s planning process. The Master Plan guides town department, board, commission, and committee activities and should inform future capital and strategic planning. The Plan should serve as a roadmap for department managers and town officials to refer to when planning for town services and service levels, capital improvements, and investments.			

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6.2	Establish an annual cross-functional review and update of the Master Plan's implementation actions.			
6.3	Encourage the adoption by policy and implementation of a 3–5-year, mid-term planning process.			
6.4	Consider developing a Master Plan Implementation Committee that meets quarterly throughout the calendar year to prioritize, coordinate, and report back on the completion of implementation actions outlined in the Master Plan.			
6.5	The Planning Board will coordinate with the Select Board to organize an end-of-year annual joint meeting of all boards, committees and commissions in the Town that are active partners in the implementation of the Master Plan to evaluate progress and plan for the upcoming year.			
6.6	Annually report on the progress of the 2023 Master Plan to local officials, boards and committees, and the public through town news outlets.			

A wide-angle photograph of a soccer field. In the foreground, a group of children in various colored jerseys (blue, green, orange, black, white) are scattered across the grass, some appearing to be in motion. In the background, a white soccer goal with a net is visible on the right side. The field is surrounded by a dense line of green trees under a bright sky. The word "Appendix" is overlaid in large, white, sans-serif font in the center of the image.

Appendix

*Above: Fields at Collins Park
Source: Atkinson Town Report*

The Appendix includes the following items:

- Previous Master Plan Documents (linked below)
 - [1980 Atkinson Master Plan](#)
 - [1990 Atkinson Master Plan](#)
 - [1998 Atkinson Master Plan](#)
 - [2015 Atkinson Master Plan](#)
- Existing Conditions Analysis
- Outreach and Engagement Report

ATKINSON, NEW HAMPSHIRE



EXISTING CONDITIONS REPORT

March 2024

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Atkinson, New Hampshire

Population and Housing

KEY FINDINGS:

- The Town of Atkinson’s population has steadily increased each decade since the 1980’s. In 2021, the town’s population was 7,231. The town’s population is projected to continue slowly increasing through 2030 to a population of 7,653.
- Over the last 10 years, residents 15 to 24 years old and 55 – over 64 years old have increased. 22% of residents are currently 64 years old or older.
- The largest age cohort of residents in Atkinson are the 55 to 64-year-olds and older, which comprises approximately 43% of the population.
- The number of residents in the “family-forming cohort” (25-44 years old) is now lower than the state’s average, comprising 15% of the total population in town. This is lower than the state average of 25%.
- The average (median) age of Atkinson residents is 52 years old. The median age for the state of New Hampshire is 43 years old and the median age in Rockingham County is 45 years old.
- There has been a slight decline in the number of Atkinson students enrolled in Timberlane Regional School’s in grades 6-12 since 2012.
- Atkinson Academy student enrollment has not drastically changed since 2018.
- The majority of the housing units in Atkinson are owner-occupied single-family homes at 92% and 8% of housing units in Atkinson are renter occupied.
- In Atkinson, there are two 55+ housing developments. These include the Settlers Ridge Apartments, which provides low to moderate income senior housing, and Atkinson Heights Condominiums, which is an age restricted development.
- In Atkinson, approximately 12% of the population identify as living with a disability.
- According to the American Community Survey data from the years 2016-2020, Atkinson’s median household income is \$112,009, which exceeds that of the county and state.
- Atkinson has a significantly low vacancy rate for rental units at 0% and has been at 1% or lower vacancy for many years.

DATA SOURCES:

- 2016-2022 NH Housing Resources
- 2006 -2020 NH Housing and Demographic Data
- 2016-2021 American Community Survey (ACS)
- 2012 - 2022 Timberlane Regional School Enrollment Data
- 2021 NH Department of Employment Security Community Profiles
- 2022 New Hampshire Residential Rental Cost Survey Report
- 2022 Atkinson Zoning Ordinance
- Town of Atkinson Tax Assessor Data

INTRODUCTION

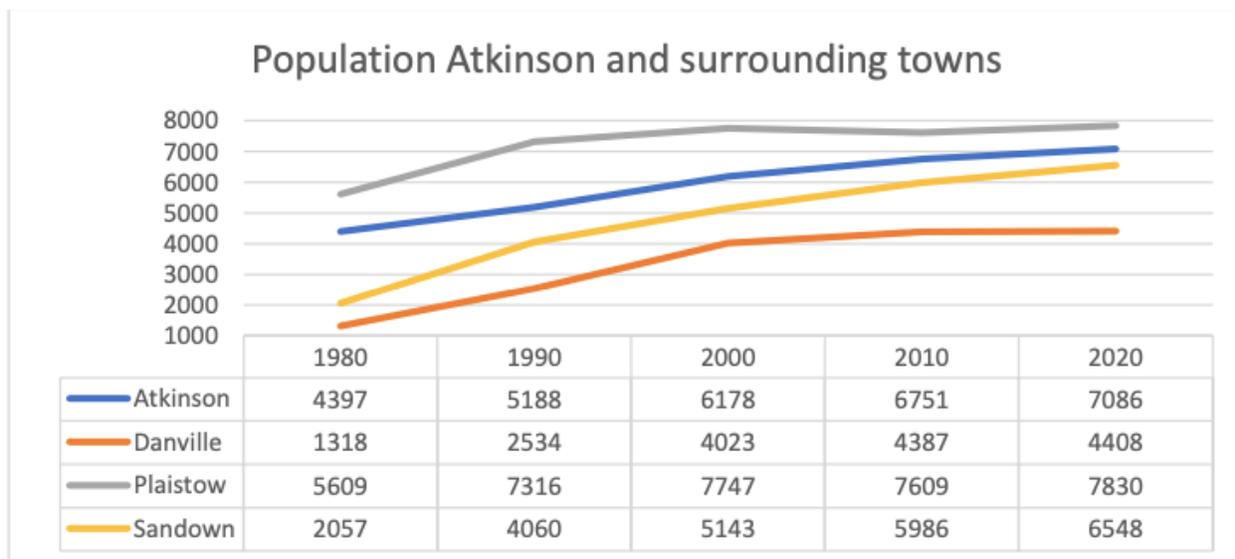
Analyzing the Town of Atkinson’s existing population and housing characteristics, and how they’ve changed over time, helps to identify any deficiencies, issues, or needs the community may have now and in the future. Atkinson’s geographic location in southern New Hampshire bordering the Massachusetts state line influences Atkinson’s population and housing needs. Many of Atkinson’s working residents commute out-of-state and most are commuting to Massachusetts. The U.S. Census included Atkinson in the New England City and Town Area (NECTA) (a defined labor market area) identified as Haverhill-Newburyport-Amesbury Town, MA-NH. This designation further reinforces the economic connection Atkinson has with its neighboring Massachusetts communities. Understanding Atkinson’s changes in population and housing characteristics will help the community plan for the accommodation of the future residential population, as well as for other needed changes related to land use, municipal services, transportation, and more.

This profile will identify current population characteristics (as of 2020), as well as historic population trends, population projections, and an inventory of existing types of housing, current housing trends, and more. This profile is informed by data from the 2020 U.S. Census, the American Community Survey, and NH Housing resources. It should be noted that the American Community Survey Data represents an average of multiple years (in this case, 2016-2020 or 2017-2021). At the time of this report being developed, the 2016-2020 ACS data was used. As 2017-2021 data became available, this was cross referenced with 2016-2020 and any notable changes in trends were identified.

POPULATION

According to the 2021 U.S Census data, the year-round population in Atkinson is 7,231. Historically, Atkinson was an agricultural community with a sparsely populated area. The community grew quickly from 1950 to 1980. Since 1980, population growth has not continued at the same rate. However, the town’s population has continued to increase over time at a steady growth rate and is projected increase to 7,653 residents by 2030. The historical data depicted in Table 1 shows this incremental growth with each decade since the 1980’s. It should be noted that it is expected that the population will likely increase by 600 residents in the next few years because of Atkinson Heights Condominiums. The Population Atkinson and Surrounding Towns Graph shown on the following page depicts that Atkinson’s population in comparison to its surrounding communities.

Year	Population
1950	492
1960	1,017
1970	2,291
1980	4,397
1990	5,188
2000	6,178
2010	6,751
2020	7,087
2025	7,389
2030	7,653

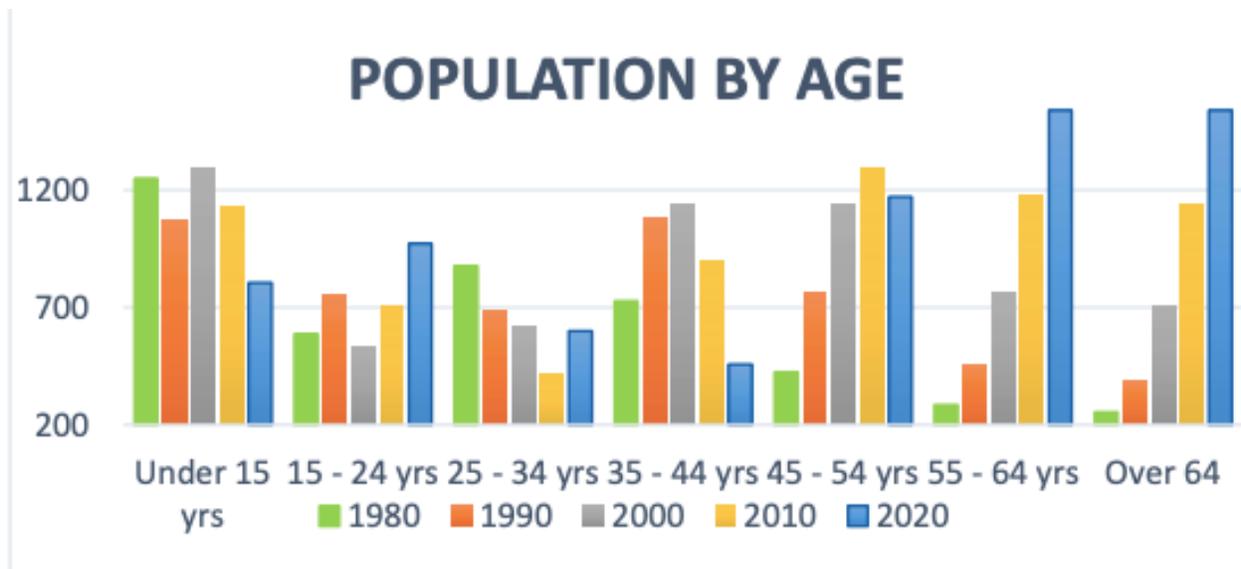


Population by Age

The average (median) age of Atkinson residents is 52 years old. The median age for the state of New Hampshire is 43 years old and the median age in Rockingham County is 45 years old. This indicates that the Town of Atkinson has a higher average age than that of the county and state. As shown in Table 2, the largest age cohort of residents in Atkinson are those within the 55 and over age bracket. This may indicate that the town consider how well they're able meet the needs of an aging population that is growing in the community.

Table 2: Age Categories in Atkinson Source: 2020 U.S. Census		
Age	Estimate	% of Population
Under 15 yrs	806	11.4%
15 to 19 yrs	498	7.0%
20 to 24 yrs	474	6.7%
25 to 34 yrs	599	8.5%
35 to 44 yrs	457	6.4%
45 to 54 yrs	1,171	16.5%
55 to 64 yrs	1541	21.7%
Over 64 yrs	1,540	21.7%
Total	7,086	-
Median Age (yrs)	51.9	-

Since 2010, the number of Atkinson residents under the age of 15 and 35-44 years old has been decreasing. In comparison with the rest of the age groups within Atkinson, about 43% of the existing population is over the age of 55. About 22% of residents are over the age of 64. The percentage of residents in Atkinson over the age of 64 is higher than that of the state at 18% for this age group. When analyzing historical data over the last 10 years, residents 15 to 24 years old and 55 – over 64 years old have increased. Residents in the age group of 25-44 years old identified as the “family forming age” represent 15% of Atkinson’s population which is lower than the state’s average at 25% for this age group. The bar graph on the following page shows population by age in Atkinson and how its changed over time.



Population by Race

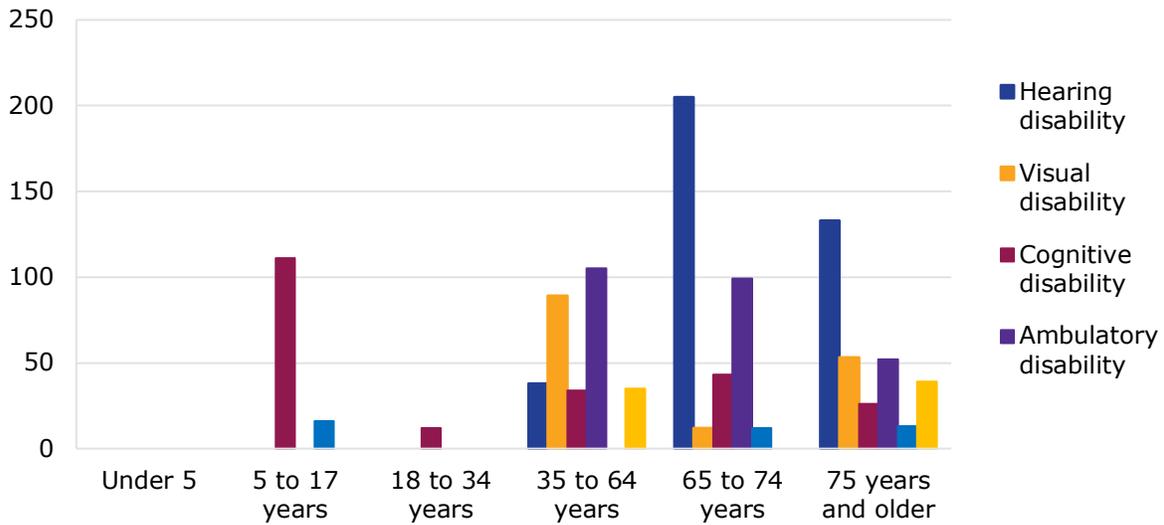
The following categories are terms identified by the American Community Survey Data. Although most of the population of Atkinson identifies as White, there is some diversity represented by residents of other races. An average of 93% of residents in the state of New Hampshire identify their race as White, whereas the Town of Atkinson’s average is slightly higher at 95.6%.

Race(s)	Population
White	6,782
Black	0
American Indian	0
Asian & Pacific Is.	63
Hispanic	94
Other	75

Population Living with a Disability

In Atkinson, approximately 12% of the population identifies as living with a disability. The American Community Survey Disabilities by Age graph depicted on the following page, defines disabilities by category: hearing, ambulatory, vision, self-care, cognitive, and independent living disabilities. As seen on this graph, it appears that two of Atkinson’s distinct disability demographics consist of residents with a hearing disability in the 65 to 74 age group and the 75 years and older age group.

Type of Disability by Age



Educational Attainment

According to the American Community Survey’s 2020 data, about 98.2% of Atkinson’s population has obtained a High School Diploma or higher level of educational attainment. About 42.1% of the population has a Bachelor’s Degree or higher level of attainment.

Level of Education Attainment	Population 25yrs and over
Less than 9 th grade	0
9 th to 12 th grade, No Diploma	85
High School Graduate	1,365
Some college, No Degree	1,180
Associate degree	420
Bachelor’s Degree	1,340
Graduate or Professional Degree	889

Population by School Enrollment

As shown in Table 5 on the following page, the number of Atkinson students enrolled at the Timberlane Regional School (SAU 106) has been slowly declining since 2012. Although there is not much notable difference in the changing enrollment numbers of students in kindergarten and grades 1-5, there has been a slight decline in the number of Atkinson students enrolled in SAU 106 Regional grades 6-12. It should be noted that not all Atkinson students attend the Timberlane Regional School as there are private schools in the area that accept Atkinson students as well.

Table 5: Recent Timberlane Regional School Enrollment Data by Year – Atkinson Students Source: SAU 106										
School Year	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2021-2022
Preschool	18	17	12	12	17	20	24	23	14	17
Kindergarten	52	39	49	49	40	38	55	59	51	44
Grades 1-5	344	297	301	301	298	268	278	267	283	288
Grades 6-8	221	229	221	221	207	197	194	177	173	159
Grades 9-12	325	304	293	293	268	264	263	261	229	217
Total	960	903	876	876	830	787	787	787	750	725

Table 6: Total School Enrollment Data by Town in Timberlane Regional School District (TRSD) Source: SAU 106										
Town/Area	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021
Atkinson	960	903	876	876	830	787	787	787	750	725
Danville	777	757	717	717	693	657	631	598	572	597
Plaistow	1,262	1,229	1,186	1,186	1,127	1,089	1,046	1,037	972	999
Sandown	1,062	1,024	986	986	1,016	1,033	1,090	1,044	974	965
TRSD	4,072	3,927	3,773	3,773	3,673	3,581	3,556	3,472	3,272	3,288

Table 6 above depicts the total school enrollment data in the Timberlane Regional School District (TRSD) by town. Generally, Danville and Atkinson have the least number of students enrolled in the TRSD. Overall, the student enrollment for the TRSD has been declining since 2012.

Table 7: Recent Atkinson Academy School Enrollment Data Source: SAU 106					
Month/Year	10/2018	10/2019	10/2020	10/21	6/2022
Preschool	15	16	8	12	11
Kindergarten	53	54	52	48	50
Grades 1-5	273	259	276	286	283
AA Total	341	329	336	346	344

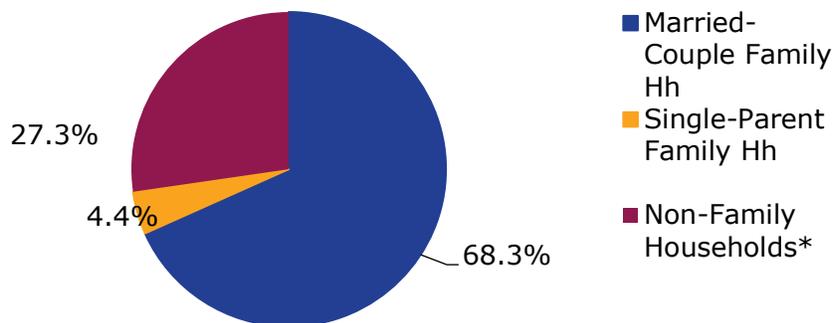
Table 7 identifies school enrollment data for Atkinson elementary students attending Atkinson Academy. When looking at this enrollment data since 2018, there are no drastic or notable changes in student enrollment numbers. It should be noted that the Timberlane Regional (SAU 106) Middle School and High School are in the Town of Plaistow. Atkinson Academy, Danville

Elementary, Pollard Elementary, TLC at Sandown Central, and Sandown North are also part of the Timberlane Regional School SAU 106 District. For pre-school and elementary grade students, all the elementary school families are allowed to request approval from the Superintendent to transfer to another in-district elementary school. Therefore, Atkinson’s pre-school through fifth grade students can attend one of the other elementary schools within the Timberlane Regional School District elementary schools listed above. The trend of continued population growth with a smaller percentage of school aged families should be considered while planning for the future of Atkinson.

Households and Families

The total number of households in Atkinson has increased by 7.7% since 2010. However, the average household size has decreased from 3.13 persons per households in 2010 to 2.85 in 2020. If the average household size continues to decline, this may also lead to a need for more housing units. New Hampshire Housing reports that about 27% of housing units in Atkinson from 2017-2021 were occupied by non-family households. The U.S. Census’ American Community Survey defines “non-family households” as a household that consists of a householder living alone (a one-person household) or where the householder shares the home exclusively with people to whom he/she is not related.

Family vs. Non-Family Households in 2017-2021



HOUSING

According to the Town of Atkinson, there are a total of 3,072 housing units. Most of these housing units are single-family residences, making up approximately 94% of the total housing inventory in Atkinson. The remaining approximately 6% of housing units are multi-family units. There are no mobile home units in town. Most of Atkinson’s housing units (78%) were built after the 1960’s. 27.3% of homes in Atkinson were built during the 1970s. Between 1970 and 2009, there was a steady production of housing (though incrementally declining each decade). Then, from 2010 to 2013, there was a significant decline in

Table 8: Units by Type	
Source: 2022 Town of Atkinson Data	
Unit Type	# Of Units
Single-family	2,876
Multi-family	196
Mobile Home/Other	0
Total	3,072

the number of housing units built. According to the 2020 Census, the average household size is 2.85.

As indicated in Table 10, almost half (47%) of the households in Atkinson live in a 3-bedroom unit.

Housing Tenure

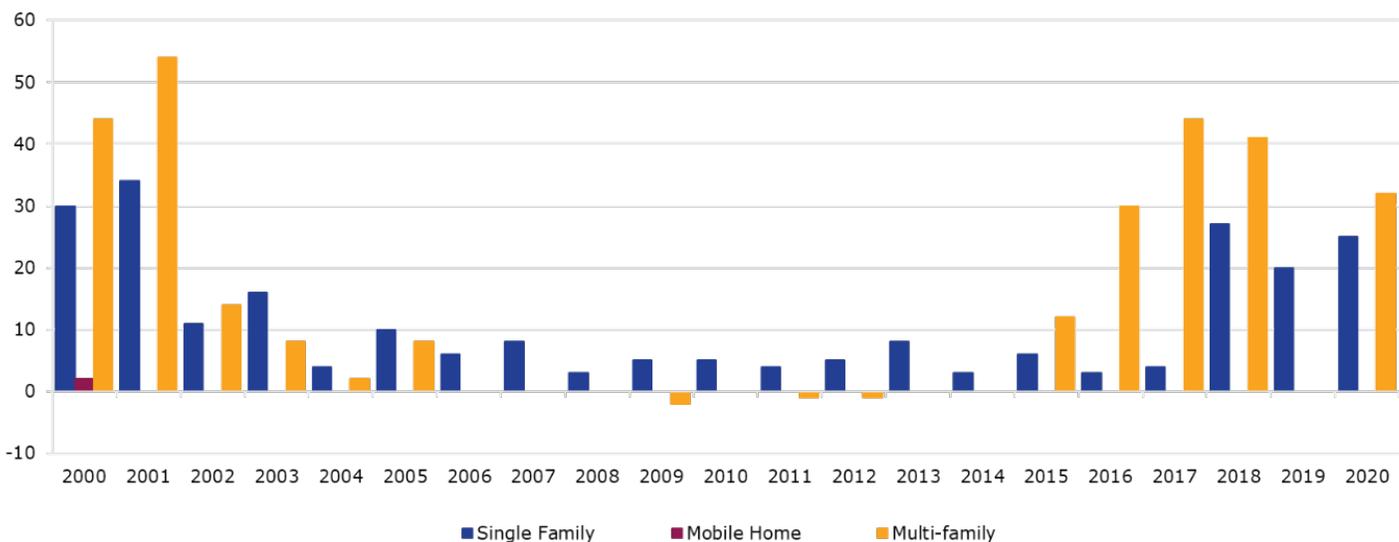
According to the 2017-2021 American Community Survey, about 92%, of the housing units in Atkinson are owner-occupied, which is a larger percentage compared to the state at 71%. The percent of renter occupied rental units (8%) in town has always been less than the number of owner-occupied homes in Atkinson when looking at the historical data. The percent of renter occupied rental units in Atkinson 8% is also significantly lower than the state average of 29%.

In reference to the graph, Housing Units Authorized by Permit in Atkinson below, according to New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority, single family housing is *“any detached dwelling unit meant for only one family to reside in. A single-family home has no shared property but is built on its own parcel of land”* and multi-family housing is a *“building or structure that is designed to house several different families in separate housing units”*.

Table 9: Units Built by Year Source: Atkinson Land Use Office		
Year Built	Units	% Of Total
2010 to 2020	243	0.6%
2000 through 2009	264	8.7%
1990 through 1999	586	19.3%
1980 through 1989	584	19.3%
1970 through 1979	827	27.3%
1960 through 1969	353	11.7%
1950 through 1959	115	3.8%
1940 through 1949	17	0.6%
1939 or earlier	165	5.4%

Table 10: Units by # of Bedrooms Source: (2017-2021) American Community Survey		
# of Bedrooms	Estimate	% of Total
No Bedrooms	53	2%
1 Bedroom	139	5%
2 Bedrooms	608	20%
3 Bedrooms	1,393	47%
4+ Bedrooms	773	26%

Housing Units Authorized by Permit



Age-Restricted Housing

Atkinson Zoning currently does not allow long term care facilities (Assisted Living Nursing homes nor Hospice) in Atkinson. Although Atkinson does not currently have an assisted living facility, Atkinson has two age restricted developments in town. Settlers Ridge Apartments are age-restricted rental units for ages 55 plus and is located at 25 Pope Road. The Settlers Ridge Apartments consists of three buildings, with a total of twenty townhouse style, one-bedroom units and six two-bedroom units (only these six two-bedroom units are two-story units).

Atkinson Heights Condominiums is a market rate age restricted condominium community located along the seventeenth fairway at the Atkinson Resort and Country Club. Under the provisions of the Federal Fair Housing Act, all residents must be 55 years of age or older. The Atkinson Heights Condominium Development will eventually consist of nine, thirty-two-unit mid-rise buildings. This development is still under construction and is located within the Golf and Sports Complex /Residential Sub-District (SCR-Subdistrict) identified in the 2022 Atkinson Zoning Ordinance. There are currently two completed buildings and construction has begun on the third. This unique type of cluster development is permitted in this district and is referred to as a Rural Residential & Recreation Cluster Development (RRRCD). Currently, it is projected that it will take ten years for all the units within Atkinson Heights to be completed.

Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's) and Apartments

In 2016, the voters approved an Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance to replace the previous Accessory Uses: Extended Family Accessory Living Unit Ordinance. Permit approvals began in 2017. Since that time, there have been a total of fifty-eight approved accessory dwelling unit permits. While the State of New Hampshire allows attached or detached accessory dwelling units, the Town of Atkinson currently only allows attached accessory dwelling units. In recent years, there has been interest from local buyers in properties with accessory dwelling units as they allow for multi-generational housing or rental income.

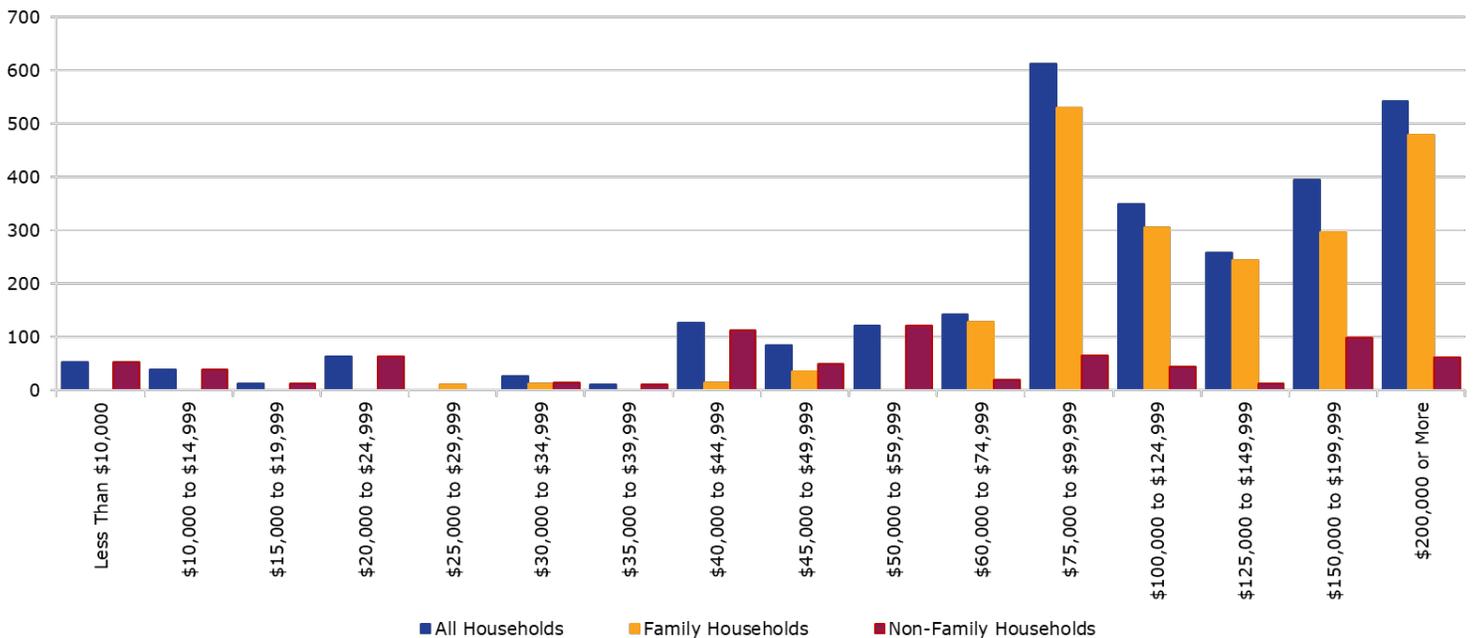
There are two apartment developments in Atkinson: Settler's Ridge Apartments and Atkinson Apartments. Atkinson Apartments are located behind the Post Office and consists of ten buildings with a total of 178 one-bedroom units.

INCOME

According to the 2016-2020 American Community Survey, the median household income in Atkinson for family households is \$112,009, which is higher than both the county and state’s median incomes. The median family household income for Rockingham County is \$93,962 and for the State of New Hampshire is \$76,768. The median income for non-family households in Atkinson is \$53,722.

Table 11: Household income		
Source: (2016-2020) American Community Survey		
	# Of Family Households	# Of Non-Family Households
Less than \$10,000	53	53
\$10,000 to \$14,999	39	39
\$15,000 to \$19,999	13	13
\$20,000 to \$24,999	63	63
\$25,000 to \$29,999	0	0
\$30,000 to \$34,999	27	14
\$35,000 to \$39,999	11	11
\$40,000 to \$44,999	126	112
\$45,000 to \$49,999	85	50
\$50,000 to \$59,999	122	122
\$60,000 to \$74,999	142	19
\$75,000 to \$99,999	613	66
\$100,000 to \$124,999	349	44
\$125,000 to \$149,999	258	13
\$150,000 to \$199,999	395	98
\$200,000 or More	542	62
Total Households	2,838	779
Median Household Income	\$112,009	\$53,722

Households By Household Income



Poverty Level

The American Community Survey defines the percent of individuals below the poverty level by using “*income before taxes and does not include capital gains or noncash benefits (such as public housing, Medicaid, and food stamps)*”. The U.S. Census Bureau also uses a set of income thresholds that vary by family size and composition to determine who is living in poverty. As Table 12 illustrates, Atkinson has a lower poverty rate at 2.1%, when compared to the County and the State of New Hampshire.

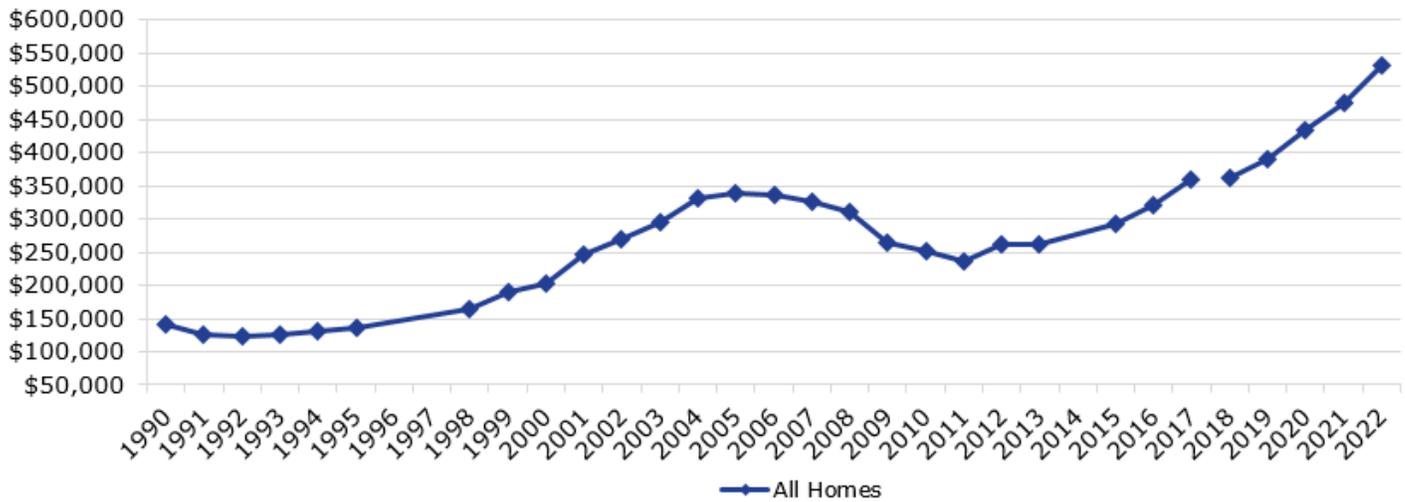
Table 12: Residents below the Poverty Level	
Source: (2016-2020) American Community Survey	
Geographic Area	% of Individuals Below Poverty Level
Atkinson	2.1%
Rockingham County	4.6%
New Hampshire	7.6%

HOUSING COSTS

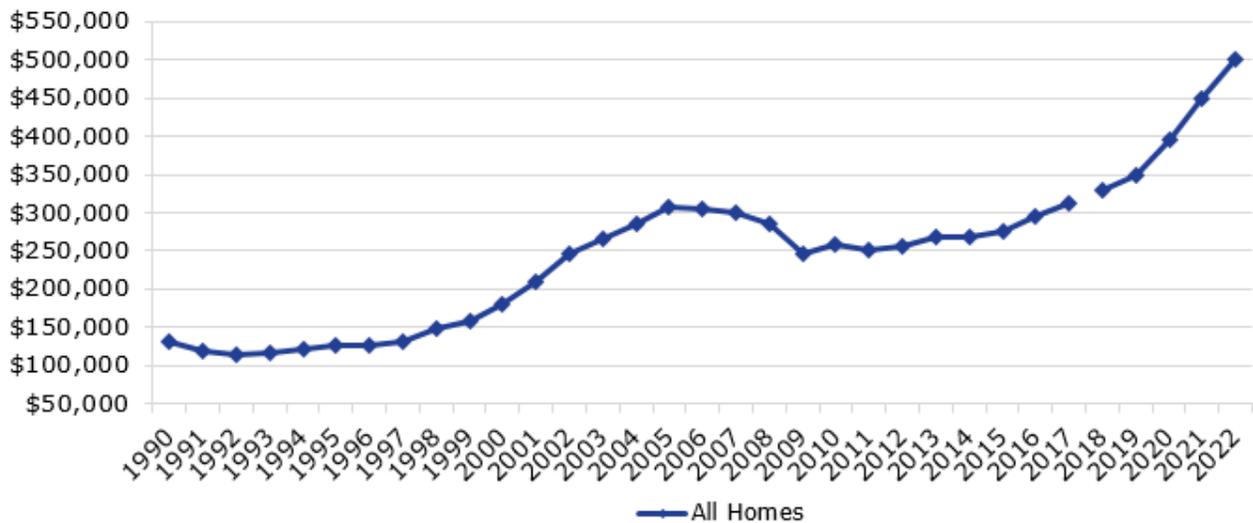
Analyzing Atkinson’s existing housing supply, the income levels of residents, and the current home values and costs is important to understanding how housing availability and affordability impact Atkinson’s residents. As indicated by the 2020 American Community Survey data, the median value of owner-occupied housing units in Atkinson is \$371,300 or approximately a monthly cost of \$2,450 with a mortgage and \$894 without a mortgage. According to the 2020 American Community Survey Data, the median home purchase price is \$344,000 in Rockingham County. Recently in 2021-2022, the average sale price of a single-family home in Atkinson was \$744,966, and the average sale price of condos was \$506,454 according to local realty. Please note that the American Community Survey Data reflects a median average of a five-year span. These numbers may vary from current housing costs due to the quickly changing housing market.

According to the 2022 New Hampshire Residential Rental Cost Survey Report, renters in the Lawrence, MA-NH HMFA (HUD Metropolitan Fair Market Rent Area) pay a median monthly rent of \$1,722. The Lawrence, MA-NH HMFA includes the New Hampshire communities of Atkinson, Chester, Danville, Derry, Fremont, Hampstead, Kingston, Newton, Plaistow, Raymond, Salem, Sandown, and Windham. The 2022 median monthly cost of rent in Rockingham County is \$1,708. When comparing this monthly cost to the 2015 median number, it can be observed that the cost of rent for Rockingham County has increased approximately \$400 per month. Housing costs in Atkinson also correlate to the vacancy rates for rental units across Rockingham County. The 2020 Census data indicated that Atkinson has no rental unit vacancies as the vacancy rate is at 0%. According to the 2022 New Hampshire Residential Rental Cost Survey Report for Rockingham County, the vacancy rate of rentals is 0.4% and, for the state it is 0.5%. A healthy vacancy rate range for rental units is 4 – 5% to ensure adequate availability.

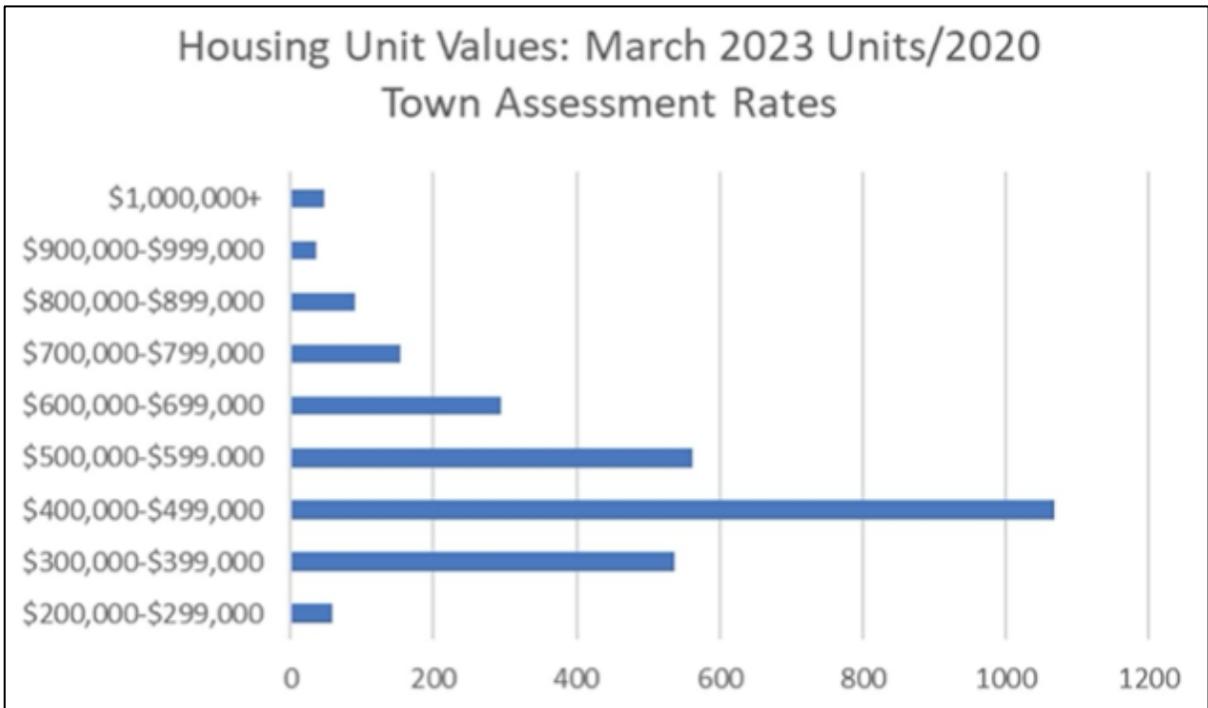
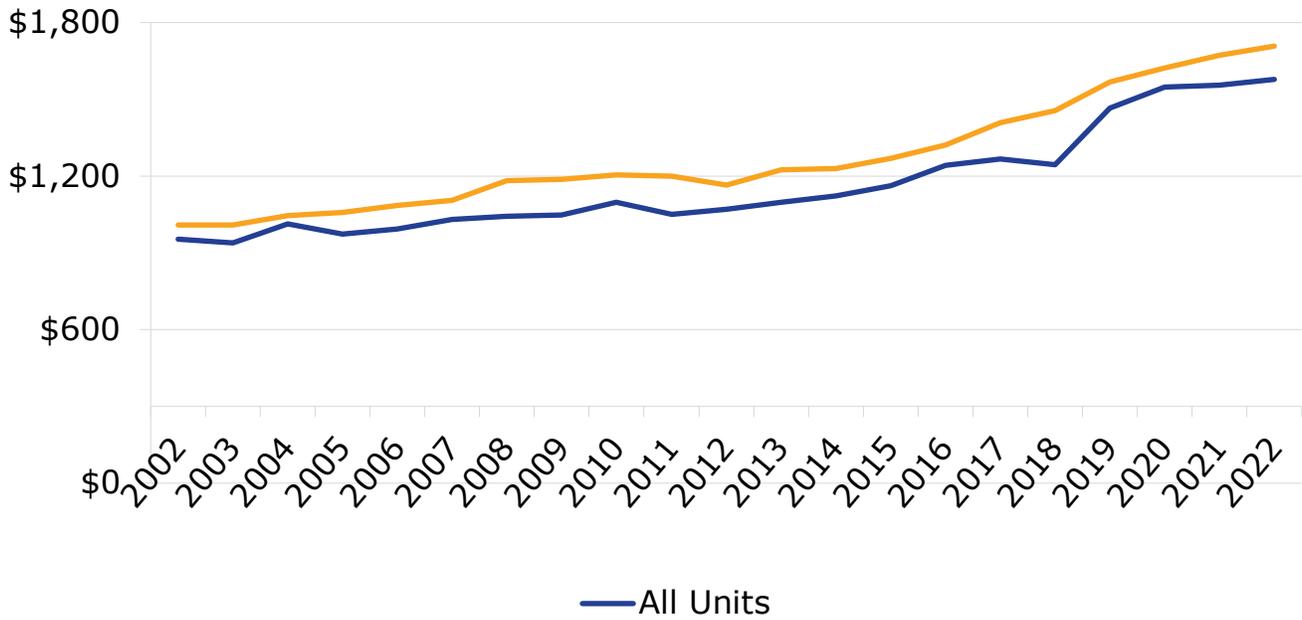
Median Home Purchase Price - Atkinson



Median Home Purchase Price – Rockingham County



Median Gross Rental Cost – Rockingham County



WORKFORCE COMMUTING

The U.S. Census' American Community Survey reported that in 2021, 10% of Atkinson's workforce population worked from home. Atkinson's resident workforce is largely employed outside of the community, but since the pandemic, a larger number of residents may be working remotely from their homes resulting in more hybrid and remote workers than reported. The average commute time for Atkinson workers about 30 minutes.

The majority of Atkinson residents commute alone by vehicle (85%). According to the 2020 Census data, the total number of Atkinson workers 16 and over in the civilian labor force is approximately 4,891, which is 69% of the town's population. It should also be noted that most of Atkinson's residents have access to 2 or more vehicles (about 95%).

Transportation Mode	% or # of Commuters
Less than 10 minutes	4.9%
10-14 minutes	24.2%
15-19 minutes	10.9%
20-24 minutes	7.9%
25-29 minutes	3.8%
30 to 34 minutes	14.2%
35 to 44 minutes	10.7%
45 to 59 minutes	10.4%
60 or more minutes	13.0%

# of vehicles available	% of Population
No vehicle available	0.0%
1 vehicle available	5.1%
2 vehicles available	48.5%
3 or more vehicles available	46.4%

Transportation Mode	% of Commuters
Drove alone, car/truck/van	84.5%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	4.1%
Public Transportation	1.2%
Walked	0.0%
Other Means	0.0%
Worked from Home	10.1%

Atkinson, New Hampshire

Town Facilities and Services

KEY FINDINGS:

- Atkinson has 8 municipal buildings including: the Police Station, the Town Hall, the Fire Station, the Kimball Library, the Community Center, the Town Garage, the Kimball House, and the Center School. These facilities are mostly centrally located in Atkinson near Academy Avenue and in the southern portion of town along Main Street.
- Atkinson also has several departments and services housed in these facilities. These include: the Atkinson Community Television (ACTV) Department, Building Inspections, Code Enforcement and Land Use Department, the Elder Services Department, the Recreation Department, the Fire Department, the Police Department, the Kimball Library, the Department of Public Works (Highway Department and Brush and Recycling Center), Town Administration, Town Clerk, Assessor, and Tax Collector.
- Like many communities, Atkinson has a few existing community facilities that need investment in the years ahead. These include: the Town Hall, the Police Station, the Fire Station, The Community Center, and the Highway Garage.
- One way to plan for investments to municipal facilities over time is through the development, adoption, and implementation of a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Atkinson does not currently use a Capital Improvement Planning Process.
- The Town could consider utilizing an asset management program to begin tracking maintenance and to plan for building and infrastructure investments.
- Atkinson does not have a public sewer system and currently relies on private septic systems.
- The water system covering part of Atkinson is privately owned and publicly operated by Hampstead Area Water Company (HAWC). As of December 2022, HAWC services 1,426 connections in Atkinson or about 3,565 people.

DATA SOURCES:

- Interviews with Department Heads
- 2017-2021 Town Annual Reports
- Town of Atkinson Website
- Timberlane Regional School Website
- Rockingham Planning Commission (RPC)
- 2015 Master Plan Update
- 2020 Atkinson Road System Action Plan
- 2020 Building Needs Assessment
- 2017 Atkinson Police Department Facility Study
- 2020 Facility Condition Assessments
- 2022 Hampstead Area Water Company Data
- 2022 Atkinson Fire Department Water Supply Study and ISO Review
- 2020 Fire Service Resource and Staffing Study
- 2021 Primex Report
- Atkinson Building and Code Enforcement Department

- Approximately 49% of Atkinson’s households are served by this privately owned public utility, and approximately 51% of the households in Atkinson utilize private wells.
- The Fire Department also has a need for better communication capabilities such as radio and dispatch. The west side of town experiences coverage issues currently.
- The community has experienced growth over the last five years and with continued growth projected, there are additional strains anticipated on the services that the Police and Fire Departments provide as calls for services increase.
- The existing Hampstead Area Water Company water system appears to meet the Town’s demand for drinking water in the area that it serves. However, the water system does not appear to meet the needed fire flow demands for many of the commercial properties in Town and some of the multi-family residential dwelling complexes.

INTRODUCTION

This section identifies and describes the Town facilities and services that Atkinson provides to its residents. Over time, with the growth of the town’s population, municipal services will need to be modified to keep up with the needs of the community. Older facilities may need to be updated or staffing of municipal departments and services may need to increase. New services and facilities may be needed to accommodate a growing elderly population or to meet other emerging needs. These changes will impact the way in which services are provided, the buildings which house them, as well as their capital needs, and therefore, the town budget. The information described in this profile is a synopsis of Atkinson’s current municipal facilities and services utilizing a compilation of resources. This includes documents posted on the Town’s website, presented in Town annual reports, interviews with Department Heads and other contacts, as well as information gathered from the 2020 Building Needs Assessment and other recent and relevant documentation. Together, these sources help to identify the status and condition of existing town facilities and anticipated future needs.

The Town facilities and services covered in this profile include:

- Police Department
- Fire Department
- Town Hall/Administrative Offices
- Schools
- Public Works Department
- Kimball Library
- Recreation Department
- Community Center
- Elder Services
- Utilities
- Communications

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Atkinson Police Department is currently located at 27 Academy Avenue in the old Rockwell School that was originally constructed in 1840. In 1992, the Rockwell School building was remodeled into the Atkinson Police Station. The need for additional Police Department space has been identified as a need over the years. A Building Needs Committee was formed by the Board of Selectmen to evaluate existing community facilities and create a Building Maintenance Plan. In 2017, a Facility Study of the Police Station was completed. It concluded that a new Police Station was needed and should be constructed to accommodate the wider service needs of the community.

The existing Police Station is 3,720 square feet and is on an existing 0.5-acre parcel. The Police Department Facility Study identified that a minimum lot size of 0.9 acres is required for a new Police Station. In April 2018, the Board of Selectmen designated a town owned lot on Main Street as the site for a new Police Station. The 2017 Police Department Facility Study identified that an 11,777 square foot Police Station was required with anticipated future space needs included. The new Police Station will have general office space, supply and records storage space, Patrol Sergeant and Shift supervisor offices, a briefing/roll call meeting room, a kitchenette, a booking room, interview rooms, adult and juvenile holding rooms, report writing room, active sallyport bay required for general booking, one bay for cleaning/maintenance/vehicle evidence, a lunch/break room, a public lobby, a community room, men and women's locker rooms with toilets and showers, physical fitness room, staff restrooms, public restrooms, storage space, a multi-purpose training room, and mechanical/electrical/janitor rooms.

The initial costs associated with this new Police Station project including the needs assessment, site surveys, ground testing, station design, and current work by architects have been funded by asset forfeiture in previous years. 2022's design furtherance was funded by ARPA funds. Therefore, none of the design process expense has been funded by Atkinson residents. The Board of Selectmen is creating a Police Station Steering Committee in 2023 for further study to construct a new Police Station.

The Police Department has six marked cruisers, three unmarked cruisers, and one motorcycle. In the 2023 warrant article the Police Department is requesting to replace two of the oldest/high mileage vehicles. The Police Department maintains alternating years of replacement with two replacements one year, and one replacement the next. In 2022, the Police Department did not make a request for the replacement of vehicles as there was a delay in receiving one of the cruisers that was approved in 2021. However, the Police Chief indicated that as the Police Department continues to grow, in order to meet the needs of the growing population, there will be a need for more vehicles in the future.

Staffing

The Atkinson Police Department has eight full-time officers, and seven part-time officers, consisting of a part-time Police Chief, a Captain, a Sergeant, and a Dispatcher.

Police Activity and Calls for Service

Table 1 provides a breakdown of the Atkinson Police Department's annual police activity related to arrests, crimes, and incidents. In 2021, the Police Department had 12,150 calls for service. Since 2019, the Atkinson Police Department has seen an increase in the number of calls for service and has identified a need for more staff in

Table 1: Police Department Statistics					
Source: Atkinson Annual Town Report					
Activity	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Drug Overdose	-	2	1	1	2
Drug/Narcotic Violations	20	17	14	8	6
Drug Equipment Violations	7	11	10	8	6
Kidnapping/Abduction	0	1	0	0	2
Rape	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Crimes	3	2	1	0	2
Sexual Assault	-	0	1	0	2
Motor Vehicle Theft	1	0	3	1	2
Stolen Property Offenses	1	1	2	3	3
Domestic	13	42	30	28	17
Aggravated Assault	1	1	0	0	1
Simple Assault	5	12	7	3	6
Intimidation	3	3	0	0	0
Driving Under the Influence	16	17	20	13	15
Disorderly Conduct	6	4	0	0	1
Arson	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	5	4	14	1	1
Theft from Building/Vehicle	15	15	12	11	18
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	6	10	13	11	11
Bad Check	1	1	1	0	1
Credit Card/Automatic Teller Fraud	2	2	2	0	1
Impersonation	1	0	2	0	0
Identify Theft	0	11	20	37	25
Hacking/Computer Invasion	0	4	2	3	1
Counterfeiting/Forgery	2	1	3	0	2
Shoplifting	0	0	1	0	0
All Other Larceny	7	9	18	10	11
Animal Cruelty	0	0	0	0	1
All Other Offenses	59	52	61	59	70
Total	192	222	245	197	207
Arrests	85	100	100	88	97
Calls for Service	7,346	6,934	9,113	12,787	12,150

order to accommodate the growing demand. In 2021, compared to other years and incidents, the crime activity that increased the most was breaking and entering vehicles. There was a

slight decrease in calls for service from 2020 to 2021 (5%), and a 10% increase in the number of arrests made.

Police Department Programs

The Atkinson Police Department provides a variety of community services including:

- George Charitable Foundation (educate school children about substance abuse) officers trained in L.E.A.D. (Law Enforcement Against Drugs) direct these efforts,
- Participating member of the Timberlane Regional School District School Safety Committee,
- Implementing A.L.I.C.E (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) in schools districtwide,
- Participating member of the Atkinson Academy Emergency Management Team,
- Assists Community Center and Recreation Departments Summer “Sun n’ Fun” program with staff training.

Additionally, the Atkinson Police Department performs services for the elderly including giving presentations at the Community Center on Fraud/Scam prevention along with other law enforcement experts, including USPS Postal Inspectors. The Department also conducts home checks when requested by residents who are going away, and any other locations that the Department receives requests or information about where additional visits are needed. Some examples include if someone is hospitalized, a family concerned about a senior parent wandering from the home, etc.

Atkinson Police Department Emergency Notification System

The Atkinson Police Department has their own dispatch that corresponds to lobby hours: Monday through Friday 8am to 4pm. The town has a dispatch contract with Plaistow to provide dispatch services during off hours, weekends, and holidays. Plaistow also is the dispatcher for the Fire Department.

Recent Projects

The Town’s first emergency call box was installed at Woodlock Park in coordination with the Recreation Department. The call box includes a direct line to the Atkinson Police Department, and an on-board AED (Automated External Defibrillator) that was donated by Trinity Ambulance. There is also a camera at the top of this box that is monitored at the Police Station. The Atkinson Police Department is currently working to install an emergency call box at Collins Park as well.

In 2021, the Atkinson Police Department joined the Southern NH Special Operations Unit (SNHSOU). This consists of highly trained officers from twelve area departments that deal with high-risk or unusual incidents such as Active Shooter Responses, Hostage Situations, Barricaded

Subjects that may injure themselves or others, and High-Risk Warrant Service. Members are trained in special tactics that attempt to resolve incidents without harm to innocent persons, officers, or suspects. The unit consists of tactical officers, negotiators, medics, and a mental health clinician. There is one Atkinson Police Officer that is registered as a member of the SNHSOU.

Funding

The Town of Atkinson currently receives its funds for various specialty equipment and training through Asset Forfeiture. In 2021, these funds from Asset Forfeiture were used to: upgrade the Taser technology, purchase and train in state-of-the-art photography gear, and renewal of the lease for the Police Motorcycle. The fund also allowed for the training of an officer on multiple levels of crash reconstruction.

Future Needs / Projects

The national and New Hampshire industry standard for full time officers per thousand residents is 2.0 to 2.1. By that standard, and with Atkinson’s current population exceeding 7,000 residents, the Police Chief indicated that the Department should have fourteen plus officers. It is also likely that an incremental increase in staff will be needed as the town continues to grow.

ATKINSON FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES

The Atkinson Fire Department is located at 1 Academy Avenue. The Atkinson Fire Station was constructed at this location in 2000 when land was purchased, as well as to expand the Atkinson Cemetery and provide space for the Town



Garage. As identified in the November 2020 Fire Service Resource and Staffing Study, the Fire Station has a general office for administrative purposes, a gear room, an eating area, a Chief’s office, a training room, a radio room, a day room, a bunk room, a kitchen, officer’s office, clean room, and a work room. The Fire Station also acts as an Emergency Management Communication Center when necessary. The Fire Station needs significant infrastructure upgrades as it is not currently set up to effectively accommodate department needs.

The Department manages a vehicle fleet that consists of: one 2008 F-450 Ambulance, one Utility – 1 1994 F-350, one Engine – 1 1993 Spartan Pump, one Engine – 2 2005 HME Ladder,

one Engine – 3 2016 HME Pump, one Tanker 1 – 2013 Kenworth T370, one Squad 1 - 2019 Ford F-550, and one 2011 Ford Expedition (Command Car). Engine 1 is due for replacement, and in 2023 a warrant article will be put forward to request its replacement. If approved, the delivery of equipment can take up to three years.

Staffing

The Atkinson Fire Department maintains a call department (support staff) that consists of twenty-four to twenty-eight personnel. The Atkinson Fire Department has one part-time Fire Chief (26 hours), one Assistant Chief, one Deputy Chief of Fire Prevention, one Deputy Chief of Operations, one Director of Emergency Medical Services, one Captain, three Lieutenants, one part-time Administrative Assistant (28 hours), four full-time firefighters, one Fire Inspector, one Fire Warden, six Deputy Wardens, and one Firefighter Association President. Besides the four full-time firefighters, the part-time Fire Chief, and the part-time Administrative Assistant, all other positions are paid on call (part-time) with no set schedules. The Fire Chief also serves as the Emergency Management Director, and leads the development, implementation, and update of the town's Hazard Mitigation Plan. The four full-time Firefighters have a schedule of four days on and four days off from 6am – 6pm, but from 6pm – 10pm there is no guaranteed coverage.

The Atkinson Firefighter Association is made up of all members of the Fire Department that hold meetings and fundraising efforts to support equipment replacement and upgrade. Prior to 2018, the Firefighter Association oversaw the Atkinson Fire Department. The Atkinson Fire Department is now overseen by the Board of Selectmen.

In 2021, the Fire Department began a recruitment campaign for new members as approximately one third of the fire department call force was at or near retirement. Since the recruitment campaign started the call department is sufficient as of 2022, but there is still room for improvement. The Atkinson Fire Department is still recruiting qualified personnel as more staffing needs is required in the near future due to community growth and the fact that the community is aging.

Emergency Medical Services

The Town of Atkinson Fire Department has a contract with Trinity Ambulance, a private ambulance service stationed at the 1 Academy Avenue Fire Station providing 24/7 services. Trinity Ambulance provides emergency transport service to several area towns including Atkinson, Hampstead, Danville, Newton, Plaistow, and Sandown. A Trinity Ambulance vehicle is located at the Atkinson Fire Department and another is located at the Hampstead Fire Department. Trinity Ambulance Services provides emergency and non-emergency ambulance and wheelchair van transportation to numerous communities throughout the Greater Merrimack Valley and Southern New Hampshire. Trinity is currently contracted with Atkinson and other communities to also provide emergency 911 service.

Calls for Service and Response Times

The Atkinson Fire Department follows the fire and emergency response time standards set by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). Calls for service over the last six years are shown in the Table 2 and are broken out by fire and medical calls.

In general, there has been an increase in the number of calls for service over the last six years. As identified in the 2021 Annual Town Report, the Atkinson Fire Chief identified that the community has had significant growth within the last five years. With this continued growth, there are additional strains on the services that the Fire Department provides as calls for services increase. The increase not only pertains to emergency response services, but also to administrative services including permitting, inspections, and other service calls.

Table 2: Fire Department Responses to Calls for Service						
Source: Atkinson Annual Town Reports						
Call Type	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Medical Aid	359	371	420	436	421	438
Motor Vehicle Accident	47	31	40	26	25	36
Building Fire	4	7	5	3	5	2
Vehicle Fires	2	0	1	1	4	1
Chimney Fire	1	2	2	2	0	1
Alarm Activations	107	9	90	98	94	97
C/O Activations	17	12	6	14	19	9
Smoke Investigation	6	15	5	8	25	12
Power Lines down	9	10	5	8	2	4
Public Assist	41	26	38	27	33	35
Grass/Woods Fire	6	2	1	3	2	4
Illegal Burning & Misc.	6	9	10	11	15	17
Hazardous Material	1	7	6	7	3	
Mutual Aid	25 (3 received & 22 given)	33 (1 received & 32 given)	24 (3 received & 21 given)	34 (4 received & 30 given)	25 (4 received & 21 given)	58 (7 received & 51 given)
Total AFD Responses	628	616	650	659	653	710
EMS Services Responses:						
Patients Treated	450	430	487	457	480	525
Total Ambulance Transports	284	290	328	280	284	319

Dispatching Services

Plaistow Police Department dispatches for the Atkinson Fire Department and others. Atkinson Police provides its own dispatch services during lobby hours. If a fire is reported, Atkinson will also notify surrounding communities as they have an Automatic Mutual Aid agreement in place.

Water for Fire Suppression

In 2022, the Atkinson Fire Department conducted a Water Supply Study. The Town of Atkinson is served by Hampstead Area Water Company (HAWC). HAWC is a privately owned public utilities company that provides drinking water and fire protection water to some areas of the town. Areas that are not supplied by HAWC must rely on alternate sources of water for fire protection. The HAWC water provided to the Town of Atkinson comes from groundwater wells operated by HAWC either located within Atkinson, or from wells located in neighboring communities depending on the demand for water at the time of use. The Water Supply Study notes that this water system was originally designed to provide clean drinking water to residents, not necessarily to provide fire suppression in the form of pressurized hydrants. In 2022, HAWC supplied water to 82 fire hydrants throughout the town using a gridded distribution system with various sized water mains, pump stations, and a 1-million-gallon elevated storage tank. It was identified in the Water Study that this water system appears to meet the Town's demand for drinking water in the area that it serves. However, the water system does not appear to meet the needed fire flow demands for many of the commercial properties in Town and some of the multi-family residential dwelling complexes.

Department/Building Needs and Future Projects

Recent Projects – As mentioned above a recent water study was completed in 2022. The water study covers all firefighter water supply need areas throughout town including existing dry hydrants and other infrastructure. The Water Study also identifies that the town's population growth is influencing the Fire Department needs and services.

A recommendation identified in the 2020 Fire Service and Resource Staffing Study Report suggests that the Atkinson Fire Department work toward reducing their insurance rating. Currently, the Town of Atkinson has an Insurance Service Office (ISO) rating of 06/6X. ISO is an independent risk company that services insurance companies, communities, fire departments, insurance regulators, and others by providing information about the risk. ISO analyzes the relevant data and assigns a Public Protection Classification (PPC) – a number from 1 to 10. A rating of 1 is adequate and a rating of 10 is insufficient, and Atkinson received a Class 6 rating. This class rating places the community in the middle of having a commendable fire suppression program for its size. The Fire Service and Resource Staffing Study Report recommended that the Town ISO rating goal should be to move the Department from a Class 6 organization to Class 5 over the next five years, and ultimately, a Class 4 rating over the next ten years. In the fall of 2023, the Atkinson Fire Department will be undergoing a reevaluation. For

more information on the ISO and PPC ratings, please see the 2020 Fire Service and Resource Staffing Study Report completed by Municipal Resources Inc. (MRI).

Future Needs – The Board of Selectmen has requested that the Fire Chief produce a Staffing Plan. The Fire Department currently has a staffing need for 24/7 coverage in the station. Additionally, the Fire Department currently struggles to get qualified staff especially during day shifts. This will also be addressed in a future Staffing Plan. A strategic plan has not yet been developed as this request is in its early stages. The Fire Service and Resource Staffing Study Report identified that, *“the size of the Atkinson Fire Department from a call personnel perspective is not going to be adequate to handle the expected emergency workload”*. This study also identified aspects of the community that necessitate the need for increased staffing for the Atkinson Fire Department which includes community growth, community aging, missed calls, extended response times, and reduced staffing.

The existing Capital Reserve Plan needs to be updated to reflect current apparatus.

Looking ten years into the future, the Fire Station facility will also need updating and renovating. While a 2021 Primex Report includes some recommendations for improvements, a separate building needs assessment for the Fire Station is still needed. The Fire Station will also need additional space as the existing station is not set up for 24/7 services. Currently, Trinity Ambulance also occupies space in the facility. The Primex Report identified the following facility updates needed:

- Upgrade the Protective Gear Storage Room,
- Obtain and install a personal protective equipment gear dryer,
- Obtain and install a traditional washer and dryer at the station to be used for cleaning clothing, other than turnout gear,
- Relocate the ice machine out of the garage/apparatus bay,
- Eliminate the slip, trip, and fall hazards created by the protruding floor drains in the center of the apparatus bays,
- Eliminate the slip, trip, and fall hazards created by the plywood ramps at entry to the apparatus bays,
- Install wire cage guards over the sprinkler heads that are exposed and easily contacted in the areas of the mezzanine and in the attic areas adjacent to the sleeping quarters.
- Remove and/or discard old, unwanted items for the mezzanine area, both above and below, to allow for better access to needed items and to improve ergonomics when accessing items stored in these areas,
- Improve storage area.

The Fire Department also has a need for better communication capabilities such as radio and dispatch. The west side of town experiences a coverage issue and the Fire Chief is trying to create a Capital Reserve Plan to address these needs.

TOWN HALL

The Atkinson Town Hall is located at 19 Academy Avenue and was built in 1985. The Town Hall replaced the former Atkinson Grange Hall that was built in 1913, which previously housed the



Atkinson Town Hall. When the new Town Hall facility was built in 1985, it was projected to adequately provide public services for a maximum population of 10,000 residents. The building houses offices for Atkinson's town services including Atkinson Community Television, Assessing, Building/Land Use Department, Tax Collector, Town Administration, Town Clerk, and Financial Management. The Town Hall currently houses six full time employees and nine part-time employees and several elected and appointed officials. The Town Hall is also where local boards and committees conduct their meetings including the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Zoning Board, and others.

The 2020 Building Needs Assessment identified that the condition of the Town Hall was rated as "poor". When considering how well this facility would meet the needs of Atkinson's population over the next decade, the Town Hall condition received the same "poor" rating. In addition to the town department offices, the Town Hall has two public restrooms, three storage closets, a small kitchen, and break room. The Board of Selectmen's Office also serves as a meeting room for other boards and includes the Atkinson Cable TV broadcasting room and accompanying video equipment. The Board of Selectmen's Office and meeting room can be divided into two meeting rooms.

The iconic pond located in front of the Town Hall adds to the unique character of the town. In winter, the pond is often utilized for ice skating, and in the autumn, it provides habitat for migratory birds. This pond is also utilized year-round by the Atkinson Fire Department as a fire pond.

Future Needs

The Town Administrator identified the need for a centralized air system, a back-up generator, and a reconfiguration of offices within the facility.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

In 2023, the Town of Atkinson consolidated to a Department of Public Works which includes the Care of Grounds personnel, the Highway Department, and the Recycling and Brush Center. These departments are overseen by the Department of Public Works Director.

Highway Department

Atkinson’s Highway Department is located at the Town Garage at 1B Academy Avenue behind the Fire Station. The Town Garage is a 60-foot by 40-foot garage facility with a one-bay garage door and a side pedestrian entrance. The garage has a mezzanine/loft for a small 6-foot by 20-foot office for the Director of Public Works, as well as some space that is currently utilized for storage. The Town Garage also has one half bathroom. Located adjacent to the Town Garage building is a road salt building.

Vehicle Type	#
2015 Ford F550 Dump Truck	1
2017 Ford F550 Dump Truck	1
2015 CAT 415F Backhoe	1
2022 Chevy 2500 pickup	1
Plows	3
Wings	2
Sanders	2

The Highway Department is responsible for maintaining and overseeing the infrastructure of the town including all town roads, town-owned buildings, the Dow Common, Atkinson parks, and Atkinson’s stormwater infrastructure. The Town of Atkinson hires a private contractor to mow recreational facilities and open spaces. The Highway Department owns a vehicle fleet and equipment as shown in Table 3.

Staffing

The Department has three employees, a Road Agent and two Highway Laborers. These three positions are full time from 6:30am – 5pm Monday through Thursday as well as overtime during the winter season.

Roads

The Highway Department maintains over 60 miles of roadway in Atkinson. The Department also maintains and updates the “*Atkinson Road System Action Plan*” which tracks road maintenance and improvement projects. This document was originally created in 1999 by the Town Engineer and Road Agent and was last updated in 2008. It served as a tool for the planning of prioritized annual spending made by the Town for capital improvements to Class V public streets through 2019. In 2020, the Town Engineer and Road Agent began the implementation of a Pavement Management Plan, included in the Atkinson Road System Action Plan, as an extended Action Plan for 2021 to 2029. During the 2022 construction season, 4.05 miles out of the 4.38 miles of

roadway scheduled for maintenance were completed due to the demands on the budget because of increased cost of gas, materials, etc.

The Highway Department also completes drainage work such as installing new catch basins and culverts; replacing and cleaning of catch basins and culverts, headwalls, shoulder gravel, tree work, ditch work, guardrail replacement; and improving grades to ensure compliance with the Town's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Program (MS4). This data is collected by the Road Agent and provided to the Town Administrator who completes the MS4 documentation to submit to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The Road Agent is also trained to follow the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Green Sno-Pro Salt Reduction Program practices to reduce the environmental impacts of road salt usage. This includes the calibration of all equipment and keeping consistent records of salt applications. The Road Agent intends to have the two Highway Laborers take these courses as well.

Future Needs

The existing Town Garage does not sufficiently meet the needs of the Highway Department. The facility does not have a break room and only has one bathroom. With the Department's recent transition to becoming a Department of Public Works, investments in new equipment are quickly resulting in additional space needs for this facility.

Municipal Waste

Brush And Recycling Center

The Town of Atkinson's Brush and Recycling Center is located on Woodlock Park Lane, off Westside Drive, opposite the tennis courts. Prior to the creation of the Brush and Recycling Center, the Town had a municipal dump that operated before 1970 and was located on Meditation Lane. The Brush and Recycling Center is open on Saturdays and Sundays from 9am to 4pm. The Brush and Recycling Center is a gated gravel piece of land with two storage trailers (one utilized by the baseball field for netting equipment and the other stores town totter carts and trash bins). There are also three to four dumpsters and a deposit pile for brush and leaves. There is currently no structure present except an unused, condemned 4-foot by 6-foot shed. One Department of Public Works staff person works at the Brush and Recycling Center. The Brush and Recycling Center is for Atkinson residents only and requires a permit for use. From 2021-2022, Atkinson residents generated 330 tons of brush materials. The Town has a contract with Casella Waste Systems to pick up the recycling material and collected trash in the Brush and Recycling Center's dumpsters.

Curbside Waste Pick-up Services

The Town of Atkinson has curbside waste pickup through a contract with a private company. In 2018, the Town partnered with Casella Waste Systems for this service. Atkinson residents are provided one trash and one recycling cart. Pickup of household trash occurs every week, and

recycling every other week, Tuesday through Thursday. Once Casella Waste Systems picks up the household trash it is hauled to the Raymond Transfer Station located in Raymond, NH.

Other Municipal Waste Services

In addition to curbside pick-up and the Brush and Recycling Center, the Town also offers Bulk Waste Collection, which occurs three times a year. Residents can submit a bulk pick-up form and payment to the Town Administration Office at the Town Hall if the volume of trash exceeds that of the average household trash size. For residents who cannot bring their waste to the Brush and Recycling Center, or have it collected as bulk waste, Atkinson residents may use the Raymond Transfer Station to drop off their waste.

In collaboration with surrounding communities, Atkinson participates in a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program. These Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) events occur twice a year and Atkinson residents are limited to ten gallons or equivalent of household waste. Proof of Atkinson residency is required at these events. The Household Hazardous Waste events are hosted in a different community each year. These events are town-coordinated and managed, and some funding is received through the State of New Hampshire. Some of the items acceptable to bring to a HHW Collection include the following:

- *Kitchen/bathroom Waste* - Aerosol Cans, bug sprays, floor care products, metal polish, furniture polish, oven cleaner, bathroom cleaners tile cleaners, disinfectants, batteries
- *Garage/shop Waste* - old gas, gas/oil mix, brake fluid, auto repair products, transmission fluid, other oils/cleaners, paints (oil based only), paint thinner, paint stripper, varnish, antifreeze
- *Garden/Misc. Waste* - chemical fertilizer, fungicides, rat poison, artist’s paints, fiberglass epoxy, gun cleaning solvents, moth balls, pool chemicals, photographic chemicals, fluorescent bulbs

Data is collected at each of these Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) events not by the total tonnage collected by town, but by the number of drop-offs per driver’s license. Table 4 shows the most recent data from the HHW event in June 2022 and shows Atkinson’s usage of this program in comparison to surrounding communities. In June 2022, a total of 231 residents of the six towns listed in Table 4 utilized the HHW event and 14% of participants were Atkinson residents.

Town	Number of Cars	% of Total Cars
Atkinson	33	14%
Chester	84	36%
Danville	19	8%
Hampstead	41	18%
Kingston	30	13%
Plaistow	24	10%
Totals	231	100%

Future Needs/Projects

The Department of Public Works Director indicated that an employee shack is needed at the Brush and Recycling Center (with air conditioning) for staff to have a designated, covered place to check in residents for waste drop-offs. Additionally, regrading of the gravel land was identified as a need, as well as new signage for the Brush and Recycling Center.

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

The Town of Atkinson has one cemetery that is organized into 6 sections and another which is under development. The Cemetery has an original entrance on Main Street, into Section I which was created in the late 1700's. Section II and III were added during the 1800's and through the 1900's. Then, a section known as "the New Cemetery" began behind the Kimball House through the early half of the 1900's. Finally, during the 1990's the two areas were connected by the purchase of land and the opening of Section IV, which lies behind the Fire Station and Highway Garage. Section V was developed behind Section III in the early 2000's. The next portion will be referred to as Section VI when it is completed in 2023, and that will utilize all the land that the Town has established as a cemetery up until this date. Burials continue today in Section III, IV, V, and the New Cemetery (Section VI). There are two convenient access gates located directly behind the Kimball Library building on the land donated by the Kimball Family in 1907.

Staffing

The Cemetery is managed by three elected Cemetery Trustees. The Cemetery has one paid employee (Care of Grounds Personnel) who works seasonally from April through December as needed to caretake the property, as well as arrange for and supervise all burial activities. The Care of Grounds Personnel currently has been offered full time, year-round employment in the Town through assignments to other departments during the winter months.

Future Needs and Projects

The Cemetery Department has an identified need for more cemetery space. Currently, there is a small undeveloped section in the back of the Atkinson Cemetery waiting to be loamed and seeded after years of bringing in in fill to this parcel. Once complete, this parcel will complete the expansion of the Atkinson Cemetery and will accommodate an additional 200 graves. This land would ideally be dry land without bedrock near its surface. As of 2022, there are still openings in Atkinson Cemetery section IV and V. However, when looking at the projected need for cemetery space, the Town should ensure additional land is secured to provide future Atkinson generations with burial space.

SCHOOLS

Atkinson students are part of the Timberlane Regional School District (SAU 106). There is one elementary school located in Atkinson (Atkinson Academy) and the Timberlane Regional School is in Plaistow, NH. The core capacity of the Atkinson Academy facility (library, gymnasium, cafeteria) and the facility's classroom capacity can be seen in Table 5.

Academy Facilities	Capacity #
Library	Approx. 60-70
Gym	285
Cafe	185
Grades K and 1	20
Grades 2 & 3	23
Grades 4 & 5	26

The schools include:

Atkinson Academy

Atkinson Academy was founded in 1787, but the original school burned down in 1802. In 1803, it was rebuilt. Today, Atkinson Academy is located at 17 Academy Avenue and is known as the oldest standing co-ed school in the nation. Atkinson Academy provides education to pre-kindergarten through fifth grade. Though this structure was renovated many times since the 1800's, some of the most recent major additions were constructed in 2001, which included a library, gym, administrative offices, a nurse's office, and ground floor classrooms. In 2007, kindergarten classes were added. Currently, Atkinson Academy has twenty-four full-size classrooms, eleven smaller rooms/offices (guidance, nurse, occupational therapy, etc.), one recreation field that includes a baseball diamond and a large playground with various pieces, six sets of boy/girl bathrooms, and five adult bathrooms. As of June 2022, student enrollment for Atkinson Academy was 344 students according to the Timberlane Regional School District 2022 Enrollment Report.

Timberlane Regional School

The Timberlane Regional School District serves the communities of Atkinson, Plaistow, Danville, and Sandown. Each of the other towns also support their own local elementary school and send their middle school and high school students to the regional middle and high school in Plaistow. The District also offers a central preschool, Timberlane Learning Center, that is located in Sandown, as well as other individual preschool programs at each local elementary school in the region. Timberlane Regional School also oversees and maintains the Timberlane Performing Arts Center located in Plaistow which is a state music and drama facility.

Funding

The Town provides funds to the Timberlane School District by paying for its proportional share based on the number of Atkinson students enrolled. Starting in 1998, the Town of Atkinson instituted School Impact Fees in accordance with state RSA's to help pay for required capital improvements. These impact fees can also be used to pay for Atkinson Academy improvements or to help pay Atkinson's share to the Timberlane Regional School District.

Future Needs/Projects

Atkinson Academy has identified that the 1803 portion of the building will require repairs and renovations soon. The rest of the building will need regular maintenance and upkeep projects as expected for a school facility. Although the school is fully staffed as of 2022, there may be a need for an additional teacher or other staff members in the future if the student population grows or changes.

KIMBALL LIBRARY

Atkinson’s Public Library, the Kimball Library, is located at 5 Academy Avenue. The original Kimball Library was located at 3 Academy Avenue which is now the Atkinson Historical Society. In 1977, the town voted to turn the Kimball House into a museum. The original Kimball Library was referred to as the Kimball House because in 1907 this structure served as the home of the first Atkinson librarian and her family. The current Kimball Library was constructed in 2008 and was designed to incorporate energy efficient construction methods. The existing building is 11,400 square feet and has an average of 32,000 visitors per year. The Kimball Library acts as a key community space for Atkinson residents of all ages and backgrounds.

The Kimball Library building consists of a lobby entrance, a large meeting room that holds 105 people with an attached kitchen, and a main circulation desk area where the adult and teen collections are located. Behind the circulation desk is a 10-foot by 12-foot glass office for the Library Director. There are three conference rooms. One has capacity for ten people, one for six people, and one for four people. There is a staff bathroom with an attached staff work room and break room, which also houses the mechanical equipment. There is a children’s program room and there are two children’s bathrooms. There are also two public bathrooms in the main lobby area. Lastly, there is an outdoor venue behind the Library that consists of a courtyard/amphitheater which is utilized for summer concerts, cookouts, and summer programming. The 2020 Building Needs Assessment identified that the Kimball Library received a rating of “poor condition” due to HVAC, façade, and interior deficiencies.

Programs

The Kimball Library provides a variety of educational, informational, and recreational programs for adults. This includes speakers, performances, classes, craft and exercise programs, and book, film, and Mah Jongg clubs. The Kimball Library provides youth programming including a robust summer reading program, story times, Mother Goose on the Loose, STEAM and coding classes, performances, book clubs for children, and various craft programs. The Kimball Library also provides teen programs including interactive movie nights, monthly book discussions, and teen nights.

Circulation (total)	50,542 items
Adult and Teen	24,537
Children’s	14,351
In 20Digital	11,654
Total (physical) items in collection	37,866
Items added	2,562
Items withdrawn	4,413
Library Card Holders as of October 2022	4,256

In 2022, 8,606 adults, teens and children attended over 708 programs including Summer in the Courtyard Performances and NH Humanities programs. The participants in these programs, events, and daily library use indicate that the Kimball Library is an important town service.

Services

In 2021, the Kimball Library launched the Aspen Discovery Library in collaboration with Southern NH Library Cooperative which includes the neighboring communities of Plaistow and Sandown. Much like the State of New Hampshire's Interlibrary Loan Program, the Southern NH Library Cooperative provides access to over 130,000 titles to Atkinson, Sandown, and Plaistow residents by combining their inventories and providing access to residents in each of these three communities. This program is provided through a non-profit organization, the Kimi Nicholas Center. This organization works with disabled community members and their aids to deliver requested books amongst the libraries of Atkinson, Sandown, and Plaistow. The Kimball Library also participates in the Interlibrary Loan Program which allows all New Hampshire residents to request books and other content online to be delivered to their requested library. The Kimball Library also provides a "Library of Things" program, provides one on one technical support to residents, notary services, passport services, and homebound book deliveries in cooperation with the Elder Services Department.

Collections

The Kimball Library also maintains a diverse circulating collection for all ages including books, magazines, newspaper subscriptions, audiobooks, and DVD's and Blu-rays. A wide variety of e-content both in print and audio formats, digital magazines and newspapers, and music and films to stream are available. The Kimball Library offers video games, Launchpads, and themed backpacks for children. Additionally, the Library provides WiFi, a specialized AWE kids computer, Hotspots, and a "Library of Things" including snowshoes, a telescope, games, and a radon detector. The Kimball Library maintains an inventory of computers, printers, and laptops, and provides access to a fax machine, a copier/scanner as well as items needed for conferences such as microphones and projection equipment.

Staffing

The Library has four full-time staff (some staff serve in multiple positions) including a Library Director, Assistant Director/ Manager of Youth Services, Head of Cataloging/Adult Programming, and a Children's Librarian. There are also eight part-time positions including Pages, Library Assistants, and Children's Services Personnel.

Future Needs/Projects

Recent improvements to the Library include the re-siding of the entire building as it was discovered that the original siding was not installed correctly when the building was built in 2008. With the number of programs and events the Kimball Library hosts, the Library Director indicated that the facility has storage space needs.

Staffing – Currently, the Library is not open all day on Saturday but there is an emerging demand for greater access. The Kimball Library would also like to provide an additional service to Atkinson residents by adding a Reference Librarian.

Building/Facility Needs – The mechanical equipment is aging and there is not a source of funding provided for the repair or replacement of this equipment. Carpets will need to be replaced. Additionally, through a recent Community Satisfaction Survey administered by the Kimball Library, residents state that they would attend more programs and events if more parking were provided. Therefore, the Kimball Library has identified a needed parking lot expansion.

Future Project – The Kimball Library is collaborating with the Energy Committee to install solar panels when the library’s roof needs to be replaced, however, this project is still in the research phase.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Atkinson’s Recreation Department Office is in the Community Center at 4 Main Street.-The Recreation Department provides many services to Atkinson residents including, but not limited to:

- A diverse cultural community and special event activities for all family members of all ages and abilities
- Well-maintained parks
- Rental of community building recreation facilities, and playing fields
- Weekly, biweekly, and monthly programs and activities for adults and seniors of all abilities
- Organize day trips for adults and seniors
- 6-week Youth Summer program Sun 'n Fun

Staffing

The Recreation Department has a full-time Director that also serves as the Director of Elder Services for Atkinson. There are also 10-12 seasonal part-time employees hired in the summer for the children’s summer program, Sun n’ Fun. This includes one Sun ‘n Fun Director, one Assistant Director, and approximately 8-10 counselors. The volunteer 5-member Recreation Commission, which represents the community at large, works with the Recreation Director to meet the community’s recreation needs.

Facilities

The Recreation Department and Recreation Commission manages the following facilities:

Woodlock Park

Woodlock Park is located at 80 Woodlock Park Lane on the west side of town. This town park includes a pavilion, public restrooms, four baseball fields, two tennis courts (including four lined pickleball courts), two soccer fields, a playground, and the Woodlock Fit Trail System located behind the park on the Chadwick Town Forest Land.

Collins Park

Collins Park is located at 17 East Road. Collins Park consists of a lacrosse field, two multi-purpose fields, a walking path around the perimeter of playing fields, a small parking lot, and a portable restroom, which could be placed by one of the sports leagues.

Atkinson Community Center

Atkinson's Community Center is located at 4 Main Street and is home to the Departments of Recreation, Elder Services and Supervisors of the Checklist. The Center is also home to many senior programs, seasonal luncheons, and hosts many civic organization meetings and fundraisers.

The Community Center building was formally the Trinity House Camp which the Town of Atkinson purchased along with the fifty-acre parcel in 1985. The land was originally sold to the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests and the parcel was subdivided into two lots. The Trinity Pond is located on the Community Center Property where the Fishing Derby has been held for many years sponsored by the Atkinson Recreation Department. One of the parcels included the Trinity House and five acres of land which the Town converted into the Community Center. The rest of the land (forty-five acres) that surrounds the Community Center is owned by the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests. The original Trinity House remains a part of the Community Center today. The Trinity House has three floors, and an attached single-story banquet room that was existing when the town purchased the property in 1985 but was later renovated. The second and third floors of the Community Center are utilized for storage due to the handicap inaccessibility of the building. Therefore, only the first floor of the Community Center is utilized for the public.

The first floor, which is open to the public, includes the banquet room, three meeting rooms, two bathrooms, a kitchen, storage area for tables/chairs, the Recreation Director's Office, and the Elder Services Office. The banquet room has a 120-person capacity and is available for rent to the public for fundraising events, private parties, and meetings. The Community Center is heavily utilized as a gathering space. According to the 2020 Building Needs Assessment, the Community Center received a rating of fair condition defined as *"subject to wear but is still in serviceable and functioning condition"*. Looking out to the next decade at the time of this report (2020-2030), the Community Center was rated as being in "poor condition" which is defined as *"subjected to hard or long-term wear. Nearing the end of its useful or serviceable life"*.

Maintenance

The Care of Grounds personnel maintains and supervises the playing fields and trash pickups. The Town of Atkinson hires a private contractor that mows the town recreation facilities. The Recreation Department and Recreation Commission send requests to the Care of Grounds personnel to notify them when facilities need to be mowed or to address other maintenance requirements. The Recreation Department's budget supports maintaining playground structures, tennis courts, a pavilion, restrooms, and the Fit Trail.

Recent and Future Needs/Projects

Recent Projects – In 2020, the Atkinson Community Center installed a new entry system called “Kisi”. It is a cloud-based access control system and acts as a security system for the building. The Kisi system can be monitored remotely and doesn't need keys picked up from Town Hall. This system allows the Recreation Director to program for locking and unlocking of the Community Center's main entry door remotely for renters of the facility's space.

The Community Center has two small decks, one of which is located off the banquet room and one located in the front of the building with steps (which both serve as emergency exits). In 2022, these two decks were reconstructed in the same footprint in order to stabilize and replace the former weathered decking. The main entrance two-way wheelchair ramp, which was done as an Eagle Scout project, needs to be reconstructed and this project is currently included in the ARPA funds project.

Future Needs - The Recreation Department has identified a need to resurface the tennis courts at Woodlock Park, paving the parking area, expanding playing fields, adding a new basketball court, and there have been discussions about installing a temporary ice-skating rink at Woodlock Park. None of these projects are underway, and the Recreation Department is currently requesting ARPA funds.

As identified in the 2020 Building Needs Assessment, the fire alarm system in the Community Center was updated in 2020. The facility still has an anticipated need to mill, overlay, seal, and stripe the asphalt parking.

The Community Center needs more space to accommodate the increased usage by elder residents and to meet the rental demand for events which has increased over the years. The Recreation Director would like to construct a new Community Center that is entirely ADA accessible and complies with all related codes, but more research needs to be done on what the property could accommodate given the conservation easement on the five acres and given that the forty-five acres of the surrounding property is owned by the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests. There may be possible restrictions. Additionally, there appears to be demand for a gymnasium to incorporate more sports programs. The deck railings of the pedestrian bridge on Trinity Pond needs replacement. In 2022, the Fishing Derby was held at

the Atkinson Town Hall Pond and is expected to be held there in 2023 as well until the railing on the pedestrian bridge on Trinity Pond is repaired.

For more information on recreation activities, programs, and facilities in Atkinson, visit the Recreation Profile of this Existing Conditions Report.

ELDER SERVICES DEPARTMENT

The Town of Atkinson maintains an Elder Services Department which is in the Atkinson Community Center. The Atkinson Elder Services Department provides complimentary transportation by appointment, lends a variety of donated medical equipment as needed, and acts as a link to information regarding helpful community resources. The Elder Services Department also offers Wellness Checks, reliable contractor's information, referral to Veterans Administration services, and works to collaborate with the Atkinson Recreation, Fire, and Police Departments. The mission of the Elder Services Department is to *"serve the needs of our senior citizens, be a resource for referrals to community resources, and provide safe and reliable transportation"*.

Staffing

The Elder Services Department staff consists of one Director of Elder Services, one Assistant Director, one Schedule Coordinator, and nine Drivers. The Director of Elder Services is a full-time position and also serves as the Town's Recreation Director.

Transportation Services

Atkinson's Elder Services Program maintains 5 vehicles to provide transportation to Atkinson seniors. To be eligible for these transportation services, it's required that the person be an Atkinson resident that is sixty years of age or older. The rides are free of charge and are available Monday through Friday between 8:00am to 5:00pm. The phone line to request a ride is staffed Monday-Friday from 8:30am-12:00 noon. This program for transportation services is funded by the town's annual operating budget and the five vehicles were funded by donations, which are managed by the Trustee of the Trust Fund. In 2021, the Atkinson Elder Services Transportation Vehicles provided 1,800 rides and travelled nearly 51,000 miles for medical appointment transportation, delivered library books through the Kimball Library homebound program, and delivered medical equipment rentals. The vehicles make trips specifically for elder services to medical appointments, prescription pickups, hair appointments, and grocery shopping for some eligible residents. The Elder Services Department vehicles include: two 2015 Toyota Venza, one 2017 Dodge Grand Caravan - wheelchair accessible minivan, one 2019 Toyota Rav4 Hybrid and the most recent addition, a 2022 Toyota Rav4-Hybrid.



Medical Equipment Services

Atkinson Elder Services lends out a variety of gifted medical equipment as needed free of charge to Atkinson residents.

UTILITIES

WATER AND WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE

Water System

Atkinson's public water system is owned and operated by Hampstead Area Water Company (HAWC). As of December 2022, HAWC services 1,426 connections in Atkinson or about 3,565 people. This accounts for about half (49%) of the town's population. It should be noted that there is a small commercial sector included in this connection count. However, 90% or more of the HAWC customers in Atkinson are residential. The remainder of the town's population is served by private wells. The residents served by the public water system are generally located in the center and east side of town as well as a small area in the southeast side of town along the Plaistow town line (and near Bryant Woods Condominiums). The Hampstead Area Water Company also has 18 wells and 82 hydrants in Atkinson.

For a water system to be considered to have adequate water supplies, its supply capacity must be capable of meeting its maximum day demands. Water storage tanks are essential for ensuring adequate service pressure, meeting instantaneous water demands, providing required fire flow, and providing for short-term emergencies when the supply capacity may be out-of-service. The public water system is served by an atmospheric tank located at Page Farm (behind Winslow Drive), and a tank with booster pumps behind the HAWC shop at 54 Sawyer Ave. Water is also supplied through Southern New Hampshire Regional Water Project which delivers water from Manchester.

Sewage Disposal

The Town of Atkinson does not have a public sewer system; therefore, properties require individual on-site wastewater treatment systems. It should be noted that the Town of Atkinson has agreement with Manchester, New Hampshire to receive septic waters. However, most properties in town have these individual septic systems which are owned and maintained by the individual property owner. Once the septic gets pumped, the sewage goes to the Lawrence Public Sewer Facility for treatment.

Stormwater Management

The Town's stormwater collection system has evolved over time, as the town developed, and streets were constructed. This system encompasses many roads in town, and ranges from open culverts/swales to catch basins and associated piping. As road improvements have been made over the years, the Town has evaluated and addressed drainage improvements. The Highway Department and the Town Administrator's office are cooperatively working together to comply with the requirements of the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit issued on May 1, 2018 by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). A Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) includes the stormwater collection, conveyance, and outfall structures within a city or town. These structures include (but are not limited to) catch basins, drain manholes, culverts, stormwater basins, and swales. Along with approximately sixty other municipalities in NH, the Town of Atkinson's MS4 permit is regulated under the EPA Clean Water Act (CWA).

The Stormwater Management Program (SWMP) describes and details the activities and measures that will be implemented to meet the terms and conditions of the 2017 NH Small MS4 General Permit. The SWMP document should be updated and/or modified during the permit term as activities are modified, changed, or updated to meet permit conditions. The main elements of the SWMP are:

1. A public education program in order to affect public behavior causing stormwater pollution,
2. An opportunity for the public to participate and provide comments on the stormwater program,
3. A program to effectively find and eliminate illicit discharges within the MS4,
4. A program to effectively control construction site stormwater discharges to the MS4,
5. A program to ensure that stormwater from development projects entering the MS4 is adequately controlled by the construction of stormwater controls, and
6. A good housekeeping program to ensure that stormwater pollution sources on municipal properties and from municipal operations are minimized.

The Highway Department has undertaken an effort to reduce its road salt and sand use (which impacts water quality), perform annual ditch cleaning and culvert reinforcement, and, during

road replacement, ensure that the replacement of culverts are sized up to accommodate for increased precipitation and storm frequency.

ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE

The Town of Atkinson and its residents are primarily serviced by the following utilities: Eversource and Unitil. It should be noted that Unitil has the vast majority of town while Eversource has a very small portion. However, Atkinson residents have also been investing in installing solar panels on their homes. Table 7 depicts the number of solar panel specific building permits granted by the Building and Code Enforcement Department. During 2017 and 2018, there were no solar panel permits granted, but in recent years (2019 to 2022) it appears that the number of solar panel permits granted has started to increase again overall.

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
# of Permits Granted	24	13	-	-	4	1	5	16

As mentioned in the Kimball Library description, the Library is collaborating with the Energy Committee to install solar panels when the library’s roof needs to be replaced. This project is currently in the research phase.

Energy Commission

The Town of Atkinson established an Energy Commission that consists of a Commission Chair and five members. The Energy Commission is an all-volunteer group that was appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The purpose of the Energy Commission is *“to coordinate, assist, and promote energy efficiency and conservation within the town, and to work with town officials to develop a capital improvement plan and a comprehensive energy plan for the town. It also works to identify and obtain funding through state, regional, and federal sources in support of energy conservation. It also coordinates outreach and awareness activities in the community”*.

Previous Projects – A recent project the Energy Commission completed in 2022, is the conversion of 180 streetlights to LED lights in collaboration with Unitil Electric Company. This project was partially funded by rebates and the other half of the cost for this project is being paid off over time. Unitil is allowing the Town to finance the other half of the project cost on its electric bills every month at 0% for 5 years to pay it off. The vendors that completed this job were paid in full and were compensated by Unitil. There are two remaining streetlights that are under Eversource Electric that the Atkinson Energy Commission would like to see converted to LED lights as well.

Current Projects – The Energy Commission is currently in the process of increasing the energy efficiency of all municipal buildings where possible. This was first approached by looking at the

existing town buildings to maximize their energy efficiency as much as possible through simple methods, such as replacing gaskets around doors, and converting interior lighting to LED. The Commission recognizes that it is important to establish the Return on Investment (ROI) prior to advocating further funding be allocated for the updating of town facilities to the highest energy codes possible. This ongoing project includes contacting vendors to look at town facilities and which buildings would be best for solar energy infrastructure. So far, solar vendors have identified the Kimball Library, the Community Center, and the Fire Station as south facing roofs which are good for solar energy generation. The Energy Commission also encourages the construction of all new town facilities, such as the Police Station, to be constructed to the highest level of energy efficiency and consider renewable energy production.

Atkinson Ordinances Supporting Renewable Energy Initiatives

The Town of Atkinson's Zoning Ordinance allows for the installation of solar panels and small wind energy systems in all zoning districts where structures of any sort are allowed. This is intended to encourage the use of renewable energy. For more information on small wind in Atkinson, visit Section 4100 Small Wind Energy Systems Ordinance of the Zoning Ordinance. The Energy Commission has suggested that a complete review of the land use regulations and local permitting requirements be completed. This review, or audit, will help to identify any unintentional barriers that may exist to the construction of renewable energy systems in Atkinson. It will also provide an opportunity to identify any incentives that can be adopted to encourage more property owners to install renewable energy systems.

COMMUNICATIONS

Comcast/Xfinity holds a non-exclusive franchise agreement with the Town of Atkinson for cable television services, telephone services, and high-speed internet service. This contract between the Town of Atkinson and Comcast/Xfinity was negotiated in 2014, and negotiations for the next renewal are currently underway under the formal process outlined in Federal Law. Comcast/Xfinity is the primary internet provider for the Town of Atkinson however, Consolidated Communications/Fidium is also an option for many but not all to provide telephone and fiber optic services.

Atkinson Community Television (ACTV)

Comcast provides cable services for the Town of Atkinson. Atkinson's Board of Selectmen, Zoning Board, Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Budget Committee, and Kimball Library Trustee meetings are broadcasted on Atkinson's Community Television Station (Channel 20) and on the Town Website (via Vimeo). In addition to government meetings, ACTV also broadcasts election results, parades, and other public events. Atkinson Community Television is a Public and Government Cable Access Channel maintained and operated by the Town since 1989. The Town of Atkinson employs a full-time Director of Communications to staff ACTV, and provides training and resources for the residents to produce and broadcast their own shows for the education, betterment, and entertainment of the Atkinson community.

ACTV's Broadcast Control Room is located behind the Selectmen's desks in the public meeting chambers located in the Atkinson Town Hall. This space serves as the Cable Department's control room, the Director of Communication's Office, and the storage facility for most of the equipment and is approximately 70 square feet in area. There is also a separate Server Room where all permanently installed equipment resides in a different part of the Town Hall building. The server room is approximately 80 square feet and is a shared space with the Town's server equipment.

Future Needs

Over time in this industry, there is always an anticipated need for new equipment as advances in technology continue. Large cable equipment purchases are only made annually via approved warrant articles utilizing monies from the Cable Capital Reserve Fund, a revenue source that does not currently impact the taxpayers or their property tax rate.

It should be noted that Atkinson internet provider speeds and bandwidth is poor. With more people working from home, this is a difficult obstacle. Many areas of town also have poor cell service.

Atkinson, New Hampshire Transportation Profile

KEY FINDINGS:

- Atkinson’s transportation system is composed of a rural and suburban roadway network with some regionally important state routes carrying higher traffic volumes.
- Atkinson is a largely residential community with dispersed development that results in an automobile focused transportation system with limited pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure.
- Atkinson residents appear to have good access to the regional transportation system, but limited access to public transit options currently.
- Public transit exists in adjacent communities, but Atkinson has no direct interstate access, no formal local park and ride lots, and no mass transit system.
- Atkinson’s Elder Services is an innovative and locally funded program that provides rides to Atkinson residents aged 60 and older.
- Route 93 to the west in Salem/Windham and Route 495 to the south in Haverhill, MA are the two most relied upon highway systems for Atkinson residents. Access to these highways is primarily via Routes 111 and 121, respectively.
- Atkinson’s dominant traffic patterns reveal a strong north/south orientation which is heavily reliant on Main Street, Maple Avenue, East Road, Providence Hill, North Broadway and Westside Drive.

DATA SOURCES:

- 2015 Atkinson Master Plan Update
- 1998 Atkinson Master Plan
- 2020 Atkinson Road Action Plan
- 2021 New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT)
- Rockingham Planning Commission 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan
- 2016 Coordinated Public Transit/ Human Services Transportation Plan for the Greater Derry-Salem Region
- Traffic Study: Atkinson 2015 Intersection Analysis: Island Pond Road and West side Drive
- 2022 Atkinson Zoning Ordinance Scenic Roads
- 2012-2021 Town Annual Reports
- 2021 NHDOT Traffic Count Data
- 2017 – 2021 Vehicle Accident Data – Atkinson Police Department
- 2015 Robert Frost /Old Stage Coach Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan

INTRODUCTION

Atkinson’s transportation system is composed of the roadways and other infrastructure that support the chosen modes of transportation being used by residents, businesses, and visitors. Given its geographic location in southern New Hampshire on the border of Massachusetts and away from major highways and transit services, the town has limited transportation options. However, the current transportation system both impacts and is impacted by the land use pattern and future land use changes.

EXISTING TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

Roadways

Atkinson’s transportation network includes roadways, culverts, trails, a bridge, and sidewalks. The existing roadway network includes 72 miles of state, municipal, and private roads as presented in Table 1. The length of state routes that extend through Atkinson is 9.5 miles. This includes NH 111 and NH 121 which provide access to Route 93 to the west in Salem/Windham and Route 495 in Haverhill, MA. These highway routes are the most relied on routes for Atkinson residents due to the town being predominantly a residential community; therefore, residents typically commute out of Atkinson for employment. The majority of Atkinson’s roads are municipally maintained which gives the town control over their design and maintenance, but also the responsibility to maintain this infrastructure. Table 2 shows the definition of each roadway classification.

Road Class	Maintenance	Miles	Percent
0	Private	14	19%
II	State	9.5	13%
V	Local	48.9	68%
	Total	72	100%

Class	Class Description
0	Private Roads
I	Highways on the primary State highway system, excluding all portions of such highways within the compact sections of towns and cities of 7,500 inhabitants and over. The State assumes full control and pays cost of construction, reconstruction and maintenance of its sections; the portions in compact areas controlled by the towns and cities under Class IV highways.
II	Highways on the secondary State highway system, excluding all portions of such highways within the compact sections of towns and cities of 7,500 inhabitants and over. All sections improved to the satisfaction of the Commissioner are maintained and reconstructed by the State. All unimproved sections, where no state and local funds have been expended, must be maintained by the town or city in which they are located until improved to the satisfaction of the Commissioner.

III	Recreational roads which consist of all roads leading to, and within, State Reservation designated by the Legislature. The State Highway Department maintains full control of reconstruction and maintenance of such roads.
IV	Town and city streets which consist of all highways within the compact sections of towns and cities of 7,500 inhabitants and over. Extensions of Class I and II highways through these areas are included in this classification.
V	Rural highways which consist of all other traveled highways which the town or city has the duty to regularly maintain
VI	Unmaintained highways including all other public ways, including highways discontinued as open highways, highways closed subject to gates and bars, and highways not publicly maintained in suitable condition for travel for five years or more.

Many of the roads in Atkinson are paved except for a small stretch of Woodlock Park Lane where the Brush and Recycling Center is located. As shown in Table 3, Atkinson has about 71 miles of paved roads and about 2 miles of unpaved roads.

Type	Miles	Percent
Paved	70.5	97%
Unpaved	1.9	3%
Total	72.4	100%

According to NHDOT 2021 Pavement Condition Data, the state roadways in Atkinson are in good surface condition. Municipal roads are managed through an eight-year Road System Action Plan. The Pavement Management Program, led by the Road Agent and Town Engineer, was implemented in 2020. The purpose of this program is to protect and preserve the town’s investment in earlier roadway base rehabilitation and or reconstruction. In the 2020 Atkinson Road System Action Plan, sixty public streets were identified as needing shim and overlay treatment over the next five years (2021-2025).

Bridges and Culverts

There is one bridge in the Town of Atkinson. This bridge is municipally maintained and is located on Mill Stream Pond Road. According to NHDOT’s 2021 Bridge Conditions data, this bridge has not been identified as structurally deficient.

It is important to also maintain culverts as critical water crossings and any catch basins that connect to these culverts. In 2022, 289 catch basins were inspected and cleaned by the Highway Department and eight tons of material was removed. According to the 2022 Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Report, there are a total of 414 known catch basins in Atkinson. A Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) includes the stormwater collection, conveyance, and outfall structures within a city or town. For more information about the Town of Atkinson’s MS4 System and Permit, visit the Town Facilities and Services Profile and the Natural Resources Profile of this Existing Conditions Report. The Town of Atkinson has a plan to increase culvert sizes as roads are rebuilt and culverts are replaced. Increased culvert size will accommodate larger storms and ensure climate resilience while also improving habitat connectivity.

Sidewalks and Trails

Atkinson has a small section of sidewalk located on NH 121 (Main Street) near the Haverhill, MA state line. The sidewalk is in front of the Post Office and the Atkinson Community Center.

There are 20.5 miles of trails in Atkinson maintained largely by the Atkinson Conservation Commission. The Woodlock Fitness Trail is maintained by the Recreation Committee. These trails are primarily used for access to conservation lands and for recreation and few, if any, play a role in the transportation system.

Robert Frost/Old Stagecoach Scenic Byway

In May 2014, the Robert Frost/Old Stagecoach Scenic Byway was designated in Atkinson. This scenic route is part of a 44-mile scenic byway that travels through the towns of Derry, Atkinson, Auburn, Chester, and Hampstead. In Atkinson, the Robert Frost/Old Stagecoach Scenic Byway is located on NH 121 (Main Street) and extends from Robie Lane to the town line near Hampstead. The Robert Frost/Old Stagecoach Scenic Byway Council was also formed; and is comprised of representatives from the five communities and the Southern New Hampshire and Rockingham Planning Commissions. The Robert Frost/Old Stagecoach Scenic Byway Council and the planning commissions developed the Robert Frost/Old Stagecoach Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan in 2015.

The state scenic byway program was established in 1992 and includes historically and culturally significant landscapes and landmarks. The Robert Frost/Old Stagecoach Scenic Byway includes the following landmarks in Atkinson: The Green Tunnel, Atkinson Congregational Church, Atkinson Town Center, Dow Common and Civil War Memorial, Atkinson Academy, Atkinson Historic Sites (41 Buildings), Atkinson Cemetery, and Atkinson Town Pond. More information on these historic landmarks in Atkinson can be found in the Historical and Cultural profile of this Existing Conditions Report, and some can also be identified on the 1980 Scenic Vistas and Pronounced Landscapes Map. In order to preserve these scenic and cultural landscapes and maintain the scenic byway, Atkinson had established Section 505 Scenic Vista and Pronounced Landscape Regulation in the Zoning Ordinance which provides setback requirements by zoning district.

RECOMMENDED BIKE ROUTES

The NH Department of Transportation maintains an interactive bicycle route map found here: <https://nh.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=49c702c328d84a29af3b4a27eb271b37>

Included on this map are NHDOT recommended bicycle routes. The state identifies 7.6 miles of paved road in Atkinson as being good candidates for bicycle infrastructure. Currently, Atkinson does not provide designated and separated bicycle lanes. Some of the roads included in the

recommended bicycle routes include Meditation Lane, Maple Avenue, Academy Avenue, East Road, and NH 111. The state recommended bike routes can be seen on the NH State Bike Routes interactive map with the link above.

TRANSIT AND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

Many segments of Atkinson’s population would benefit from greater access to public transit options. According to Rockingham Planning Commission’s 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan, *“Accessibility in the region is excellent for individuals with a motor vehicle. In contrast accessibility is very limited in much of the region for senior citizens, individuals with disabilities or other residents who lack a private motor vehicle or who are otherwise unable to drive to get to work, perform errands, or travel for other reasons”*. NHDOT provides three park and ride lots near Atkinson in Salem, Plaistow, and Hampstead.

Along Atkinson’s southern border adjacent to Plaistow, NH, and Haverhill, MA, a small section of the Pan Am Railway passes through town. The Pan Am Railway was previously known as the Boston and Maine (B&M) Main Line West that runs between Boston and Portland, and the Amtrak Downeaster is the current rail service on this line. The Amtrak Downeaster can be picked up in Haverhill, MA. The train and bus stop access in Plaistow is no longer available. The Merrimack Valley Transit Service provides a 13-bus route from the Plaistow Walmart to Washington Square Transit Center in Haverhill, MA. Other transportation services in Rockingham County (as identified in the Rockingham Planning Commission’s 2016 Coordinated Public Transit/ Human Services Transportation Plan for the Greater Derry-Salem Region Plan) are listed below. These transportation services are offered in Atkinson, adjacent communities, or are available throughout the whole region.

- **Atkinson Elder Services** – is a municipal program that offers rides to Atkinson residents aged 60 and older. Rides are provided free of charge to eligible riders and are available Monday-Friday between 8:00am-5:00pm. The phone line to request a ride is staffed Monday-Friday from 8:30am-12:00 noon. Drivers are part-time town employees. Medical trips are prioritized, and the program is funded through the town’s annual operating budget and donations.
- **Granite State Independent Living** – is a statewide non-profit organization whose staff provide a range of services, including evaluation, skills training, and on-going support to enable eligible consumers to pursue independent lives. Four core service areas this organization provides includes information and referral; peer support and counseling; skills training; and individual and systems advocacy. GSIL maintains six wheelchair accessible vans and minibuses, which provide transportation statewide for social and civic activities. Historically, GSIL has not provided trips for medical appointments. However, since 2011, GSIL has become a provider of Medicaid Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) for trips within a 20-mile radius of Concord.
- **Lamprey Health Care Senior Transportation** - provides rides for elderly and disabled residents of Rockingham County and parts of Strafford County. The program offers

weekly service on Fridays to residents of the towns of Hampstead, Atkinson, Danville, Sandown, Epping, Fremont and Raymond for shopping and medical appointments, with destinations largely in Plaistow. Other demand-response rides for medical appointments can also be scheduled by reservation at least a week in advance. The program operates a fleet of three cutaway buses as well as one station wagon. All of the buses are lift-equipped and have the capacity for two wheelchairs and up to 16 passengers.

- **Rockingham Nutrition Meals on Wheels** - has a primary mission of delivering meals to elderly and handicapped clients throughout the county and transporting elderly residents to meal sites. The meals on wheels program provides direct transportation to the meal site at the Vic Geary Center in Plaistow, and partners with Easter Seals and CART to provide meal site transportation in Derry and Londonderry. RNMOW also provides limited support for meal transportation to the Salem Senior Center. A seven-passenger minivan is based at the Vic Geary Senior Center in Plaistow.
- **Seniors Helping Seniors** – is a home care provider offering companion care, light housekeeping, errands, transportation assistance and dementia care. Care is provided by other seniors employed by the agency. Seniors Helping Seniors is a national organization with a Southern New Hampshire office in Bedford. Their service area includes the whole Rockingham Planning Commission region.
- **Kimi Nicholas Center** – is a private, non-profit human service center targeting the needs of disabled citizens in the towns of Londonderry, Derry, Salem, Windham, Atkinson, Hampstead, Chester, Sandown, Danville, and Haverhill, Massachusetts. Services include day habilitation, and communications and vocational training for adults with serious developmental disabilities. KNC operates a fleet of nine vehicles to pick up clients and bring them to the service center and return them home. The Kimi Nicholas Center also works with Atkinson’s Kimball Library, and surrounding town’s libraries, to deliver books and other content to elderly residents of these communities.

CIRCULATION AND DESIGN

Atkinson’s transportation system requires long-term planning and good design objectives which may be informed by the analysis of vehicle trips, commuting patterns, traffic counts, accidents, traffic calming, access management needs, and identified bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure needs. Atkinson’s dominant traffic patterns reveal a strong north/south orientation which is heavily reliant on Main Street, Maple Avenue, East Road, Providence Hill, and North Broadway.

Commuting Data

As identified in the Population and Housing Profile of this Existing Conditions Report, the commuting patterns of Atkinson residents over the age of 16 are related to their place of employment and their need for housing. Most working residents commute alone by automobile to their jobs. The 2021 American Community Survey Data identified that majority of Atkinson residents commute out of state and most of those that do are likely heading to Massachusetts. The average commute time for Atkinson workers is about 30 minutes. Additional commuting

data from the American Community Survey can be found in the Population and Housing profile and the Economy Profile.

Traffic Counts

Atkinson’s most recent traffic count data for the roads in town is included in Table 3. This table depicts the most recent traffic data for these roadways (2021) in comparison to the traffic count data from previous years. This data was collected by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation. Reviewing the traffic data from 2018 to 2021, it appears that in most cases there has been a steady decline of traffic on the roads listed. The reason for these declines in traffic volume are not yet clear and appear to have started ahead of the Covid 19 pandemic and the increase in remote work during this time.

Table 3: Miles by Classification						
Location	Total Weekday Vehicles (2021)	Total Weekday Vehicles (2020)	Total Weekday Vehicles (2019)	Total Weekday Vehicles (2018)	Total Weekday Vehicles (2013)	Total Weekday Vehicles (2010)
NH 121 AT HAMPSTEAD TOWNLINE	6,106	5,506	6,524	7,763	8,000	8,100
NH 121 WEST OF WILLOW VALE	5,481	4,942	5,855	7,233	5,300	5,800
PROVIDENCE HILL RD AT SALEM TOWN LINE	1,212	1,093	1,295	1,515	1,500	1,600
NH 121 (ATKINSON DEPOT RD) AT ATKINSON TL	9,908	8,934	10,585	11,986	12,000	12,000
WESTSIDE DR NORTH OF HAVERHILL RD	2,509	2,262	2,680	3,236	2,900	2,800
GREENOUGH RD AT ATKINSON TL	2,192	1,977	2,342	2,680	2,200	2,200
EAST ROAD AT ATKINSON TOWN LINE	4,183	3,772	4,469	5,115	5,100	4,500

SHANNON RD EAST OF ATKINSON RD	2,229	2,010	2,381	2,864	4,000	3,500
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Traffic Studies

In 2015, an intersection analysis was conducted by Rockingham Planning Commission (RPC) for the Island Pond Road and West Side Drive intersection. This intersection carries a greater amount of commuter traffic than what would be generally anticipated of this type of roadway. Island Pond Road is in the north-central part of Atkinson and provides an east-west connection between state routes NH 111 and NH 121. Westside Drive provides a north-south connection from Island Pond Road to Main Street in Salem and allows commuters to bypass much of the congestion that is typically further west on NH 111 and on NH 28 in Salem. RPC was asked by Atkinson’s Road Agent to examine the potential of removing stop signs at this three-way stop intersection at Island Pond Road and West Side Drive. RPC’s 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan describes that there are several roads in Atkinson that have been identified as congested based on the results of a travel demand model that was conducted, and these results are supported by the current traveling experience of highways during peak hours. The most congested route identified in the travel demand model was NH 111 in Hampstead, Atkinson, and Salem.

Accident Data

Between 2017 and 2021, there was a total of 401 accidents recorded on Atkinson’s roadways. Two of the 401 accidents resulted in fatalities. Table 4 shows the total number of accidents reported in each year from 2017 to 2021 as provided by the Atkinson Police Department.

Table 4: Atkinson Accident Data	
Year	# of Accidents
2017	77
2018	84
2019	77
2020	72
2021	91

The intersection with the most accidents over the past two years is NH 111 at Waters Edge. The other roadways accounting for a higher rate of crashes are NH 111, Main Street (NH 121), and East Road.

TRANSPORTATION RESOURCES AND PENDING INFRASTRUTURE PROJECTS

The Atkinson Public Works Department, Board of Selectmen, and the Planning Board are collectively responsible for overseeing the management of the town’s transportation system, its maintenance, and future infrastructure investments. A review of the Rockingham Planning Commission’s 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Plan identified no pending projects in Atkinson. A review of New Hampshire Department of Transportation’s 2023-2032 Ten Year Improvement Plan also identified no pending projects in Atkinson. The Rockingham Planning Commission’s 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan does identify an unfunded project in Atkinson to Plaistow on NH 121 for safety improvements.

Atkinson, New Hampshire

Recreation

KEY FINDINGS:

- Atkinson’s Recreation Department and Elder Services Department offer over 10 programs for all ages at four different sites throughout town. These recreation sites are a combination of built structures, natural areas like Big Island Pond, and designated open spaces such as athletic fields.
- Atkinson has access to several nearby outdoor public and private recreational areas including the Timberlane Regional High School track and field, and the golf course at the Atkinson Resort & Country Club.
- There are approximately 21 miles of trails in Atkinson offering a diversity of recreational opportunities that include, but are not limited to, walking, bicycling, cross-country skiing/snowshoeing, and dog walking on nine unique trail systems.
- Atkinson's established trails are on protected land owned by the town.
- Data suggests a high usage of Atkinson’s roads and trails for recreation throughout the year including NH 111, Providence Hill Road, and NH 121.
- NHDOT has identified about 7.6 miles of recommended paved bicycle routes in Atkinson which include Meditation Lane, Maple Avenue, Academy Avenue, East Road, and NH 111.
- There is a demand for the Recreation Department to provide more programming for youth and teens.

DATA SOURCES:

- 2011 Natural Resource Inventory
- 2022 Land Conservation Plan
- Rockingham Planning Commission (RPC)
- Atkinson Conservation Commission
- Atkinson Recreation Commission
- 2021 Atkinson Annual Report
- Strava Global Heat Map
- NH GRANIT
- Atkinson Town Website
- Atkinson Recreation Department

INTRODUCTION

Atkinson’s recreation facilities and activities contribute to resident’s quality of life by providing many community and recreation resources for all ages, while promoting public health. Throughout previous Atkinson Master Plans, it is clear that the community values its recreational facilities, programs, and lands which includes open space areas. These properties and programs are overseen by the Town’s Conservation Commission, Recreation Committee, and Recreation Department.

Recreational Facilities and Programs

Atkinson has a Recreation Department and a Recreation Committee that together maintain and offer recreational facilities and programs for all demographics in the community. Recreation opportunities in town take advantage of the unique rural and historical character of the natural resources and built facilities in Atkinson including Big Island Pond and the extensive trail system on Atkinson conservation lands. The full list of sites and facilities offered in Atkinson are found in Table 1. The list of programs provided by the Recreation Department, and other local organizations are found in Table 2. The Town could consider investing in a deeper study to analyze whether the existing recreation facilities and programs are meeting the community needs. Additionally, this study could help determine whether existing funding for recreation facility maintenance and programming is adequate.

Table 1: Recreational Locations in Atkinson				
Site Name	Recreational Facilities	Acreage	Location	Conservation Status
Atkinson Recreation Department List of Facilities:				
Woodlock Park	4 baseball fields, 2 soccer fields, 2 tennis courts, picnic area, trails, 1/2 basketball court, 1 Pavilion, restrooms, access to power and water	-	80 Woodlock Park Lane	Developed Open Space
Collins Park	Lacrosse fields, multi-purpose field	10.03	17 East Road	Conserved, w/ Recreation Deed Restriction
Kimball Library Courtyard	Courtyard/Amphitheater	-	5 Academy Ave	Developed Open Space
Canoe/Kayak Launch	Small dock w/ limited parking	0.27	Stickney Road	Conserved
Schools:				

Atkinson Academy	Basketball Court, gymnasium	-	17 Academy Ave	Developed Open Space
Timberlane Regional School	Indoor track, football field, outdoor track, soccer field, two baseball fields, practice field, four tennis courts, gymnasium	-	44 Greenough Road Plaistow, NH	Developed Open Space
Privately-Owned:				
Atkinson Resort & Country Golf Club	18-hole course, driving range, a 9-hole par-3 course	220.75	85 Country Club Drive	Developed Open Space

Table 2: List of Programs in Atkinson	
Atkinson Recreation Department List of Programs:	
Co-ed Volleyball (Adult)	Tai Chi – Temple Exercises
Fusion Fitness (Adult)	Whist Party – Card Game
Gentle Yoga (Adult)	Line Dancing (Adult)
Jacki’s Aerobic Dance Class (Adult)	Seasonal Senior Luncheons
Craft projects (holidays)	Day Trip Programs for Seniors
Kid’s Summer Program: Sun n’ Fun	Ice Cream Socials/Concerts
Learn to play Pickleball	Egg Hunt, Fishing Derby (Kids)
Adult one Day Trip Programs (Seniors and Adults)	Veterans Breakfast and Ceremony (Veterans and General)
Tree Lighting (General)	
Programs Run by Local Organizations	
Timberlane Youth Lacrosse	Timberlane Youth Soccer League (TYSL)
Timberwolves Soccer Club (TSC)	Timberlane Youth Basketball Softball Program
Garden Club	Boys/Girls Scouts
Youth Programs at Kimball Library	Atkinson Youth Basketball and Softball
Atkinson Garden Club	Atkinson Lions Club
Atkinson Women’s Civic Club	Atkinson Veterans Club

TRAIL NETWORK

The Town of Atkinson has an extensive trail network throughout the community, which accommodates a variety of recreational uses including hiking, biking, cross-country skiing, hunting, and dog friendly sites. Each property and trail system determine which permitted uses are allowed. The permitted uses for each trail system in Atkinson can be found in Table 3. Atkinson’s total trail network encompasses 20.5 miles of publicly accessible trails. The parcels that support these trail systems are identified on the Trails on Conservation Land Map – Map H from the 2022 Land Conservation Plan also found at the end of this profile. There are also a

significant number of trails that are privately owned in cluster development neighborhoods that are not a part of the Town of Atkinson Trail System, but still exist in town for residents of those neighborhoods such as the Bryant Woods Trails.

Atkinson’s Conservation Commission has worked to expand the trail network over time, and in recent years, trail maps were created and supplied at each of the trailheads. In 2021, the Conservation Commission established a new trail entrance on Juniper Lane to the western portion of Sawyer Forest, completed the addition of a Fitness Trail along the Woodlock trails in the Chadwick Town Forest, and took initial steps toward completing ADA Compliant Trails in Slade Town Forest in collaboration with the Atkinson Recreation Department. As shown in Table 3, Atkinson has several trails located on town-owned/managed land. In fact, all the properties listed in Table 3 are on protected land.

Table 3: Recreational Trails in Atkinson				
Site Name	Total Trail Miles	Location	Total Acreage of Land	Permitted Use
Caroline Orr Land Trail System	2 miles	4 Main Street behind Community Center and Robie Lane	60 acres	Hiking, dogs allowed, seasonal hunting
Sawyer Land Trail System	3.9 miles	Sawyer Ave and Jupiter Lane	Approx. 140 acres	Hiking, dogs allowed, seasonal hunting
North Sawmill Swamp Trail System	3.7 miles	Knightland Ave	102.35	Hiking, dogs allowed, seasonal hunting
Crown Hill-Noyes Trail System	3.4 miles	East Road and Crown Hill Road	48.83	Hiking, biking, dogs allowed, seasonal hunting. This trail system connects to both Plaistow and Hampstead trail systems
South Sawmill Swamp Trail System	1.5 miles	Woodlawn Ave	102.35	Hiking, dogs allowed, seasonal hunting

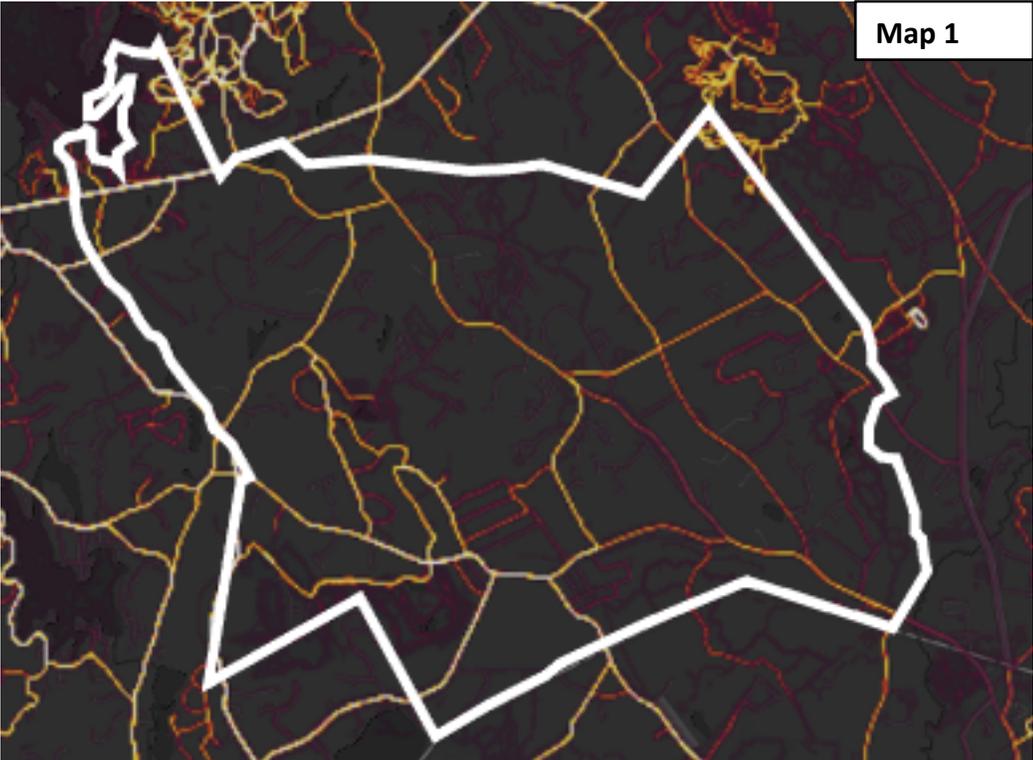
Marshall Land Trail System	2.2 miles	Boulder Cove Road	Approx. 35 acres	Hiking, dogs allowed, seasonal hunting. This trail system connects to Hampstead trail system.
Stickney Trail System	2.3 miles	Lakeside Drive	34.44	Hiking, biking, dogs allowed, seasonal hunting
Woodlock Trail System	1.5 miles	Adjacent to Woodlock park and Merrill Dr.	Approx. 4.5 acres	Hiking, dogs allowed, seasonal hunting, Fitness Trail

Recreation Commission

The Town of Atkinson has a Recreation Commission that consists of five members and the Recreation Department Director. The Atkinson Recreation Commission is a volunteer commission appointed by the Board of Selectmen and meets once a month. The Recreation Commission is responsible for maintaining the parks in Atkinson as well as the Fitness Trail at Woodlock Park. The Recreation Commission notifies the Care of Grounds personnel of the town when mowing or other maintenance is needed at town parks, the Dow Common, etc. The Commission works with the Recreation Director to plan and implement a wide range of civic, cultural, and recreational opportunities for all residents of Atkinson. Other responsibilities include overseeing the Recreation and Community Center facilities and ensuring the safety, development, and quality of the town’s athletic fields, parks, and recreation facilities.

RECREATIONAL USES

A helpful resource to observe and understand the popularity of recreation activities and usage areas is through Strava Heat Maps. These maps indicate areas in Atkinson where users are frequently participating in a variety of recreation activities. This includes both existing recreation assets and other places that may not be owned or managed by the



town. Strava describes itself as a “social network for athletes” where the program tracks and analyzes the activities of its users by connecting to the individual’s device such as a phone, watch, GPS, etc. Strava then uses this information to create a usage map (also known as a heat map) to depict where their users recreate. It should be noted however, that not all Atkinson recreation participants utilize Strava, and this data is not intended to represent all recreational users in Atkinson. It does help indicate trends for further investigation. To learn more about Strava Heat Maps, visit <https://medium.com/strava-engineering/the-global-heatmap-now-6x-hotter-23fc01d301de>.

The town wide heat map (Map 1) represents all forms of recreation in Atkinson that Strava collects – bicycling, running, walking, aquatic, and winter activities. This map indicates that many of the Strava users are recreating on Atkinson’s roads and existing trails. In addition to these, recreationists are utilizing Atkinson’s roads. Strava users are also utilizing Atkinson’s conservation areas, and cluster development set aside areas.

Bicycle Recreation Usage

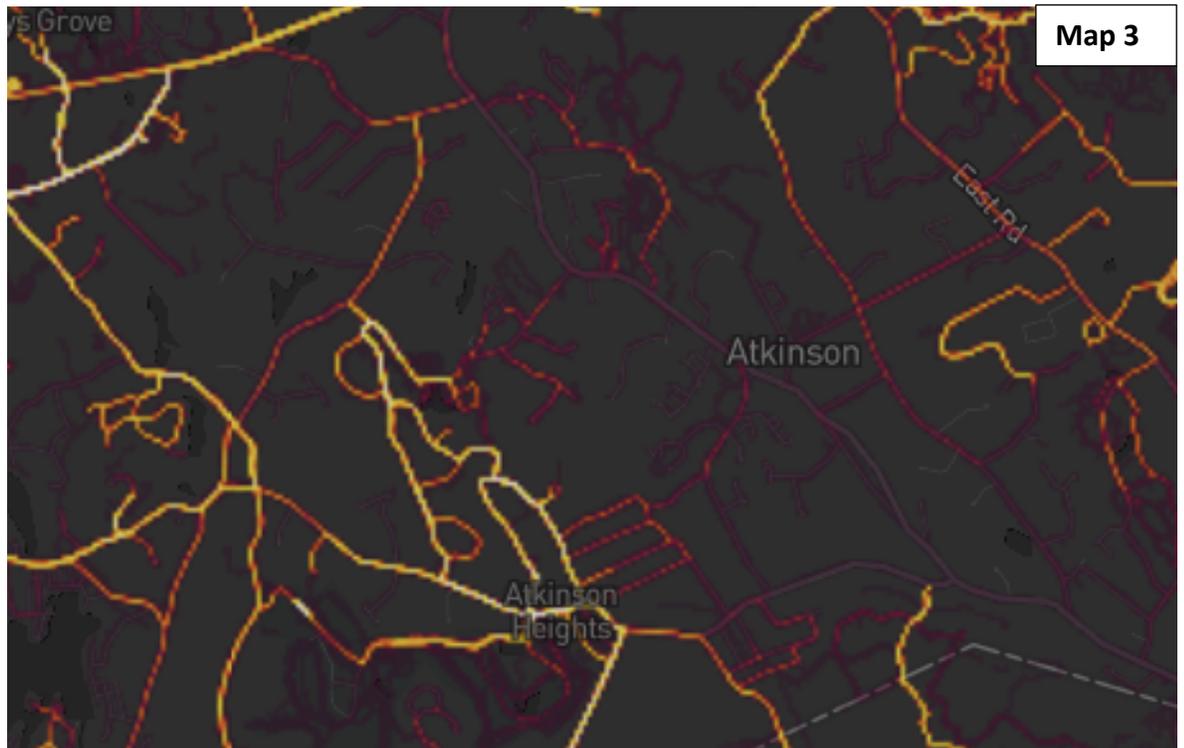
It should be noted that many of Strava’s users seem to already be using roads for recreation that were identified in NHDOT’s recommended bike routes. As seen on Map 2, Atkinson’s most popular roads for bicycling are Main Street (NH 121), Providence Hill



Road, North Broadway, and NH 111 which appears to be utilized by many users from Haverhill, MA and Salem, NH. Images like the one shown in Map 2 provide the town with a visual of the demand on recreation and transportation infrastructure and may help to assist the town in identifying what areas are the highest priority to implement bicycle lanes on existing roads or where developing separate routes may be necessary.

Run/Walk Recreation Usage

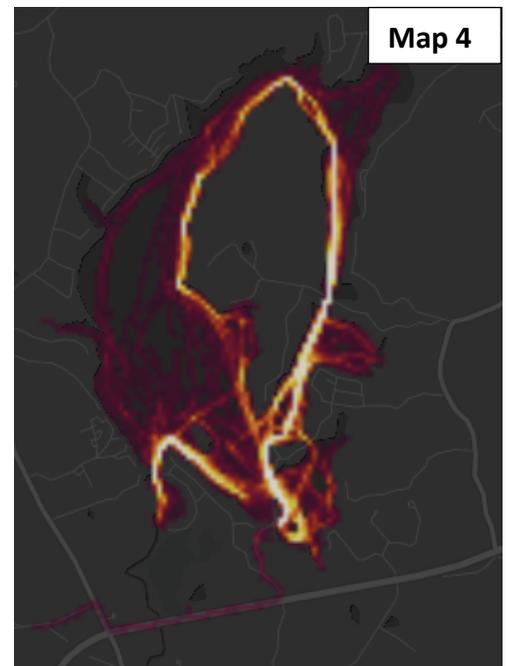
Map 3 shows high run/walk usage in Atkinson Heights, on Providence Hill Road, NH 111, and connecting to Haverhill Road in Salem and along Westside Drive connecting to the center of town. This



may be an indication that if more sidewalk infrastructure was available, additional residents would utilize Atkinson roads for running/walking. In addition to Atkinson's roads, Woodlock Park and the Stickney Trail System show many recreation users.

Aquatic Recreation Usage

As shown on Map 4, there is significant aquatic recreation activity from Strava users on Big Island Pond. Map 4 shows the entirety of Big Island Pond though it should be noted that only the southern portion of this pond is in Atkinson and is accessed by Atkinson residents at the canoe/kayak launch on Stickney Road. Further explanation of the town canoe/kayak launch is described below. This indicates that the public canoe/kayak launch on Big Island Pond is highly utilized and contributes to a diverse range of recreational activity offered in Atkinson.



Winter Recreation Usage

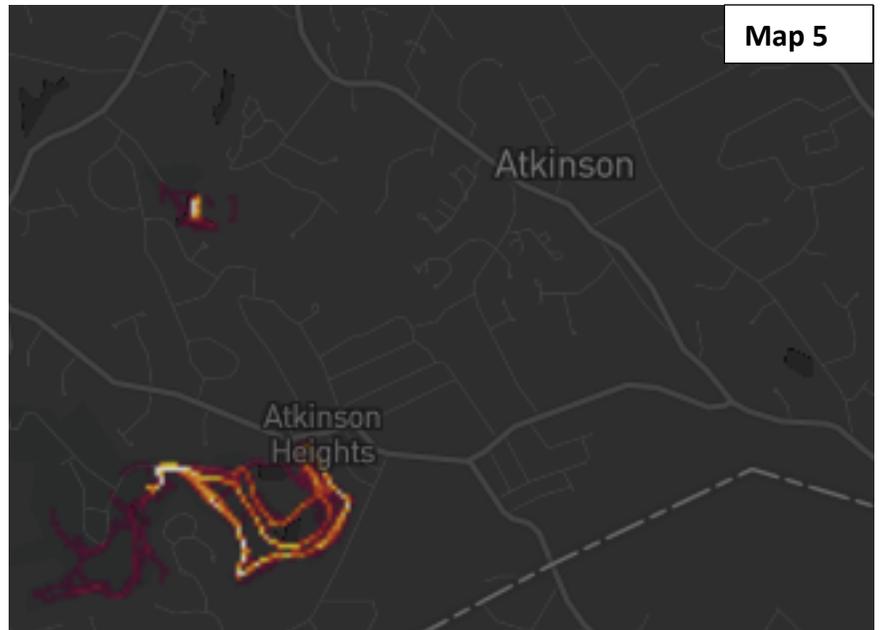
Map 5 shows that there is significant winter recreation activity in Atkinson Heights as well as Woodlock Park. This indicates that Atkinson's recreational resources are utilized year-round by some users.

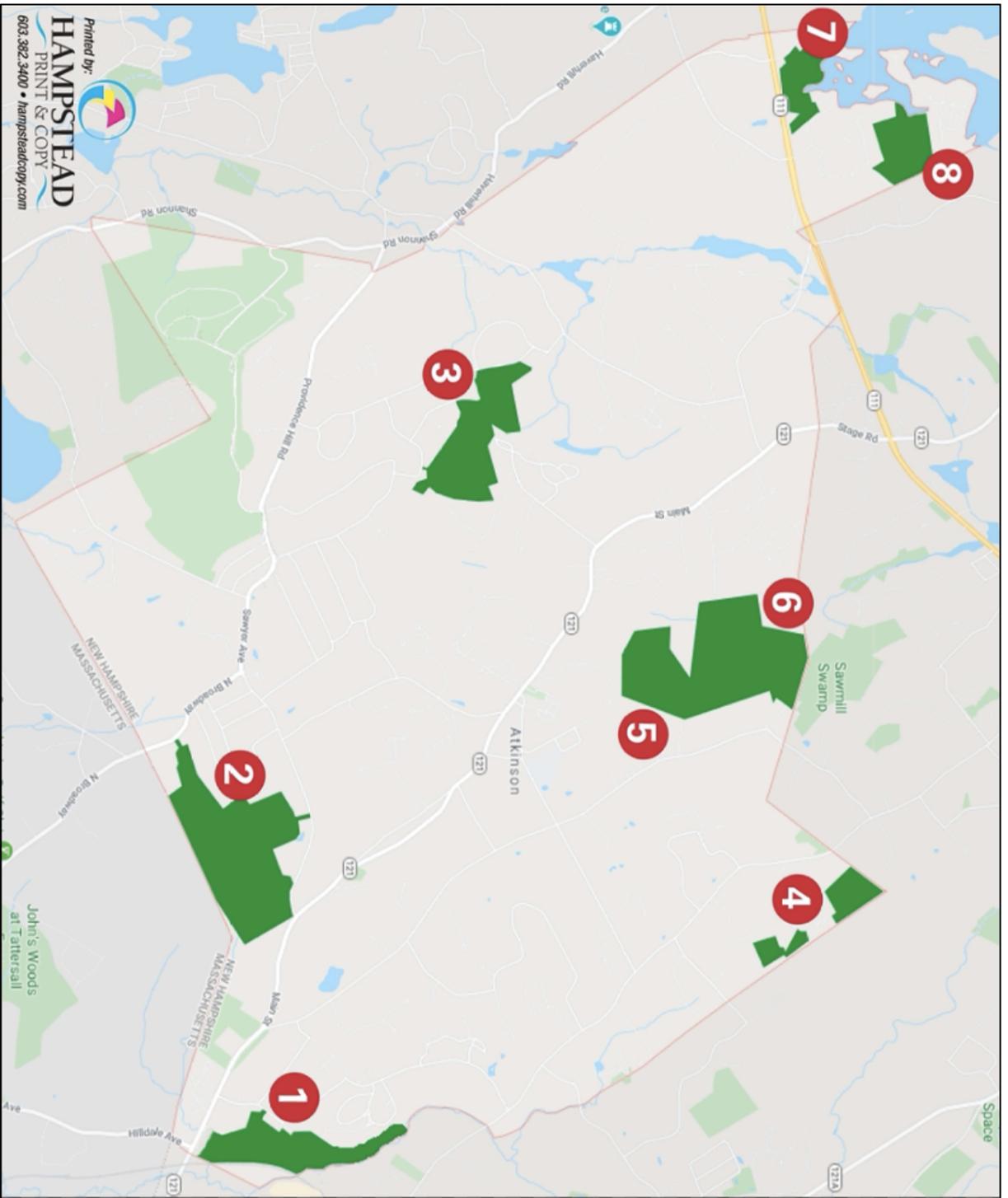
TOWN CANOE/KAYAK LAUNCH

The Town of Atkinson maintains a public canoe/kayak launch for Atkinson residents located on Stickney Road that provides recreation access to Big Island Pond. This launch is for personal recreation only and commercial use is prohibited. There are two small parking lots provided at this launch on either side of the launch steps with a combined capacity of approximately eight vehicles. More information about the Town's canoe/kayak launch can be found on the Town of Atkinson website under the Conservation Commission tab.

RECOMMENDED BIKE ROUTES

The NH Department of Transportation maintains an interactive bicycle route map found here: <https://nh.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=49c702c328d84a29af3b4a27eb271b37>. Included on this map are DOT recommended bicycle routes. In Atkinson, there are 7.6 miles of recommended paved bicycle routes. Many of these state-recommended bike routes coincide with the Strava street bicycle heatmap and include connectivity through Atkinson's center to neighboring communities. Some of these road connections include Meditation Lane, Maple Avenue, Academy Avenue, East Road, and NH 111.





Appendix B, Map H
Trails on
Conservation Land

- 1 - Caroline Orr Trails
- 2 - Sawyer Trails
- 3 - Woodlock Trails
- 4 - Chambers-Fila Trails
- 5 - Sawmill South Trails
- 6 - Sawmill North Trails
- 7 - Stickney Trails
- 8 - Ruth Marshall Trails

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Natural Resources

KEY FINDINGS:

- Currently, 10% of Atkinson’s land area has been permanently conserved, and this conservation land is town owned and managed.
- An additional 9.9% of Atkinson is protected open space land associated with Cluster Developments, but not all of these parcels are accessible to the public.
- 36% of Atkinson’s Tier 1 Habitat - the highest ranked habitat in the state - is conserved. Ranked habitats show where habitats in the best ecological condition in the state are located, based on biodiversity, arrangement of habitat types on the landscape, and lack of human impacts.
- According to the State's Wildlife Connectivity Model, there are four identified blocks in Atkinson that are identified as priority habitat.
- Rare habitats in Atkinson include grasslands, peatlands, temperate swamps, wet meadows/shrublands. Grasslands cover 388 acres in Atkinson which is 5% of the total land area, and 12% of all grasslands are conserved. Considering only 8% of grasslands in New Hampshire are currently under conservation easements, Atkinson is ahead in the conservation of this rare habitat.
- Appalachian oak-pine forests are the most common forest type in Atkinson covering 43% of the town, of which one quarter (25%) are protected. This data was derived from the State of NH Wildlife Action Plan data without regard to property ownership and much of this forested land in Atkinson consists of trees growing on homeowners’ properties.

DATA SOURCES:

- NH GRANIT, Conservation/Public Lands
- NH Wildlife Action Plan
- 2022 Atkinson Land Conservation Plan
- 2011 Atkinson Natural Resource Inventory
- Atkinson Conservation Commission
- Atkinson Water Committee
- 2020 Atkinson Hazard Mitigation Plan
- 2021 PFAs Focused Site Investigation Work Plan
- Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act (SWQPA) Summary
- NHDES’s Guide to Groundwater Reclassification
- NHDES’s Guide to Groundwater Protection
- NHDES’s Groundwater Resources in New Hampshire: Stratified-Drift Aquifers
- Hampstead Area Water Company
- NHDES’s Assessments of Public Water Supply Sources – Atkinson
- NHDES’s Drinking Water Source Assessment Program (DWSAP) Plan
- Regulated MS in New Hampshire Communities
- Atkinson’s MS4 Webpage
- Assessments of Public Water Sources
 - Merrimack River-Shawsheen River to East Meadow River Watershed: Lake Assessments and River Assessments
 - Little River Watershed: Lake Assessments and River Assessments
 - Lower Spickett River Watershed: Lake Assessments and River Assessments

- Atkinson is fortunate enough to have 10 Town Forests that total about 580 acres as of December 2022.
- Atkinson sits at a higher elevation relative to the Spickett River Watershed and the Powwow River – Merrimack River Watershed. This indicates that the quality of most of the water begins in Atkinson. Therefore, it is the responsibility of Atkinson to consider the downstream impacts of the various land uses in the community.
- The Spickett River Watershed accounts for 62% of the town’s area, and the Powwow River – Merrimack River Watershed accounts for 38%.
- As identified in the 2022 Land Conservation Plan, Atkinson has eight Prime Wetlands: Hall Farm Pond, Hog Hill Brook, Hovey Meadow Wetland, Steward Pond Farm, Sawmill Swamp East, Sawmill Swamp West, Wright Farm Pond, Bryant Brook.
- Atkinson has limited stratified drift aquifers with only 7% of the town containing these aquifers. 15 acres in Atkinson are considered high yielding stratified drift aquifers.
- Atkinson’s potential contamination sites are mostly located in the northwest part of town in the industrial zone and near NH 111.

INTRODUCTION

One of the many challenges communities face is the need to balance development pressures with available open space and natural resources. In Atkinson’s case, the town has demonstrated a devotion to the protection of its natural resources. Rivers, streams, grasslands, soils, aquifers, watersheds, and nearly all natural resources have their own demarcation methods that do not apply to jurisdictional boundaries, and there is value in exploring what is happening both within Atkinson’s boundaries and beyond into neighboring towns. This Natural Resource Profile coincides with the recently released 2022 Atkinson Land Conservation Plan and provides supplemental information that will inform the Master Plan.

LAND COVER – FORESTED LAND

This section is based on the 2019 National Land Cover Database (NLCD) and helps explain the amount of forested land in Atkinson.

Towns	Total Acreage in Town	Acreage of Forested Land	% of Town	Protected Forested Acres	% Forested Land Protected
Atkinson	7,258	3,811	53%	828	22%
Derry	23,226	12,168	52%	1,723	14%
Hampstead	9,014	4,518	50%	1,723	24%
Plaistow	6,790	2,736	40%	650	24%
Salem	16,569	4,047	24%	629	16%

Although the NLCD resolution is 30m x 30m, it can provide a helpful overview at the municipal scale. Atkinson is 53% forested, which is a combination of deciduous, evergreen, and mixed forests. Atkinson has a total of 3,811 acres of forested land of which 828 acres or 22% is protected. According to the 2011 Natural Resource Inventory, Atkinson had 4,127 acres of

forested lands at that time, which was 56.7% of the town. This represents a 3.7% decrease in forested land cover since 2011. Table 1 compares the percentage of forested land in surrounding communities. As shown in Table 1, Atkinson has the highest percentage of forested land at 53%. Though Atkinson's percentage of protected forested land is not the highest when compared to neighboring towns, Atkinson is not far behind at 22% of protected forest land.

WILDLIFE ACTION PLAN – HABITAT TYPES & RANKED HABITATS

The NH Fish & Game Department, along with many partners across the state, updated the Wildlife Action Plan (WAP) in 2020. The WAP includes two sets of data:

1. Habitat land cover – shows where the different types of wildlife habitat are located throughout the state; and
2. Highest ranked habitat by ecological condition – shows where habitats in the best ecological condition in the state are located, based on biodiversity, arrangement of habitat types on the landscape, and lack of human impacts.

The Wildlife Action Plan details relative to Atkinson can be found in the 2022 Land Conservation Plan identified on Map 9 also shown at the end of this profile.

Habitat Types

Appalachian oak-pine is the most common habitat type in Atkinson as it makes up nearly half of the town at 43%. 25% of the Appalachian oak-pine habitat is protected in Atkinson. This data was derived from the State of NH Wildlife Action Plan data without regard to property ownership and much of this forested land in Atkinson consists of trees growing on homeowners' properties. This habitat type is common below 900-foot elevation in the southern part of the state and is known for a diverse age and vegetative structure promoting wildlife diversity. Because of their expansiveness, many large wildlife species depend on this habitat for part or all their life cycle including black bears.

The second largest habitat type in Atkinson is Hemlock-Hardwood-Pine which covers 6% of the town and 16% is protected. The Hemlock-Hardwood-Pine species is the most common forest type in New Hampshire covering nearly 50% of the state. These forests are dominated by hemlock, white pine, beech, and oak trees and have a highly variable composition considering their ability to occur on different elevations, soil types, and topography. When conservation of Hemlock-Hardwood-Pine is done in large unfragmented blocks, it can provide important habitat for some of New Hampshire's largest fauna such as black bears and bobcats.

Grasslands cover 388 acres or 5% of the total land area of Atkinson, and 12% of grasslands are protected. Considering only 8% of grasslands in New Hampshire are currently under conservation easements (<https://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/habitat/types.html>), Atkinson is ahead in the protection of this rare habitat. Comprised of grasses, sedges, and wildflowers, grassland communities provide ideal habitat for state endangered and threatened species of wildlife.

There are several other rare habitat types found in Atkinson which include:

Peatlands, which the state has determined are of extreme importance for carbon sequestration and vital to many rare plants and wildlife species that depend on them. Though there are only 22 acres (0.03%) in town. It is important to note that this is an extremely rare habitat in New Hampshire and 50% of this peatland habitat in Atkinson is protected.

Temperate Swamps, contain four Atlantic white cedar communities in New Hampshire and pitch pine-heath swamps, which are rare and typically associated with Pine Barrens. Additionally, hemlock is common in temperate swamps throughout New Hampshire. In Atkinson, there are 212 acres of these swamps in town that make up 3% of the town. Almost half (44%) of the temperate swamps in Atkinson are protected.

Wet Meadows/Shrublands, which are often grouped into three broad habitat categories: wet meadows, emergent marshes, and scrub-shrub wetlands. These habitats are important for flood management, are typically controlled by groundwater, and are vital food sources for many threatened and endangered wildlife species. In Atkinson, there are 254 acres or 4% of the town designated as wet meadows/shrublands and 53% have been protected.

Peatlands, temperate swamps and wet meadows/shrublands are rare habitat types in New Hampshire and together account for a total of 12% of Atkinson’s land area. Of those habitats, a little over one-third (33%) have been protected.

Ranked Habitats

As mentioned, the above-described habitat types are identified as rare habitat types in the NH Wildlife Action Plan. If the town wants to focus conservation efforts on these habitats, Atkinson could utilize the Prioritized Habitat sections described below identify the largest unfragmented areas where these habitat types are

WAP Tier	Acres in Town	Percent of Town	Protected Acres	Percent Protected
Tier 1: Highest Ranked Habitat in State	156	2%	56	36%
Tier 2: Highest Ranked Habitat in Biological Region	58	1%	55	95%
Tier 3: Supporting Landscapes	519	7%	204	39%

found. This helps determine the high priority areas relative to the town’s conservation interests. In fact, these priority areas are also identified in the 2022 Land Conservation Plan, and the corresponding habitat tiers are identified on Map 9 completed by Rockingham Planning Commission and included at the end of this profile. As identified in Table 2, Tier 1 habitats (those that are ranked the highest ranked habitat in the state) account for 2% of Atkinson’s total

land area as classified in the NH Wildlife Action Plan and 36% are protected. For Tier 2 habitats (lands that are highest ranked in the biological region) Atkinson has 58 acres in total, which is only 1% of the land area. Tier 2 is Atkinson’s highest percentage of protected lands at 95% protected. Tier 3 habitats, also known as supporting landscapes, total 519 acres accounting for 7% of the town’s land area and 39% are protected. These wildlife tiers can be found on the Land Conservation Plan’s Map 9: Wildlife Habitat Features at the end of this profile.

GENERAL AND AGRICULTURAL SOILS

The 2011 Atkinson Natural Resource Inventory explains soils as “*a principal determinant of the land’s development capability, particularly in areas that rely on subsurface waste disposal (conventional septic systems)*”. The depth to the water table and bedrock, and susceptibility to flooding, both affect the suitability of a site for roads, buildings and septic systems. The 2022 Land Conservation Plan and 2011 Natural Resource Inventory identify that Atkinson has five soil types in town that are listed and described in Table 3 below. Please refer to the Atkinson Soil Potential for Development Map at the end of this profile.

Table 3: General Soil Types in Atkinson	
Soil Type	Description
Canton-Chatfield-Hollis	Well drained and somewhat excessively drained, very deep to shallow, mineral and loamy soils that are gently sloping to steep; form mountains, hills and ridges that have many basins and narrow drainageways
Hinckley-Windsor-Canton	Very deep excessively drained soils derived from glacial outwash; form eskers, kames, terraces, deltas and outwash plains
Canton-Montauk-Paxton	Well drained, loamy soils that are gently sloping to steep; form broad hills, and found in wide areas between hills, and in many narrow
Paxton-Woodbridge-Hollis	Well drained and somewhat excessively drained soils that formed in (compact) glacial till; form hills and ridges
Canton-Scituate-Montauk	Very deep, moderately well drained soils formed in compact glacial till

Agricultural Soils

Atkinson was once considered a major farming community, though agriculture activity has declined throughout the southern New Hampshire region over the decades. Despite there not being many farms left in town, Atkinson has a significant amount of state and locally identified important agricultural soils. It should be noted that of the state and locally identified important

agricultural soils in Atkinson, there are some parcels with agricultural soils that are developed on, and some are forested.

The 2011 Natural Resource Inventory identified that Atkinson’s agricultural soil lands can be classified in three groups based on the character of the soils and their suitability for crop production.

Prime Farmland – is land which has the best combination of physical and chemical characteristics for the production of crops. It has the soil quality, growing season, and moisture supply needed to produce sustained high yields of crops when treated and managed, including water management, according to current farming methods. Atkinson has a total of 2,118 acres of Prime Farmland soils or 29% of the town’s total land area of which 12% or 262 acres is protected.

Farmland Soils of Statewide Importance – According to the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, Land Inventory and Monitoring (LIM) System, Farmlands of State Importance are rated as being of statewide importance for the production of food, feed, fiber, forage, and oilseed crops. They can be farmed by greater input of fertilizer and erosion control practices and will produce fair to good crop yields when managed properly. Atkinson has a total of 1,387 acres of Farmland of Statewide Importance soils or 19% of the town of which 14% (198 acres) is protected.

Farmland Soils of Local Importance – Farmland of Local Importance is either currently producing crops, has the capability of production, or is used for the production of confined livestock. Farmland of Local Importance is land other than Prime Farmland or Farmland of Statewide Importance. This land may be important to the local economy due to its productivity or value. It does not include publicly owned lands for which there is an adopted policy preventing agricultural use.

TOPOGRAPHY AND SLOPE

The 2011 Natural Resource Inventory includes comprehensive information about the geologic landscape of Atkinson. These features have not changed significantly since 2011, but this important information is summarized and compiled below.

The topography of Atkinson differs throughout town with scattering hills separated by steams, brooks, and large wetland complexes. Elevations range from a high of 426 feet to 295 feet from above sea level. Table 4 is from the 2011 Natural Resource Inventory and identifies major topographic features and their corresponding elevations in Atkinson.

Table 4: Major Topographic Features and Elevations in Atkinson	
Topographic Feature	Elevation (feet)
Hog Hill	426.5
Providence Hill	337.9
Pine Knoll	377.3
Bragg Hill	308.4
Poor’s Hill	295.3

Slope

Slope is the relative steepness or pitch of a piece of land and can be measured in the form of percentages calculated by dividing the difference in elevation of two points by the distance between those two points. Slopes from 0% to 3% are usually associated with wetlands, and are not well drained. Areas with slopes from 3% to 8% and favorable soils are generally ideal for development. Construction on slopes from 8% to 15% will require extra care to provide proper drainage and soil stabilization. As described in the 2011 Natural Resource Inventory (NRI), *“for the purposes of zoning and regulation, most communities define steep slopes in the range of 15 and 20%.”* Development on steep slopes requires greater land disturbances to construct roads and buildings, as well as more infrastructure to manage runoff and prevent erosion. The NRI identifies goals for limiting and/or regulating land-based activities on steep slopes.

WATER RESOURCES

Atkinson’s water resources play a significant role in the services, health, and quality of life within the town. It is important to analyze this critical resource further to identify the existing water supply, water quality, and related potential or existing water-related concerns in town. High quality groundwater, surface waterbodies, wetlands, streams, and other water sources provide many services that benefit community members and the shared natural environment. These resources also help to define the rural character of the town.

Watersheds

The following section describes the watersheds that Atkinson lies within, as well as provides an important understanding of how Atkinson’s geographical location within these watersheds influence the surface waters within and beyond the town’s jurisdictional boundaries. The entirety of Atkinson lies within the Merrimack River Watershed. This large watershed has a classification of a HUC8. The smaller the HUC number, the larger the watershed is. The Merrimack River Watershed is made up of several smaller sub watersheds (fourteen HUC10 watersheds) however, the Town of Atkinson lies within two of these HUC10 sub watersheds: the Spickett River Watershed and the Powwow River-Merrimack River Watershed. All streams within the Merrimack River Watershed flow into the Merrimack River, so all streams that originate in Atkinson, or are flowing into and through Atkinson, end up in the Merrimack River. It is important to recognize Atkinson’s location within these watersheds to understand how the water flows into Atkinson from other communities and out of Atkinson into neighboring communities further downstream.

A total of 8 miles of the Merrimack River Watershed streams flow into Atkinson from upstream waters such as the Spickett River Watershed. No additional streams flow into Atkinson when going from the HUC10 watershed to the larger HUC8 watershed. Therefore, this indicates that the primary upstream surface water source into Atkinson is by the flow of water from the Hog Hill Brook from Hampstead. To clarify, this shows that Atkinson doesn’t have many upstream

surface water considerations because of the location of the town. Atkinson sits at a higher elevation within the Spickett River Watershed and the Powwow River-Merrimack River Watershed and therefore only 8 miles of the Hog Hill Brook flows into Atkinson from Hampstead. Due to Atkinson’s location sitting at a higher elevation within these two HUC10 watersheds, this means that most of the water in Atkinson originates in town. The town’s location also indicates that Atkinson has a high responsibility to ensure positive surface water quality measures because the town’s runoff ends up in downstream towns.

The Spickett River Watershed accounts for 62% of Atkinson whereas the Powwow-River – Merrimack River Watershed accounts for 38% of town. These two watersheds are on average 53% forested. This indicates that there is a significant amount of opportunity for future conservation efforts of forested lands within these watersheds should the town chose to consider. The two watersheds in Atkinson have an average of 22% of conserved forested land. It should be noted that this conserved land is in reference to both protected and conserved lands including open space lands. This shows that the Town of Atkinson has done a fairly good job of conserving forested land across the watersheds in town. This also shows that Atkinson is concerned about water quality in Atkinson as well as the quality of water that flows out of Atkinson to other communities downstream.

SURFACE WATER

This surface water section provides information on the existing rivers, streams, wetlands, and other waterbodies in Atkinson; as well as provides insight on the importance of

waterbody buffers and describes Atkinson’s land area containing surface waters. Atkinson has approximately 21 miles of streams and rivers accounting for only seven named tributaries (brooks) within its boundaries, ranging in stream order classification from first order to third order. For stream order classifications, the larger the number, the larger the stream or river size. As shown in Table 5, 63% of all streams in Atkinson are first order streams which are typically smaller streams. A visual of the location of the streams in Atkinson by stream order can be found on the Atkinson Ordered Streams Map on the following page.

Stream orders	Description	Miles	Percent of streams
1	Connect smaller wetland complexes and form headwater drainages from nearby hills	12.9	63%
2	Typically connect large wetlands	4.5	22%
3	Complexes located in wide valleys between hills	3.2	16%
Total		20.6	100%

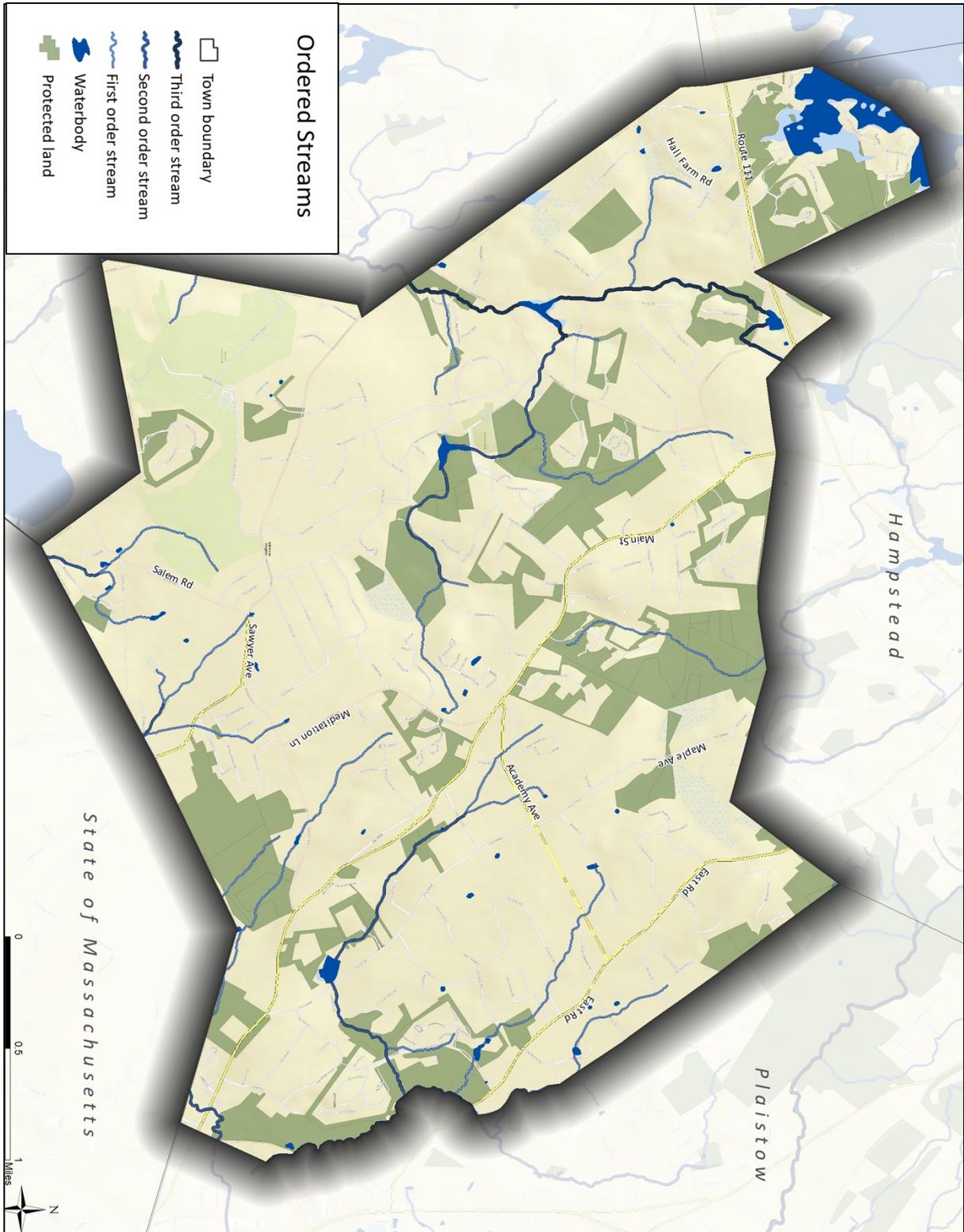


Table 6 identifies a list of the rivers and streams in Atkinson, the corresponding New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) waterbody identification number, what watershed the stream/river is located in, as well as its geographical location within town. The geographic location descriptions depicted in Table 6 can also be found in the 2011 Atkinson Natural Resource Inventory (NRI).

Table 6: Rivers and Streams in Atkinson			
NHDES Waterbody ID #	NHDES Stream Name	Watershed	NRI Geographical Location
NHRIV700061102-04 & 05 & 06	Hog Hill Brook- Unnamed brook	Lower Spickett River	Headwaters in the northwest corner; drains south to Salem
NHRIV700061102-08	Hog Hill Brook - Providence Hill Brook	Lower Spickett River	Tributary of Hog Hill Brook; drains west to Salem
NHRIV700061401-06 & 07	Foote Brook	Little River	Headwaters in southern area; small impoundment at mid-point; drains south to Haverhill, MA
NHRIV700061102-01	Unnamed Brook – To Johnson Pond	Lower Spickett River	-
NHRIV700061401-05	Unnamed to Blunts Pond	Little River	-
NHRIV700061401-11	Unnamed Brook	Little River	-
NHRIV700061102-07	Unnamed Trib. To Captain Pond	Lower Spickett River	-
NHRIV700061402-01	Creek Brook	Merrimack River- Shawsheen River To East Meadow River	Headwaters in extreme southern area; joins unnamed tributary at town/state border; drains south to Haverhill, MA
NHRIV700061402-02	Unnamed Brook	Merrimack River- Shawsheen River To East Meadow River	
NHRIV700061401-10	Camp Brook	Little River	Headwaters in extreme southern

			area; drains to Haverhill, MA
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Wetlands

The National Wetlands Inventory, managed by the US Fish & Wildlife Service, is the most comprehensive dataset on wetland abundance, distribution, and detailed characteristics. This dataset identifies permanently flooded areas like lakes and ponds as well as other wetland types. Atkinson only has 93 acres of permanently flooded waterbodies accounting for 1% of the town’s area. Seasonally flooded/saturated wetlands account for 475 acres or 7% of town of which 47% are protected. Other wetland types exist in Atkinson to a limited degree, this includes semi-permanently flooded and temporarily flooded wetlands. Almost half (49%) of Atkinson’s wetlands (excluding permanent waterbodies) have been protected; 42% of all wetlands in Atkinson have been protected.

In Atkinson, 1,137 acres or 16% of the town’s total land area is composed of hydric soils of which 33% are protected. Hydric Soils, as identified by NHDES, are soils that are saturated or flooded during the growing season sufficient to produce anaerobic conditions in the upper soil layers. As identified in Atkinson’s 2022 Land Conservation Plan, Atkinson has eight identified prime wetlands: Hall Farm Pond, Hog Hill Brook, Hovey Meadow Wetland, Steward Pond Farm, Sawmill Swamp East, Sawmill Swamp West, Wright Farm Pond, Bryant Brook.

Atkinson’s hydric soils and prime wetlands are shown on Map 7 – Wetlands of the 2022 Land Conservation Plan (included as an addendum to this Existing Conditions Report). For more information on Atkinson’s prime wetlands, refer to Section 4 of the Land Conservation Plan.

THE SHORELAND WATER QUALITY PROTECTION ACT (SWQPA)

The Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act (SWQPA) includes all lands within 250 feet of the following waterbodies:

- All lakes and ponds greater than 10 acres.
- All 4th order and greater streams and rivers and most designated rivers, including sections less than 4th order.
- All waters subject to the ebb and flow of the tide.

There is only one pond in Atkinson that is greater than 10 acres and fits the requirements for SWQPA which is Big Island Pond. Big Island Pond is in the extreme northwest corner of Atkinson, with a large portion of the lake located in the Town of Hampstead to the north and east and Derry to the west. Approximately 218 acres of Big Island Pond is located within Atkinson. A list of Atkinson’s ponds and major streams can be found in Table 7. More than one quarter (28%) of the SWQPA area is protected. For more information on the SWQPA refer to Atkinson’s 2011 Natural Resource Inventory.

WATER QUALITY ASSESSMENT

This following water quality assessment is based on data collected from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES), and the programs and tools NHDES uses to evaluate Atkinson’s water quality. The Surface Water Quality Assessment Program from the NHDES provides a thorough report card of water quality assessments every two years for many of the state’s rivers, lakes, and beaches. Each waterbody is assessed on (1) aquatic life integrity, (2) fish consumption, (3) potential drinking water supply, (4) primary contact recreation, (5) secondary contact recreation, and (6) wildlife. Figure 1 describes these rankings.

In a cursory exploration of the NHDES 2020/2022 Consolidated Assessment and Listing Methodology (CALM), which provides a full understanding of how the Surface Water Quality Standards are translated into assessments, there was no discussion of the impact from agricultural pollution/runoff. For Atkinson to better understand the role of agricultural pollution/runoff, the Town could contact NHDES for more information.

Table 7 shows the overall assessment for the ponds and streams in Atkinson. All waterbodies received a poor grade for fish consumption because of mercury, and although many of the waterbodies do not have data, all of them received a good assessment for potential public drinking water supply. Based on data from NHDES shown in Table 7, there appears to be concerns for Island Pond for Primary Contact Recreation as it was ranked as poor by the state. The town may consider mitigating efforts to address this rating.

Figure 1:		Severe	Poor	Likely Bad	No Data	Likely Good	Marginal	Good
		Not Supporting, Severe	Not Supporting, Marginal	Insufficient Information – Potentially Not Supporting	No Data	Insufficient Information – Potentially Full Supporting	Full Support, Marginal	Full Support, Good
CATEGORY	Description							
Category 2	Meets standards						2-M or 2-OBS	2-G
Category 3	Insufficient Information			3-PNS	3-ND	3-PAS		
Category 4	Does not Meet Standards;							
4A	TMDL* Completed	4A-P	4A-M or 4A-T					
4B	Other enforceable measure will correct the issue.	4B-P	4B-M or 4B-T					
4C	Non-pollutant (i.e. exotic weeds)	4C-P	4C-M					
Category 5	TMDL* Needed	5-P	5-M or 5-T					

* [TMDL](#) stands for Total Maximum Daily Load studies

Waterbody ID #	Waterbody Name	Aquatic Life Integrity	Fish Consumption	Public Drinking Water Supply	Primary Contact Recreation	Secondary Contact Recreation	Wildlife	Assess. Unit Category
NHLAK700061101-01-01	Island Pond	5-M	4A-M	2-G	5-M	2-G	3-ND	5-M
NHIMP700061102-04	Country Club Pond	3-ND	4A-M	2-G	3-ND	3-ND	3-ND	3-ND
NHIMP700061401-05	Wildlife Pond	3-ND	4A-M	2-G	3-ND	3-ND	3-ND	3-ND
NHIMP700061401-03	Foote Brook – Private Swimming Pool	3-ND	4A-M	2-G	3-ND	3-ND	3-ND	3-ND
NHIMP700061102-01	Hog Hill Brook	3-ND	4A-M	2-G	3-ND	3-ND	3-ND	3-ND

For detailed assessments of each stretch of river/stream/waterbody, refer to the Watershed River Assessments referenced on page 1 under Data Sources. An interactive web map, the 2020/2022 Surface Water Quality Assessment Viewer, can be found there. This tool allows users to identify particular lakes, rivers, and waterbodies and their associated assessment every two years dating back to 2008.

There are three ponds considered impaired based on the NHDES assessments. They are listed in Table 8. These "*impaired surface waters*" don't have much impact on Atkinson and only represent a small percentage of town. This is because Captain Pond is located within Salem, NH and the Kelly Brook – Seaver Brook is located within Plaistow, NH though their wetland buffers extend slightly into Atkinson

Waterbody name	Acres in Town	Percent of Town	Impairment
Island Pond	281	4%	Chlorophyll-a, Cyanobacteria hepatotoxic microcystins, Phosphorus (total)
Captain Pond	48	1%	Chlorophyll-a, Dissolved oxygen saturation, Phosphorus (total)
Kelly Brook - Seaver Brook	34	0.5%	Benthic-Macroinvertebrate Bioassessments (streams), Dissolved oxygen saturation, Escherichia coli, Dissolved Oxygen (mg/L)
Total	363	5%	-

which accounts for their small percentage in town. Although not included by NHDES as surface waters with impairments, there are local concerns for Blunt’s Pond as well because of the large amount of eutrophication that is caused by nutrients, (mostly lawn fertilizers) that flow into it.

GROUNDWATER

This groundwater section provides information on Atkinson’s groundwater resources such as the types of aquifers in Atkinson and their relative percentage of development or forested land cover based on the 2019 National Land Cover Database. The types of aquifers are classified based on their ability to percolate water through subsurface material (ground). An aquifer’s ability to pass water through the ground to recharge the groundwater is known as

transmissivity. The “Groundwater-Resources in New Hampshire: Stratified Drift Aquifers” document describes stratified-drift aquifers as primarily layers of sand and gravel deposited by glacial meltwater from retreating glaciers. Only 7% of Atkinson’s land area is over stratified drift aquifers. The document “Ground-Water Resources in New Hampshire: Stratified Drift Aquifers” further explains the complex concept of transmissivity:

“...the higher the value of hydraulic conductivity, the more readily water can flow through the aquifer material. Aquifers that have a large, saturated thickness, and are composed of material with high hydraulic conductivity, will have a high transmissivity and can readily transmit water to wells”.

More than one third (35%) of all land on top of aquifers has been protected. However, 39% of low producing aquifers have been developed and 35% are still forested. 56% of land above moderate producing aquifers has been developed and contains no forested land. Moderate producing aquifers are classified as the less than 1,000 square feet per day and 1,000-2,000 square feet per day transmissivity. There are many variables that determine the impact of development over aquifers including specific pollution compounds, upstream contaminants, soil type, and others. Atkinson’s stratified drift aquifers are in the extreme west part of town along the Salem, NH town line and are also located in the extreme east and southeast of Atkinson along the Plaistow, NH, and Haverhill, MA, town lines. A map of Atkinson’s aquifers can be found on Map 6 – Groundwater, Aquifers (USGS 1992) in the 2022 Land Conservation Plan and has been included at the end of this profile.

If the town identifies groundwater resources as a high natural resource priority, there are many measures the town can explore. Municipalities are authorized to develop local groundwater protection programs, a result of New Hampshire’s Groundwater Protection Act from 1991. The groundwater classifications for GA2 are *“potentially valuable stratified drift aquifers defined by USGS, no land use prohibitions, and no active management”* as identified in the NHDES Groundwater Reclassification Document. Only a small area (15 acres) in Atkinson is considered a GA2 area. This area is located in the western side of Atkinson at the Salem town line. For approaches to groundwater protection refer to the NH Department of Environmental Services Guide to Groundwater Protection and to understand the process to reclassify groundwater to GAA or GA1, refer to the NH Department of Environmental Services A Guide to Groundwater Reclassification.

WATER SUPPLY

This section highlights Atkinson’s existing water supply and issues related to water quantity in town. As identified in the Town Facilities and Services Profile of this Existing Conditions Report, Hampstead Area Water Company (HAWC) services 1,426 connections in Atkinson or about 3,565 people. This means that about half (49%) of the town’s population is tied into the HAWC system. The other approximately 51% of Atkinson’s population are on private wells. There are a total of forty-three public water systems in Atkinson in which eighteen are active. It should be noted that most Atkinson’s active public water supply wells are bedrock wells and there is only

one active gravel-packed well in town. New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services only releases public water supply data as public information, therefore data on private wells and private water supplies in Atkinson is limited.

According to a NHDES 2021 Environmental Factsheet, *“Most bedrock wells for household use are 200 to 500 feet deep; some are over 1,000 feet. The median depth of bedrock wells in New Hampshire is approximately 400 feet. The median yield is 15 gallons per minute (gpm)”*. In Atkinson, there are five bedrock wells that are over 500 feet but the overall average well depth of the active public wells in Atkinson is about 400 feet which corresponds with the states average well depth. There are six active bedrock public water supply wells in Atkinson that have a yield lower than the state’s median which is 15 gpm. This indicates that Atkinson’s wells supply less gallons per minute (gpm) than that of the state’s average. Approximately 39% of Atkinson’s active public wells have a below average yield per minute.

Expansion of Regional Water Supply Infrastructure

The State of New Hampshire’s (NHDES) largest regional water distribution system interconnection project was conducted in the Southern New Hampshire communities of Derry, Windham, Plaistow, Salem, and with the Hampstead Area Water Company (HAWC) which serves the towns of Atkinson and Hampstead. This project was implemented because of water supply issues in these communities due to a reduction in supply capacity from contamination of local wells, and because of the region’s growing population. Phase one of this project began in 2016 by creating a regional water pipeline from Manchester Water Works (Lake Massabesic water supply) to Derry, Windham, Salem, HAWC (Atkinson and Hampstead), and Plaistow. Phase 2 involved sending 7.15 million gallons of water per day to the Hookset pump station of which 3.1 million gallons of water per day gets sent down to southern New Hampshire through Derry. Since 2020, HAWC (Atkinson & Hampstead) have been tied into this regional pipeline water supply. Hampstead Area Water Company receives 250,000 gallons of water per day from this pipeline to supply Atkinson and Hampstead.

POTENTIAL CONTAMINATION

The following section discusses NHDES identified potential contamination sites in Atkinson and the importance of monitoring these locations in order to prevent contamination in Atkinson and downstream of the town. The Watershed Section of this profile identified Atkinson’s location in relation to surrounding towns within the larger watersheds. This information helps identify Atkinson’s potential downstream impacts to water resources. The town contains higher elevation lands within each of the smaller sub-watersheds it falls within. This indicates that the quality of most of the water begins in Atkinson. Therefore, it is the responsibility of Atkinson to consider the downstream impacts of the various land uses in the community.

There are a total of nine active potential contamination sites within the 250-foot SWQA buffer. Table 9 and 10 identify that eleven percent (10 total) of the active potential contamination sites in Atkinson are underground storage tanks. Table 9 shows the total potential contamination

sites in Atkinson. However, Table 10 compares the number of active potential contamination sites in Atkinson with those that are within the 250-foot SWQPA buffer – these numbers look very different.

Table 9: Atkinson – Total Potential Contamination Sites					
Site type	Number active	Number inactive	Number declassified	Other	Total number
Aboveground Storage Tank	13				13
Nonsecure Environmental Monitoring Sites	15				15
Hazardous Waste Generators	5	17	2		24
Local Potential Contamination Sources	19				19
Remediation Sites	25	22		10	57
Solid Waste Facilities	2	2			4
Underground Storage Tank	10				10
Total	89				142

Table 10: Atkinson SWQPA - Potential Contamination Sites within the SWQPA						
Site type	Number active	Number inactive	Number declassified	Applied for	Other	Total number
Aboveground Storage Tank	2					2
Nonsecure Environmental Monitoring Sites	5					5
Hazardous Waste Generators		4				4
Local Potential Contamination Sources						0
Remediation Sites	1	3			1	5
Solid Waste Facilities	1					1
Total	9					17

NHDES has identified these local potential contamination sites/sources in town. These potential contamination sites/sources are mostly concentrated in the northwest part of town. Not coincidentally, these potential contamination sites are also located in Atkinson’s Industrial Zone along Industrial Way and off NH 111. Additionally, other potential contamination sites are located in the center of town near the Atkinson Fire Department, as well as downstream of Main Street (NH 121). This indicates that there should be some concern about Atkinson’s land

use development in relation to the community's impacts on water resources. A visual of where these potential contamination sites in Atkinson can be found is provided on Map 6 – Groundwater, Aquifers from the Land Conservation Plan. This map is also included at the end of this profile. This map also shows the Wellhead Protection Areas that are described later on in this section.

PFAs (Per- and Polyfluorinated Substances)

According to New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, PFAs are a group of chemicals that have been increasingly found in our environment and throughout the state. *“Some PFAS do not break down easily and can move through soil, get into groundwater, and be carried through air. Because they are stable chemicals and move so easily in the environment, some PFAS have been found far away from where they were made or used”*. In March 2021, the NHDES Waste Management Division completed a PFAs Focused Site Investigation Work Plan in Atkinson. Between December 2019 and March 2020, NHDES sampled six private wells for 26 PFAs on Academy Avenue. Each location was sampled once, and one of the locations was sampled twice. Academy Avenue is the detected source of PFAs contaminants due to the cleaning of fire trucks at the Atkinson Fire Department and the associated runoff. The results of these samplings showed that at two locations, two PFAS were detected at concentrations exceeding their respective Ambient Groundwater Quality Standards (AGQS) (up to 19 times higher). These PFAs are perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS). Regulated PFAS were detected at three other locations below their respective AGQS. Regulated PFAS were not detected at one location. Ambient Groundwater Quality Standards (AGQs) are groundwater standards established by the State of New Hampshire that are intended to be protective of groundwater as a source of drinking water.

WELLHEAD PROTECTION AREAS

Using data from the NHDES identified potential contamination sites in Atkinson, this section describes the identified types of potential contamination sites that fall within wellhead protection areas. About half of the properties in town utilize private wells as their primary water source. The wellhead protection areas can be seen on Map 6 – Groundwater, Aquifers Map found at the end of this profile. While there are potential contamination sites scattered around the wellhead protection areas, there are two main pockets. (1) near the intersection of Main Street and Academy Avenue, and (2) in the northwest corner near NH 111. Table 11 identifies that there are a total of 86 potential contamination sites located within wellhead protection areas in Atkinson. However, there are a total of 52 active potential contamination sites within these wellhead protection areas. Wellhead protection areas account for 55% or 3,965 acres of Atkinson.

Table 11: Atkinson - Potential Contamination Sites WITHIN Wellhead Protection Area (WPA)					
Site type	Number active in WPA	Number inactive	Number declassified	Other	Total number
Aboveground Storage Tank	7				7
Nonsecure Environmental Monitoring Sites	6				6
Hazardous Waste Generators	4	8	1		13
Local Potential Contamination Sources	10				10
Remediation Sites	16	15		8	39
Solid Waste Facilities	2	2			4
Underground Storage Tank	7				7
Total	52	25	1	8	86

WATER QUALITY AND QUANTITY CHALLENGES IN ATKINSON

In order to address the water quality and quantity concerns in Atkinson, it is important to first identify what the water issues in town are and what areas of town these are most present in. In terms of water supply, in 2018, about 30 private wells went dry near Kent Farm. Residents in this area either had to drill new wells as they were dealing with dry wells, or their wells had issues with contamination and residents had to install filtration systems. The wells near this neighborhood are bedrock wells which typically replenish themselves with water running through seams in the rock. This left many residents of this area reliant on bottled water for their drinking water supply. This neighborhood begins along Main Steet in Hampstead but includes a portion of Atkinson as well.

Due to the operations of Johnson and Johnson Company in the 1980's, located on NH 111, there have been 1-4 Dioxane contaminants discharged to Atkinson's groundwater. Many Atkinson residents' water supplies have been contaminated as a result, and in order to address these and other contamination issues the Southern New Hampshire Regional Pipeline expansion was implemented.

WATER RESOURCE COMMITTEE

The Atkinson Water Resource Committee was formed by the Board of Selectmen in 2021. The Committee consists of six members two of which act as a liaison to the Conservation Commission and the Board of Selectmen. The four remaining members are appointed for three-year terms. The Atkinson Water Resource Committee was formed to serve as an advisory and educational resource to the Town of Atkinson and its residents on issues concerning environmental sustainability, with a focus on water access, quality, conservation, economics,

education, and regulation. The Committee also serves as the primary advisor to the Select Board on all issues pertaining to water resources. The Committee's duties are:

1. To monitor via the NH DES OneStop website the Registered Water User (RWU) water usage in the town and report the usage to the Select Board;
2. To first bring to the Atkinson Select Board all water related issues which may affect the town or neighboring towns;
3. Track and report on relevant water issues at the state level, specifically legislative initiatives, DES and PUC actions which may affect Atkinson and neighboring towns;
4. Apply for grants that will enhance the future of water resources in our community.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

The Town of Atkinson participates in a Stormwater Management Program and maintains and manages a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4). Below is a description of the program and MS4 system.

“Local drainage systems, whether natural or constructed, are important features that generally carry stormwater runoff away from developed areas to undeveloped areas, waterbodies, and wetlands. Although these drainage systems help to manage stormwater in our built environment, they are also a primary source of untreated pollutants in receiving waters including bacteria, nutrients oil, trash, and many other pollutants. These untreated pollutants in stormwater runoff are defined by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as “nonpoint source pollution”, meaning that the source of the pollution is not directly attributable to a single spatial point or polluter. Stormwater runoff from streets, parking lots, and lawns picks up and carries contaminants as it moves across the ground surface before entering into local drainage systems.

A municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) includes the stormwater collection, conveyance, and outfall structures within a city or town. These structures include (but are not limited to) catch basins, drain manholes, culverts, stormwater basins, and swales. As with approximately sixty other municipalities in NH, the Town of Amherst MS4 is regulated under the EPA Clean Water Act (CWA) and requires a permit for discharges to the environment”.

The 2021 Atkinson Stormwater Management Plan was updated in 2022. For more information on the Atkinson MS4 program visit: <https://www.town-atkinsonnh.com/town-administration/ms4>

PROTECTED LANDS

For the purposes of this section, protected lands include both conserved lands and open space lands. Conserved can be defined as acres that are mostly undeveloped and are protected from development. Atkinson has a total of 1,313 acres of protected land in which accounts for 18% of the town’s total land area. As described in the 2022 Land Conservation Plan, *“to date, the town has protected more than 580 acres by purchasing and owning protected land, which represents roughly 8.7% of the buildable land in Atkinson”*. As shown in Table 12, in comparison with surrounding towns, Atkinson is one of the top two leading towns with the most acres protected.

Table 13 provides a list of protected lands by primary management in Atkinson. This table indicates the manager of these lands rather than the owner because it is common in Atkinson for the land to be owned by one entity and managed by another entity through conservation easements, set aside areas (Open Space Cluster Developments), deed restrictions, or to be fee owned. Of the total 1,313 acres of protected land in Atkinson, the majority is managed and/or owned by the Town of Atkinson. The remaining lands are owned by qualified third party organizations, and or is under private ownership. This indicates that Atkinson is active in the conservation of the town and its residents are willing to invest in natural resource protection.

The 2022 Land Conservation Plan, prepared by the Rockingham Planning Commission (RPC) in collaboration with the Atkinson Conservation Commission, identified several locations in Atkinson for priority conservation. These priority areas for conservation were identified by creating a Co-Occurrence Map, which identifies areas in town that have multiple critical natural resource types (“co-occurring” in an area). After the analysis of Atkinson’s existing conserved land, an inventory of natural resources, and identified conservation priorities, the Co-Occurrence Map was created in order to identify Atkinson’s major natural resource priority locations. In addition to this map, the Land Conservation Plan (Section 5) presents a corresponding table and map (Table 5.1 and Map 5.3) that identify conservation attributes located within selected areas of Atkinson. For more information on how this co-occurrence map was created, and how conservation attribute locations in Atkinson were chosen, as well as what conservation attribute locations were chosen, visit Section 5 of the Land Conservation Plan.

Table 12: Protected Lands in Abutting Towns

Town	Total Acreage	Protected Acres	Percent Protected
Hampstead	9,014	1,676	19%
Atkinson	7,258	1,313	18%
Plaistow	6,790	834	12%
Derry	23,226	2,623	11%
Salem	16,569	1,597	10%

Table 13: Protected Lands in Atkinson by Manager

Manager	Acres	Percent of Protected Lands in Atkinson
Town of Atkinson	1,265	96%
Town of Hampstead	2	0.2%
Rockingham County Conservation District	19	1.4%
Society for the Protection of NH Forests	7	0.5%
Southeast Land Trust	2	0.2%
Other	18	1%
Total	1,313	100%

TOWN FORESTS

Atkinson is fortunate enough to have 10 Town Forests that total about 580 acres as of December 2022. The Town Forest properties are also registered tree farms and are overseen by the Conservation Commission. The town also routinely consults with professional foresters to maintain the health and viability of the Town Forest properties through implementation of forest best management practices. As identified in the 2022 Land Conservation Plan, since 1985, the Conservation Commission has worked with a consulting forester to update the management plans for the Town Forest properties to keep them productive and aesthetically maintained. The management plans for the Town Forests in Atkinson can be found on the Atkinson Town website under the Conservation Commission. Table 14 lists the Town Forests in Atkinson and its total acreage. For more information on the town forests see the 2022 Land Conservation Plan.

Site Name	Acreage
Chambers – Fila Town Forest	48.83
Caroline Orr Town Forest	61.19
Ruth McPherson Town Forest	28.46
Sawyer Town Forest	146.55
Chadwick Town Forest	50.67
Slade Town Forest	18.8
Judge Marshall Town Forest	32.04
Sawmill Town Forest	102.35
Stickney Town Forest	34.44
Ruth Marshall Town Forest	57.1

Some recent projects within the town forests that the Conservation Commission is working on as of December 2022 include:

- Stickney Town Forest selectively logged in order to provide new growth forest for wildlife.
- The town is in the process of acquiring a 15-acre parcel at the end of Knightland Road (adjacent to Sawmill Ridge Development open space). This parcel is already surrounded by conserved land and will extend the North Sawmill Swamp Town Forest.

PRIORITIZED HABITAT AND CORRIDORS

The NH Fish and Game Department, along with many other partners across the state created the NH Wildlife Connectivity Model using information derived from the state’s Wildlife Action Plan. The NH Wildlife Connectivity Model is “a basic, GIS-based, landscape permeability model that predicts broad-scale wildlife connectivity zones across the state”. The analysis of this model indicates areas that are key for both land protection efforts and strategic locations for restoring connectivity in currently fragmented landscapes. The model is also based on the NH Wildlife Action Plan’s identified rare habitat types, identified habitat corridors, and land cover types. The NH Wildlife Corridors map shows potential corridors that connect core areas of wildlife habitat that are over 50 acres in size and identified as a priority in the NH Wildlife Action Plan (Highest Ranked Habitat in NH and/or Highest Ranked Habitat in Biological Regions).

The NH Wildlife Connectivity Model was created to assist municipalities across the state identify where priority habitat is located within their communities. The NH Wildlife Corridors Map helps communities identify the key surrounding areas of these identified priority habitats which may

also have development pressures. Together, these resources can help drive community land use and policy decisions based on the character and vision of the community. The identified priority wildlife areas in Atkinson, that were identified by the state, are identified as Priority Habitat Blocks based on acreage. The subsections of this profile below present these specific Priority Habitat Blocks, and a corresponding table breaks down the districts based on the type of habitat that is located within that block and the amount of habitat that is currently protected in town. A visual of the priority habitat blocks and state identified habitat corridors can be found on the Atkinson, NH Prioritized Habitats Blocks and Corridors Map at the end of this profile.

Priority Habitat Blocks

The 2022 Atkinson Land Conservation Plan indicates conservation priorities for Atkinson as identified by the Conservation Commission. The Atkinson Conservation Commission identified that *“the Wildlife Action Plan conducted by NH Fish and Game paints a more realistic picture of the important wildlife areas in Atkinson, so ... those areas are included in the prioritization process”*. Other related conservation priorities identified in the Land Conservation Plan include the continuity of protected open space, as well as unfragmented blocks, and wildlife corridors and blocks. The discussion of priority habitat blocks as described below provides supplemental context to the Land Conservation Plan while following the Conservation Commission’s key priorities, and sheds light on the amount of already protected land due the Conservation Commissions previous land protection efforts.

The State has identified four blocks in Atkinson as priority habitat areas. Prioritized Habitat Blocks show core areas of wildlife habitat (areas over 50 acres in size that are a priority in the New Hampshire Wildlife Action Plan). The larger block numbers correspond with the higher acreages of these areas of prioritized habitat. The corresponding Prioritized Areas and Habitats Map located at the end of this profile provides a visual representation of where these blocks exist in town and corresponds with the Prioritized Habitat Block subsections.

Block 1

As shown in Table 15, three-quarters of Block 1 is Appalachian oak-pine habitat, which is a common habitat in southern New Hampshire. The entirety of Block 1 is protected.

Table 15: Prioritized Habitat Block 1				
Block Number	Total Block Acres	Habitat Type	Acres	Percent of Total Block
Block 1	42	Appalachian oak-pine	32	76%
		Hemlock-hardwood-pine	10	24%

Block 2

Identified in Table 16, 71% of Block 2 is Appalachian oak-pine habitat and 16% is composed of Hemlock-hardwood-pine habitat. Though both of these habitat types are common in the

Block Number	Total Block Acres	Habitat Type	Acres	Percent of Block
Block 2	55	Appalachian oak-pine	39	71%
		Developed impervious	1	2%
		Developed or barren land	3	5%
		Hemlock-hardwood-pine	9	16%
		Open water	1	2%
		Peatland	1	2%
		Wet meadow/shrub wetland	2	4%

state, these types of habitats still provide valuable homes and resources to wildlife and the town. The entirety of Block 2 is also protected.

Block 3

Table 17 identifies that nearly the entirety of Block 3 is grassland habitat which is classified as a rare habitat in the State of New Hampshire. In Atkinson, none of this identified priority habitat block is protected. This could be a focus of future conservation efforts if the town chooses.

Block Number	Total Block Acres	Habitat Type	Acres	Percent of Block
Block 3	74	Appalachian oak-pine	1	1%
		Developed impervious	1	1%
		Grassland	70	95%
		Open water	1	1%
		Temperate swamp	1	1%

Block 4

This Block accounts for a total of 113 acres, the largest acreage of the state identified habitat blocks in Atkinson. More than half of Block 4 is composed of wet meadow/shrub wetland which is a State classified rare habitat. 81% of Block 4 or 92 acres is protected.

Block Number	Total Block Acres	Habitat Type	Acres	Percent of Block
Block 4	113	Appalachian oak-pine	47	42%
		Hemlock-hardwood-pine	1	1%
		Peatland	1	1%
		Temperate swamp	1	1%
		Wet meadow/shrub wetland	63	56%

CONSERVATION TAKEAWAYS

Although there are only a few state-identified priority habitat blocks in Atkinson, much of those identified habitats that exist in Atkinson are already protected. If the town wants to add to its conservation priorities, the town could consider conserving/protecting rare habitats such as wet meadows/shrub wetland habitat found in Habitat Priority Block 4.

WILDLIFE CORRIDORS

Wildlife corridors connect these habitats so that wildlife can move between areas without significant fragmentation from developed land. As identified in the NH Wildlife Corridors 2018 Report, the NH Fish and Game Department (NHFG) partnered with the NH Department of Transportation (NHDT) and NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) to research wildlife corridors in New Hampshire to address the following research topics:

1. Existing and needed wildlife corridors,
2. Voluntary mechanisms that affect wildlife corridors, and
3. Any existing statutes, rules, and regulations that affect wildlife corridors.

This research was then simulated within the NH Wildlife Connectivity Model. Atkinson's identified wildlife corridors surround the priority habitat areas so the town may wish to consider future conservation and protection of these wildlife corridors as it establishes its priorities for future conservation efforts. Additionally, as shown on Map 14: Connecting the Coast which is included in the Land Conservation Plan, the Conservation Commission identified Connecting the Coast Wildlife Habitats and Prioritized Blocks. For more information on Connecting the Coast prioritized habitat corridors and blocks in Atkinson, visit the Land Conservation Plan. The Conservation Commission included the Connecting the Coast wildlife corridors and prioritized habitat blocks in the Land Conservation Plan in order to help protect the surface waters and their immediate areas from development.

ATKINSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Atkinson Conservation Commission is a volunteer organization empowered by state law to protect Atkinson's rural character by *"managing the existing conservation lands and educating the public on the benefits of protecting natural resources"*.

OPEN SPACE IN ATKINSON

Atkinson's open spaces play a vital role in the health and quality of life in town. Open space as identified in the Atkinson 2011 Natural Resource Inventory includes *"any lands that remain in a natural and undeveloped condition that contribute ecological, scenic or recreational value. The definition of open space may be expanded to include working lands (forests, agriculture, field corners, fence rows and abandoned pastures) and managed green space such as golf ranges, parks, and recreation areas"*. The 2022 Land Conservation Plan identifies that there are many

benefits to the community for preserving open space lands. Some of these benefits include Wildlife and Habitat Protection, water quality, drinking water and local groundwater aquifer protection, scenic and aesthetic values, historic landscape and resource preservation, agricultural uses and farmland production, air quality protection, flood impact prevention, and recreational uses and educational opportunities.

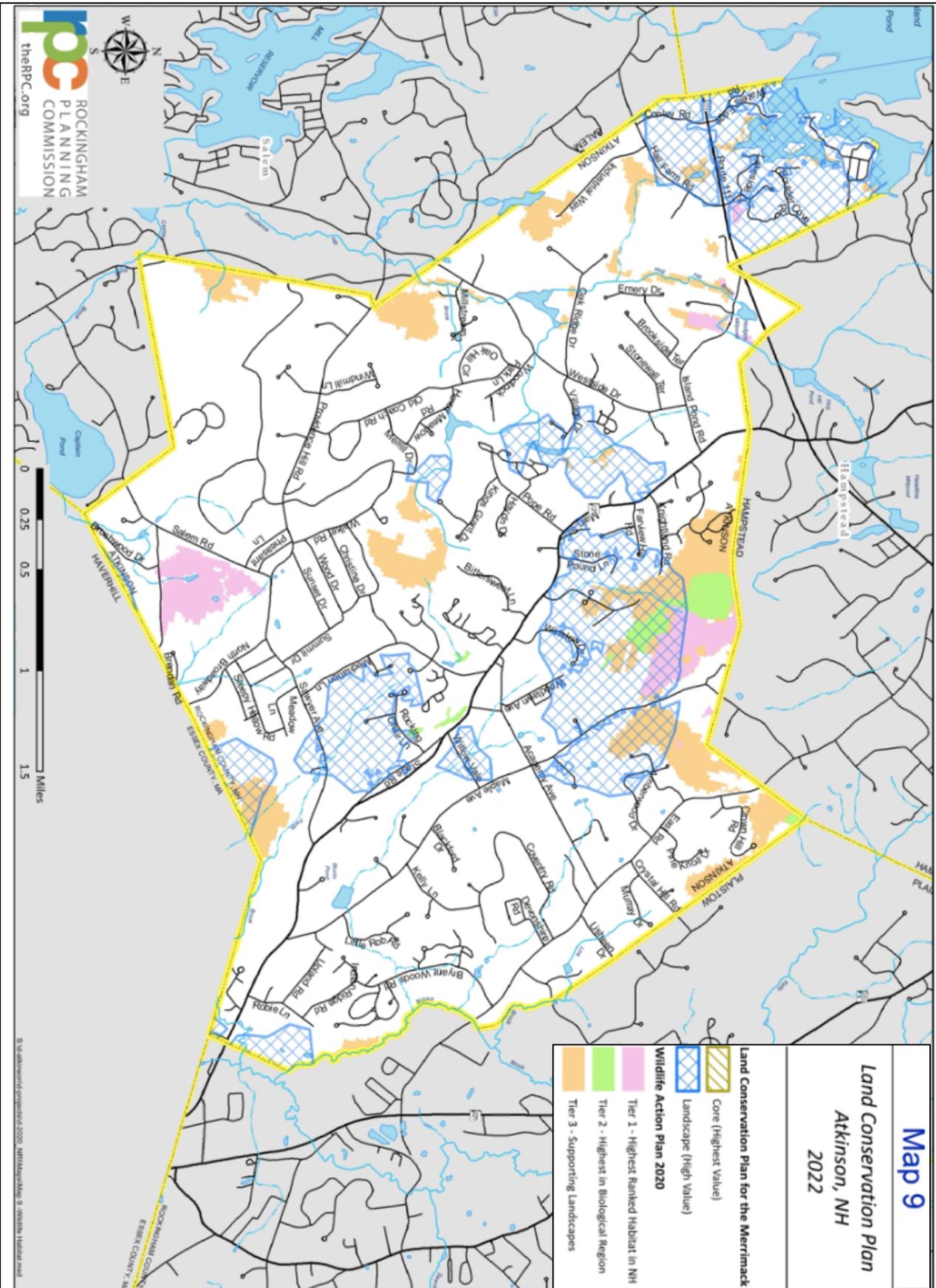
The Atkinson 2022 Land Conservation Plan's Map 8 – Open Space, found at the end of this profile, shows the parcels of land in Atkinson that are conserved, town forests, municipal land, other RSA 36-4:A conservation land, and parcels that have a conservation easement or conservation deed restriction on them owned by either the town or privately as well as development parcels that are associated with open space. For more information on the open space lands in Atkinson, visit the 2022 Land Conservation Plan.

Cluster Development Open Space

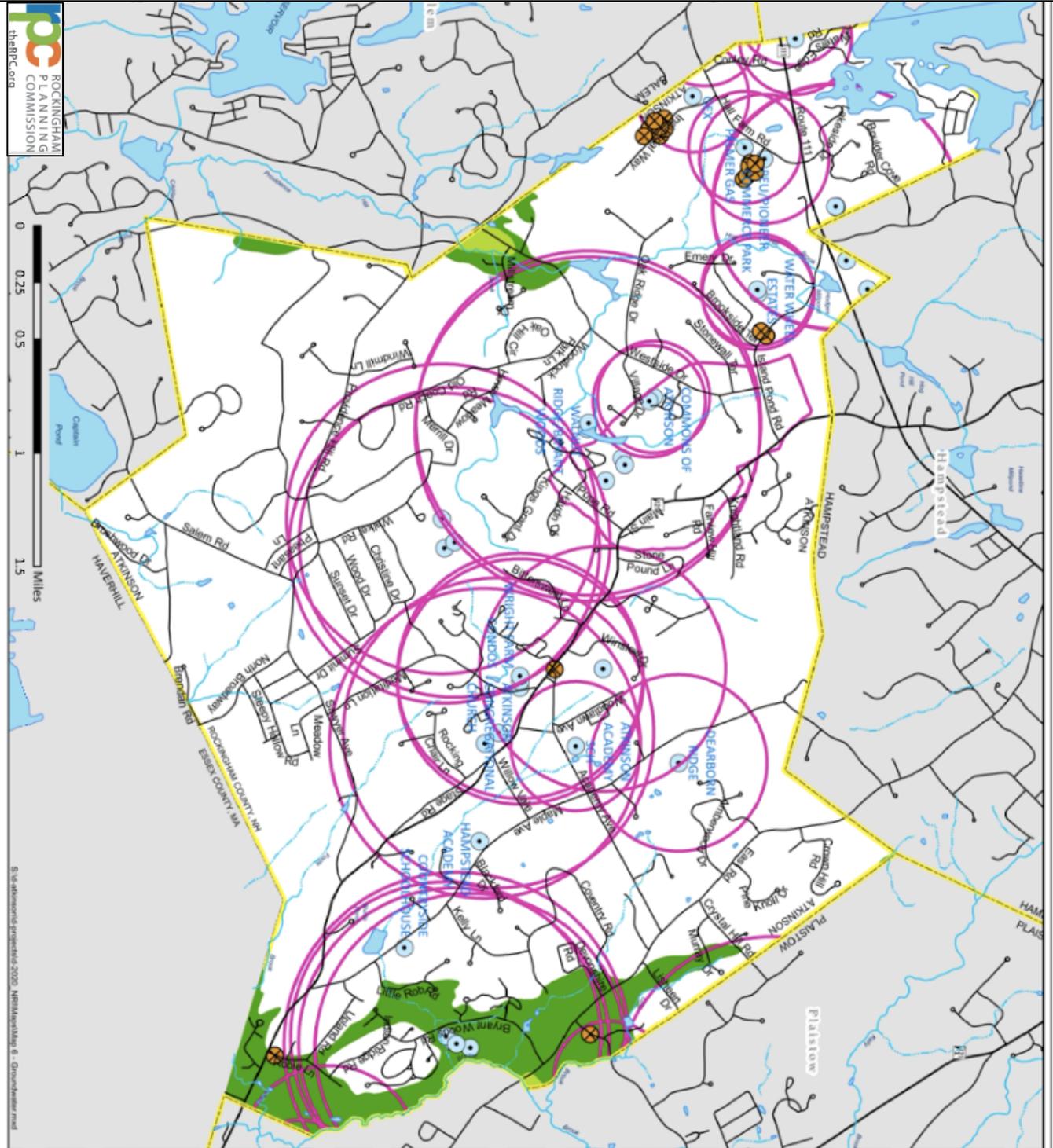
Atkinson is unique in terms of the amount of dedicated open space that has been set aside through cluster developments. Although this set aside open space is not deemed “conserved” due to the absence of a conservation easement on many of these parcels, about 661 acres of set aside open space is undevelopable due to zoning restrictions. This set aside open space is identified by the developer to meet the Rural Cluster Residential Development provisions. The Town of Atkinson currently has 20 cluster developments that account for about 1,313 acres of the town. A list of the cluster developments, their entire development acreage, and their open space acreage can be found in the Land Conservation Plan Appendix B Table and Map B.

Although these open spaces created through cluster developments benefit the town by preserving the rural character, many of these set aside open space parcels act as a thin buffer to the development. This can be shown on the Cluster Development Open Space Map found at the end of this profile. These thin strips of lands do not contribute to the health and safety of wildlife by providing adequate space of wildlife habitat, and many do not provide public access. Additionally, the Town of Atkinson only holds a conservation easement on a few of these cluster development open spaces deeming these parcels to be in permanent conservation.

Map 9 - Wildlife Habitat Features



Map 6 - Groundwater, Aquifers (USGS 1992)



Map 6

Land Conservation Plan Atkinson, NH 2022

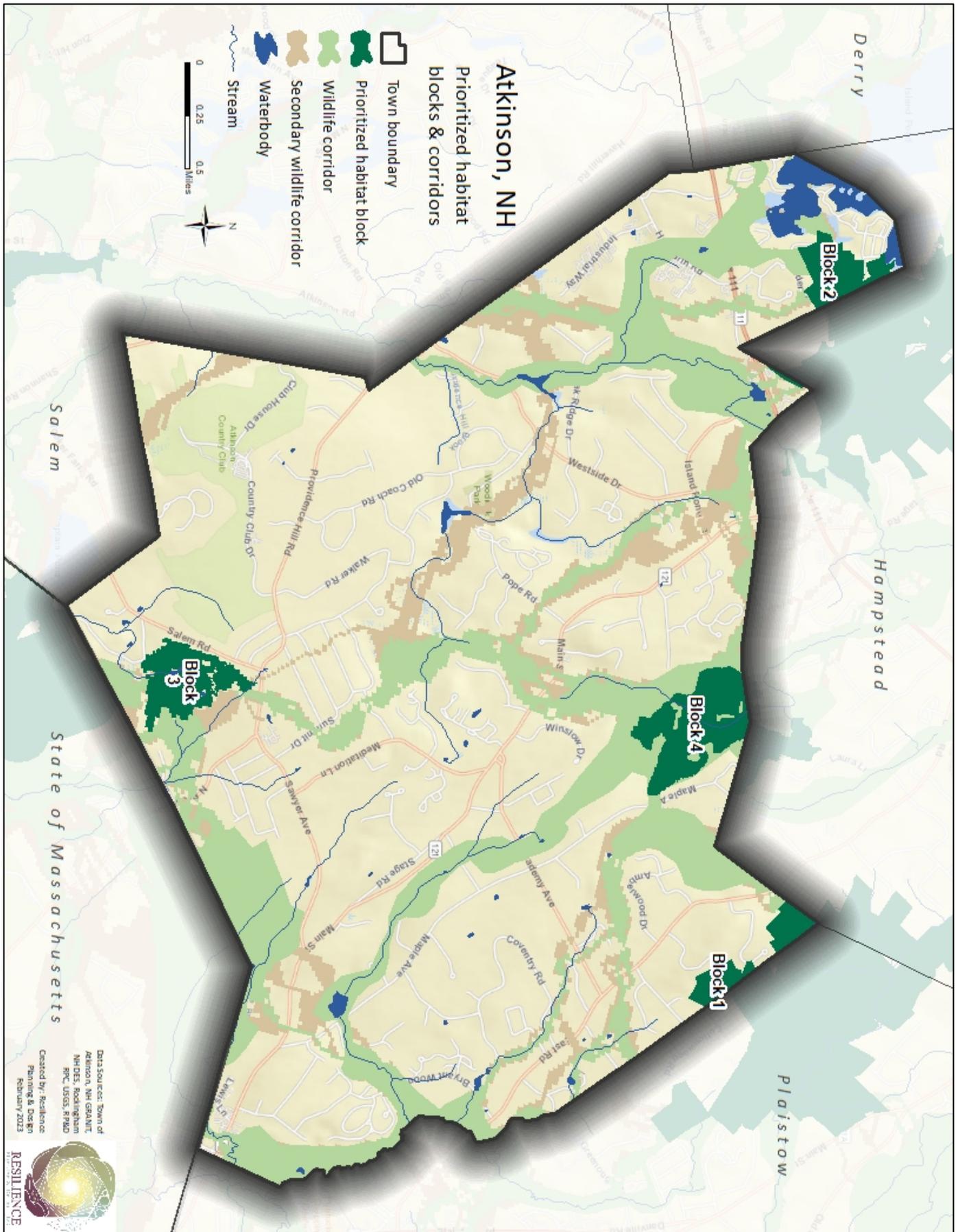
- Potential Contamination Sources
- Wellhead Protection Areas
- Public Water Wells (NHDES 2017)

- #### Stratified-Drift Aquifers
- Transmissivity
- Less than 1000
 - 1000 to 2000
 - 2000 to 4000
 - greater than 4000

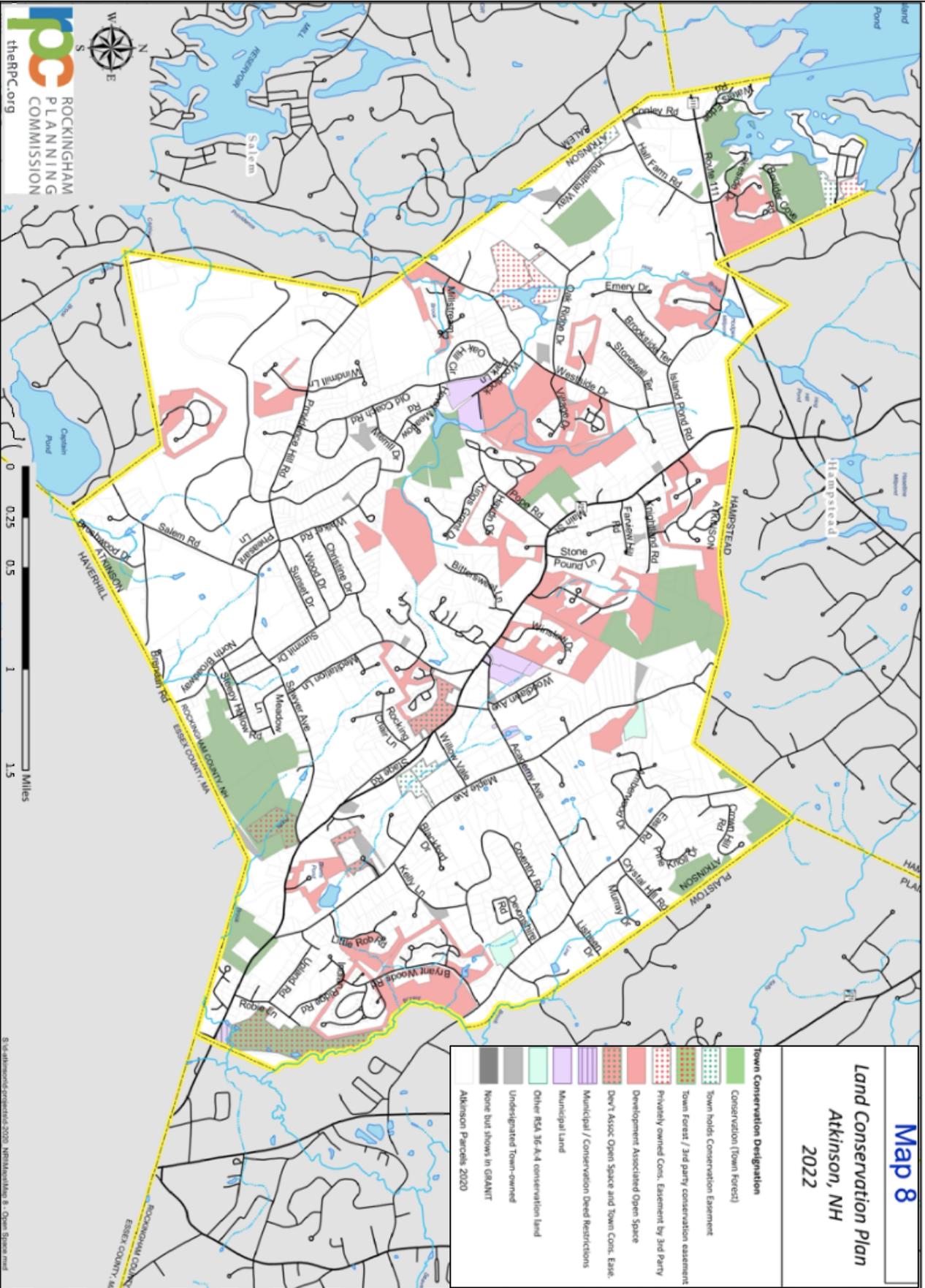
Base Features (Transportation, political and hydrographic) were automated from the USGS Digital Line Graph data, 1:24,000, and archived in the GRANIT database at Complex Systems Research Center, Institute for the Study of Earth, Oceans and Space, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH, 1992-1999. The roads have been updated by Rockingham Planning Commission and by NH Dept. of Transportation through ongoing efforts.

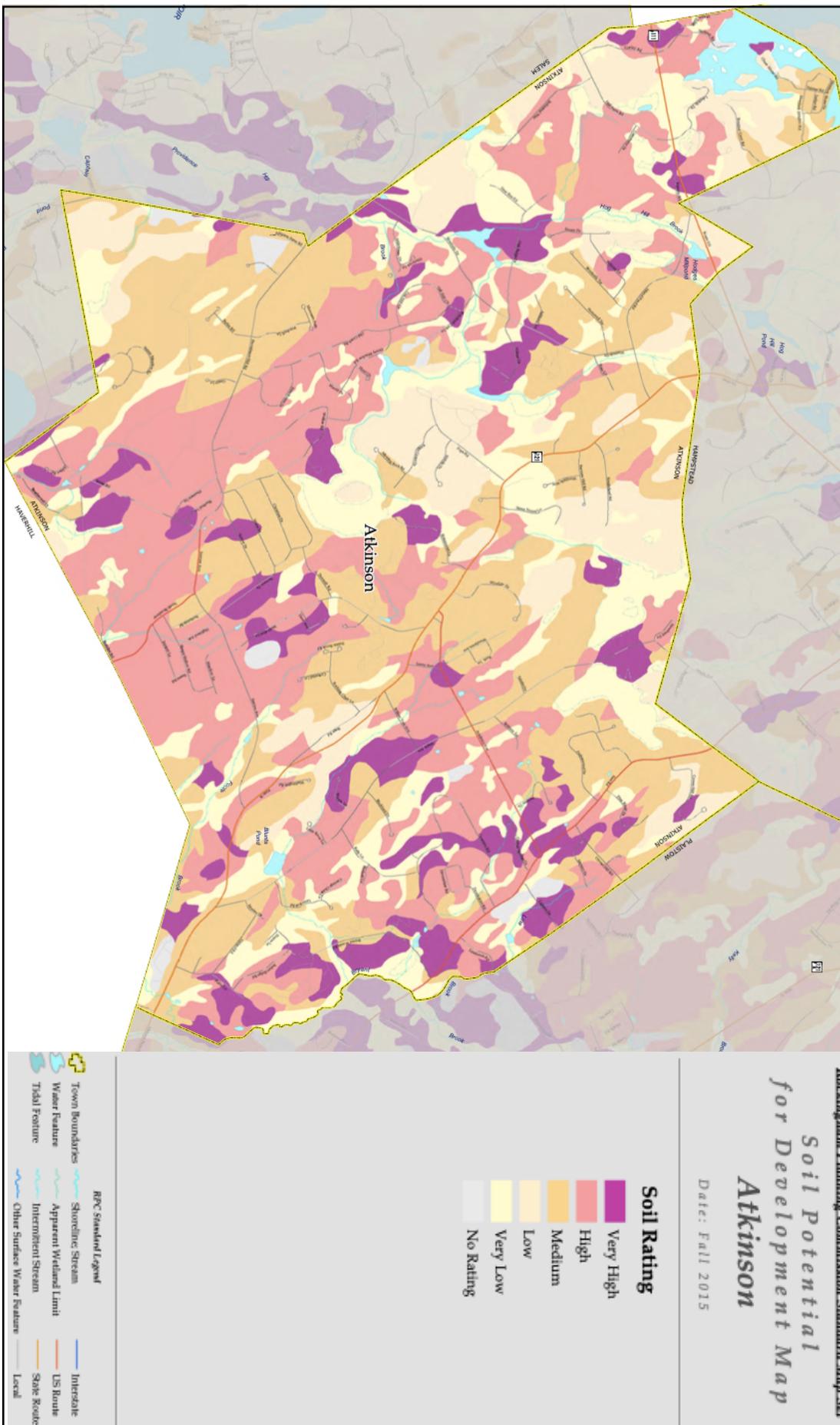
Digital Data in NH GRANIT represent the efforts of the contributing agencies to record information from the cited source materials. Complex Systems Research Center (CSRC), under contract to the Office of State Planning (OSP), and in consultation with cooperating agencies, maintains a continuing program to identify and correct errors in these data. OSP, CSRC, and the cooperating agencies make no claim as to the validity or reliability of to any implied uses of these data.

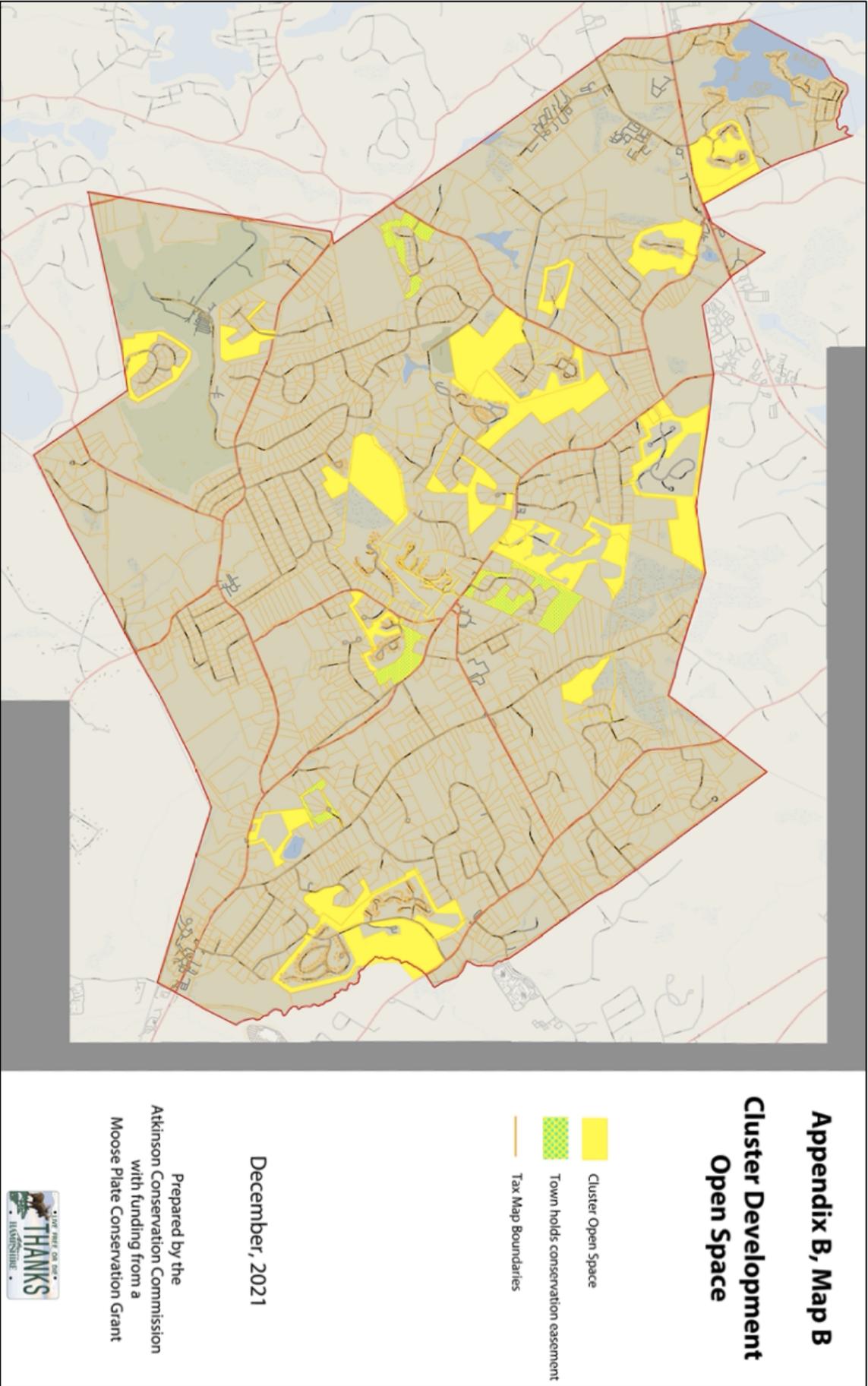




Map 8 - Open Space







Atkinson, New Hampshire

Natural Hazards Profile

KEY FINDINGS:

- The most pressing natural hazards that Atkinson is facing are extreme temperatures, drought, wildfires, and isolated flooding.
- The flood zones in Atkinson are isolated and distributed throughout town. This includes areas surrounding Island Pond in the northwest part of town, along Hog Hill Brook, an area just south of NH111 between Main Street and East Road, and in the southeastern part of town along the Haverhill, MA, state line and the Plaistow, NH, town line.
- Average temperatures in New Hampshire have risen more than 3°F since the beginning of the 20th century.
- In 2021, there were 22 fires reported in Atkinson. This included illegal burns, miscellaneous calls, and number of grass/woods fire. However, this is an increase in the number of the fires reported in previous years.
- Only 4% of Atkinson, or 287 acres, is in the 100-year floodplain and an additional 0.03% or 2 acres are in the 500-year floodplain.
- 0.3% of the town's roads, 0.21 miles, are within the 100-year floodplain and none of Atkinson's roads are within the 500-year floodplain.

DATA SOURCES:

- 2020 Hazard Mitigation Plan
- 2022 Land Conservation Plan
- 2018 State of New Hampshire Hazard Mitigation Plan
- 2022 Town of Atkinson Zoning Ordinance
- NH GRANIT Data
- United States Geological Survey (USGS)
- NH Division of Forests and Land
- Rockingham Planning Commission (RPC)
- 2015 RPC Regional Master Plan – Natural Hazards and Climate Change Chapters
- 2017-2022 National Integrated Drought Information System
- 2022 NOAA New Hampshire Climate Summary
- 2021 National Interagency Fire Center

INTRODUCTION

With the impacts of climate change becoming more of a reality for communities in the region, it is important for the Town of Atkinson to identify and address potential natural hazards that can occur in the community and any vulnerable infrastructure that may be affected. The frequency and intensity of natural hazard events in the region is increasing. It is essential that communities like Atkinson identify any weaknesses in infrastructure and develop mitigation strategies to ensure the resilience of the community. Atkinson has identified Hazard Mitigation goals in the 2020 Hazard Mitigation Plan, and they are listed below:

- Reduce or avoid long-term vulnerabilities posed by natural hazards impacting Atkinson, including the impacts from flooding, hurricanes and high wind events, severe winter weather, wildfire and conflagration, earthquakes, drought, and extreme temperatures.
- Improve upon the protection of the Town of Atkinson's general population, the citizens of the State and guests, from all natural and man-made hazards.
- Reduce the potential impact of natural and man-made disasters on Atkinson and the State's Critical Support Services.
- Reduce the potential impact of natural and man-made disasters on Atkinson's Critical Facilities in the State.
- Reduce the potential impact of natural and man-made disaster on Atkinson's and the State's infrastructure.
- Improve Atkinson's Emergency Preparedness.
- Improve Atkinson's Disaster Response and Recovery Capability.
- Reduce the potential impact of natural and man-made disasters on private property in Atkinson.
- Reduce the potential impact of natural and man-made disasters on Atkinson's and the State's economy.
- Reduce the potential impact of natural and man-made disasters on Atkinson's and the State's natural environment.
- Reduce Atkinson's and the State's liability with respect to natural and man-made hazards generally.
- Reduce the potential impact of natural and man-made disasters on Atkinson's and the State's specific historic treasures and interests as well as other tangible and intangible characteristics that add to the quality of life to the citizens and guests of the State and the Town.
- Identify, introduce and implement cost effective Hazard Mitigation measures so as to accomplish Atkinson's and the States' goals and objectives in order to raise the awareness and acceptance of hazard mitigation planning.

Listed below are the natural hazards that need to be understood and addressed in Atkinson:

Extreme Temperatures

As identified in the 2018 State of New Hampshire Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, extreme temperatures can be defined as, “a period of prolonged and/or excessive hot or cold that presents a danger to human health and life”.

Warmer Temperatures

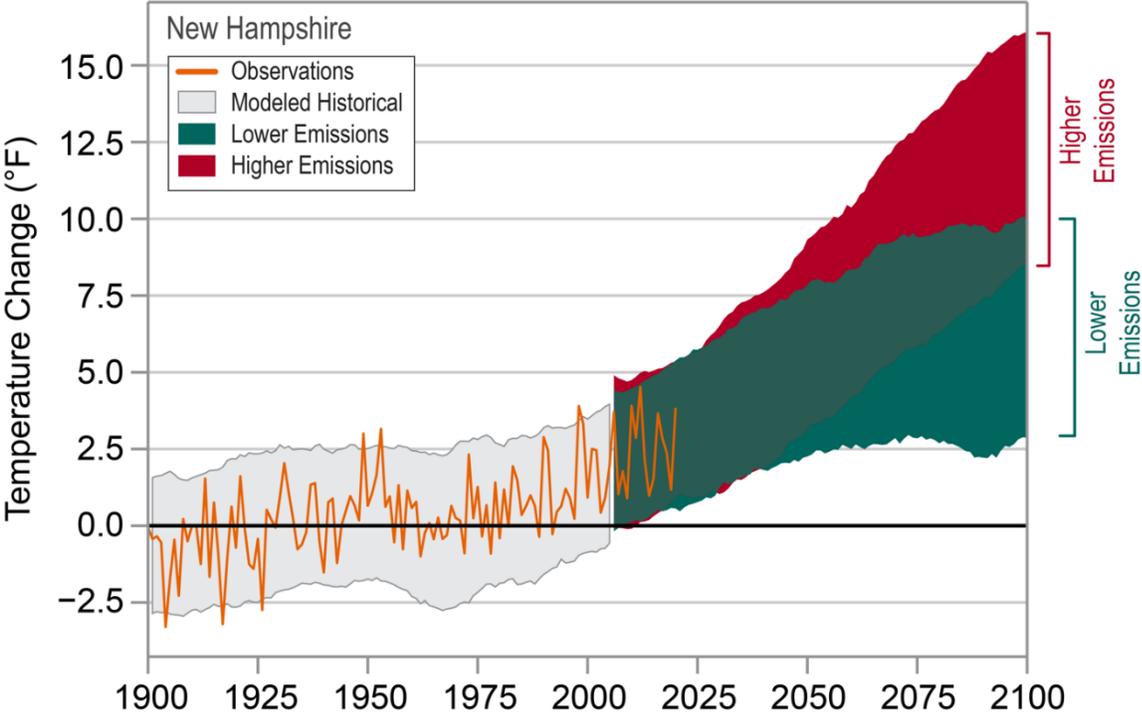
New Hampshire experiences between two to ten days per year where the heat index reaches 95 degrees. In Rockingham County, the region is predicted to be impacted by more extreme heat events. The increase in temperatures predicted for longer durations of time indicates that Atkinson is expected to be impacted as a result of these warmer temperatures. As identified in the 2020 Hazard Mitigation Plan, “extreme heat events impact Atkinson for 2-3 days each summer”, however with more recent data from the 2022 New Hampshire NOAA Climate Summary it appears there have actually been more extreme heat events. The impacts to Atkinson due to warmer temperatures are identified in the next table:

Category	Impacts
Health	Risk of heat related injury or death to humans, pets, and livestock. There is particularly a risk to the elderly and the young.
Transportation	Road damage can result as asphalt can soften in extreme prolonged heat and concrete roads can explode. Vehicles experience increased stress on cooling systems and other components.
Agricultural	Livestock can be severely impacted or killed, crop production can be slowed, damaged, or destroyed. Although warmer temperatures will increase the length of the growing season, this could lead to a greater demand for water to irrigate crops and lawns.
Energy	The increased use of cooling systems such as air conditioners creates an increased demand for energy consumption during extreme heat temperatures. This demand can lead to the heating of power lines causing transmission and distribution lines to sag and sagging

	powerlines can short out causing power outages and brownouts
Water	<p>Water Resources: The demand for water increases to meet animal and human needs in order to prevent illness and water consumption utilized to cool down equipment and structures. Firefighter hose pressure can also be affected.</p> <p>Water Quality: Rises in water temperature can result in lower water quality and can affect fish populations and result in the death of other organisms. Increased temperatures can also lead to more precipitation events in place of snow during winter months, and may result in drought due to increased evaporation.</p>

According to the 2022 NOAA New Hampshire Climate Summary, since the beginning of the 20th century, New Hampshire’s temperatures have risen more than 3°F. The greatest warming has occurred in the winter, with an increase of more than 4°F since 1900. NOAA’s Observed and Projected Temperature Change Graph below shows the state’s historical data in comparison to the projected change in temperatures over time based on high versus low emissions.

Observed and Projected Temperature Change



Colder Temperatures

Although the earth’s climate is warming, it is still probable that other extreme temperature events such as extreme cold temperatures will continue to occur during the winter season as well. As defined in the state of New Hampshire Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, extreme cold during winter months, also known as cold snaps, are caused due to the southern transport of arctic airmasses into the northeast. Atkinson experienced severe impacts from the 2008 ice storm that left residents out of power for at least a week, if not more, and significantly damaged electrical and road infrastructure. At the time, the Town utilized the Fire Station to provide water to residents. The Community Center acted as a shelter and provided food and internet access to residents. The Timberlane Regional High School acted as a safe place. Reflections on incidents such as the 2008 ice storm help shed some light on the importance of preparedness in anticipation of these extreme temperature events before they occur. The impacts to Atkinson due to colder temperatures are identified in the table below:

Category	Impacts
Health	Risk of cold related injury such as hypothermia and frostbite, or death to humans (elderly especially at risk), pets, and livestock.
Transportation	Vehicles, batteries, etc. damaged due to freezing or wind.
Agricultural	A freeze or frost early or late in the growing season can cause increases in the cost of products, loss of products, and impacts to livestock.
Energy	Increases in energy use due to heating systems during extreme cold temperatures.
Water Resources	Frozen water resources, pipes, and systems can lead to infrastructure damage, and create a disconnect preventing people and animals from getting water.

Drought

The state of New Hampshire’s Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management defines a drought as *“the absence of water in a region that occurs slowly due to below average precipitation over an extended period, resulting in low stream flows, low surface water, and low groundwater levels”*. In recent years, the State of New Hampshire has experienced increases in drought levels occurring for longer durations of time that have caused significant impacts which require community adaptation and implementation measures. For the state to successfully

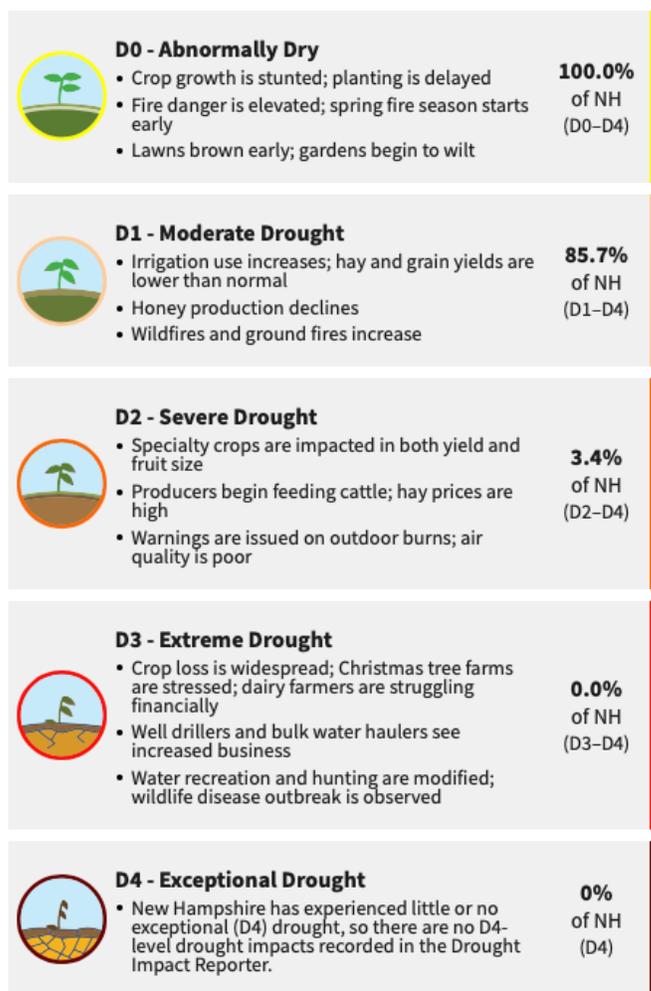
monitor and respond to drought conditions, the state has been divided up into 5 drought management areas in which Rockingham County is identified as the “Coastal Drainage” drought management area. The threats to Atkinson due to drought are identified in the next table with the following categories of impact:

Table 3: Impacts from Droughts	
Category	Impact
Water	Lack of water causes productivity of natural vegetation and agriculture to decrease; risk to summertime drinking water supply, lack of water for public safety, the amount of impervious surface area reduces infiltration and contributes to drought impacts.
Environmental	Loss or destruction of fish and wildlife habitat; lack of food and drinking water for wildlife; increased stress on and possible extinction of endangered species; lower water levels in reservoirs, lakes, and ponds; loss of wetlands; more frequent wildfires; wind and water erosion of soils; poor soil quality.
Economic	Destruction of crops causing higher food costs, cost of irrigation and drilling more wells, timber industry workers may be affected if wildfires are exacerbated by drought destroying timber, water companies having to spend money on new or additional water supplies.
Social	Anxiety or depression about economic losses caused by drought; health problems related to poor water quality, dust and pollen; threat to public safety from an increased number of wildfires, reduced incomes, fewer recreational activities.

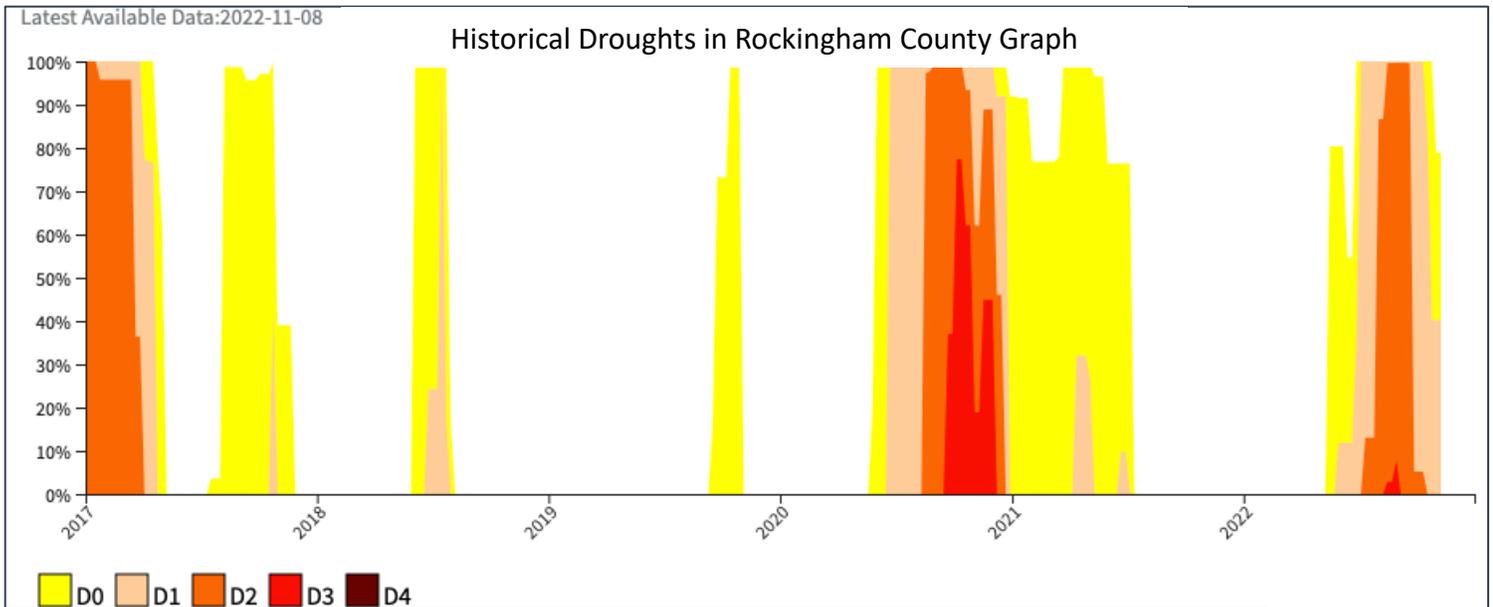
Recent data from the U.S. Drought Monitor (USDM) shows that Rockingham County has experienced extreme drought in 2021 and 2022. The USDM relies on drought experts to synthesize the best available data and work with local observers to interpret the information. The USDM also incorporates information about how drought is affecting people, with its network of over 450 observers across the country, including state climatologists, National Weather Service staff, Extension agents, and hydrologists. Droughts are classified as D0-D4 which can be described in the image to the right. The Historical Droughts in Rockingham County Graph depicts this data on the following page.

The 2022 Atkinson Land Conservation Plan identified town approaches to limit the impacts from drought and they are listed below:

- Town wide water conservation program aimed at public outreach and education, and phased reduction of water usage during drought such as limiting use of groundwater during drought for lawn watering and non-food production activities.
- Encourage and facilitate the capture and reuse of rainwater and clean household water for indoor plant watering, outdoor landscaping and household cleaning.
- Create public announcements on social media, in newsletters, and through email about drought conditions and how to best manage water use during these periods.
- Distribute lawn signs with messaging about water use and conservation.



Source(s): [NDMC](#), [NOAA](#), [USDA](#)



Wildfires

The State of New Hampshire’s Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management defines wildfires as “any non-structural fire, other than a prescribed fire, that occurs in the Wildland. Wildlands consist of vegetation or natural fuels”. Drought conditions create high probability of wildfire due to the lack of water and dry vegetation that act as fuel. As identified in the NH Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, the number of woodland fires in the state increased by over 200% during the 2016-2017 drought. Some factors to consider that can lead to a potential increase in woodland fires are:

- The average length of snowpack has decreased by 12 days over the last 50 years, causing bare ground exposed longer and forests to be more susceptible to fires during a drought.
- Temperatures are allowing disease and insects to move north, killing trees which provides more fuel for fires.
- Other extreme weather events, such as windstorms or ice storms, are downing more trees adding fuel to fires during a drought.

In order to mitigate the impacts from wildfires, the Town of Atkinson has its own Forest Fire Warden who educates the public on safe fires and wildfire prevention as well as the distribution of fire permits. Atkinson follows NH State Law (RSA 227-L:17) which requires fire permits for all outside burning unless there is still snow ground cover. According to statistics from the National Interagency Fire Center, in the state of New Hampshire in 2021, there was a total of 280 fires which burned 96 acres. Table 4 shows data retrieved from 2017-2021 from the Fire Department statistics in the Town of Atkinson Annual Reports.

In recent years, there has been a slight increase in the number of illegal burns reported by the Atkinson Fire Department, and a minor increase in the number of grass/woods fires. This could coincide with the increase and longevity of droughts in the area creating dryer vegetation that acts as fuel for these fires. Wildfires are a threat to the forests and neighborhoods of Atkinson. Though Atkinson has managed to maintain much of its rural character in a quickly developing portion of New Hampshire, much of the Rockingham County region has seen rapid commercial and residential development. Due to Atkinson’s land use balance of development and woodlands/open space, the Town should examine its Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) with the remaining natural lands. The Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) are areas of development that abut and are near wildlands. A WUI area can also be described as a zone where structures and other human developments meet or intermingle with undeveloped wildlands, or any point where the fuel feeding a wildfire change from natural (wildland/vegetation) fuel to man-made (urban) fuel.

Year	# of Illegal Burns & Misc Calls	# of Grass/Woods Fire	Total
2021	17	5	22
2020	15	2	17
2019	11	3	14
2018	10	1	11
2017	9	2	11

Inland Flooding

The state of New Hampshire’s Department of Emergency Management’s Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan defines inland flooding as, *“a high flow, overflow, or inundation by water, which causes or threatens damage from the overflow of rivers, their tributaries, and streams throughout the State, primarily from high precipitation events”*. Atkinson’s 2020 Hazard Mitigation Plan identifies that inland floods are most likely to occur in the spring due to the increase in rainfall and melting of snow. However, flooding can occur at any time of the year. For example, a sudden thaw in the winter or a major downpour in the summer can cause flooding because there is suddenly a lot of water in one place with nowhere to go.

Increased Precipitation

The effects of climate change can also cause more severe weather events and may result in an increase in precipitation resulting in flash flooding and extreme precipitation events. Flash flooding is defined as, *“a rapid rise in water level and extreme velocities in a river or stream, beginning within six hours of the causative event”*. In New Hampshire, flash flooding also includes ice dams and rapid snow melt. An extreme precipitation event can be identified as one where more than one inch of rain falls within 24 hours, or more than 2-4 inches falls in 48 hours. The threats to Atkinson due to increased precipitation are identified below:

- Damage to infrastructure such as buildings, roads, bridges, culverts, increased erosion and degraded water quality.
- Road closures due to flooding and/or culvert and bridge failure.

- Increased rainfall intensity during storms resulting in greater flood damage because flood zones are underestimated on current flood maps.
- Loss of homes and business due to flooding.
- Possible release of toxic materials.
- Loss of critical facilities due to flooding.

Riverine erosion, scouring, and flooding

Increased precipitation and flash flood events along with increased impervious surfaces contribute to riverine erosion. The rivers and streams that are most affected by erosion are those within watersheds that have steep terrain, where rivers have been historically straightened and modified, and those that have development adjacent to them. Scouring typically occurs downstream of bridges and culverts and other structures within rivers such as retaining walls and riprap revetments. The threats to Atkinson due to flooding are identified in the next table with the following categories of impact:

Table 5: Impacts from Flooding	
Category	Impact
During Flood	Risk of drowning, becoming trapped, or emergency services not being able to rescue people in distress.
After Flood	If properties are not properly cleaned, mold and rot can occur in areas that were flooded causing health problems for people and pets. Damage to personal properties, businesses, industrial complexes, housing units, roads, stormwater infrastructure, bridges, culverts, power and utility lines.
Overtime	Damage to structures causing rot and degradation.
Environmental	Release of hazardous chemicals, pesticides, and other materials into flood waters will contaminant those waters; downstream water quality issues due to overwhelmed storm drainage systems in developed areas being overwhelmed and inundated; disrupts the balance of the existing ecosystem, kills animals/plants/insects; contaminated floodwaters introduced to the ecosystem create impacts.
Economic	Damage to structures, loss of commerce due to business closure or inaccessibility, and rebuilding and mitigating related costs.

Additional causes that contribute to inland flooding as identified in Atkinson’s Hazard Mitigation Plan are described below:

- **Erosion and mudslides** - *Erosion is the process of wind and water wearing away soil. Typically, in New Hampshire, the land along rivers is relatively heavily developed. Mudslides may be formed when a layer of soil atop a slope becomes saturated by significant precipitation and slides along a more cohesive layer of soil or rock. Erosion and mudslides become significant threats to development during floods. Floods speed up the process of erosion and increase the risk of mudslides.*
- **Rapid snowpack melt** - *Warm temperatures and heavy rains cause rapid snowmelt. Quickly melting snow coupled with moderate to heavy rains are prime conditions for flooding.*
- **River ice jams** - *Rising waters in early spring often breaks ice into chunks, which float downstream and often pile up, causing flooding. Small rivers and streams pose special flooding risks because they are easily blocked by jams. Ice in riverbeds and against structures presents significant flooding threats to bridges, roads, and the surrounding lands.*
- **Dam breach and failure** - *Dam failure results in rapid loss of water that is normally held by the dam. These kinds of floods are extremely dangerous and pose a significant threat to both life and property. There are five man-made dams in Atkinson:*
 - Lagoon at Atkinson Country Club (if breached water would flow towards Haverhill, MA),
 - Dam at the Killam property on Westside Drive (if breached would put homes in Salem, NH at risk),
 - Dam at Island Pond Road (if breached would cause road flooding),
 - Dam on Hodge Mill Pond (privately owned and if breached would impact Oak Ridge and Mill Street), and
 - Dam adjacent to Community Center.

There are also four large beaver dams that could cause flooding if breached: Two of these dams are on Hovey Meadow Pond off Merrill Drive, one Dam is on Stewart Farm Pond, and the other Dam is on Sawmill Swamp. While flooding due to beaver dams does have potential negative impacts to infrastructure, it is also important to note that beavers and their habitat are important elements of wetland ecology.

Flood Zones

Designated flood zones are areas described by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as being prone to varying levels of flood risk. These flood zone areas are identified on the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) in terms of a designated 1% (also referred to as Base Flood or 100-year flood) and 0.2% (500-year) annual flood zones. FEMA identifies Special Flood Zone Hazard areas as “*areas that will be inundated by the flood event having a 1% chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year*”. The FIRM also shows moderate flood hazard areas between the limits of the base flood and the 0.2% annual chance flood. Existing

floodplains in Atkinson include areas surrounding Island Pond in the northwest part of town, along Hog Hill Brook, an area just south of NH111 between Main Street and East Road, and in the southeastern part of town along the Haverhill, MA, state line and Plaistow, NH, town line. These FEMA identified Flood Hazard Areas in Atkinson is shown visually on Map 5 of the Land Conservation Plan – Surface Water, Watersheds, and FEMA Flood Hazard Areas – also found at the end of this profile. There are three primary flood zone types in Atkinson including:

- Zone A: – 1% annual chance flood (also known as the 100-year floodplain)
- Zone AE – 1% annual chance flood (100-year floodplain)
- Zone X – 0.2% annual chance flood (also known as the 500-year floodplain)

In Atkinson, only 4% of the town or 287 acres is in the 100-year annual floodplain and an additional 0.03% of the town or 2 acres are in the 500-year floodplain. In terms of roadways, Atkinson fortunately has only 0.21 miles or 0.3% of the town’s roads in the 100-year floodplain, and none of Atkinson’s roads lie within the 500-year floodplain. The small amount of Atkinson roadways that do lie in the 100-year floodplain are mostly located in the northwest part of town surrounding Island Pond and along Hog Hill Brook. As identified in the 2020 Atkinson Hazard Mitigation Plan, *“the Highway Department indicates that flooding can result from long-term beaver dams, impacting the following roads: Brushwood Drive, Bryant Woods Road, and Maple Avenue”*.

In order to mitigate losses due to flooding, the Town of Atkinson joined the regular program of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) in March of 2009. The current Flood Insurance Rate Map and Flood Insurance Study was completed May 17, 2005. The National Flood Insurance Program involves providing full insurance coverage based on risk shown on the FIRM map for Atkinson. Participating communities in the NFIP must agree to adopt a Floodplain Development Ordinance and enforce regulations in order to protect the floodplain from future development impacts. As a result, Atkinson adopted a Floodplain Development Ordinance and the details of this regulatory tool are briefly described below.

Atkinson Floodplain Management Ordinance

This ordinance identifies certain areas of the Town of Atkinson, New Hampshire that are subject to periodic flooding, causing serious damages to properties within these areas. Relief is available in the form of flood insurance as authorized by the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968. The regulations in the Atkinson Floodplain Management Ordinance apply to all lands designated as special flood hazard areas by the Federal Emergency Agency (FEMA) in its “Flood Insurance Study for the County of Rockingham, N.H.”, with the associated Flood Insurance Rate Maps. These areas are designated as Zone A and AE on the Flood Insurance Rate Map. For more information on Atkinson’s Floodplain Management Ordinance, visit the Atkinson Zoning Ordinance, Planning and Land Use Regulations.

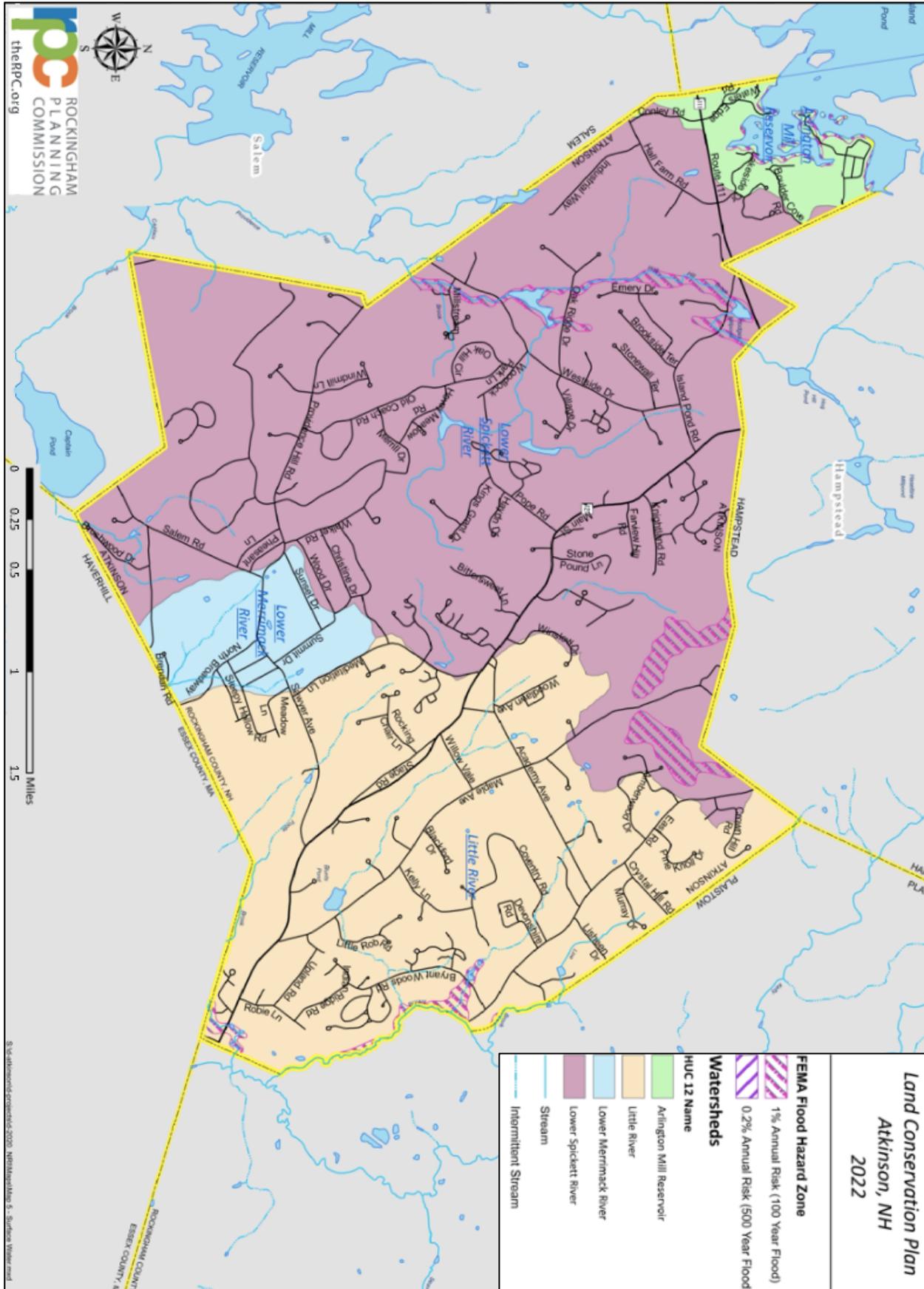
Map 5 - Surface Water, Watersheds, FEMA Flood Hazard Area

Land Conservation Plan
Atkinson, NH
2022

FEMA Flood Hazard Zone
 1% Annual Risk (100 Year Flood)
 0.2% Annual Risk (500 Year Flood)

Watersheds
 HUC 12 Name
 Arington Mill Reservoir
 Little River
 Lower Merrimack River
 Lower Spickett River

Intermittent Stream
 Stream



Atkinson, New Hampshire

Historical and Cultural Profile

KEY FINDINGS:

- Atkinson has extensive historic and cultural resources which are well documented.
- Atkinson’s Historical Society is heavily involved in efforts to educate the public about Atkinson’s history.
- Atkinson is fortunate to have several active cultural organizations and popular community events that bring residents together and build a greater sense of community.
- Atkinson is part of the Old Stage Coach Scenic Byway and features many historic structures and landscapes that have been preserved over time.
- Atkinson has a significant number of remaining historic structures from many architectural eras. These include the forty sites identified along the Old Stage Coach Scenic Byway which show examples of Georgian style, Federal-style houses, Greek Revival style, the Colonial Revival style, and bungalow houses.
- Farms that were once central to Atkinson’s land use pattern and identity have slowly disappeared, but remnants of the agricultural landscape can still be seen today.
- Atkinson has one property listed on the National Register of Historic Places: Atkinson Academy.
- Atkinson has one property listed on the New Hampshire State Register of Historic Places: The Center School.

DATA SOURCES:

- Atkinson Historical Society Website
- New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources (NHDHR)
- National Register of Historic Places
- Atkinson 2015 Master Plan Update
- 1999 Atkinson Then and Now: 2nd Edition
- Old Stagecoach Scenic Byway Brochures
- Atkinson Local Organization Websites

INTRODUCTION

This profile identifies and describes Atkinson's many historical and cultural resources. This includes taking a look back at the indigenous peoples of the area, the first colonial settlers, how the community was incorporated as a town, and the significant landmarks and landscapes that remain today. Historic and cultural resources add to the unique character of the town and help to distinguish Atkinson from other New Hampshire communities. These resources include both physical resources (landscape features, buildings, and physical sites) as well as non-physical resources (organizations, programs, clubs, and community traditions).

ATKINSON'S HISTORIC BACKGROUND

The indigenous peoples known as the Pennacook Native Americans lived on the land now known as Atkinson before colonial settlement. The larger Haverhill, Massachusetts area was called the "Pentucket" during these early days. Unfortunately, many of the Pennacook tribe members were impacted by rising rates of illness, such as measles, and famine, which reduced their population significantly. Chief Passaconaway was fearful of more death and devastation affecting his people, so he led his remaining tribe to new homeland near Concord, New Hampshire. Beyond the Penacook Native Americans, many other tribes passed through what is now known as Atkinson leaving traces and artifacts. It is believed that the passing tribes may have stopped to rest at Big Oak, or at Indian Rock. These locations were known to have been stops along Native American tribe's way from their journey from Rhode Island to Canada. Additionally, many Native American artifacts have been found around Big Island Pond.

Early settlement in this area was centered around agriculture where farmers cultivated corn, wheat, potatoes, fruits, and livestock. The cultivation of potatoes and flax for the spinning of linen was introduced to the area in 1718 by a group of Scotch-Irish immigrants who eventually settled in Londonderry. These crops became the first two major marketable commodities of the area that helped to sustain Atkinson's economy through agricultural trade. The first settlers in Atkinson were Ben Richards of Rochester, John Dow of Haverhill, Nathaniel, Jonathan, and Edmund Page of Haverhill, MA. They became residents of "North Parish" located in the western portion of Haverhill. This land is now known as Plaistow and Atkinson. In 1740 the Massachusetts boundary was established and much of this "North Parish" area became part of southern New Hampshire. Atkinson's land as we know it today was once a part of Plaistow when Plaistow was established as a town in 1749. Atkinson was incorporated as its own official Town in 1767 The Town was named after Theodore Atkinson, a nephew of the former Provincial Governor of New Hampshire named Benning Wentworth.

During the first year of Atkinson's incorporation, town meetings were held in John Dow's home until 1768 when a meetinghouse was constructed on the north side of Main Street next to the Old Cemetery. In 1773, the Atkinson Cemetery was officially established and during the Revolution, at least three grist and mills had been constructed. The remains of the mills may be seen today on Shannon Road, West Side Drive, and Island Pond Roads. The old cemetery on Main Street still exists today. After the Revolution, many settlers experienced a regional upswing

in industry, education, transportation, and architecture. Textile mills and shoe factories were located in Haverhill, MA, and during this time, Atkinson was busy constructing new roads that were utilized by stagecoach. This led to a general increase in travel and blacksmiths and wheelwrights became in demand in Atkinson's economy. There was also a significant demand for education which led to the establishment of many schools, library associations, and colleges in the region. In 1787, Atkinson built the first Atkinson Academy. The construction of Atkinson Academy turned Atkinson from an agricultural town to an academy town and attracted many students to the area. Students lived in various farmhouses throughout the area, and many became teachers in Atkinson and neighboring towns.

Agriculture in Atkinson

With increased industrialization in the Haverhill-Atkinson area, this led to an even higher demand for transportation services. Turnpikes and canals were constructed and were shortly superseded by railroad networks. Access to these transportation systems benefited Atkinson due to its location and proximity for goods, resources, and trade. Some Atkinson residents began to work from home producing agricultural goods and turning out piece work for Haverhill factories. Access to the railroad system gave Atkinson settlers the opportunity to transport products easily. Agriculture was thriving in Atkinson and was creating a diverse range of occupations. Atkinson had the capacity to ship milk, butter, and cheese to markets in Boston and Haverhill, and by 1854 E.N. Greenough became the first local farmer with a milk run between Atkinson and Haverhill. However, the success of the agricultural industry would eventually face one of the most difficult periods of time due to farmers having to adapt to the regions changing needs as area residents began moving west during 1870 and for thirty years after. Farm abandonment in the east became more prevalent as the west produced cattle and wheat more cheaply. The railroad expansion also allowed for more people to move away. Fortunately, milk remained a demanded product of the Atkinson region, and would appeal to the markets of Boston and other large cities. As these cities became more industrialized and more densely populated, the demand for milk and other dairy products grew and the transition from the multi-purpose farm to the dairy farm had begun. Atkinson soon became the second ranking milk-producing town in Rockingham County by 1875, and local dairy farmers were selling 420,000 quarts of milk annually to Boston.

The overall decline of multi-purpose farming in Atkinson due to farm abandonment had a dramatic effect on the reforestation of the area. During the Civil War decade of 1860-1870, Atkinson had a significant amount of cultivated land and a decline in forest cover. However, as people began to abandon their farms to move out west or for employment in nearby mill towns, the ecology began to change. Young forests took over the once cultivated land and this is still reflected in present-day Atkinson with its high percentage of forest cover.

Atkinson's Economy

With the decline in agriculture and farming in Atkinson, the town sought other ways to revive its economy. During the late 19th century, Atkinson tried to promote the community as a summer tourist attraction by putting a new emphasis on the beautification of the town which included the planting of trees along Maple Avenue that still stand today. The 20th century in Atkinson was also represented by a significant decline in agricultural activity for the town and by 1942, there was only one remaining milk route to Haverhill. Atkinson continued its attempts to promote the town as a resort town in the early years of the 20th century.

In the first ten years of the 20th century, a trolley car line was proposed to run from Haverhill to Hampstead to the playground area of Island Pond. The transition in transportation to automobiles led to the cancellation of this trolley car line, but Island Pond still had summer cottages that have mostly been converted to full time residences today. With the advent of the automobile, crushed stone surfaces began to take the place of mud and gravel on farm-to-market roads, and these new roads would soon become the network of interstate highways that now surround the town. During the 1950's and 1960's, increased use and creation of automobiles and automobile infrastructure soon led to residents commuting out of town for employment, and by 1979, 61.8% of the town's workforce was employed out of Atkinson. Due to Atkinson's location, Boston's urban sprawl, the airport in Massachusetts, along with New Hampshire's more favorable tax rate, Atkinson experienced a tremendous increase in population which led to Atkinson becoming a prime residential community in the Southern New Hampshire region.

SIGNIFICANT ATKINSON HISTORICAL FIGURES, SITES, AND STRUCTURES

Atkinson has a rich history that was shaped by its former residents that helped to create the town's unique sense of place through historic resources. Though Atkinson has a rich history and an abundance of historic landmarks, features, and structures, a few important historic sites and structures in town help distinguish Atkinson's unique character today. Below are some significant individuals, sites, and structures that played a role in Atkinson's history.

Reverend Stephen Peabody

Stephen Peabody was born in Andover, MA (now Boxford, MA) on November 11, 1741. He graduated from Harvard at the age of 29 and studied divinity with another minister for three years. In 1772, Peabody was called to serve as the Town of Atkinson's first minister. He settled in Atkinson as the first pastor of the Congregational Church, and he bought a small farm and built what we know today as the Kimball House.

Revered Peabody became very involved in town and was a leader of education in Atkinson. One of the rooms in his home was used as a schoolroom by Mrs. Colby, a dame school for boys and girls. One day, Rev. Peabody's brother, Phillips from Andover, and his Uncle John from Exeter, told him that an academy was being built in Andover and Exeter. This information helped Rev.

Peabody when two men proposed to construct Atkinson’s very own academy. Reverend Peabody’s son Stephen was born in 1773 and he was one of the first Atkinson students to attend the academy. His daughter Polly entered the academy in 1791 and became the first girl to enroll at Atkinson academy making the school the second academy in the country to be co-educational. A monument is located in Atkinson Cemetery for Rev. Peabody that was erected by a grandson.

Atkinson Schooling and the Center School

Education in Atkinson started in the community as early as 1769 when “Sculmasters” were hired in Atkinson and set up in private homes. By 1774, the town was divided into three school districts each with their own schoolhouses. By 1869 there were six school districts in Atkinson, each with its own schoolhouse including the Center School. The original Center School was located in the field opposite of the Rockwell building and by 1878 the original Center School was abandoned and physically moved to be attached as a shed to the Union Store on Academy Avenue; the school shed has since been demolished. But a new Center School was built in 1880 and was open until 1948 when the Rockwell School opened. Today, the Center School is Atkinson's last remaining one room Schoolhouse. In August 2022, the Center School, located across from Atkinson Academy, was placed on the New Hampshire State Register of Historic Places.

Atkinson Academy



Above: Atkinson Academy

The Town of Atkinson has provided education to the children going back to the beginning of the Town. The first Atkinson Academy was built in 1787 on land donated by Dr. Cogswell at the corner of Meditation Lane and Academy Avenue. The original Atkinson Academy was a one-story building with a spacious fireplace. Atkinson Academy was a private-school and required students pay tuition to attend. In 1802, the Atkinson Academy burned down, and the new Atkinson Academy was built in 1803 in the location we know today as Academy Avenue. The new academy was 34 feet by 60 feet, two stories high, with a cupola. A portion of Atkinson Academy was partitioned off in 1843 when the Academy Trustees entered an agreement with the town to allow town meetings to be held in the building. In 1880 the town built the Center School. The town's last remaining one-room schoolhouse opened in 1880 to 1949. The second Atkinson Academy served until 1949 when the Trustees closed the doors as a secondary school due to high schools in the surrounding towns offering expanded programs. In 1949 the Universal Unitarian Church was remodeled, and the Rockwell school was opened.

After the Atkinson Academy closed, many Atkinson students attended the Rockwell School. After a few years of the Atkinson Academy lying dormant, the Academy Trustees turned the building over to the town in hopes it would be used for educational purposes. The building stood empty for several years and began to deteriorate. It was repaired and restored by the Alumni Association who raised funds for repairs.

In the early 1960's, the Timberlane Regional School District was formed, and at that time the grammar school utilized the Atkinson Academy and the Rockwell School. As the population grew, Rockwell School was no longer able to house all the students so more extensive renovations were made to Atkinson Academy. The Rockwell School was closed in late 1970's.

The Atkinson Academy school had been closed for about twenty years during the mid-20th century, and then became a public school and part of the Timberlane Regional School District in 1958. Several additions were made to the original building starting with a large wing on the east side of the building which provided four large classrooms, administrative offices, health offices, and an all-purpose room called Dyke Auditorium in honor of Harlon C. Dyke, the last headmaster of the Academy. The Atkinson Academy is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Atkinson Cemetery

Atkinson Cemetery, also referred to Atkinson's "Old" and "New" Cemetery, was first established in 1773 when a piece of land was laid out on Main Street (now Academy Avenue). The first documented burial in the Atkinson Cemetery on Main Street was a Hampstead man who was being taken to North Parish Cemetery in Haverhill, MA but the road was impassable due to weather so when the funeral procession reached Atkinson Cemetery, it was decided the burial would take place there instead. In 1773, a vote was taken at town meeting to accept land from John Dow for the use as a burying yard. The half-acre parcel was located to the northwest of the original meetinghouse. In 1822, the town purchased another half-acre of land from Mr. David How, a trader who lived in Haverhill, to enlarge the cemetery. Mr. How also set aside a small

piece of land to be utilized as a town common, but this is not the same piece of land that is known as the Dow Common today. Mr. How's land that was located behind the meetinghouse and adjacent to the cemetery was traded for additional cemetery land around 1850. In 1907, additional cemetery land was acquired by donation from Joseph Kimball, a summer visitor in Atkinson. Joseph Kimball donated the land and Peabody House to the town to use as a library and possibly a museum with permission to use a portion of the land for a cemetery. The "New" Cemetery extension located behind the Kimball Library was laid out in 1912.

Kimball Library

In 1907, Joseph Kimball felt the need for Atkinson to have a permanent building to house a library. He purchased the former home of Reverend Stephen Peabody, from Mr. and Mrs. Walter Maddocks and donated the Peabody House to the Town of Atkinson with the stipulation that *"the buildings and ground be used for the needs and convenience of the town library, and perhaps a museum and art gallery; that it be named 'Kimball Library' and that a bronze tablet be placed in the building stating its name and giving a few words of explanation; the rear back of four hundred feet from the road may be used for graves if found desirable;"*. Reverend Peabody built the Kimball House in the beginning of 1772 after he purchased a twelve-acre parcel from Oliver Knight. The original house had eight rooms which still contains the gunstock beams and several Christian doors. Pegged, hand-hewn timbers can be seen in the double-thick granite and brick cellar. In 1882, Dr. Isaac Hovey came to Atkinson and for nearly fifty years practiced medicine in this house. The Walter Maddocks family of Boston bought the house in the early 1900s from the heirs of Dr. Hovey. They decided to modernize it, according to the Victorian style that was popular at the time. They constructed the large bay windows on two floors, elevated the roof, and added the two great central dormers at the front of the house. The Kimball House had remained as the town's permanent library since 1907 and as the town's population increased, the present Kimball Library was annexed in 1975 and the town then voted to approve the Kimball House for use as a museum. The Kimball House is now a free-standing building and is maintained by the Atkinson Historical Society. A new stand alone, state of the art Kimball Library was opened in 2008 on Academy Avenue.

Dow Common and Monument

The Dow Common and Monument was donated to the town by William C. Dodd to commemorate the soldiers who fought in the Civil War. Dedication ceremonies at this site were held in 1888. The monument was originally situated differently on the common but was moved in 1891 in order to construct a new road known today as the portion of Academy Avenue that turns towards Hampstead.



Above: Dow Common and Monument

Town Pound

In early Atkinson, many of the townspeople were farmers who owned a variety of animals including cattle, dogs, sheep, horses, and pigs for clothing and food. As more land was cleared and cultivated, the stock of animals in Atkinson increased and the need for Atkinson to provide some sort of containment of stray dogs, cattle, and other animals became necessary. In 1787, a committee of three people were elected to decide on the location of a town pound. At the next town meeting, residents voted to construct the town pound set on the hill above Mr. Grocer's house, now known as Main Street. Originally, the road went on the other side of the structure. The road was changed in the 1930's. A double-faced sign donated by the Historical Society, and a decorative fence and flowering shrubs have been placed on the westerly side of the enclosure abutting Stone Pound Lane. The Atkinson Garden Club continues to care for the garden area at the front of the Pound.

Atkinson's Historical Architecture and Landscape Vistas

Atkinson has a significant number of historic structures that have remained throughout many architectural eras. These historic structures, and their distinctive architectural features can still be seen in present day Atkinson. The architectural features of these structures help distinguish Atkinson as a unique community and provide a sense of history and character. Examples of these structures can be seen along Atkinson's Old Stage Coach Scenic Byway mostly along Main Street. Some of the architectural designs of these structures found in Atkinson include Georgian style, Federal-style, Greek Revival style, Colonial Revival style, and Bungalow style houses.

Designated landscape vistas on the Atkinson Old Stage Coach Scenic Byway include East Road, Maple Avenue, Main Street, Island Pond Road, Sawyer Avenue, Shannon Road, North Broadway, and Salem Road. Table 1 below identifies the forty significant historic structures identified along the Old Stage Coach Scenic Byway as found in the Atkinson Historical Society’s informational brochure. These locations also correspond to a scenic byway roadmap. For more information about Atkinson’s Scenic Byway visit the Transportation Profile of this Existing Conditions Report.

Table 1: Atkinson Byway Sites			
Historical Name	Description	Main Street #	Year Built
Colonial-era Stage Road Marker	Colonial period road marker at the start of Atkinson Stage Coach Byway.	26	-
Donated Town Forest Parcels		23-33	-
Greenleaf Clark House	Built by the man who, during the Revolutionary War period, had been New Hampshire’s representative to the Continental Congress	29	c. 1820
Historic Name Unknown		35	c. 1905
Noyes House		43	c. 1895
Alanson Sawyer House	Served as an Atkinson School	46	c. 1850
Gilmartin House		51	c. 1900
Sawyer House		53	c. 1886
Thomas – Wheeler House	Built by Corporal William Thomas after returning from serving in the War of 1812. Thomas served as a State Rep. to the NH General Court, was on the Governor’s Council in 1850, as a NH Representative to the US Congress, and as a US Senator from 1879 until his death in 1888. His great grandson Stephen Wheeler was born in this house and went on to become NH Attorney General, Associate Justice and then Chief of the NH Superior Court and from 1957 until his death in 1967 was an Associate Justice on the NH Supreme Court.	54	c. 1812
Historic Name Unknown		67	c. 1910
Taylor House		70	c. 1895
The Tunnel	A level roadway cut into the bottom of, and around the eastern side of Poore’s Hill because of the many winter stage coach accidents and difficult travel on the icy and steep Stage Road over the hill.	68-84	c. 1857
Protected Open Space		74-86	2006
Abraham Dow House		3 Stage Rd.	c. 1870
Town Center Scenic Vista	Viewed to the north as you emerge from the Tunnel	85-101	-
Tristram Knight Farm	In 1767, Tristram and his three sons, Oliver, Stephen, and John were among the original petitioners to the NH General Court for Atkinson’s incorporation as a NH town (separate from Plaistow)	88	c. 1757
Nathaniel Cogswell House	Served as Atkinson’s Congregationalists’ Sunday meeting site until the Atkinson Congregational Church was built Atkinson Academy students also boarded there	92	c. 1766
Cogswell Farm	Nathaniel and Judith Cogswell had 19 children. Their 8 boys served a total of 38 years of military service during the American Revolutionary War – a national record and more than any other family in the country!	95	c. 1740
Gilbert House	The early site of the Atkinson Free Public Library	98	c. 1770
Congregational Church		101	c. 1835

John Atwood House		102	c. 1772
John Bassett House		103	c. 1790
Knight House		104	c. 1840
John Gilbert House		105	c. 1790
Tenney House		106	c. 1840
L.P.E. Richards House		108	c. 1820
John Dow House	The oldest house in Atkinson. Dow was one of Atkinson's original settlers. In 1767, he was one of Atkinson's successful petitioners to the NH General Court for Atkinson to be incorporated as a NH town. His home was the site of early Atkinson Town Meetings. Dow also donated the land for the first and oldest section of Old Atkinson Cemetery. Dow House also served for a while as Atkinson's Post Office and General Store.	107	c. 1727
George Wright House		109	c. 1840
Atkinson Town Common	The Civil War Soldiers Monument was erected on the Common as an Honor Roll to honor Atkinson's Civil War soldiers. Dow Common was named after George Dow (one of John Dow's sons) who was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for bravery during the Civil War.	112	c. 1888
Atkinson Academy (National Reg)		-	1787, 1803
Atkinson "Old" Cemetery	Where Atkinson's earliest, colonial period settlers are buried.	114	1773
Charles Fernald House		115	1840
Page Homestead	The second oldest house in Atkinson, three Pages were among the first five settlers of Atkinson. In 1747, Johnathan Page was one of the colonists who petitioned the NH General Court for Plaistow (which included Atkinson) to be split off from Haverhill, Mass and be a NH town. In 1767, Pages were among those who petitioned the NH General Court for Atkinson to be split off from Plaistow and incorporated as a separate town.	129	c. 1737
Grover House/Inn	Mid-way point on the State route from Boston to Manchester and Concord. The Inn was a stopping point where stage horses were fed, watered, and rested while the passengers went into the Inn for a meal, use the outhouse, and usually rested over-night.	136	c. 1830
Town Pound	Where loose and wandering farm animals were kept until there were claimed by their owners	-	1788
Johnson House	Was believed to be haunted by the 22 different families that tried to live there, but were scared off and frightened into moving out of the house by strange noises, apparitions of people seen entering rooms with no one then found in the room, chairs rocking with no one in them, and footsteps at night.	2 Pope Road	c. 1810
Knight House	The third oldest house in Atkinson. Built before Atkinson was incorporated as a town.	160	c. 1740
Stephen Dole House	Dole was one of the original colonialists who petitioned the NH General Court for Atkinson to be incorporated as a NH town. Dole served in Atkinson's colonial militia and fought in the Revolutionary War.	165	c. 1776
Albert Little House		178	c. 1860
John Little House		180	c. 1840

HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS, EVENTS, AND TRADITIONS

Throughout the years, Atkinson's historic and cultural organizations have evolved and expanded, and some events and traditions have remained over time. Table 2 shows a list of the organizations and groups in Atkinson. (More recreation type programs and organizations can be

found within the Recreation Profile of this Existing Conditions Report). Below is a description of some of these organizations and groups.

Table 2: Historical and Cultural Organizations and Groups	
Atkinson Women’s Civic Club	Atkinson Lion’s Club
Atkinson Historical Society	Friends of the Library
Atkinson Garden Club	Boy Scout Troop 9
Atkinson Veterans Club	Girl Scout Troop 12573
Girl Scout Troop 59015	Cub Scout Pack 95

Atkinson Historical Society

The Atkinson Historical Society (AHS) was created in 1954, and the organization’s board consists of a president, a vice president, secretary, treasurer, and three board members. The Atkinson Historical Society is located in the Kimball House on Academy Avenue. The AHS typically conducts six meetings a year and has an active events team. The goals of the AHS include:

- To bring quality and interesting events into Atkinson to inform the public about a current topic of interest or historical topics of all kinds,
- To act as a resource to Atkinson residents by helping research specific homes or people from Atkinson,
- To preserve the history and records of Atkinson and New Hampshire, to maintain the Kimball Museum, to share local history, knowledge and friendship.

The Kimball House is home to Atkinson’s Historical Museum which is maintained by the AHS. The Kimball House has an extensive collection of maps, clothing, furniture, letters, and other documents related to the history of Atkinson. The Kimball House is open every Saturday from 10AM – 2PM. Recent projects of the AHS include the addition of hearse house gates and the cleaning of monuments at the Atkinson Cemetery, a gate and sign at the Town Pound, signs and plaques at the Dow Common, the addition of street signs honoring those lost in wars, a monument for WW2 and Korea, installation and dedication of a Vietnam honor roll, historic pictures in the Town Hall, and a plaque at the Atkinson Academy. In August 2022 the AHS had the Center School placed on New Hampshire State Register of Historic Places. The AHS is the early phase of having the building restored and in the early phases of raising funds for this project.

Atkinson’s Lions Club

The Atkinson Lion’s Club was formed in 1976 when a group of men met in the Kimball Library to discuss the needs of the community and its residents. Today, the Atkinson Lions Club provides many services to the community including fundraising for projects, providing scholarships for high school seniors, turkey baskets for those in need during the holidays, and making donations to local food pantries. The Lions meet twice a month from September through May, dinner meetings are held at Atkinson Country Club and business meetings are held at Atkinson

Community Center. For the 2022-2023 year, there are fourteen officers and directors. Atkinson Lions Club is involved in many improvements throughout the community including building the town's bulletin board at the Kimball Library, the canoe launch on town owned land by Big Island Pond, serving behind the scenes as sponsors for Timberlane School spelling bees and skating parties, and hosting many fundraisers in Atkinson including the annual yard sale and pancake breakfasts.

Atkinson Women's Civic Club

Atkinson's Women's Civic Club was formed in 1974 and the first official meeting was held in January 1975. The club was formed to help serve the Town of Atkinson with financial and volunteer assistance. The Women's Civic Club sponsors many fundraising events including craft and food markets, town yard sales, shredding events, and Trivia Night. Monies earned from these fundraising events are then donated to various organizations throughout Atkinson to assist in special projects or to purchase equipment. Some of these donations go to the Atkinson Fire Department, Police Department, Schools, Scholarships, The Kimball Library, Scouts, and more. Today, the Civic Club consists of almost forty women. Other town events the Atkinson Women's Civic Club assists with or sponsors are candidate's night, refreshments for town meeting, the Memorial Day Parade, and the town's fishing derby.

Atkinson Garden Club

In 1951, Mrs. L. Joseph Eno, and a few other women from the Women's Club had a shared interest in gardening and decided to form a separate club to further pursue their shared interest. By 1952, the Atkinson Garden Club (AGC) was founded, and a president, vice president, and secretary-treasurer were elected. In 1956 the club joined the New Hampshire Federation of Garden Clubs. The purpose of the Garden Club is to *"provide education, resources, state and national networking opportunities to promote the love of gardening, floral design, and to encourage civic and environmental responsibility among its members"*. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month, March through December, at the Kimball Library, or at the Community Center. The Atkinson Garden Club is very active in the community and provides many beautification aspects that contribute to Atkinson's unique rural character. Club projects include the annual cleanup of common areas and annual plantings, decoration of public areas for the holidays, senior



outreach, scholarship to a Timberlane Regional High School Senior (AGC awards a \$750 scholarship to a local student that is pursuing a college program related to conservation, the environment or horticulture), donation of items for the Emmaus House, and the AGC sponsor's youth activities and many other projects in Atkinson.

Atkinson Veterans Club

Before the establishment of the Atkinson Veterans Club, first, the Atkinson Recreation Department started hosting Veterans Coffee Hours on Veterans Day, November 11, 2001. Then, the Atkinson Veterans Club was formed as one of Recreation Department's monthly programs in March 2002 as a social meeting place for a group of mostly retired former service men and women. The Atkinson Veterans Club was chartered in May 10, 2007. The Atkinson Veterans Club meets at the Atkinson Community Center the first Tuesday of each month. This club is open to all branches of military service and all Reserve components of the Military Armed Forces. The Club maintains three donation boxes for retired flag collection at the Town Hall, Community Center, and Library. The Atkinson Cemetery includes approximately 345 veteran burials, and the Veterans Club actively supports the Cemetery Caretaker. The Club is also involved in several other community events including the Memorial Day Parade and Dow Common Ceremony, and on Veterans Day, a brief ceremony and breakfast is held at the Atkinson Fire Department. Starting in 2019, the Atkinson Veterans Club has participated in the Wreaths Across America Program to place a "Remembrance Wreath" on all veteran graves in the Atkinson Cemetery. Some proceeds of the wreath sale revert to the Club which has pledged the variable proceeds to be used for flowers throughout the year on Veteran graves at the discretion of the Cemetery Caretaker. The Club has no formal affiliation with the VFW, American Legion, or other organized groups. The Club is not formally organized as a 501c3 non-profit.

Atkinson Churches

Atkinson Congregational Church

In 1772 the Atkinson Congregational Society was formed, and by 1835 a new church was built on Main Street on land that was donated by Joseph Cogswell. Before the construction of this church, Congregationalists would meet in the Atkinson Meetinghouse which opened its doors to numerous religious groups of the community. The Atkinson Meeting House was taken down in 1845. However, the Atkinson Congregational Church still remains today at its original location at 101 Main Street. In November of 2022, the Atkinson Congregational Church celebrated its 250th Anniversary. Since its establishment, the Atkinson Congregational Church has provided many services to the Atkinson community. This includes the Doris and Vivian Horton

Scholarship which is awarded to students entering their sophomore, junior, or senior year of college for the upcoming academic year with the requirement that at least one member of their family must be members of Atkinson Congregational Church for the past three years or more.



Above: Atkinson Congregational Church

Atkinson, New Hampshire

Economy

KEY FINDINGS:

- 69% of Atkinson’s population is over the age of sixteen and is participating in the workforce in Atkinson and in the surrounding region.
- Atkinson’s resident workforce is largely employed outside of the community.
- The largest employers in Atkinson are located throughout the community, but mostly near NH 111, Sawyer Ave, and Country Club Road.
- The largest employer in Atkinson is the Atkinson Country Club.
- Atkinson’s commercial district is located in the northwestern part of town near NH111.
- Many of Atkinson residents travel to and rely on services in Salem, Hampstead, Plaistow, and Haverhill, Massachusetts.
- Majority of Atkinson’s workforce population works out of state, most likely in Massachusetts.

DATA SOURCES:

- 2011-2021 NH Department of Employment Security
- 2011-2021 NH Housing Data
- 2015-2021 U.S. Census’ American Community Survey Data
- Town of Atkinson
- Greater Salem Chamber of Commerce
- 2021 Atkinson Community Profile
- Plaistow Area Commerce Exchange (P.A.C.E.)

INTRODUCTION

This section summarizes Atkinson's existing businesses and economic activity. Understanding Atkinson's economic resources is vital to informing the future land use pattern of the community. The location of Atkinson's business districts and the types of business activity conducted has implications for infrastructure investments, transportation choices, and housing demand. While the community is primarily residential in nature, some residents work from home, operate home businesses, and require support infrastructure and services to support their personal and professional needs. Due to Atkinson's proximity to the growing employment centers in neighboring communities, Atkinson has also experienced continued residential development and some automobile dependent commercial activity. Today, many Atkinson residents rely on commercial development and services in Salem, Plaistow, Hampstead, and Haverhill, MA.

ATKINSON'S LOCATION

It is important to note that Atkinson's location is one of the town's greatest assets for economic development. Its central location gives the town access to Route 93 to the west in Salem/Windham, and to Route 495 in Haverhill, MA primarily via routes NH 111 and NH 121. Additionally, the southern portion of the community connects to Haverhill, MA by North Broadway, and NH 121 and contribute to the commerce and development patterns of Atkinson. Though Atkinson is primarily a bedroom community close to the Southern New Hampshire/Massachusetts state line, Atkinson is also unique in that residents can enjoy rural living while having easy access to shopping and urban areas elsewhere in the region. Atkinson's geographic location in southern New Hampshire on the Massachusetts state line has a significant influence on Atkinson's economy and Atkinson community member's reliance for services in surrounding communities. Many of Atkinson's working residents commute out-of-state and most of those that do are heading to Massachusetts. The Census has included Atkinson in the New England City and Town Area (NECTA) (a defined labor market area) identified as Haverhill-Newburyport-Amesbury Town, MA-NH. This designation further reinforces the economic connection Atkinson has with the communities and state to the south.

EXISTING DEVELOPMENT PATTERNS AND BUSINESS ACTIVITY IN ATKINSON

Currently, there are five areas in Atkinson with differing levels of economic activity, and other scattered businesses located elsewhere in town. These geographic areas of business activity are addressed below.

NH 111 Corridor

Atkinson's primary commercial and industrial development area is located along and off NH 111 in the northwest portion of the town, and this type of development activity extends into the neighboring communities of Hampstead and Salem. This area along NH 111 consists of businesses such as a gas station, Dunkin Donuts, automobile shops, and construction

companies. There are also a few commercial and industrial developments off NH 111 on local roads including a restaurant on Island Pond Road; Palmer Oil and Gas, Community Crossroads, a karate school, and Stanley Tree Service on Hall Farm Road; and Montes Marble & Granite, Atkinson Graphics, Wicked Sticky Designs, and



Above: Atkinson Village Center feat. Atkinson Fire Station, Town Garage, Cemetery, and Historical Society.

the former GEX, Inc. on Industrial Way. This existing industrial area located on Industrial Way also has space available for additional businesses. These areas fall within the Commercial/Industrial (CI) and Commercial/Professional (CP) zoning district.

Town Center

Atkinson's town center is located on Academy Avenue and consists of municipal, institutional, and residential uses. The Town Offices, Kimball Library, Atkinson Academy, Historical Society, Police Station, Fire Station, Town Garage, Dow Common, and



Above: Atkinson Village Store

Cemetery are located within the town center. This area falls within the town center zoning district and is home to many community events which are held most often at the Kimball Library

or the Dow Common. For more information on Atkinson's Town Center Zoning District, visit the Land Use and Zoning Profile of this Existing Conditions Report.

NH 121 (Main Street) Corridor

NH 121 (Main Street) is a part of Atkinson's Old Stage Coach Scenic Byway designation, and only a few commercial developments exist along this route. Starting at the Haverhill, Massachusetts state line, there are some public uses including the Atkinson Community Center and the Post Office. There is also a former restaurant and building which currently houses several small businesses. Further north along Main Street there is the Atkinson Congregational Church, and adjacent to Atkinson Avenue is Atkinson's general/convenience store. On Main Street in the northern portion of town near the Hampstead town line, there are a few additional businesses including a truck repair shop, and a lumber company. NH 121 lies within the Rural Residential-2 (RR-2) and Town Center (TC) zoning districts.

East Road Corridor

There are also a few commercial developments along East Road close to the Plaistow town line including a nail salon, a dog day care, a flower shop, and the Pentucket Baptist Church. Many Atkinson residents also access Plaistow's services through this area. East Road falls within the Town Residential-2 (TR-2) and the Rural Residential-2 (RR-2) zoning districts.

Southwestern Portion of Town

Atkinson also has a few commercial developments located in the southwestern portion of town along Providence Hill Road, Country Club Road, and Sawyer Avenue. These include Lewis Builders Development Inc., Hampstead Area Water Company, an auto body shop, and the Atkinson Country Club (which includes a pro shop, golf academy, and restaurant). This part of town lies within the Rural Residential-2 and Sports Complex Overlay (RR-2/SCR) Zoning District. For more information on the RR-2/SCR Zoning District, visit the Land Use and Zoning Profile of this Existing Conditions report.

Atkinson Agricultural Activity

Atkinson was once dominated by agricultural operations and was considered an agricultural community early on. Over time the community transitioned to more of a residential community as new homes superseded the agricultural activity and active farms in Atkinson. There are still a few farms that remain today and contribute to the agricultural activity in the community. Below is a table of active farm operations in the community which have a commodity and/or service they provide. In addition to the farms listed in Table 1 on the following page, there are several small hobby farms located on residential properties throughout town that are unknown. Some examples of what these small hobby farms have include goats, eggs, and honey. Additionally, in Atkinson, there are three properties that have Barn easements on them, two of which are located on Main Street, and one located on Maple Avenue.

Table 1: Active Farms in Atkinson	
Name	Location
Lewis Farm	Salem Road
Woods Farm	Main Street
Atkinson Riding Academy	Meditation Lane
Stewart Tree Farm	Main Street
29 Main Street Horse Stables	Main Street
Winchell Flower Farm	East Road
Shannon Trails Horse Farm	Backland off Shannon Road
Murphy Family Farm	Westside Drive

Home Occupations and Remote Workers

Atkinson residents are also working from home. The U.S. Census’ American Community Survey reported that in 2021, 10% of Atkinson’s workforce population worked from home however, due to the pandemic, there may be more remote workers than reported. The town has a permit process for home businesses operating in a residential zone. It is likely that most of the existing Atkinson workforce who work from home do not meet the threshold requirements of having to seek a special exception from the Zoning Board. The exceptions from the permit application requirements include home occupations in which no customers or vehicles come to the location and no sign is present, no agricultural activity is grown and sold on the premises, and home occupation permits that were previously granted by the Planning Board prior to March 8, 1984 are “grandfathered”. For the specifics on home occupation permits in Atkinson, refer to Section 450 Accessory Uses: Home Occupations of the Atkinson Zoning Ordinance, Planning and Land Use Regulations.

ATKINSON’S LARGEST EMPLOYERS

The largest employers in Atkinson are located throughout town off of NH 111, Country Club Road, and Sawyer Ave respectively. One observation based on Table 2 is that it appears that these businesses were established across several

Table 2: Largest Employers in Atkinson Source: U.S. Census’ American Community Survey Profile			
Business	Product/Service	Employees	Established
Atkinson Resort & Country Club	Resorts/Country Club	227	2002
Palmer Gas Company	Propane Gas	109	1969
Lewis Builders, Inc.	Builder	94	1953
Busby Construction	Contractor	70	1979
Atkinson Academy	School	50-60	1787

decades from the 1950’s – early 2000’s. This suggests that Atkinson has had sporadic periods of economic development activity which attracted these businesses.

ATKINSON’S LABOR FORCE

According to the NH Department of Employment Security in 2020, approximately 4,891 workers or 69% of Atkinson’s population is over the age of sixteen and part of the available civilian work force in Atkinson and the surrounding region.

Table 3: Atkinson’s Labor Force		
Source: NH Department of Employment Security		
Annual Average Labor Force	2011	2021
Civilian Labor Force	3,743	4,013
Employed	3,510	3,872
Unemployed	233	141
Unemployment Rate	6.2%	3.5%

The U.S. Census’ American Community Survey reported that in 2021, 10% of Atkinson’s workforce population work from home. Atkinson’s resident workforce is largely employed outside of the community, but since the pandemic, a larger number of residents may be working remotely from their homes resulting in more hybrid and remote workers than reported. This presents a potential that these workers may have an unmet need for local services within Atkinson. However, it should be noted that many of Atkinson workers currently travel to Salem, Hampstead, Plaistow, and Haverhill, MA for most of their service needs.

ATKINSON’S EMPLOYMENT AND WAGE STATISTICS

Table 4 identifies the most recent employment and wage data available for jobs within Atkinson as collected by the NH Department of Employment Security. The table includes both private sector jobs and government positions. Table 5, from NH Housing, compares the private sector employment numbers in Atkinson for a variety of different industries. During this decade, there was an increase in employment in all categories, however the private sector had the most significant increase.

Table 4: Employment and Wages in Atkinson – October – December 2021					
Source: NH Department of Employment Security					
Percent of Working Residents	Units	Oct. Employment	Nov. Employment	Dec. Employment	Weekly Wage
Total, private plus government	128	1,258	1,263	1,231	\$1,349
Total private	126	1,191	1,191	1,197	\$1,374
Goods-producing industries	36	374	393	389	\$1,800
Service-producing industries	92	884	879	842	\$1,149
Total government	2	70	68	64	\$2,137
Federal government	1	9	10	10	\$1,320
Local government	1	61	58	54	\$817

Table 5: Annual Average Covered Private Employment

Source: NH Housing

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Total Change
Goods-producing industries	286	404	416	413	381	386	407	386	374	355	372	86
Service-producing industries	608	641	682	716	733	742	818	783	823	742	808	200
Total private employment	893	1,046	1,098	1,130	1,114	1,128	1,226	1,169	1,197	1,097	1,180	287

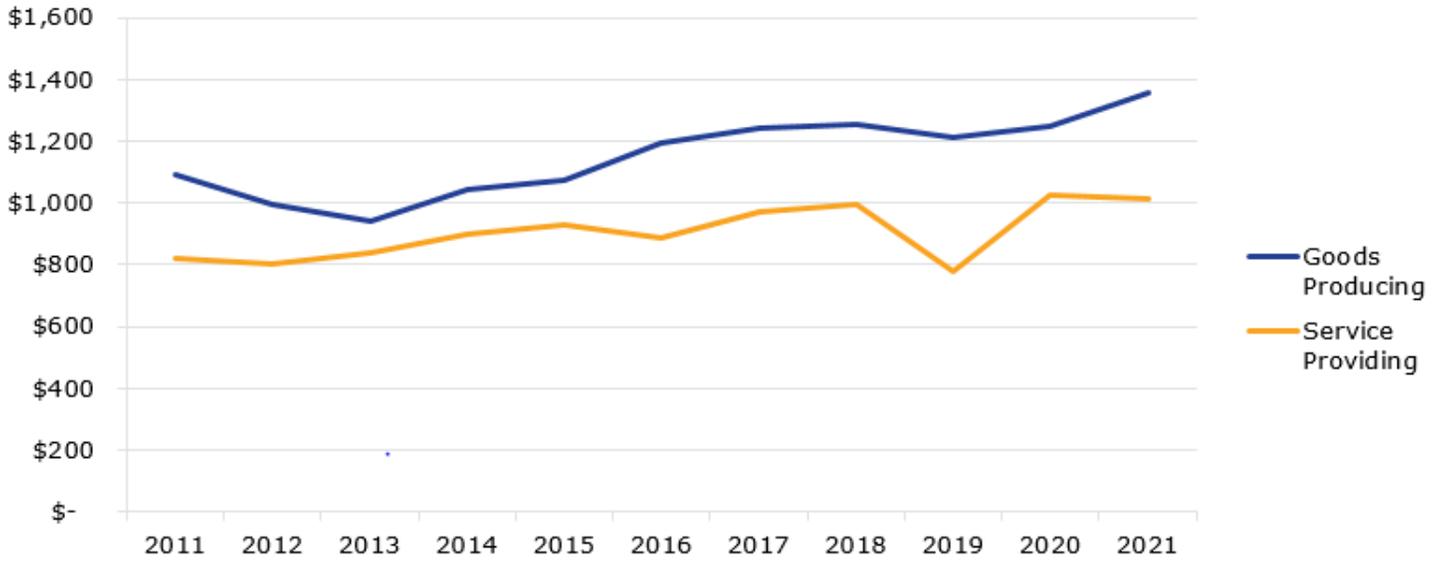
Table 6: Covered Private Employment Wages

Source: NH Housing

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Total \$ Change
Goods-producing industries	\$1,090	\$994	\$944	\$1,042	\$1,075	\$1,194	\$1,242	\$1,256	\$1,213	\$1,247	\$1,354	\$265
Service-producing industries	\$820	\$800	\$837	\$897	\$932	\$889	\$971	\$994	\$779	\$1,025	\$1,016	\$196
Total private employment	\$906	\$875	\$877	\$950	\$981	\$993	\$988	\$1,009	\$1,005	\$1,097	\$1,122	\$216

Tables 5 and 6 and the Covered Private Employment Average Wages Graph on the following page, all identify the number of private sector Atkinson workers and earnings by workers over the last decade. These results, as reported by NH Housing, are based on Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) program files extracted from Quarterly Employer Tax and Wage Reports. In Atkinson, the earnings by workers over time have increased slightly over the last decade with a sharp decrease in service producing wages in 2019 that have since increased and plateaued in 2020 to 2021.

Covered Private Employment Average Wages



HOME OCCUPATIONS AND REMOTE WORKERS

As indicated in Table 7, almost 100% of Atkinson’s population has a computer and internet access within their homes. This infrastructure and access to technology is necessary for many people working from home.

Table 7: Computer and Internet Use	
Source: U.S. Census’ American Community Survey	
Computer and Internet Use	2017-2021
Households with a computer	97.8%
Households with a broadband internet subscription	95.4%

The Town of Atkinson’s Zoning Ordinance defines home occupations as *“the accessory use of a dwelling for a business nature conducted by the residents thereof which is clearly secondary to the dwelling use for living purposes and which does not change the character thereof or adversely affect adjacent properties or the neighborhood. Home Occupation includes Family Group Day-Care home facilities and professional, business office uses, such as a small office, doctor’s, stockbroker’s, bookkeeper’s, designer’s, manager’s and other professional consultants’ offices”*.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS

Chamber of Commerce

The Greater Salem Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit 501(c)(6) organization that promotes and supports business relationships and community involvement in the region. The Chamber is organized to provide businesses advocacy, information, visibility, networking, and community. The Greater Salem Chamber of Commerce includes five towns in southern New Hampshire. More information on the Chamber is available at: <https://www.gschamber.com/about-the-chamber>

Plaistow Area Commerce Exchange (P.A.C.E.)

P.A.C.E. is a non-profit 501(c)(6) organization that was established in 1988 to establish a close working relationship and communication with the local business economy in southern New Hampshire. The organization brings businesses and professional people together to address issues of common interest, to get to know each other better, and work toward a more structured direction for the future growth and prosperity within the community. The Plaistow Area Commerce Exchange includes seven towns in southern New Hampshire: Atkinson, Danville, Hampstead, Kingston, Newton, Plaistow and Sandown. More information on P.A.C.E. is available at: <https://www.pacenh.com>.

Atkinson, New Hampshire

Land Use and Zoning Profile

KEY FINDINGS:

- 52% of Atkinson’s total land area is currently being used for residential use.
- Protected open space land use account for 21% of Atkinson’s land area. Protected open space includes Cluster Common Land at 13% and Town Conservation Land at 8%
- Atkinson has three Commercial Zoning Districts: Commercial, Commercial-Industrial, and Commercial-Professional, which account for 6% of the town’s total land area.
- Atkinson’s current commercial and industrial uses only account for 4% of the town.
- The Sports Complex/Residential Subdistrict accounts for 1,033 acres or 14% of the town.
- Atkinson’s Town Center Zone is located on NH 121 and Academy Avenue and includes municipal, open space, and residential uses. It also includes one commercial business. Although the Town Center Zone only accounts for 2% of the town, more than half (66%) of this zone is composed of residences.
- The rural character, low development density, and the network of protected vistas and open spaces gives many people a false sense that the community has a great deal of land available for development.
- Other zoning districts in Atkinson include the Wetland Ordinance and the Floodplain Management Ordinance.

DATA SOURCES:

- 2022 Ordinances, Laws, and Regulations for the Town of Atkinson
- 2015 Atkinson Master Plan
- 2010 CTAP Build-Out Analysis
- Rockingham Planning Commission (RPC)
- Town of Atkinson GIS Data
- Atkinson Land Use Department
- Atkinson Tax Assessor
- 2023 CAI Technologies Parcel Data

INTRODUCTION

Atkinson's existing land use pattern shapes the rural character of the community. The rural character is a unique quality due to the town's geographic location in southern New Hampshire, an area that is experiencing significant development pressure and activity. The existing land use pattern consists mostly of distinct residential neighborhoods scattered throughout town. Although Atkinson is largely a "bedroom community" there are also small pockets of commercial and industrial development in town. These are generally located in the northwest and southeast portions of the town.

The Town of Atkinson has Cluster Development Regulations in place that enable denser residential development in exchange for setting aside fifty percent of the land as permanent open space. The first version of these regulations was the Rural Residential Cluster which was adopted in 1982. As of 2022, the town had twenty Cluster Developments that account for about 1,313 acres of land in Atkinson. Examples of these Cluster Residential Developments, located throughout Atkinson, include Bryant Woods, Centerview Hollow, Settlers' Ridge, and Cogswell Farm. Each of these Cluster Developments represent a different development density, number of units, and overall design. Another distinct residential neighborhood in Atkinson is locally referred to as "The Maze". This neighborhood was constructed by Lewis Builders and is like a typical suburban style development with small lots and a network of interconnected streets. The Maze neighborhood was developed prior to the implementation of Cluster Development Regulations.

Partially due to the successful use of Atkinson's Cluster Development Regulations, a large portion of Atkinson's land area is protected open space. Some of these open space lands are conserved natural resource areas, are set aside lands from cluster developments, or are protected scenic vistas or landscapes. The rural character, low development density, and the network of protected vistas and open spaces gives many people a false sense that the community has a great deal of land available for development. However, this is not the case. The amount of land already developed, combined with the protected open space lands, and the many parcels that are not developable (wetland buffers, water bodies, etc.) means that Atkinson does not have a significant amount of developable land remaining under existing regulations.

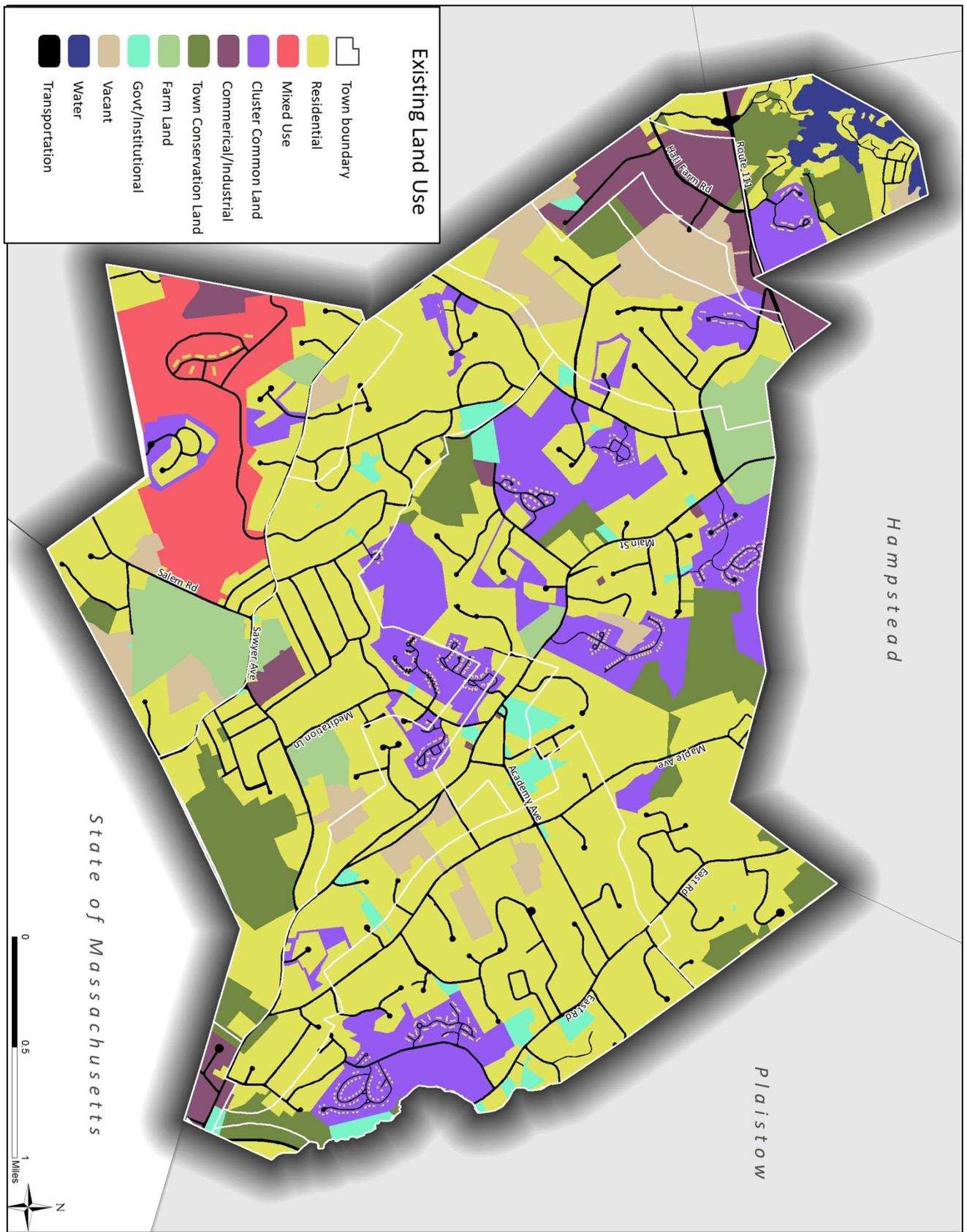
EXISTING LAND USE

Atkinson's existing land use pattern is primarily residential at 52% of the town. The second largest land use in Atkinson's cluster common land (or set aside open space) accounting for 13% of the town. This is partly due to Article VI: Rural Cluster Residential Development Section 600 of the Atkinson Zoning Ordinance, Planning and Land Use Regulations. The third largest land use in Atkinson is town conservation land at 584 acres or 8% of the town's total land area. There are currently two areas in town that are zoned for Commercial/Industrial uses, one area that is zoned for Commercial uses, and one area that is zoned for Commercial/Professional uses. All the commercial and industrial areas combined make up 4% of the town's land area.

Atkinson’s government and institutional uses are in the Town Center zoning district and combined they make up 2% of the town’s land area. Additionally, 1% of Atkinson’s land area is composed of waterbodies (Big Island Pond), streams/brooks, and wetlands. As identified in the 2015 Atkinson Master Plan update and depicted in Atkinson’s current land use, the town is almost fully developed under the existing regulations. A summary of the town’s land use by acreage and percent of the town’s land area can be seen in Table 1. Atkinson’s Existing Land Use Map can be found on the following page.

The Existing Land Use Map illustrates the distribution of land uses across Atkinson and highlights the fact that much of the town is utilized for residential use and protected open space which includes cluster common space and town conserved land. In fact, 73% of Atkinson’s existing land use is composed of residential uses and protected open space.

Table 1: Atkinson Land Use Distribution		
Use	Acres	Percent of Town
Cluster Common Land	913	13%
Commercial/Industrial	290	4%
Farmland	301	4%
Government/Institutional	145	2%
Mixed Use	384	5%
Residential	3,764	52%
Town Conservation Land	584	8%
Transportation	429	6%
Vacant	377	5%
Water	72	1%
Total	7,260	100%



EXISTING ZONING

The Town of Atkinson has eight primary zoning districts as well as other zoning regulations for natural resources and natural hazards as depicted in Section 410 and 420 of the Atkinson Zoning Ordinance. Table 2 provides details on the area covered by each zoning district throughout the community and the percent of town that each district accounts for currently. Evaluating the existing zoning districts and land uses provides insight on how each zoning district is currently being used. The subsections below present the specific zoning districts, and a corresponding table breaks down the districts based on their use of land area in town.

Zone	Acres	Percent of Town
Commercial (C)	42	1%
Commercial – Industrial (C-I)	264	4%
Commercial – Professional (C-P)	88	1%
Sports Complex/Residential Subdistrict (RR2/SCR)	1,033	14%
Rural Residential – 2 (RR-2)	2,407	33%
Rural Residential – 3 (RR-3)	876	12%
Town Residential – 2 (TR-2)	2,404	33%
Town Center (TC)	144	2%
Total	7,258	100%

Rural Residential-3 (RR-3)

Atkinson’s Rural Residential-3 district is limited to agricultural, forestry, and certain other non-intensive uses as well as low density residential development. There are two areas in town that are zoned for Rural Residential-3. Both areas are located in the northwest portion of town and are separated by Commercial zones and NH Route 111. One of the Rural Residential-3 zones is in the Big Island Pond area along the Derry and Hampstead town lines.

Land Use	Acres	Percent of Zone
Cluster Common Land	97	11%
Commercial/Industrial	8	1%
Farmland	40	5%
Govt/Institutional	0	0%
Residential	372	43%
Town Conservation Land	116	13%
Transportation	46	5%
Vacant	122	14%
Water	71	8%

Table 3 shows the land use breakdown of the Rural Residential-3 Zone. Most of this zone (43%) is residential use and 14% of this zone is composed of vacant land. 13% of this district is town conserved land and 11% of this zone is cluster common land. In total, 24% of the Rural Residential-3 zone is in some form of protected open space, whether that is set aside open space for cluster developments or town owned conservation land.

Rural Residential-2 (RR-2)

Rural Residential-2 Zone is currently tied with the Town Residential (TR-2) Zone as one of the two largest zoning districts in Atkinson. The Rural Residential-2 Zone accounts for 33% or 2,404 acres of town. There are two areas in Atkinson that are zoned for this district. One of the areas encompass most of the north and center of town along the Hampstead and Plaistow town lines. There is also a smaller area of town zoned for Rural Residential-2 in the western part of town adjacent to the Salem town line. This is in between the Sports Complex/Residential Subdistrict Zone and the Town Residential Zone. Table 4 shows the land use breakdown of the Rural Residential-2 Zone.

Land Use	Acres	Percent of Zone
Cluster Common Land	513	21%
Commercial/Industrial	9	0%
Farmland	71	3%
Govt/Institutional	39	2%
Residential	1,350	56%
Town Conservation Land	234	10%
Transportation	131	5%
Vacant	59	2%

A little more than half (56%) of the Rural Residential-2 Zone is residential use. 21% of this zone is cluster common land and another 10% of this zone is town conserved land. In total, 31% of the Rural Residential-2 Zoning District is some form of protected open space.

Town Residential (TR-2)

The Town Residential Zone is the prime residential area in the community. This area was designated for residential development because the soils are generally suitable for development and this area is easily accessible to the Town Center Zone and available services. Like the Rural Residential-2 Zone, this is one of the largest zoning districts in Atkinson and accounts for 33% or 2,404 acres of town. There are two Town Residential Zone areas. One is located in the east side of town bordering Plaistow and the other borders the Sports Complex/Residential Subdistrict Zone. Table 5 shows the land use breakdown for the Town Residential Zone.

Land Use	Acres	Percent of Zone
Cluster Common Land	241	10%
Commercial/Industrial	22	1%
Farmland	51	2%
Govt/Institutional	66	3%
Residential	1,612	67%
Town Conservation Land	189	8%
Transportation	159	7%
Vacant	56	2%

Currently, 67% of the Town Residential Zone is residential use and 10% (241 acres) is composed of cluster common land. Additionally, 8% of the Town Residential Zoning District is conserved land owned by the town. 18% of this zoning district is some form of protected open space.

Town Center (TC)

The Town Center Zoning District is located to the west of Maple Avenue and to the east of Wrights Farm Road encompassing a portion of NH 121 (Main Street) and Academy Avenue where the town’s municipal facilities are located. This zone was established to provide a civic center for the town while preserving the historic character of the area. Table 6 shows the land use breakdown for the Town Center Zone.

Land Use	Acres	Percent of Zone
Cluster Common Land	6	4%
Commercial/Industrial	1	1%
Farmland	0	0%
Govt/Institutional	29	20%
Residential	95	66%
Transportation	13	9%

A large percentage of the Town Center Zone is composed of residential uses at 66%. Currently, 20% of this zone is utilized for educational and government uses.

Sports Complex/Residential Subdistrict (RR2/SCR)

This unique zoning district covers an area of town zoned for Recreational/Sports related businesses and amenities. Currently, this includes a golf course, a restaurant, a pro shop, and higher density multi-family housing. Residential development in this zone must include a minimum of 250 acres and be a rural residential cluster development referred to as a “Rural Residential and Recreational Cluster Developments” (RRRCD). The Sports Complex/Residential Subdistricts Zone is located in the southwest portion of the town on the Haverhill, Massachusetts State Line and east of the Salem Town Line.

Land Use	Acres	Percent of Zone
Cluster Common Land	42	4%
Commercial/Industrial	23	2%
Farmland	137	13%
Govt/Institutional	0	0%
Mixed Use	384	38%
Residential	311	31%
Town Conservation Land	10	1%
Transportation	52	5%
Vacant	58	6%

Table 7 breaks down the Sports Complex/Residential Subdistrict Zone.

Currently, 38% of the RR2/SCR Zone is composed of mixed land uses. About one third (31%) of this zone is residential use and 13% of this zone is farmland. 5% of this zoning district is protected open space from cluster common land and town conservation land.

Rural Residential and Recreational Cluster Developments

As described in the Zoning Ordinance, Rural Residential and Recreational Cluster Developments are “*appropriately covenanted dwelling units which legally restrict, under the provisions of the Federal Fair Housing Act, and this ordinance occupancy to residents all of whom are fifty-five (55) years of age or older. To ensure the occupancy of elderly dwelling units by the elderly, the following covenants will be recorded on each Deed to a dwelling unit*”. An example of a RRRC

development in the community is the Atkinson Heights development that is currently underway. The buildings in the Atkinson Heights development are allowed to be taller than developments elsewhere in town but has a required 400-foot setback from the road. Two of the nine buildings planned are already complete. In total there will be 288 housing units created, with 32 age restricted units per building.

Commercial (C)

The Commercial Zoning District in Atkinson encompasses a small area in town located in the southeast portion of town bordering Haverhill, MA. This district was designated to promote the pleasant residential characteristics and shopping environment of a neighborhood. Table 8 shows the land use breakdown for Atkinson’s Commercial Zone.

Land Use	Acres	Percent of Zone
Commercial/Industrial	29	70%
Govt/Institutional	3	7%
Residential	2	4%
Town Conservation Land	4	9%
Transportation	4	10%

Currently, 70% of this zone is utilized for commercial and industrial uses, and 10% of this zone is composed of transportation such as roadways. Additionally, 9% of the Commercial Zone is composed of town conservation land.

Commercial-Industrial (C-I)

This district allows for the establishment of small-scale manufacturing opportunities along with shopping and service-related activities. There are two areas in town that are zoned for Commercial Industrial uses. One is in the northwest portion of town dividing two Rural Residential-3 zoning districts, and the other is a small area of town located southeast along the Plaistow town line. The land use breakdown for the Commercial-Industrial zone is depicted in Table 9.

Land Use	Acres	Percent of Zone
Cluster Common Land	4	2%
Commercial/Industrial	177	67%
Government/Institutional	5	2%
Residential	14	5%
Town Conservation Land	19	7%
Transportation	21	8%
Vacant	23	9%

Most of the Commercial-Industrial Zone is utilized for commercial/industrial land uses. Additionally, 9% or 23 acres of this zoning district is vacant and 7% of this district is town conserved land. In total an additional 9% of the Commercial-Industrial Zoning District is protected open space.

Commercial Professional (C-P)

The Atkinson Zoning Ordinance describes the Commercial Professional district as a transitional zone between the commercially/industrially zoned areas and any residentially zoned areas. This zone is intended to accommodate the growth of home businesses and to establish an area necessary to support the existing need for low impact services. This zoning district is located in the northwestern part of town south of NH 111 between the Commercial-Industrial Zone and the Rural Residential-3 Zone. Table 10 shows the land use breakdown for the Commercial Professional Zone.

Land Use	Acres	Percent of Zone
Cluster Common Land	2	3%
Commercial/Industrial	21	24%
Residential	0	0%
Town Conservation Land	7	8%
Transportation	1	1%
Vacant	57	65%

Over half (65%) of this Zone is currently vacant whereas 24% of this of the Commercial-Professional Zoning District is in commercial/industrial use.

EXISTING LAND USE TAKEAWAYS

Commercial Zones - The three commercial zones in Atkinson, (Commercial, Commercial-Industrial, and Commercial-Professional) contain a high amount of commercial/industrial uses. The average commercial/industrial usage in these zones is 54%, however, that average is brought down by the amount of commercial/industrial land use in the Commercial-Professional Zone, which has an average of 24%. The other two commercial districts in town have very high percentages of commercial/industrial land uses.

Sports Complex/Residential Sub District – This district appears to currently have a mix of land uses including residential, farmland, protected open space, recreational and others.

Residential – The three residential zones in Atkinson (Rural Residential-3, Rural Residential-2, and Town Residential) show a similar pattern with the majority of the land use being utilized for residential followed by protected open space which includes both town-owned conservation land and cluster development common land. Each residential district averages 55% residential use and 24% protected open space.

Town Center – The Town Center Zoning District has the highest percentage of government/institutional use, but also accommodates some residential uses.

OTHER ZONING DISTRICTS

The Town of Atkinson has two other districts described in the General Provisions of the Zoning Ordinance. An overview of each is described below with additional information found in the

Wetland Zoning

The purpose of this district is as follows: *In the interest of public health, convenience, safety, and welfare, the regulation of wetlands areas is intended to guide the use of area of land with standing water or extended periods of high-water table. The ordinance is intended to:*

1. *To protect persons and properties from the danger of floods by preserving natural floodwater storage areas.*
2. *To prevent the Town from incurring the costs of constructing sewer lines and treatment facilities which will be necessitated by the unwise development of unsuitable areas.*
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4. *To prevent development on soils which will contribute to the pollution of surface and groundwater necessary to supply domestic water needs.*
5. *To preserve recharge areas necessary to maintain adequate groundwater supply and augment stream flow during dry periods.*
6. *To protect existing water quality*
7. *To protect presently existing natural wetland wildlife habitats.*
8. *To discourage chronic stress on wetland environments contributed by modification of water flow patterns and rates.*
9. *To encourage uses that can be safely and appropriately located in wetland areas*

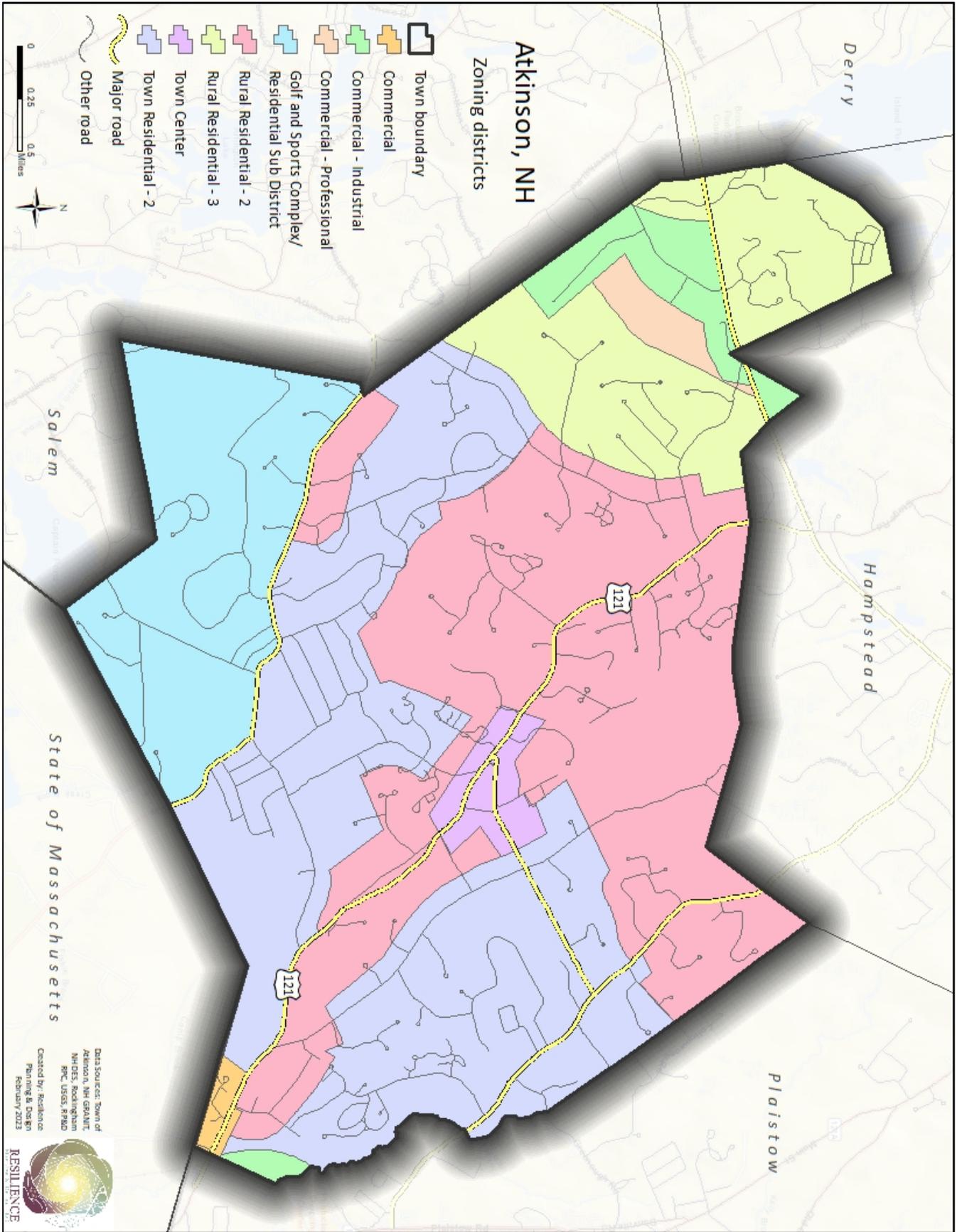
This Wetland Ordinance requires a one-hundred-foot setback from a designated wetland boundary or from intermittent streams for:

- Waste disposal systems or buildings from which human or animal waste is generated (This does not apply to existing or replacement systems).
- All attached and detached residential or commercial garages (This does not apply to existing construction).

Floodplain Management Ordinance

The purpose of this district is as follows: *Certain areas of the Town of Atkinson, New Hampshire are subject to periodic flooding, causing serious damages to properties within these areas. Relief is available in the form of flood insurance as authorized by the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968. Therefore, the Town of Atkinson, New Hampshire has chosen to become a participating community in the National Flood Insurance Program, and agrees to comply with the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (P.L. 90-488, as amended) as detailed in this Floodplain Management Ordinance.*

More information on floodplains and flood maps can be found in the Natural Hazards Profile of this Existing Conditions Report.





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Introduction

Outreach to the public plays a significant and influential role in master planning. A community vision for the future requires an inclusive public engagement process directly informed by a diversity of community members. Community priorities, desires, and feedback on key issues related to what Atkinson is today and what the community will be facing in the future helps to inform and develop the town's new Master Plan - What's Next Atkinson. This input and the resulting plan will then be a tool to help guide Atkinson to achieve what community members and residents hope to see in town. The following outreach techniques were used throughout the project to engage the public:

- One in-person, afternoon community forum event at the Community Center in April 2023
- One in-person, evening community forum event at the Community Center in April 2023
- An online version of the community forum event in April/May 2023
- Community group discussions at Atkinson Academy with grades 1-5 in March 2023
- Advertising of public participation opportunities through:
 - Mailer sent to all Atkinson residents
 - Email letter to Atkinson community groups including: Women's Civic Club, Garden Club, Historical Society, Youth Sports Team, Boy/Girl Scout Troops, and seniors at the Community Center.
 - Email letter to all Atkinson boards and committees including the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Water Committee, and Conservation Commission
 - School video of Atkinson Academy students
 - Public Access TV (ACTV)
 - Atkinson Facebook pages including: Master Plan Committee, Atkinson 411, and Atkinson, NH Friends Community, and Atkinson 03811
 - Town Website and Master Plan page
 - Flyers at town facilities, the Post Office, and the General Store
 - Project email subscriber list
 - Community events including: Candidate's night and a Senior Luncheon
 - Carriage Towne News article

Key Findings from Public Outreach

This section provides an overview of key findings collected during all public outreach activities completed during this project. Key findings were generated by identifying notable and reoccurring themes and topics reported by community members during public outreach. Community members identified the following as priorities for planning for Atkinson's future. Please note that these findings are not listed by order of importance.

Key findings from the responses collected included the following:

- One of the biggest **concerns among residents** is **overdevelopment** and the resulting **strain on resources, and loss of rural character**. There was desire among respondents for Atkinson to **maintain its rural character, open space and "small-town feel" by limiting commercial and industrial land use**.
- A segment of residents expressed that there is a **lack of affordable housing** to meet the needs of young families, fixed income households, and middle to low-income residents. **Respondents in support of different housing alternatives expressed interest in encouraging small lots with small "starter" homes, in-law apartments, or small multi-unit developments for young families and the elderly** while making conscious efforts to **preserve open space and conservation land**.
- **There is concern with water supply and water quality related issues**, and the impact on the town's other natural resources from existing and future development.
- The **current transportation system** was identified as **car-oriented** and **does not provide safe access for walkers and bikers**. Respondents were somewhat split on how to address this issue.
- There is general support for **additional land protection efforts** in Atkinson because **protecting land contributes to the town's character** and helps to **preserve natural resources** and provide **wildlife habitat**.
- There is a desire for more **preservation of the farms, farmland, and agricultural history** in town including **open space**.
- **The desire to maintain and improve town facilities** specifically a new Community Center and a new Police Station.
- There is a desire to create **more community events** and provide **more gathering spaces** in town for all ages to promote sense of community across multiple generations.
- There is a desire to create **more parks and recreation type programs for all ages** to encourage sense of community.
- There is **support for efforts** to make Atkinson's **public buildings and facilities** more **energy efficient and sustainable**.
- **Some** respondents feel **more businesses are needed** such as local businesses, restaurants, and convenience amenities. However, **other respondents want to limit commercial development** and do not want to see any more in the future. Although, respondents generally agreed **that if more new commercial development** were to occur, the area **along NH 111** was the location.

Summary of Results by Outreach Activity

Community Forum and Online Tool

Community Forum Event

On April 11, 2023, the Town of Atkinson held two community forum events (one in the afternoon and one in the evening) to inform community members of current information and data on Atkinson, and to learn what community member's perspectives, thoughts, and feedback are on the future of Atkinson over the next ten to twenty years. A brief presentation on the background of the project was given and participants were then encouraged to visit stations by topic to provide their feedback. These topics included:

- Population and Housing
- Economy and Land Use
- Transportation
- Historical and Cultural Resources
- Open Space, Conservation and Recreation
- Town Facilities and Services
- Natural Resources and Natural Hazards

Alternative Online Tool

To further engage community members who were not able to attend the in-person community forum events, an alternative online tool was presented to the wider community to increase participation. Approximately **450** community members participated in the forum event and the online tool combined.

The following section provides a summary of results by question from both the in-person forums and the alternative online tool. They are broken out by topic and the responses are summarized for each question the public was asked to consider. It should be noted that these findings per question were summarized based on raw feedback that was received and are not ordered by level of importance. A complete Survey Monkey report of raw comments and feedback provided by the public is included in the Appendix. Please note that the Appendix includes raw data directly from Atkinson community members, and the Atkinson Master Plan Committee and Planning Board are not responsible for the responses provided.

One Wish

What is your one wish for Atkinson?

Answered: 347

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The top themes that emerged include:

- Maintain the rural charter and “small-town feel” by limiting commercial and industrial land uses. Maintain the “bedroom community” character and open spaces.
- Maintain low tax rate.
- Create more parks and recreation type programs for all ages to encourage a sense of community.
- Construct sidewalks on some locations in town to provide for a more walkable, safe transportation system.
- Create more community events and provide more gathering spaces in town for all ages to promote a sense of community across multiple generations.
- Protect natural resources including water supply and quality and wildlife habitat.

Housing and Population

Do you think the needs of all community members are currently being met in Atkinson?

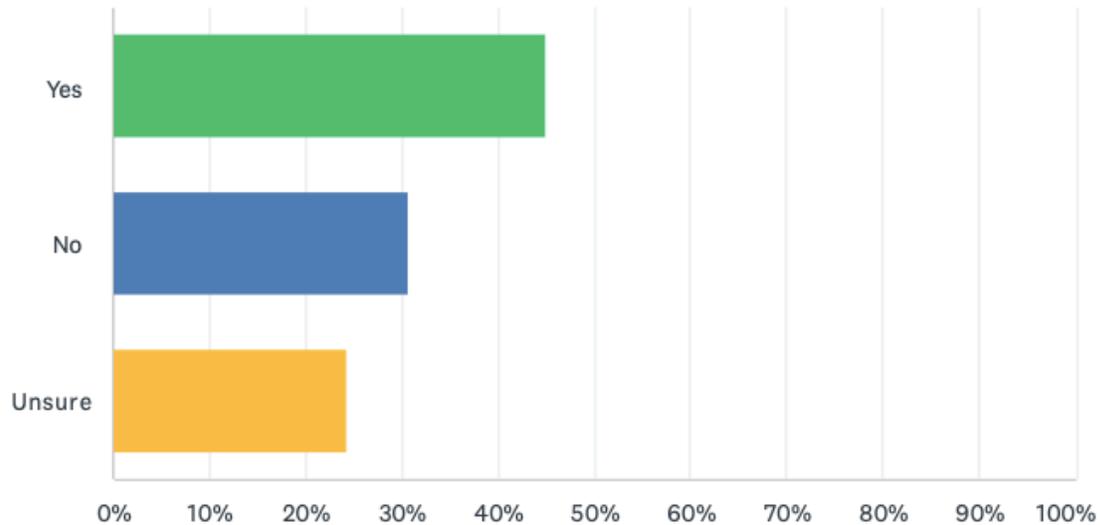
Answered: 365

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- Nearly half of all respondents (45%) think the needs of all community members are currently being met in Atkinson.
- 31% of respondents do not think the needs of all community members are currently being met, and
- 24% of respondents were unsure.

Do you think the needs of all community members are currently being met in Atkinson?

Answered: 365 Skipped: 77



Why or why not? Whose needs are not being met?

Answered: 196

Skipped: 246

Respondents highlighted the following:

- There is a lack of affordable housing to meet the needs of young families, fixed income households, and middle to low-income residents.
- While there are many good services to support the older residents in Atkinson such as Elder Services Transportation and programs, elderly housing needs are not being met. Transitional, down-sizing homes for elders aging out, and affordable housing for elders with fixed incomes are needed.
- There are not enough programs and activities offered in Atkinson for youth and residents in the 25-44 age cohort.

What are your thoughts or concerns about the future of housing in Atkinson?

Answered: 302

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The top concerns identified by respondents about the future of housing in Atkinson are as follows:

- More condo type development should not be encouraged, and affordable starter homes should be encouraged for young families.
- The biggest concern amongst residents is overdevelopment and the resulting strain on resources, and loss of rural character.
- Respondents expressed concern for elderly and youth being priced out of Atkinson. More affordable housing was identified as a need while balancing the protection of open space and providing needed infrastructure. This includes support for an increase in Police and Fire Department services.

The majority of housing units in Atkinson are owner-occupied single-family homes. Do you think Atkinson should encourage different housing alternatives to accommodate the growing and changing population?

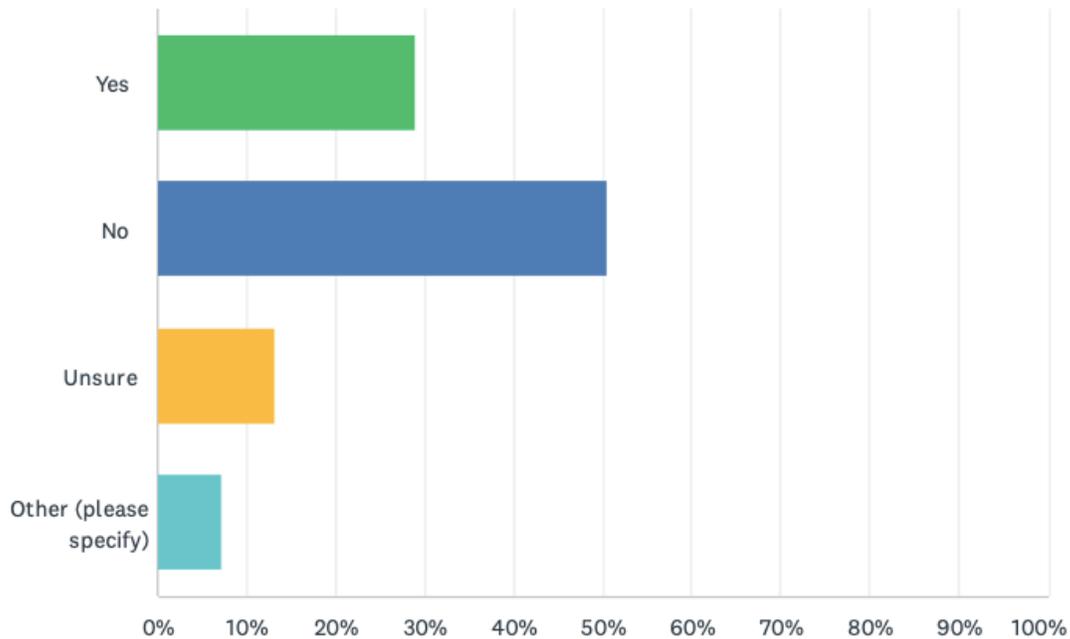
Answered: 358

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- 51% of respondents do not think Atkinson should encourage different housing alternatives. About one third of respondents (29%) expressed the town should encourage different housing alternatives.
- Other housing types that Atkinson residents think the town should encourage in the future include:
 - In-law housing/accessory dwelling units
 - Small lots with small “starter” homes or small multi-unit developments for young families and elderly depending on its location in town to preserve open space and conservation land.

Do you think Atkinson should encourage different housing alternatives to accommodate the growing and changing population?

Answered: 358 Skipped: 84



Why or why not?

Answered: 222

Skipped: 220

The top themes that emerged for why respondents would not support Atkinson encouraging different housing alternatives include:

- More demand on emergency services of Police and Fire.
- Strain on natural resources and diminishing the rural character.
- The need for implementation of infrastructure to support development and population growth.

The top themes that emerged for why respondents would support Atkinson to encourage different housing alternatives include:

- Young families, low-middle-, and fixed-income individuals cannot afford to live here. More housing options such as rentals and in-law apartments are needed to attract these individuals to maintain a diverse community.
- Overall, respondents seemed to be rather divided whether the community should encourage an assisted living facility or not.

- Respondents expressed the need for elderly transitional housing to support downsizing and make more homes available for families while providing appropriate size homes for aging elders.

If so, what types of housing? Select all that apply.

Answered: 192

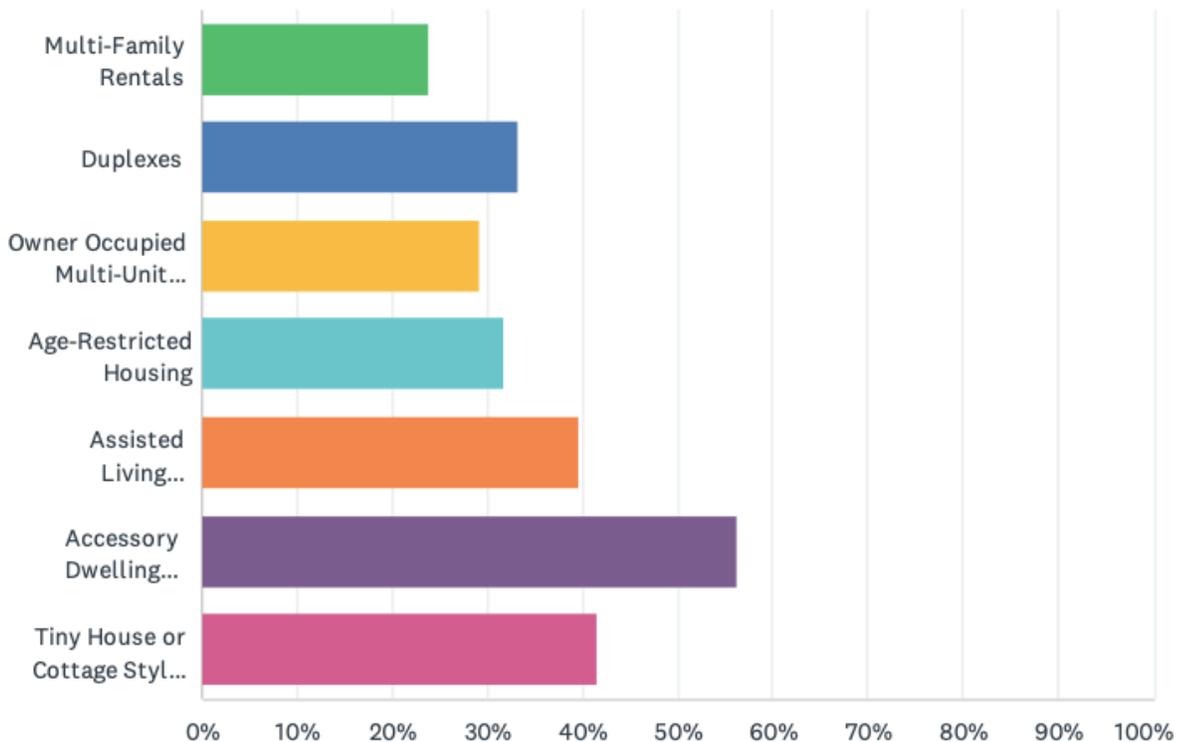
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Of the respondents that support encouraging different housing alternatives:

- 56% of respondents think Accessory Dwelling Units/In-law apartments should be encouraged,
- 42% of respondents think tiny house/cottage style developments should be encouraged,
- 40% of respondents think assisted living facilities should be encouraged, and
- There was also some interest in duplexes as a housing alternative.

If so, what types of housing? Select all that apply.

Answered: 192 Skipped: 250



Economy and Land Use

Picture Atkinson 10 years from now. What do you want the town to look and feel like? (Examples may include the overall landscape, types of development, infrastructure, facilities, and community spaces)

Answered: 275

Skipped: 167

The top themes that emerged include:

- More recreational areas and flexible spaces for community event programming.
- Retain Atkinson's small town, rural feel by protecting open spaces and conservation areas.
- There appears to be a divide among respondents related to commercial development in Atkinson. Some responses indicated that they feel more businesses are needed and should include local businesses, restaurants, and convenience amenities. However, other respondents want to limit commercial development and do not want to see any more in the future. In general, respondents agreed that if more commercial development were to occur, the area along NH 111 was the location.
- Maintain and improve town facilities specifically a new Community Center and a new Police Station.
- Respondents indicated they would like to see trails and bike paths connecting areas of town, and sidewalks in the town center for safe transportation alternatives.

Are you in support of additional commercial activity?

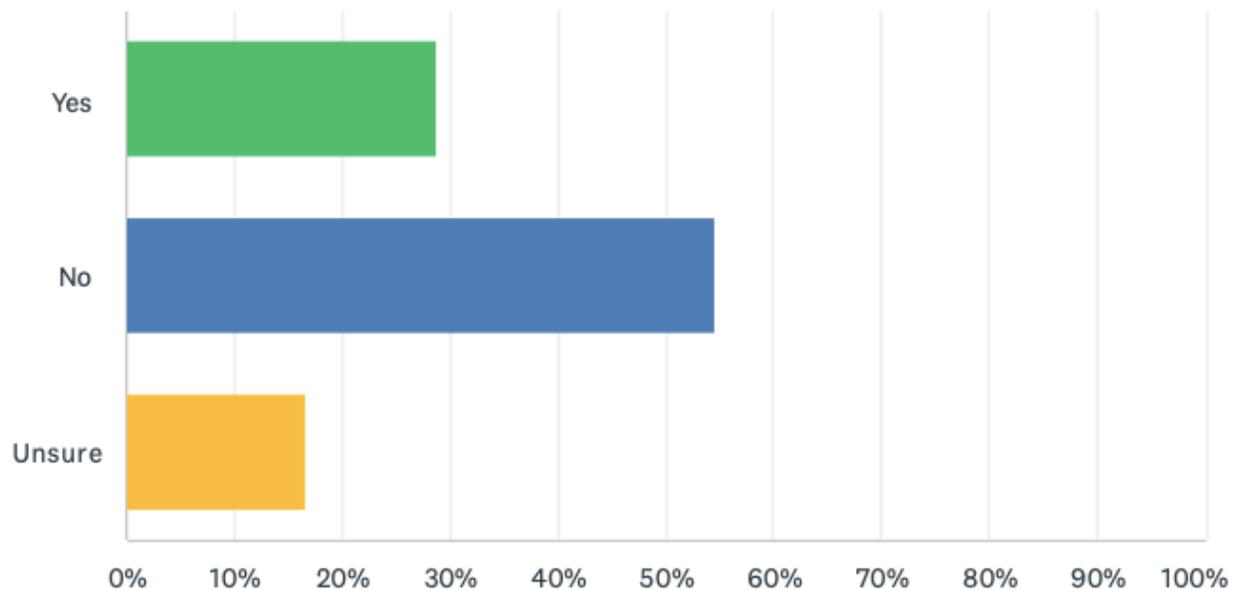
Answered: 341

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- 55% of respondents are not in support of additional commercial development activity.
- 29% of respondents are in support of additional commercial development activity, and
- 17% of respondents are unsure.

Are you in support of additional commercial activity?

Answered: 341 Skipped: 101



If yes, what types? Select all that apply.

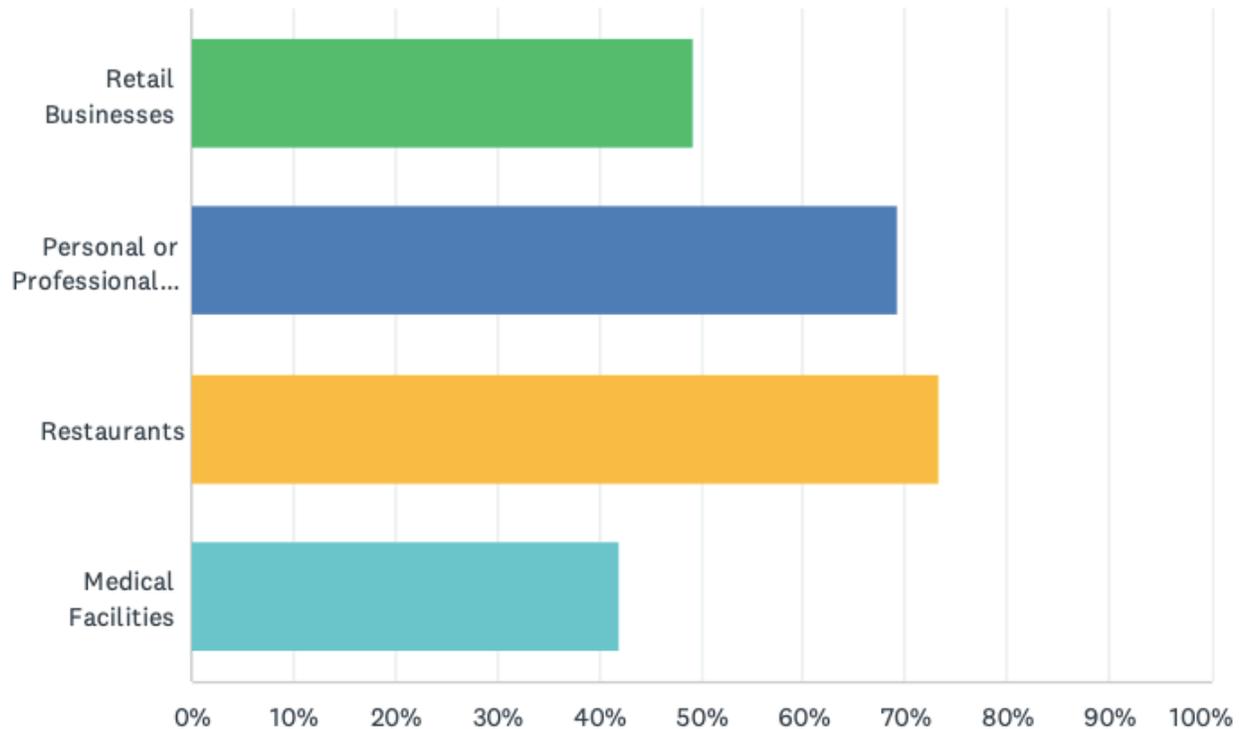
Answered: 124

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- Only 28% of respondents identified types of commercial development activity they would support in Atkinson.
- Of these respondents, 73% would support restaurant commercial development, 69% would support personal or professional services, and 49% would support retail businesses.
- Other commercial development types and ideas that emerged were:
 - Nearly all respondents that indicated they would support additional commercial development activity expressed they would only support small, local businesses.

If yes, what types? Select all that apply.

Answered: 124 Skipped: 318



In Atkinson, there are currently some areas of commercial development. Are there any other areas in town that should be considered for commercial development in the future?

Answered: 221

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The following responses were commonly identified:

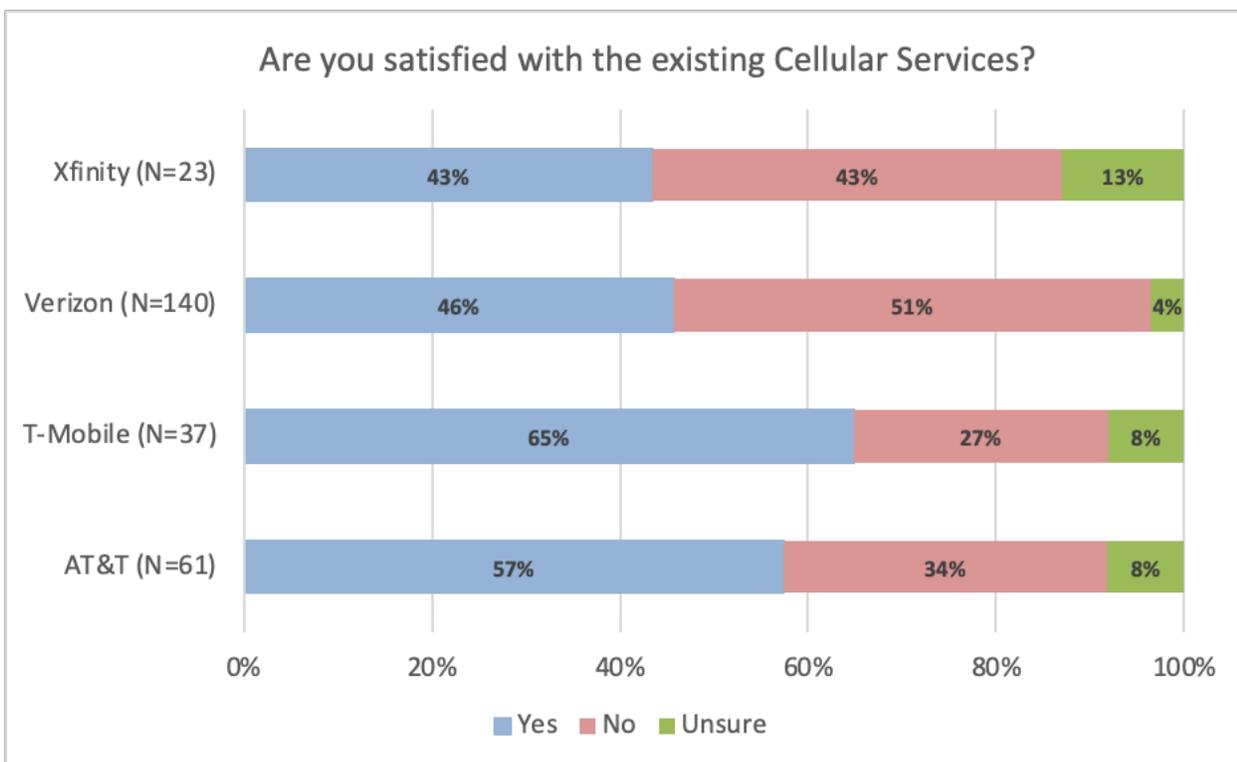
- There are no other areas in town that should be considered for commercial development.
- Respondents said they would only support small commercial development in existing or select areas on NH 111 and NH 121.
- Respondents also suggested near/at the Atkinson Country Club.

Are you satisfied with the existing cellular phone services within the town?

Answered: 337

Skipped: 105

- 52% of respondents are satisfied with the existing cellular phone services within the town.
- 42% of respondents are not satisfied with the existing cellular phone services in town.
- Respondents identified the following companies as their cellular phone service providers:
 - Verizon, T-Mobile, AT&T, Consumer Cellular, U.S. Mobile, and TFW Straight Talk
- Just over half the respondents who listed a cellular service provider have Verizon, and 51% of them are *not* satisfied.
- A small percent of respondents have T-Mobile, and they have the highest satisfaction at 65%.

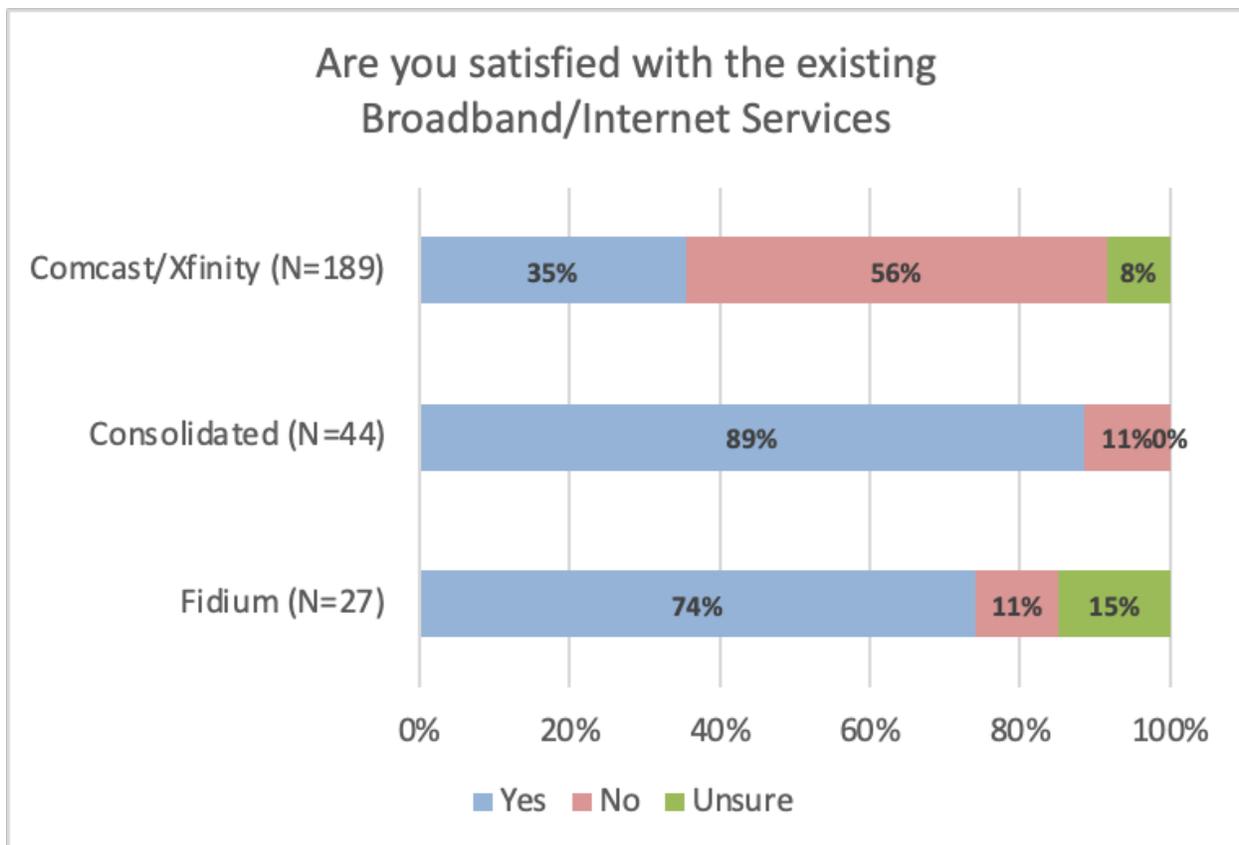


Are you satisfied with the existing broadband/internet services within the town?

Answered: 335

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- 50% of respondents are satisfied with the existing broadband/internet services within the town.
- 40% of respondents are not satisfied with the existing broadband/internet services within the town.
- Respondents identified the following companies as their broadband/internet service providers:
 - Xfinity, Comcast, Consolidated Communications, Fidium, FairPoint, Direct TV, T-Mobile.
- More than twice as many Consolidated and Fidium customers (~80%) are satisfied with Broadband/ Internet services compared to Comcast customers with 35% satisfaction.



Transportation

Are there specific areas of the existing transportation network (roadways, pathways, etc.) that need attention or future investment?

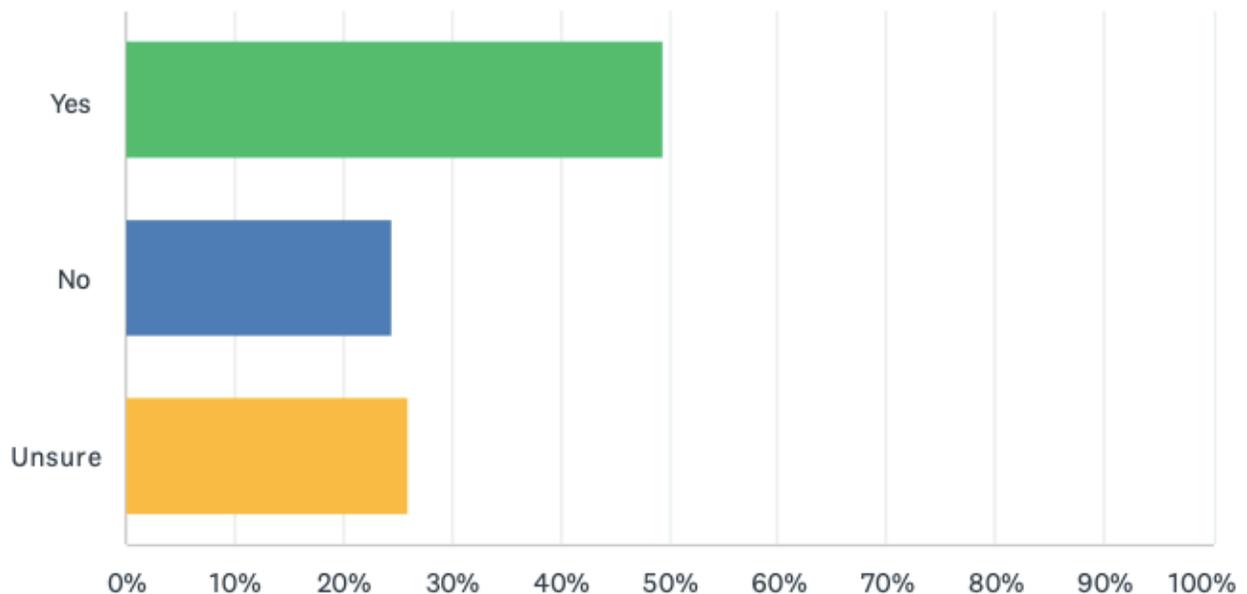
Answered: 319

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- 50% of respondents think there are specific areas of the existing transportation network that needs attention or future investment.
- However, 24% of respondents do not think there are specific areas of Atkinson's transportation network that needs improvement.
- A little over a quarter (26%) of respondents were unsure.

Are there specific areas of the existing transportation network that need attention or future investment?

Answered: 319 Skipped: 123



If yes, please describe below.

Answered: 160

Skipped: 282

The common themes that emerged from respondents regarding the existing transportation system include:

- A segment of respondents indicated that they would like to see Atkinson be more pedestrian and bicycle user friendly by implementing more pathways and sidewalks in town, particularly in the town center.
- A segment of respondents indicated they would like to see the addition of bike lanes or paths on main roads that connect to neighborhoods.
- However, other respondents were opposed to sidewalks and bike lane infrastructure and suggested widening more roads to accommodate these users rather than investing in specific infrastructure.
- In general, respondents supported the overall need to widen some of the narrower roads in town.

In your opinion, does the current transportation system in Atkinson serve all potential users effectively (users may include drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists, and others as well as specific populations such as youth, seniors, etc.)?

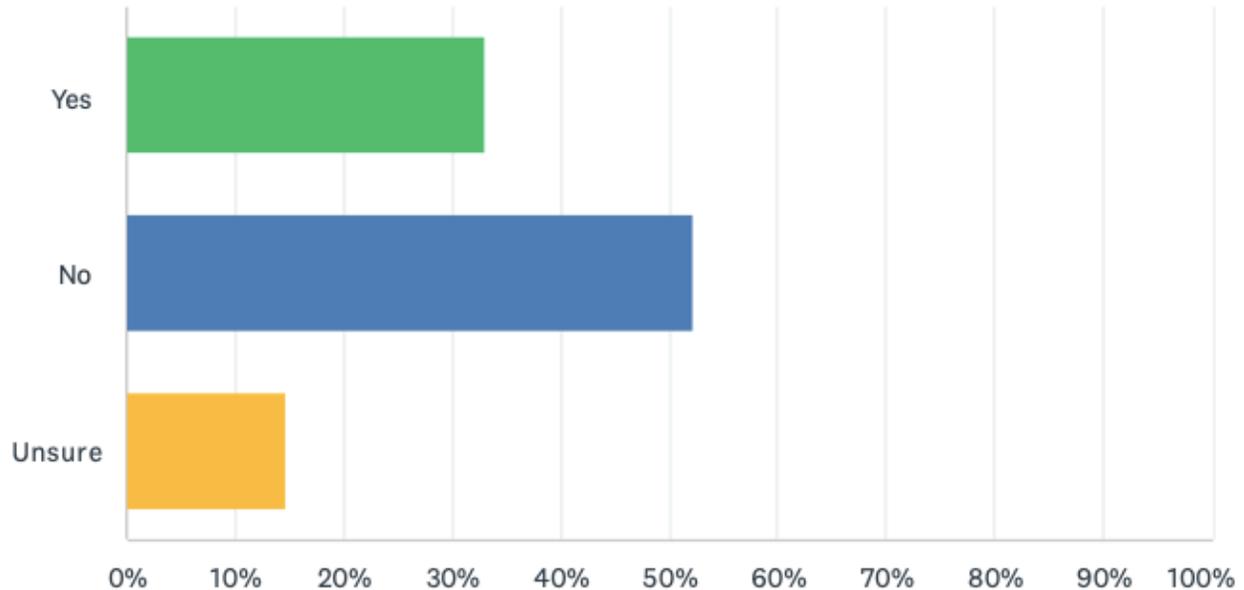
Answered: 318

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- 56% of respondents do not think the current transportation system in Atkinson serves all potential users effectively.
- 33% of respondents think the current transportation system in Atkinson does serve all potential users effectively.
- 15% of respondents were unsure.

Does the current transportation system in Atkinson serve all potential users effectively?

Answered: 318 Skipped: 124



Why or why not?

Answered: 200

Skipped: 242

- Respondents identified that the current transportation system in Atkinson is car-oriented and does not provide safe access for walkers and bicyclists. Many would like to see infrastructure implemented to address this such as sidewalks and bike paths.
- However, other respondents also expressed that pedestrian pathways would also be beneficial.
- Speeding on roadways and lack of patrol was indicated as a concern among respondents.

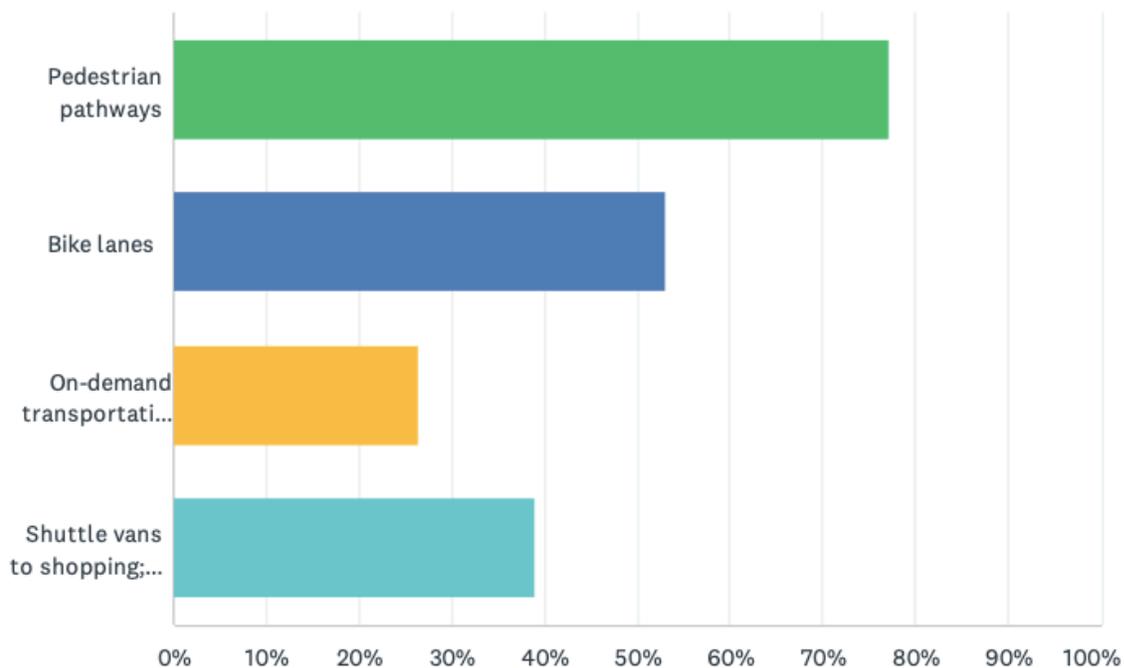
Nearly all of Atkinson's transportation system is designed for automobiles. How can we increase safe and convenient transportation options in town? Check all that apply.

Answered: 262
Skipped: 180

- While only 262 respondents answered this question, 60% of them identified how Atkinson can increase safe and convenient transportation options in town.
 - 77% of respondents would support pedestrian pathways,
 - 53% of respondents would support bike lanes,
 - 39% of respondents would support shuttle vans to shopping, medical services, and regional transportation and
 - A little over a quarter (26%) of respondents would support on demand transportation options such as Uber and Lyft.
- Other methods to increase safe and convenient transportation options in town identified by respondents include:
 - Expanding Elder Services transport
 - Widening the shoulders of roadways in town
 - However, some respondents were opposed to improvements to the transportation system at all.

How can we increase safe and convenient transportation options in town? Check all that apply.

Answered: 262 Skipped: 180



Historical and Cultural Resources

How do Atkinson's cultural and historic resources contribute to the community's character and make it unique from other communities?

Answered: 180

Skipped: 262

The following themes emerged:

- Respondents believe the local farms and education history contribute to the small-town rural character and New England charm.
- Respondents also indicated that the community events are significant.

Are you aware of cultural or historic resources in Atkinson that are not adequately recognized or protected?

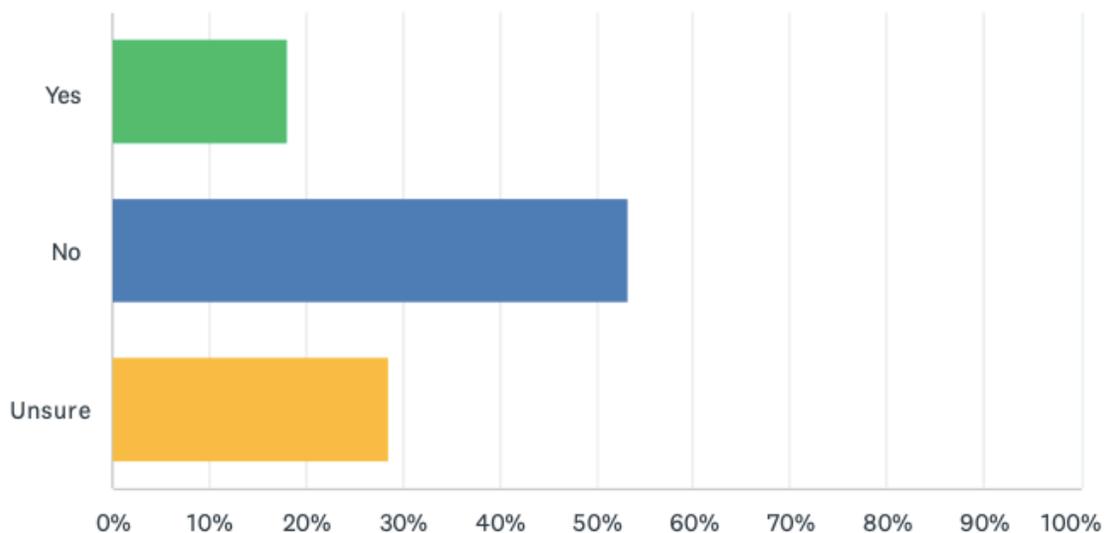
Answered: 287

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- 53% of respondents were not aware of cultural and historical resources in Atkinson that are not adequately recognized or protected.
- Almost one third of respondents (29%) were unsure.

Are you aware of cultural or historic resources in Atkinson that are not adequately recognized or protected?

Answered: 287 Skipped: 155



If so, which resources?

Answered: 51

Skipped: 391

The following historical and cultural resources were identified by respondents as being not adequately recognized or protected:

- Center School
- Atkinson Academy
- Kimball House

Do you have other ideas or concerns related to Atkinson's historic and cultural resources?

Answered: 102

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Respondents identified the following ideas and concerns related to Atkinson's historical and cultural resources:

- More preservation of the farms, farmland, and agricultural history is desired in town including open space.
- More funding was suggested for Historical Society programs and to preserve and maintain historic buildings.

Open Space, Conservation, and Recreation

Are you satisfied with the amount of conserved land in Atkinson?

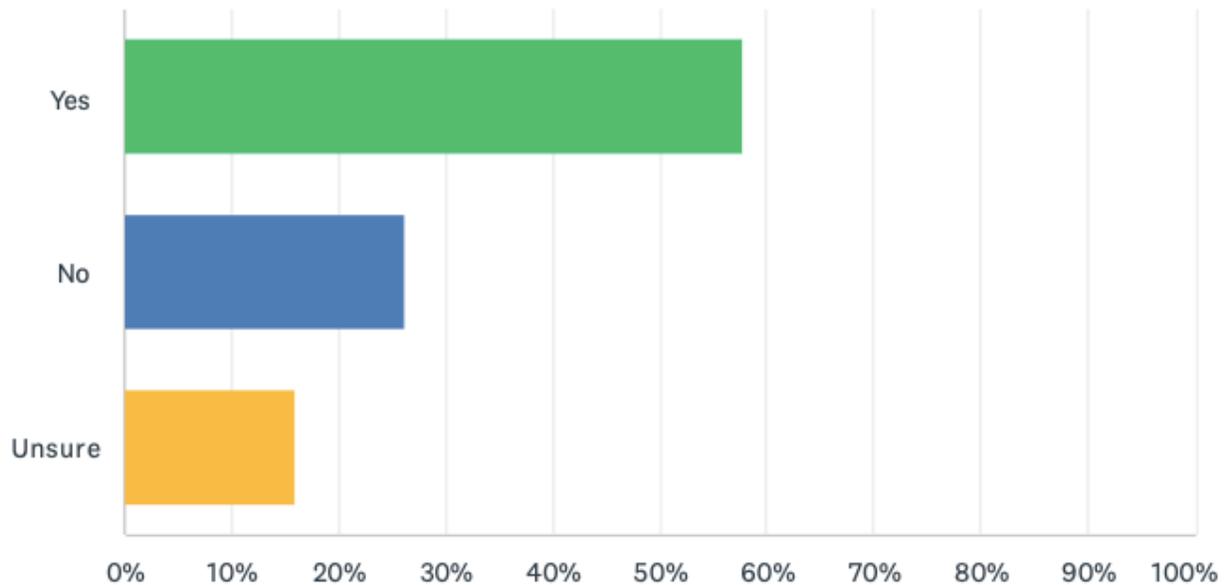
Answered: 324

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- 58% of respondents are satisfied with the amount of conservation land in Atkinson.
- A little over a quarter (26%) are not satisfied with the amount of conservation land in Atkinson.
- 16% of respondents are unsure.

Are you satisfied with the amount of conserved land in Atkinson?

Answered: 324 Skipped: 118



Why or why not?

Answered: 163

Skipped: 279

- Respondents are generally satisfied with the amount of conservation land Atkinson already has, however, a there is interest in securing more or at the very least, maintain the conservation areas the town has now.
- Other respondents expressed that the conservation lands are underutilized, and more funding and attention should be given to creating more youth recreation programs and activities.

Are you in favor of additional land protection efforts in Atkinson?

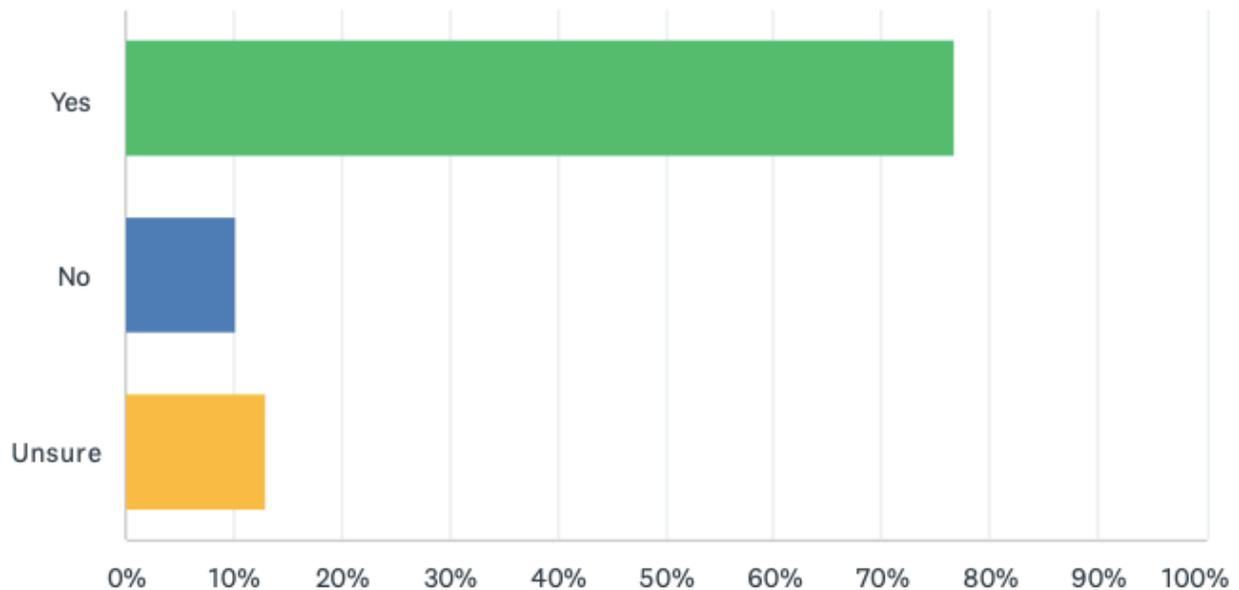
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- The majority of respondents (77%) are in favor of additional land protection efforts.
- 10% of respondents are not in support of additional land protection efforts.
- 13% of respondents are unsure.

Are you in favor of additional land protection efforts in Atkinson?

Answered: 323 Skipped: 119



Why or why not?

Answered: 151

Skipped: 291

- The majority of respondents are in favor of additional land protection efforts in Atkinson because they do not want Atkinson to become overdeveloped like surrounding communities.
- Respondents also expressed that protecting land contributes to the town's character and helps to preserve natural resources and provide wildlife habitat.
- Other respondents indicated that they feel protected land should have more public access and recreational uses.

Are there any existing parks, conservation lands, open spaces, recreational resources, or facilities that need attention or future investment from the town?

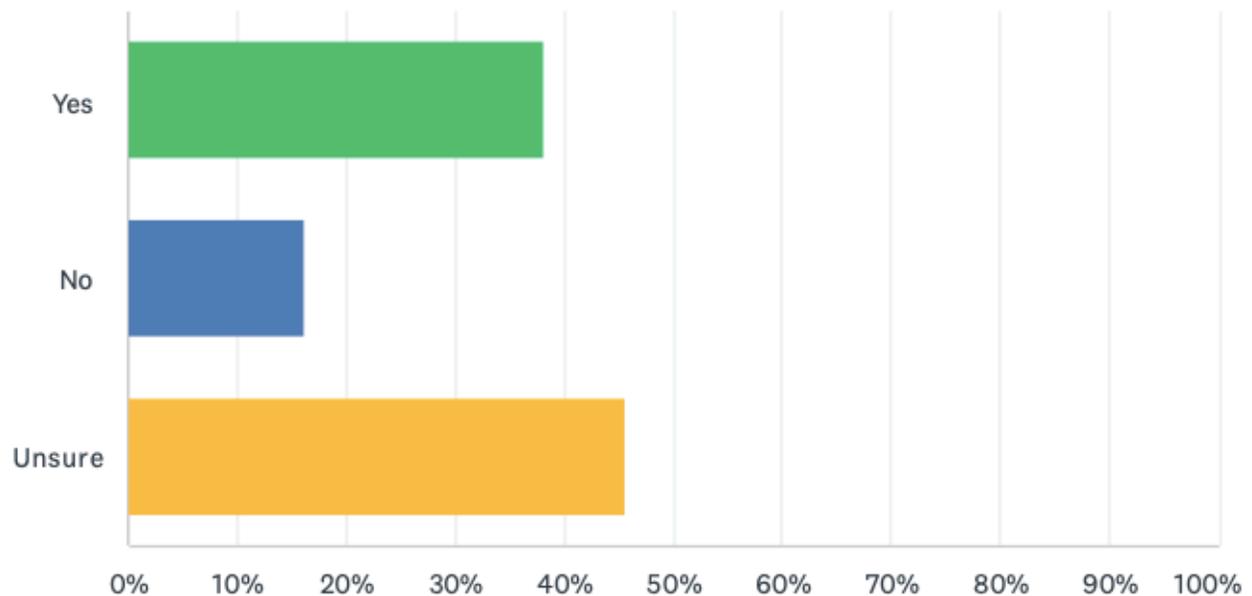
Answered: 302

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- Nearly half of the respondents (46%) are unsure if there are any existing parks, conservation lands, open spaces, recreational resources, or facilities that need attention or future investment from the town.
- 38% of respondents believe there are, and
- 16% of respondents believe there are not.

Are there any existing parks, conservation lands, open spaces, recreational resources, or facilities that need attention or future investment from the town?

Answered: 302 Skipped: 140



If yes, please describe these spaces, lands, or facilities below.

Answered: 119

Skipped: 323

Respondents identified the following areas as needing attention or future investment from the town:

- Expansion of Woodlock Park and Collins Park and improvements to the existing fields at these facilities. Other respondents indicated that

benches/bleachers, bathroom facilities, and a concession stand at Woodlock Park would be beneficial. Also, proper bathroom facilities at Collins Park.

- Pope Field was identified as needing improvements.
- Respondents also expressed the addition of a dog park in Atkinson is desired.

Are you aware of new recreation activities or facilities that should be accommodated in Atkinson? Please describe them below.

Answered: 131

Skipped: 311

Respondents identified the following recreational facilities and activities they would like in Atkinson:

- A dog park
- A new community center and/or an indoor recreation facility with indoor basketball courts, a gym, and a community pool.
- Bike path
- Pickleball courts

Are you aware of new recreation programs that should be planned for in the future in Atkinson? Please describe them below.

Answered: 94

Skipped: 346

Respondents identified the following recreational programs that should be planned for in the future in Atkinson:

- More programs for youth and children and working adults.
- More art, music, and cultural community gathering events.
- Walking groups, hiking tours, and historical tours.

Town Facilities and Services

Do you think Atkinson's existing municipal facilities and services efficiently serve community members?

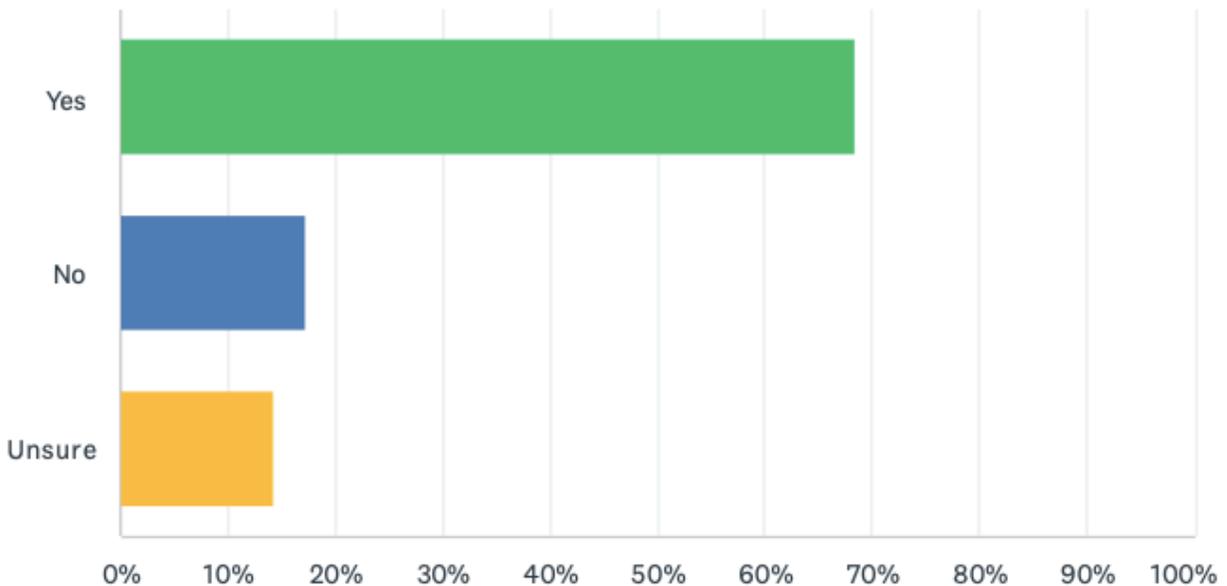
Answered: 313

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- 68% of respondents think Atkinson's existing municipal facilities and services efficiently serve community members.
- 17% of respondents do not think the town's existing municipal facilities and services efficiently serve community members, and
- 14% of respondents are unsure.

Do you think Atkinson's existing municipal facilities and services efficiently serve community members?

Answered: 313 Skipped: 129



Why or why not?

Answered: 127

Skipped: 315

The following themes emerged when respondents were asked if Atkinson's existing municipal facilities and services efficiently serve community members:

- The existing town facilities and services adequately serve the population now, but respondents believe that if the population continues to increase, more services and improvements to facilities will be needed.
- More annual maintenance needs to be implemented for town facilities and services.
- An increase in Fire and Police services and responses/patrol is needed in Atkinson.

Are there specific town facilities that need investment in the coming decade? Please specify.

Answered: 184

Skipped: 258

Respondents identified the following town facilities that need investment in the next ten years:

- The Police Station does not efficiently serve the Atkinson Police Department and town demands.
- The Community Center needs more space, facility upgrades, and ADA accessibility. Many respondents were in favor of a new community center building.
- The Town Hall does not provide enough meeting space and the offices need updating.

Are there specific town services that need investment in the coming decade? Please specify.

Answered: 121

Skipped: 321

Respondents identified the following town services that need investment in the next ten years:

- The Atkinson Fire and Police Departments need more staffing (personnel and patrolmen) to keep up with the existing demand in town.

- Extended funding for more programming for the Elder Services Department is needed.
- More programming and staff for the Recreation Department is needed.

Would you support efforts to make Atkinson’s public buildings and facilities more energy efficient and sustainable?

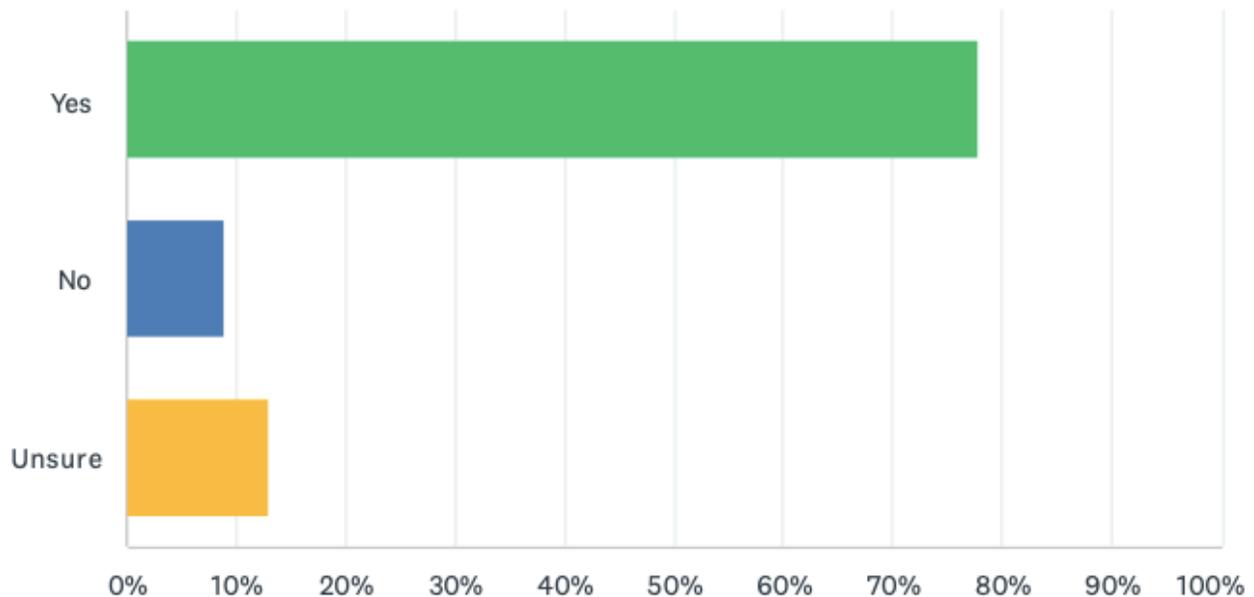
Answered: 299

Skipped: 143

- 78% of respondents would support efforts to make Atkinson’s public buildings and facilities more energy efficient.
- 13% of respondents were unsure, and
- 9% of respondents would not support efforts to make Atkinson’s public buildings and facilities more energy efficient and sustainable.

Would you support efforts to make Atkinson’s public buildings and facilities more energy efficient and sustainable?

Answered: 299 Skipped: 143



Why or why not?

Answered: 145

Skipped: 297

Respondents would support efforts to make Atkinson's public buildings and facilities more energy efficient and sustainable because:

- Making Atkinson's public building and facilities more energy efficient and sustainable will provide cleaner energy for the environment and save on energy costs.
- Respondents would also support this if there were enough financial benefit without too much up-front cost, or too long before Return on Investment.
- Other respondents indicated that existing buildings should be made more energy efficient by changing to LED lightbulbs and making other improvements.

Natural Resources and Natural Hazards

Do you think Atkinson is balancing the protection of natural resources with development needs?

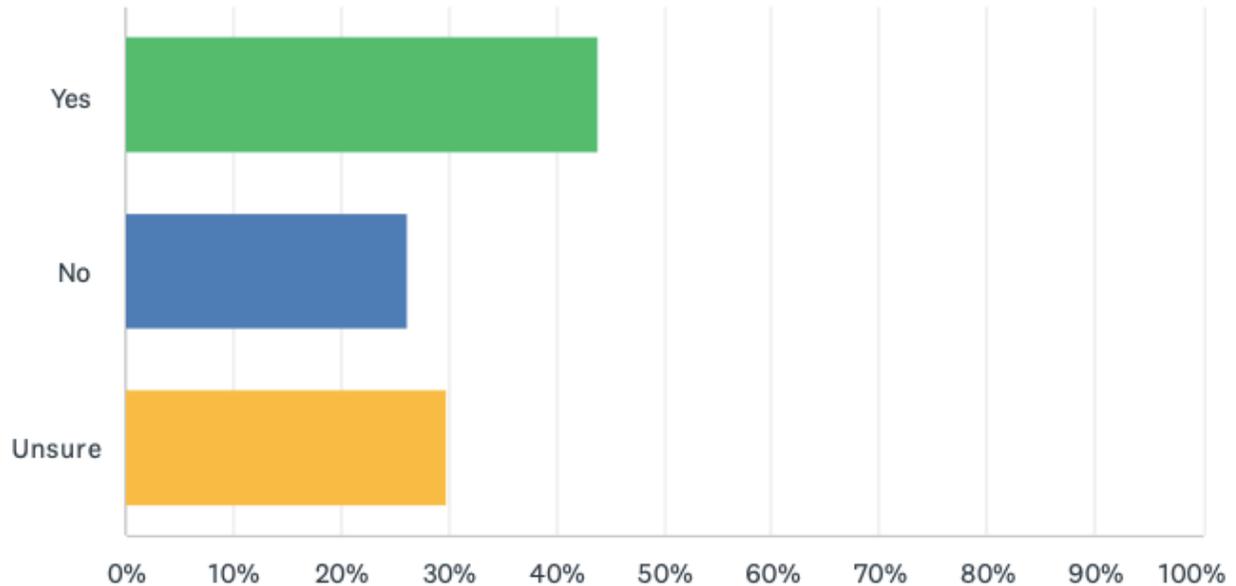
Answered: 298

Skipped: 144

- 44% of respondents think Atkinson is balancing the protection of natural resources with development needs.
- 26% of respondents do not think the town is balancing natural resources with development needs and
- 30% of respondents are unsure.

Do you think Atkinson is balancing the protection of natural resources with development needs?

Answered: 298 Skipped: 144



Why or why not?

Answered: 129

Skipped: 313

The following themes emerged from respondents:

- Respondents are concerned with water supply and water quality related issues, and the impact on the town's other natural resources.
- Respondents noted that Atkinson is currently balancing the protection of natural resources with development needs, however, there is concern with overdevelopment should more building occur.
- Other respondents also indicated that in the past few years, they feel development has occurred too rapidly in a short time.

Are you aware of any natural resources in Atkinson that need further protection? (i.e., wetlands, streams, agricultural lands, wildlife habitat, etc.)

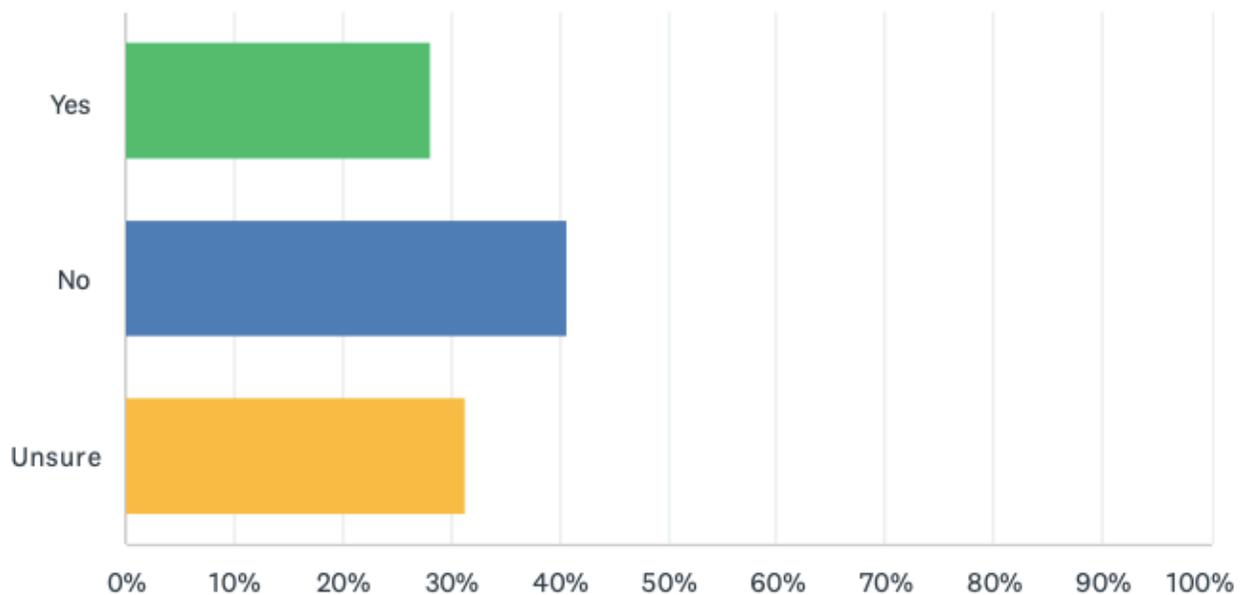
Answered: 278

Skipped: 164

- 41% of respondents are not aware of any natural resources in Atkinson that need further protection.
- 28% of respondents are aware of some natural resources in town that need further protection, and
- A little over one third (31%) of respondents are unsure.

Are you aware of any natural resources in Atkinson that need further protection?

Answered: 278 Skipped: 164



Please describe below.

Answered: 77

Skipped: 365

The top themes that emerged when respondents were asked to identify natural resources in town that need further protection are as follows:

- All of the natural resources listed (wetlands, streams, agricultural lands, wildlife habitat) should have further protections.
- There was interest from respondents in water supply protection from depletion and contamination.
- Respondents also emphasized that further protection is needed for wetlands.

**What potential threats to our drinking water concern you most?
Check all that apply.**

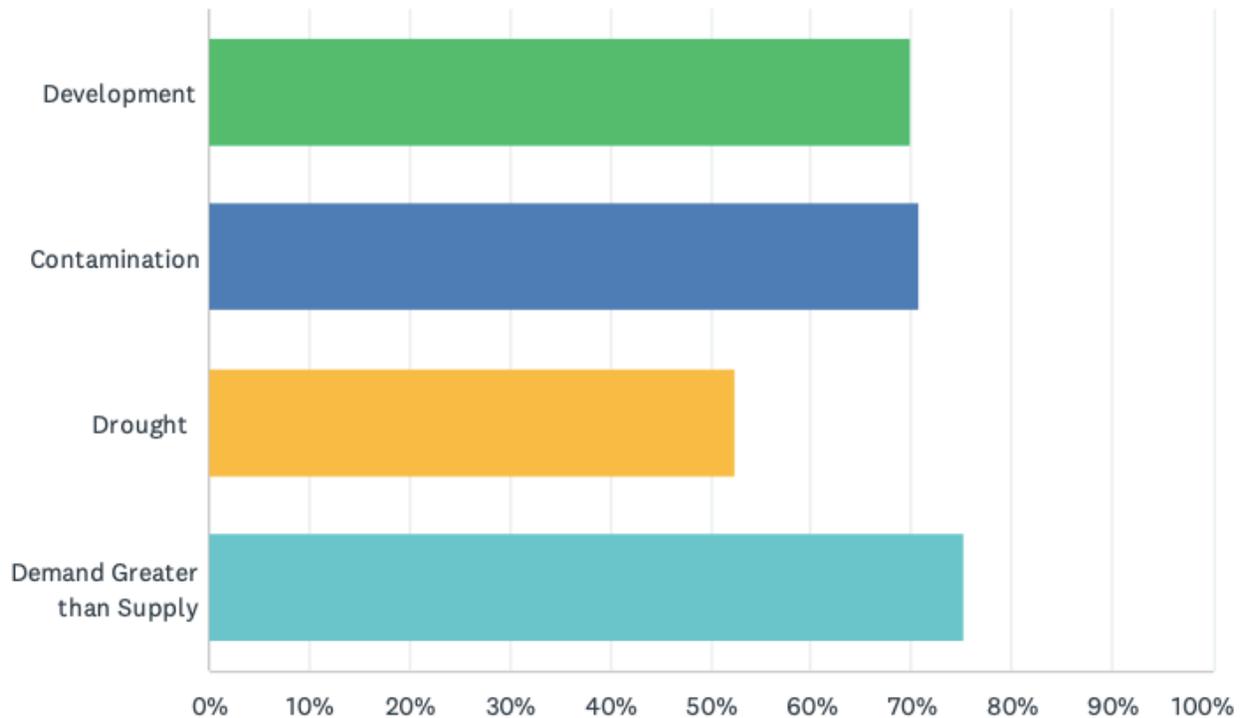
Answered: 290

Skipped: 152

- When respondents were asked what potential threats to Atkinson drinking water concern them most, all options received high percentages.
 - 75% of respondents are concerned with demand being greater than supply,
 - 71% of respondents are concerned with contamination,
 - 70% of respondents are concerned with development, and
 - 52% of respondents are concerned with drought.
- Other themes that emerged related to concerns to drinking water in Atkinson are as follows:
 - Over development.
 - Private ownership of water supply/distribution.

What potential threats to our drinking water concern you most? Check all that apply.

Answered: 290 Skipped: 152



Which natural hazard(s) concerns you the most? Check all that apply.

Answered: 260

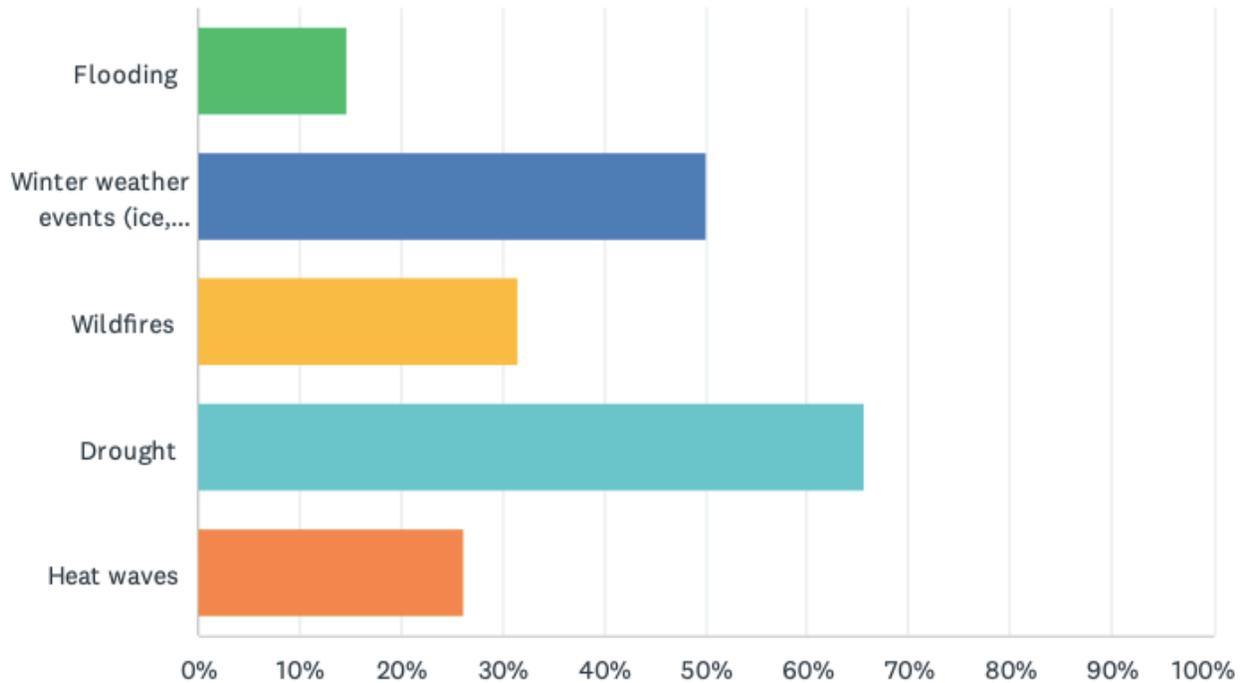
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The top three natural hazards that respondents identified as concerns are:

- 66% of respondents are concerned with drought,
- 50% of respondents are concerned with winter weather events, and
- 32% of respondents are concerned with wildfires.
- Respondents also identified the following additional natural hazard concerns:
 - High winds and power outages,
 - Trees along roadsides during high winds that create power outages from falling on power lines, and
 - Hurricanes and tornadoes.

Which natural hazard(s) concerns you the most? Check all that apply.

Answered: 260 Skipped: 182



What actions do you think the town should take related to natural resources, natural hazard(s), and water resources? Please describe them below.

Answered: 145

Skipped: 297

Respondents identified the following themes as actions the town should take related to natural resources, natural hazards, and water resources:

- Limit growth and development in town,
- Protect groundwater supply from depletion and contamination,
- Use less road salt that contributes to runoff and monitor runoff in surface waters, and
- Manage trees over powerlines and remove dangerous trees.

Demographics

I moved to Atkinson because...

Answered: 309

Skipped: 133

The following themes emerged from respondents when they were asked why they moved to Atkinson:

- They had family that was here, a spouse that grew up here, or they grew up here.
- They moved to Atkinson because they liked the rural small town feel and New England character of the community.
- The location of Atkinson was ideal for commuting to their workplace.

What is your employment status?

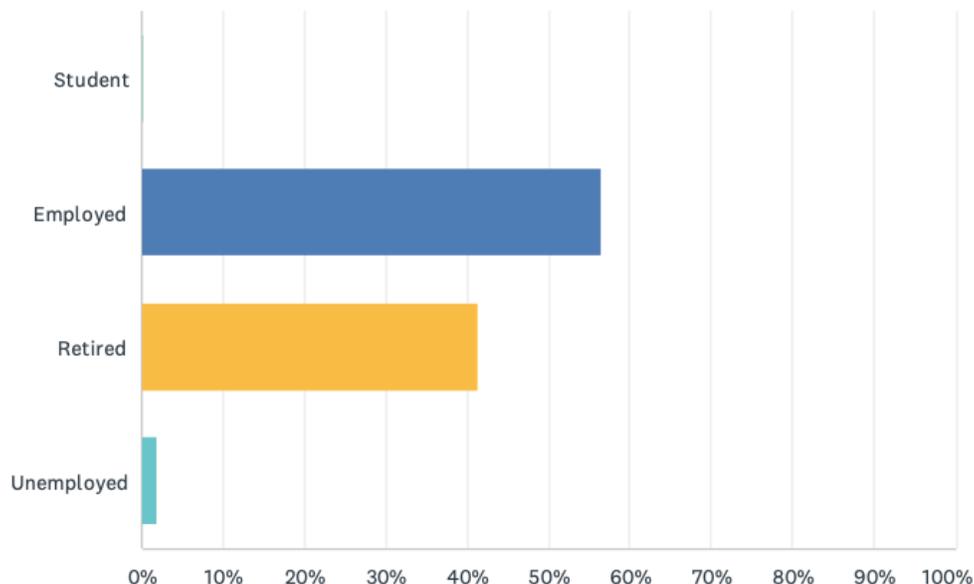
Answered: 322

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- 56% of respondents are employed and 41% of respondents are retired.
- Some respondents indicated that they are self-employed or work part-time.

What is your employment status?

Answered: 322 Skipped: 120



What age group do you fit into from the following?

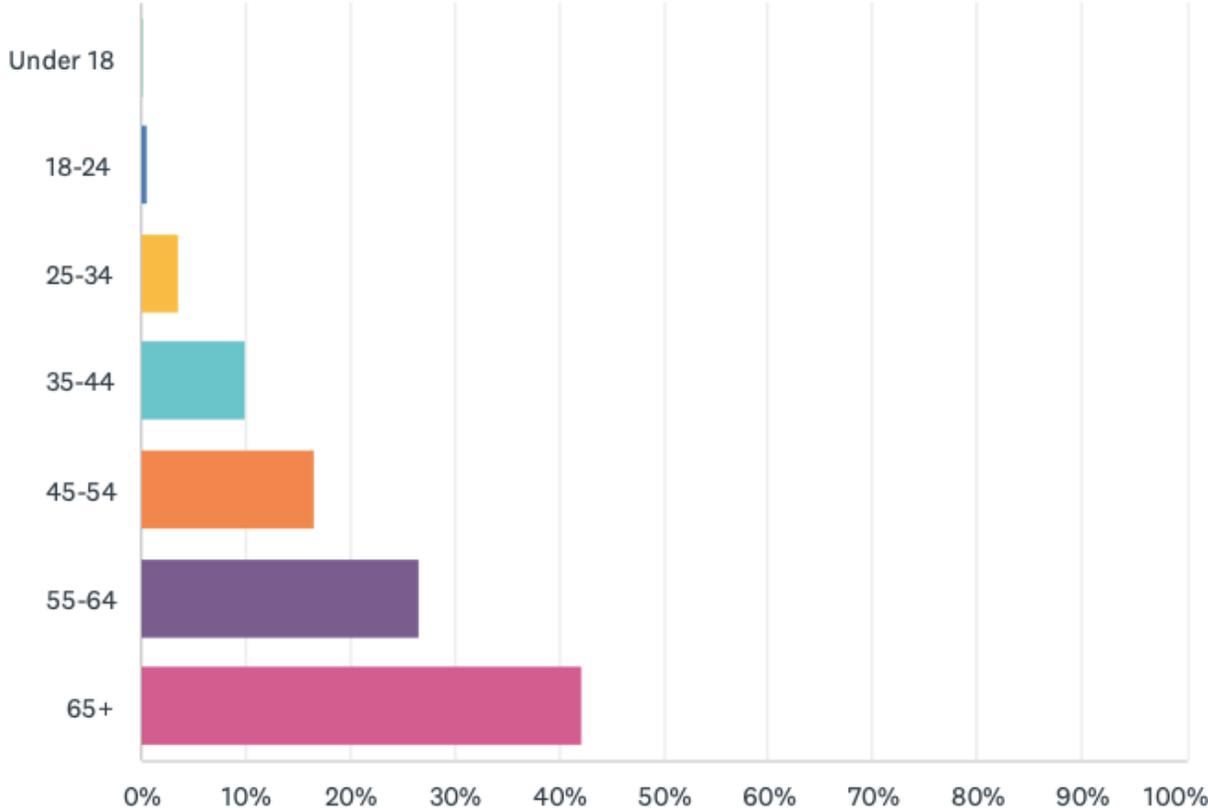
Answered: 331

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- 42% of respondents are 65 or older,
- 27% of respondents are in the 55-64 age group,
- 17% of respondents are in the 45-54 age group.
- About 10% of respondents are in the 35-44 age range group.

What age group do you fit into from the following?

Answered: 331 Skipped: 111



Summary of Results by Outreach Activity

Housing Focus Group

On September 26, 2023, the Atkinson Master Plan Committee coordinated a housing focus group event at the Atkinson Community Center from 6- 8 PM to host a deeper conversation on planning for housing issues in the context of the Master Plan. The purpose of this event was to collect more detailed information from the community on their perspectives of housing issues and potential solutions for Atkinson and to inform the committee and the town's consultant as they work on drafting the Master Plan. Approximately ___ people attended this event, which included a mix of residents, planning board members, zoning board members, and others. The larger group was broken into smaller break out groups and each was provided with several questions for their group to discuss over the course of the event. Below are key findings that were highlighted during the event. Appendix B includes a transcript of each group's answers to the discussion questions and notes taken during the group report out.

Key findings from the focus group included:

- In general, there was broad support for promoting Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) as a housing solution in Atkinson and for expanding the ordinance to allow detached units in town (given that the language is carefully crafted to avoid impacting the character of the community negatively).
- In general, there appeared to be broad support for cottage style developments and tiny house villages with vegetative buffers to provide housing options for many different populations in town (those looking to downsize, those looking for a starter home, etc.). Other housing options that were mentioned as being supported by a few groups include manufactured homes and townhouses.
- There was some support for duplexes as a housing solution in town, but several points were brought up during the discussion including:
 - Many noted they only wanted to see duplexes allowed in specific areas of town (such as the commercial zones). Some thought they should be allowed everywhere.
 - There is concern for absentee landlords and some thought there should be a requirement for duplexes to be owner-occupied.

- There is concern by some that allowing for more housing alternative construction will open the doors to Atkinson and destroy the town's rural character, place a strain on municipal resources, and impact the tax rate.
- There is support for Atkinson residents to be able to age in place in town. However, assisted living facilities were only supported by some of the attendees, but not all. Those who supported them identified that they should be in the commercial areas.
- There is support for Atkinson to be a multi-generational community and that it's important for young families to be able to live in town.
- In general, it was noted that the town should ensure thorough research is completed on the potential impacts of potential housing solutions and regulatory changes to promote said housing. It was also noted that any potential regulatory changes related to housing should also be scrutinized through a local government capacity lens. What are the administrative impacts of any changes, understanding that Atkinson has limited administrative capacity.
- There is concern about whether Atkinson's soil and water resources can accommodate denser multifamily housing developments in a sustainable way.
- There was significant discussion about how much buildable land is left in Atkinson highlighting the need for a broader discussion about how housing alternatives could be implemented as part of redevelopment projects in the future as well. Some attendees discussed the feasibility of converting commercial buildings (or the existing building stock in town) to housing rather than solely building new structures.
- There was concern about how promoting housing construction does not mean it will necessarily be affordable. The town should consider this as it articulates its housing goals and comes up with a plan to achieve them.
- There appeared to be support for an increase in rental housing options in town, however many were very concerned about having "too much of this" in town as it could change the character of the community negatively.
- It's clear that there should be a public education component to future housing initiatives – there were misunderstandings related to the difference between workforce and affordable housing, housing laws and their relationship to the town's obligations, and the town's ordinances themselves.

Summary of Results by Outreach Activity

Recreation Focus Group

On August 1, 2023, the Atkinson Master Plan Committee coordinated a recreation focus group event at the Kimball Library from 6:30- 8:30 PM to host a deeper conversation on planning for the future of recreation in Atkinson. 11 people attended this event.

The focus group aimed to collect feedback from residents regarding the current state of recreation in Atkinson and to identify areas for potential improvement. Attendees were promoted to discuss the existing activities, services, and facilities provided by the Recreation Department including its buildings, one-time events (fishing derby, holiday events, etc), fields and parks, and recreation programming.

Key Findings from the focus group included:

- Residents generally expressed satisfaction with the current level of recreation in Atkinson.
- The capacity of the Recreation Department, led solely by Director of Recreation Noriko Yoshida-Travers, limits the town's ability to provide recreation services.
- Bob Worden indicated the possibility of grant funding to enhance the current Community Center.
- Many programs, especially those for children and teenagers, are organized by external parties but utilize Rec Department facilities.
- Potential recommendations discussed included:
 - The town should explore the addition of another employee (potentially part-time) to bolster the capacity of the Director of Recreation.
 - Applying for grants to improve the Community Center is advisable.
 - Increasing "One-Time" events to foster community unity.
 - Enhancing town parks, fields, and courts.
 - Expanding senior programming.
 - Efforts should be made to make recreation more accessible to individuals with disabilities.

Summary of Results by Outreach Activity

Water Resources Committee Outreach

As part of the continuing Outreach and Engagement for Atkinson's updated Master Plan, members of the Master Plan Committee met with the Atkinson Water Resource Committee at their September 20, 2023 meeting to discuss ideas for potential actions for the Master Plan and ask for their feedback on draft actions that were developed for consideration.

The Atkinson Water Resources Committee was formed by the Atkinson Select Board to serve as an advisory and educational resource to the Town of Atkinson and its residents on issues concerning environmental sustainability, with a focus on water access, quality, conservation, economics, education, and regulation. The Committee also serves as the primary advisor to the Select Board on all issues pertaining to water resources.

The discussion focused on water quality. Members of the Water Committee advised that the water supply pertaining to the private water company operating within Atkinson's borders was out of scope since the town has no authority over this private public utility. Potential threats that were cited include the spread of contamination of PFSA's, dioxane, MTBE and other potentially unknown contaminants, as well as stormwater management. Septic & waste water was also briefly mentioned.

Potential opportunities discussed were:

- Implementation of MS4
- Baseline testing in areas of importance/sensitivity: well head protected areas, stratified drifts & aquifers, streams, and wetlands.
- Atkinson to actively participate in the Lower Merrimack Watershed group.
- DES/EPA grants
- Collaboration with the Conservation Commission

Potential barriers discussed were:

- Funding: testing, MS4
- Town staffing needs for MS4 next phase implementation
- Limited volunteer committee resources and time
- Funding for grant opportunities: writing or match

The Water Resource Committee agreed to meet again to discuss any recommendations they would like to offer to be considered in the master plan. These recommendations were reviewed and integrated, as appropriate, into the updated Master Plan. Appendix C includes the raw recommendations provided to the town from the Water Resources Committee.

Appendix

Please note that the Appendix is raw data directly from Atkinson community members, and the Atkinson Master Plan Committee and Planning Board are not liable for its findings.

- A. Survey Monkey Report – Community Forum/Online Tool
- B. Summary of Discussion Notes – Housing Focus Group
- C. Proposed Recommendations – Water Resources Committee Outreach

Q1 What is your one wish for Atkinson?

Answered: 347 Skipped: 95

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Wood Dr.	5/18/2023 3:46 PM
2	more outdoor community events. concerts in the park in the summer. families coming together and more community involvement	5/18/2023 3:23 PM
3	protect what we have change requires thought and planning	5/18/2023 3:16 PM
4	skate park!	5/18/2023 3:10 PM
5	keep that small town feeling live this place	5/18/2023 2:41 PM
6	we are an aging town and need to find ways of attracting and keeping younger generations here! subsidies? affordable housing? events? recreation? think outside the box!	5/18/2023 2:33 PM
7	keep it rural and green - I second this!	5/18/2023 2:20 PM
8	sidewalks	5/18/2023 2:09 PM
9	support our farms	5/18/2023 1:55 PM
10	fix community tv, channel 20, to be more reliable. reporter of town government events, make it understandable and visible	5/18/2023 1:37 PM
11	more shops and restaurants/bars	5/18/2023 1:29 PM
12	catch up on all our town maintenance needs	5/18/2023 1:18 PM
13	protect our water source NOW, dont wait until its too late and say "oops!"	5/18/2023 1:10 PM
14	a splash pad and/or community pool	5/18/2023 12:57 PM
15	more place and groups for teens and young adults	5/18/2023 12:42 PM
16	support out young people	5/18/2023 12:27 PM
17	" Keep rural feel" - I ditto this!	5/18/2023 12:16 PM
18	new community center	5/18/2023 12:01 PM
19	save more wildlife habitat	5/12/2023 5:02 PM
20	yes, new community center with more storage and parking pretty outdoor gazebos for weddings and events	5/12/2023 4:55 PM
21	sidewalks	5/12/2023 4:41 PM
22	sidewalks on Academy Ave	5/12/2023 3:49 PM
23	connect youth and "elders" in ongoing activities, events, annual "rituals" to bring community together. ex: Autumn halloween town wide event	5/12/2023 3:40 PM
24	places to bring our dogs	5/12/2023 3:29 PM
25	facilities and events for all age groups (to get to know your neighbors)	5/12/2023 3:21 PM
26	Small quiet community. NO large buildings, commercialization or assisted living facilities that will change our community. Keep our town the way it is.	5/12/2023 9:38 AM
27	Low taxes	5/11/2023 11:14 PM
28	That is remains an affordable country town for the next generation.	5/11/2023 8:32 PM
29	I wish that Atkinson remains a friendly, neighborly community where volunteers make things	5/11/2023 6:24 PM

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	happen for our town and they build healthy relationships in the process.	
30	Better roads	5/11/2023 1:57 PM
31	more hiking trails and kindness - even more than we already have :)	5/11/2023 1:56 PM
32	responsible growth	5/11/2023 1:43 PM
33	dog park!!	5/11/2023 1:23 PM
34	We continue to have a caring community where all people have a place; young, old, those with money and those less fortunate.	5/11/2023 1:13 PM
35	make Atkinson more walkable!	5/11/2023 1:09 PM
36	continued supply of private safe drinking water	5/11/2023 12:55 PM
37	be vibrant!	5/11/2023 12:48 PM
38	Easy walking trails	5/11/2023 12:46 PM
39	continue to be a "caring community"	5/11/2023 12:31 PM
40	That it continues to be the friendly community that it is known to be.	5/11/2023 12:28 PM
41	pickle ball park	5/11/2023 12:23 PM
42	recycle!	5/11/2023 12:19 PM
43	support our seniors	5/11/2023 12:10 PM
44	small public beach access for residents	5/11/2023 11:59 AM
45	keep it rural and green	5/11/2023 11:47 AM
46	To remain a small town with the community feel of knowing everyone in town.	5/11/2023 10:52 AM
47	I love the Atkinson tight knit community & how proud we all are to live here. However, I think the town needs to spend more money on recreation programs, facilities, youth programs, etc. The children are the future of our town & great programs encourage them to grow, develop, learn & better themselves.	5/11/2023 9:05 AM
48	That it remains a safe place	5/11/2023 8:29 AM
49	well maintained town facilities	5/10/2023 10:02 PM
50	Preserve wilderness areas	5/10/2023 8:58 PM
51	Preserve wilderness areas	5/10/2023 8:56 PM
52	No more building developments	5/10/2023 8:33 PM
53	Keeping taxes low; this accomplishes a lot in respect to limiting local government expansion.	5/10/2023 6:56 PM
54	I hope we can keep the supportive, small town atmosphere.	5/10/2023 5:44 PM
55	If Atkinson (our area) had a public sewage system for all homes.	5/10/2023 5:31 PM
56	Control development to remain a small Town.	5/10/2023 4:17 PM
57	I wish there was more affordable housing.	5/10/2023 2:26 PM
58	Stay small and friendly	5/10/2023 12:12 PM
59	Younger people get involved by volunteering.	5/10/2023 9:43 AM
60	To keep it rural and limit building developments	5/10/2023 9:39 AM
61	A new community center	5/10/2023 8:45 AM
62	A new community center	5/10/2023 8:40 AM
63	To remain a quiet rural community without the commercial and multi-family development seen in many of the surrounding communities.	5/10/2023 8:29 AM

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64	to stay the same	5/10/2023 8:27 AM
65	retain small town feel...and some walking/biking trails.	5/10/2023 8:23 AM
66	To have more single family new construction homes	5/9/2023 6:16 PM
67	To stay safe and small.	5/9/2023 9:47 AM
68	Continued low taxes.	5/9/2023 8:49 AM
69	Sidewalks on Sawyer Ave and Providence Hill Road	5/9/2023 7:38 AM
70	Lower taxes	5/8/2023 8:07 PM
71	A better more responsive highway department	5/8/2023 7:42 PM
72	Keep it's small town feel	5/8/2023 7:20 PM
73	Reduction of noise pollution from motorcycles, trucks, altered mufflers, etc.	5/8/2023 7:02 PM
74	That we make the tax base work with as little new development as possible.	5/8/2023 6:19 PM
75	To keep its quaint beauty	5/8/2023 6:16 PM
76	My wish for Atkinson is that it does not become overdeveloped like so many neighboring towns.	5/8/2023 5:43 PM
77	To remain safe and small	5/8/2023 3:48 PM
78	To stay small and safe	5/8/2023 3:13 PM
79	Keep the small-town feel; keep development down	5/8/2023 1:54 PM
80	I like to have indoor pickleball courts.	5/8/2023 1:25 PM
81	new community center	5/8/2023 12:31 PM
82	Stay rural.	5/7/2023 8:31 PM
83	Top schools on a par or better than Windam	5/6/2023 8:02 PM
84	Lower taxes	5/6/2023 3:26 PM
85	Turf field	5/5/2023 2:29 PM
86	Maintain community	5/5/2023 8:03 AM
87	to stay a small town with not much more construction	5/4/2023 8:47 PM
88	Stay small	5/4/2023 3:08 PM
89	A new community center	5/3/2023 8:38 PM
90	To maintain the quiet, small town feel that brought us here.	5/3/2023 7:46 PM
91	To continue to be a small New England farm town	5/3/2023 7:38 PM
92	Atkinson is a sweet small town and my hope is to it to remain that way in the future.	5/3/2023 4:55 PM
93	More restaurant variety	5/3/2023 4:42 PM
94	it remain a bedroom community with open space, open minds and accessibility for all	5/3/2023 1:55 PM
95	Less spending on fire trucks and police cars	5/3/2023 1:15 PM
96	My wish is that Atkinson continues to be the tight knit community.	5/3/2023 10:14 AM
97	A local place can be a commercial store or ? a place to meet-up and meet new people in town.	5/3/2023 8:16 AM
98	To remain a small town with limited new building projects to better serve it's residents and keep the property taxes in check	5/2/2023 8:22 AM
99	Splash pad and rec facilities	5/1/2023 8:45 PM
100	Keep our town a bedroom community	5/1/2023 7:18 PM

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101	The population ceases to grow in terms of new housing developments.	5/1/2023 3:51 PM
102	To stay a rural and quit little town	5/1/2023 2:44 PM
103	Keep it a neighborhood community	5/1/2023 12:59 PM
104	Sidewalks from Academy to Village Store	5/1/2023 7:29 AM
105	I hope it stays a quiet town.	5/1/2023 7:04 AM
106	To limit businesses and keep it rural	4/30/2023 5:52 PM
107	Preserve land and forested areas	4/30/2023 12:39 PM
108	Better planning and control over expenses and taxes; esp school taxes	4/29/2023 2:26 PM
109	Lower taxes	4/29/2023 10:47 AM
110	I would like Atkinson to retain its "small town" feel: a safe, healthy place to raise families.	4/29/2023 10:29 AM
111	For Atkinson to remain the nice NH town it is.	4/29/2023 8:44 AM
112	Less building	4/28/2023 6:19 PM
113	Keep our taxes low	4/28/2023 12:42 PM
114	Maintain low tax rate	4/28/2023 10:48 AM
115	Maintain small town feel.	4/28/2023 9:00 AM
116	to retain the charm that attracted us.	4/28/2023 8:38 AM
117	To stay a quiet town. No more building homes.	4/27/2023 7:02 PM
118	Keep it a small town feel- commercial buildings not in residential areas	4/27/2023 6:53 PM
119	as is	4/27/2023 6:52 PM
120	A community center	4/27/2023 6:39 PM
121	Low taxes	4/27/2023 5:58 PM
122	My wish for Atkinson is for the town to maintain the small town feeling we have enjoyed in the 33 years we've lived here.	4/27/2023 5:43 PM
123	To keep commercialism out of Atkinson.	4/27/2023 5:16 PM
124	My one wish for Atkinson is for the building of homes and apartments/condos to stop.	4/27/2023 4:40 PM
125	That it keep it small community charm.	4/27/2023 4:22 PM
126	That during growth we maintain a small community feel.	4/27/2023 12:53 PM
127	Elderly housing to be approved	4/27/2023 12:17 PM
128	Keep it rural and quiet the way it is.	4/27/2023 11:22 AM
129	Love the small town atmosphere	4/27/2023 11:12 AM
130	less traffic and fewer new builds	4/27/2023 10:16 AM
131	Honest politicians	4/27/2023 8:27 AM
132	Preserve the beauty and small New England town feel	4/27/2023 8:26 AM
133	Safe community	4/27/2023 6:42 AM
134	Stay small	4/26/2023 9:11 PM
135	to implement a senior housing or assisted living facility	4/26/2023 8:30 PM
136	Stay a small town	4/26/2023 8:02 PM
137	Keep it a small town feel- keep big buildings in the industrial parks. Not in residential areas.	4/26/2023 7:47 PM
138	Do not over develop the town, add to conservation lands	4/26/2023 7:38 PM

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139	Preserve the forests and wild areas of Atkinson	4/26/2023 7:31 PM
140	More high speed internet options - competition that creates better prices	4/26/2023 7:26 PM
141	lower taxes	4/26/2023 7:09 PM
142	High-speed, fiber internet	4/26/2023 6:35 PM
143	Low taxes	4/26/2023 6:31 PM
144	Low taxes	4/26/2023 6:30 PM
145	To remain a viable, giving and not too expensive community.	4/26/2023 6:30 PM
146	For the town to maintain its small-town feel while keeping taxes low-ish	4/26/2023 6:24 PM
147	Lower taxes	4/26/2023 6:18 PM
148	Grow slowly without sacrificing small town feel	4/26/2023 6:16 PM
149	Keep taxes low, but have good schools	4/26/2023 6:16 PM
150	create a more cohesive community with spaces and events to bring neighbors together, creating a sense of "community".	4/26/2023 6:13 PM
151	To be a safe, welcoming town that fosters a sense of community for all.	4/26/2023 6:12 PM
152	Stay a small town	4/26/2023 6:03 PM
153	To stay a small town without an exclusionary attitude	4/26/2023 6:00 PM
154	To stay small and not raise taxes	4/26/2023 5:34 PM
155	That we cared as much about needed services to our community as we did low tax rates.	4/26/2023 5:27 PM
156	To become a less expensive, inclusive town where people can homestead in peace.	4/26/2023 5:10 PM
157	Stay a NH town and stop the cluster building. We say we are two acre zoning yet the rules are broken for various people. It needs to stop	4/26/2023 5:10 PM
158	To remain a quiet peaceful community.	4/26/2023 5:05 PM
159	Keep the community feel.	4/26/2023 4:57 PM
160	All paved roads are level so water drains into a sewer and not pool on driveway and lawn.	4/26/2023 4:36 PM
161	Stop building.	4/26/2023 3:55 PM
162	semi-rural character - bedroom town	4/26/2023 3:38 PM
163	That it stay the same.	4/26/2023 3:29 PM
164	To be as good or better of a place to raise kids as it is today in 30 years	4/26/2023 3:12 PM
165	That it retains its rural character.	4/26/2023 2:58 PM
166	For it to be a safe enjoyable town to live in.	4/26/2023 2:26 PM
167	Keep the rural and small town character	4/26/2023 2:07 PM
168	Maintain low and effective tax structure.	4/26/2023 1:59 PM
169	A nice big gated dog park	4/26/2023 1:57 PM
170	Had its own high school	4/26/2023 1:55 PM
171	Stay sane. No growth	4/26/2023 1:44 PM
172	That it keep the charm and keep stay clear of apartment buildings, strip malls. Keep it small.	4/26/2023 1:42 PM
173	No more building	4/26/2023 1:32 PM
174	That it continues to retain a sense of community and that "small town" feel.	4/26/2023 1:01 PM
175	I wish that the Town will retain its rural character and preserve its open spaces by continuing	4/26/2023 12:46 PM

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its efforts so conserve land for wildlife habitat and watershed protection.

176	Keep the small town charm	4/26/2023 12:40 PM
177	To continue to provide a great community for all.	4/26/2023 12:37 PM
178	Keep taxes low.	4/26/2023 12:36 PM
179	Fiscal responsibility	4/26/2023 12:19 PM
180	Lower Property tax	4/26/2023 12:16 PM
181	Keep Atkinson clean and safe.	4/26/2023 12:15 PM
182	Dump Comcast	4/26/2023 12:04 PM
183	To remain a small residential community with limited growth in residential and commercial seven.	4/26/2023 12:02 PM
184	To basically leave it the same.	4/26/2023 12:00 PM
185	For it to stay basically the same.	4/26/2023 11:54 AM
186	Stop all the development	4/26/2023 11:47 AM
187	Safe and stable town with stable taxed	4/26/2023 11:45 AM
188	Reduce property taxes for the elderly	4/26/2023 11:45 AM
189	elder care	4/26/2023 11:43 AM
190	To stop all new developments it's ruining this small town	4/26/2023 11:31 AM
191	That it stays an uncrowded and not over built small town with as many farms and green spaces left in tact	4/26/2023 11:16 AM
192	more diversity in our community	4/26/2023 11:12 AM
193	Keep it safe from the woke culture.	4/26/2023 11:07 AM
194	No more building	4/26/2023 11:06 AM
195	Reasonable Property taxes	4/26/2023 10:51 AM
196	That is remain a quiet and safe community.	4/26/2023 10:49 AM
197	To be a safe and peaceful town	4/26/2023 10:47 AM
198	I wish for my kids and family to be safe.	4/26/2023 10:35 AM
199	KEEP IT THE SAME	4/26/2023 10:23 AM
200	Doesn't become commercial!	4/26/2023 10:16 AM
201	Better facility for Police and Fire Department	4/26/2023 10:11 AM
202	For a safe environment - stay a small community	4/26/2023 10:02 AM
203	Limit the growth	4/26/2023 10:00 AM
204	To be the landmark community in southern NH	4/26/2023 9:56 AM
205	No more building and sidewalks on busy main roads	4/26/2023 9:47 AM
206	Keep it small, protect from over growth of homes and businesses. We moved here for that reason, don't make us have to move.	4/26/2023 9:44 AM
207	They would use salt in the winter. The sand is terrible. Roads are almost un-driveable in the snow	4/26/2023 9:40 AM
208	They would use salt to do the roads in the winter; the sand just isn't cutting it	4/26/2023 9:38 AM
209	To remain the beautiful, classic, peaceful oasis community that we all experience currently.	4/26/2023 9:35 AM
210	To keep the town (pretty much) as it is with respect for it's demographics and rural quaintness.	4/26/2023 9:33 AM

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211	To stop building condos	4/26/2023 9:31 AM
212	No more developments! We are chipping away at the rural charm of Atkinson	4/26/2023 9:26 AM
213	Youth and Senior recreation	4/26/2023 9:21 AM
214	Keep it like it is Volenteers	4/26/2023 9:20 AM
215	To continue to be the close knit rural community is is today.	4/26/2023 9:15 AM
216	That it remains a well maintained, rural and classically quaint, New England town that is inclusive and technologically up to date.	4/26/2023 9:14 AM
217	Keep great standard of living. We have a great town and a low tax burden. Keep up the great work!	4/26/2023 9:12 AM
218	Maintain its "small town" way of life, run in a financial prudent manner.	4/26/2023 9:09 AM
219	Conserve as much land as possible in a world intent on developing everything.	4/26/2023 9:06 AM
220	Keep taxes low!	4/26/2023 9:05 AM
221	Keep open spaces	4/26/2023 9:04 AM
222	That it had a town center with a few shops as a focal center	4/26/2023 9:04 AM
223	Stay lean fiscally	4/26/2023 9:02 AM
224	Safe place for all	4/26/2023 9:01 AM
225	Limit development	4/26/2023 9:01 AM
226	Keep small town atmosphere and keep property taxes low so we can stay in our homes after retirement.	4/26/2023 7:49 AM
227	Remain a small town.	4/26/2023 7:43 AM
228	Retain rural characteristics	4/26/2023 5:25 AM
229	Determine why the state owns land on lower East Road and what its long-term plans are for this parcel of land.	4/25/2023 6:37 PM
230	To keep a small town feeling but maybe one or more restaurants available.	4/25/2023 3:23 PM
231	Maintain its small NH family town character. No overcrowding or introduction of mass corporate jungles.	4/25/2023 9:40 AM
232	To stay small and quaint as it is (or at least as it was 10 years ago)	4/24/2023 10:13 PM
233	Sidewalks	4/24/2023 9:27 AM
234	Slower growth, more incremental, with balance and focus on maintaining small rural community feel.	4/24/2023 8:58 AM
235	The traffic gets controlled and the small town feel stays the same or goes back to when we bought our home in 2001	4/24/2023 2:06 AM
236	Small downtown area	4/24/2023 12:07 AM
237	Lower taxes	4/23/2023 6:23 PM
238	Keep small town feel.	4/23/2023 3:19 PM
239	That is does not lose its small town charm.	4/23/2023 2:39 PM
240	For it to maintain the same small town character that it had back when I was growing up here, during the late-1980s and early-1990s.	4/23/2023 1:56 PM
241	to prevent the loss of the old New Hampshire atmosphere and to maintain the small town character	4/23/2023 1:56 PM
242	Nothing, like it the way it is	4/23/2023 8:14 AM
243	To remain rural and avoid over-development by builders	4/23/2023 12:09 AM

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244	That Atkinson stays a friendly community where people work together with a positive attitude for the benefit of all.	4/22/2023 5:58 PM
245	Sidewalk on Robie Lane for all the walkers from Bryant Woods to the Post Office	4/22/2023 2:29 PM
246	more traffic cops to slow down speeders!!	4/22/2023 10:25 AM
247	A new high school	4/22/2023 5:43 AM
248	To stay a beautiful quaint town and to minimize the building that has been going on. We're losing our beautiful landscape	4/21/2023 10:56 PM
249	To stop growing	4/21/2023 9:15 PM
250	From my 7 year old: stop cutting down so many trees From the adults: expanded facilities at Woodlock	4/21/2023 8:37 PM
251	Senior housing/assisted living facility	4/21/2023 8:33 PM
252	Maintain town as family town to raise children and minimize commercial growth. "Sleeping town"	4/21/2023 8:11 PM
253	Stay a small town with a big community	4/21/2023 7:53 PM
254	Conservation of natural resources.	4/21/2023 7:42 PM
255	More sidewalks.	4/21/2023 7:06 PM
256	Privacy kept and no major strip malls and things come into town	4/21/2023 7:00 PM
257	Sidewalks	4/21/2023 5:45 PM
258	that it not grow anymore	4/21/2023 5:44 PM
259	To remain a quaint, quiet, rural community	4/21/2023 4:35 PM
260	Keep it simple and safe as it has always been.	4/21/2023 3:58 PM
261	Stay residential	4/21/2023 2:21 PM
262	To remain residential	4/21/2023 2:19 PM
263	Town needs to spend more money on recreation facilities and programs.	4/21/2023 1:51 PM
264	More Parks and Rec focus for the kids.	4/21/2023 1:32 PM
265	For the town to remain as is	4/21/2023 9:24 AM
266	That we have more street lights	4/21/2023 8:17 AM
267	Not to get built up	4/20/2023 10:22 PM
268	More emergency resources.	4/20/2023 9:20 PM
269	to be affordable and maintainable for people that have lived here for 10 yrs plus. not for for the woke residents that are looking for all the freebies	4/20/2023 9:00 PM
270	I would love for there to be a youth center for our children. A place where they can go and learn from each other and have fun.	4/20/2023 8:15 PM
271	It remains adorable	4/20/2023 7:53 PM
272	no development	4/20/2023 6:56 PM
273	It stays a small town	4/20/2023 5:51 PM
274	beautification	4/20/2023 4:55 PM
275	Safe places to walk and bike. Either bike lanes, sidewalks, trails, etc	4/20/2023 4:15 PM
276	Keeping it a small town--no more development	4/20/2023 4:13 PM
277	Great schools	4/20/2023 1:55 PM
278	That it stay a town for raising families with all the good things like parks, house acreage,	4/20/2023 1:04 PM

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	wooded trails, clean water, wildlife corridors	
279	A new, real Police Station -- not a too small converted school/church.	4/20/2023 12:18 PM
280	To stop building!	4/20/2023 12:01 PM
281	Sidewalks	4/20/2023 10:50 AM
282	A community that has many opportunities to connect and where everyone has the chance to know what is happening in the town regularly.	4/19/2023 2:42 PM
283	Better snow plowing in the winter	4/19/2023 2:40 PM
284	Maintain its low tax rate; would be extremely nice if the rate could be lowered.	4/19/2023 8:57 AM
285	reduced property taxes	4/19/2023 8:20 AM
286	Encourage use of electric landscape tools. Phase in a ban on super polluting gas operated tools.	4/18/2023 7:50 PM
287	To keep the town small	4/18/2023 3:46 PM
288	Continued town beautification. A skate park also would be neat.	4/18/2023 11:23 AM
289	keep it small, severely limit developement.	4/18/2023 9:57 AM
290	Do not raise taxes.	4/17/2023 7:10 PM
291	To remain a quaint town.	4/17/2023 1:43 PM
292	To maintain the New England charm. Restrain from over building.	4/17/2023 1:27 PM
293	I wish that people who have chosen to live in Atkinson because they like it's rural character would stop trying to suggest changes that are not in line with it's rural character	4/17/2023 8:15 AM
294	For it to remain a small quaint town with a strong community	4/16/2023 8:47 PM
295	That it remains a relatively small Town with a Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen form of Government	4/16/2023 6:32 PM
296	That the sweet, small town that is Atkinson retain as much of its charm as possible in the future	4/16/2023 6:04 PM
297	Add a gathering area & structure, perhaps a large gazebo, near or in the center of town to be used for a variety of events, entertainment & community gatherings & celebrations. One example of such an area & structure is located in Hampstead, NH & another in Westford Center, MA.	4/16/2023 5:06 PM
298	I wish that Atkinson keeps as much of its current sweet, small NH town atmosphere as possible in the future.	4/16/2023 4:37 PM
299	non-development	4/16/2023 8:41 AM
300	That we keep growing our conservation land	4/16/2023 7:37 AM
301	To stop building new houses, developments, and all types of buildings all together!	4/16/2023 7:11 AM
302	A quieter place to live	4/15/2023 6:48 PM
303	That people didn't use 121 to cut through our town!	4/15/2023 5:17 PM
304	Safer streets	4/15/2023 4:36 PM
305	That it remains a peaceful, safe, well-taken care of town for all ages.	4/15/2023 4:23 PM
306	Not to get over grown.	4/15/2023 1:20 PM
307	Keep the town a welcoming with a small town feel, do not allow the town to be overdeveloped and loose it's green spaces and sense of community.	4/15/2023 8:27 AM
308	Upgrade of Town Parks, consider adding more courts for multi use, addition of lights on feilds and courts.	4/14/2023 7:45 PM
309	Remain a small peaceful NH town that is a wholesome and healthy environment for its	4/14/2023 7:12 PM

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residents - and a desirable place for families to live.

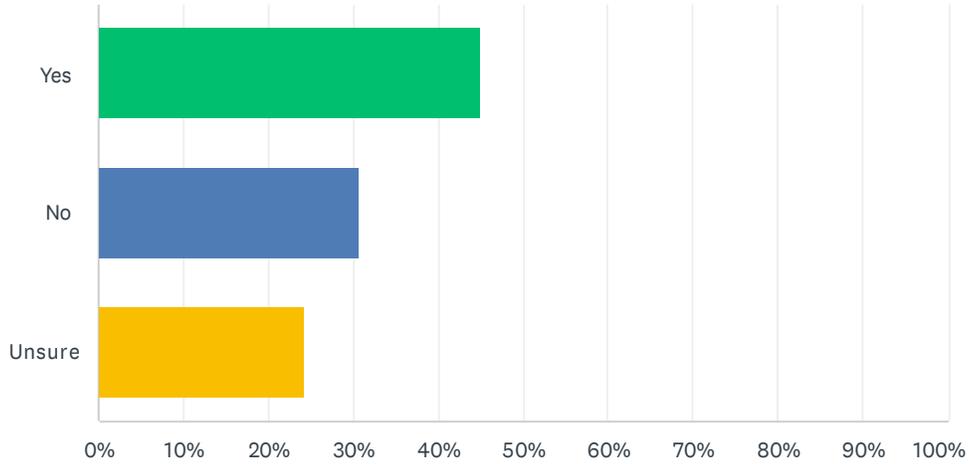
310	Maintain the character of the town (smalltown atmosphere, friendly community)	4/14/2023 2:49 PM
311	To maintain the quaint small town atmosphere.	4/14/2023 11:24 AM
312	To remain the small NH town that we know is a wonderful place to raise a family and live a peaceful lifestyle.	4/14/2023 10:43 AM
313	Affordable housing for younger people.	4/14/2023 9:45 AM
314	To remain the same	4/14/2023 6:05 AM
315	Keep it a small bedroom community	4/14/2023 5:16 AM
316	Hockey Rink	4/13/2023 9:47 PM
317	decreased traffic	4/13/2023 9:13 PM
318	Maintain a small-town atmosphere	4/13/2023 6:23 PM
319	To remain a small town with little traffic and no stores.	4/13/2023 5:01 PM
320	Stop building and remain a small town.	4/13/2023 2:32 PM
321	Stop building and remain a small town.	4/13/2023 2:29 PM
322	Sidewalks! Let's connect our neighborhoods safely and become less dependent on driving for trips to the village store, library and academy!	4/13/2023 2:23 PM
323	affordable	4/13/2023 2:21 PM
324	Control population growth.	4/13/2023 2:10 PM
325	For it to remain safe, quiet & neighborly!	4/13/2023 1:35 PM
326	Move forward in a non-political, truthful manner.	4/13/2023 12:52 PM
327	Fiscal restraint, keep taxes down!	4/13/2023 12:19 PM
328	Safe places to walk.....sidewalks would be great for the elderly & kids.	4/13/2023 12:18 PM
329	Fiscal restraint, keeping taxes down!	4/13/2023 12:10 PM
330	That we get caught up on our town's deferred maintenance.	4/13/2023 10:40 AM
331	Thoughtful expenditure of our taxes and improved School security.	4/12/2023 10:39 PM
332	Paved bike path	4/12/2023 9:49 PM
333	Continue to be a friendly, cost-effective town providing help for seniors.	4/12/2023 9:11 PM
334	Prosper	4/12/2023 6:17 PM
335	A well balanced community that takes pride in meeting the needs of all demographics	4/12/2023 4:43 PM
336	Keep our farms and open space	4/12/2023 4:39 PM
337	Keep our farms and open space.	4/12/2023 4:38 PM
338	To keep as much open space as possible	4/12/2023 4:12 PM
339	Have the technology infrastructure to allow for growth to each household and town building.	4/12/2023 3:49 PM
340	Keep the open spaces; stop building	4/12/2023 3:28 PM
341	To maintain that small town feel.	4/12/2023 3:21 PM
342	My one wish would be to make sure Atkinson keeps its small town feel	4/12/2023 2:56 PM
343	Keeping property tax levels where they are and avoiding unnecessary spending	4/12/2023 1:45 PM
344	Keep the growth small.	4/12/2023 12:59 PM
345	It's rural character remains	4/12/2023 12:36 PM

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346	Halting new business and housing construction.	4/12/2023 12:24 PM
347	Keep it small - no more building neighborhoods/complexes	4/12/2023 11:54 AM

Q2 Do you think the needs of all community members are currently being met in Atkinson?

Answered: 365 Skipped: 77



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	44.93%	164
No	30.68%	112
Unsure	24.38%	89
TOTAL		365

Q3 Why or why not? Whose needs are not being met?

Answered: 196 Skipped: 246

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	wish there was a way to figure out why people my age group (25-44) are not either moving here or staying here	5/18/2023 3:24 PM
2	middle income people elders ho can no longer live in their current homes	5/18/2023 2:34 PM
3	1) Baseball age is 13+ - no field 2) young college grads+ cannot afford to purchase ah one here 3) senior supported assisted living not available	5/18/2023 1:57 PM
4	not enough affordable housing for young families	5/18/2023 1:39 PM
5	broad array of services provided to youth through seniors	5/18/2023 1:30 PM
6	housing is too expensive to draw and keep young families and individuals there is no enough affordable housing.	5/18/2023 1:12 PM
7	I don't know if there are enough housing options for seniors who need to downsize but want today in Atkinson	5/18/2023 12:45 PM
8	the needs of medium income and above re met. those getting going in life or at the end of life are not being met	5/18/2023 12:29 PM
9	I think we could do more to provide support to seniors. I could also think of other benefits too bring family age peoples to the community	5/18/2023 12:19 PM
10	middle-aged and teens are under served	5/18/2023 12:02 PM
11	I think in general needs are currently being met. need to keep on top of demographics and make sure our older services can meet the needs of an aging population	5/12/2023 5:04 PM
12	Atkinson is a great town and does not need improvement. nobody is left out!	5/12/2023 3:42 PM
13	Need affordable housing for young people	5/12/2023 10:57 AM
14	Do not know of any resident's needs not being met	5/12/2023 10:33 AM
15	Elderly	5/12/2023 10:12 AM
16	KEEP OUR TOWN THE WAY IT IS.	5/12/2023 9:41 AM
17	A good indicator is that it is a very desirable place where people want to move to.	5/11/2023 11:23 PM
18	Tax increases are forcing seniors to leave Atkinson. Fixed income cannot keep with inflation in general.	5/11/2023 8:41 PM
19	I know some families are in need of help with medical issues, supplies of food and I think there are people who would like to live in this nice town that aren't here for lack of housing availability.	5/11/2023 6:30 PM
20	I believe the town is NOT responsible to meet all the needs of the community members	5/11/2023 3:17 PM
21	Children, bikers have space for kids to explore. Bike lanes for safe biking	5/11/2023 3:11 PM
22	Elderly and lower income	5/11/2023 3:04 PM
23	Senior housing	5/11/2023 1:59 PM
24	we moved here because of the housing situation	5/11/2023 1:57 PM
25	kids, youth, programs, needs,	5/11/2023 1:45 PM
26	Starter homes Affordable homes	5/11/2023 1:25 PM
27	The old have no place to go in Atkinson once they can no longer live on their own. The young	5/11/2023 1:18 PM

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	working people cannot afford to live here.	
28	Need more rental property	5/11/2023 1:15 PM
29	very expensive	5/11/2023 1:03 PM
30	Families-need activities like other towns do. Home days	5/11/2023 1:02 PM
31	we have a great senior program and transportation	5/11/2023 12:56 PM
32	too expensive for younger population	5/11/2023 12:50 PM
33	I think they try very hard. If people are not being served they are not trying	5/11/2023 12:32 PM
34	elderly are getting priced out	5/11/2023 12:24 PM
35	places for teenagers, perhaps. Woodlock Park seems more suitable for children	5/11/2023 11:48 AM
36	I think the whole town deserves better public safety. we need to make sure our fire, police, and highway are keeping up with the times	5/11/2023 11:34 AM
37	there's no areas available for the persons who have had to down grade from homes or condos except Atkinson Apts.	5/11/2023 11:23 AM
38	young families	5/11/2023 11:04 AM
39	I think more could be done/improvements could be made to the recreation facilities/recreation programs/youth programs.	5/11/2023 9:10 AM
40	Do not know enough about the subject	5/11/2023 7:31 AM
41	Recreation areas need to be expanded to include community activities for all age residents i.e. trail, road race, bike race on trails.	5/11/2023 7:14 AM
42	more recreational facilities for kids	5/11/2023 6:49 AM
43	Condos pay same taxes and do not get town services-plowing/road maintenance	5/10/2023 10:59 PM
44	Middle and High School facilities and curriculum are subpar for our children	5/10/2023 10:04 PM
45	Affordable homes	5/10/2023 10:01 PM
46	E.g., our houses in our HOA pay the same taxes as other residences but have no road services: maintenance + plowing! Why not? I assume other HOA developments have the same disadvantages. If the town refuses to provide these basic services the it must lower our tax rates.	5/10/2023 9:33 PM
47	Not enough housing for all income levels	5/10/2023 9:06 PM
48	Atkinson is resistant to change. Sometimes that is good, sometimes it is not	5/10/2023 9:03 PM
49	There are not new single family, single floor homes with basements built with their own land and that are not condos or 55+. Need other options for people who would like to downsize and stay in Atkinson	5/10/2023 8:37 PM
50	No housing for low income citizens No subsidized No small houses 1 to 2 bedrooms	5/10/2023 8:13 PM
51	You're free to live where you want if they aren't.	5/10/2023 7:07 PM
52	Think there needs to be more for kids after school and in summer. Not more organized sports	5/10/2023 6:03 PM
53	New/young teachers can not afford to live in town. Older residents priced out, ability to age in place	5/10/2023 5:54 PM
54	Housing is becoming less affordable for young families.	5/10/2023 5:48 PM
55	Atkinson is an ideal place for 55+ residents. Accordingly, the age demographic for Atkinson reveals how well it is responding to their needs!	5/10/2023 5:44 PM
56	don't know enough about the subject	5/10/2023 5:34 PM
57	I'm unsure, but have concerns about the median age of the population.. Services need to be projected and budgeted for before the needs hits.	5/10/2023 4:24 PM

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58	I do not believe the needs of the younger population are being met.	5/10/2023 2:31 PM
59	we are just one community but we are surrounded by other communities and services that we use. hospitals etc are all nearby we do not need to have everything in our small town	5/10/2023 1:05 PM
60	we have active senior community, youth recreation and other groups	5/10/2023 12:49 PM
61	dog park is needed	5/10/2023 12:40 PM
62	because town dept's are well-run town hall available hours - enough business hours police and fire dept's well run and efficient	5/10/2023 12:19 PM
63	Affordable Senior housing	5/10/2023 12:15 PM
64	all current community members are being met, but no younger people can afford to buy houses here; unless they have six figure jobs	5/10/2023 11:52 AM
65	we need housing for renters, and nursing home care for elders	5/10/2023 9:47 AM
66	I think those who already reside in Atkinson are being sufficiently provided for with respect to housing options.	5/10/2023 8:52 AM
67	medium/low income is an issue teachers that work with tow can't afford to live in the town.	5/9/2023 6:45 PM
68	the average person is not in a club or click	5/9/2023 4:50 PM
69	there are not too many options to rent	5/9/2023 4:37 PM
70	A growing elderly population can use a shuttle system to keep them mobile - elder services is great, but more is needed - younger people can't afford Atkinson housing and we need them in our town -	5/9/2023 4:21 PM
71	not sure but there is always holes in the system.	5/9/2023 4:07 PM
72	my needs are met. However, I constantly hear the elderly struggle to maintain living in their houses well after retirement.	5/9/2023 3:59 PM
73	senior housing	5/9/2023 3:43 PM
74	need starter homes encourage young families with development of starter homes... all homes to be "school tax" free until 1st child reaches 4-5 years old	5/9/2023 3:30 PM
75	Entry level teachers, police, etc., town employees probably are not and will not be able to buy/live here.	5/9/2023 8:56 AM
76	Population is aging. Would like to see more people raising children again in town.	5/9/2023 7:41 AM
77	Selectmen dont work together. They all have there own agenda and hire unqualified people for various positions	5/8/2023 7:45 PM
78	It would be impossible to meet everybodys needs. Who would payfor meeting wveryones needs?	5/8/2023 3:51 PM
79	The elderly are being priced out of their homes though elderly services is an amazing program-condo pricing is our of reach for many people who are aging out of their homes.	5/7/2023 8:33 PM
80	Not sure housing is affordable	5/5/2023 8:05 AM
81	With the population aging, we should be working on development of assisted living options. I don't see anything here at present.	5/3/2023 8:13 PM
82	for those who may want to rent, there isn't availability.	5/3/2023 1:58 PM
83	I can only comment from my point of view as I am not in need of any additional items from the town at this time. The senior program in Atkinson may be of interest in the future.	5/2/2023 8:34 AM
84	We have an excellent elderly care program, great schools and a wonderful community	5/1/2023 1:03 PM
85	I believe we don't have any issues with the community needs	5/1/2023 7:05 AM
86	The town has strong programs for elderly and veterans, a great elementary school, and safety personnel and facilities that match the population.	4/30/2023 12:43 PM

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87	Town is looking to only take in less money	4/28/2023 6:20 PM
88	Town is effectively providing services needed to town residents.	4/28/2023 10:53 AM
89	The Senior Transportation is a service missing in other towns nearby. with a growing population of seniors this is an important service.	4/28/2023 8:49 AM
90	General services are adequate. Services for an aging population and younger growing families could be improved.	4/28/2023 8:32 AM
91	Quality education and elderly programs.	4/27/2023 4:25 PM
92	As Atkinson has an aging population we need to ensure that those needs are understood and met	4/27/2023 1:01 PM
93	I think that the elderly would like to have more affordable options available	4/27/2023 12:22 PM
94	Especially the seniors	4/27/2023 11:14 AM
95	There are many programs offered through the Library, schools and recreation dept. The clubs in town also offer many things	4/27/2023 8:29 AM
96	N/A	4/27/2023 6:47 AM
97	there are several activities geared to the seniors of the community which is wonderful but again housing for the elderly is something to be very much considered	4/26/2023 8:34 PM
98	There could be more apartments that would help lower income	4/26/2023 7:51 PM
99	The ability to walk safely on our street is an issue. Speeding on our roads is worse than it has ever been in the past.	4/26/2023 7:36 PM
100	Not enough entry level housing	4/26/2023 7:28 PM
101	I have children at Atkinson Academy and people in my cohort see pleased with Atkinson overall. I cannot really speak to other cohorts.	4/26/2023 6:39 PM
102	I think all needs are being met...don't want to add rental property	4/26/2023 6:30 PM
103	There are not safe spaces for all to recreate, such as in safely biking and walking. The town is very car focused. Preserve rural character and open spaces.	4/26/2023 6:19 PM
104	The needs of walkers, and to a degree bicyclists, are not met. We are a car-focused town. We don't need sidewalks everywhere like a city, but we need safer options so that we don't have to drive everywhere.	4/26/2023 6:17 PM
105	affordable housing to buy or rent.	4/26/2023 5:30 PM
106	For a town like Atkinson I think there are single family and multi family units available as well as some apartments.	4/26/2023 5:17 PM
107	All the construction is obliterating the natural beauty of the town. It's driving prices up and making it difficult to make ends meet.	4/26/2023 5:15 PM
108	I don't know everyone in the community. I know that my family and I moved here for all that Atkinson has to offer and are very satisfied.	4/26/2023 3:18 PM
109	Dog owners	4/26/2023 1:59 PM
110	I'm not sure whose needs are not being met. I can say that additional housing by means of apartments and such will just send away those who have come here for the very reason that it is still quiet and rural.	4/26/2023 1:46 PM
111	Limited opportunities for young families to move into affordable housing.	4/26/2023 1:12 PM
112	Lack of affordable housing for disabled.	4/26/2023 12:38 PM
113	Seems to be working fine.	4/26/2023 12:19 PM
114	The town was established as a bedroom community it should stay that way.	4/26/2023 12:04 PM
115	Those looking to leave/sell their multi-bedroom home and move to a single bedroom full facility in Atkinson.	4/26/2023 11:54 AM

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116	If you can't afford to live here then move somewhere else	4/26/2023 11:52 AM
117	If you can't afford to live here then you shouldn't be here - move somewhere else	4/26/2023 11:40 AM
118	Concerned for the mental health and wellbeing of citizens as we voted against the mental health funding in recent election. Concerned that so few residents want to volunteer on committees, and the ones that do are only those with the free time (and therefore ample resources) to serve, and who may not offer a representative sample of the working community in our town.	4/26/2023 11:19 AM
119	While taxes are relatively low compared to some towns. Atkinson continues to expand services for a relatively stable population base. Whether new fire fighters, new equipment, the costs keep going up. This will undoubtedly price some folks out of the town.	4/26/2023 11:15 AM
120	No Affordable housing or too restrictive zoning	4/26/2023 11:08 AM
121	It seems that young families would have difficulty finding housing	4/26/2023 10:51 AM
122	Dog and leash policies are not being enforced properly	4/26/2023 10:37 AM
123	Current members are being met, no opportunity for maturing members to stay in community do not want high rise buildings but some rentals and smaller homes (vs condos) would be ideal	4/26/2023 10:21 AM
124	It's difficult for older people to stay in the community they love when they need to downsize.	4/26/2023 10:16 AM
125	Town is getting very congested and outdoor activities are getting dangerous with no places to walk	4/26/2023 9:50 AM
126	Current demographic is being met. There are some that want to increase or change the demographic and that will require other changes to the town and over needs/expenses.	4/26/2023 9:49 AM
127	Seniors need an array of services and a formal community gathering space.	4/26/2023 9:42 AM
128	We are not meeting the needs of people who need a quiet town without a speedway going through it.	4/26/2023 9:36 AM
129	I don't think we are adequately resourced for public safety and if we have a serious event, it will be evident and some residents will suffer the consequences	4/26/2023 9:31 AM
130	Communities can always do more, but I think Atkinson does a great job for a small town	4/26/2023 9:24 AM
131	Affordable starter homes limit our community from attracting young people.	4/26/2023 9:15 AM
132	No place for youth or starting families	4/26/2023 9:14 AM
133	I'm concerned about real estate taxes for long-term older residents. People who have lived in Atkinson for many years should be able to keep their homes and not be priced out due to rising real estate taxes.	4/26/2023 9:13 AM
134	We are a rural town, let's keep it that way!! That's why people want to live here.	4/26/2023 9:06 AM
135	Lower income housing needs are not being met. We need housing similar to that on Chandler Ave in Plaistow.	4/25/2023 6:41 PM
136	Renters. People who don't want or can't afford an expensive home.	4/24/2023 10:18 PM
137	Too much Lewis Builders influence in the planning and budget committee	4/24/2023 9:28 AM
138	The	4/24/2023 2:09 AM
139	Lack of affordable housing forces some out	4/24/2023 12:11 AM
140	We are still small enough that all of our needs are being met and we do not need to spend more money on things that we don't need.	4/23/2023 2:41 PM
141	As a town, I believe that we do have all the services necessary for the well-being of the town's residents (e.g. police, fire, trash pick-up, et cetera).	4/23/2023 2:21 PM
142	The town has many available services that are beneficial to its citizens in spite of my belief that it is not the town's responsibility to meet everyone's needs.	4/23/2023 2:21 PM
143	Low income housing	4/23/2023 12:11 AM

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144	I think we are doing better than some other towns around us but there are other things we can provide to help.	4/22/2023 6:13 PM
145	Kids need a new high school	4/22/2023 5:44 AM
146	Difficult for individuals to find somewhere to rent when they'd like to stay in town.	4/21/2023 9:18 PM
147	I think the needs of the 50+ crowd are considered much more. The housing developments cater to older people	4/21/2023 8:40 PM
148	Infirmid	4/21/2023 8:36 PM
149	We have too many new housing developments being built. The seniors that can afford to live there can.	4/21/2023 7:05 PM
150	We need a new high school	4/21/2023 5:46 PM
151	As a residential community there is less of a need for rental properties which are available in surrounding towns	4/21/2023 2:24 PM
152	youth	4/21/2023 1:53 PM
153	In a very general sense, our NEEDS are being met.	4/21/2023 1:36 PM
154	I believe each of us is responsible for our own well being	4/21/2023 9:27 AM
155	We need a senior living center. Not everyone has school aged children and not everyone is under 65 in this town.	4/21/2023 8:19 AM
156	renters that have been here for 20 yrs plus and take care of land in and around	4/20/2023 9:06 PM
157	Seems that we need more rental housing and maybe attract some growing families.	4/20/2023 8:18 PM
158	No low income housing. People who have lived here have to move out of town to rent or buy.	4/20/2023 5:57 PM
159	Needs and wants are 2 different things.	4/20/2023 1:07 PM
160	We are a small, bedroom community. We can never be a Plaistow or Salem. Sidewalks everywhere, community pool, public transportation just aren't in the cards here. Of all citizens, the elderly receive the most benefits, with Elder services and all the recreation events for them, and that's not a bad thing. In fact Atkinson does better for its elders than most towns and that should be celebrated.	4/20/2023 12:37 PM
161	I feel young child (Preschool) and older adults Elderly affairs are focused on and not the in between	4/20/2023 10:56 AM
162	Young families trying to find housing both rental and to buy	4/19/2023 2:47 PM
163	All needs are being met except for our children's education. A 5 and 6 rating out of 10 is a disgrace yet at the 4 hour deliberative session all that was talked about was salaries and buildings. No mention about the bad job everyone is doing at educating our most valuable asset, our children.	4/19/2023 9:13 AM
164	We are an older age community	4/18/2023 11:25 AM
165	We are need of Senior citizens center on par with Salem.	4/17/2023 1:47 PM
166	People not named Lewis.	4/17/2023 1:29 PM
167	A town the size of Atkinson should NOT be expected to meet ALL it's community members needs. We are located close enough to other towns and cities where those needs are met	4/17/2023 8:20 AM
168	One never knows the needs of everyone so a yes or no answer would be inappropriate to the question.	4/16/2023 6:38 PM
169	All ages seem to have programs/ activities/ educational opportunities available to them	4/16/2023 6:07 PM
170	Generally, all Atkinson residents likely have needs &/or wants that are communal in nature. Needs that could be better met by more town-wide events that may be seasonal (e.g. farmers markets) , Holiday-based are few or non-existent. Specifically, I believe the aging population may be at risk of not being able to continue their residential funding requirements (mortgage,	4/16/2023 5:16 PM

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rental, & tax costs) due to the ever-rising cost of living/inflation & more affordable housing units could play a positive role in this eventuality.

171	Currently there are programs/activities/educational opportunities for all ages	4/16/2023 4:47 PM
172	Affordable housing is lacking.	4/16/2023 7:44 AM
173	Older people who want remain in town but want to downsize do not have sufficient affordable housing options.	4/15/2023 4:34 PM
174	Affordable housing	4/15/2023 1:25 PM
175	More needs to be done to support extra circulars for our children. Afterschool programs, sports and activities.	4/15/2023 8:35 AM
176	there is not enough activities for the younger generation, fell we tend to cater to the older members of the town.	4/14/2023 7:49 PM
177	For the most part, the needs of most residents are met.	4/14/2023 7:19 PM
178	Atkinson seems to somewhat represent the demographic trends observed in in the United States and the Western world in general (an aging population and fertility rates rapidly declining with the younger generation). I've noticed that the majority of housing developments in Atkinson are for over age 55 or are condominiums (multi unit buildings or detached). This certainly caters to the majority older population of Atkinson. There are also single family home developments that a younger family could purchase, provided they could afford it. I believe that future, large scale residential housing would be limited in Atkinson due to the relatively large area of wetlands and limited infrastructure (no sewer, limited utility water). Also, large scale development (water consumption, septic discharge) might adversely impact the existing aquifer. The town has a library, community center, responsive police and fire departments, quaint town hall, sports and other activities as well as being part of the Timberlane School District. So, the town has much to offer members of the community.	4/14/2023 3:29 PM
179	There is not enough available affordable housing to attract a younger segment of the population.	4/14/2023 11:27 AM
180	It is never possible to meet everyone's needs all of the time. For the most part, Atkinson is providing quality options for many. Seniors who own homes but are still struggling to live with rising prices are one group which always need help (our senior services must be funded). Otherwise, changes made do have effects in other ways which can not always be predicted..	4/14/2023 10:53 AM
181	The 24-40 year olds	4/14/2023 9:46 AM
182	Those who would LIKE to live here may find it difficult to move here because of the scarcity of rental units and the cost of home ownership.	4/13/2023 6:33 PM
183	A small town like Atkinson can not meet ALL the needs of ALL the people.	4/13/2023 5:11 PM
184	I'm sure everyone's needs are different so I doubt all are being met.	4/13/2023 2:55 PM
185	affordable senior living	4/13/2023 2:23 PM
186	Options for elderly are very limited and the cost of land is too high to build homes affordable for young buyers.	4/13/2023 1:38 PM
187	There is a need for more affordable multifamily housing.	4/13/2023 10:43 AM
188	I would like to support a private elderly only assisted living home.	4/12/2023 10:45 PM
189	Zoning ordinances do not encourage development suited for the younger generation. Generous incentives are given to 55+ communities. Affordable housing incentives are seriously lacking	4/12/2023 4:49 PM
190	Great services or elderly and children.	4/12/2023 4:42 PM
191	Not everyone needs the same service or has the same likes. A strong Elder Service program is critical to advocate for an aging population with transportation, and housing.	4/12/2023 3:58 PM
192	The reason the population age is so high is the entry level cost of housing in this area is extremely out of reach for much of the younger people. We need younger people in town to fill the schools and have future generations live here.	4/12/2023 3:03 PM
193	Atkinson is not a renter town it is a home owner town. I think there are folks who would like to	4/12/2023 1:48 PM

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live here who can't because of no housing inventory and very limited rental stock. I do think there are opportunities for smart housing growth.

194	I can't think of any needs that are not being met.	4/12/2023 1:04 PM
195	I know there are some people with unmet needs but we don't know who they are so the Town can provide for the needs	4/12/2023 12:38 PM
196	It's very expensive. Not only the cost of homes, but the whole ACC development is not affordable for the average home buyer/or potential renter.	4/12/2023 12:03 PM

Q4 What are your thoughts or concerns about the future of housing in Atkinson?

Answered: 302 Skipped: 140

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	the older generation needs to feel they can stay here	5/18/2023 3:24 PM
2	keep it small stop the speeding n main roads to protect residents	5/18/2023 3:17 PM
3	caution needs to be taken to keep Atkinson the sleepy (perfect) town it is	5/18/2023 3:10 PM
4	more affordable housing is needed for younger population	5/18/2023 2:42 PM
5	space traffic school impact	5/18/2023 2:21 PM
6	maybe more affordable for seniors	5/18/2023 2:10 PM
7	needs of our future generation leaving in Atkinson	5/18/2023 1:57 PM
8	we should not keep building if it means ruining our nature resources, esp. water. too much of out are housing is geared toward empty nesters and is very expensive. I want families to thrive and grow here like mine has been able to do.	5/18/2023 1:39 PM
9	affordability for first-time house purchasers	5/18/2023 1:30 PM
10	need to accommodate more work forces housing	5/18/2023 1:19 PM
11	Atk. would do well to seriously consider zoning changes to allow for more duplexes, apartments, "starter" homes, and "mother-in-law" type housing. it would build out tax base, improve school enrollment numbers that are declining and bring a more diverse demographic. any revenue investment is worth it.	5/18/2023 1:12 PM
12	density at the lake region, keeping the large parcel/spreadout appeal of the town	5/18/2023 1:01 PM
13	the "affordable" homes are minimal so it is difficult for young families to move into town	5/18/2023 12:45 PM
14	it will continue to be too expensive for many people to the point that we will lose economic diversity	5/18/2023 12:29 PM
15	I think we need to incorporate more affordable/rental housing into the town in order to bring younger families into town	5/18/2023 12:19 PM
16	it is getting expensive!! all of the new apartments and condos are over priced. even single-family homes are too expensive for the average family	5/18/2023 12:02 PM
17	I think the trend of moving from farming/rural - small town working class - affluent bedroom suburb is well along the way. it has got the most part been a positive transition and should be supported in the future	5/12/2023 5:04 PM
18	need more apartment buildings	5/12/2023 4:56 PM
19	I see some available space for development - that's good. but due to our population in the southern need to be careful	5/12/2023 4:43 PM
20	it should remain primarily one-family housing	5/12/2023 3:42 PM
21	it exists	5/12/2023 3:30 PM
22	find a way to make housing affordable for young families	5/12/2023 3:21 PM
23	Overcrowding	5/12/2023 11:05 AM
24	Need more apartments so young people have a place to live	5/12/2023 10:57 AM
25	Over population Water shortage Traffic Safety Taxes Need to increase social services, police,	5/12/2023 10:33 AM

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	fire, schools Protection of conservation land	
26	I am concerned there will never be housing available for downsizing Reputation of the High School is sinking fast!!	5/12/2023 10:12 AM
27	Commercialization and assisted living will kill this town.	5/12/2023 9:41 AM
28	Overbuilding	5/12/2023 8:54 AM
29	no more condos, more private individual family homes	5/11/2023 11:23 PM
30	I worry that condo developments will not be attractive years from now.	5/11/2023 8:41 PM
31	I think more thought should go into supplying different types of housing.	5/11/2023 6:30 PM
32	More agriculture & conservation Less housing The population of the town should be self limited by the resources available such as ground water, etc.	5/11/2023 3:17 PM
33	We are no longer a bedroom community which is a big loss	5/11/2023 2:26 PM
34	Smaller lots are needed	5/11/2023 1:59 PM
35	high density and rental property increases	5/11/2023 1:57 PM
36	Housing stock needs to be reviewed over time and a portion of stock needs to be affordable for young families.	5/11/2023 1:46 PM
37	need high end rentals	5/11/2023 1:45 PM
38	Too many developments (condos!) not enough resources Single small houses would be better for young couple of older retired...	5/11/2023 1:25 PM
39	do not add any more "condo" communities	5/11/2023 1:23 PM
40	Allow incentives for developers to create both workforce housing and housing like assitive living.	5/11/2023 1:18 PM
41	Need to be careful maintain small town community feel. Protect open space and water	5/11/2023 1:15 PM
42	if there are too many homes and population increase the town will loose the small town feel. it puts more demand on fire/EMS.	5/11/2023 1:11 PM
43	need to incorporate additional housing activities	5/11/2023 1:03 PM
44	All the land will be developed and we won't be a small town anymore and no open spaces	5/11/2023 1:02 PM
45	we build and turn into Andover Mass	5/11/2023 12:56 PM
46	Atkinson is prosperous because the town has attempted to grow within its natural capacity and we must use continued care	5/11/2023 12:52 PM
47	children can't afford to stay in the town that they have known all their lives	5/11/2023 12:50 PM
48	I think we need affordable single family houses	5/11/2023 12:32 PM
49	careful of over building not to many multi unit development, provide some low cost option	5/11/2023 12:24 PM
50	overbuilding which will lead to increased traffic and a strain on community center resources	5/11/2023 12:20 PM
51	If our average age is higher why are we discussing anything other than senior housing and care.	5/11/2023 12:12 PM
52	need for assisted living facility/facilities	5/11/2023 11:48 AM
53	concerned there will be house after house and not much wood area. concerned about public safety being able to keep up	5/11/2023 11:34 AM
54	for the next 10 years what is your population growth to maximum? should be a mixture of homes - condos - apartment buildings. How much land should stay untouched. Not just conservation land	5/11/2023 11:23 AM
55	catered to elderly need more family housing and a way to attract new families	5/11/2023 11:04 AM
56	I don't want to see more "high rises" in town. I like the small town feel of Atkinson.	5/11/2023 10:56 AM

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57	I think there is not much more room to build without disturbing the wildlife, so hopefully there are no more bigger developments.	5/11/2023 9:10 AM
58	new building should be limited	5/11/2023 8:31 AM
59	1. lack of water 2. affordable housing is lacking 3. no longer a small town!	5/11/2023 7:31 AM
60	Affordable homes are becoming less and less available! due to price increase, interest rates. Need to find a balance to keep the homes that are affordable/affordable! Meaning in any market condition there should be entry level homes not condos, not 55+ development, preserve these that exist and add more	5/11/2023 7:14 AM
61	Do not want Tuscan Village development Do not want apartments Make each developer build 20% of lesser cost homes for those who qualify, when a qualifier sells, must be sold to a qualified buyer	5/11/2023 6:49 AM
62	Hope only small parts of current farmland is used for single family homes. Like to keep this small town under 10,000	5/10/2023 10:59 PM
63	Elderly housing availability: affordable, single level (i.e. ranch)	5/10/2023 10:46 PM
64	No more multi-unit complexes or housing built with common lands	5/10/2023 10:25 PM
65	Need assisted living	5/10/2023 10:19 PM
66	None	5/10/2023 10:04 PM
67	persons with higher incomes will live here as homes are sold	5/10/2023 10:01 PM
68	Concern: overbuilding would destroy the character and charm of the town. Planning & Zoning boards must be very vigilant and prepared to act to defend the town's open spaces.	5/10/2023 9:33 PM
69	Concerned too many condos, population increase to point of more traffic than ever + our quiet streets have turned into speedways	5/10/2023 9:18 PM
70	Concerned about traffic and less and less green space.	5/10/2023 9:06 PM
71	Stop building	5/10/2023 9:03 PM
72	Won't be affordable	5/10/2023 8:40 PM
73	Not everyone that wants to downsize wants to move into a 55+ or a condo	5/10/2023 8:37 PM
74	Should have some small or tiny houses for older citizens. Now town has only housing for rich sr. citizens + young starting out. There is no subsidized housing in Atkinson	5/10/2023 8:13 PM
75	No new housing Need lower taxes to stay in Atkinson	5/10/2023 8:05 PM
76	Too much government involvement in land ownership, zoning that will decrease green space.	5/10/2023 7:07 PM
77	Housing too expensive. Pricing middle income and lower income out. Not being able to afford to stay	5/10/2023 6:03 PM
78	Do not want to see apartment complexes like in Salem here. Make accessory dwelling unit easier to build w/ reduced restrictions	5/10/2023 5:54 PM
79	Too much growth too quickly may hurt the town by stressing our resources.	5/10/2023 5:48 PM
80	We don't intend to ever leave Atkinson, so slower housing growth appeals to us. Additionally, minimal housing growth will sustain and grow property values.	5/10/2023 5:44 PM
81	Lack of water affordable housing is lacking No longer feels like a small town	5/10/2023 5:34 PM
82	Ability for future generations to afford a home where they grew up.	5/10/2023 4:24 PM
83	The Town of Atkinson is almost fully built-out, yet there are not many starter homes for young families moving in.	5/10/2023 2:31 PM
84	slow the development so as to preserve our natural resources	5/10/2023 12:57 PM
85	we should develop with caution and care not to over burden our resources. we should ensure we maintain the open space and character of the town.	5/10/2023 12:49 PM

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86	limiting development within reason makes sense to me. perhaps a program to assist homeowners with major expenses/housing needs and repairs?	5/10/2023 12:19 PM
87	overdevelopment	5/10/2023 12:11 PM
88	constant migration of poorer from Mass	5/10/2023 12:00 PM
89	growth needs to be balanced with added infrastructure. more people require more resources and services (police, fire, EMT)	5/10/2023 11:52 AM
90	no multi family	5/10/2023 11:45 AM
91	I'm concerned about over-building and losing our small town appeal. While I appreciate that many condo developments such as Sawmill Ridge and Page Farm are tucked away, mostly out of sight, I am concerned that allowing any additional developments like these will eventually take away from our small town atmosphere.	5/10/2023 9:50 AM
92	too much "not in my backyard" attitudes. Need to open our minds to be more inclusive and less exclusive.	5/10/2023 9:47 AM
93	Do not want to see major increase in population as a result of multi-family type housing or even cluster developments.	5/10/2023 8:52 AM
94	my concern is that if the township continues to grow, more resources will be needed to support the town - police, fire, etc.	5/10/2023 8:29 AM
95	leave things well enough alone	5/10/2023 8:24 AM
96	my thoughts are concerning. I think only people with \$\$ will afford housing. elderly will lose their housing due to utilities and other issues.	5/9/2023 6:45 PM
97	New construction is not available	5/9/2023 6:20 PM
98	its getting to crowded	5/9/2023 4:50 PM
99	tere is no land for development	5/9/2023 4:37 PM
100	concern over development	5/9/2023 4:28 PM
101	if we want Atkinson to be attractive to younger people, couples, families then we need a wider range of housing options	5/9/2023 4:21 PM
102	I am opposed to more housing developments. I know my thoughts are antithetical to affordable elderly housing. the town needs to conduct a study to determine the best wy to tackle this need.	5/9/2023 3:59 PM
103	outpricing a few demographics	5/9/2023 3:43 PM
104	also encourage above in both single family and condos prime sites: Lewis Farms, Golf Course	5/9/2023 3:30 PM
105	I think we have too many condos attracting an older population. While I value our older citizens I feel the best towns are more balance with older and younger residents. young families protect our property values when they demand good schools.	5/9/2023 3:25 PM
106	As above, as well as elders who have spent their lives here.	5/9/2023 8:56 AM
107	Aging population and less younger families in town	5/9/2023 7:41 AM
108	Tonmuch development	5/8/2023 7:45 PM
109	over 55 housing will always remain over 55 housing	5/8/2023 7:22 PM
110	We have more than enough condos & enough apartments.	5/8/2023 7:08 PM
111	That it will be just overpriced McMansions with no way for young families to either get into or remain in district.	5/8/2023 6:20 PM
112	I think Atkinson is building too much	5/8/2023 6:18 PM
113	I think its fine the way it is. If i wanted to live in s city i would live in one	5/8/2023 3:51 PM
114	I'm concerned about too much development, increased traffic, and losing the small town feel.	5/8/2023 1:56 PM

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115	i don't want to see too much more development in Atkinson. i worry about increasing rental properties often leads to higher taxes.	5/8/2023 12:47 PM
116	Very large houses are being built that only people outside the community can afford.	5/7/2023 8:33 PM
117	If there are too many homes/condos for fixed income seniors, they will vote down tax increases needed for better schools, which will result in worst schools. Housing should be balanced between single families and units for 55+	5/6/2023 8:06 PM
118	Young adults can't afford to move here	5/5/2023 8:05 AM
119	See No. 3	5/3/2023 8:13 PM
120	More housing for older people would be nice,	5/3/2023 4:57 PM
121	I worry that investing in improvements for my house and property will not result in an increase in market value	5/3/2023 4:45 PM
122	we need to allocate affordable housing units	5/3/2023 1:58 PM
123	Housing plans/ controls seem good - can we control - clean up peoples yards that are overflowing with junk ? The industrial park on the way into town is brutally ugly !!!	5/3/2023 1:38 PM
124	Limiting new single family construction in an effort not to end up like Danville or Sandown with high taxes due to the number of grade school students in the Timberlane district.	5/2/2023 8:34 AM
125	None	5/1/2023 8:47 PM
126	Keep ADU's attached and no more multi stories	5/1/2023 7:22 PM
127	This is a small town, not a city. Atkinson has very limited resources available from limited buildable land to well water constraints.	5/1/2023 3:57 PM
128	Limit development	5/1/2023 2:45 PM
129	That the big developer gets what they want at the expense of everyone else	5/1/2023 1:03 PM
130	Over building!!!	5/1/2023 7:05 AM
131	Do not allow high rise developments	4/30/2023 5:56 PM
132	Too many 55+, elder facilities driving up emergency expenses, that population voting against proposals and needs that benefit those younger than them.	4/30/2023 12:43 PM
133	It is needs to slow down	4/28/2023 6:20 PM
134	Keep it just the way it is	4/28/2023 12:46 PM
135	Concerned about continued development of high density/high need buildings. Especially for high need locations such as a nursing home or high density housing. These will strain town resources causing a need to increase town government and hence increase taxes.	4/28/2023 10:53 AM
136	We need to be concerned about heavy increases in traffic due to highly concentrated housing (condos, assisted living, etc.)	4/28/2023 8:32 AM
137	No more houses being built	4/27/2023 7:04 PM
138	Not much lane left too make any huge changes.	4/27/2023 6:55 PM
139	That it gets overdeveloped.	4/27/2023 4:25 PM
140	There is not enough planning for elderly housing needs going forward, e.g., assisted living, nursing homes, hospice, etc.	4/27/2023 1:01 PM
141	I believe having an elderly housing option would make residents happy so they do not have to leave a town they love as they age	4/27/2023 12:22 PM
142	No more development	4/27/2023 11:24 AM
143	getting too crowded	4/27/2023 10:18 AM
144	None	4/27/2023 8:29 AM
145	Please keep our town small and sweet	4/27/2023 8:29 AM

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146	Expense and taxes	4/27/2023 6:47 AM
147	Too many homes and infrastructure demands will raise taxes	4/26/2023 9:12 PM
148	just expressed this in the last question	4/26/2023 8:34 PM
149	Lewis family putting unnecessary buildings up and making this a town like Salem	4/26/2023 8:05 PM
150	More rentals for lower income residents	4/26/2023 7:51 PM
151	Overdevelopment. Condos, townhouses, apartments	4/26/2023 7:41 PM
152	Slow down growth and large developments, concentrating on smaller developments with more wild areas	4/26/2023 7:36 PM
153	Prices are too high	4/26/2023 7:28 PM
154	Stop trying to build more houses	4/26/2023 7:03 PM
155	We might need an apartment building and more elderly services.	4/26/2023 6:34 PM
156	None	4/26/2023 6:30 PM
157	No changes to zoning	4/26/2023 6:22 PM
158	We need to balance the above needs with those of individuals needing affordable housing.I think it is important to provide housing diversity to allow young families and individuals, as well as elders and others of limited financial means to live in the town. It does not behoove the town to have all large homes and wealthy folks.	4/26/2023 6:19 PM
159	Water	4/26/2023 6:17 PM
160	This is a tough one. We need to preserve our open spaces and rural character. I don't know how to do that and to have affordable housing.	4/26/2023 6:17 PM
161	Concerned that we are Building on every square inch of available land	4/26/2023 6:06 PM
162	We need some senior housing that is not price prohibitive	4/26/2023 6:04 PM
163	I think building is out of control	4/26/2023 5:36 PM
164	So long as affordable housing is continually blocked, we will remain an elite haven rather than a community that welcomes people of every income level.	4/26/2023 5:30 PM
165	Stop the exceptions to the rules and don't change the rules to accommodate certain developers	4/26/2023 5:17 PM
166	That continual growth will completely destroy what was nice about the town. These rich folk seem to like to push more regulation on farming/animal husbandry in addition to eating up good land. Don't care for it.	4/26/2023 5:15 PM
167	Single family or duplex only	4/26/2023 3:43 PM
168	That there will be high-density housing in the future. If people want that, there are several solutions in nearby States and Towns.	4/26/2023 3:18 PM
169	Be cognizant of any approval of multi-unit housing projects (condos, apartments, duplex style) that aren't age restricted so as to minimize the impact on schools and other town services that would be needed to support the population density those type dwellings require.	4/26/2023 3:11 PM
170	Atkinson getting too big and lacking the services needed to provide for the entire town.	4/26/2023 2:28 PM
171	we need more affordable housing for first house and down sizing buyers.	4/26/2023 2:13 PM
172	Atkinson needs to maintain its quaint small town feeling and not turn into big multi story multi family buildings.	4/26/2023 2:00 PM
173	It is the same as adjacent towns.	4/26/2023 1:59 PM
174	The housing in Atkinson is the same as everywhere else - lacking. But I don't want apartments filling that void.	4/26/2023 1:46 PM
175	Less condos, keep 2 acre lots	4/26/2023 1:33 PM

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176	It seems like the building in town is geared towards retirees or childless couples. There does not seem to be any emphasis on building housing that is suitable and affordable for young families.	4/26/2023 1:12 PM
177	Taxes don't get too overbearing. A decent tax rate	4/26/2023 12:43 PM
178	Any commercial expansion ie: codos nursing homes etc should bare the brunt of the additional cost for fire and police protection as well as road maintenance	4/26/2023 12:24 PM
179	If we add housing, it will be too overcrowded. There will be less available to current residents. Meaning children. (Less space at school, space for sports and other activities)	4/26/2023 12:19 PM
180	Not enough low income housing	4/26/2023 12:17 PM
181	There is too much in residential growth. The acre zoning should be complied with without exception	4/26/2023 12:04 PM
182	As I put in 3 above.	4/26/2023 11:54 AM
183	Enough is enough - you're ruining this small bedroom community	4/26/2023 11:52 AM
184	assisted living	4/26/2023 11:45 AM
185	Enough is enough this small country town is being overrun with developing. As it is the police can't even control all the speeding on Main Street	4/26/2023 11:40 AM
186	Only allow single family homes...no more townhouses or large condo complexes	4/26/2023 11:20 AM
187	I've just moved here 13 months ago, so have not yet cultivated thoughts or concerns on that subject.	4/26/2023 11:19 AM
188	I hope it doesn't get over developed.	4/26/2023 11:09 AM
189	Retired folks should not have to pay school taxes	4/26/2023 11:08 AM
190	We need to have young people to maintain vitality for the future	4/26/2023 10:51 AM
191	lets not lose our conservation land.	4/26/2023 10:33 AM
192	Somewhat concerned about the number of large developments in the are and the ability of Police/Fire/Rescue to respond to the growing population.	4/26/2023 10:16 AM
193	Too many condo's	4/26/2023 10:03 AM
194	Keep the small town feel. Limit the crazy growth we have had lately.	4/26/2023 10:03 AM
195	No more please.	4/26/2023 9:50 AM
196	Don't over grow. Don't mcmansion it.	4/26/2023 9:49 AM
197	No need to focus on large apartment complexes or the like...those are available in neighboring Salem and other surrounding communities.	4/26/2023 9:42 AM
198	No concerns	4/26/2023 9:39 AM
199	If we turn Atkinson into the next Tuscan Village of Salem, we will lose the beauty of our town	4/26/2023 9:36 AM
200	Stop building developments unless you are going to increase all the infrastructure required to support the additional people and units	4/26/2023 9:31 AM
201	I hope that Atkinson remains small and affordable	4/26/2023 9:24 AM
202	let the market decide	4/26/2023 9:22 AM
203	Should encourage cluster development for youth oriented condos and rentals like Royal Crest in N. Andover	4/26/2023 9:14 AM
204	maintain focus on single family units with emphasis on preserving open space.	4/26/2023 9:13 AM
205	If we want more families, there needs to be more houses and less condos. Families need and want space. Older residents downsize.	4/26/2023 9:08 AM
206	Do not want multi family units	4/26/2023 9:07 AM

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207	NO MORE BUILDING!!!!	4/26/2023 9:06 AM
208	I would not allow excessive large scale condo housing to be built but cluster housing would be ok, within limits	4/26/2023 9:03 AM
209	The average home or condo price makes it hard to attract first time buyers or younger families.	4/26/2023 7:57 AM
210	More affordable housing for people over 65 needed	4/25/2023 10:44 PM
211	Need lower income housing.	4/25/2023 6:41 PM
212	Worried about affordable housing	4/25/2023 3:25 PM
213	We don't need the influx of condos into our simple housing market. Mad congestion and overcrowding will only lead to more issues in the future.	4/25/2023 9:44 AM
214	It seems that every lot everywhere is being developed for a house or a condo complex. People need housing, but we also need open space.	4/24/2023 10:18 PM
215	Too fast - without care for the environment	4/24/2023 9:02 AM
216	Their does not appear to be any affordable rental apts or houses in the town. It appears everyone is price gauging.	4/24/2023 2:09 AM
217	There have been a lot of new developments, but not much subsidized senior housing	4/24/2023 12:11 AM
218	I am hoping that we do not build more homes or commercial developments to keep our town a small town.	4/23/2023 2:41 PM
219	That, in an effort to grow the town, the nature of housing (i.e. private property vs. rentals) and the volume of population growth will change the character of the town and the overall quality of life here.	4/23/2023 2:21 PM
220	My concern is that Atkinson being a border town of Massachusetts will increase its population beyond its resources and will lose its agriculture and conservation land to developers.	4/23/2023 2:21 PM
221	None	4/23/2023 8:20 AM
222	That developers, who sit on many town committees, will use their power to use this survey as an excuse to over-develop the town.	4/23/2023 12:11 AM
223	We need more elderly housing with nearby services; a Community Center with easily accessible storage and more space; we need to be sure we protect our water supplies; we need plans to replace systems that are aging before a crisis (one example: the heating/cooling systems at the library); we need a safe Police Station...	4/22/2023 6:13 PM
224	Kelp Atkinson rural	4/22/2023 5:44 AM
225	My concerns are that there is to much building going on. We're losing our landscape	4/21/2023 10:59 PM
226	Concerned that much of the open space land that we have today will be gone and replaced with additional housing developments where houses are built on top of each other and cost \$1 million to purchase.	4/21/2023 9:18 PM
227	Less of the developments! Stop developing so much land. What makes our town special is all the greenery and not being over developed	4/21/2023 8:40 PM
228	Single family homes being occupied by elderly instead of young families	4/21/2023 8:36 PM
229	Housing Cost too high for young families to be able to move into town.	4/21/2023 8:21 PM
230	We need to calm it down a bit for a while. So much building recently has changed the vibe quite a bit- more traffic, more accidents, etc	4/21/2023 7:55 PM
231	A lot of condos and land being purchased to build. Atkinson is a great small town. Let's keep it that way!	4/21/2023 7:07 PM
232	No more new building. Save conversation land. Clean water! Sidewalks! We moved to bring our kids up here and don't want a city feeling like all the towns nearby.	4/21/2023 7:05 PM
233	Need to stop building new houses	4/21/2023 5:46 PM
234	I am concerned it will continue to be unaffordable for young families who may want to move	4/21/2023 5:46 PM

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	into town.	
235	Too many is a bad thing	4/21/2023 4:00 PM
236	Avoid additional construction of rental and condo units.	4/21/2023 2:24 PM
237	no land left, conservation bought it ALL. more ball fields	4/21/2023 1:53 PM
238	My concerns are an increase in population (housing) and an increase in taxes.	4/21/2023 1:36 PM
239	I believe each of us is obligated to maintain our property and thereby instill a sense of community pride	4/21/2023 9:27 AM
240	Worried that people are listening to the wrong individuals and not paying attention holistically	4/21/2023 8:19 AM
241	Worried about it getting built up.	4/20/2023 10:24 PM
242	it's out of control. you are allowing all of these additional multi complexes such as atkinson country club and what lewis builders are trying to do and it will cost the property owners and renters more while they make the buck	4/20/2023 9:06 PM
243	Seems that we r adding more housing for our older adults but not for our younger growing families.	4/20/2023 8:18 PM
244	I worry that tax increases could force long term residents/elderly out	4/20/2023 7:55 PM
245	Concern that it will be over built! Don't want country club getting any bigger! Assisted living is not needed	4/20/2023 5:57 PM
246	i am against more condos/ , multi housing , elderly housing , etc it puts a financial strain on the town	4/20/2023 4:58 PM
247	I would like to see the development and population kept down	4/20/2023 4:26 PM
248	young families can't afford to move here.	4/20/2023 1:07 PM
249	Atkinson housing valuation is skyrocketing and is unaffordable for many young families to move here. We have great incentives (55+) for elderly to move here but very little affordable housing for families or single people. In fact, the smaller, more affordable houses, if Atkinson follows trends in other towns, will most likely be purchased, torn down and more expensive homes built in their place. If Atkinson wants young families to live here, there must be changes made to the regulations and incentives.	4/20/2023 12:37 PM
250	I don't think there will be affordable starter houses available in ANY small towns, not just Atkinson!	4/20/2023 12:03 PM
251	I'd like it to stay a bedroom community without apartment buildings and so called assisted complexes that charge over \$500K	4/20/2023 10:56 AM
252	I'd like to see Atkinson continue as a pleasant bedroom community.	4/19/2023 3:01 PM
253	It is becoming even more expensive to buy a house in the town, which will exacerbate the above problem	4/19/2023 2:47 PM
254	Need to keep a healthy balance between family and elder housing. I think we have that now and should continue this balance.	4/19/2023 9:13 AM
255	Reasonable sized/priced housing needs to be built unlike homes on Winslow Dr, etc. not in developments or associations.	4/19/2023 8:26 AM
256	Plan construction of new middle class family housing with progressive architecture.	4/18/2023 7:53 PM
257	We need more family aged (24-42) individuals	4/18/2023 11:25 AM
258	limit growth due to ground water concerns	4/18/2023 10:00 AM
259	Stay the course.	4/17/2023 1:47 PM
260	Calm the growth.	4/17/2023 1:29 PM
261	I don't want to fix an economic problem with zoning.	4/17/2023 8:20 AM
262	Too much overdeveloped areas lose the small town feel	4/16/2023 8:52 PM

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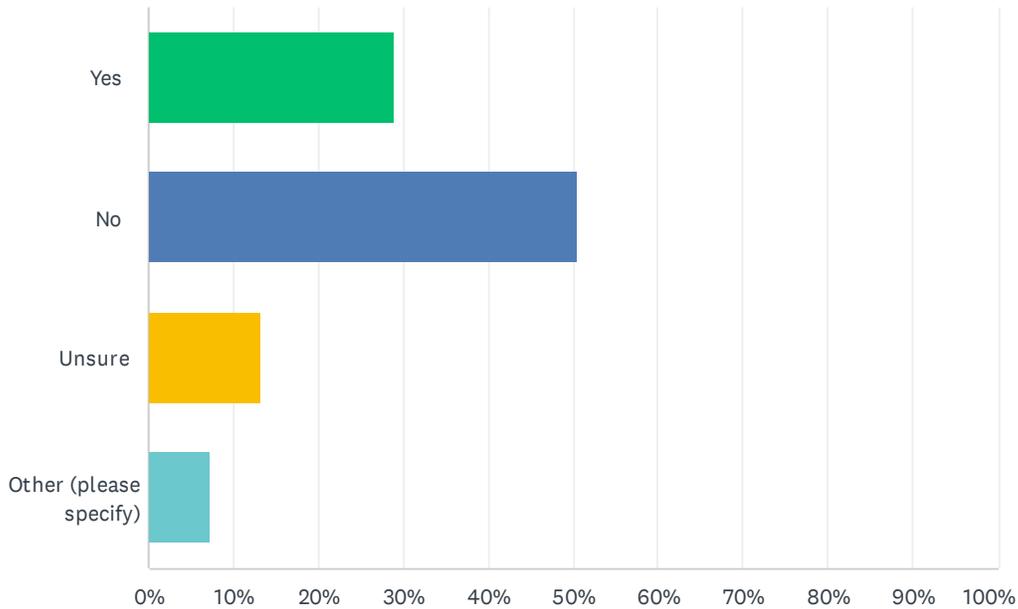
263	As much as I prefer single family dwellings, it is unreasonable to expect that we will not see a continuation of Condominium developments. Cluster housing in new areas are a good option also.	4/16/2023 6:38 PM
264	Housing will definitely be needed	4/16/2023 6:07 PM
265	As in most municipalities, there is the risk of inflation & rising costs of living that may push out those aged & on a fixed income from their homes.	4/16/2023 5:16 PM
266	As the population of Atkinson ages more senior housing will be needed	4/16/2023 4:47 PM
267	less the better	4/16/2023 8:44 AM
268	We need to be able to support seniors to continue to live in their homes or downsize within Atkinson.	4/16/2023 7:44 AM
269	I'm concerned that Atkinson will continue to be developed, and I don't want that. I wish the zoning laws would change! I want people to understand that every little scrap of land does NOT need to have a building on it! Just leave things alone!!	4/16/2023 7:25 AM
270	I worry about too much growth, the increase in traffic with additional growth and the loss of the country feel that attracted my family to Atkinson.	4/15/2023 1:25 PM
271	Starter homes in this community is hard to find, it's hard for a young family to purchase there first home.	4/15/2023 8:35 AM
272	Housing has become very hard to secure due to rising interest rates and the inflation of the housing market. There is no more starter homes for young families to purchase.	4/14/2023 7:49 PM
273	That zoning laws will change and Atkinson will end up looking like other communities that do not have a rural feel or resemble the peaceful place that it has been. Post-pandemic, many are looking to settle in a conveniently-located small town that offers ample land around a home to have some freedom to move about...	4/14/2023 7:19 PM
274	In my opinion, the town should be realistic in considering the actual physical constraints (wetlands, lack of municipal sewer and water) within the town. Also, there should be some limit to the number of units to be built in a given year as part of developing a long-term Master Plan. In addition, I believe most Atkinson residents would prefer to keep the small town feel of the community. I witnessed a town in New Hampshire grow too fast, with no formalized Master Plan, leading to infrastructure, police, fire and school issues requiring burdensome funding assumed primarily by the homeowner through significant property tax increases.	4/14/2023 3:29 PM
275	We need more affordable owner occupied housing.	4/14/2023 11:27 AM
276	To over-develop and even more so to have our water compromised.	4/14/2023 10:53 AM
277	Overdevelopment, water usage, overpopulation	4/14/2023 6:13 AM
278	Too many houses being built, high rise condos, etc.	4/14/2023 5:17 AM
279	Getting to crowded	4/13/2023 9:48 PM
280	I am concerned about the proliferation of apartments.	4/13/2023 9:14 PM
281	I wouldn't want to see Atkinson become or stay a place only for upper income families only.	4/13/2023 6:33 PM
282	We currently have low priced apartments (Lewis), Multi age condos at Bryant Woods, 55+ condos at the Country Club, 2 developments of homes on Main St plus regular houses. This variety is more than enough for our small town. No more cluster housing or assisted living necessary.	4/13/2023 5:11 PM
283	stop building.	4/13/2023 2:55 PM
284	There really is not a lot of land available for new construction & our present housing is becoming obsolete.	4/13/2023 1:38 PM
285	Concerned about unnecessary capital projects for our size town	4/13/2023 12:22 PM
286	Too many condos & houses will spoil our "small town" appeal. The speeding traffic is all ready out of control!	4/13/2023 12:20 PM
287	I believe we could use more affordable rental units in town, and in the nation as a whole.	4/13/2023 10:43 AM

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288	Growing to fast.	4/12/2023 10:45 PM
289	I'm against increasing number of housing units	4/12/2023 9:54 PM
290	Continue to provide affordable housing for seniors.	4/12/2023 9:14 PM
291	Traffic impact studies should be mandatory for any future building. The main streets are overburdened. New roadways need to be examined.	4/12/2023 6:20 PM
292	We will just continue to build more cluster/condo developments targeted to attract residents with "no kids" The "no kid" statements have been made publicly by the Planning Board, Board of Selectmen and the Budget committee. We need to change that or we will just become a retirement community and perpetuate the trend of the ever increasing median age. We need to balance	4/12/2023 4:49 PM
293	Concerned that there is too much new construction turning our little town into a large, over populated town.	4/12/2023 4:42 PM
294	The Town should allow Independent Living development by someone other than the Lewis family. If we want to ship our elderly off to another town as we currently do it makes it more difficult on the families to offer supportive care.	4/12/2023 3:58 PM
295	I think there's too much building going on. Especially condo units.	4/12/2023 3:21 PM
296	I don't like the HOA and housing developments going in. I would rather see more single family homes and non HOA areas if there is a continuation of house building. I don't want to see condos/high rise apts.	4/12/2023 3:03 PM
297	More growth control	4/12/2023 1:50 PM
298	Balancing housing growth with open space and the rural suburban character of the town -- I don't think all of those things are necessarily in conflict	4/12/2023 1:48 PM
299	I am afraid that there will be too much new housing in Atkinson, and it will no longer be the small lovely town that makes it so great.	4/12/2023 1:04 PM
300	There will be efforts that result in overbuilding	4/12/2023 12:38 PM
301	Should remain at current level	4/12/2023 12:32 PM
302	I hope Atkinson stays small but it feels like there's the option for a lot of building.. again, the ACC development does not feel like a good fit for the small, country feel I love about Atkinson.	4/12/2023 12:03 PM

Q5 The majority of housing units in Atkinson are owner-occupied single-family homes. Do you think Atkinson should encourage different housing alternatives to accommodate the growing and changing population?

Answered: 358 Skipped: 84



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	29.05%	104
No	50.56%	181
Unsure	13.13%	47
Other (please specify)	7.26%	26
TOTAL		358

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Only fair	5/11/2023 3:04 PM
2	Should look at small multi unit development	5/11/2023 12:24 PM
3	is the opposite than aging or average age	5/11/2023 12:12 PM
4	single condos apartment house	5/11/2023 11:23 AM
5	Add more flexible zoning to allow smaller lots with smaller homes to allow affordable house	5/11/2023 7:14 AM
6	There are very few areas left that remain clutter free of apartments, renters who bring children here-unless builders want to pay higher taxes to accomodate cost of a good education	5/11/2023 6:49 AM
7	Promote for aging population	5/10/2023 10:46 PM
8	Older population. Would love the opportunity to stay in Atkinson in 5-10 years	5/10/2023 10:25 PM
9	In-law housing easier to approve	5/10/2023 9:18 PM

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10	Would need more info about where and what would be built	5/10/2023 8:37 PM
11	we need blue-collar, working family housing. Affordable, but not multi-family	5/10/2023 12:19 PM
12	there is plenty of overpriced condos going in	5/9/2023 4:50 PM
13	In Law	5/3/2023 1:38 PM
14	Limited 55+ facilities are fine, again LIMITED	5/2/2023 8:34 AM
15	Yes with an offsetting cost for required town services	4/26/2023 12:24 PM
16	Absolutely not	4/26/2023 11:52 AM
17	Affordable housing for young people trying to buy smaller homes	4/26/2023 11:05 AM
18	Limited	4/26/2023 10:16 AM
19	Senior and assisted living.	4/26/2023 9:42 AM
20	only with with an emphasis on protecting as much open space conservation land.	4/26/2023 9:20 AM
21	this is geared toward lewis builders and their plan. how much did they pay for this?	4/20/2023 9:06 PM
22	Depends on what the community decided it wants	4/20/2023 12:37 PM
23	Still single dwelling but perhaps some 2 bedrooms or cluster vrs highrise.	4/16/2023 7:44 AM
24	We need more single family homes and condos that are affordable to younger people ages 20-50.	4/14/2023 11:27 AM
25	As stated above, help can be provided to seniors - even tax breaks - to allow them to remain at home.	4/14/2023 10:53 AM
26	We have a moral obligation to care for all groups of residents, which will gradually change with demographics. The spirit of the Town is to be inclusive and welcoming. That will be tested as a greater portion of the residents age and need assistance for daily living.	4/12/2023 3:58 PM

Q6 Why or Why Not?

Answered: 222 Skipped: 220

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	like the small community	5/18/2023 3:17 PM
2	if we dont allow more we'll only have the old rich adults!	5/18/2023 2:42 PM
3	potential to overwhelm resources, roads, etc. needs to be careful considered	5/18/2023 2:34 PM
4	very little opportunities for young people to stay here! limited opportunities for single seniors to continue to afford to live here	5/18/2023 1:57 PM
5	to encourage young people to stay here, we need to examine living options that affordable	5/18/2023 1:39 PM
6	see #2	5/18/2023 1:12 PM
7	it is a commuter community, not a large commercial area, safe family atmosphere	5/18/2023 1:01 PM
8	I think a 55+ rental option would be great for more seniors who done want the responsibility of home ownership	5/18/2023 12:45 PM
9	the needs if there	5/18/2023 12:29 PM
10	I think we are all pushing for workforce to come to NH/town but can't accommodate affordable housing from people who are not planning on leaving town. if no one is moving/transitioning into smaller homes, no one is moving to town - not enough homes for people to move into	5/18/2023 12:19 PM
11	but only if it is affordable!	5/18/2023 12:02 PM
12	the town character of helping our neighbors is largely de to the housing arrangement. the town does not have the systems of infrastructure for more densely packed housing	5/12/2023 5:04 PM
13	we have option of condos and single family housing both permanent - no hotels please	5/12/2023 4:43 PM
14	this might be an option in a town that is not already built out to the extent Atkinson is	5/12/2023 3:50 PM
15	Atkinson is a safe, stable, primarily one-family home community. it does not need other housing alternatives.	5/12/2023 3:42 PM
16	Availability for elderly housing. The units available now are too large, ostentatious, expensive. Not needed at that level!	5/12/2023 10:12 AM
17	We can read through this survey to know what the angle is here. NO ASSISTED LIVING, NO Commercialization, NO huge buildings and no multi dwelling units.	5/12/2023 9:41 AM
18	we need 2 acre zoning because the town does not have public utilities to support a more dense population	5/11/2023 11:23 PM
19	Look at all the condo developments in Salem. They were once attractive now they are ugly and in my opinion drag down property values.	5/11/2023 8:41 PM
20	I think diversity is healthy for everyone involved.	5/11/2023 6:30 PM
21	Our goal should not be to increase the population density, but to maintain a high quality rural atmosphere	5/11/2023 3:17 PM
22	we badly need elderly housing from adult care to hospice to death	5/11/2023 2:26 PM
23	Entry level options Senior care options Areas of reduced land requirements to address cost to purchase and assessment values for property taxes Costs to maintain property (land)	5/11/2023 2:06 PM
24	More seniors now	5/11/2023 1:59 PM
25	ownership inspires engagement. We intend to retire here and are in the "family forming" cohort	5/11/2023 1:57 PM

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26	Senior housing	5/11/2023 1:46 PM
27	lots of older people in ATK with million dollar houses ready to sell but want to say in ATK but no options. open up market with rituals	5/11/2023 1:45 PM
28	Few places for both the young and the old.	5/11/2023 1:18 PM
29	Need more rental space and affordable housing	5/11/2023 1:15 PM
30	keeping the small town feel for students in the schools, emergency services	5/11/2023 1:11 PM
31	elderly and low income housing	5/11/2023 12:56 PM
32	Higher density will stress our resources	5/11/2023 12:52 PM
33	Not enough resources for multi family buildings. Many people depend on wells for water. Schools are already overwhelmed.	5/11/2023 12:51 PM
34	price point is too high which leads to high concentration of older residents	5/11/2023 12:50 PM
35	I think the homes being built need to be small enough for families starting off	5/11/2023 12:32 PM
36	Lewis is building a total of 7 building that are not single-family homes. I feel we have satisfied different housing. Doing that isn't gonna swing average age	5/11/2023 12:12 PM
37	use of land is protected by multi-unit housing the is duplexes, townhouses	5/11/2023 11:48 AM
38	very few people can afford to live here. a single-family home is very expensive	5/11/2023 11:34 AM
39	rentals to make town more accessible	5/11/2023 11:04 AM
40	If you encourage different housing alternatives, they should fit in with the town. High rises can be found in Salem, we don't need them here. Cluster housing is okay as long as it fits the town.	5/11/2023 10:56 AM
41	I like that Atkinson has a small town feel with mostly owner occupied single family homes.	5/11/2023 9:10 AM
42	Do not want transients with no stake in town's welfare	5/10/2023 10:59 PM
43	Dont need transient rental population	5/10/2023 10:04 PM
44	Would not support over population Moved here for rural setting do not wan high residency or more stores	5/10/2023 10:01 PM
45	Maintain the character and attractiveness of the town. We are a traditional New England town, not city.	5/10/2023 9:33 PM
46	Low cost apartments for seniors	5/10/2023 9:06 PM
47	I hate to see land being developed	5/10/2023 9:03 PM
48	Atkinson is discriminating young & old	5/10/2023 8:13 PM
49	More people bring in higher taxes	5/10/2023 8:05 PM
50	Because we do not need to encourage the population to change. We do so by inviting with accommodation, much like Biden has done at our border with Mexico. The population will not change much if you do not encourage it to do so.	5/10/2023 7:07 PM
51	Not apartment buildings Maybe 2 family housing	5/10/2023 6:03 PM
52	Duplex & town homes are ok if planned to blend into the architecture of community & within community settings	5/10/2023 5:54 PM
53	Atkinson does not have the infrastructure or amenities currently valued by young adults and growing families. Changes necessary to attracting such a demographic will be costly and require rezoning and possible Eminent Domain acquisitions, which I strongly oppose.	5/10/2023 5:44 PM
54	Condos, on the smaller size but affordable prices	5/10/2023 5:34 PM
55	This is an issue everywhere. More Housing is needed, being creative about multi family Housing and other forms is simply necessary.	5/10/2023 4:24 PM
56	I think this would provide a more affordable option for people not ready to purchase a new	5/10/2023 2:31 PM

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	home.	
57	we are already inundated with large tracts of condos. no more please! lets have a limit on building - control our growth	5/10/2023 1:05 PM
58	we are a small town lets keep it that way	5/10/2023 12:57 PM
59	the future is changing so must Atkinson. but slowly and deliberately	5/10/2023 12:11 PM
60	I don't think our Town is set up geographically for this. I don't think it would be successful to allow apartments or large numbers of multi family units because we lack the infrastructure, and access to public transportation, and access to highways that other towns that offer housing like this have which enables their success. Our town just isn't meant for that. Many have transplanted here just to get away from that and enjoy a slower, more rural pace of life.	5/10/2023 9:50 AM
61	Why would we want to encourage significant increases in population?	5/10/2023 8:52 AM
62	Different communities offer different things. If you are looking for something different, surely you can find it in another community. You do not need to mold Atkinson to make it one-size-fits-all. The one change I would consider is easing some of the zoning laws to allow for houses to be built a little closer together or allow people to add in-law apartments. We waste a lot of space in Atkinson. Consider creating more open space while shrinking lot size requirements. Create corridors (bike/walking paths) between open spaces.	5/10/2023 8:45 AM
63	Atkinson is not an elite town but people wanted to be	5/9/2023 6:45 PM
64	Mostly single-family, but many condos which dont get much by way of town services which drives up cost for residents - we need to ensure a balance to make Atkinson attractive	5/9/2023 4:21 PM
65	if housing developments were necessary, I believe town houses and maximum 4-unit apartments would be tolerated. to that point, these properties should be designated Section 8, or some other low-income designation.	5/9/2023 3:59 PM
66	need more multi-family apartments or condos and more care for/with elderly families	5/9/2023 3:30 PM
67	owner occupied single family homes attract folks who are invested in the community. they also attract families who will lobby for better schools. good schools keep crime rates low and property values high. the also promote a sense of pride in the community.	5/9/2023 3:25 PM
68	See above.	5/9/2023 8:56 AM
69	There should be a strong look into Assisted Living housing.	5/8/2023 7:22 PM
70	Atkinson has grown exponentially in the past 30 years. Let's not put more strain on our resources. I would like to have Atkinson keep its small town atmosphere, so rare in southern NH.	5/8/2023 7:08 PM
71	I don't want to lose the small town feel and I don't want our beautiful town to become transient.	5/8/2023 6:18 PM
72	I do not want to see an increase in population	5/8/2023 1:56 PM
73	Not every town has to be for everyone. You can live wherever you like.	5/8/2023 12:47 PM
74	I'm ok with housing alternatives as long as it remains balanced population wise between young families vs fixed income seniors.	5/6/2023 8:06 PM
75	There appears to be plenty of condos being built	5/5/2023 8:05 AM
76	See No. 3	5/3/2023 8:13 PM
77	Not everyone can afford to purchase a single-family home	5/3/2023 4:45 PM
78	We need to accommodate current residents first. Any new building projects are secondary with a focus on maintaining the small town atmosphere without exploding the population and tax requirements.	5/2/2023 8:34 AM
79	People that own are typically more invested in the community as opposed to people that rent	5/1/2023 8:47 PM
80	Atkinson is a rural town and is mostly developed except for a few large tracks and one that has multi use and is over built already. Enough is enough. Our zoning board has been shown a history of granting reasonable relief all while maintaining the wishes of the zoning ordinance.	5/1/2023 7:22 PM

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81	More population regardless of the type of housing increases our property tax and strains already low well water tables in many areas.	5/1/2023 3:57 PM
82	There is enough development	5/1/2023 2:45 PM
83	We are not Salem. The town is spread out and mostly developed. The most recent request for a massive development on land that already has multiple uses would create a major burden to our public safety as well as roadways	5/1/2023 1:03 PM
84	I currently live in apartments in Atkinson and do not think we need anymore.	5/1/2023 7:05 AM
85	The town will slowly become a city	4/30/2023 5:56 PM
86	Plenty of condominiums already.	4/30/2023 12:43 PM
87	Maintain the current community characteristics that enticed us to move here	4/29/2023 2:29 PM
88	Added strain on town resources. Atkinson has low taxes and low crime. Let's plan to keep it that way.	4/28/2023 10:53 AM
89	we live in a new senior condo development and think it is a good solution,	4/28/2023 8:49 AM
90	Population is not growing significantly.	4/28/2023 8:32 AM
91	They can go to Salem Derry or plaistow if they want apartments	4/27/2023 6:55 PM
92	What are the current needs. Feel that more elderly housing is needed.	4/27/2023 4:25 PM
93	Keep it the way it is	4/27/2023 11:24 AM
94	too crowded-leave some trees	4/27/2023 10:18 AM
95	Not interested in building rentals in Atkinson.	4/27/2023 8:29 AM
96	It will increase taxes, more needs for schools, fire, police! All of which are very expensive to tax payers. Will also deteriorate the beauty of our town	4/27/2023 8:29 AM
97	Lower income and rentals seems to bring crime and strain on emergency services.	4/27/2023 6:47 AM
98	Owner occupied people care about property they keep up and care about the place they live	4/26/2023 8:05 PM
99	Apartment buildings like the Lewis ones	4/26/2023 7:51 PM
100	I like the small town feel, it's what makes it a desirable location	4/26/2023 7:41 PM
101	The reason most moved here was for the open spaces and not over developments that have occurred in many small towns in areas of Massachusetts	4/26/2023 7:36 PM
102	Diversity among housing options supports young families as well as older resort who have aged out of single family homes but wish to remain in town	4/26/2023 7:28 PM
103	KEEP ATKINSON SMALL!	4/26/2023 7:03 PM
104	Atkinson is a great place to live and I don't think we need to mess with what got us here.	4/26/2023 6:39 PM
105	We should have apartments and condos that are NOT age restricted.	4/26/2023 6:34 PM
106	I like that we don't have a lot of rental property because it keeps taxes down	4/26/2023 6:30 PM
107	Don't have housing that attracts many families with kids or our school costs will rise like Derry	4/26/2023 6:22 PM
108	See above comments. It is important to proceed carefully to preserve the town character.	4/26/2023 6:19 PM
109	The right thing to do	4/26/2023 6:17 PM
110	Atkinson has become a town for rich people	4/26/2023 6:04 PM
111	Safety	4/26/2023 5:36 PM
112	Changes the feel of the town. We aren't Salem and shouldn't try to become a big town like it.	4/26/2023 5:17 PM
113	Unsure. I don't care to see more land eaten up by buildings, and people seeking to move north don't look for apartments typically. New Hampshire has very poor tenant protections, and	4/26/2023 5:15 PM

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there's especially no use in putting up apartments if they're unaffordable. New Hampshire's pricing out a dying middle class as is.

114	Opens the door for overpopulation and becoming a city. Did not move to Atkinson to live in a city. There's been plenty of building yet our property taxes keep increasing - where the hell is all the new money collected going???	4/26/2023 4:39 PM
115	Professional and retirement community. Family attractive - Family activities	4/26/2023 3:43 PM
116	Because that is being considered everywhere else. Look at our crime rate vs. higher density / lower owner occupancy areas. Atkinson should be encouraging those that would change it to vote with their feet as my family did to get away from "different housing alternatives".	4/26/2023 3:18 PM
117	See comments #4	4/26/2023 3:11 PM
118	The population will swell and we will no longer be a small town and community.	4/26/2023 2:28 PM
119	to accomodate different sizes and income households.	4/26/2023 2:13 PM
120	Need med cost apartments for young people	4/26/2023 1:56 PM
121	See my answers above.	4/26/2023 1:46 PM
122	Atkinson is a small town. Lets keep it that way	4/26/2023 1:33 PM
123	Young families are important to maintain the vitality of the community. Housing choices should be made to try to attract younger people to Atkinson.	4/26/2023 1:12 PM
124	Help with the tax base	4/26/2023 12:24 PM
125	Keep as is.	4/26/2023 12:19 PM
126	It should remain a small local community without concessions	4/26/2023 12:04 PM
127	Many elderly couples can't afford to stay here, and would like too.	4/26/2023 11:54 AM
128	This small town is being ruined. The police couldn't even stop the speeding on Rt 121 (Main St) 20 years ago and it is 100x worse now - you can't even pull into or out of your driveway without someone almost ramming into you	4/26/2023 11:52 AM
129	people who move in have been settling down for years. Now they're old and need elder services!	4/26/2023 11:45 AM
130	We used to be a nice bedroom community - it's now being over developed which invites crime	4/26/2023 11:40 AM
131	There are plenty of alternatives already in neighboring cities like salem and plaistow...Atkinson should remain a single family community	4/26/2023 11:20 AM
132	not sure how one could answer no without revealing their own prejudice.	4/26/2023 11:19 AM
133	The charm of Atkinson is its bedroom community appeal and open spaces. No town can meet the demands of every need but as the population ages some consideration should be made to ensure we can accommodate our elderly.	4/26/2023 11:15 AM
134	Atkinson is a unique town and people love it here because it is safe and not over developed.	4/26/2023 11:09 AM
135	Need our kids to stay in their home town	4/26/2023 11:08 AM
136	Property taxes will go up like Derry if more apartment type building are developed	4/26/2023 10:53 AM
137	It would allow young families to find housing	4/26/2023 10:51 AM
138	more housing more services.....ie police, fire, & taxes...	4/26/2023 10:33 AM
139	Smaller homes (likely requiring smaller lot requirements) will allow younger families entry to community.	4/26/2023 10:21 AM
140	Yes, but growth in a controlled, environmentally responsible way.	4/26/2023 10:16 AM
141	As a population grows, generally, so do crime rates and the need for additional services.	4/26/2023 10:05 AM
142	Moved here for he small town it is.	4/26/2023 10:03 AM
143	The residents moved here because they like the current structure of the town. Why change it	4/26/2023 9:49 AM

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	and make us move?	
144	To allow those who already live in the community to remain.	4/26/2023 9:42 AM
145	We already have several alternative housing complexes to accommodate some of that need.	4/26/2023 9:36 AM
146	Connection to the community is built by owning in the community. Renters don't have any skin in the game and often cause problems.	4/26/2023 9:31 AM
147	We need to maintain our small town comforts and do not need to raise our taxes by adding more people	4/26/2023 9:24 AM
148	Current housing is unreachable for most people starting out in life and those who are older and want to stay in town as they age.	4/26/2023 9:15 AM
149	To attract youth and vitality to the town	4/26/2023 9:14 AM
150	I like single family developments that preserve as much open space as possible.	4/26/2023 9:13 AM
151	Allow cluster housing	4/26/2023 9:03 AM
152	I would be against building apartment complexes. Feel large apartment complexes was the demise of Derry as the property tax rate is beyond our retirement income.	4/26/2023 7:57 AM
153	See question 4	4/25/2023 10:44 PM
154	We have home owners who are on fixed incomes, who could benefit from lower income housing.	4/25/2023 6:41 PM
155	Maybe more condominium/small houses	4/25/2023 3:25 PM
156	Overcrowding will lead to more issues	4/25/2023 9:44 AM
157	Too much development. Need to keep a small town feel.	4/24/2023 10:18 PM
158	I enjoy a diverse community that can meet the changing needs of its residents as they go through various life transitions. Transitions are hard, but having to leave a community you love makes it harder	4/24/2023 12:11 AM
159	Again, I like our small town.	4/23/2023 2:41 PM
160	Population growth should naturally be limited by the resources available within the borders of the town. We should be welcoming, but also considerate of this fact, when encouraging new residents to settle here. Land conservation issues, lowering of the water table, increased traffic congestion, and even more crime, can all result from rampant population growth.	4/23/2023 2:21 PM
161	I wish not to maximize our population which would detract from our rural way of life and peaceful character. Wetlands and conservation lands are a valuable gift as a legacy for future residents of this town.	4/23/2023 2:21 PM
162	It will no longer be considered a quaint town	4/23/2023 8:20 AM
163	Because developers can attain office and use their power to change local rules to allow more development.	4/23/2023 12:11 AM
164	It is the responsible thing to do.	4/22/2023 6:13 PM
165	Atkinson is a great town the way it is! Do not over build with condos	4/22/2023 2:31 PM
166	Small town, single family homes	4/22/2023 5:44 AM
167	I don't want Atkinson to be one a transient town	4/21/2023 10:59 PM
168	There are enough building happening	4/21/2023 8:40 PM
169	Elderly need options	4/21/2023 8:36 PM
170	Home owners treat their town respectfully and less transient population	4/21/2023 8:21 PM
171	There are towns better equipped to handle various housing opportunities, not ours.	4/21/2023 7:55 PM
172	Atkinson is a small town. It should be kept that way.	4/21/2023 7:07 PM
173	It is a small town. Keep it as it is. No new builds! The golf course has plenty. No to multi	4/21/2023 7:05 PM

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family rentals, duplexes, wonder occupied multi unit building , age restricted housing, no assisted living - there are tons nearby. In law dwellings should be allowed.

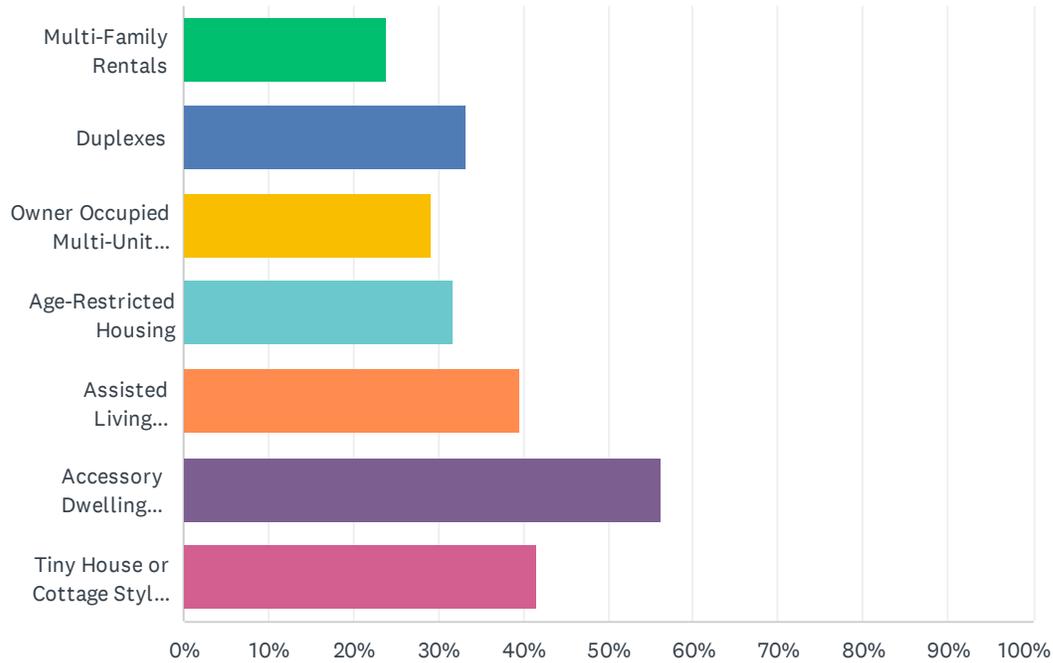
174	We like our small bedroom community and don't want it to become any larger than it is.	4/21/2023 4:00 PM
175	Growth is limited and is comprised of buyers looking for single family homes. Atkinson doesn't have sufficient business presence to warrant other housing types.	4/21/2023 2:24 PM
176	high end rentals	4/21/2023 1:53 PM
177	Our town cannot and should not meet the wants of the entire population. There are plenty of other places to live if a single family home isn't the solution for people.	4/21/2023 1:36 PM
178	I believe the town is unique and should remain so	4/21/2023 9:27 AM
179	We are a diverse community with many types of families	4/21/2023 8:19 AM
180	We moved here for the small town atmosphere.	4/20/2023 10:24 PM
181	lewis builders is trying to get the town to vote on this as they make the buck and property owners pay the price	4/20/2023 9:06 PM
182	Building will take away too many green spaces and it will lose its small town feel. Furtive building should be limited to only a few low income houses.	4/20/2023 5:57 PM
183	we would need more fire trucks, firemen, police, roadwork the small town feel would be gone	4/20/2023 4:58 PM
184	The town is good as it is. No need to increase the population.	4/20/2023 4:26 PM
185	If the community wants families with school age children, then we must change. It appears that many people are so focused on their taxes that they really don't want families here. Decisions, votes and actions all indicate that Atkinson residents think we should become a 55+ community.	4/20/2023 12:37 PM
186	We do not have the resources needed such as water, electric, etc.	4/20/2023 12:03 PM
187	I think allowing in law attachments or not attached should be considered based of Square footage and closeness to neighbors. we currently have an out building that would be great for a young renter our adult child or elderly parent but are told we can not use it for that	4/20/2023 10:56 AM
188	I'd like to see options for older citizens, but I am opposed to rental and multi-family housing.	4/19/2023 3:01 PM
189	see above. A mix of ages and stages of population are good for ant community. We all learn from each other.	4/19/2023 2:47 PM
190	Our current zoning and housing plans make Atkinson a very desirable place to live. Absolutely no reason to change. Water and sewerage will become a major expensive problem if we change.	4/19/2023 9:13 AM
191	Retain Atkinson as an option for people who like it the way it is.	4/18/2023 7:53 PM
192	water concerns	4/18/2023 10:00 AM
193	Changes character of the town.	4/17/2023 7:11 PM
194	The town is successful. No need to change course.	4/17/2023 1:47 PM
195	I think almost 50% of the housing in Atkinson is condos. Of the remaining houses, I seems that most of them are older smaller houses on small lots. I think we have a good mix.	4/17/2023 8:20 AM
196	Owner occupied usually means more caring about their community	4/16/2023 8:52 PM
197	As the town grows housing will be needed	4/16/2023 6:07 PM
198	I am under the perception that there is enough buildable land & if we're careful to require new housing developments (single & multi-family units, as well as affordable housing) offset far back enough from our rural-looking roadways, we should be able to attract & keep more diverse & aged populations than we now do.	4/16/2023 5:16 PM
199	no development, on existing lots, sure	4/16/2023 8:44 AM
200	People are locked out from Moving to Atkinson because of costs and seniors who want to downgrade can't afford to stay in Atkinson.	4/16/2023 7:44 AM

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201	Because there's no room to put up rental units. If people want to rent in southern NH, they can find something somewhere else. In fact, I really wish the entire state, and moreover, the entire country, would stop housing and business development!! I'm not just concerned about this for Atkinson, I'm concerned for the entire world. Human population is out of control! People need to stop having kids rather than us destroying the earth and putting up more housing & businesses.	4/16/2023 7:25 AM
202	I think having a majority of owner-occupied single-family homes encourages responsible upkeep, community pride, deepens community roots, and makes the town a family friendly, desirable place to live.	4/15/2023 4:34 PM
203	Too much growth.	4/15/2023 1:25 PM
204	Is there space available to build other forms of housing? W/out overbuilding the town?	4/15/2023 8:35 AM
205	Multi-units or Duplex, affordable town homes	4/14/2023 7:49 PM
206	Atkinson already does offer a variety of options. In addition to single family homes, there are condo complexes, including over 55 condo options, including some for low income. The danger of limited clean water/aquapher can arise with increased new building - and building larger complexes especially.	4/14/2023 7:19 PM
207	I believe the more recent over age 55 and condominium developments (no outside maintenance, easier living accommodations) appeal to the aging population of Atkinson.	4/14/2023 3:29 PM
208	Atkinson should remain a small country town. We should not be influenced by surrounding towns such as Salem, Haverhill. Alternative housing could possibly attract more undesirable growth.	4/14/2023 6:13 AM
209	Adaptation is the key to growth and health of communities	4/13/2023 6:33 PM
210	See above comment. There are plenty of other options in towns next to us. Please keep Atkinson rural!	4/13/2023 5:11 PM
211	There are single family homes and plenty of condos. Renters could rent either of those. We are an upscale town---without sounding snobby lets keep it that way. We dont need low income apartment buildings.	4/13/2023 2:55 PM
212	Maintain a majority of family owned housing	4/13/2023 12:22 PM
213	The younger generation is being priced out of the housing market in most parts of the country	4/13/2023 10:43 AM
214	Quality of life will decrease.	4/12/2023 10:45 PM
215	More housing means more people. I like Atkinson being small population	4/12/2023 9:54 PM
216	We need housing option for the younger generation	4/12/2023 4:49 PM
217	We don't need and most Atkinson residents can't afford an assisted living facility.	4/12/2023 4:42 PM
218	There are plenty of neighboring towns offering things like elder homes and condos. It goes against the look of the town and the feel of the town and the needs of the town	4/12/2023 3:03 PM
219	It's not realistic to change the type of housing in Atkinson. I do think ADUs whether or attached or detached should be allowed.	4/12/2023 1:48 PM
220	There is no beneficial reason for the town to increase any other housing. It will crowd the road ways, put pressure on existing services, increase crime, etc.	4/12/2023 1:04 PM
221	Town's appeal would be negatively affected	4/12/2023 12:32 PM
222	Finding the balance of keeping Atkinson quaint, yet affordable for a diverse population is a tricky thing and needs to be carefully thought out.	4/12/2023 12:03 PM

Q7 If so, what types of housing? Select all that apply.

Answered: 192 Skipped: 250



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Multi-Family Rentals	23.96% 46
Duplexes	33.33% 64
Owner Occupied Multi-Unit Buildings	29.17% 56
Age-Restricted Housing	31.77% 61
Assisted Living Facilities	39.58% 76
Accessory Dwelling Units/In-Law Apartments	56.25% 108
Tiny House or Cottage Style Development	41.67% 80
Total Respondents: 192	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	I'm open to new concepts	5/18/2023 1:12 PM
2	apartment buildings - NON-AGE restricted housing - need to bring young families to grow the town	5/18/2023 12:19 PM
3	apartments for young adults	5/12/2023 4:56 PM
4	single family homes lead to a stable community	5/12/2023 3:42 PM
5	single family	5/12/2023 3:30 PM
6	None of the above single families only	5/12/2023 10:33 AM

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7	NO	5/12/2023 9:41 AM
8	none of the above	5/11/2023 11:23 PM
9	I can't think of any other but I am not looking for a trailer park, although I suppose with great regulations it might be ok.	5/11/2023 6:30 PM
10	Elderly housing from adult care to hospice to death	5/11/2023 2:26 PM
11	high end apartments	5/11/2023 1:45 PM
12	Assisted living facilities for people on Medicare, not private pay	5/11/2023 1:02 PM
13	Apartments like Lewis Apartments, but maybe bigger and with amenities? like pool, dog park, etc. maybe multi-unit buildings or condo apt are probably most affordable	5/11/2023 11:34 AM
14	age restricted okay in some area condos	5/11/2023 11:23 AM
15	Base house size restrictions on lot size. i.e. zoning that allows 2 acres for larger homes versus 1 acre for smaller home, 1000 sq ft or less	5/11/2023 7:14 AM
16	single family; owner owned only	5/10/2023 10:59 PM
17	single level (i.e. ranch style)	5/10/2023 10:46 PM
18	I actually can not believe Atkinson does not have local assisted living. I feel bad that people with this need not only having to lose their home, but the community have they have been part of for many years in most cases. If a cottage style development means single homes, single floor w/ basement on its own land and it not a condo association type deed (can be 55+) that sounds good to me!	5/10/2023 8:37 PM
19	Maintain overwhelming majority of single-family homes.	5/10/2023 7:07 PM
20	Not huge houses	5/10/2023 6:03 PM
21	Townhouse	5/10/2023 5:54 PM
22	none	5/10/2023 11:45 AM
23	age restricted housing for the young	5/9/2023 3:30 PM
24	Owner occupied multi unit buildings kept small, i.e. 4-6 units.	5/9/2023 8:56 AM
25	Smaller (not tiny) ranch type homes, age restricted.	4/29/2023 10:49 AM
26	None of the Above! (Should be an option)	4/28/2023 10:53 AM
27	yes it was put on the ballot but the younger generations isn't thinking of the elderly but will be there one day	4/26/2023 8:34 PM
28	Single family homes	4/26/2023 7:36 PM
29	non age-restricted housing and apartments	4/26/2023 6:34 PM
30	None of these	4/26/2023 6:30 PM
31	No changes	4/26/2023 6:22 PM
32	Single family only or single family with in-law	4/26/2023 11:52 AM
33	None	4/26/2023 11:40 AM
34	literally any offerings that are affordable!	4/26/2023 11:19 AM
35	NOT apartment buildings/rental	4/26/2023 10:16 AM
36	Independent senior living.	4/26/2023 9:42 AM
37	Starter homes in a cluster for starting families with exemption from school tax until 1st child reaches school age	4/26/2023 9:14 AM
38	Chandler Ave, Plaistow type housing.	4/25/2023 6:41 PM
39	I would be afraid whatever is installed it would price out the ppl needing it	4/24/2023 2:09 AM

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40	NONE OF THE ABOVE!	4/23/2023 2:41 PM
41	none of it thank you	4/20/2023 4:58 PM
42	Where are you going to put any of this?	4/20/2023 12:37 PM
43	none	4/18/2023 10:00 AM
44	None	4/17/2023 7:11 PM
45	In-law apartments are a good idea - but this may be different than accessory dwelling units.	4/14/2023 10:53 AM
46	Detached accessory dwelling units	4/12/2023 4:49 PM
47	Regionally there could be a continuum of care options so that levels of care are provided in a nearby affiliation of caregivers.	4/12/2023 3:58 PM

Q8 Picture Atkinson ten years from now. What do you want the town to look and feel like? (examples may include the overall landscape, types of development, infrastructure, facilities, and community spaces)

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	not much different. Id like to see all of the remaining open space that I see today	5/18/2023 3:25 PM
2	should be preserved the way it is now	5/18/2023 3:17 PM
3	town - good well maintained roads, public buildings - smart choices made about water, forest, wetlands, . want to see this special small town feel preserved. it is special and worth protecting	5/18/2023 3:11 PM
4	go slow with new/zoning and development prioritize conservation/easements consider 50 years out/not 10 (e.g. "what are congruent care facilities good for after the bulge in elderly subsides?")	5/18/2023 2:44 PM
5	I foresee us with an assisted living facility or something similar in order to house our growing older population. I think we will be looking at more family housing	5/18/2023 2:36 PM
6	I love Atkinson and hope that we can have more retail space other than the country store or gas station. I also feel assisted living or nursing home would be a transitional option for people no longer able to live in their homes. the community center needs additional space and updates. id Leo to see a community fared to grow fruit or vegetables for our residents: managed by our residents in an area like dow common where it would be visible and attract people to participate	5/18/2023 2:24 PM
7	as I drive through town, I want the natural vegetation to be preserved. the scatted development should continue, it makes everyone getting a loin and supporting each other more likely	5/18/2023 2:12 PM
8	I want it to look like it doesn't ow lots of open space	5/18/2023 1:39 PM
9	affordable housing for young residents Hall Farm Road is a mess! would like it to be fixed	5/18/2023 1:31 PM
10	I want it to be a place with families, not a retirement community, affordable housing is a mist for young families who are just starting out	5/18/2023 1:20 PM
11	managed growth with attention to water, sewage, trash, wildlife management, and development	5/18/2023 1:13 PM
12	good schools against large land sales to big businesses great infrastructure keep the small community feeling	5/18/2023 1:02 PM
13	keep small town feel	5/18/2023 12:46 PM
14	safer roads, (for walking and biking) state of the art park with facilities for my family, more community events for all	5/18/2023 12:30 PM
15	more stores or places for young adults to enjoy the town	5/18/2023 12:20 PM
16	same sized parcels and open space	5/18/2023 12:03 PM
17	minimize commercial development along main st focus on the 111 area/Industrial Way	5/12/2023 5:06 PM
18	please - much like today. It works well now	5/12/2023 4:57 PM
19	workforce housing affordable houses for young families	5/12/2023 4:49 PM
20	my concern is water if we can't use water in the summer months should we really be considering building more:	5/12/2023 3:51 PM
21	care and maintenance of all town building use of the original Atkinson school dog park	5/12/2023 3:43 PM
22	less traffic on side roads. less construction, dump trucks and Semis on Westside Dr, Providence Hill. more trees. a updated park facility to host outdoor concerts, community	5/12/2023 3:32 PM

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	gatherings, 4th of July festivities. community involvement	
23	Conserve the land and trees. Sidewalks would be nice	5/12/2023 11:06 AM
24	Same as now: rural environment	5/12/2023 10:58 AM
25	Like to maintain open spaces and protection of our natural resources	5/12/2023 10:33 AM
26	All of the above-but keep our "old small town vibes"	5/12/2023 10:14 AM
27	KEEP IT THE WAY IT IS..	5/12/2023 9:42 AM
28	The same	5/12/2023 8:54 AM
29	more of what we already have	5/11/2023 11:25 PM
30	Whatever it takes to maintain our small town country charm. Open spaces, well groomed common spaces, road shoulder mowing and up keep of the town buildings.	5/11/2023 8:50 PM
31	I think a main concern would be to protect our scenic and historic byway. I would like to see a new Community Center - with more accessible storage than what we have now. I envision our children going to the old Central School to see what elementary education was like in Atkinson a long time ago...history coming alive for them. An up to date Police Station. We have an excellent police department and we need to support them and help keep them safe too. I would like a plan have money to keep our town buildings in good condition without waiting for a catastrophe to happen. Keep the landscaping at our town buildings worthy of praise.	5/11/2023 6:43 PM
32	I would like it to remain the same as it is now No cluster housing No more condominium developments No more industrial areas More agriculture More conservations	5/11/2023 3:18 PM
33	Still a small town	5/11/2023 3:11 PM
34	We don't need anymore Condo Developments! We should begin to limit our growth but continue development in the commercial complex in Gigantic	5/11/2023 2:28 PM
35	Still some farmland and open spaces	5/11/2023 2:00 PM
36	want rural character to remain maintain good emergency services keep commercial development clustered	5/11/2023 1:59 PM
37	turn Academy Ave one way from Fire Dept to Police Station. Use extra land for walking and biking	5/11/2023 1:46 PM
38	I hope the town keeps its small town charm. No big businesses. We are close enough to Salem & Plaistow for that. Cute homes, not mansions, no huge complexes Expand Woodlock Park for families	5/11/2023 1:27 PM
39	the same as it does today.	5/11/2023 1:24 PM
40	Like it 'looks' now. It can have changes without dramatically changing the look and feel.	5/11/2023 1:20 PM
41	Maintain some open spaces Protect conservation lands Protect water Small town feel	5/11/2023 1:16 PM
42	swimming pool on the pond people with disabilities sports facilities ice cream bakeries sidewalks good to ride bikes senior housing better grass on fields more fields more parks community garden wheelchair park more stores fresh food in town center	5/11/2023 1:14 PM
43	I dont want Atkinson to look like Salem, Andover, Plaistow. Like the small town vibe	5/11/2023 1:04 PM
44	Bring back tennis courts, skateboard park, pickleball	5/11/2023 1:04 PM
45	more single family houses	5/11/2023 12:56 PM
46	More walking trails for seniors as well as people with wheelchairs or baby strollers.	5/11/2023 12:54 PM
47	As it is today!	5/11/2023 12:53 PM
48	more family homes sidewalks in village center	5/11/2023 12:32 PM
49	no franchises high end rentals - housing more rec facilities	5/11/2023 12:25 PM
50	same rural community	5/11/2023 12:20 PM

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51	keep as a town, open space, still have farms (active ones)	5/11/2023 12:12 PM
52	I would like Atkinson to feel like an old time Norman Rockwell town - family oriented, sense of community, volunteerism. less building more recreation spots, programs and infrastructure to encourage healthy living-exercise, community garden (vegetables) - Hampstead has a victory garden. bring back the daffodil planting every year. rec areas to include a bandstand for music, plays, more farmers markets, encouraging conservation of land and water	5/11/2023 12:02 PM
53	slow down the building keep up the open space growing	5/11/2023 11:49 AM
54	the town seems to be at a saturation point in terms of housing development. things like infrastructure could use improvement, but we don't need everything "new". one of the reasons people stay here is the tax rate. we can invest in the facilities we have, and improve them and keep the tax rate reasonable	5/11/2023 11:37 AM
55	much like it is today with controlled growth and strict cluster zoning	5/11/2023 11:26 AM
56	Keep the commercialism in Plaistow and Salem. Keep the open spaces as much as possible and stop the building.	5/11/2023 10:59 AM
57	I want it to look the same as it does now housing-wise, with the small town feel, I think that's what draws good families/people here. I would not mind a new "commercial-like" space, with a restaurant, small shops. And I would also like to see more/improved development on the recreation facilities.	5/11/2023 9:14 AM
58	updated facilities for police and community center	5/11/2023 8:33 AM
59	Increase community spaces with community activities. Blue Zone.com community environment might be helpful to our area	5/11/2023 7:16 AM
60	Keep it the same	5/11/2023 6:50 AM
61	Population under 10,000 Single family 1/2 to 1 acre lots Increase green space Increase recreation More commercial in commercial zone to help with tax base & keep some business in Atkinson	5/10/2023 11:02 PM
62	A small downtown with shops, sidewalks, parking and opportunities to walk or stroll. Example, Exeter, but a little smaller	5/10/2023 10:48 PM
63	Absolutely love the way our town presents itself. Great infrastructure.	5/10/2023 10:27 PM
64	Similar as we have but better maintained facilities	5/10/2023 10:05 PM
65	Increased conservation land Upkeep our historic land marks (Academy) & service buildings	5/10/2023 10:03 PM
66	Slower development; more open spaces preserved in perpetuum, more conservation land + trails; the feel should be as a classic New England small town.	5/10/2023 9:37 PM
67	Not much different sidewalks on main roadways ex: Sawyer, Meditation, Academy Ave	5/10/2023 9:19 PM
68	Much the same but with some senior apartments.	5/10/2023 9:14 PM
69	No further development	5/10/2023 9:04 PM
70	Small quaint town	5/10/2023 8:44 PM
71	Would like to see more convenient amenities such as banking, food shopping, pharmacy so there is no need to drive to Plaistow, Hampstead or Salem. Maybe a small plaza with all of these amenities plus a few shops and walking area. If not able to provide this for residents then a shuttle to get to these places that is not just for the elderly	5/10/2023 8:40 PM
72	Tiny houses, subsidized low income housing & apartments. There was supposed to be affordable housing in the golf course dev. by Peter Lewis, it never happened only rich apts. Residence from Mass with \$\$ buying and taking our town	5/10/2023 8:16 PM
73	Small rural community	5/10/2023 8:06 PM
74	As little change as possible.	5/10/2023 7:10 PM
75	Like the feel of the town at present	5/10/2023 6:04 PM
76	Continue as a small town charm & feel. No big corporate development	5/10/2023 5:55 PM

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77	I truly do not want to quaint feel of Atkinson to change much. Landscaping along 111 could be improved and more regulation regarding unkempt/junk front yards.	5/10/2023 5:50 PM
78	Maintain rural feel, bot with some multifamily or accessory dwelling living environments.	5/10/2023 4:27 PM
79	I would like to see a new Community Center for people to gather and provide a space for young people to play sports/games. I would also like to see an improvement to the parks.	5/10/2023 2:36 PM
80	better community center with some sort of water feature improved formally name "The Tunnel"	5/10/2023 1:06 PM
81	maintain open spaces	5/10/2023 12:58 PM
82	connect the cul-de-sacs with bike paths and you'll improve the community in many ways	5/10/2023 12:50 PM
83	leave it alone	5/10/2023 12:42 PM
84	there isn't a whole lot I would want changed in the overall landscape. I do not believe the retail development on Rt 111 is useful based on the available businesses occupying current buildings. maybe a large retail plaza on Rt 111 with several anchor stores could be a boon to the area: I actually believe Rt 121 near Plaistow should have a much larger retail and restaurant presence. Let's attract revenue into the town instead of leaving town for goods and entertainment	5/10/2023 12:24 PM
85	I would like to keep Atkinson nice and peaceful like it is now. I feel there is no need of business areas since Plaistow and Salem are so close	5/10/2023 12:12 PM
86	exactly the same as today except with a distinguishable town center keep houses and cultural-de-sacs off the main roads	5/10/2023 12:01 PM
87	I want it to look like it does now	5/10/2023 11:52 AM
88	experience based businesses - winery, golf, restaurants	5/10/2023 11:46 AM
89	I want To keep the rural feel of this town and limit commercial development. I hope that the farms are able to stay for many years to come and do not sell off to developers. I would like to see lots of green open space rather than more cluster developments. It would be interesting to consider more open green spaces that bring the community together such as a community garden or such. Maybe even a community dog park.	5/10/2023 10:01 AM
90	we have enough protected lands. We will need more recreational areas for sports and community activities.	5/10/2023 9:51 AM
91	No need for change	5/10/2023 8:55 AM
92	Largely the same. This is a residential community. We have services, restaurants, retail, medical, etc. in all the communities around us. There is no burden on us to travel 2 miles to get these things. I would consider creating more open space, while shrinking the lot size/feet from property line building requirements.	5/10/2023 8:47 AM
93	keep it the same, we don't need additional commercial development	5/10/2023 8:38 AM
94	more small business on Main Street	5/9/2023 6:46 PM
95	Walkable and vibrant downtown area by Dow common.	5/9/2023 6:23 PM
96	I want less development, less houses, less condos. I want to see the sheep and horse grazing as I drive along. I want the farm next to my house protected. I want my well to not dry out due to HAWKS greedy needs for their developments. I want our children to have the ability to live in a more rural environment	5/9/2023 4:52 PM
97	population under 8,000 limited elderly housing adequate infrastructure to support above	5/9/2023 4:38 PM
98	I like that Atkinson is predominantly residential - we have stores, restaurants etc. in Plaistow, Salem; all closely - I wouldn't want to see that level of commercial development here	5/9/2023 4:30 PM
99	just like it does now	5/9/2023 4:21 PM
100	green space, forest property and trails continued library services, including technical services and public programs clean water for household use good roadway maintenance - pothole repair, re-surfacing program assisted living	5/9/2023 4:10 PM
101	single family hoes, lots of open space, undeveloped	5/9/2023 4:00 PM

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102	continue as a bedroom community low level of business activity (Salem & Plaistow is enough more diverse community includes housing -	5/9/2023 3:44 PM
103	I would like to see the open spaces stay available to the towns people. I would like more ball fields available for children to play. I would like the town center to stay the same. more trails, bike paths, and sidewalks.	5/9/2023 3:31 PM
104	Pretty much the same. Any development "hidden " by trees, long driveways, etc.	5/9/2023 9:05 AM
105	Keep it a small community with some commercial to reduce tax	5/8/2023 7:46 PM
106	I'd like to see less invasive species all over town. Emphasis on infrastructure leads to overdevelopment, then higher taxes to support it. I'd like to see a new community center.	5/8/2023 7:16 PM
107	I would like to see the open spaces maintained. More community gathering spots such as a town pool would be great. Bathroom facilities at Woodlock park could use an upgrade and be cleaned more frequently. Some of the fields at Woodlock (soccer field) needs to be repaired. I just saw a kid sprain his ankle this weekend due to running into a big divot in the field.	5/8/2023 2:02 PM
108	there should be a sidewalk from the cemetery to the police station. This is the part of town that includes the cemetery, fire station, library, school, town hall and police station...and no sidewalk to walk on. Also, add a cell tower. Cell service in Atkinson needs to be better.	5/8/2023 12:50 PM
109	I'd like it to look the same as now - no further development- but with buildings, homes and farms kept up to look well maintained.	5/6/2023 8:10 PM
110	I would like to see an additional East-West walking/biking trail connecting with the Granite State Rail Trail that runs North from Salem and Windham	5/3/2023 8:22 PM
111	Keep the small town feeling.	5/3/2023 5:01 PM
112	A town swimming pool would be nice.	5/3/2023 4:59 PM
113	I'd love to maintain the beauty (driving down Main Street is lovely!) while also developing more of a downtown - ideally a walkable area with shops, restaurants, etc	5/3/2023 4:47 PM
114	Open space - the 7= trailheads remain untouched/preserved and accessible. 2. Affordable housing 3. Woodlock Park - would love to see 2-4 town-wide clean up days to keep the place in shape 4. Affordable mixed-use space for rent	5/3/2023 2:09 PM
115	Sometime doing nothing is the right thing to do	5/3/2023 1:40 PM
116	I would like the town to remain as it is today as much as possible.	5/2/2023 8:37 AM
117	I would like to keep Atkinson similar but give the town common and store a face lift along with better rec facilities and community center	5/1/2023 8:50 PM
118	We have updated our community center and maintain our town properties. I hope we don't see any more dense, congested, city like projects like Page Farm.	5/1/2023 7:25 PM
119	The only improvements I wish to see would be an update to the town community center building as well as Woodlock park.	5/1/2023 4:00 PM
120	Continued fiscal conservatism and very slow growth	5/1/2023 2:47 PM
121	Very similar to now.	5/1/2023 7:31 AM
122	I hope it continues to be the same town in 10 years.	5/1/2023 7:06 AM
123	I'd like it to look and feel much like it does now, with no big developments taking away the country small town feel	4/30/2023 5:59 PM
124	The current library, community center, park and trail systems would still provide great community spaces. Atkinson Academy will need improvements to the older sections within 10 years.	4/30/2023 12:48 PM
125	Ensure that the electric grid is stable and can expand to meet growth and provide clean water resources	4/29/2023 2:31 PM
126	Would like it to be similar to what it looks like now.	4/29/2023 10:51 AM
127	sidewalks, crosswalks, less development	4/28/2023 11:21 PM

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128	Development should be low impact. Single family owner occupied housing. Business should be recreational and focused on making Atkinson a daily destination spot for our residents and surrounding towns. Examples are a tennis club, another Golf Course, athletic club, spa resort. Town infrastructure should focus on improving parks and trails.	4/28/2023 11:03 AM
129	More conservation land	4/27/2023 6:56 PM
130	I'd like to see the industrial area as you enter into the town over the railroad cleaned up. It's an eyesore. It gives the wrong impression to someone entering town. As far as commercial development, retail and services would be better use of gateway.	4/27/2023 4:38 PM
131	Much as it looks today with more protected/natural areas. I would also like to see a new community center with more activities for seniors, children and teens.	4/27/2023 1:12 PM
132	Hopefully the feel of our town will remain the same. Add some assisted living for those that are aging. Continue upkeep for our existing facilities and replace as needed.	4/27/2023 12:29 PM
133	The same. No new development. We're driving all the wildlife out of their homes.	4/27/2023 11:26 AM
134	Small town with single family dwellings.	4/27/2023 8:31 AM
135	The same but with our important landmarks preserved better	4/27/2023 8:30 AM
136	Activity center for children	4/27/2023 6:48 AM
137	Continue to be a bedroom community with lots of trees gardens	4/26/2023 8:06 PM
138	More land added to conservation	4/26/2023 7:45 PM
139	Sidewalks on major roads and/bike lanes. Lots of conservation lands	4/26/2023 7:39 PM
140	Stay small and full of nature. Atkinson has a unique charm because it has always been small with very few businesses and having very few retail locations has kept our town cleaner than the surrounding towns.	4/26/2023 7:06 PM
141	Build within the town and don't put more commercial stuff on 111.	4/26/2023 6:40 PM
142	I'd like more community space, such as an area for town concerts or an Old Home Day	4/26/2023 6:36 PM
143	Same Atkinson, no change	4/26/2023 6:24 PM
144	Open spaces and community spaces maintained. No commercial development in the town center.	4/26/2023 6:24 PM
145	Similar to what it looks like now.	4/26/2023 6:23 PM
146	I would like to see a willingness to look at different projects. And I don't want to hear people moving to Atkinson referred to negatively. Frankly if you haven't lived here for three quarters of a century YOU are the newcomer as far as I'm concerned	4/26/2023 6:11 PM
147	I would like to see it look like it does today	4/26/2023 6:07 PM
148	Not much different than now.	4/26/2023 5:21 PM
149	I would prefer more forests and natural landscapes as well as farmland. Go back to its roots. You can even combine the two: silvopasture. Combine forestry with farming.	4/26/2023 5:16 PM
150	"Country" forested atmosphere- NOT A CITY!!	4/26/2023 4:40 PM
151	Better options for the elderly staying in town less expensively with the kids having moved on.having	4/26/2023 3:53 PM
152	Promote and make more attractive / accessible trails and other space related activities,	4/26/2023 3:46 PM
153	Exactly the same with a few more tastefully hidden 5G/6G cell towers.	4/26/2023 3:20 PM
154	Plenty of open spaces and recreation areas. Larger community center. Not overbuilding residential or commercial areas.	4/26/2023 2:34 PM
155	I want the town to look and feel the same as now - rural setting and close / tight community.	4/26/2023 2:19 PM
156	Small town feel.	4/26/2023 2:02 PM

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157	More sidewalks	4/26/2023 1:57 PM
158	I would love to see a bigger common, but other than that, I am happy to live in a small town community. It is why I came here.	4/26/2023 1:48 PM
159	More daffodils	4/26/2023 1:46 PM
160	Family oriented community that supports the needs of all from young families and senior citizens.	4/26/2023 1:18 PM
161	Preserve and protect our rural character, limiting commercial development to areas that are zoned "commercial" today.	4/26/2023 12:58 PM
162	Remain the same	4/26/2023 12:26 PM
163	Same as it is now.	4/26/2023 12:20 PM
164	Continued acquisitions of community land and less development!!!!	4/26/2023 12:05 PM
165	NO MORE DEVELOPMENT PERIOD	4/26/2023 11:53 AM
166	keep it this way	4/26/2023 11:46 AM
167	It shouldn't change much...should still feel like a small rural town with large lots for houses	4/26/2023 11:22 AM
168	Largely the same as it is today. We love the small-town feel Atkinson provides.	4/26/2023 11:17 AM
169	Just like it looks now so future generations can enjoy what we are experiencing now.	4/26/2023 11:11 AM
170	No change, except affordable housing. Even trailers.	4/26/2023 11:09 AM
171	improved roads and a new downtown	4/26/2023 10:55 AM
172	as we get older...& we are an older community....it would be nice to see a full time senior center.....then we wouldn't have to go to Salem	4/26/2023 10:43 AM
173	I dream of being able to still see many open pieces of land, no more storage facilities/larger commercial buildings.	4/26/2023 10:39 AM
174	Entry level housing communities, a small senior living facility (again no high rise) that still feels rural but let's aging population stay in the are	4/26/2023 10:28 AM
175	Limited growth, more full-time police/fire personnel, excellent use and maintenance of conservation land including additional trails.	4/26/2023 10:19 AM
176	Plenty of open space and keep it a residential town.	4/26/2023 10:07 AM
177	I'd like the town to look the same as it does now.	4/26/2023 10:05 AM
178	Height restrictions throughout. No large oversized development. Maintain overall look and feel of current area. Carefully contained development that doesn't overwhelm. The current clustering is a very good mix. Seems about right. A senior center and a new police station near the library and fire station would make sense. A restaurant or two, perhaps some professional/retail services, but all at the Route 111 area. The general store near the fire station and library should remain.	4/26/2023 9:54 AM
179	We need to maintain the open space and wild life	4/26/2023 9:51 AM
180	Same. Increase the public land and conservation to protect it?	4/26/2023 9:51 AM
181	I want it to look like it did 10 years ago with open landscape, maintained conservation areas, and home owners taking care of their property.	4/26/2023 9:39 AM
182	Same open land and rural charm as today with robust infrastructure and public safety	4/26/2023 9:33 AM
183	The same! Would love to see the Atkinson Academy original building better better maintained	4/26/2023 9:25 AM
184	Similar to what it is now	4/26/2023 9:24 AM
185	same	4/26/2023 9:22 AM
186	Town Center with sidewalks from Miami St to town hall and improvements to town common. Keep cluster subdivisions as main housing form	4/26/2023 9:19 AM

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187	Similar to what we have now, see no need for drastic change.	4/26/2023 9:17 AM
188	Pretty much the same as it is today. I'm not looking for major changes.	4/26/2023 9:15 AM
189	I like the open space, undeveloped feel. This is partially what drew me to move here in 2021.	4/26/2023 9:10 AM
190	The same as it does now. No more developing!	4/26/2023 9:08 AM
191	Same country feel with containment of large scale housing projects, apartments	4/26/2023 9:04 AM
192	Develop land ear-marked for industrial use. Get ownership back from the state on lower East Road, and develop as Assisted Kiving or low income housing.	4/25/2023 6:45 PM
193	Same	4/25/2023 3:27 PM
194	Much like it is now. Open prairies and woods. We don't need to become a city	4/25/2023 9:46 AM
195	should look and feel small and quaint like it did 10 years ago. Not as much building. Keep big projects out of the Country Club.	4/24/2023 10:26 PM
196	Sidewalks	4/24/2023 9:29 AM
197	Some sidewalks. A more beautified park with more tables and gathering spaces for people who are less active but enjoy the outdoors. More small businesses where people can shop and meet.	4/24/2023 12:19 AM
198	To have it the same. To keep our open spaces open and not built on.	4/23/2023 2:42 PM
199	More conservation land, no new developments, functional-yet-minimalistic infrastructure, with only the existing facilities and existing community spaces. Basically, I do not picture this town appearing and functioning like a "big city."	4/23/2023 2:33 PM
200	more conservation land and farms with no new development and roads to care for,	4/23/2023 2:33 PM
201	A small quaint town	4/23/2023 8:21 AM
202	I want it to remain rural and avoid too much development.	4/23/2023 12:12 AM
203	Rural, trees, homes that are well kept	4/22/2023 5:45 AM
204	No changes for 10 years from now	4/21/2023 9:20 PM
205	More community spaces, not tons of land being used for housing. Beautiful natural spaces. Better facilities at Woodlock	4/21/2023 8:41 PM
206	Sidewalks connecting the fire station to town hall.	4/21/2023 8:38 PM
207	Plenty of open space , conservation land with trails for families and pets to be outside . Sidewalks for walking around town	4/21/2023 8:29 PM
208	New community center, more and better playing fields and recreational opportunities. Well maintained town buildings and roads, scenic byways.	4/21/2023 8:05 PM
209	A community space for children and teens. Thriving small businesses.	4/21/2023 7:09 PM
210	Sidewalks. No more developments Expansion of fire and police services. Protect conservation. No more commercial development!!!!!!!	4/21/2023 7:08 PM
211	New high school, trees, well maintained houses, open land	4/21/2023 7:08 PM
212	I want it to be exactly the same as it is now	4/21/2023 5:47 PM
213	The same as it is now	4/21/2023 4:01 PM
214	state of the art facilities, oney on recreation facilities and programs. 1 -	4/21/2023 1:54 PM
215	It should look like and feel like a rural picturesque small NH town. With improved parks and trails. Woodlock Park specifically needs a complete renovation and investment for our community.	4/21/2023 1:39 PM
216	Again....I hope it remains as is. That is why we came here and why we stay	4/21/2023 9:28 AM
217	A modern community	4/21/2023 8:20 AM

What's Next Atkinson?

218	Stop building. Except maybe a town pool and a new Middle School and High school. Air conditioning for all schools..	4/20/2023 10:25 PM
219	stop lewis builders from capitalizing this town	4/20/2023 9:07 PM
220	I like that Atkinson is not overbuilt and still has a nice NH vibe.	4/20/2023 8:19 PM
221	Small town	4/20/2023 7:56 PM
222	same	4/20/2023 6:59 PM
223	Pretty much the same but better internet and solar arrays.	4/20/2023 5:58 PM
224	more trees and flowers , walking paths	4/20/2023 4:59 PM
225	I would love to see more gathering places even a small area of shops!	4/20/2023 4:20 PM
226	Fiber to entire town / more conservation areas / more Parks / new community center / new police station / continue very little commercial areas / more owner occupied multi family (ie: condos) - with NO age restrictions. Focusing all older people in one place isn't good for a community or society / a more appropriate "town center" that doesn't look so dumpy	4/20/2023 1:11 PM
227	A walkable downtown with a coffee shop and gathering place. Academy Avenue could be made 1 way from 121 to Maple to help facilitate this.	4/20/2023 12:43 PM
228	I'd like it to be just the way it is!	4/20/2023 12:04 PM
229	I would like to see sidewalks from school to library and a community swimming pool all people should know how to swim it's a life lesson. Additionally I would like to see changes to the parking near the village store, make it more accessible, safer Handicap accessible . Cars fly down Main St. and at times people are parking on the side of the road crossing the street not a safe practice.	4/20/2023 11:37 AM
230	I'd like to maintain the current rural atmosphere and low-density development. Trees and natural reserves are important to me.	4/19/2023 3:05 PM
231	I like the overall feel of the town,as we are lucky to have access to commercial development outside of the town boundaries.	4/19/2023 2:51 PM
232	Just a little more of what we have now	4/19/2023 9:16 AM
233	Not too much change. Seems like we are lacking safe bicycle, walking, jogging routes.	4/18/2023 8:01 PM
234	To maintain a wooded spaces	4/18/2023 11:26 AM
235	look and feel like it is today, limit growth.	4/18/2023 10:04 AM
236	Similar to how it looks today. With an eye to toward improving the overall appeal to of the community for its residents.	4/17/2023 2:04 PM
237	Encourage some restaurants to open.	4/17/2023 1:30 PM
238	I would like it to look the same and I expect that for the most part it will. Currently it doesn't look much different than it did 20 years ago.	4/17/2023 8:22 AM
239	Stay mostly the same as today	4/16/2023 9:02 PM
240	Provide we keep new community developments back from the roadway & out of sight from the roadways (assuming there is ample land available) I would support the idea of more single & multi-family home units for both the aged & affordable housing needs. A town beach on Island Pond, if feasible & a community center-based area & structure for Atkinson residents & guests to be utilized for Holiday & entertainment events, farmers markets & such would provide for more communal gatherings & a stronger sense of Town belonging/citizenship & pride. If space is available, Pickle Ball courts & possibly other recreational-based activiy areas would certainly add to the positive atmosphere & benefits of being an Atkinson resident.	4/16/2023 5:36 PM
241	no development	4/16/2023 8:46 AM
242	Still to have a rural feel however increase in services such as a senior citizen center like Salem or completely redo the recreation building like the middle and high schools too out dated ; a new police department; perhaps a couple small businesses like a coffee shop; increase businesses around 111 to help with business revenue.	4/16/2023 7:54 AM

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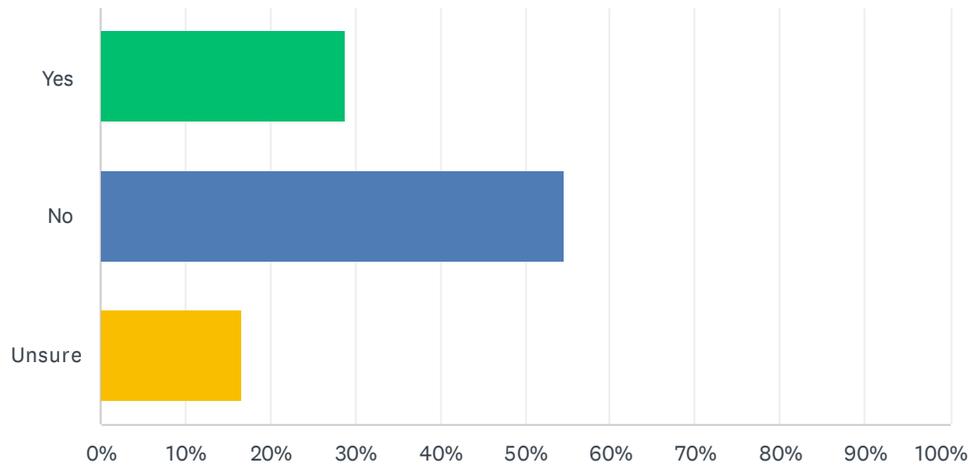
243	I'd like to see Atkinson stay the same - no more development. In fact, if we could tear down some developments, I would love that, but I know what's done, is done.	4/16/2023 7:32 AM
244	More trees, so many were removed and cut after the ice storm. More restrictions for trucks, maybe weight limits in quiet areas. More options for trails for those with motorbikes away from housing so the don't ride around their yard or on less traveled roads. Noise ordinances on LEAF BLOWING and a limit on the number of hours landscape companies can perform services. Also restrictions on daily unnecessary chainsaw use.	4/15/2023 6:54 PM
245	Would love to see the rural areas preserved, and the green spaces preserved. I would not like to see significant development.	4/15/2023 4:40 PM
246	I would like to see Atkinson keep its rural feel. The development at Paige Farm destroyed a lot of wildlife habitat	4/15/2023 1:41 PM
247	Improvements to Woodlock Park, overall facilities, feild layouts and use permits, create new courts, Bathroom facilities. Collins Park needs feild upgrades, Create more Parks/Feilds beyond what we currently have.	4/15/2023 8:45 AM
248	New Police Station, Turf Feilds, Gymnasium with full size courts, Dog Parks, Sidewalks allowing walking access for school, town hall, Library and town square. Bike paths on town Lands	4/14/2023 7:55 PM
249	To be honest, I would want the town to look much as it did a couple of decades ago, with historic homes, and tree-lined streets. A lovely, clean, and well-groomed town common, streets, and intersections make such a difference.	4/14/2023 7:22 PM
250	Similar to the way it looks now	4/14/2023 3:31 PM
251	More outdoor public recreational facilities. Parks that are attractively landscaped and are family friendly.	4/14/2023 11:30 AM
252	Retain the historic element of our town. It would be great to have an historic section. Keep zoning laws are they are. Quiet, peaceful and green, with town common decorated for Christmas and other holidays.	4/14/2023 10:56 AM
253	More conservation land, less development.	4/14/2023 6:15 AM
254	Small town community	4/14/2023 5:18 AM
255	I don't think the overall "landscape" will change dramatically.	4/13/2023 6:49 PM
256	I am satisfied with our town the way it is. I moved here for the rural feel and open spaces. I moved here knowing I would have to travel to neighboring towns for services.	4/13/2023 5:14 PM
257	Would still like a small town feel. The town I grew up in was a small town but due to overdevelopment it has lost that small town appeal which is sad. Dont want that to happen in Atkinson.	4/13/2023 3:00 PM
258	Very limited change to our current town	4/13/2023 12:23 PM
259	I would like the town to have a lower average age.	4/13/2023 10:46 AM
260	Repair/Replace Community Center	4/12/2023 10:51 PM
261	The same as today	4/12/2023 9:56 PM
262	Improve trails in conservation land.	4/12/2023 9:19 PM
263	New community center. It seems alot of programs held at the library really belong at a community center.	4/12/2023 6:24 PM
264	Continue to retain our "rural character" while finding ways to encourage development that meets the needs of all demographics. Smaller lots, infill development, municipal water, larger rental buildings in the commercial district. Bring water to the commercial district and let it develop. It is a mess and not bringing any value	4/12/2023 4:55 PM
265	Continue to preserve our farms, trails and open space.	4/12/2023 4:43 PM
266	To look as it does now	4/12/2023 4:13 PM

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267	In 10 years, need a new police station, a new Community Center staffed with support services to elders; wifi or whatever transmission opportunities to connect residents to various caregivers and social supports. I think the way information is transmitted will look radically different in 15-20 years than what we currently experience. Having the BoS take advantage of infrastructure opportunities incrementally will pay dividends.	4/12/2023 4:03 PM
268	New building for the Police Department, adequate equipment and personnel for Police & Fire, no further development except better use of 3 Main St.(Stillwells building), fix eyesore across at 1 Hilldale Ave.	4/12/2023 3:45 PM
269	I would hope it looks the same, farms, open land spaces for wildlife and trails, less building of homes.	4/12/2023 3:21 PM
270	I want it to look like it does today.	4/12/2023 3:04 PM
271	It would be cool if there were more restaurants, bike paths, greater walkability.	4/12/2023 1:51 PM
272	I like it just the way it is now.	4/12/2023 1:07 PM
273	Maintenance of the rural character	4/12/2023 12:40 PM
274	Keep as rural as possible—less is better!	4/12/2023 12:35 PM
275	Small, quaint, rural.. we don't need any more commercial properties - we're surrounded by them. Housing complexes should be very limited.	4/12/2023 12:06 PM

Q9 Are you in support of additional commercial development activity?

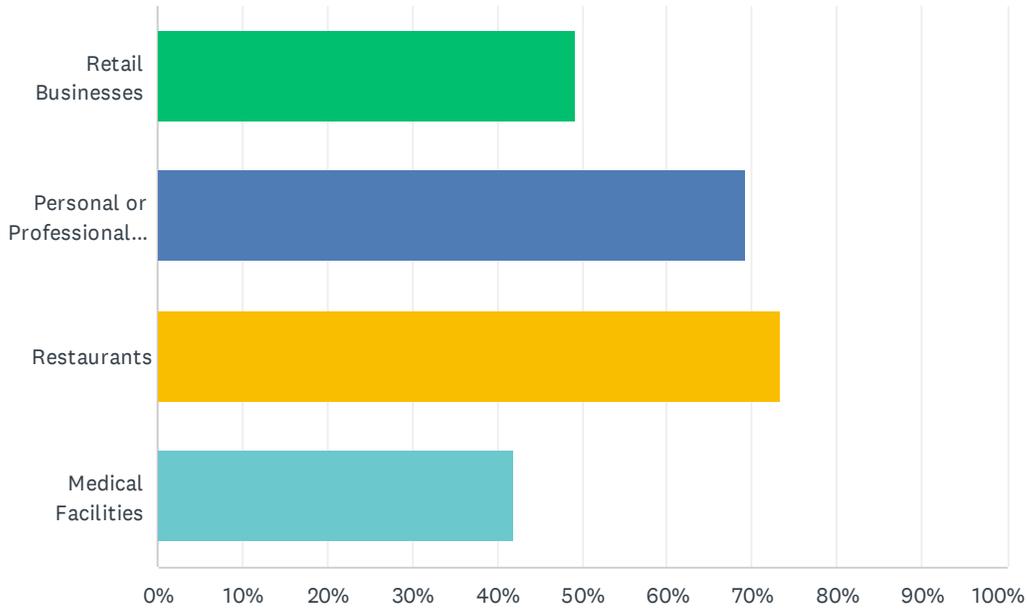
Answered: 341 Skipped: 101



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	28.74%	98
No	54.55%	186
Unsure	16.72%	57
TOTAL		341

Q10 If yes, what types? Check all that apply.

Answered: 124 Skipped: 318



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Retail Businesses	49.19% 61
Personal or Professional Services	69.35% 86
Restaurants	73.39% 91
Medical Facilities	41.94% 52
Total Respondents: 124	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	assisted living/nursing care	5/18/2023 2:24 PM
2	we dont have the emergency or town management system to support additional development	5/18/2023 2:12 PM
3	it would have to be smaller development - no restaurants/medical	5/18/2023 12:03 PM
4	manufactured	5/12/2023 5:06 PM
5	it would have to blend in with current use	5/12/2023 4:57 PM
6	assisted living	5/12/2023 4:49 PM
7	NONE, Keep Atkinson the way it is. This is why we moved here.	5/12/2023 9:42 AM
8	none	5/11/2023 11:25 PM
9	personal/professional service - yes, cluster restaurants - limited new ones maybe medical facilities, Independent/assisted living	5/11/2023 1:59 PM
10	within reason	5/11/2023 1:04 PM
11	As long as it is along Rte 111	5/11/2023 1:04 PM

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12	small business - if done wisely	5/11/2023 12:51 PM
13	small retail businesses	5/11/2023 11:49 AM
14	all other commercial development is close by no need o add much more. not sure if expanded tax base is worth it	5/11/2023 11:26 AM
15	Everything we need is a short drive away	5/10/2023 10:27 PM
16	restaurants, one or 2 tops	5/10/2023 10:03 PM
17	Bank, Pharmacy, food store	5/10/2023 8:40 PM
18	Enough close by now	5/10/2023 8:16 PM
19	None. We have Plaistow for that. And Haverhill with lower meals taxes.	5/10/2023 7:10 PM
20	in the proper location to help keep taxes in check	5/10/2023 12:42 PM
21	only in town center	5/10/2023 12:01 PM
22	limited and intentional	5/10/2023 11:46 AM
23	none	5/9/2023 4:21 PM
24	current areas seem to not be fully tenanted/used	5/9/2023 4:10 PM
25	only expansion if current location	5/9/2023 3:44 PM
26	None of the above (should be an option)	4/28/2023 11:03 AM
27	An apartment building with small, reasonably priced apartments.	4/26/2023 6:40 PM
28	Small, family owned	4/26/2023 6:36 PM
29	some of all, fine, but within commercially zoned areas	4/26/2023 6:24 PM
30	On Routes 111 and 121, within the current allowed zoning	4/26/2023 6:23 PM
31	Assisted living, nursing home	4/26/2023 2:19 PM
32	None of these	4/26/2023 1:48 PM
33	None	4/26/2023 11:53 AM
34	Retirement home	4/26/2023 10:28 AM
35	I answered no, but 1 rst closed so a great breakfast spot to replace like a GREAT COMMUNITY DINER., ID AGREE WITH	4/24/2023 2:12 AM
36	NONE OF THE ABOVE!	4/23/2023 2:42 PM
37	Small town businesses such as Hogies when it was near the post office	4/22/2023 2:35 PM
38	None	4/21/2023 8:05 PM
39	NONE	4/21/2023 7:08 PM
40	Out where it is designed on industrial ave.	4/21/2023 4:01 PM
41	none	4/20/2023 4:59 PM
42	only in business zoned areas	4/19/2023 9:16 AM
43	None	4/17/2023 7:12 PM
44	Not chains of any sort. Very small businesses can add a lot to the town.	4/14/2023 10:56 AM
45	I think we have to be careful about additional businesses in areas where traffic might be impacted (particularly as we have no streetlights) and where parking is already limited. I'm not opposed to it, but we'd need the right fit and locations.	4/13/2023 2:28 PM
46	A bakery/coffee shop would be nice.	4/13/2023 12:22 PM
47	I support a SMALL increase in commercial development, but only if properly vetted by the BoS	4/13/2023 10:46 AM

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and Planning Board.

48	small retail	4/12/2023 4:55 PM
49	none; border towns have plenty	4/12/2023 3:45 PM

Q11 In Atkinson, there are currently some areas of commercial development. Are there any other areas in town that should be considered for commercial development in the future?

Answered: 221 Skipped: 221

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	no	5/18/2023 3:25 PM
2	no	5/18/2023 3:11 PM
3	no sure	5/18/2023 2:44 PM
4	I think Article 3 change would have been a nice change to the town plan. having an assisted living facility in town would be a wonderful asset	5/18/2023 2:36 PM
5	areas near the country club or on part of that land. need palmer / hall farm rd	5/18/2023 2:24 PM
6	no	5/18/2023 2:12 PM
7	no	5/18/2023 1:57 PM
8	no	5/18/2023 1:39 PM
9	some area left on 111	5/18/2023 1:31 PM
10	N/A	5/18/2023 1:20 PM
11	depends on what type. environmental and \$ services are good	5/18/2023 1:13 PM
12	no	5/18/2023 1:02 PM
13	not that I'm aware	5/18/2023 12:46 PM
14	depends on the intended use	5/18/2023 12:30 PM
15	no	5/18/2023 12:03 PM
16	Route 111 area	5/12/2023 5:06 PM
17	Busby Street with other business zone development in that area	5/12/2023 4:49 PM
18	no	5/12/2023 3:23 PM
19	no	5/12/2023 11:06 AM
20	No	5/12/2023 10:58 AM
21	No	5/12/2023 10:27 AM
22	NO MORE	5/12/2023 9:42 AM
23	no	5/11/2023 11:25 PM
24	Land along Rt. 111 or the industrial park area	5/11/2023 8:50 PM
25	No other areas for commercial development	5/11/2023 3:18 PM
26	don't know	5/11/2023 2:28 PM
27	select areas that do no hamper residential areas existing housing	5/11/2023 1:59 PM
28	no	5/11/2023 1:27 PM
29	no	5/11/2023 1:24 PM
30	More effort should be made to allow for development by town center and near Community	5/11/2023 1:20 PM

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	Center.	
31	no	5/11/2023 1:04 PM
32	There is no demand	5/11/2023 12:53 PM
33	not sure	5/11/2023 12:51 PM
34	not sure	5/11/2023 12:32 PM
35	yes	5/11/2023 12:25 PM
36	no	5/11/2023 12:12 PM
37	no	5/11/2023 12:02 PM
38	no	5/11/2023 11:37 AM
39	would need to see map but edited commercial development	5/11/2023 11:26 AM
40	No	5/11/2023 10:59 AM
41	Maybe, as long as it doesn't disrupt any housing areas and cause too much traffic. I also think smaller (instead of large) commercial development is good for a town like ours.	5/11/2023 9:14 AM
42	I don't believe so	5/11/2023 7:32 AM
43	Route 111 area	5/11/2023 7:16 AM
44	Near current commercial development. Don't ruin the integrity of the town!	5/11/2023 6:50 AM
45	Along RTE 111 outskirts of main town	5/10/2023 11:02 PM
46	Not sure	5/10/2023 10:48 PM
47	none	5/10/2023 10:27 PM
48	no	5/10/2023 10:03 PM
49	Directly along Route 111.	5/10/2023 9:37 PM
50	No	5/10/2023 9:19 PM
51	No	5/10/2023 9:14 PM
52	No	5/10/2023 8:44 PM
53	Unsure of available areas	5/10/2023 8:40 PM
54	no	5/10/2023 8:16 PM
55	no	5/10/2023 8:06 PM
56	NO.	5/10/2023 7:10 PM
57	Do not increase	5/10/2023 6:04 PM
58	No	5/10/2023 5:55 PM
59	No. Infrastructure is not such to support same.	5/10/2023 5:50 PM
60	No	5/10/2023 4:27 PM
61	no	5/10/2023 12:58 PM
62	no	5/10/2023 12:50 PM
63	no	5/10/2023 12:42 PM
64	as mentioned before, Rt 121 near Plaistow needs a greater retail and restaurant presence. Rt 111 could benefit from a plaza with anchor stores. I would even consider a small plaza on East Rd near the high school that could host two small retail stores ad one fast food restaurant. the town needs to develop ordinances for food businesses and not rely on state regulation	5/10/2023 12:24 PM
65	town center should be re-designed and more shops added and common improved	5/10/2023 12:01 PM

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66	no	5/10/2023 11:52 AM
67	No, it feels saturated to me. I think we can't sustain much more, Or we will lose our small town feel that so many of us moved here for.	5/10/2023 10:01 AM
68	no	5/10/2023 9:51 AM
69	No	5/10/2023 8:55 AM
70	Route 111 is the only place that is suitable for commercial activity.	5/10/2023 8:47 AM
71	no	5/10/2023 8:38 AM
72	no	5/9/2023 4:52 PM
73	no	5/9/2023 4:38 PM
74	I prefer such development on the outskirts away from residential areas - a plus for this town is our forests and field providing beautiful scenery	5/9/2023 4:30 PM
75	no	5/9/2023 4:21 PM
76	?? dont know	5/9/2023 4:10 PM
77	no	5/9/2023 4:00 PM
78	no	5/9/2023 3:44 PM
79	no	5/9/2023 3:31 PM
80	Yes to increase tax base	5/9/2023 7:42 AM
81	No	5/8/2023 7:46 PM
82	No	5/8/2023 7:16 PM
83	No	5/8/2023 6:18 PM
84	No	5/8/2023 2:02 PM
85	no	5/5/2023 8:07 AM
86	Some high quality restaurants would be a plus as our choices are somewhat limited. Also, an indoor tennis/pickleball/basketball facility would be a plus.	5/3/2023 8:22 PM
87	If possible, I think a walkable downtown area around the fire department would be ideal	5/3/2023 4:47 PM
88	not sure but if it's open space, and won't create too much havoc on traffic, conservation, habitats, etc.	5/3/2023 2:09 PM
89	No	5/3/2023 1:40 PM
90	No	5/2/2023 8:37 AM
91	No	5/1/2023 8:50 PM
92	No, but we should focus more on our industrial zone.	5/1/2023 7:25 PM
93	No	5/1/2023 4:00 PM
94	No not at this time , all major commercial use can be found in Plaistow	5/1/2023 2:47 PM
95	No	5/1/2023 7:31 AM
96	Absolutely not!!	5/1/2023 7:06 AM
97	No	4/30/2023 5:59 PM
98	No	4/30/2023 12:48 PM
99	no	4/29/2023 8:46 AM
100	No	4/28/2023 12:48 PM
101	No	4/28/2023 11:03 AM

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102	No, we should leverage what we have first.	4/28/2023 8:38 AM
103	no	4/27/2023 7:05 PM
104	No- plenty for the size of our town.	4/27/2023 6:56 PM
105	No.	4/27/2023 4:38 PM
106	No	4/27/2023 1:12 PM
107	No	4/27/2023 12:29 PM
108	no	4/27/2023 11:26 AM
109	No	4/27/2023 8:31 AM
110	No	4/27/2023 6:48 AM
111	No	4/26/2023 9:13 PM
112	No	4/26/2023 8:06 PM
113	No	4/26/2023 7:45 PM
114	No	4/26/2023 7:39 PM
115	NO	4/26/2023 7:06 PM
116	Yes, don't just put it all on 111.	4/26/2023 6:40 PM
117	Not sure	4/26/2023 6:36 PM
118	No	4/26/2023 6:24 PM
119	No; none that I can picture, without losing town's semi rural feel.	4/26/2023 6:24 PM
120	Not that I can think of.	4/26/2023 6:23 PM
121	Atkinson country club should be considered. They are off the beaten path but have consumer traffic	4/26/2023 6:11 PM
122	Not in my opinion	4/26/2023 5:37 PM
123	No, the commercial areas should be kept where they are defined to be. Neighboring towns like Plaistow and Salem have retail business, restaurants and medical facilities. Why duplicate in Atkinson	4/26/2023 5:21 PM
124	Absolutely not.	4/26/2023 5:16 PM
125	No	4/26/2023 4:40 PM
126	I don't think so	4/26/2023 3:53 PM
127	There may be room for limited, thoughtful commercial development outside currently developed areas. It would be nice to have a restaurant or two.	4/26/2023 3:20 PM
128	Unsure	4/26/2023 2:34 PM
129	no	4/26/2023 2:19 PM
130	The main routes of 121 or 111z	4/26/2023 2:02 PM
131	No	4/26/2023 1:48 PM
132	no	4/26/2023 1:34 PM
133	No.	4/26/2023 12:58 PM
134	No	4/26/2023 12:20 PM
135	No	4/26/2023 12:17 PM
136	No residential community only	4/26/2023 12:05 PM
137	Absolutely not	4/26/2023 11:53 AM

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138	no	4/26/2023 11:46 AM
139	No	4/26/2023 11:22 AM
140	No	4/26/2023 11:11 AM
141	no	4/26/2023 10:43 AM
142	Keep it to 111 area or possibly providence Hill and/or East Rd toward existing commercial areas. NOT in residential neighborhoods	4/26/2023 10:28 AM
143	No. Just 111 area if any.	4/26/2023 10:07 AM
144	No	4/26/2023 10:05 AM
145	More at the Plaistow border would be fine...near the community center area.	4/26/2023 9:54 AM
146	No	4/26/2023 9:51 AM
147	We do not need any further commercial development.	4/26/2023 9:39 AM
148	No. The ones we have are not kept up well. Take a drive by some day	4/26/2023 9:33 AM
149	no	4/26/2023 9:24 AM
150	Just expansion of Town center with some Academy Ave homes converted to businesses	4/26/2023 9:19 AM
151	Don't know.	4/26/2023 9:17 AM
152	NO!	4/26/2023 9:08 AM
153	No	4/26/2023 9:02 AM
154	Check out that state-owned land in lower East Road.	4/25/2023 6:45 PM
155	Maybe more on 121	4/25/2023 3:27 PM
156	No	4/24/2023 10:26 PM
157	NO.	4/23/2023 2:42 PM
158	No.	4/23/2023 2:33 PM
159	No!	4/23/2023 2:33 PM
160	No	4/23/2023 8:21 AM
161	No.	4/23/2023 12:12 AM
162	No	4/22/2023 5:45 AM
163	No	4/21/2023 11:00 PM
164	No	4/21/2023 9:20 PM
165	Along with 111?	4/21/2023 8:41 PM
166	Any land along 121 or 111	4/21/2023 8:38 PM
167	No	4/21/2023 8:29 PM
168	No	4/21/2023 8:05 PM
169	No there should be NO COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT in this town. We will lose our small town.	4/21/2023 7:08 PM
170	No, commercial development should stay in the area it is	4/21/2023 7:08 PM
171	no	4/21/2023 5:47 PM
172	No	4/21/2023 4:01 PM
173	No	4/21/2023 2:25 PM
174	no	4/21/2023 1:54 PM

What's Next Atkinson?

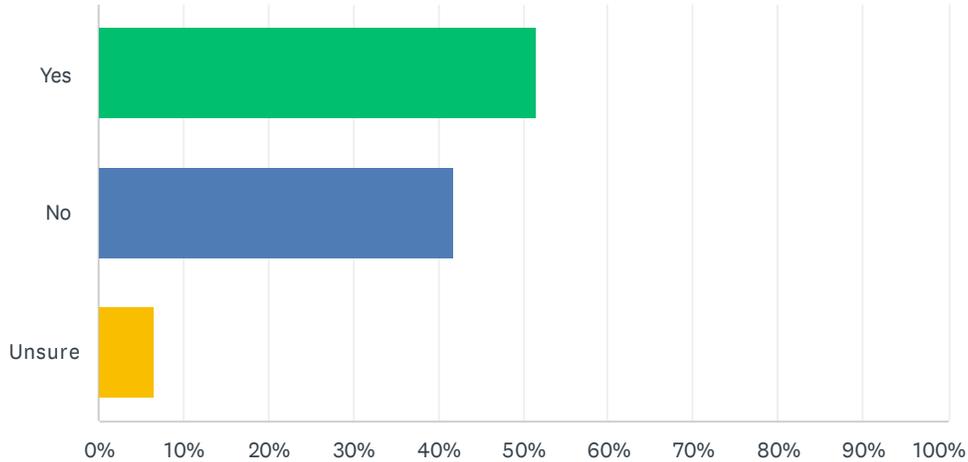
175	Absolutely not.	4/21/2023 1:39 PM
176	No	4/21/2023 9:28 AM
177	A pool	4/21/2023 8:20 AM
178	No	4/20/2023 10:25 PM
179	Not sure	4/20/2023 8:19 PM
180	No.	4/20/2023 5:58 PM
181	no	4/20/2023 4:59 PM
182	no	4/20/2023 12:43 PM
183	No	4/20/2023 12:04 PM
184	no	4/20/2023 11:37 AM
185	NO.	4/19/2023 3:05 PM
186	Not sure	4/19/2023 2:51 PM
187	no	4/19/2023 9:16 AM
188	no.	4/18/2023 10:04 AM
189	No	4/17/2023 7:12 PM
190	Not sure.	4/17/2023 2:04 PM
191	No	4/16/2023 9:02 PM
192	Unsure - not familiar enough with the areas other than the NW corner being already designated for such commercial development...but I'd consider it if it provided more revenue benefits to the Town without overbearing negatives (significantly higher traffic, dirty air, water etc.)	4/16/2023 5:36 PM
193	NOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO	4/16/2023 8:46 AM
194	111	4/16/2023 7:54 AM
195	NO!!!!!!!	4/16/2023 7:32 AM
196	No	4/15/2023 4:40 PM
197	The areas already designated for commercial use are fine; they should be kept on main streets, and be small businesses which help the middle class and help to create a "community".	4/14/2023 7:22 PM
198	Rt 111 corridor.	4/14/2023 11:30 AM
199	No. Keeping commercial areas on the main street is best.	4/14/2023 10:56 AM
200	Absolutely not. Current residents are not in support of more commercial activity.	4/14/2023 6:15 AM
201	Yes, route 111 area only though	4/14/2023 5:18 AM
202	No	4/13/2023 9:16 PM
203	Rte 111 which would be very limited	4/13/2023 6:49 PM
204	No thank you.	4/13/2023 5:14 PM
205	no	4/13/2023 3:00 PM
206	I don't really think so? I can't see where they would go at least....	4/13/2023 2:28 PM
207	No	4/13/2023 12:23 PM
208	Probably not?	4/13/2023 10:46 AM
209	No	4/12/2023 9:56 PM
210	Like the residential character of town.	4/12/2023 9:19 PM

What's Next Atkinson?

211	RR3 zone should be looked at as possible expansion	4/12/2023 4:55 PM
212	No	4/12/2023 4:43 PM
213	Not that I'm aware	4/12/2023 4:03 PM
214	NO	4/12/2023 3:45 PM
215	No.	4/12/2023 3:21 PM
216	no	4/12/2023 3:04 PM
217	No	4/12/2023 1:52 PM
218	Not that I am aware of	4/12/2023 1:51 PM
219	areas along route 111	4/12/2023 12:40 PM
220	Please NO!	4/12/2023 12:35 PM
221	Nope.	4/12/2023 12:06 PM

Q12 Are you satisfied with the existing cellular phone services within the town?

Answered: 337 Skipped: 105



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	51.63% 174
No	41.84% 141
Unsure	6.53% 22
TOTAL	337

#	WHO IS YOUR PROVIDER?	DATE
1	Verizon - I live off Sawyer. the new tower provided minimal improvement in my area	5/18/2023 3:25 PM
2	verizon	5/18/2023 3:17 PM
3	T-Mobile	5/18/2023 3:11 PM
4	version	5/18/2023 2:44 PM
5	verizon	5/18/2023 2:36 PM
6	verizon	5/18/2023 2:24 PM
7	verizon	5/18/2023 2:12 PM
8	T-Mobile	5/18/2023 1:57 PM
9	Verizon	5/18/2023 1:39 PM
10	T-Mobile	5/18/2023 1:31 PM
11	T-Mobile - its much better than it used to be	5/18/2023 1:20 PM
12	Comcast (Verizon) spotty	5/18/2023 1:13 PM
13	t-mobile	5/18/2023 1:02 PM
14	verizon	5/18/2023 12:46 PM

What's Next Atkinson?

15	Xfinity - its terrible!	5/18/2023 12:30 PM
16	Verizon	5/18/2023 12:20 PM
17	Verizon	5/18/2023 12:03 PM
18	AT&T	5/12/2023 5:06 PM
19	Verizon - many dead zones	5/12/2023 4:49 PM
20	Verizon Cell phone	5/12/2023 3:51 PM
21	Xfinity	5/12/2023 3:43 PM
22	AT&T especially near town hall, FD and Atkinson Academy it is low	5/12/2023 3:32 PM
23	AT&T (Comcast?)	5/12/2023 3:23 PM
24	AT&T	5/12/2023 11:06 AM
25	Verizon	5/12/2023 10:58 AM
26	T-Mobile	5/12/2023 10:14 AM
27	Verizon	5/12/2023 9:42 AM
28	Verizon	5/12/2023 8:54 AM
29	Verizon	5/11/2023 11:25 PM
30	Verizon - lots of dropped calls	5/11/2023 8:50 PM
31	Verizon...but my service is spotty occasionally...could be better.	5/11/2023 6:43 PM
32	AT&T	5/11/2023 3:18 PM
33	AT&T	5/11/2023 3:11 PM
34	Verizon	5/11/2023 3:04 PM
35	Verizon	5/11/2023 2:28 PM
36	Verizon	5/11/2023 2:07 PM
37	Xfinity	5/11/2023 1:59 PM
38	Verizon	5/11/2023 1:47 PM
39	Vz W	5/11/2023 1:46 PM
40	Verizon	5/11/2023 1:27 PM
41	T-Mobile	5/11/2023 1:24 PM
42	Cricket/ATT	5/11/2023 1:20 PM
43	Xfinity	5/11/2023 1:16 PM
44	Verizon - the provider isn't the issue...	5/11/2023 1:04 PM
45	AT&T	5/11/2023 1:04 PM
46	Verizon	5/11/2023 12:56 PM
47	Verizon	5/11/2023 12:54 PM
48	AT&T	5/11/2023 12:53 PM
49	T-Mobile	5/11/2023 12:32 PM
50	Verizon	5/11/2023 12:20 PM
51	Infinity	5/11/2023 12:12 PM
52	Verizon	5/11/2023 12:02 PM

What's Next Atkinson?

53	Xfinity	5/11/2023 11:49 AM
54	Verizon	5/11/2023 11:37 AM
55	Verizon a few drop off spots	5/11/2023 11:26 AM
56	Verizon	5/11/2023 10:59 AM
57	Verizon	5/11/2023 9:14 AM
58	AT&T	5/11/2023 8:33 AM
59	AT&T - Verizon	5/11/2023 7:32 AM
60	Comcast	5/11/2023 7:16 AM
61	Spotty-Monopoly	5/11/2023 6:50 AM
62	Monopoly	5/10/2023 11:02 PM
63	Xfinity	5/10/2023 10:48 PM
64	AT&T	5/10/2023 10:27 PM
65	T-Mobile	5/10/2023 10:19 PM
66	att	5/10/2023 10:05 PM
67	Verison horrible!!	5/10/2023 10:03 PM
68	Comcast	5/10/2023 9:37 PM
69	T-Mobile	5/10/2023 9:19 PM
70	AT&T	5/10/2023 9:14 PM
71	Verison	5/10/2023 9:04 PM
72	Verizon	5/10/2023 8:44 PM
73	Xfinity	5/10/2023 8:40 PM
74	T-Mobile	5/10/2023 8:16 PM
75	T-Mobile	5/10/2023 8:06 PM
76	Prefer not to disclose.	5/10/2023 7:10 PM
77	AT&T	5/10/2023 6:04 PM
78	AT&T	5/10/2023 5:55 PM
79	Xfinity	5/10/2023 5:50 PM
80	AT&T - Verizon	5/10/2023 5:35 PM
81	T Mobile	5/10/2023 4:27 PM
82	Verizon	5/10/2023 12:58 PM
83	consumer cellular	5/10/2023 12:50 PM
84	Verizon	5/10/2023 12:42 PM
85	T-Mobile - where I live on North Broadway, all providers struggle providing a signal. Verizon and AT&T barely have a signal. I regret a signal booster at home with T-Mobile.	5/10/2023 12:24 PM
86	AT&T	5/10/2023 12:01 PM
87	Xfinity	5/10/2023 11:52 AM
88	AT&T	5/10/2023 11:46 AM
89	Verizon	5/10/2023 10:01 AM
90	verizon	5/10/2023 9:51 AM

What's Next Atkinson?

91	Verizon Wireless	5/10/2023 8:55 AM
92	Verizon	5/10/2023 8:47 AM
93	xfinity	5/10/2023 8:38 AM
94	verizon	5/10/2023 8:25 AM
95	bad service main st and academy lane	5/9/2023 6:46 PM
96	Verizon (dead spot on east road near Amberwood Dr)	5/9/2023 6:23 PM
97	Verizon	5/9/2023 4:52 PM
98	Verizon	5/9/2023 4:38 PM
99	Consumer Cellular	5/9/2023 4:30 PM
100	Comcast	5/9/2023 4:21 PM
101	Verizon	5/9/2023 4:10 PM
102	Verizon wireless	5/9/2023 4:00 PM
103	T-Mobile	5/9/2023 3:44 PM
104	T-Mobile	5/9/2023 3:31 PM
105	Consumer Cellular (AT&T)	5/9/2023 9:05 AM
106	Verizon	5/9/2023 7:42 AM
107	Tmobile	5/8/2023 7:46 PM
108	AT&T	5/8/2023 7:23 PM
109	Verizon	5/8/2023 7:16 PM
110	Verizon	5/8/2023 6:18 PM
111	Vetizon	5/8/2023 3:52 PM
112	Xfinity	5/8/2023 2:02 PM
113	Xfinity	5/8/2023 1:28 PM
114	Verizon - it feels like Atkinson has the worst service in all the surrounding towns. It is bad at the school. What if there is an issue there? You can't call for help on your cell.	5/8/2023 12:50 PM
115	AT&T	5/7/2023 8:34 PM
116	AT T	5/6/2023 8:10 PM
117	Verizon	5/5/2023 8:07 AM
118	Verizon	5/3/2023 8:22 PM
119	Verizon	5/3/2023 5:01 PM
120	Verizon	5/3/2023 4:59 PM
121	Verizon	5/3/2023 4:47 PM
122	VZ	5/3/2023 2:09 PM
123	Verizon	5/3/2023 1:40 PM
124	Verizon	5/2/2023 8:37 AM
125	Verizon	5/1/2023 8:50 PM
126	AT&T	5/1/2023 7:25 PM
127	Xfinity	5/1/2023 4:00 PM
128	ATT	5/1/2023 2:47 PM

What's Next Atkinson?

129	AT+T - ok could be better	5/1/2023 7:31 AM
130	Verizon	5/1/2023 7:06 AM
131	Xfinity	4/30/2023 5:59 PM
132	Verizon	4/30/2023 12:48 PM
133	ATT	4/29/2023 2:31 PM
134	Verizon	4/29/2023 10:51 AM
135	T-mobile	4/29/2023 8:46 AM
136	Verizon	4/28/2023 11:21 PM
137	Xfinity	4/28/2023 8:55 AM
138	Verizon	4/28/2023 8:38 AM
139	at&t	4/27/2023 7:05 PM
140	Verizon	4/27/2023 6:56 PM
141	Verizon	4/27/2023 4:38 PM
142	Verizon	4/27/2023 12:29 PM
143	consumer cellular	4/27/2023 11:26 AM
144	T Mobile	4/27/2023 11:16 AM
145	T Mobile	4/27/2023 8:30 AM
146	Att	4/27/2023 6:48 AM
147	Verizon	4/26/2023 9:13 PM
148	comcast after several several years with AT & T	4/26/2023 8:36 PM
149	ATT	4/26/2023 8:06 PM
150	Xfinity	4/26/2023 7:45 PM
151	AT&T	4/26/2023 7:39 PM
152	AT&T	4/26/2023 7:29 PM
153	at&t	4/26/2023 7:11 PM
154	At&t	4/26/2023 7:06 PM
155	Verizon	4/26/2023 6:41 PM
156	AT&T	4/26/2023 6:40 PM
157	Now we are because we switched to AT&T	4/26/2023 6:36 PM
158	AT&T through Tracfone	4/26/2023 6:24 PM
159	Verizon (through Tracfone)	4/26/2023 6:23 PM
160	Verizon	4/26/2023 6:18 PM
161	Consumer cellular	4/26/2023 6:11 PM
162	Verizon	4/26/2023 6:07 PM
163	Verizon	4/26/2023 5:37 PM
164	ATT	4/26/2023 5:33 PM
165	Verizon	4/26/2023 5:21 PM
166	AT&T	4/26/2023 5:11 PM

What's Next Atkinson?

167	Verizon via a comcast splitter for home service	4/26/2023 3:53 PM
168	Verizon	4/26/2023 3:46 PM
169	T-Mobile	4/26/2023 3:20 PM
170	Verizon	4/26/2023 3:15 PM
171	Verizon	4/26/2023 2:34 PM
172	Verizon Wireless	4/26/2023 2:19 PM
173	Verizon	4/26/2023 2:02 PM
174	At &T	4/26/2023 1:57 PM
175	AT&T	4/26/2023 1:48 PM
176	Verizon	4/26/2023 1:46 PM
177	verizon	4/26/2023 1:34 PM
178	AT&T	4/26/2023 1:18 PM
179	Trakfone	4/26/2023 12:58 PM
180	Consumer Cellular	4/26/2023 12:39 PM
181	TMobile	4/26/2023 12:26 PM
182	Verizon	4/26/2023 12:20 PM
183	Verizon	4/26/2023 12:05 PM
184	AT & T but it's better than the others	4/26/2023 11:53 AM
185	t mobile	4/26/2023 11:46 AM
186	AT&T, Verizon	4/26/2023 11:20 AM
187	AT&T	4/26/2023 11:17 AM
188	Verizon	4/26/2023 11:11 AM
189	Verizon wireless	4/26/2023 11:10 AM
190	Verizon	4/26/2023 11:09 AM
191	Comcast	4/26/2023 11:06 AM
192	AT&T	4/26/2023 10:55 AM
193	Verizon	4/26/2023 10:55 AM
194	verizon	4/26/2023 10:43 AM
195	Verizon	4/26/2023 10:28 AM
196	Verizon	4/26/2023 10:19 AM
197	Verizon	4/26/2023 10:07 AM
198	Comcast/Verizon	4/26/2023 10:05 AM
199	Verizon	4/26/2023 10:05 AM
200	Xfinity	4/26/2023 9:54 AM
201	Verizon	4/26/2023 9:51 AM
202	At&t	4/26/2023 9:51 AM
203	Xfinity	4/26/2023 9:42 AM
204	Verizon	4/26/2023 9:39 AM

What's Next Atkinson?

205	Verizon	4/26/2023 9:33 AM
206	Verizon	4/26/2023 9:24 AM
207	AT & T	4/26/2023 9:22 AM
208	Verizon	4/26/2023 9:19 AM
209	AT&T	4/26/2023 9:17 AM
210	Verizon	4/26/2023 9:10 AM
211	Verizon	4/26/2023 9:08 AM
212	Verizon	4/25/2023 6:45 PM
213	Xfinity	4/25/2023 9:46 AM
214	Verizon	4/24/2023 10:26 PM
215	Had sprint over 10 yrs (main st),nvr a problem, forced into t mobile when bought out ...awful, numerous dropped calls	4/24/2023 2:12 AM
216	ATT (personal) and Verizon (work)	4/24/2023 12:19 AM
217	US MOBILE	4/23/2023 2:42 PM
218	AT&T	4/23/2023 2:33 PM
219	AT&T	4/23/2023 2:33 PM
220	T mobile	4/23/2023 8:21 AM
221	Verizon	4/22/2023 2:35 PM
222	Visable/ Verizon	4/22/2023 5:45 AM
223	Verizon	4/21/2023 11:00 PM
224	Verizon	4/21/2023 9:20 PM
225	Verizon	4/21/2023 8:41 PM
226	Verizon	4/21/2023 8:38 PM
227	Verizon	4/21/2023 8:29 PM
228	Att	4/21/2023 7:09 PM
229	At&T	4/21/2023 7:08 PM
230	Visable- Verizon	4/21/2023 7:08 PM
231	AT&T	4/21/2023 5:47 PM
232	AT&T	4/21/2023 4:01 PM
233	verizon	4/21/2023 1:54 PM
234	ATT and Verizon	4/21/2023 1:39 PM
235	At&t	4/21/2023 9:28 AM
236	T Mobile	4/21/2023 8:20 AM
237	att	4/20/2023 9:07 PM
238	Comcast	4/20/2023 5:58 PM
239	Verizon / T Mobile	4/20/2023 1:11 PM
240	Verizon Wireless	4/20/2023 12:43 PM
241	TFW straight talk	4/20/2023 11:37 AM
242	Verizon	4/19/2023 3:05 PM

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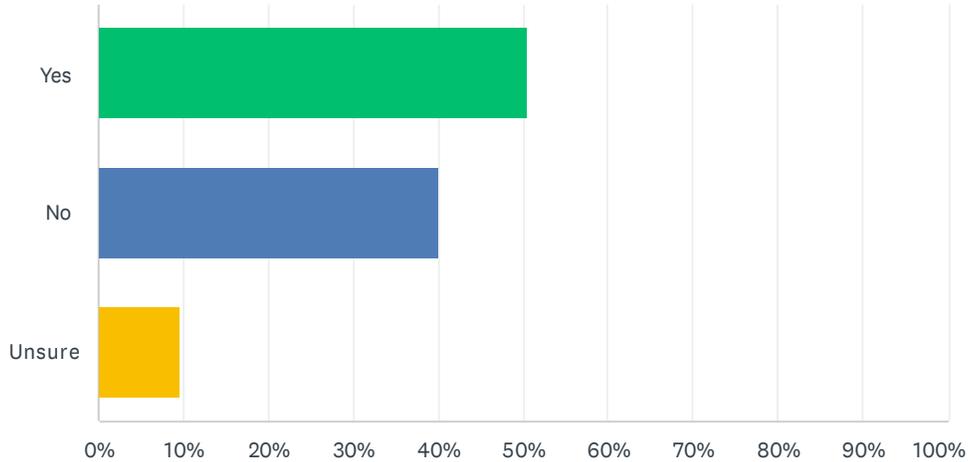
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246	Verizon	4/18/2023 8:01 PM
247	T-Mobile	4/18/2023 11:26 AM
248	tmobile	4/18/2023 10:04 AM
249	Third party.	4/17/2023 7:12 PM
250	Verizon.	4/17/2023 2:04 PM
251	T-Mobile	4/17/2023 1:30 PM
252	verizon	4/17/2023 8:22 AM
253	verizon	4/16/2023 6:09 PM
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256	T-mobile	4/16/2023 7:54 AM
257	Xfinity	4/16/2023 7:32 AM
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259	Verizon	4/15/2023 1:41 PM
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262	Consolidated	4/14/2023 7:22 PM
263	Verizon	4/14/2023 3:31 PM
264	Verizon	4/14/2023 11:30 AM
265	Consolidated	4/14/2023 10:56 AM
266	AT&T Wireless	4/14/2023 9:48 AM
267	T-Mobile	4/14/2023 6:15 AM
268	Verizon	4/14/2023 5:18 AM
269	TMobile	4/13/2023 9:49 PM
270	MetroPCS	4/13/2023 9:16 PM
271	Verizon	4/13/2023 6:49 PM
272	Verizon	4/13/2023 6:34 PM
273	T-Mobile	4/13/2023 5:14 PM
274	Verizon, and coverage is awful. I make WiFi calling from home and always lose my phone calls when I'm driving in the town.	4/13/2023 2:28 PM
275	consumer cellular	4/13/2023 2:24 PM
276	Verizon	4/13/2023 10:46 AM
277	ATT	4/12/2023 10:51 PM
278	Verizon	4/12/2023 9:56 PM
279	Tracfone on AT&T	4/12/2023 9:19 PM
280	AT&T	4/12/2023 6:24 PM

What's Next Atkinson?

281	AT&T	4/12/2023 4:55 PM
282	Verizon	4/12/2023 4:43 PM
283	Xfinity	4/12/2023 4:03 PM
284	AT&T; has gotten better, but many 'dead zones'	4/12/2023 3:45 PM
285	AT&T	4/12/2023 3:21 PM
286	T-mobile	4/12/2023 3:04 PM
287	At&t	4/12/2023 1:52 PM
288	T Mobile	4/12/2023 1:51 PM
289	Mint Mobile	4/12/2023 1:07 PM
290	T-Mobile	4/12/2023 12:40 PM
291	Comcast	4/12/2023 12:35 PM
292	Verizon	4/12/2023 12:06 PM

Q13 Are you satisfied with the existing broadband/internet services within the town?

Answered: 335 Skipped: 107



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	50.45% 169
No	40.00% 134
Unsure	9.55% 32
TOTAL	335

#	WHO IS YOUR PROVIDER?	DATE
1	Comcast	5/18/2023 3:25 PM
2	communications	5/18/2023 3:17 PM
3	fidium	5/18/2023 3:11 PM
4	consolidated	5/18/2023 2:44 PM
5	direct tv	5/18/2023 2:36 PM
6	comcast	5/18/2023 2:24 PM
7	comcast - no competition leads to poor service	5/18/2023 2:12 PM
8	Consolidated Fios	5/18/2023 1:57 PM
9	Fidium	5/18/2023 1:39 PM
10	Comcast	5/18/2023 1:31 PM
11	Comcast	5/18/2023 1:20 PM
12	Comcast - marginal	5/18/2023 1:13 PM
13	Fidium	5/18/2023 1:02 PM
14	Xfinity	5/18/2023 12:30 PM

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15	xfinity	5/18/2023 12:20 PM
16	Comcast/Consolidated	5/18/2023 12:03 PM
17	Fairpoint	5/12/2023 5:06 PM
18	Comcast	5/12/2023 4:49 PM
19	Comcast - moved to fidium 3 months ago	5/12/2023 3:51 PM
20	Xfinity	5/12/2023 3:43 PM
21	Comcast	5/12/2023 3:23 PM
22	Comcast	5/12/2023 11:06 AM
23	Comcast	5/12/2023 10:58 AM
24	Comcast	5/12/2023 10:14 AM
25	Comcast	5/12/2023 9:42 AM
26	Comcast	5/12/2023 8:54 AM
27	Comcast	5/11/2023 11:25 PM
28	Comcast	5/11/2023 8:50 PM
29	I am but I know it could be better. When we go away, even in an isolated area, the speed is usually much faster than at my house in Atkinson.	5/11/2023 6:43 PM
30	Comcast	5/11/2023 3:18 PM
31	Xfinity	5/11/2023 3:11 PM
32	Consolidated communications	5/11/2023 3:04 PM
33	Xfinity	5/11/2023 2:28 PM
34	Comcast	5/11/2023 2:07 PM
35	Xfinity	5/11/2023 1:59 PM
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38	Comcast	5/11/2023 1:27 PM
39	Fidium	5/11/2023 1:24 PM
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42	consolidated	5/11/2023 1:04 PM
43	Consolidated communications	5/11/2023 1:04 PM
44	Verizon	5/11/2023 12:56 PM
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46	Consolidated communications	5/11/2023 12:53 PM
47	Fairpoint	5/11/2023 12:32 PM
48	Comcast - no options	5/11/2023 12:25 PM
49	Comcast more option	5/11/2023 12:20 PM
50	Infinity	5/11/2023 12:12 PM
51	Verizon	5/11/2023 12:02 PM
52	Fidium Fiber	5/11/2023 11:37 AM

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53	Comcast/Verizon would like expanded fiber	5/11/2023 11:26 AM
54	Consolidated	5/11/2023 10:59 AM
55	Comcast	5/11/2023 9:14 AM
56	Xfinity	5/11/2023 8:33 AM
57	Fidium	5/11/2023 7:32 AM
58	Comcast	5/11/2023 7:16 AM
59	Comcast- Monopoly	5/11/2023 6:50 AM
60	Monopoly-never good not to have a choice! no competition!	5/10/2023 11:02 PM
61	Xfinity	5/10/2023 10:48 PM
62	Consolidated communications	5/10/2023 10:19 PM
63	consolidated fiber	5/10/2023 10:05 PM
64	Fidium	5/10/2023 10:03 PM
65	Comcast there is no competition, no choice! Why not? Atkinson encourages a monopoly which leads to poor service + high prices	5/10/2023 9:37 PM
66	Comcast	5/10/2023 9:19 PM
67	Fidium	5/10/2023 9:14 PM
68	Consolidated communications	5/10/2023 9:04 PM
69	Fidiam	5/10/2023 8:44 PM
70	Xfinity	5/10/2023 8:40 PM
71	Xfinity	5/10/2023 8:16 PM
72	Comcast	5/10/2023 8:06 PM
73	Commiecast	5/10/2023 7:10 PM
74	Comcast	5/10/2023 6:04 PM
75	Comcast	5/10/2023 5:55 PM
76	Xfinity	5/10/2023 5:50 PM
77	Fidium	5/10/2023 5:35 PM
78	Consolidated	5/10/2023 4:27 PM
79	Comcast	5/10/2023 2:36 PM
80	xfinity	5/10/2023 12:58 PM
81	consolidated communications	5/10/2023 12:50 PM
82	XFINity	5/10/2023 12:42 PM
83	Consolidated	5/10/2023 12:24 PM
84	need a choice, only one here	5/10/2023 12:01 PM
85	Comcast	5/10/2023 11:46 AM
86	Xfinity and it works fine,but would like more choices	5/10/2023 10:01 AM
87	xfinity	5/10/2023 9:51 AM
88	Consolidated Communications	5/10/2023 8:55 AM
89	Comcast	5/10/2023 8:47 AM
90	xfinity	5/10/2023 8:38 AM

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91	comcast	5/10/2023 8:25 AM
92	xfinity	5/9/2023 6:46 PM
93	Xfinity	5/9/2023 4:52 PM
94	Verizon	5/9/2023 4:38 PM
95	Xfinity	5/9/2023 4:30 PM
96	Consolidated Communications	5/9/2023 4:10 PM
97	Consolidated Comm.	5/9/2023 4:00 PM
98	Fidium	5/9/2023 3:31 PM
99	Fidium	5/9/2023 9:05 AM
100	Xfinity	5/9/2023 7:42 AM
101	Comcast	5/8/2023 7:46 PM
102	Consolidated Communications	5/8/2023 7:16 PM
103	Comcast	5/8/2023 6:18 PM
104	Comcast	5/8/2023 3:52 PM
105	Xfinity	5/8/2023 2:02 PM
106	Comcast	5/8/2023 1:28 PM
107	Xfinity	5/7/2023 8:34 PM
108	xfinity	5/6/2023 8:10 PM
109	infinity	5/5/2023 8:07 AM
110	Comcast. Some competition would be welcome, possibly from a fiber optic provider	5/3/2023 8:22 PM
111	Comcast	5/3/2023 5:01 PM
112	Comcast	5/3/2023 4:59 PM
113	Xfinity	5/3/2023 4:47 PM
114	Xf	5/3/2023 2:09 PM
115	Xfinity	5/3/2023 1:40 PM
116	Xfinity/Comcast	5/2/2023 8:37 AM
117	Fairpoint	5/1/2023 8:50 PM
118	Comcast	5/1/2023 7:25 PM
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125	XFINITY	4/29/2023 2:31 PM
126	Comcast	4/29/2023 10:51 AM
127	comcast	4/29/2023 8:46 AM
128	Comcast	4/28/2023 11:21 PM

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129	Do not have a provider	4/28/2023 12:48 PM
130	Xfinity	4/28/2023 11:03 AM
131	Xfinity	4/28/2023 8:55 AM
132	Comcast	4/28/2023 8:38 AM
133	Fidium	4/27/2023 6:56 PM
134	Comcast	4/27/2023 4:38 PM
135	Xfinity	4/27/2023 12:29 PM
136	Comcast	4/27/2023 11:26 AM
137	Vomcast	4/27/2023 11:16 AM
138	Xfinity	4/27/2023 8:31 AM
139	T mobile	4/27/2023 8:30 AM
140	Cc	4/27/2023 6:48 AM
141	Xfinity	4/26/2023 9:13 PM
142	Xfinity	4/26/2023 8:06 PM
143	Xfinity	4/26/2023 7:45 PM
144	Comcast	4/26/2023 7:39 PM
145	Xfinity	4/26/2023 7:29 PM
146	Comcast	4/26/2023 7:06 PM
147	Comcast	4/26/2023 6:41 PM
148	Comcast	4/26/2023 6:40 PM
149	Same as last question	4/26/2023 6:36 PM
150	Xfinity	4/26/2023 6:24 PM
151	Fidium from Consolidated Communications	4/26/2023 6:24 PM
152	Fidium Consolidated Communications	4/26/2023 6:23 PM
153	Comcast	4/26/2023 6:18 PM
154	Consumer cellular	4/26/2023 6:11 PM
155	Comcast	4/26/2023 6:07 PM
156	Consolidated Fiber	4/26/2023 5:33 PM
157	Fairpoint	4/26/2023 5:21 PM
158	Xfinity	4/26/2023 5:11 PM
159	Comcast Xfinity	4/26/2023 3:53 PM
160	Comcast	4/26/2023 3:46 PM
161	Fidium / Consolidated Communications	4/26/2023 3:20 PM
162	Verizon	4/26/2023 3:15 PM
163	Consolidated fiber	4/26/2023 2:34 PM
164	Comcast	4/26/2023 2:19 PM
165	Consolidated	4/26/2023 2:02 PM
166	Comcast	4/26/2023 1:48 PM

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167	Consolidated Communications	4/26/2023 1:18 PM
168	Comcast	4/26/2023 12:58 PM
169	Xfinity	4/26/2023 12:39 PM
170	Consolidated Communications	4/26/2023 12:26 PM
171	Xfinity	4/26/2023 12:20 PM
172	Consolidated communications	4/26/2023 12:05 PM
173	Xfinity/ Comcast Verizon is worse	4/26/2023 11:53 AM
174	Xfinity	4/26/2023 11:20 AM
175	Comcast	4/26/2023 11:17 AM
176	Comcast	4/26/2023 11:11 AM
177	Comcast	4/26/2023 11:09 AM
178	Comcast	4/26/2023 11:06 AM
179	Xfinity	4/26/2023 10:55 AM
180	Comcast	4/26/2023 10:55 AM
181	direct tv	4/26/2023 10:43 AM
182	Xfinity - we need more options	4/26/2023 10:39 AM
183	Xfinity	4/26/2023 10:28 AM
184	Comcast	4/26/2023 10:19 AM
185	Xfinity	4/26/2023 10:07 AM
186	Comcast	4/26/2023 10:05 AM
187	Comcast	4/26/2023 10:05 AM
188	Xfinity	4/26/2023 9:54 AM
189	Comcast	4/26/2023 9:51 AM
190	Xfinity	4/26/2023 9:51 AM
191	Comcast	4/26/2023 9:42 AM
192	Comcast	4/26/2023 9:39 AM
193	Comcast	4/26/2023 9:33 AM
194	T Mobile	4/26/2023 9:25 AM
195	Comcast	4/26/2023 9:24 AM
196	Comcast -	4/26/2023 9:22 AM
197	The only one we have in town	4/26/2023 9:19 AM
198	Comcast Xfinity	4/26/2023 9:17 AM
199	Fidium	4/26/2023 9:15 AM
200	Comcast	4/26/2023 9:08 AM
201	Xfinity	4/26/2023 9:02 AM
202	Comcast	4/25/2023 6:45 PM
203	Xfinity	4/25/2023 9:46 AM
204	Consolidated	4/24/2023 10:26 PM

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205	Comcast	4/24/2023 9:29 AM
206	Comcast	4/24/2023 9:03 AM
207	Cut cable 1 1/2 yrs ago couldn't afford, as a SR the bast plan was \$269 mo l'm on disabilty	4/24/2023 2:12 AM
208	Consolidated communications	4/24/2023 12:19 AM
209	CCI	4/23/2023 2:42 PM
210	Comcast	4/23/2023 2:33 PM
211	Comcast	4/23/2023 2:33 PM
212	Fidium	4/23/2023 8:21 AM
213	Xfinity	4/23/2023 12:12 AM
214	Fidium	4/22/2023 5:45 AM
215	Comcast	4/21/2023 11:00 PM
216	Comcast	4/21/2023 9:20 PM
217	Comcast-it sucks	4/21/2023 8:41 PM
218	Comcast	4/21/2023 8:29 PM
219	Comcast	4/21/2023 7:09 PM
220	Comcast	4/21/2023 7:08 PM
221	Fidium	4/21/2023 7:08 PM
222	Comcast	4/21/2023 5:47 PM
223	Comcast	4/21/2023 4:01 PM
224	Xfinity/Comcast	4/21/2023 2:25 PM
225	comcast	4/21/2023 1:54 PM
226	Xfinity	4/21/2023 1:39 PM
227	Xfinity	4/21/2023 9:28 AM
228	Comcast	4/20/2023 10:03 PM
229	comcast	4/20/2023 9:07 PM
230	Infinity	4/20/2023 5:58 PM
231	Fidium (consolidated)	4/20/2023 1:11 PM
232	Consolidated	4/20/2023 12:43 PM
233	Xfinity... Too expensive	4/20/2023 12:04 PM
234	Straight talk	4/20/2023 11:37 AM
235	Xfinity	4/19/2023 3:05 PM
236	not sure	4/19/2023 2:51 PM
237	Comcast	4/19/2023 9:16 AM
238	Comcast	4/19/2023 8:32 AM
239	Xfinity	4/18/2023 8:01 PM
240	Comcast	4/18/2023 11:26 AM
241	comcast	4/18/2023 10:04 AM
242	Third party	4/17/2023 7:12 PM

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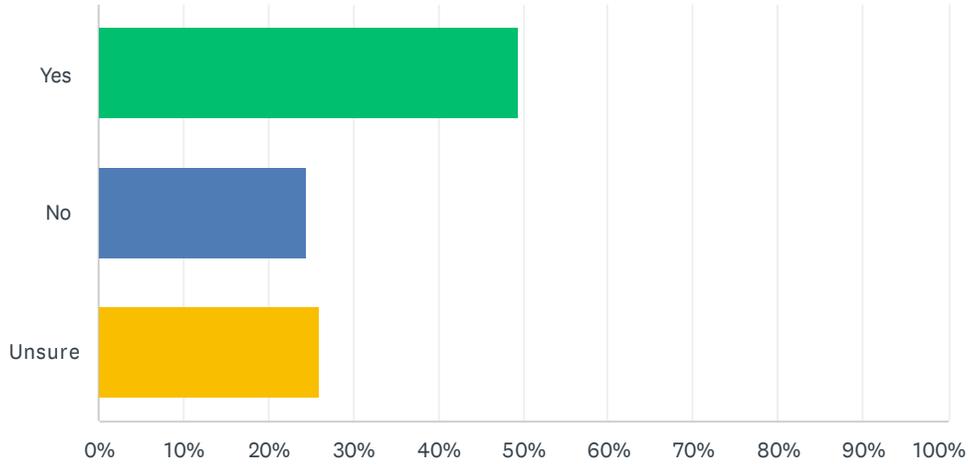
243	Comcast	4/17/2023 2:04 PM
244	XFINITY	4/17/2023 1:30 PM
245	comcast	4/16/2023 6:09 PM
246	Xfinity (we are "captive" to this provider in Page Farm...would love to consider other broadband/internet service providers.	4/16/2023 5:36 PM
247	comcast	4/16/2023 4:53 PM
248	verizon	4/16/2023 8:46 AM
249	Fidium recently switched from Comcast and much better.	4/16/2023 7:54 AM
250	Xfinity	4/16/2023 7:32 AM
251	Xfinity and boost mobile	4/15/2023 6:54 PM
252	Xfinity	4/15/2023 4:40 PM
253	Comcast/Xfinity	4/15/2023 1:41 PM
254	Comcast	4/15/2023 8:45 AM
255	Comcast	4/14/2023 7:55 PM
256	Consolidated	4/14/2023 7:22 PM
257	Consolidated Communications	4/14/2023 3:31 PM
258	Comcast	4/14/2023 11:30 AM
259	same	4/14/2023 10:56 AM
260	Comcast	4/14/2023 9:48 AM
261	Comcast	4/14/2023 6:15 AM
262	Comcast	4/14/2023 5:18 AM
263	Fidium	4/13/2023 9:49 PM
264	Fidium	4/13/2023 9:16 PM
265	Comcast	4/13/2023 6:49 PM
266	Consolidated	4/13/2023 6:34 PM
267	Comcast	4/13/2023 5:14 PM
268	This is not unique problem to Atkinson but internet is a bit of a monopoly in general. We have two bad options in town. Our internet regularly goes out for no apparent reason but there's not much we can do about it bc of how internet access is set up on a scale larger than just our town	4/13/2023 2:28 PM
269	comcast	4/13/2023 2:24 PM
270	Consolidated Communications	4/13/2023 10:46 AM
271	Consolidated	4/12/2023 10:51 PM
272	Comcast	4/12/2023 9:56 PM
273	Comcast	4/12/2023 9:19 PM
274	Consolidated communications	4/12/2023 4:55 PM
275	Fair point	4/12/2023 4:43 PM
276	Xfinity	4/12/2023 4:03 PM
277	comcast	4/12/2023 3:45 PM
278	Fidium	4/12/2023 3:21 PM

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279	xfinity	4/12/2023 3:04 PM
280	Xfinity	4/12/2023 1:52 PM
281	T-Mobile -- wish there were more options	4/12/2023 1:51 PM
282	Xfinity	4/12/2023 1:07 PM
283	Consolidated	4/12/2023 12:40 PM
284	Comcast	4/12/2023 12:35 PM
285	Comcast	4/12/2023 12:06 PM

Q14 Are there specific areas of the existing transportation network (roadways, pathways, etc.) that need attention or future investment?

Answered: 319 Skipped: 123



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	49.53%	158
No	24.45%	78
Unsure	26.02%	83
TOTAL		319

Q15 If yes, please describe below

Answered: 160 Skipped: 282

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	we need sidewalks in some areas and pot holes repaired	5/18/2023 3:18 PM
2	(providence Hill west side dr) side roads are too overpopulated with commercial vehicles and trucks. side roads are revealed too busy especially when busses are stopped for kids	5/18/2023 3:13 PM
3	have a bus stop to local shopping or to Boston	5/18/2023 2:37 PM
4	Rts 121 and East Road? cycling lanes for safety. there are no safe routes for cycling in Atkinson	5/18/2023 2:13 PM
5	limited sidewalks	5/18/2023 1:40 PM
6	sidewalks, keeping up with road maintenance	5/18/2023 1:03 PM
7	safe walking on roads - no sidewalks and overlay process creates dangerous edges	5/18/2023 12:47 PM
8	overgrowth of some of the trail systems in town. concerned about speeding, increased traffic on 121, Sawyer Ave, Academy Ave, Island Pond Ave. not safe to walk there	5/18/2023 12:31 PM
9	there should be sidewalk, at least on one side, from Old Coach Rd to Meditation Ln on Sawyer Ave. Additionally, there should be a sidewalk from Meditation to Island Pond Road on Main St	5/18/2023 12:07 PM
10	we need sidewalks, or at least better shoulders off the side of the roads	5/12/2023 5:07 PM
11	very few path alterations to driving in town. Route 121, Academy Ave, Sawyer, Westside Drive should have widened shoulders for biking and paths should connect conservation areas	5/12/2023 4:51 PM
12	Main Street is too narrow	5/12/2023 3:52 PM
13	walking and bicycling paths	5/12/2023 3:44 PM
14	repairing roads - town does pretty well	5/12/2023 3:33 PM
15	bike lanes on major traffic roads	5/12/2023 10:59 AM
16	Sidewalks and bike trails	5/12/2023 10:34 AM
17	Roads should be repaired more often	5/12/2023 10:28 AM
18	Keep roads paved and cleared in the winter. Very simple.	5/12/2023 9:44 AM
19	I am NOT looking for sidewalks but would like the road shoulders along the main roads to be wider for walkers, carriages, and bikes. Most are very unsafe for pedestrians to use.	5/11/2023 8:55 PM
20	The road/driveway between the Kimball House and the Kimball Library is uneven and in disrepair and is not lit well for people leaving events at the library but had to park at the Kimball House because the parking was full at the library. Of course, the parking lot at the library needs expansion too. Most of the state roads here are quite narrow and dangerous for bicyclists and pedestrians. Education of how to walk safely and bicycle safely on these roads would be a help. The newly planned accessible for all trail planned by the Conservation Commission will be welcomed with gratitude.	5/11/2023 7:01 PM
21	Bike lanes on the road	5/11/2023 3:12 PM
22	Current paving work is excellent	5/11/2023 3:05 PM
23	Yes the State road Academy Ave needs reconstruction and sidewalks	5/11/2023 2:31 PM
24	I live on Salem Road and it is so dangerous to walk my son in his stroller	5/11/2023 1:48 PM
25	Maybe more sidewalks on main streets like Academy Ave	5/11/2023 1:28 PM

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26	Wider main roads with lanes for bikes and pedestrians	5/11/2023 1:22 PM
27	Sawyer Ave needs real sign on main roads and wider road shoulders for walking and biking	5/11/2023 1:15 PM
28	Bottom of Academy Ave.	5/11/2023 1:05 PM
29	Rt 121 needs repaving again!	5/11/2023 12:57 PM
30	More culvert cleaning and draining issues	5/11/2023 12:57 PM
31	A continuous, as needed maintenance as has been applied	5/11/2023 12:54 PM
32	Lower academy Ave	5/11/2023 12:51 PM
33	development in Rockingham County and boarding MA is growing faster than plans to manage them	5/11/2023 12:34 PM
34	upgrade some of the older narrow roads of better emergency access	5/11/2023 12:27 PM
35	need bike lanes	5/11/2023 12:21 PM
36	many major roadways do not have ample burms for walking or cycling safety	5/11/2023 12:13 PM
37	All town road	5/11/2023 12:03 PM
38	paving	5/11/2023 11:50 AM
39	we need more stop lights in critical sectors of town where speeding is an issue	5/11/2023 11:39 AM
40	designated bike path	5/11/2023 11:26 AM
41	bike back sidewalks on Main St	5/11/2023 11:05 AM
42	Bike paths or walking trails to get around town. Walking on Main Street and Sawyer Avenue are often precarious.	5/11/2023 11:03 AM
43	road maintenance	5/11/2023 8:34 AM
44	planned resurfacing	5/11/2023 7:18 AM
45	Road repair	5/11/2023 6:51 AM
46	Sidewalks Trolley to Tuscan/Mall	5/10/2023 11:03 PM
47	Better parking at current trails. Better signage	5/10/2023 10:28 PM
48	Better trail network	5/10/2023 10:20 PM
49	Town has a good rolling street paving plan but state roads are in tough shape. Should have sidewalks on academy from maple to fire station...1/2 mile either side of school	5/10/2023 10:07 PM
50	Connecting Atkinson to commuter rail to Boston/Haverhill line. Connecting Atkinson to Downeaster to Portsmouth/Portland	5/10/2023 9:40 PM
51	Main St. traffic needs monitoring by police. Speeding is rampant. It would be nice to have more sidewalks in town.	5/10/2023 9:14 PM
52	While Atkinson has many wooded trails not everyone wants to hike in the woods or feel safe going there on their own. Some type of a safe public walking path would be nice. Not everyone lives in a neighborhood that is conducive to walking. East Rd, Westside Dr, Maple Ave, Providence Hill Rd, Meditation Lane have become so dangerous to walk on. When we moved here 25 yrs ago I could walk our dog on Westside Dr and feel comfortable and safe doing so. This is definitely no longer true.	5/10/2023 8:45 PM
53	Unsafe for pedestrians & bicyclists	5/10/2023 6:05 PM
54	Area connecting Pope Rd to Woodlock Park. However, I am being very selfish as this is my neighborhood and not for the greater good.	5/10/2023 5:59 PM
55	Additional pathway, perhaps sidewalks close to the common, bike lanes.	5/10/2023 4:30 PM
56	need more safe bike lanes	5/10/2023 1:06 PM
57	just continue 10 year read maintenance program	5/10/2023 12:51 PM

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58	Roads are always invested in, but some may need to be widened	5/10/2023 12:43 PM
59	stay on top of shim/overlay projects	5/10/2023 12:25 PM
60	bottom of Providence Hill Road	5/10/2023 12:13 PM
61	Main St needs to be paved	5/10/2023 12:02 PM
62	RR2 should have more walkways and bicycle lanes	5/10/2023 11:47 AM
63	Sidewalks/share bikeways along main street and Academy ave would be beneficial (not bike lanes in the roadway).	5/10/2023 9:00 AM
64	The town has done a good job of improving sections of roadway each year. I think this should continue. Consider connecting more neighborhoods with bike/walking paths.	5/10/2023 8:54 AM
65	walking/biking trails	5/10/2023 8:25 AM
66	many people could use the train system	5/9/2023 6:47 PM
67	Repaving and restriping academy	5/9/2023 6:36 PM
68	need to fix the potholes on Academy Rd near East Road	5/9/2023 3:46 PM
69	unsafe for any walkers or bikers	5/9/2023 3:32 PM
70	I did not know Sawyer Ave is a state road. My street- Salem Road- is a very busy road, and a short cut, especially for LOUD MOTORCYCLES. This isn't right for a residential area, and I'm sure there are other spots in town.	5/9/2023 9:11 AM
71	More sidewalks to encourage people to be active and build sense of community	5/9/2023 7:44 AM
72	They need to revisit that 10 year paving plan cause some roads need work sooner. Of course a qualified road agent would see fit to fix them accordingly	5/8/2023 7:49 PM
73	more sidewalks connecting the center of town. Not needed on both sides of the street.	5/8/2023 7:24 PM
74	Some sidewalks or walking paths would be nice although I'm not sure that's possible.	5/8/2023 7:23 PM
75	Would love some sidewalks	5/8/2023 6:20 PM
76	Busy roads like East Rd, Academy Ave, and Main Street have hardly any shoulders and are not safe for walking or riding bikes. It would be nice if they had sidewalks.	5/8/2023 2:06 PM
77	Road work in the town has been awful for years - just two examples corner of Maple and Kelly has a sewer that is collapsing - Kelly Rd has terrible frost heaves. We should have supported the train station to get to Boston	5/5/2023 8:10 AM
78	Development of walking trails would be a plus, making sure they are lighted near parking areas. I also see a need for NH 111 widened to four lanes between Interstate 93 in Windham and NH 125 near Kingston. It is becoming a pretty active commuter route, especially in afternoons and mornings.	5/3/2023 8:22 PM
79	Sidewalks!	5/3/2023 4:48 PM
80	Fix what is worst - first	5/3/2023 1:41 PM
81	Keep the current road maintenance voted on during the deliberative session. Leave this to the road agent on what roads need work and not just the budget committee trying to save some money short term without looking at the higher cost of delaying road maintenance.	5/2/2023 8:48 AM
82	Sidewalks and crosswalk from community center to Leavitt's	5/1/2023 8:52 PM
83	State's rte. 121 and Chandler Drive, which for an unknown reason is a private road and should not be.	5/1/2023 4:05 PM
84	Rt. 121 paving	5/1/2023 7:32 AM
85	Sidewalk from Town Hall to Fire station- that side only. Sidewalk on Linebrook	4/30/2023 12:50 PM
86	Providence Hill Road needs a safe walking/biking path.	4/29/2023 3:46 PM
87	Sidewalks on major roads, crosswalks	4/28/2023 11:23 PM

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88	Commuter train to Boston could help property values, attract new residents and serve an aging population.	4/28/2023 8:41 AM
89	Kids riding bikes are not possible because of drivers speed issues. Nice paved roads increase peoples speed.	4/27/2023 6:52 AM
90	You need to stop just overlay.... You need to mill and overlay to avoid getting the new pavement cracking in the same area it was before within a year	4/26/2023 8:07 PM
91	Sidewalks/bike lanes	4/26/2023 7:40 PM
92	More sidewalk adjacent roadways, bike paths	4/26/2023 7:32 PM
93	Bottom of academy ave that joins east rd. Any road that hasn't been paved in more than 15 years	4/26/2023 7:09 PM
94	Rte 111 needs a light at Lakeside/111. We have had a lot of accidents here and a couple deaths. I hate that people just speed thru to get to 93. We live here and our intersection is so dangerous.	4/26/2023 6:44 PM
95	Just general paving/repair	4/26/2023 6:42 PM
96	We need sidewalks!!!	4/26/2023 6:39 PM
97	safer walking in the town center, especially near the school and library, town services. Better speed limit enforcement and sidewalks. Promote residents' health and sense of community for all ages by promoting safe walking and biking.	4/26/2023 6:28 PM
98	We need safer walking, especially in the town center near the Academy, library, and town hall.	4/26/2023 6:27 PM
99	Anywhere kids walk to the Academy should have sidewalks.	4/26/2023 5:36 PM
100	Main routes need to be better maintained by the state. Academy Avenue needs some improvements	4/26/2023 5:26 PM
101	Expand train service into Boston up to Northern NH with reasonable rates to decrease the traffic everywhere!!!	4/26/2023 4:42 PM
102	The town should continue to repave a percentage of roads annually.	4/26/2023 3:26 PM
103	Consider addition of sidewalks and bike paths where reasonable.	4/26/2023 3:20 PM
104	Side walk or be able to walk safely the town center/ Academy Avenue between Fire Station to Town Hall.	4/26/2023 2:30 PM
105	More sidewalks	4/26/2023 1:58 PM
106	More roads need to be rpavaf	4/26/2023 1:47 PM
107	Roads need upkeep at a rate that is perhaps more aggressive than current rate.	4/26/2023 1:21 PM
108	Academy and Upper Maple Avenues	4/26/2023 12:28 PM
109	Restrict non residential traffic coming to or from Rt 111 taking shortcuts down Island pond Rd to Westside drive. It creates such a traffic mess and they speed there as well. You can't stop traffic on 121 but our back roads shouldn't be clogged with outsiders cutting through to avoid traffic on 111	4/26/2023 12:09 PM
110	The town shouldn't skim roads but replace, as skimming is only a short term solution.	4/26/2023 12:07 PM
111	maple ave	4/26/2023 11:47 AM
112	Continue with Trail system and look at sidewalks on Academy Ave.	4/26/2023 11:36 AM
113	The addition of sidewalks and bike paths would be terrific.	4/26/2023 11:19 AM
114	Wider shoulders on main st to protect new residents that don't have the sense to jog elsewhere	4/26/2023 11:11 AM
115	public Business should be added	4/26/2023 10:56 AM
116	Bicycle lanes needed	4/26/2023 10:56 AM
117	keep our road repair plan & maybe add another snow plow & a responsible driver	4/26/2023 10:50 AM

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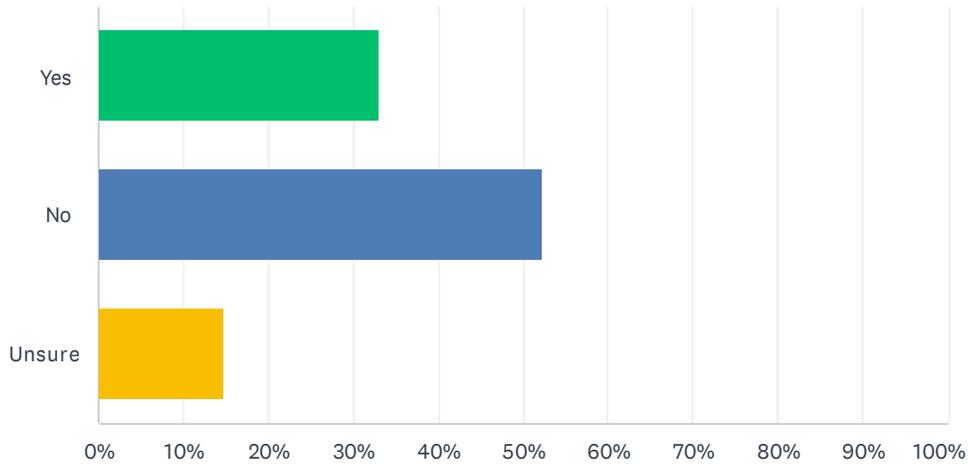
118	Maple Ave...every time we have a heavy downpour, the shoulders get washed out. Rte 121 is pretty rough, and so is lower Academy Ave.	4/26/2023 10:05 AM
119	Should have sidewalks on 1 side of busy rds... academy, Providence hill, old coach, sawyer etc	4/26/2023 9:53 AM
120	Automated speed limit signs to keep speeding down.	4/26/2023 9:53 AM
121	Salt instead of in the winter	4/26/2023 9:43 AM
122	I would like to see on the main streets in town (Route 121, Island Pond Road, Westside Drive, East Road, etc) a wider street that would accommodate bikers and walkers. I'm not taking about adding sidewalks, just a wider road.	4/26/2023 9:19 AM
123	Continue with road surfacing	4/26/2023 9:08 AM
124	Stop lights are needed to slow down speeders on East Road, Academy Ave, and Main Street.	4/25/2023 6:47 PM
125	Sidewalks and more street lights	4/25/2023 3:27 PM
126	Sidewalks	4/25/2023 9:47 AM
127	Hillsdale ave	4/24/2023 2:17 AM
128	Sidewalks near school and town center	4/22/2023 5:46 AM
129	Pathways for walking or biking. Safer shoulders along busy roads. I run on Sawyer Ave and almost get hit everyday	4/21/2023 8:42 PM
130	Sidewalks in the downtown area would be great. Wider road shoulders everywhere to accommodate cyclists walkers	4/21/2023 8:07 PM
131	Sidewalks	4/21/2023 7:09 PM
132	Bicycle paths	4/21/2023 2:26 PM
133	bike paths, sidewalks,	4/21/2023 1:56 PM
134	We need sidewalks	4/21/2023 8:20 AM
135	Main st needs sidewalks	4/20/2023 4:23 PM
136	Some long straightaways could use more safety measures to slow traffic and protect residents / would like bike paths and to encourage more walking	4/20/2023 1:12 PM
137	We need wider roads. We need a decent shoulder where people can walk, run or ride bicycles. It is dangerous, uninviting and outright scary. There are some corners which are blind and trees/brush must be cut back.	4/20/2023 12:48 PM
138	Near community center and Ice cream place a light would be nice dangerous area	4/20/2023 11:39 AM
139	State operated Academy Avenue requires improved maintenance: plowing, border mowing, brush growth control.	4/19/2023 3:08 PM
140	Condominium developments largely have private roads, that are not maintained by the town. This is a huge expense to many residents of this town.	4/19/2023 2:55 PM
141	more pathways	4/18/2023 8:04 PM
142	Cut the sides of the main roads back to support walkers	4/16/2023 9:09 PM
143	roads need to be wider to ensure safety of pedestrians and cyclists	4/16/2023 6:11 PM
144	Atkinson's country roads are narrow and without sidewalks, bicycle lanes or safe walking spaces	4/16/2023 4:57 PM
145	Main Street and some other streets have become so congested and frankly dangerous to walk or bike on. Wish there was sidewalks in those.	4/16/2023 7:57 AM
146	Older roads in town need to be properly paved, (not shim and ovelay) drainage in neighborhoods need to be adressed. Creation of a walking path connecting town buildings in the ceter of town.	4/15/2023 8:57 AM

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147	Sidwalks in center of town to allow access to town builds, school and fire station	4/14/2023 7:57 PM
148	Atkinson needs to keep their roads paved - and roadsides clear and groomed.	4/14/2023 7:25 PM
149	We need more sidewalks along main roadways	4/14/2023 11:33 AM
150	Most main roads have been in a state of disrepair for quite some time	4/14/2023 6:25 AM
151	Replace Acedemy Ave drainage, asphalt. No sidewalks needed though.	4/14/2023 5:20 AM
152	Rte 111 & Island Pond Rd intersection is precarious at best! And Island Pond Rd has become a "short cut" to avoid the 121 & Main St intersection.	4/13/2023 6:56 PM
153	If we continue to shim and overlay we will have roads that have foot deep pavement.	4/13/2023 5:16 PM
154	Add some sidewalks! It builds community, encourages people to be outside, allows our kids to safely get to school or friends houses. Even just looking at Academy, Maple and Sawmill would be HUGE.	4/13/2023 2:31 PM
155	Need safer places to walk.	4/12/2023 9:23 PM
156	Traffic studies. Main roads are overburdened. New roadways need to be built to handle traffic.	4/12/2023 6:28 PM
157	Bikeways...it is dangerous for the biker and driver as the bikes are in the roadway	4/12/2023 4:57 PM
158	I think having some sidewalks would be nice, especially since a lot of people walk in different neighborhoods. For example, in "the maze" people are always walking/biking.	4/12/2023 3:21 PM
159	We need sidewalks on main roads and to figure out how to limit the speeds on main roads, 121 and maple for example are prime cut throughs to other towns and through traffic speed is excessive	4/12/2023 3:06 PM
160	Greater safe walkability	4/12/2023 1:53 PM

Q16 In your opinion, does the current transportation system in Atkinson serve all potential users effectively (users may include drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists, and others as well as specific populations such as youth, seniors, etc.)?

Answered: 318 Skipped: 124



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	33.02%	105
No	52.20%	166
Unsure	14.78%	47
TOTAL		318

Q17 Why or Why Not?

Answered: 200 Skipped: 242

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	continued quality maintenance of roadways is always a good investment	5/18/2023 3:26 PM
2	if you dont drive or have a car - age or disability related	5/18/2023 3:18 PM
3	unsafe for walkers, bikers to ride. people are run off the roads way too often	5/18/2023 3:13 PM
4	maybe bike destination on roads	5/18/2023 2:44 PM
5	better space for bicyclists and equestrian	5/18/2023 2:37 PM
6	cyclists need a large enough section of road to ride on. rt 121 is just unbearable. I was riding there today	5/18/2023 2:13 PM
7	it serves drivers only and should consider walkers/runners and cyclists.	5/18/2023 1:14 PM
8	works for me, nor sure if it works for all	5/18/2023 1:03 PM
9	cars only approach - all other left out	5/18/2023 12:47 PM
10	no safe areas on main roads for bicyclists, pedestrians (speeding, traffic)	5/18/2023 12:31 PM
11	not travel enough roadways to tell	5/18/2023 12:21 PM
12	In my previous comment, I mentioned two frequently used roads that are dangerous for walker and cyclists. Also, we should have public transport to travel the ends of Atkinson to get to Shaws or Woodlock Park or some other commonly visited location. A study should be conducted to determine which roadways are frequently used and are unsafe in order to decide which roads could use a sidewalk. the study could be used to determine a possible need for public transportation	5/18/2023 12:07 PM
13	children of this town can not ride bikes, safely in this town. due to lack of sidewalks and lack of police patrol	5/12/2023 5:07 PM
14	more runner and bike friendly routes	5/12/2023 4:57 PM
15	system system only cars (= noise, pollution)	5/12/2023 4:51 PM
16	walking, bicycling paths are too risky in many places	5/12/2023 3:44 PM
17	with a growing elderly population we could use more transport options - Elder Services is great!	5/12/2023 3:33 PM
18	If you want to walk it is dangerous without sidewalks	5/12/2023 11:07 AM
19	Need some bike lanes of major traffic roads to allow for kids on bikes or runners	5/12/2023 10:59 AM
20	Sidewalks and bike trails	5/12/2023 10:34 AM
21	bicyclists	5/12/2023 10:15 AM
22	Things work they way they are.	5/12/2023 9:44 AM
23	Atkinson is currently a bedroom community surrounded by much larger communities which have facilities we can use. We do not need to have our own.	5/11/2023 11:29 PM
24	Main road shoulders are too narrow.	5/11/2023 8:55 PM
25	Probably not but sidewalks would take what people are used to thinking of as "their land" and upkeep especially in the winter would be expensive. The issue of the safety of the school children on Main Street was only solved when the Slade daughter was hit by a car when she crossed the road in front of her house. Hopefully education of how to walk and bike safely will continue to be enough to keep our residents safe when they venture forth on our roads.	5/11/2023 7:01 PM

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26	With the exception of state roads, which act as commuter corridors for the surrounding towns	5/11/2023 3:20 PM
27	No sidewalks or bike lanes	5/11/2023 3:12 PM
28	Need bicycle lanes or sidewalks	5/11/2023 2:31 PM
29	Cars, pedestrians, bikers share same space with "country" road widths	5/11/2023 2:08 PM
30	scary to bike or walk on main roads dues to speeds	5/11/2023 1:48 PM
31	not many accidents	5/11/2023 1:24 PM
32	Bikers and pedestrians have few options	5/11/2023 1:22 PM
33	People speed endangering bikes and walkers	5/11/2023 1:17 PM
34	it would be an asset to have sidewalks in come areas	5/11/2023 1:05 PM
35	Need room on sides of roads to walk & bicycle	5/11/2023 1:05 PM
36	Our senior program is great	5/11/2023 12:54 PM
37	town sidewalks and roads still retain 1950s design	5/11/2023 12:34 PM
38	the current structure of the state of NH does not lend itself to bike pedestrian traffic. changing that would be hugely expensive and is low priority in my opinion. similar efforts in FL resulted in "road to nowhere"	5/11/2023 12:27 PM
39	no bike lanes	5/11/2023 12:21 PM
40	see above	5/11/2023 12:13 PM
41	soft shoulders not enough space	5/11/2023 12:03 PM
42	it is not safe to walk or bike on most of our roads except some neighborhoods. not safe for kids/seniors especially	5/11/2023 11:39 AM
43	no sidewalks, bike path for all ages	5/11/2023 11:26 AM
44	get rid of NETTS on our roads	5/11/2023 11:05 AM
45	Being a passthrough town, we have lots of speeding cars which is not conducive to pedestrians and bicyclists.	5/11/2023 11:03 AM
46	No sidewalks makes walking on main roads very difficult. Also no street lights makes travel at night difficult.	5/11/2023 9:16 AM
47	no bicycle paths	5/11/2023 8:34 AM
48	What transportation "system"	5/11/2023 7:33 AM
49	Please refer to a website papa.com will help our residents	5/11/2023 7:18 AM
50	put sidewalks in	5/11/2023 6:51 AM
51	Need walking paths, if not sidewalks on busy streets	5/10/2023 10:49 PM
52	Not many roadways with enough width for biking safety	5/10/2023 10:20 PM
53	very few children walk to school because there is no sidewalk	5/10/2023 10:07 PM
54	Close to 495 + 93	5/10/2023 10:05 PM
55	More local services would help seniors who can not or will not drive.Town Atkbus?	5/10/2023 9:40 PM
56	Most roads were made too narrow for safe biking or running.	5/10/2023 9:14 PM
57	Main roads are not suitable for walkers	5/10/2023 9:04 PM
58	Main roads not wide enough for safe bicycle use	5/10/2023 8:17 PM
59	need sidewalks	5/10/2023 8:07 PM
60	People speed on roads. Drivers do not share with others	5/10/2023 6:05 PM

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61	I can only judge by my needs and they are being met. My husband would like more Bike Trails as he needs to go to Salem to ride his Bike safely.	5/10/2023 5:59 PM
62	Bicyclists are at higher risk especially children as people continue to speed it town!	5/10/2023 5:56 PM
63	no room for bikes or walkers	5/10/2023 5:35 PM
64	Only serves vehicle traffic, it needs expansion	5/10/2023 4:30 PM
65	I would like to see some bike paths and side walks on main roads through town. I would also like to see some affordable special transportation services for people with disabilities who are unable to get around.	5/10/2023 2:38 PM
66	currently okay - an entire land for bikers/walkers would be great	5/10/2023 1:06 PM
67	senior program outstanding	5/10/2023 12:51 PM
68	shoulders could be wider	5/10/2023 12:43 PM
69	really no room for bike lanes	5/10/2023 12:25 PM
70	would be nice to have side walks and road side space for pedestrians	5/10/2023 12:13 PM
71	scary to ride bike or walk on main roads (East, Main, etc)	5/10/2023 11:47 AM
72	the lack of sidewalks is a negative, but I do understand that many rural towns in New Hampshire do not have sidewalks, and I accept this and I accept that it's very expensive to probably change this. It may not be practical.	5/10/2023 10:07 AM
73	nothing for bikes or pedestrians	5/10/2023 9:53 AM
74	See above	5/10/2023 9:00 AM
75	Atkinson is not a pedestrian friendly town, though there are lots of walkers. There are no sidewalks, no bike paths. Though creating this would come with difficulty.	5/10/2023 8:54 AM
76	very unsafe for walkers and bicyclists on the streets	5/9/2023 6:47 PM
77	Downtown Dow common could be more walkable and have more visible updates reflective low cost Wayfinding signs directing people how to navigate around our town.	5/9/2023 6:36 PM
78	need walking trails and bike paths	5/9/2023 4:52 PM
79	roads are for cars	5/9/2023 4:38 PM
80	dangerous to walk on roads like Rt 121 or cycle	5/9/2023 4:31 PM
81	why are you pushing bicycles! is this recommended by communist Chinese?	5/9/2023 3:46 PM
82	pedestrians, bicyclists, youth and seniors	5/9/2023 3:32 PM
83	Roads with no sidewalks are dangerous	5/9/2023 7:44 AM
84	Roads are tight and some need major work	5/8/2023 7:49 PM
85	I won't ride a bike here. It is also scary to walk here.	5/8/2023 7:23 PM
86	No safe pathways/sidewalks/bike lanes on any of the roads	5/8/2023 6:20 PM
87	Main roads like East Rd, Academy Ave, and Main Street are not safe for kids (or adults) walking or riding bikes.	5/8/2023 2:06 PM
88	What transportation system???	5/5/2023 8:10 AM
89	As is the case with most 200+ year old towns around here, we really can't expect to make everything work for everyone. Land uses were decided long ago, and trying to make bike paths for cyclists or accommodating every conceivable use isn't practical. I have seen many towns try to accommodate activist bicycle groups, for example, in other areas with mixed results. In other words, no, we aren't meeting everyone's needs equally, nor should we. Bicyclists should seek out dedicated paths such as the Granite State Rail Trail. We are a quiet New England town with two main state roads serving as access, one of them being NH 121, a critical artery through our town. Trying to change that road to accommodate different uses would make the	5/3/2023 8:22 PM

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	road more dangerous. Now, increased traffic enforcement would help keep speeds down and maintain safety	
90	Love to see the town be more pedestrian-friendly	5/3/2023 4:48 PM
91	the rural roads and main roads are too dangerous for cyclists	5/3/2023 2:11 PM
92	I appreciate the town offering senior citizens support for transportation.	5/2/2023 8:48 AM
93	Elderly services is sufficient for those that cannot drive to important or needed places. Our roads are far too busy and narrow for bicyclists	5/1/2023 4:05 PM
94	No sidewalks for pedestrians.	5/1/2023 7:32 AM
95	Small town, clean streets, we are mainly back roads	5/1/2023 7:08 AM
96	121/Main Street and East Rd bicyclists	4/30/2023 12:50 PM
97	Seniors are not well served if using medical facilities in Boston.	4/29/2023 3:46 PM
98	Elder Services is a great asset to the Town.	4/29/2023 8:48 AM
99	Fast drivers do not yield to runners and bikers	4/28/2023 11:23 PM
100	We need lower speed in town and if possible bicycle paths	4/28/2023 12:53 PM
101	Atkinson is not a place safe to walk or ride outside of side streets and conservation land.	4/28/2023 8:41 AM
102	I walk the streets every day- busy ones too and I feel completely safe.	4/27/2023 6:57 PM
103	Roads are narrow and there is increasing traffic. It is hard to walk and/or bicycle without stepping/riding on the roadside, which is not always maintained appropriately.	4/27/2023 1:24 PM
104	To dangerous for Kids to ride walk on roads	4/27/2023 6:52 AM
105	Dangerous to walk and bike on many side and major roads	4/26/2023 7:40 PM
106	Sidewalks would be nice to have along academy ave and streets that join up with it.	4/26/2023 7:09 PM
107	Would be nice to have a walk and bike lane on rte 111. For those of us who live off 111 we can't go walking or bikeriding safely.	4/26/2023 6:44 PM
108	Pedestrians and bicyclists take their lives into their own hands when traversing the streets of Atkinson.	4/26/2023 6:42 PM
109	We need sidewalks!!!	4/26/2023 6:39 PM
110	as above. Academy Avenue and Maple Avenue in particular are very unsafe for walkers and bikers: I know, as I travel both regularly by foot and bike.	4/26/2023 6:28 PM
111	I live on Academy Ave and often walk to the library. If you think this is safe, come along with me on a walk and you can decide for yourself.	4/26/2023 6:27 PM
112	Very car drivin. More bike walking safely on main roads	4/26/2023 6:19 PM
113	I know there is something available for seniors. I'm unaware of what's available for others	4/26/2023 6:13 PM
114	roads are not wide enough to safely ride bicycles.	4/26/2023 5:36 PM
115	You can hardly walk on Academy or Maple Avenue without the chance of being hit. Many drivers are not respectful of walkers and move over. They come too close and their mirrors practically hit people. It's unfortunate. And Academy is home to the school and Library and kids can't walk there. Sidewalks would be nice but I don't see it happening	4/26/2023 5:26 PM
116	Almost no sidewalks or public transit — not especially critical I suppose with how little there is to actual walk to.	4/26/2023 5:18 PM
117	Note many walkers on narrow road ways -	4/26/2023 3:48 PM
118	This is a craftily worded question. I don't necessarily care about "all potential users". This is a town where you drive. MA has plenty of towns where that may or may not be a requirement; the ones with bike, bus, pedestrian, etc. lanes are horrible. I had the misfortune of living in one of them for far too long.	4/26/2023 3:26 PM

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119	Sidewalk / bike path comment applies.	4/26/2023 3:20 PM
120	I think that there are few safe places for bicycles.	4/26/2023 2:38 PM
121	Even though we have the Elder Services but they only provide transportation to medical appointments. We do need the transportation for everyday errands for residents who don't/ can't drive.	4/26/2023 2:30 PM
122	The town would benefit from areas to serve bicyclists.	4/26/2023 1:21 PM
123	Roads in most areas are not wide enough	4/26/2023 12:28 PM
124	Most people living here have their own transportation and for seniors they are provided free access to rides by the Atkinson Sr Center which is awesome. Youths have their family to provide transportation as needed.	4/26/2023 12:09 PM
125	walkers need safe paths	4/26/2023 11:47 AM
126	Need to add some walkways along major roads for pedestrians.	4/26/2023 11:23 AM
127	They're are not enough walking or bike paths.	4/26/2023 11:19 AM
128	Not sidewalks but wider shoulders for bikes and pedestrians	4/26/2023 11:11 AM
129	You need a car to get anywhere	4/26/2023 10:56 AM
130	All roads are geared toward vehicular traffic	4/26/2023 10:56 AM
131	I think the drivers & cars for the needy & seniors are outstanding	4/26/2023 10:50 AM
132	Additional shoulders of the roads would be helpful for both cyclists and runners	4/26/2023 10:40 AM
133	Bicycle paths on sides of roads would be great...for pedestrians, too	4/26/2023 10:22 AM
134	Especially for pedestrians and bicyclists (for safety reasons, roads are really too narrow).	4/26/2023 10:05 AM
135	Would never want to see a bicycle path in Atkinson. Far too dangerous.	4/26/2023 9:56 AM
136	Not safe. Roads are too busy. Walking the dog is treacherous	4/26/2023 9:53 AM
137	We can go to trails or bike paths for those recreational activities. They're safer than walking any roads.	4/26/2023 9:53 AM
138	Not bike or running friendly	4/26/2023 9:34 AM
139	We are a small town with a major road running through Currently things run very well for me and my family and our needs	4/26/2023 9:27 AM
140	It is too dangerous to ride a bike or walk on major roads.	4/26/2023 9:19 AM
141	Seniors need transportation options in order to age in place.	4/26/2023 9:18 AM
142	With low speed limits and policing for speed, the residents are caution and respectful of non motorists.	4/26/2023 9:13 AM
143	We have plenty of conservation trails to walk on, parks to lay in, the roads are well kept, and we have an expensive elder services program.	4/26/2023 9:11 AM
144	Few sidewalks and poor road shoulders	4/26/2023 9:08 AM
145	No bus service available.	4/25/2023 6:47 PM
146	Narrow roads don't allow for cars/bicyclists/runners	4/25/2023 9:47 AM
147	Traffic and speeding are crazy in town. It is unsafe to walk or bike. Please do NOT put in sidewalks. Simply pushing back brush, shaping slopes (less steep) and covering ditches would make it east to stop off the paved road when cars come by. We do NOT need paved sidewalks.	4/24/2023 10:38 PM
148	No sidewalks or bike paths	4/24/2023 9:29 AM
149	I moved here 2001 on rte 121...our house is set way back and up on a hill. My bedroom faces street. Always slept with windows open, starting last summer have to close window 4:45 am ,	4/24/2023 2:17 AM

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it becomes a RACETRACK. NOISE IS UNBEARABLE, Same this summer already. WORSE THAN EVER, THE TRUCKERS DONT HELP

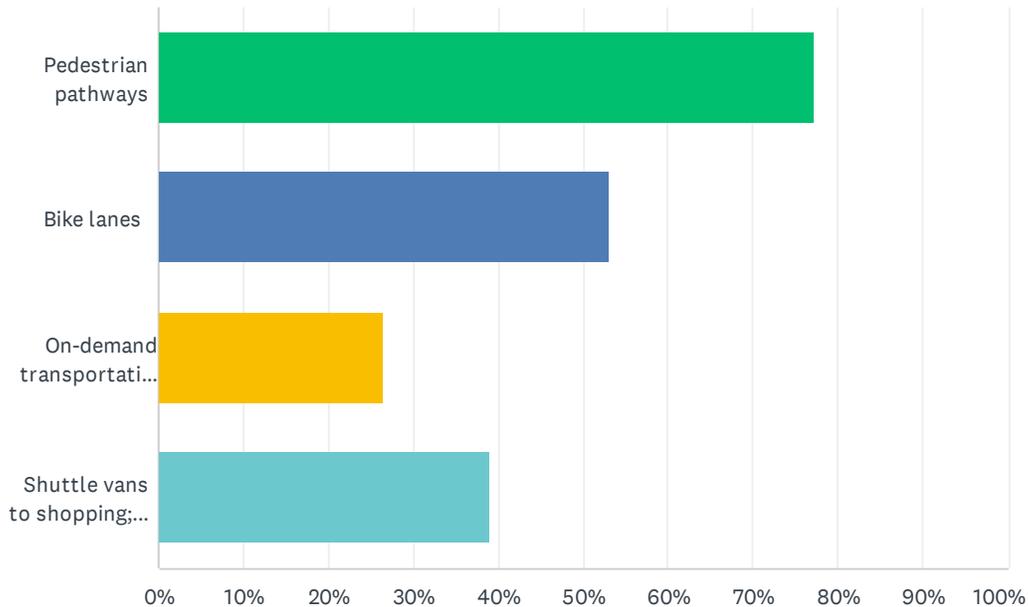
150	Roads are not friendly for pedestrians and bicyclists.	4/24/2023 12:22 AM
151	Being a "pass-through" town (i.e. high interstate traffic flow), Atkinson can do nothing about the state roads, which are the greatest problem for pedestrians and bicyclists. The town roads, however, are perfectly fine for this purpose.	4/23/2023 2:49 PM
152	The town roads are fine, but the state maintained roads, because of the high traffic count and speeding motorists, are dangerous for the bicyclists and pedestrians who seek an ecological means of transportation.	4/23/2023 2:45 PM
153	Elder services provides free rides to our seniors to doctor appointments, etc...	4/23/2023 2:43 PM
154	Need more pedestrian and bikers safe areas	4/22/2023 5:46 AM
155	The majority of our roads have no sidewalks	4/21/2023 11:01 PM
156	Would be nice to have side walls where people could safely walk in their area. I have to drive somewhere just to go for a walk because k live on a busy road	4/21/2023 9:22 PM
157	Unsafe to ride a bike on most roads due to lack of safe shoulder size	4/21/2023 8:33 PM
158	No room at roadsides for walking or biking	4/21/2023 8:07 PM
159	Bike lanes and sidewalks in key areas are needed.	4/21/2023 7:43 PM
160	No sidewalks!	4/21/2023 7:09 PM
161	roads are dangerous to walk/bike on due to speeding traffic	4/21/2023 5:49 PM
162	Lack of bicycle paths or lanes	4/21/2023 2:26 PM
163	bike paths, sidewalks,	4/21/2023 1:56 PM
164	no public transportation and consentino made sure our elders got serviced	4/20/2023 9:10 PM
165	I would love to see sidewalks in the town	4/20/2023 8:20 PM
166	the speed people drive makes walking along the roads more risky than it should be. maybe some sidewalks ?	4/20/2023 5:03 PM
167	Vehicle traffic is fine but I would feel unsafe walking on main roads due to fast drivers	4/20/2023 4:23 PM
168	Current system only satisfies automobile traffic. We need to accommodate foot and bicycle traffic with wider roads and decent shoulders. Consider turning some streets into 1-way streets.	4/20/2023 12:48 PM
169	need sidewalks	4/20/2023 11:39 AM
170	Some roads are dangerous for bike users. And the lack of sidewalks stops the residents from walking around the town safely.	4/19/2023 2:55 PM
171	Plenty of areas for pedestrians, bicyclists to ride safely and plenty of roads for drivers	4/19/2023 9:21 AM
172	roads are not wide enough for walking or biking with the number of insane drivers (speed/driving ability) on these roads.	4/19/2023 8:39 AM
173	bicycle and pedestrian paths inadequate.	4/18/2023 8:04 PM
174	Improving bicycle paths and transportation for seniors, would be start.	4/17/2023 2:06 PM
175	No room to safely walk on roads	4/16/2023 9:09 PM
176	Already stayed not safe for walking and bikes like Main Street, maple ave, east road.	4/16/2023 7:57 AM
177	The busy state roads are not wide enough to accommodate pedestrians or bicyclists safely. Generally, users of local roads defer to non automobile users as needed.	4/15/2023 4:46 PM
178	Being a small town it is not cost effective to redesign our roadways to accomadate all forms of transportation ie. Bikes, Pedestrains	4/15/2023 8:57 AM
179	I walk a lot on Maple Avenue and the adjacents streets and have no problem at all.	4/14/2023 7:25 PM

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180	Yes, for a rural community. There are private, charitable, organizations that provide transportation to elderly or others in need for medical or other appointments. The Atkinson population is likely too small to justify public transportation.	4/14/2023 3:36 PM
181	More dedicated bicycle lanes are needed	4/14/2023 11:33 AM
182	Regardless of the conditions of the current roads in atkinson they function as intended, the addition of sidewalks/ bike paths would not be accepted well by a majority of the community that resides on main roads such as; stage rd, Academy Ave, maple Ave, etc. These main roads have always been a cut through for out of town use, speed and safety have always been a concerning factor.	4/14/2023 6:25 AM
183	Too much reliance on Island Pond Road and Westside Drive to get across town.	4/13/2023 9:18 PM
184	Our town roads are not walking or bicycle friends	4/13/2023 6:56 PM
185	Doesn't address needs of cyclist or pedestrian safety. No sidewalks or bike lanes	4/13/2023 6:45 PM
186	Sidewalks on East Rd, Main St and Academy Ave would be nice.	4/13/2023 5:16 PM
187	We need sidewalks on Main Street.	4/13/2023 3:04 PM
188	You can't be a pedestrian here. There's no way!	4/13/2023 2:31 PM
189	Very satisfied with existing systems	4/13/2023 12:26 PM
190	Bicycling could be easier, but not sure how you could do it on narrow New England state roads like East and Main.	4/13/2023 10:47 AM
191	There are a few areas where improvements could be made.	4/12/2023 10:54 PM
192	Many roads unsafe for bicyclists and walkers. Support and expand Atkinson Elder Services transportation.	4/12/2023 9:23 PM
193	Atkinson is known to be a car community. Anyone looking for public transportation should be looking to live in towns or cities that offer it.	4/12/2023 6:28 PM
194	bicyclists have no where to ride safely	4/12/2023 4:57 PM
195	Sidewalks would be great especially on Academy Ave	4/12/2023 4:44 PM
196	no sidewalks on main roads or bike lanes	4/12/2023 3:48 PM
197	again, need sidewalks	4/12/2023 3:06 PM
198	Walking is limited to neighborhoods and limited conservation land -- it's hard to make loops that don't involve busy roads	4/12/2023 1:53 PM
199	There should be some sort of bus service provided	4/12/2023 12:41 PM
200	It's not great for walking/cycling. Largely due to the fact that speed is a major factor. Speed limits seem reasonable at 30, but very few follow the speed limit. I nearly get hit regularly just trying to get to my mailbox. Greater enforcement, speed limit signs, speed signs that flash your speed, and speed bumps should be considered.	4/12/2023 12:11 PM

Q18 Nearly all of Atkinson’s transportation system is designed for automobiles. How can we increase safe and convenient transportation options in town? Check all that apply.

Answered: 262 Skipped: 180



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Pedestrian pathways	77.10% 202
Bike lanes	53.05% 139
On-demand transportation like Uber/Lyft	26.34% 69
Shuttle vans to shopping; medical services; and regional transportation	38.93% 102
Total Respondents: 262	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	elder services dept is very important	5/18/2023 3:26 PM
2	for starters	5/18/2023 3:18 PM
3	wider shoulders	5/18/2023 2:37 PM
4	none, it works fine	5/18/2023 1:21 PM
5	speed bumps on Main St in high traffic area - people fly	5/18/2023 12:47 PM
6	Elder services transport - no to bike lanes - pedestrian paths maybe depends where	5/18/2023 12:21 PM
7	extend bus service from Haverhill	5/12/2023 3:52 PM
8	control speeding	5/12/2023 3:23 PM
9	Elderly transport system in place is excellent!	5/12/2023 10:15 AM

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10	KEEP THEM THE WAY THEY ARE.	5/12/2023 9:44 AM
11	We do not need any of the above	5/11/2023 11:29 PM
12	Widen the road shoulders and maintain weed growth.	5/11/2023 8:55 PM
13	Since our roads are very narrow, I don't see bike lanes and pedestrian pathways being useful. My kids used the "kid trails" to go to school and the Village Store. There were trails the kids used by the high school and the middle school too. Wonder if they are still in use?	5/11/2023 7:01 PM
14	None	5/11/2023 3:20 PM
15	unsure	5/11/2023 3:05 PM
16	control speeding	5/11/2023 1:59 PM
17	sidewalks	5/11/2023 1:28 PM
18	"15-min" town plan	5/11/2023 12:34 PM
19	why do we want to?	5/11/2023 12:27 PM
20	Atkinson Rec Van Ski Bus	5/11/2023 11:05 AM
21	sidewalks	5/11/2023 6:51 AM
22	Commuter rail access in Haverhill expanded	5/10/2023 10:05 PM
23	sidewalks along major thoroughfares e.g.125.	5/10/2023 9:40 PM
24	No bus stop in Atkinson perhaps should have one at community ctr.	5/10/2023 8:17 PM
25	sidewalks in some areas, main streets are not safe to walk	5/10/2023 8:07 PM
26	Encourage people who rely on automobiles for transportation to live in Atkinson.	5/10/2023 7:12 PM
27	As above, planning for travel by foot and bike is highly desirable.	5/10/2023 4:30 PM
28	on academy ave?	5/10/2023 12:59 PM
29	more of a state resource that is lacking for public transport	5/10/2023 12:13 PM
30	I love the idea of increased bike lanes but, fearful of Rt 121 and East Rd traffic!	5/10/2023 11:53 AM
31	improve trails on conservation lands for bikes and walking or running	5/10/2023 9:53 AM
32	See above	5/10/2023 9:00 AM
33	sidewalks	5/9/2023 4:00 PM
34	all of these would cause traffic congestion! study that first dont just start with an imaginary wish list	5/9/2023 3:46 PM
35	Sidewalks and paved walking trails	5/9/2023 7:44 AM
36	sidewalks on busy roads!	5/8/2023 12:51 PM
37	Atkinson Elder Services already operates a great shuttle service and should be used by as many as possible. I don't see the need to add anything.	5/3/2023 8:22 PM
38	No bike lanes on public roads, have seen other cities/towns have bike lanes on public roads and it is extremely dangerous and causes additional traffic.	5/2/2023 8:48 AM
39	Question is leading - we don't have significant pedestrian or bike traffic today that would constitute an investment.	4/28/2023 11:05 AM
40	leave as is	4/27/2023 6:55 PM
41	We already have services for the elderly, if there are people in town who need assistance perhaps we can expand on the elder services for medical shut ins	4/27/2023 8:32 AM
42	Sidewalks!!!	4/26/2023 6:39 PM
43	Trains would be nice, but let's face it, commuter rails are severely lacking in this country.	4/26/2023 5:18 PM

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44	Paving	4/26/2023 12:28 PM
45	Instituting resident only traffic- stop all the cut through traffic on Sawyer, Meditation, Westside, providence hill rd etc make residential only	4/26/2023 12:09 PM
46	The town is not set up for benefiting from sidewalks, and due to our cluster subdivision being the bulk of the buildings, we have great places for kids to ride. The one thing we could do is put bike paths between adjacent cluster subdivisions, so children could ride between subdivisions without having to go out on a main road.	4/26/2023 11:36 AM
47	LOVE our community's Elder Services. Wow, they help so many people!	4/26/2023 10:22 AM
48	Maybe a biking area offroad	4/26/2023 10:09 AM
49	I believe there is senior transport already! That is wonderful	4/26/2023 9:27 AM
50	Widen the major roads in town the next time the need to be paved.	4/26/2023 9:19 AM
51	Uber and Lyft are already available. Elder services transportation is available	4/26/2023 9:11 AM
52	Sidewalks	4/26/2023 9:08 AM
53	Elderly shuttle to the haverhill buses	4/24/2023 2:17 AM
54	NON OF THE ABOVE!	4/23/2023 2:43 PM
55	None	4/23/2023 8:21 AM
56	Sidewalks	4/21/2023 7:09 PM
57	control speeding vehicles --	4/21/2023 5:49 PM
58	atk rec bus	4/21/2023 1:56 PM
59	you can't increase. this an area that many don't want changed	4/20/2023 9:10 PM
60	Speed bumps	4/20/2023 1:12 PM
61	1 way roads to allow for foot and bike traffic.	4/20/2023 12:48 PM
62	Everything is great the way it is that is why Atkinson is in great demand.	4/19/2023 9:21 AM
63	maintain elder services	4/18/2023 10:11 AM
64	I believe Uber is already available.	4/16/2023 5:37 PM
65	Creation of sidewalks, bike lanes or Shuttle vans is not a ecomomincal option	4/15/2023 8:57 AM
66	Funding our Elder Services is very important.	4/14/2023 7:25 PM
67	Nothing needed.	4/14/2023 5:20 AM
68	Sidewalks!	4/13/2023 2:31 PM
69	Satisfied with existing modes	4/13/2023 12:26 PM
70	Support and expand Atkinson Elder Services transportation.	4/12/2023 9:23 PM
71	Bike trails	4/12/2023 1:09 PM

Q19 How do Atkinson's cultural and historic resources contribute to the community's character and make it unique from other communities?

Answered: 180 Skipped: 262

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Atkinson is one of the oldest towns in the country. the town's history should be more of a tourist attraction. the town should be able to express its national relevance as a part of US history	5/18/2023 3:27 PM
2	Im not really sure	5/18/2023 3:18 PM
3	they keep Atkinson charming	5/18/2023 3:13 PM
4	it is our heritage and history	5/18/2023 2:45 PM
5	I enjoy the local farms and animals. we should protect those lands for our future. space us swinging and id like to keep these paces for their beauty. this is why I live here	5/18/2023 2:37 PM
6	preservation	5/18/2023 2:24 PM
7	Atkinson is an old town with a history to match - we have a variety of town groups that support and build own that history all of which should continue in the New England tradition - our library, schools should be supported	5/18/2023 2:14 PM
8	public programs scholarships museum	5/18/2023 1:58 PM
9	preserves local history	5/18/2023 1:41 PM
10	farm community farm stands flower stands bee stands	5/18/2023 1:32 PM
11	I think that the historical nature of Atkinson makes it a unique place to live (Atkinson Academy for one)	5/18/2023 1:22 PM
12	dont know	5/18/2023 1:14 PM
13	it is not that it makes it unique but it keeps us connected to the past.	5/18/2023 1:04 PM
14	it appears well preserved and good small town feel	5/18/2023 12:48 PM
15	our historical center is wonderful	5/18/2023 12:21 PM
16	rich history related to education	5/18/2023 12:08 PM
17	each town has its own unique type of settlement: farming, sylviculture, transportation, mills, and migration history. this raises awareness of where we live and there town character	5/12/2023 4:59 PM
18	the history of Atkinson Academy is something to be very proud of	5/12/2023 3:52 PM
19	the town has so much history and adds to the charm and small town feel	5/12/2023 3:44 PM
20	the Academy is a unique, inclusive place in our history	5/12/2023 3:34 PM
21	Support historical preservation Don't need to tear down old buildings	5/12/2023 11:01 AM
22	Still has a safe, quiet rural feel	5/12/2023 10:35 AM
23	Kimball House Cemetery care is excellent Atkinson Academy	5/12/2023 10:16 AM
24	They dont.	5/12/2023 9:44 AM
25	Our location and low taxes are what make us unique. Lets not mess it up	5/11/2023 11:32 PM
26	Being mindful of our town history honors generations past who built our lovely town. They invested in us!	5/11/2023 8:59 PM
27	We should take great pride in our Atkinson Academy for what was taught there; who it was	5/11/2023 7:18 PM

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taught to and what it represents today...today is tomorrow's history. Our designated Scenic and Historic Byway was the first section to so designated by the State of NH and is now part of the Robert Frost/Old Stagecoach byway. It was unusual to get that designation for a town that abuts Massachusetts. Most of NH's byways were in the Lakes or Mountain Regions. When traveling along our Main Street, you can still see vistas that people saw when they rode the Concord Stagecoaches from Concord to Boston...fields, 40 old houses...a treasure for sure. Our history is rich and varied here in Atkinson and the Town's support of it is critical. Our daffodils highlighting our byway every spring makes Atkinson more special.

28	Atkinson's cultural and historic resources are the community's character.	5/11/2023 3:25 PM
29	Nice job of contributing to town spirit	5/11/2023 2:36 PM
30	A beautiful cemetery, open land, horses on a lot of the open land. An active historical society	5/11/2023 2:30 PM
31	Historical society and library programs enhance town	5/11/2023 2:09 PM
32	I chose to live here because of Atkinson Academy. The fact this town has cared for, cherished and preserved this amazing historical school tells me that we are proud of our heritage and care about our children	5/11/2023 2:00 PM
33	not sure	5/11/2023 1:48 PM
34	They keep historic N.E. charm I like the dafodil project for the historic by-way	5/11/2023 1:29 PM
35	these assets give character to the town an their presence and preservation keep history alive. I am willing to pay more taxes to preserve cultural and historic places	5/11/2023 1:25 PM
36	Atkinson's charm is that the historical features (Primarily in Teon Center area) are prominent as there are not many promitory features in the Town.	5/11/2023 1:24 PM
37	It has retained its sense of history. The PAC at Timberlane brings many cultural events. The HS has great music and theatre programs as well.	5/11/2023 1:19 PM
38	our history and preservation of town traditions beings a large community to town events. our farm town preservation is nice to keep us feel the conservation and historical atmosphere	5/11/2023 1:16 PM
39	preserving history is always great!	5/11/2023 1:06 PM
40	Historic school	5/11/2023 1:05 PM
41	they add a richness and depth that is missing in newer and suburban towns/cities	5/11/2023 12:57 PM
42	We in Atkinson "do it better"	5/11/2023 12:54 PM
43	the Atkinson firefighters association was not listed on tour poster. this group is all volunteer and financially supports the FD and the town.	5/11/2023 12:52 PM
44	gives Atkinson history and personality	5/11/2023 12:39 PM
45	makes Atkinson a friendly/fam area to live. adds to sense of community. makes people enjoy living here	5/11/2023 12:28 PM
46	wonderful old homes active historic society active library program	5/11/2023 12:15 PM
47	carries forward the tradition and spirit of past founders	5/11/2023 12:06 PM
48	it adds to the visual beauty and character	5/11/2023 11:50 AM
49	lots of history is maintained in the museum, documents, anniversary milestone dates, and social media. the homes being restored to slow their original character which positively contributes to the character of the town.	5/11/2023 11:41 AM
50	I think we have lost a lot o it with the recent growth	5/11/2023 11:26 AM
51	not well. the Kimball House is an example. very little resources are devoted to maintaining the building except for heat and electricity.	5/11/2023 11:07 AM
52	Our town center has a historic feel whether you know the history or not. The community activities happen on the town common and it is a gathering place. That is important to my small town feel for the town. Also we need to keep the advertisements off the town common.	5/11/2023 11:06 AM

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53	They all do wonderful things for the community & add a sense of community to the town.	5/11/2023 9:17 AM
54	I don't know	5/11/2023 7:33 AM
55	The clock at the commons is not in character for our town	5/11/2023 7:19 AM
56	unknown	5/11/2023 6:51 AM
57	Small rural setting is welcoming	5/10/2023 10:51 PM
58	Irrelevant	5/10/2023 10:07 PM
59	The Academy is a historical gem	5/10/2023 10:06 PM
60	Our main resource is our small town New England charm. Also, ou library & its services set us apart	5/10/2023 9:42 PM
61	Still has character + hasn't resembled a city like our neighboring towns	5/10/2023 9:21 PM
62	It gives us that small community feel from years ago.	5/10/2023 9:17 PM
63	unsure	5/10/2023 8:45 PM
64	Library services & community events + historical bldg	5/10/2023 8:18 PM
65	Unaware of cultural and historic differences, other that taxes are not through the roof, YET.	5/10/2023 7:14 PM
66	There is a very distinct sense of community and a welcoming nature in Atkinson. As a relatively new resident, I feel very welcomed from City Hall to the Garden Society!	5/10/2023 6:06 PM
67	Historical Society interesting	5/10/2023 6:05 PM
68	Feel it is adequate	5/10/2023 5:56 PM
69	They're adequate, don't know anything sets them apart from other places.	5/10/2023 4:31 PM
70	Atkinson has the rock walls, old farmhouses, etc. that make it the quintessential NE town. Although it feels "off the beaten path" it also has access to larger commercial areas.	5/10/2023 2:41 PM
71	rich history and support of community to all residents	5/10/2023 1:07 PM
72	it reminds us of where we came from and allows us to see first hand at the historical society	5/10/2023 1:00 PM
73	by valuing our town history	5/10/2023 12:43 PM
74	it remains in character and not a museum	5/10/2023 12:26 PM
75	I love the fact that Atkinson Academy is the oldest operating coed elementary school. I love the history in it, and that we still have the old one room school house that hopefully will be restored and kept up by the historical society. Preserving, historically, significant buildings, and architecturally significant sites is important to me.	5/10/2023 10:11 AM
76	not much	5/10/2023 9:54 AM
77	Think it is important to make the history of Atkinson readily available to all residents.	5/10/2023 9:03 AM
78	While I never go to the library, I'm glad it exists. Likewise with the community center. I'm in favor of continuing, or even expanding the offerings of these places.	5/10/2023 8:55 AM
79	The farming and horse farm history could be memorialized in town to signify its history.	5/9/2023 8:53 PM
80	These events, with a nice turnout but not large crowds are important to me. I didn't grow up in NH, but these organizations connect us to our past.	5/9/2023 9:15 AM
81	Low volume and interest if under 65	5/9/2023 7:45 AM
82	To much historical society crap sell slme buliding and use revenue elsewhere	5/8/2023 7:50 PM
83	I don't think much of our historic & cultural resources are immediately apparent at first glance. The Historical society and the library do a great job informing us of what we have- one of the first coed academies in the country for example. One wouldn't know this just driving by. I hope the schools pass on the stories of our past to our students.	5/8/2023 7:36 PM
84	Atkinson is steeped in history and still has the old town feel	5/8/2023 6:21 PM

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85	Fantastic to be reminded of the history before us, and our obligation to maintain it for future	5/6/2023 8:15 PM
86	The Kimball Library is outstanding and the programs are excellent and reach many age groups in the community.	5/3/2023 5:28 PM
87	they help with recognition and with preservation the members are passionate caring	5/3/2023 2:15 PM
88	Not sure on this item but in the current environment with statues being torn down or defaced I would like to maintain any historical site in Atkinson to preserve history.	5/2/2023 8:51 AM
89	The farm land and nature that our town offers	5/1/2023 8:54 PM
90	Our Historical Society, Kimball Library, and community center offer education, entertainment, health options, and numerous resources for all ages.	5/1/2023 4:10 PM
91	It's perfect!	5/1/2023 7:08 AM
92	They do not- New England is old, all towns have historical areas	4/30/2023 12:52 PM
93	Kimball Library, Civic Club, Community Center, Historical Society	4/29/2023 8:53 AM
94	The library and historical society offer great resources to those who would like to explore Atkinson's history.	4/28/2023 11:07 AM
95	The historical character of the town is what drew us to settle in Atkinson a few decades back.	4/28/2023 8:44 AM
96	I don't think it's unique- same as other similar towns	4/27/2023 6:58 PM
97	Great library and elder services.	4/27/2023 4:40 PM
98	Unsure	4/27/2023 1:29 PM
99	I'm not familiar with cultural and historic resources.	4/27/2023 8:39 AM
100	Atkinson Academy is a historical landmark and should be better maintained	4/27/2023 8:33 AM
101	N/a	4/26/2023 9:15 PM
102	The areas are not able to be commercialized and you can't see how it use to be. Not many places do that anymore.	4/26/2023 8:09 PM
103	History of our town is important. It's fun to see the old town pounds and stage routes.	4/26/2023 7:43 PM
104	It keeps our small town small and thats a good thing	4/26/2023 7:09 PM
105	It is just right for the size of our town.	4/26/2023 6:46 PM
106	There are many active organizations with many different people involved	4/26/2023 6:43 PM
107	The library is THE town center as far as promoting a sense of community. The historical society and town trails are also vital to the town's identity and health (in the case of the town trails). Ideally, the Community Center would be in the town center near all the other town resources, so as to facilitate ease of access and a greater sense of community for all ages.	4/26/2023 6:31 PM
108	Our library is best-in-class. Our recreational fields and courts are nice. But our historical society building and community center seem lacking. I'm not sure how to improve this.	4/26/2023 6:31 PM
109	We have a wonderful Historical Society building in the Kimball house housing a wealth of information. The Academy is also an historic building given its history being the oldest school. So many groups and clubs contribute to the town.	4/26/2023 5:30 PM
110	Honestly it would be nice to have more publically known and shared. Maybe more showcases of the historical society	4/26/2023 5:19 PM
111	The historic places being well identified, and visited by the public makes shows the towns past growth, its support, and hopefully extending it into the future.	4/26/2023 4:06 PM
112	Good summary in existing Historical Book - maaore tories to come?	4/26/2023 3:52 PM
113	I think it makes the town charming, which is an attribute I convey to very few communities.	4/26/2023 3:27 PM
114	It provides services that are compatible with a small town. For example: the community center, senior transportation. It educates the residents about the history of our community.	4/26/2023 2:45 PM

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115	Like Atkinson Academy and Kimball House, these are historical landmarks and have Atkinson's rich histories, which we all so proud and a big part of our community.	4/26/2023 2:37 PM
116	Not sure	4/26/2023 1:53 PM
117	The Kimball House and the Community Groups are key parts of Atkinson that tie the residents together. Community activities such as parades and celebrations give the town a real sense of community.	4/26/2023 1:26 PM
118	Atkinson is special for its scenic beauty, open spaces, and community involvement in preserving its unique character.	4/26/2023 12:31 PM
119	We have a fine library	4/26/2023 12:29 PM
120	our historical society is awesome	4/26/2023 11:49 AM
121	They are a strong addition to the town.	4/26/2023 11:37 AM
122	Aside from rot and loss from fire, Atkinson has several historic buildings that make our town uniquely New England Scenic.	4/26/2023 11:14 AM
123	our history of farmers charm.....preserve our rock boundary walls	4/26/2023 10:57 AM
124	Really love how the center of town remains historically intact. Would prefer NO SIGNS on the Town Square lawns for any reason.	4/26/2023 10:23 AM
125	Small town feel	4/26/2023 10:09 AM
126	A tour of the town speaks for itself!	4/26/2023 10:05 AM
127	Good overview of our past.	4/26/2023 9:56 AM
128	Makes the town feel very quaint	4/26/2023 9:53 AM
129	Atkinson has a small New England town feel and I love that. I moved back here after being away 23 years. Lovely community	4/26/2023 9:30 AM
130	small town feel	4/26/2023 9:25 AM
131	Library does a nice job hosting events.	4/26/2023 9:20 AM
132	You can still feel the rural, farm feel in much of the community that existed decades ago.	4/26/2023 9:15 AM
133	Consider supporting the Central School Historic Reha into an early 20th C school.school	4/25/2023 6:51 PM
134	Such a rich history. Other towns do not have the same small town feel.	4/24/2023 10:41 PM
135	Various groups take pride in the history of town	4/24/2023 12:23 AM
136	The "community" of Atkinson would not be Atkinson without them...this would be a different town with a different character.	4/23/2023 3:07 PM
137	The cultural and historic resources are vital to the shaping of our community's character, without these resources Atkinson would not be uniquely Atkinson.	4/23/2023 3:07 PM
138	Our Historical Society, Library and Garden Clubs do a nice job with events for our community.	4/23/2023 2:44 PM
139	Local farmland adds to our rural character, preserves property values, and should receive tax breaks for preserving land from development.	4/23/2023 12:14 AM
140	The scarecrow head sales each fall for decorations.	4/21/2023 9:22 PM
141	Community events, caring for our common spaces	4/21/2023 8:42 PM
142	It's what makes Atkinson	4/21/2023 8:08 PM
143	No other town hss this. I just moved here and the historic charm really shines through and it's a major reason we came here.	4/21/2023 7:12 PM
144	It's always been a small town and we love that. No need to try and add things like sidewalks and other expensive changes.	4/21/2023 4:03 PM
145	I dont know that it is unique, but they do a great job for the community.	4/21/2023 1:40 PM

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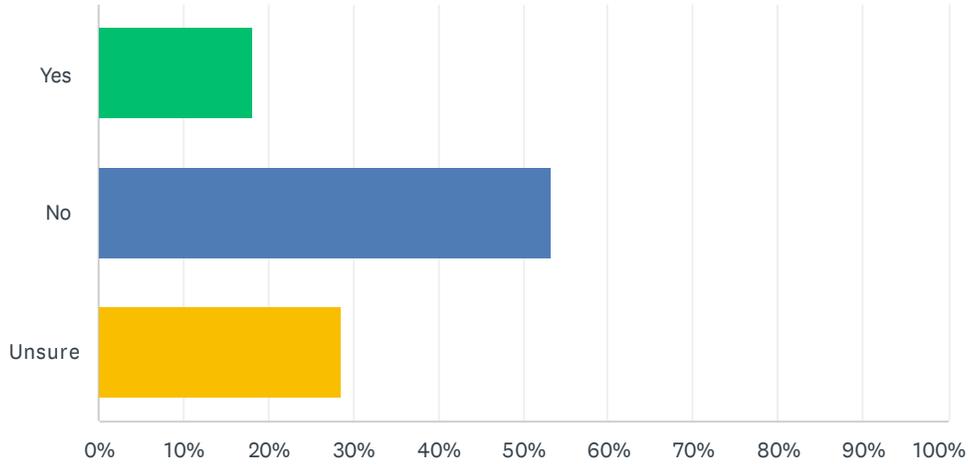
146	There is really no other town quite like Atkinson. Not really rural yet rural.	4/21/2023 9:29 AM
147	The old houses and farms are still here and add to the historical flavor of the town.	4/20/2023 6:03 PM
148	historic building and school and town store and church all give the small town historical new england feel that i like	4/20/2023 5:05 PM
149	It doesnt- I think we have a couple cute houses with barns	4/20/2023 1:13 PM
150	Without them, we would be an ant farm with nothing binding us together as a community with shared heritage.	4/20/2023 12:52 PM
151	I think it is important to keep up with the Historical areas of our community like the Atkinson Congregational Church it being on Main st imagine if that were to be vacant hw would that look for our property values regardless of whether your a church member it's livelihood, the ability to stay open affects everyone.	4/20/2023 11:44 AM
152	The history of the town is well documented and celebrated. I find this a great pleasure after living for many years in Salem and not being aware of much of the history	4/19/2023 2:57 PM
153	I believe the Kimball Library is the major cultural resource that contributes to the community's character. The playground is the second. I don't think they make Atkinson unique since every town has both.	4/19/2023 9:28 AM
154	they provide residents with many opportunities	4/18/2023 10:17 AM
155	Not sure they do.	4/17/2023 2:07 PM
156	varied community events throughout the year for all to enjoy	4/16/2023 9:13 PM
157	The town has been able to retain several buildings of historical significance	4/16/2023 6:13 PM
158	Unsure of the historical resources mentioned in the poster, but clearly our rural & agricultural history permeates our landscapes & contributes quite positively to Atkinson's uniqueness amongst many other communities that have "built out". The scenic mix of farms & farm remnants, the equestrian facilities, open meadows provide positive uniqueness to the towns I grew up in & raised children in: Belmont & Westford, MA. Clearly the same can be said for Atkinsons rural culture when compared to adjacent Plaistow, Haverhill & Salem.	4/16/2023 5:51 PM
159	Atkinson is a cute little town.	4/16/2023 8:16 AM
160	Very important to keep the New England atmosphere. The Library and Historical Society offerings are an asset and need to be fully supported to continue to expand the cultural and historic education. Also live when recreation has community wide events like the egg hunts and parade. Love the Library summer concerts series.	4/16/2023 8:06 AM
161	All groups listed help foster a sense of community, allow Atkinson to maintain it's small town feel.	4/15/2023 9:00 AM
162	I think it offers what a small town basically needs.	4/14/2023 7:31 PM
163	The small town feel, historic buildings, Historical Society	4/14/2023 3:39 PM
164	Cultural and Historical resources seem pretty typical of similar sized communities in southern NH.	4/14/2023 11:35 AM
165	.	4/14/2023 6:28 AM
166	No opinion	4/13/2023 9:19 PM
167	Our community center is good but needs replacement.	4/13/2023 5:18 PM
168	??	4/13/2023 12:26 PM
169	Given the very limited access to Kimball house, I think the historical contribution to Atkinson is very limited.	4/13/2023 10:50 AM
170	Unsure	4/12/2023 9:58 PM
171	Greatly appreciate the work of the boards and community organizations. Friendly, committed, hardworking people. Atkinson is the best place we have ever lived.	4/12/2023 9:26 PM

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172	We seem to value the rural new england character of the town and the few buildings that we have managed to save are a treasure. Though this is not unique to Atkinson	4/12/2023 5:00 PM
173	Gives us a feel for Atkinsons history and is easily accessible for all.	4/12/2023 4:46 PM
174	Mostly just due to parades and remembrance on Dow Common for Veterans and Memorial Day.	4/12/2023 3:53 PM
175	I love the old school house, church, farms, etc.	4/12/2023 3:22 PM
176	they make it fun, give it character	4/12/2023 3:10 PM
177	Atkinson Academy and the center school other historic buildings	4/12/2023 1:56 PM
178	I don't have strong feelings on this.	4/12/2023 1:55 PM
179	For me, it's the farms that add to the beauty of Atkinson.	4/12/2023 1:11 PM
180	It is initeresting and picturesque	4/12/2023 12:42 PM

Q20 Are you aware of cultural or historic resources in Atkinson that are not adequately recognized or protected?

Answered: 287 Skipped: 155



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	18.12%	52
No	53.31%	153
Unsure	28.57%	82
TOTAL		287

Q21 If so, which resources?

Answered: 51 Skipped: 391

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	historical society	5/18/2023 3:27 PM
2	town pound	5/18/2023 1:32 PM
3	not that I know of	5/18/2023 1:22 PM
4	better funding for both concerns to at least keep status quo and expand	5/18/2023 12:48 PM
5	the old school house African American burial site	5/18/2023 12:08 PM
6	written records, many in bad storage and undocumented	5/12/2023 4:59 PM
7	Rockwell Building Center School Atkinson Academy	5/12/2023 11:01 AM
8	This is a dumb question.	5/11/2023 11:32 PM
9	The Central School needs to be protected and restored for visits during the year except for winter.	5/11/2023 7:18 PM
10	All forest land that has not already been developed & farm land.	5/11/2023 3:25 PM
11	Center School	5/11/2023 2:36 PM
12	can the Kimball House qualify for national historical places status? it would be good to pursue if so.	5/11/2023 1:25 PM
13	I would say I am aware of historic resources but am not adequately educated in what they are	5/11/2023 1:16 PM
14	town provides a little financial support in preserving Atkinson history	5/11/2023 12:39 PM
15	Atkinson Historical Society	5/11/2023 12:21 PM
16	Kimball House need exterior help	5/11/2023 12:15 PM
17	lead painted historic home (Kimball House) needs full restoration of outside	5/11/2023 12:06 PM
18	center school	5/11/2023 11:50 AM
19	possibly historical homes and stone walls	5/11/2023 11:41 AM
20	Atkinson Historical Society	5/11/2023 11:07 AM
21	Historical Society building	5/11/2023 7:19 AM
22	No one know history of land use and ownership	5/11/2023 6:51 AM
23	The Academy, Current Police Department + one room school	5/10/2023 10:06 PM
24	Perhaps the train station site?	5/10/2023 9:42 PM
25	Historical Society, current walking trails.	5/1/2023 4:10 PM
26	none	4/27/2023 6:55 PM
27	Atkinson Academy is in a poor state of repair	4/27/2023 8:33 AM
28	How is Atkinson Congregational Church not on the list?	4/26/2023 5:38 PM
29	Hard to know who doesn't know what's available but resources exist to people who want to know.	4/26/2023 5:30 PM
30	Details well displayed to the public on how the "Community Center" property was used in the past.	4/26/2023 4:06 PM

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31	So few original families - should be interviewed and recorded. Are records of Atkinson when it was in MA. e.g. The Smith Family, Brown Farm land and its history and others	4/26/2023 3:52 PM
32	Both. It cost money and our town Budget cCommittee doesn't support additional costs, if/ when they don't support it, the town people doesn't either.	4/26/2023 2:37 PM
33	Houses and stage coach stops	4/26/2023 12:12 PM
34	Three buildings north of Cong Church that are quite old and historic as related to the old original Atk Academy	4/26/2023 11:14 AM
35	The bldg by the library Atkinson Academy	4/26/2023 9:30 AM
36	The entire town needs to be protected from being over developed and urbanization. Keep its historical and rural charm!!!	4/26/2023 9:13 AM
37	Kimball House, Central School, old portion of Atkinson Academy, which should be in the list of US Historic Places.	4/25/2023 6:51 PM
38	The Kimball House. The Center School. The Rockwell School. The Community Center	4/24/2023 10:41 PM
39	Any farmland or forested acreage that has not already been developed for residential, commercial, or industrial usage should be considered as a cultural/historic resource.	4/23/2023 3:07 PM
40	All forest and farm land that has not been developed are in danger of being lost.	4/23/2023 3:07 PM
41	Water. Hampstead Area Water Company is sending Atkinson water to surrounding communities. There have also been toxic spills by businesses with little repercussions by town government.	4/23/2023 12:14 AM
42	Open spaces, forests,- all seem to disappearing to development	4/21/2023 8:08 PM
43	Academy	4/21/2023 7:44 PM
44	They are all adequately recognized.	4/19/2023 9:28 AM
45	I like the one room school house and hope the town supports renovation and its future educational opportunities.	4/16/2023 8:06 AM
46	The historic homes in town are lovely and it would be nice to have an historic area.	4/14/2023 7:31 PM
47	Kimball House, cemetery	4/14/2023 9:51 AM
48	Atkinson Congregational church, old family farms	4/14/2023 6:28 AM
49	The town boards and committees never seem to support investing in retaining what is left to preserve nor recognize and culture that came before us.	4/12/2023 5:00 PM
50	Hard to say	4/12/2023 3:10 PM
51	Center School and the AHS historical building	4/12/2023 1:56 PM

Q22 Do you have other ideas or concerns related to Atkinson's historic and cultural resources?

Answered: 102 Skipped: 340

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I wish the historical society reached out to homeowners of homes that are historical in age (pre - 1800's) to provide history of the home. the town should recognize and work to restore these homes with homeowners	5/18/2023 3:27 PM
2	dont know about this topic	5/18/2023 3:18 PM
3	preserve open space and keep some undeveloped	5/18/2023 3:13 PM
4	preserve farm land and undeveloped space	5/18/2023 2:45 PM
5	Central School - keep it as a historical building - museum	5/18/2023 1:58 PM
6	losing the last few farms in town	5/18/2023 1:32 PM
7	no	5/18/2023 1:14 PM
8	maintain what we have	5/18/2023 1:04 PM
9	maybe a newsletter to discuss past ad present for new residents	5/18/2023 12:21 PM
10	not at this time	5/18/2023 12:08 PM
11	need fundraising to upgrade and preserve the Historical Society building	5/12/2023 4:59 PM
12	I dont know if there's a variety of cultural or religious resources. other than christian	5/12/2023 3:44 PM
13	maybe better identify resources that are off the beaten path - even in town forests	5/12/2023 3:34 PM
14	No	5/12/2023 10:35 AM
15	No.	5/11/2023 11:32 PM
16	No	5/11/2023 8:59 PM
17	The possibility of a black cemetery needs to be researched thoroughly.	5/11/2023 7:18 PM
18	Know as much as possible about any candidate running for office. Voting only for those who honor w/value Atkinson's historic and cultural ideas	5/11/2023 3:25 PM
19	Upkeep and support of historic buildings could be improved	5/11/2023 2:36 PM
20	no	5/11/2023 2:30 PM
21	historic tours o these special places, if not already done, would be beneficial	5/11/2023 1:25 PM
22	Have the Historical Society become even more active. The provide many good programs for the town	5/11/2023 1:19 PM
23	lets not tear down any more historic buildings partly due to \$	5/11/2023 1:06 PM
24	At Christmas have all the historic buildings on Academy Ave & Main St put candles in their windows	5/11/2023 1:05 PM
25	it is difficult to maintain and improve these resources when we have to compete with town funds	5/11/2023 12:57 PM
26	preserve more town buildings Rockwell school	5/11/2023 12:39 PM
27	no	5/11/2023 12:21 PM
28	more use of historic society vast collections	5/11/2023 12:15 PM

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29	it might be nice to understand our farming roots	5/11/2023 11:26 AM
30	please consider establishing a heritage commission, local other towns - Sandown and Atkinson should join them to protect older, town old buildings and entities - Rockwell School, cemetery, town pound and others. A heritage commission is closely associated with conservation	5/11/2023 11:07 AM
31	no	5/11/2023 9:17 AM
32	Farms are there really farms or just oversized barns? Working farms	5/11/2023 7:19 AM
33	No one knows the history of this area	5/10/2023 11:03 PM
34	Yes small landscaping and construction businesses. Parking/storing commercial vehicles in plain site is unsightly & should be kept behind fencing or hedging to maintain a pleasant appearance.	5/10/2023 10:51 PM
35	waste of tax dollars saving buildings like the old schoolhouse	5/10/2023 10:07 PM
36	We need to maintain/upkeep our bldgs	5/10/2023 10:06 PM
37	Concern: we do not have enough conservation land	5/10/2023 9:42 PM
38	No commons	5/10/2023 8:45 PM
39	No	5/10/2023 7:14 PM
40	No	5/10/2023 5:56 PM
41	please protect them1 with rising housing values, people will come in, buy smaller and older buildings, tear town and build, build, build	5/10/2023 12:52 PM
42	no	5/10/2023 12:43 PM
43	no I enjoy it the way it is and no what's available to us, as we grow we'll need to grow in thought of what you keep of the past and need to do for the future	5/10/2023 12:26 PM
44	public garden/farm sponsored by community members - maybe behind Congregational church	5/10/2023 12:13 PM
45	I would get rid of the historic society as I don't think it add anything to the Town. Let us focus on the future not the past.	5/10/2023 12:02 PM
46	there is not enough money invested in the historical society	5/10/2023 11:53 AM
47	I'm largely ignorant of historic or cultural resources in town.	5/10/2023 8:55 AM
48	no	5/10/2023 8:43 AM
49	If/when the police station is moved, I would like to see the Rockwell Building maintained and used for something town related to maintain it's legacy of memorializing the World World II veterans who the building was originally named after.	5/8/2023 2:10 PM
50	W need to support education initiatives at the regional level. We have a great elementary school but that's it.	5/5/2023 8:11 AM
51	Yes, a vast number of people in town are not fully aware of what is offered for its residents.	5/1/2023 4:10 PM
52	We need cultural resources	4/30/2023 12:52 PM
53	Maintenance of facilities should be cost effective. Projects need to be reviewed and inspected while under way.	4/29/2023 3:48 PM
54	We should strive to preserve some of the unique properties still scattered around town.	4/28/2023 8:44 AM
55	No	4/27/2023 1:29 PM
56	No	4/27/2023 12:36 PM
57	No	4/27/2023 8:39 AM
58	Fix A.A.	4/27/2023 8:33 AM
59	No	4/27/2023 6:52 AM
60	No	4/26/2023 7:43 PM

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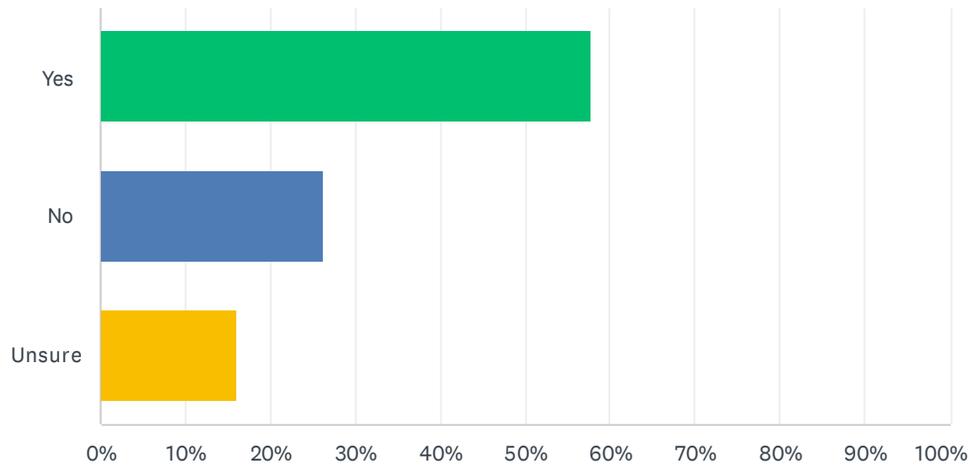
61	No	4/26/2023 4:43 PM
62	Not currently.	4/26/2023 2:45 PM
63	No	4/26/2023 1:53 PM
64	Get students at the elementary school level involved in the history of Atkinson.	4/26/2023 1:26 PM
65	It would be important to maintain what already exists...the open spaces, the scenic byway, the stone walls, more plantings of daffodils by the Garden Club, etc.	4/26/2023 12:31 PM
66	It would be nice if all historic houses had plaques (all the same) recognizing them as such	4/26/2023 12:12 PM
67	No	4/26/2023 11:37 AM
68	Identify native American trails and village sites, site of first meeting house and church on main st	4/26/2023 11:14 AM
69	just maintain our historic buildings with a common sense approach	4/26/2023 10:57 AM
70	Stop building the ultra modern looking homes/buildings. Keep the style New England.	4/26/2023 9:56 AM
71	Need to make them more visible	4/26/2023 9:53 AM
72	Maintain these wonderful historic buildings	4/26/2023 9:30 AM
73	no	4/26/2023 9:25 AM
74	Lack of community leadership k other than by the Atkinson Historical Society	4/25/2023 6:51 PM
75	Maintain farmlands	4/25/2023 9:48 AM
76	During our modern period of mass transit, long-distance communication, and short-term gratification, these resources could easily be devalued and forgotten, ultimately discarded in favor of short-term financial gain by ambitious town developers.	4/23/2023 3:07 PM
77	Let us not forget to preserve our town's heritage.	4/23/2023 3:07 PM
78	Preserve our water and punish those who contaminate it.	4/23/2023 12:14 AM
79	Protect all cultural and historici resources or areas of land in town at all costs. If not protected, people build (this happened in my hometown) and it totally ruined the town and actually turned it into a city!	4/21/2023 7:12 PM
80	Community center should serve entire community (like library) / not just seniors or children.	4/20/2023 1:13 PM
81	Build a new police station, re-hab the old station and the Center School. Have an annual "Atkinson Heritage Day" Celebration that focuses on all our cultural resources. A community that celebrates together, bonds and works better together.	4/20/2023 12:52 PM
82	I'd like to see the old Police station the small one used for a purpose. perhaps a grange of sorts.	4/20/2023 11:44 AM
83	No; if it ain't broke, don't fix it	4/19/2023 9:28 AM
84	More programming at the library for younger individuals such as younger adults 20-40	4/18/2023 11:28 AM
85	Limit changes to bare minimum.	4/17/2023 7:14 PM
86	Not at the moment. Would be open to hearing what others might suggest.	4/17/2023 2:07 PM
87	Concerned about our water resources as the more and more multi unit developments are getting built. Worried about wells drying up.	4/16/2023 9:13 PM
88	Even having reviewed the Historical and Cultural Resources Poster, I am unaware of the impact & significance of these resources in Atkinson & I am quite uneducated about their influence or importance to our Town's Master Plan...but I certainly do not dismiss the idea that such resources could place a meaningful role as we develop & tweak the plan.	4/16/2023 5:51 PM
89	I would like to see historic buildings and historical sites preserved.	4/16/2023 8:16 AM
90	No	4/16/2023 8:06 AM
91	Not at this time	4/15/2023 9:00 AM

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92	I am very concerned about private companies taking/controlling/selling Atkinson water. Over time ground water and natural water/habitat can be negatively impacted. People who move here are often attracted to a more pristine and peaceful environment and younger people/families moving in are paying more money for homes in the past few years and have stated that.	4/14/2023 7:31 PM
93	More protection for what remains	4/14/2023 6:28 AM
94	No	4/13/2023 9:19 PM
95	Saving our open spaces and woods from further development.	4/13/2023 5:18 PM
96	No	4/13/2023 12:26 PM
97	No	4/13/2023 10:50 AM
98	We keep declaring things historic we can't evolve.	4/12/2023 10:57 PM
99	Continue to support.	4/12/2023 9:26 PM
100	No	4/12/2023 4:46 PM
101	Keep the town center as is	4/12/2023 1:56 PM
102	none	4/12/2023 12:42 PM

Q23 Are you satisfied with the amount of conserved land in Atkinson?

Answered: 324 Skipped: 118



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	57.72%	187
No	26.23%	85
Unsure	16.05%	52
TOTAL		324

Q24 Why or Why Not?

Answered: 163 Skipped: 279

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	there could always be more	5/18/2023 3:28 PM
2	we should keep preserving the open space	5/18/2023 3:19 PM
3	conserved land is not sufficiently assessable. small lots, lack of connecting pathways, etc.	5/18/2023 2:46 PM
4	keep things as is	5/18/2023 2:38 PM
5	good balance	5/18/2023 2:25 PM
6	should incorporate additional land area	5/18/2023 2:15 PM
7	we need more	5/18/2023 2:02 PM
8	I was not aware until tonight of where conserved land was located	5/18/2023 1:42 PM
9	more would be better	5/18/2023 1:22 PM
10	I will never be satisfied, simply because it is so important to life itself, and in the future	5/18/2023 1:06 PM
11	would need more info	5/18/2023 12:50 PM
12	I think our land is awesome!	5/18/2023 12:22 PM
13	I'm happy that the trails are no identified better and the small trail guides available at the town hall and the library	5/18/2023 12:10 PM
14	not enough	5/12/2023 5:07 PM
15	good amount but more would be good	5/12/2023 5:00 PM
16	currently a good balance	5/12/2023 4:52 PM
17	we are very close to turning into a city. my grandfather was born in this town. I have many family that still live in town	5/12/2023 3:45 PM
18	look balanced could change based on proposals	5/12/2023 3:35 PM
19	Would like to see more or at least save what we have now	5/12/2023 11:08 AM
20	Concerned future development will have a negative impact on our natural resources and wildlife	5/12/2023 10:36 AM
21	Seem ongoing and adequate	5/12/2023 10:18 AM
22	I think the conservation land we currently have is under utilized, however, if some is donated to the town, it is good because it helps us from becoming over populated.	5/11/2023 11:38 PM
23	Conservation land insures a space for residents to enjoy New Hampshire nature.	5/11/2023 9:05 PM
24	I grew up in a city and open space with rocks and trees was a treasure. I am pleased that Atkinson has open spaces, Woodlock and Collins Parks, and that a new trail is being planned for great accessibility for us. I hope that someone is planning for keeping Woods Farm from being a development!	5/11/2023 7:32 PM
25	To protect the town's historical & cultural atmosphere. Provide wild space for future generations to learn from and enjoy. Protect water & wildlife	5/11/2023 3:27 PM
26	Would be nice to have more. Can't have too much	5/11/2023 3:06 PM
27	Preserving space while it is an option should be a high priority	5/11/2023 2:12 PM
28	more is always better when it involves conserved land. for people and for wildlife. I dont wait to see overdevelopment	5/11/2023 2:01 PM

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29	we non't know what the right amount is. its been good for us so far	5/11/2023 1:49 PM
30	I like all the trails	5/11/2023 1:33 PM
31	Although it would always be nice to have more land conserved, the amount we have seems at least adequate toward contributing to the character and well being of the town.	5/11/2023 1:27 PM
32	stop buying land invest \$ in rec, kids facilities	5/11/2023 1:26 PM
33	we have many beautiful trails	5/11/2023 1:18 PM
34	We should put as much land aside as we can for future purposes	5/11/2023 1:07 PM
35	We must continue to be conservation minded and protect critical resources	5/11/2023 12:55 PM
36	more!	5/11/2023 12:52 PM
37	based on the info provided, I am unsure if 19.9% total protected land is a decent amount. I am certain that I would not want further land development	5/11/2023 12:41 PM
38	need to conserve more and no develop	5/11/2023 12:28 PM
39	too much development	5/11/2023 12:06 PM
40	need more	5/11/2023 11:41 AM
41	we need to protect the conservation and open space	5/11/2023 11:27 AM
42	I would like to see more conserved land. I am worries about existing lands, such as farmland, or those large homes with a lot of acreage selling out to builders. we are one of the few towns in the area that still has a vested interest in conserving land an preserving natural areas	5/11/2023 11:13 AM
43	I would like to see more open space within the town. Very scared to see what might happen to the Lewis farm and the Wood farm in the next 10-20 years.	5/11/2023 11:09 AM
44	only a small % of the town is conserved	5/11/2023 6:55 AM
45	Need more. Only a small % of town natural resources protected now	5/10/2023 11:09 PM
46	Hard to find some of the trails designated in conservation maps	5/10/2023 10:29 PM
47	Always more is welcome	5/10/2023 10:21 PM
48	current conserved land is significant and will only grow through donations...no need to actively pursue additional land.	5/10/2023 10:09 PM
49	Would love more	5/10/2023 10:08 PM
50	We should acquire/set aside much more land for conservation. If not, once it is gone it is gone forever. If people want urban density they can choose to live in Salem or Haverhill. Even Boston suburbs can have over 10% conservation land set aside. What do we have? 1% or 2%?	5/10/2023 9:46 PM
51	Would like to see more not less conserved land. Our wildlife is so confused with all the new homes going up	5/10/2023 9:22 PM
52	It is vital to keep open spaces to protect wildlife.	5/10/2023 9:20 PM
53	There should be more	5/10/2023 8:50 PM
54	Should have more. We lost farms + land to developers who build + move on using available land	5/10/2023 8:19 PM
55	There's more than enough.	5/10/2023 7:17 PM
56	I think land is being developed too quickly	5/10/2023 6:07 PM
57	I believe there is enough conserved land that prevents Atkinson from being too "built-out" and preserves the nature/wildlife aspect.	5/10/2023 2:47 PM
58	I think we are okay right now, but more conserved the better	5/10/2023 1:09 PM
59	there needs to be more	5/10/2023 12:53 PM

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60	conservation is the only way to keep the land available for future generations	5/10/2023 12:44 PM
61	I dont really use the trails and am not familiar with all of the current conservation areas	5/10/2023 12:27 PM
62	what is left?	5/10/2023 12:14 PM
63	beautiful trails	5/10/2023 11:54 AM
64	we have a lot	5/10/2023 9:58 AM
65	Do not think we should allow full build-out of the land as seen in many other communities to our south.	5/10/2023 9:09 AM
66	it is what makes Atkinson a rural community	5/10/2023 8:45 AM
67	Good amount of woods and trails behind and around houses.	5/9/2023 9:00 PM
68	just enough!! Dont want to lose the home town feel and help the animals	5/9/2023 6:48 PM
69	I love seeing farm animals as I drive by	5/9/2023 4:23 PM
70	lots of well managed conservation lands and trails spread parcels and development out	5/9/2023 4:11 PM
71	continue present pace of acquisition	5/9/2023 4:02 PM
72	We have a decent amount of conservation land for such a small town	5/9/2023 3:36 PM
73	it seems adequate	5/9/2023 3:20 PM
74	more conservation is better for wildlife habitat an for recreation.	5/9/2023 3:14 PM
75	Trails not properly maintained. I fould out recently we had a certified arborist working for our town in the highway department but his skills were not use and he decided to move on. Thats a big loss cause now they need to hire professional people at a hire rate	5/8/2023 7:54 PM
76	The more conserved the better for our future.	5/8/2023 7:43 PM
77	I think the Town should be purchasing as much land as it can to have options down the road.	5/8/2023 7:27 PM
78	More is better in my opinion	5/8/2023 2:17 PM
79	Important to preserve land for our health	5/6/2023 8:16 PM
80	it's amazing to have access to 7+ trailheads that are well used, well maintained and there is parking. 10% sounds like quite a bit compared to Atkinson's overall footprint.	5/3/2023 2:21 PM
81	Let's not ruin our conservation land.	5/1/2023 4:17 PM
82	Grew up here, the trails have always been my favorite.	5/1/2023 7:09 AM
83	Over 55 housing units using too much land	4/30/2023 12:55 PM
84	The land sees money in development without much consideration to abutters	4/28/2023 11:25 PM
85	Conserved land keeps our underground water clean of pollutants	4/28/2023 1:02 PM
86	It should be increased to support more recreational activity.	4/28/2023 11:11 AM
87	Many areas are difficult to locate and are not well maintained.	4/28/2023 8:48 AM
88	Would like more	4/27/2023 6:59 PM
89	I would like to see more land set aside to ensure that the Town does not get "overbuilt" and its population remains relatively constant at today's level.	4/27/2023 1:48 PM
90	Lots of beautiful trails and parks	4/27/2023 8:35 AM
91	Very well talked about and accessed and used	4/27/2023 6:56 AM
92	Would like to see more	4/26/2023 9:16 PM
93	It's nice to have that area to conserve the beauty of nature	4/26/2023 8:10 PM
94	To much developments are impacting on our wildlife. Wildlife corridors are getting smaller and smaller with developments.	4/26/2023 7:54 PM

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95	Not enough, need to add as much as possible to preserve what little habitats are left	4/26/2023 7:49 PM
96	We should be protecting all land that isn't currently occupied	4/26/2023 7:11 PM
97	Additional conserved lands will promote the cohesiveness and health of the town and its citizens, and protect the natural environment that we benefit from (animal corridors, peaceful spaces...) Allowing these spaces to be developed will add to the congestion and traffic in town.	4/26/2023 6:38 PM
98	We haven't added much conserved land in years. The Conservation Commission is doing a good job but the town needs to make conservation more of a priority.	4/26/2023 6:34 PM
99	Could always have more	4/26/2023 6:33 PM
100	The conservation commission works hard to protect areas that deserve to be protected and they do it because they care	4/26/2023 5:33 PM
101	Too little of it!!	4/26/2023 5:21 PM
102	My land is not conserved but a popular trail passes thru it	4/26/2023 3:56 PM
103	Can there ever be enough!?	4/26/2023 2:49 PM
104	But there could always be more	4/26/2023 1:56 PM
105	I think its adequate.	4/26/2023 1:28 PM
106	I think there should be more	4/26/2023 12:22 PM
107	Would like to see more	4/26/2023 12:08 PM
108	But more should be done. Any chance we get, such as the Schaffer parcel along with it already in place several miles of trails	4/26/2023 11:43 AM
109	There is much more conserved space and nature than other places i've lived, though i'm always happy for more!	4/26/2023 11:21 AM
110	We could always use more...to keep it from being built up	4/26/2023 11:16 AM
111	the recent purchase of land for conservation was awesome	4/26/2023 11:03 AM
112	There's no such thing as too much conservation land.	4/26/2023 10:25 AM
113	The more the better.	4/26/2023 10:11 AM
114	More is better to preserve our way of life.	4/26/2023 9:59 AM
115	But it feels like it's shrinking	4/26/2023 9:55 AM
116	Parks are great	4/26/2023 9:31 AM
117	never enough	4/26/2023 9:25 AM
118	We seem to have a lot of open space.	4/26/2023 9:21 AM
119	Love paths and open space for walks.	4/26/2023 9:19 AM
120	Atkinson Conservation Committee is doing ja great job in this area.	4/25/2023 6:57 PM
121	Think we provide nice trails	4/25/2023 3:28 PM
122	We need more conserved land	4/24/2023 10:45 PM
123	Lewis Builders seems to have their eyes on most of this land and a lot of influence on the planning and budget committees, plus a Spouse as Selectman just last year	4/24/2023 9:31 AM
124	There could always be more, to protect the available resources and environmental well-being of the town. Habitat loss is not only a concern for the Amazonian Rainforest, but also for Rockingham County, in NH, as well. Any land that can be put into conservation, not only benefits Atkinson's future residents, but also the biodiversity of the region as a whole.	4/23/2023 3:21 PM
125	Because we want to protect our resources for the future residents of Atkinson, both human and wild life, to enjoy, more conserved land is essential.	4/23/2023 3:21 PM
126	We should converge more land to limit development.	4/23/2023 12:15 AM

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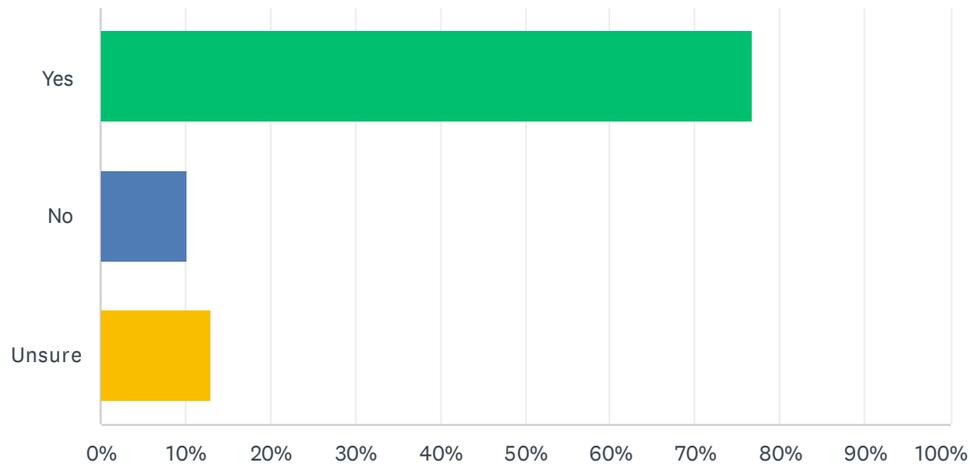
127	Would like better mapped areas and parking for cars of hikers/walkers	4/22/2023 5:48 AM
128	I think we need to protect more	4/21/2023 8:44 PM
129	Never enough	4/21/2023 8:10 PM
130	We need to conserve more land	4/21/2023 7:16 PM
131	Atkinson has a great amount of conservation land	4/21/2023 5:51 PM
132	Good balance	4/21/2023 2:29 PM
133	stop buying land, money should be used on the youth,	4/21/2023 1:58 PM
134	Add more:)	4/20/2023 10:27 PM
135	More land could be purchased for conservation rather than building	4/20/2023 6:05 PM
136	The areas are spread around the town and not just concentrated in one area	4/20/2023 1:16 PM
137	We need more conservation land. We need to protect the wildlife habitat and our water resources. Conservation land allows for more protection of what becomes our groundwater and then drinking water.	4/20/2023 12:55 PM
138	Thanks to a great Conservation Committee, Atkinson has a healthy balance of conservation land.	4/19/2023 9:34 AM
139	need to limit developmenttry to	4/18/2023 10:26 AM
140	We should NOT purchase any additional conservation land. 20% is plenty. This land does not contribute tax \$\$.	4/17/2023 8:26 AM
141	I was totally unaware of the parcels, % & areas briefed in the poster. I need to check those trails, built structures, program areas, etc. out.	4/16/2023 5:59 PM
142	need more	4/16/2023 8:48 AM
143	I would like to see more land become conserved in Atkinson to protect from future development. Specifically, the farms in town, where open space is extremely valuable to certain wildlife. Protected open space is rare in NH, so this should be a concern for Atkinson.	4/16/2023 8:29 AM
144	I hate to see it s continue to infringe on the wildlife and would like to see more conservation land and more town or conservation oversight of what some property owners are doing on their land. For example how is farm animal waste handled especially near water? The same with water conservation like in drought (last year) the amount of automatic water of yards continued.	4/16/2023 8:19 AM
145	Would like to see more wildlife habitat conserved.	4/15/2023 1:48 PM
146	It is important to the environment and the town. It adds to "lifestyle" value and provides recreation and well as beauty. It is imperative that we do not lose any of this land.	4/14/2023 7:33 PM
147	The town has several beautiful conservation parcels including hiking trails.	4/14/2023 3:43 PM
148	Currently the only overdeveloped area in the Town appears to be adjacent to the golf course.	4/14/2023 11:38 AM
149	Very active conservation association.	4/14/2023 9:54 AM
150	Not enough of it.	4/14/2023 6:31 AM
151	Could use some more land protection - one area is the new Condos by Green & Co. on rt 121...what happened to the protection of swamp land there?	4/14/2023 5:23 AM
152	conserve more land to stop the building	4/13/2023 3:10 PM
153	I think the town's access to parks and conservation land is currently sufficient.	4/13/2023 10:52 AM
154	We have some good conservation land.	4/12/2023 11:04 PM
155	Seems like enough for our population	4/12/2023 10:00 PM
156	Like what we have. Good to have more.	4/12/2023 9:30 PM

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157	I'm always in favor of more conservation land	4/12/2023 4:47 PM
158	I am satisfied, however, I think more should be conserved to preserve the beautiful landscape that Atkinson has. For instance, the "tunnel of trees" are on Route 111 is loved by people from all over, not just residents of Atkinson. If that area were to be built up, it would be so sad.	4/12/2023 3:22 PM
159	We need more, development is encroaching in on wildlife corridors quickly. Lots of surrounding towns are overbuilt already, we don't need it here.	4/12/2023 3:12 PM
160	Never enough	4/12/2023 1:58 PM
161	More would be great!	4/12/2023 1:57 PM
162	there is a significant percentage of land already conserved	4/12/2023 12:43 PM
163	Atkinson has wonderful trail systems, parks, etc.	4/12/2023 12:14 PM

Q25 Are you in favor of additional land protection efforts in Atkinson?

Answered: 323 Skipped: 119



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	76.78%	248
No	10.22%	33
Unsure	13.00%	42
TOTAL		323

Q26 Why or Why Not?

Answered: 151 Skipped: 291

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	keep things as is	5/18/2023 2:38 PM
2	not in favor of politically motivated protection study needed	5/18/2023 2:25 PM
3	protected land contributes positively to all land in the town. more trees mean less pollution, climate protection and event noise and light protection. put a regulation in place to keep outdoor lights on private residence to a minimum. Atkinson's beauty is diminished with Vegas style lights that are left on all night	5/18/2023 2:02 PM
4	just think of living in Boston, do you want to live there? not me! because we have birds singing, green grass, trees, flowers, etc. bees need dandelions and we need bees to pollinate	5/18/2023 1:06 PM
5	It would be gone in no time in for controlled	5/18/2023 12:50 PM
6	we need to keep our land looking good	5/18/2023 12:22 PM
7	I think there should always be places for families, children, individuals, to get out into nature and enjoy it safely -	5/18/2023 12:10 PM
8	need more open land	5/12/2023 5:07 PM
9	more conserved land the better for water quality and to keep development in check - more conserved land less structures	5/12/2023 5:00 PM
10	dont want to over built	5/12/2023 4:52 PM
11	I dont want to see more development	5/12/2023 3:45 PM
12	depends on uses of new proposals	5/12/2023 3:35 PM
13	to not overbuild and keep the forests	5/12/2023 3:24 PM
14	We have enough	5/12/2023 11:01 AM
15	If needed and available	5/12/2023 10:18 AM
16	I think the Conservation Committee is doing a great job and no additional effort is necessary	5/11/2023 11:38 PM
17	More would mean purchasing land that would only drive taxes up.	5/11/2023 9:05 PM
18	We have an agricultural history, therefore, we should be protecting that here now.	5/11/2023 7:32 PM
19	Can't have too much	5/11/2023 3:06 PM
20	Natural spaces are needed	5/11/2023 2:39 PM
21	All open protected land is valuable to the entire populace	5/11/2023 2:31 PM
22	public places must be treated and used with respect. it is our greatest asset as a town. wetlands protect our water	5/11/2023 2:01 PM
23	limitations on high-density residential and commercial zoning	5/11/2023 1:49 PM
24	Less building more nature is always good	5/11/2023 1:33 PM
25	It would always be nice to have more land conserved.	5/11/2023 1:27 PM
26	Once land is gone, it is gone forever for conservation use	5/11/2023 1:20 PM
27	we need more land for recreational usage and more affordable housing instead of just protected land.	5/11/2023 1:18 PM
28	We need to preserve open spaces	5/11/2023 1:07 PM

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29	The protected areas and conservation lands help to ensure that Atkinson remains the place that people who live here love. People who don't live here want to be.	5/11/2023 1:07 PM
30	Protect aquifers & wetlands	5/11/2023 12:55 PM
31	refer to the explanation above	5/11/2023 12:41 PM
32	we have more than we need	5/11/2023 12:21 PM
33	always in favor of preservation	5/11/2023 12:15 PM
34	because we dont need to over build when we can't guarantee water for what we have	5/11/2023 11:27 AM
35	I dont want to see Atkinson transition to a town that is overbuilt with homes or businesses or loss of Atkinson trails and recreation areas. I also dont want to see wildlife displaced by more population and building	5/11/2023 11:13 AM
36	I don't want Atkinson to become to over developed	5/11/2023 9:22 AM
37	We have enough of a population now	5/11/2023 7:34 AM
38	With protection eliminates competition for the future of smaller lots	5/11/2023 7:20 AM
39	Increase wildlife habitat increase land for recreational use	5/11/2023 6:55 AM
40	If not now it will be too late later. Other place can use up their land-leave our land alone. Have the town buy a working farm and offer to an AG school program-show and tell for other communities & kids that have an idea about farm life.	5/10/2023 11:09 PM
41	Town has adequate conservation land	5/10/2023 10:52 PM
42	More is better	5/10/2023 10:29 PM
43	Most is protected by zoning already	5/10/2023 10:09 PM
44	Very in favor	5/10/2023 10:08 PM
45	Add more trails to encourage use of protected land	5/10/2023 9:46 PM
46	Wildlife, environment in general	5/10/2023 9:22 PM
47	We stand by any land that becomes available + affordable	5/10/2023 8:19 PM
48	Too much interference with private ownership, town ruining land by directing storm water onto people's property. How about protecting private owner's rights and property, as we pay you to do?	5/10/2023 7:17 PM
49	Although there are significant wetlands, there is no monitoring of activities affecting same. Homeowners make significant changes affecting wetlands with no ramifications or permits.	5/10/2023 6:13 PM
50	Need to maintain balance with wildlife. Cleaner air	5/10/2023 6:07 PM
51	open space for future generations	5/10/2023 5:57 PM
52	Conservation of land is wonderful, but it can be used to prevent the development of future needs of residence. I'll look into the future so balance can be found is important	5/10/2023 4:33 PM
53	I believe it's always important to protect wildlife.	5/10/2023 2:47 PM
54	once the land is gone it's gone. conserved land gets overturned. we need to protect natural land before its all developed	5/10/2023 1:09 PM
55	I dont want our town to look like a city	5/10/2023 12:53 PM
56	keep the rural nature of the town	5/10/2023 12:44 PM
57	generally, I am always in favor of protecting our natural resources, wildlife and rural areas	5/10/2023 12:27 PM
58	I am always in favor of protecting land. Once it's gone, it's gone.	5/10/2023 10:18 AM
59	we have enough to take care of already.	5/10/2023 9:58 AM
60	See above	5/10/2023 9:09 AM

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61	If we are to change zoning laws, open spaces become more important. Connecting open spaces is also important.	5/10/2023 8:57 AM
62	Preserving land is good w/o we don't become urban like Haverhill	5/9/2023 9:00 PM
63	land protection for public use is great	5/9/2023 4:42 PM
64	not sure how to do this	5/9/2023 4:23 PM
65	preserves natural beauty of the town	5/9/2023 4:11 PM
66	the remaining land may be of good town facility and town growth in the future - would be to keep our options open.	5/9/2023 3:36 PM
67	there are beautiful fields and vistas, with wildlife to see and appreciate	5/9/2023 3:14 PM
68	They don't take care of what they have	5/8/2023 7:54 PM
69	Important to protect land for our health	5/6/2023 8:16 PM
70	I always think preserving natural areas is the right move	5/3/2023 4:50 PM
71	being outside and moving is important and having access close by where you live gets a higher rate of use	5/3/2023 2:21 PM
72	I would like to protect land designated as conservation or historical. I do think the process to build garages or sheds on existing property for personal use needs to be streamlined as this process is cumbersome.	5/2/2023 9:03 AM
73	I don't want to see our town built like some of our surrounding areas	5/1/2023 8:56 PM
74	As long as we don't use tax dollars. The conservation commission has efficiently done an amazing job.	5/1/2023 7:30 PM
75	No more development!	5/1/2023 4:17 PM
76	No need to increase taxes to buy land and develop parks	5/1/2023 2:49 PM
77	Undeveloped land makes Atkinson attractive and quaint	4/30/2023 6:03 PM
78	Continue to keep Atkinson a small town feel	4/28/2023 11:25 PM
79	Let's keep our trees they keep our air free of pollution	4/28/2023 1:02 PM
80	Atkinson's greatest resource is our trail system. We should invest more in these by protecting land and improving access.	4/28/2023 11:11 AM
81	If left unchecked, Atkinson will become a high tax, over developed environment similar to Salem.	4/28/2023 8:48 AM
82	To keep the small town feel.	4/27/2023 4:41 PM
83	I would like to see more land set aside to ensure that the Town does not get "overbuilt" and its population remains relatively constant at today's level.	4/27/2023 1:48 PM
84	I would rather see land preserved than developed	4/27/2023 8:35 AM
85	Protect natural space and wildlife	4/27/2023 6:56 AM
86	For the protection of wildlife and the small town character of our community	4/26/2023 7:54 PM
87	Preserve habitat and wildlife	4/26/2023 7:49 PM
88	We should be protecting all land that isn't currently occupied. We need to ensure that future generations can still enjoy going out into the woods	4/26/2023 7:11 PM
89	as above. Let's keep the town quiet, safe, peaceful.	4/26/2023 6:38 PM
90	Better quality of life, better for the environment, and better for overall taxation. Win-win-win.	4/26/2023 6:34 PM
91	Would like to keep the rural character of Atkinson and not grow so much	4/26/2023 6:33 PM
92	Green and lower taxes	4/26/2023 6:20 PM

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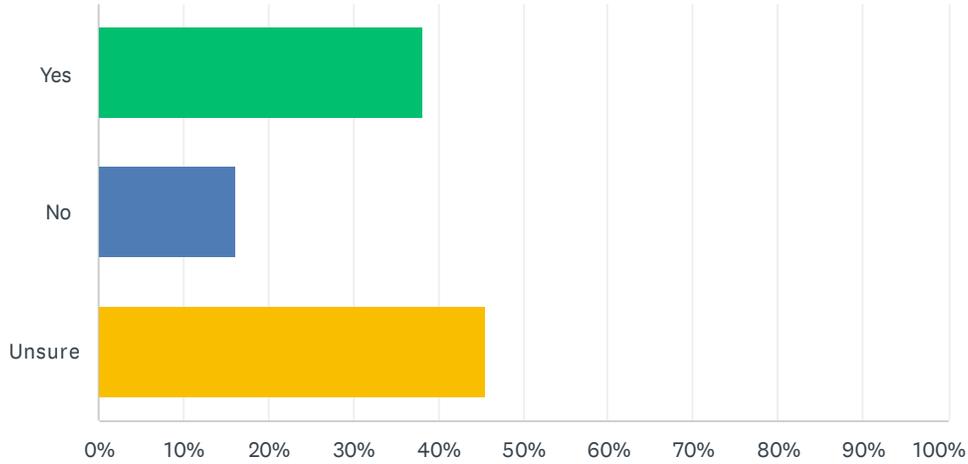
93	Yes if there is more that can be done	4/26/2023 5:33 PM
94	The town is being destroyed by the ongoing construction. I've seen so many beautiful spaces decimated by emotionless, soulless identical housing while living here for over 20 years. It's sickening.	4/26/2023 5:21 PM
95	Preserve the forest / country resources. Better for our carbon footprint by reducing poor air quality that's found in cities!!!	4/26/2023 4:45 PM
96	There are very limited land in our town. We need more land for Recreational and town serviecs' usage.	4/26/2023 4:18 PM
97	What is a "land protection" - if regulations that devalue private land are created then AGAINST. If fair value is available and paid then FOR	4/26/2023 3:56 PM
98	Additional conservation measures need to be taken to eliminate the risk of high density housing or large commercial expansion.	4/26/2023 3:30 PM
99	We need the land for wildlife and to prevent overbuilding.	4/26/2023 2:49 PM
100	The land needs to be protected from development and for the public's use.	4/26/2023 2:03 PM
101	To preserve the natural beauty here	4/26/2023 1:56 PM
102	Open spaces are what make Atkinson unique and beautiful.	4/26/2023 12:32 PM
103	In an effort to save our unique little community	4/26/2023 12:22 PM
104	Need to preserve the community environment and natural habitat	4/26/2023 12:08 PM
105	Every bit of land, we can serve his land that is not impacted by development, and that is good for nature in the planet	4/26/2023 11:43 AM
106	Anything to protect Atkinson's charm is welcome.	4/26/2023 11:20 AM
107	Because this policy is why the town is so great.	4/26/2023 11:17 AM
108	We could always use more protection..to keep the town from being built up	4/26/2023 11:16 AM
109	the new regulations regarding buffer areas & water retention are a step in the right direction.....said the retired builder.!!!!!!	4/26/2023 11:03 AM
110	Conservation land helps the town maintain it's rural beauty.	4/26/2023 10:25 AM
111	Now is the time to preserve as many natural resources as possible.	4/26/2023 10:05 AM
112	Keep the open space. Don't let 5his town look like salem nh	4/26/2023 9:55 AM
113	The open spaces and protected land is what makes Atkinson such a desirable town.	4/26/2023 9:46 AM
114	Will protect open land and wildlife	4/26/2023 9:35 AM
115	Make sure we do no push development	4/26/2023 9:31 AM
116	In this ever developing world, we need to protect as much of our natural resources as possible for all living creatures to survive and thrive.	4/26/2023 9:18 AM
117	We nee d to protect our green spaces.	4/25/2023 6:57 PM
118	Because I have faith in paul wainwright and believe in his decisions whichever they are	4/24/2023 2:18 AM
119	This would simply be a reiteration of question #24, however, to further clarify, the cultural and historic character of the township is tied to the environmental spaces available to the town's residents.	4/23/2023 3:21 PM
120	It is imperative to protect our natural resources.	4/23/2023 3:21 PM
121	I would like to see land preserved for our wildlife that we have in Atkinson. I do not want to see condos and apartments or even single family homes being further developed.	4/23/2023 2:46 PM
122	To preserve land from additional building and allowing residents use of it.	4/21/2023 9:23 PM
123	We need to conserve more land for us not commercial property	4/21/2023 7:16 PM

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124	Wildlife is a great part of Atkinson. Not protecting land would cause them to lose their spots also.	4/21/2023 7:10 PM
125	perhaps it will slow down/stop more building	4/21/2023 5:51 PM
126	It keeps the town beautiful and limits development	4/21/2023 2:29 PM
127	Generally, I am in favor of protecting lands as long as they are made available and usable to the community.	4/21/2023 1:41 PM
128	They aren't making more land. And, as a border town, the land will just become developed.	4/20/2023 1:16 PM
129	We need more conservation land. We need to protect the wildlife habitat and our water resources. Conservation land allows for more protection of what becomes our groundwater and then drinking water.	4/20/2023 12:55 PM
130	Development of land cannot be undone. Conservation/Preservation is key, and should be applied as much as possible.	4/19/2023 3:10 PM
131	We have a good balance. If someone wants to donate more land to Atkinson for conservation, that would be great.	4/19/2023 9:34 AM
132	Need to do anything we can to limit climate/environmental impact.	4/18/2023 8:12 PM
133	try to limit development every way possible	4/18/2023 10:26 AM
134	we have enough	4/17/2023 8:26 AM
135	I have not looked at this from a macro level weighing what additional housing &/or commercial development might look like & their impact on existing or planned land protection efforts.	4/16/2023 5:59 PM
136	less development, more trees	4/16/2023 8:48 AM
137	We need protection to help stop development	4/16/2023 8:29 AM
138	Rural feeling and wildlife habitat	4/15/2023 1:48 PM
139	To protect certian lands for overdevelopment for houseing or commercial	4/15/2023 9:16 AM
140	For reasons stated above.	4/14/2023 7:33 PM
141	Conservation land is a legacy for future generations to appreciate. If the town can acquire additional parcels all the better.	4/14/2023 3:43 PM
142	They're not making anymore of it. Protect the rural aspect of the town that makes it so appealing.	4/14/2023 6:31 AM
143	Another park would be nice.	4/13/2023 5:20 PM
144	Better to protect land than not. Also we have a limited amount of water.	4/13/2023 10:52 AM
145	Once land is used for development it is not likely to ever be conserved. Beauty and wildlife habitat enhancement.	4/12/2023 9:30 PM
146	The town is blessed to have 18% of land conserved or protected. Any additional investment should only be very strategic to protect wildlife corridors or water supply	4/12/2023 5:26 PM
147	To preserve the land and protect it from developers.	4/12/2023 4:47 PM
148	Stated previously, thanks	4/12/2023 3:12 PM
149	Free land is disappearing daily.	4/12/2023 1:58 PM
150	I think there is sufficient	4/12/2023 12:43 PM
151	Keep Atkinson rural.	4/12/2023 12:14 PM

Q27 Are there any existing parks, conservation lands, open spaces, recreational resources, or facilities that need attention or future investment from the town?

Answered: 302 Skipped: 140



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	38.08%	115
No	16.23%	49
Unsure	45.70%	138
TOTAL		302

Q28 If yes, please describe these spaces, lands, or facilities below

Answered: 119 Skipped: 323

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	land on East Road - undeveloped	5/18/2023 3:14 PM
2	we need some bike paths. also see Newton MA for a wonderful plan to make the town more walkable. walkable towns contribute positively to the community as a whole. If you a walking you will meet and know your neighbors. when you know true neighbors you enjoy them and look out for each other. walking paths would contribute to individual health outcomes that are good	5/18/2023 2:02 PM
3	please keep Sawmill as nature; and undisturbed as possible	5/18/2023 1:22 PM
4	make the more useful to handicap children	5/18/2023 1:15 PM
5	I would like to make sure our farm lands are protected and dont have to be sod when owners get old	5/18/2023 1:06 PM
6	they always need attention to keep in good condition	5/18/2023 12:50 PM
7	the parking area giving access to Island Pond. It is not very well marked. At least it wasn't in 2021-22. Also I heard that the dock was fixed - I hope it was	5/18/2023 12:10 PM
8	Pope field could fence in an area for a dog park	5/12/2023 5:00 PM
9	woodlock park	5/12/2023 4:52 PM
10	dog park	5/12/2023 3:45 PM
11	need to maintain annual facility maintenance	5/12/2023 3:35 PM
12	town park could use some refresh updates. outdoor bleacher seating. water bubbler.	5/12/2023 3:24 PM
13	Cemetery expansion	5/12/2023 11:01 AM
14	Maintain Woodlock facility	5/12/2023 10:36 AM
15	The Slade/Jones land trail is just starting and needs financial support. Thank You to Bob Worden for working on the facilities at Woodlock Park!!! They need to be maintained!!! The condition they were in was very embarrassing...and disgusting...we can do better than that.	5/11/2023 7:32 PM
16	Love the playground at Woodlock	5/11/2023 3:06 PM
17	All of them need continuous support	5/11/2023 2:39 PM
18	Move the dump away from the recreation fields	5/11/2023 1:33 PM
19	Although Woodlock Park is nice. There is not much on the other side of town. Collins Park could be expanded and/or improved.	5/11/2023 1:27 PM
20	Collins Park Woodlock Park	5/11/2023 1:18 PM
21	More level walking trails in the parks and more access to ponds for recreation.	5/11/2023 1:07 PM
22	dog park walking path	5/11/2023 12:58 PM
23	Observe & protect resource	5/11/2023 12:55 PM
24	update Woodlock Park, fields, dugouts	5/11/2023 12:21 PM
25	I love Woodlock Park. Would like to see more things that are less sports-oriented. picnic tables, BBQ areas, year-round activities. I am also disappointed in the devastation of land entrees this past year on the Marshall land area (Hemlock Heights/Bolder Cove) lots of slag and destroyed land from tree harvesting	5/11/2023 11:13 AM

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26	Collins Park & Woodlock Park - both are great spaces that could be amazing with some improvements	5/11/2023 9:22 AM
27	Recreation trails better vs for all residents	5/11/2023 7:20 AM
28	More tennis courts Community pool or YWCAYMCS club Why are we paying a building inspector such a high amount and why can he solicit business? 0 Atkinson building jobs for the Town Building Inspector-it smells!	5/11/2023 6:55 AM
29	Build more tennis courts, more trails with gravel paths	5/10/2023 11:09 PM
30	Dog park Fishing, canoe or kayaking	5/10/2023 10:52 PM
31	Possible "dump" day in Salem a few times a year	5/10/2023 10:29 PM
32	All parks and facilities need attention. Maintenance is basic at best and subpar to other similar towns	5/10/2023 10:09 PM
33	Bathroom facilities at Collins. Encourage food trucks to meet desires for restaurants	5/10/2023 10:08 PM
34	A separate pickleball court to allow both tennis and pickleball players simultaneous use.	5/10/2023 9:46 PM
35	It would be nice to have a dog park	5/10/2023 8:48 PM
36	Dump needs to expand,too small or relocated away from the ball field; safety hazard	5/10/2023 8:09 PM
37	Trails leading into Woodlock Park	5/10/2023 6:13 PM
38	Expand Woodlock, it's wonderful,	5/10/2023 4:33 PM
39	I would like to see Woodlock Park better maintained along with the Tennis courts and other recreational areas in town.	5/10/2023 2:47 PM
40	Woodlock Park is great, but needs to stay maintained. the trail behind the community center doesn't seem to be upkeep, but is wonderful	5/10/2023 1:09 PM
41	clean paths	5/10/2023 1:00 PM
42	the bathrooms at Pope field	5/10/2023 12:53 PM
43	need to mart the needs of all residents. there is to much focus on sports and not enough to just meeting and relaxing	5/10/2023 12:44 PM
44	recreation at Pope - improve for better use by more	5/10/2023 12:14 PM
45	lands left untended can become hazardous. we need more for outdooe recreation. Buildings have been neglected.	5/10/2023 9:58 AM
46	Woodlock park fields could use an updated water sprinkler system. This system went down last year before the summer drought and much of the soccer field grass died. A few coaches for the local soccer club Timberwolves and TYSL had safety concerns about the fields.	5/9/2023 9:00 PM
47	community center police station	5/9/2023 6:48 PM
48	Akinson Community enter needs desperate attention - should Belanger, offer small meeting rooms, a small gym, space for elder care services, and outdoor recreation space if possible	5/9/2023 4:42 PM
49	Atkinson Playground or Park	5/9/2023 4:31 PM
50	unable to use due to age	5/9/2023 4:23 PM
51	all recreation facilities should get yearly investments	5/9/2023 4:11 PM
52	woodlock/collins extend wool park land in back	5/9/2023 4:02 PM
53	not sure Woodlock Park would need additional investment	5/9/2023 3:36 PM
54	not sure if this is what you mean but Hall Farm Road is ugly!	5/9/2023 3:20 PM
55	Bathrooms woodlock park	5/9/2023 7:45 AM
56	These types of spaces always need attention and upkeep and it can't always be volunteers doing it all.	5/8/2023 7:27 PM

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57	Bathrooms at Woodlock need updating. Soccer fields need repair.	5/8/2023 2:17 PM
58	The fields are poorly kept. the fences are all warped. The sitting area on the first field is dangers with rocks and stumps and needs to be addressed. They added stands to that field which nobody sits in bc you can't see home plate if you do.	5/8/2023 12:53 PM
59	I'm not sure Woodlock Park has walking trails, but developing some there and connecting to other areas of town would be nice.	5/3/2023 8:22 PM
60	Parks and facilities are minimal in the area but not sure if families would use them. Everyone is very busy now.	5/3/2023 5:33 PM
61	Would love to see additional paths added to the area behind Woodlock Park	5/3/2023 4:50 PM
62	keeping woodlock clean is high on my list - it's a pretty spot with loads to do. the mpas at the trailheads are so important and its so nice we have them.	5/3/2023 2:21 PM
63	I do not have a specific area that needs expansion or new areas but the current areas need to be maintained.	5/2/2023 9:03 AM
64	Woodlock park needs access to water to protect our playing fields. A splash pad at Woodlock would benefit our younger population and Sun N Fun program	5/1/2023 8:56 PM
65	If we could expand the walking trails at Woodlock Park or expand Collins.	5/1/2023 4:17 PM
66	Improve soccer fields at Woodlock Park. They have been neglected the past few years.	5/1/2023 7:33 AM
67	Woodblock Park will need constant upkeep and should be maintained	4/30/2023 12:55 PM
68	More investment in making our trail systems have better signage and suitable pathways.	4/28/2023 11:11 AM
69	Sawyer Road has safety and access issues.	4/28/2023 8:48 AM
70	The community center is old and outdated. It needs to be replaced and enlarged. The old schoolhouse needs significant work. We need a new police station. The Town garage and yard area needs to be updated/cleaned up.	4/27/2023 1:48 PM
71	Always need to maintain parks, perhaps clean up the pond area by the community center	4/27/2023 8:35 AM
72	Maintain what we have	4/27/2023 6:56 AM
73	please LOOK at the first letter sent out by Paul Wainwright indicating removal of overgrown trees so smaller trees could grow. Look Look at what they did on WatersEdge. IT WAS ONE BIG LIE SO THE TOWN COULD CUT TREES TO GAIN MONEY FOR THE CUTTING DOWN IT IS A DESIGNATED OPEN SPACE FOR WHAT IN THE FUTURE? ITS ALL BEEN CLEARED.WHAT IS THE BENCH THAT HAS BEEN PUT THERE. THERE IS DEFINATLY SOMETHING COMING. ANOTHER LIE?	4/26/2023 8:50 PM
74	The wildlife corridor from Dick Woods farm to the marsh area behind freshwater farm	4/26/2023 7:54 PM
75	Area around 111 with spraying for ticks and clearing of fallen trees.	4/26/2023 6:49 PM
76	More recreational programming for older kids	4/26/2023 6:46 PM
77	The community center is a wonderful building but it needs to be evaluated to any needed updates and improvements.	4/26/2023 5:33 PM
78	There's a few trails here and there.	4/26/2023 5:21 PM
79	Woodlock park - parking area needs to be properly graded and paved for maximum usage.	4/26/2023 4:18 PM
80	Maintain and possibly improve the Community Center.	4/26/2023 4:11 PM
81	Clear signage inviting participation located on street entrances	4/26/2023 3:56 PM
82	All of these current locations will require maintenance. I'm not opposed to upgrades in the future.	4/26/2023 3:30 PM
83	The community center.	4/26/2023 2:49 PM
84	The Pope Field area can always use an upgrade.	4/26/2023 1:28 PM
85	Like the small pond between Main St and Washington St. it would be nice if it was cleared out	4/26/2023 12:22 PM

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(brush etc) so you can enjoy seeing the animal/ reptile life that exists there. Maybe a sign stating the name

86	Call field should take a section of water in Forest and path in fence it with chain-link fence for a dog park.	4/26/2023 11:43 AM
87	Woodlock park could use some additional investment in order to be a place that can be used by everyone. Work can be done on the current fields and fences and maybe work in a track for the community to use.	4/26/2023 11:26 AM
88	Land around the lake	4/26/2023 11:16 AM
89	Woodlock park needs field irrigation, field lights and paved parking	4/26/2023 11:11 AM
90	Dog park. Maybe at Woodlock, on the left side as you turn into the parking lot before the brush dump. Nothing fancy, just long chain linked area for the pups to run.	4/26/2023 9:59 AM
91	The parking areas and entrances to our conservation areas and trails could use some sprucing up.	4/26/2023 9:46 AM
92	Would love to see the pond by the community center better maintained	4/26/2023 9:31 AM
93	The paths at the end of Oakridge could use some maintenance.	4/26/2023 9:21 AM
94	Consider providing a new Community Center with enhanced meeting spaces.	4/25/2023 6:57 PM
95	Woodlock park and the one by linebrook should be better kept to allow for future generations	4/25/2023 9:49 AM
96	Woodlock Park	4/24/2023 9:31 AM
97	See previous comments about woodlock park beautification, more tables, seating, etc	4/24/2023 12:24 AM
98	Woodlock bathrooms, some of the fields. A concessions area would be amazing!!	4/21/2023 8:44 PM
99	All public parks and recreational playing fields and their facilities need improving and expansion	4/21/2023 8:10 PM
100	all, move the dump	4/21/2023 1:58 PM
101	Fields at Woodlock need improvement...	4/20/2023 10:27 PM
102	More maintenance is needed of current trails.	4/20/2023 6:05 PM
103	Need parks in other areas of the town / more areas for teens /	4/20/2023 1:16 PM
104	I support investment in all conservation lands.	4/19/2023 3:10 PM
105	Conservation land needs to be maintained and we should continue to do so as we have done in the past.	4/19/2023 9:34 AM
106	Sawmill Swamp seems to have a lot of beat up, damaged trees.	4/18/2023 8:12 PM
107	Skate park	4/18/2023 11:28 AM
108	we need a forward looking plan for developing and maintaining recreational facilities	4/17/2023 8:26 AM
109	Unfortunately, I have not visited these spaces, etc	4/16/2023 5:59 PM
110	The privately owned farms in town as I already mentioned.	4/16/2023 8:29 AM
111	Some of the cluster development conservation areas are in bad shape with invasive species killing the trees. Not sure how this can be addressed.	4/16/2023 8:19 AM
112	Woodlock Park & Facilities, Collin's Park, Creation of open Green spaces that can be used as fields or gathering space for town activities	4/15/2023 9:16 AM
113	We just need to maintain the integrity of all these areas.	4/14/2023 7:33 PM
114	Slight more upkeep for trail system. Encourage volunteer work.	4/14/2023 6:31 AM
115	More parking at the park on East Rd.	4/13/2023 5:20 PM
116	I think that some conservation land can be used for activities beyond walking trails.	4/12/2023 11:04 PM

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117	Paved bike trails, away from traffic	4/12/2023 10:00 PM
118	Woodlock Park, the community center, police station and highway garage	4/12/2023 5:26 PM
119	I think Woodlock has a lot of potential for more stuff	4/12/2023 1:57 PM

Q29 Are you aware of new recreation activities or facilities that should be accommodated in Atkinson? Please describe them below.

Answered: 131 Skipped: 311

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	skate park more playing fields!	5/18/2023 3:19 PM
2	no	5/18/2023 3:14 PM
3	bicycling should be far more encouraged and supported. virtually no accommodation for bikes	5/18/2023 2:46 PM
4	updated community center with more storage and gazebo for events. splash pad for kids	5/18/2023 1:32 PM
5	no	5/18/2023 1:22 PM
6	? An athletic building	5/18/2023 12:50 PM
7	I think that we really need to focus on recycling and keeping our town clean	5/18/2023 12:22 PM
8	dog park	5/12/2023 5:00 PM
9	pickle ball court skate/bike park	5/12/2023 4:52 PM
10	no	5/12/2023 3:45 PM
11	no to bike paths	5/12/2023 3:35 PM
12	No	5/12/2023 10:36 AM
13	Rec commission does a fine job! + the over 65	5/12/2023 10:18 AM
14	no	5/11/2023 11:38 PM
15	Could we have self directed work out stations in our outdoor recreation parks?	5/11/2023 9:05 PM
16	I am not aware of any.	5/11/2023 3:27 PM
17	Dog park	5/11/2023 3:13 PM
18	Probably are some	5/11/2023 2:39 PM
19	No	5/11/2023 2:31 PM
20	The community center is "worn" is in need of updating. In addition ventilation needs to be addressed for healthy use of facility	5/11/2023 2:12 PM
21	no	5/11/2023 1:49 PM
22	Kids might like a skate park Separate pickleball court from tennis court Bocce court	5/11/2023 1:33 PM
23	yes	5/11/2023 1:26 PM
24	more after school programs, vacation week programs new community center to accommodate some sports activities and more access	5/11/2023 1:18 PM
25	Tennis courts	5/11/2023 1:07 PM
26	no	5/11/2023 12:55 PM
27	no	5/11/2023 12:41 PM
28	updates to community center	5/11/2023 11:27 AM
29	music and arts, concerts on the common non-sports recreation as mentioned above nature hikes/walks to learn about historical areas, encourage walking and family activities like the Hampstead Trail Area	5/11/2023 11:13 AM

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30	Collins Park has beautiful fields, but needs bathrooms & additional parking if possible. Also a little fieldhouse/pavillion would be great. Woodlock Park is also great, but could use a bigger pavilion as well as some improvements to the fields.	5/11/2023 9:22 AM
31	new pickle ball courts separate from the tennis courts	5/11/2023 8:37 AM
32	Not aware of any	5/11/2023 7:34 AM
33	Pool, tennis court/pickleball facility open year round for town folks at no fee, reduced rate for non town folks	5/10/2023 11:09 PM
34	pickleball courts	5/10/2023 10:09 PM
35	It would be nice to have an indoor building like Hampstead has for basketball and volleyball groups, indoor exercise.	5/10/2023 8:48 PM
36	In need of a dog park	5/10/2023 8:09 PM
37	No	5/10/2023 7:17 PM
38	no	5/10/2023 6:13 PM
39	There are already too many fields in Atkinson	5/10/2023 6:07 PM
40	fenced in dog park	5/10/2023 5:57 PM
41	not aware	5/10/2023 5:37 PM
42	more walking trails would be awesome	5/10/2023 1:09 PM
43	more walking paths	5/10/2023 1:00 PM
44	trails that can be used by people with some physical limitations	5/10/2023 12:53 PM
45	open space, small open structures to promote picnic style outdoor use	5/10/2023 12:44 PM
46	more handicapped access at fields	5/10/2023 12:14 PM
47	ice skating rink in winter?	5/10/2023 11:54 AM
48	more tennis, a running track, public pool	5/10/2023 9:58 AM
49	No	5/9/2023 9:00 PM
50	see above !	5/9/2023 4:42 PM
51	we should have a bar/restaurant	5/9/2023 4:31 PM
52	wonderful library has so many activities for the little guys	5/9/2023 4:23 PM
53	Indoor sports area	5/9/2023 4:11 PM
54	new community center with a full gym baseball field for age 13+ adult	5/9/2023 4:02 PM
55	I think adult softball or baseball could be a fun activity or incorporating elderly services at the park other body moving activities	5/9/2023 3:36 PM
56	I do think something should be done for teenagers.	5/9/2023 9:18 AM
57	Community gym	5/8/2023 7:54 PM
58	A town pool would be nice	5/8/2023 2:17 PM
59	Pickle ball is popular now so maybe some courts would be nice.	5/3/2023 5:33 PM
60	Basketball courts	5/3/2023 4:50 PM
61	With the interest in pickle ball increasing it would be nice to have a separate area for just pickle ball. Seems to sport is really taking off and gets older people together for interaction and exercise.	5/2/2023 9:03 AM
62	Bathrooms at Collins park and a new community center	5/1/2023 8:56 PM
63	no	5/1/2023 7:30 PM

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64	No	5/1/2023 4:17 PM
65	A trail for biking would be great. A dog park would also be nice.	4/28/2023 11:11 AM
66	No	4/27/2023 6:59 PM
67	Unsure	4/27/2023 1:48 PM
68	Bike path would be welcomed by many	4/27/2023 12:42 PM
69	No	4/27/2023 8:39 AM
70	No but a youth center or upgrade of our park would be nice	4/27/2023 6:56 AM
71	I truly believe Noriko is doing a remarkable job for the youth and the seniors.	4/26/2023 8:50 PM
72	Would love to have more tennis/pickle ball courts	4/26/2023 7:54 PM
73	Mo	4/26/2023 7:32 PM
74	Non-sports activities	4/26/2023 6:46 PM
75	More pickleball courts and a place for activities like ping pong would be nice. Let's help bring ATK residents together and promote their physical and mental health by keeping them active and feeling part of a cohesive, caring community.	4/26/2023 6:38 PM
76	More pickleball courts would be nice.	4/26/2023 6:34 PM
77	I think the Rec Comm does a good job trying to accommodate the needs of a variety of people, young and old. Hard to do a lot with a small budget	4/26/2023 5:33 PM
78	Not aware	4/26/2023 4:45 PM
79	We need more playing fields for sports programs especially more pickleball courts. the existing community center needs a lot of maintenance, and need more spaces, so we should be planning for a new community center.	4/26/2023 4:18 PM
80	not aware	4/26/2023 3:56 PM
81	Not at this time	4/26/2023 3:30 PM
82	Not sure	4/26/2023 2:49 PM
83	Improve the sports fields	4/26/2023 1:35 PM
84	Maybe more walking trails and bike paths.	4/26/2023 1:28 PM
85	A dedicated YMCA or gym/workout facility for all ages would be a great additional feature.	4/26/2023 12:32 PM
86	It would be nice if Woodlock Park had a small pool for the Sun and Fun summer camp that could possibly be used by residence only people on the w/e's for a fee to help offset the costs	4/26/2023 12:22 PM
87	No	4/26/2023 12:08 PM
88	Yes, the town should make a concerted effort, even if it's in the millions of dollars, to purchase the (schafer) property, bordered by oak ridge, Emery Drive, route 111, and K Cam Road. Then access should be established with parking on each of those roads except for Route 111., Maybe route 111 if it could be done with the state	4/26/2023 11:43 AM
89	Add public pickleball courts.	4/26/2023 11:20 AM
90	Bike trail...oaved	4/26/2023 10:11 AM
91	Dog park	4/26/2023 9:59 AM
92	No	4/26/2023 9:31 AM
93	Teen center for teens to safely gather would be nice	4/26/2023 9:09 AM
94	Would love to see a community year-round swimming pool in Atkinson, as part of an enhanced Community Center.	4/25/2023 6:57 PM
95	None at this time.	4/23/2023 3:21 PM

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96	None at this time.	4/23/2023 3:21 PM
97	No.	4/23/2023 2:46 PM
98	Pickle ball	4/21/2023 9:23 PM
99	Additional park areas or trails for running and biking	4/21/2023 8:44 PM
100	Setting up a skating rink on the soccer field during the winter	4/21/2023 8:40 PM
101	New community center, update Collins park shed, woodlock pavilion expansion and improvement	4/21/2023 8:10 PM
102	Maybe a place for kids to interact (could use an existing place) but a specific time/date for parents	4/21/2023 7:16 PM
103	would be great to have a skateboard park	4/21/2023 5:51 PM
104	We need a dog park	4/21/2023 4:04 PM
105	outside basketball courts	4/21/2023 1:58 PM
106	No	4/21/2023 9:30 AM
107	We need more recreational area	4/21/2023 8:21 AM
108	Community pool.	4/20/2023 10:27 PM
109	maybe pickle ball courts ?	4/20/2023 5:06 PM
110	Pickle ball park Ultimate frisbee Skate park	4/20/2023 1:16 PM
111	Pool	4/20/2023 11:45 AM
112	No, we have as much as residents have time to enjoy. Most of the land we currently have is under utilized.	4/19/2023 9:34 AM
113	Pickle ball is huge- fastest growing sport. The courts at Woodlock Park are very busy.	4/18/2023 8:12 PM
114	Just keep pace with the needs of Atkinson residents. We don't need to provide space for other towns needs/programs	4/17/2023 8:26 AM
115	pickle ball courts would be welcome	4/16/2023 6:15 PM
116	I mentioned my ideas on this aspect earlier (Town center-based communal gathering area & structure).	4/16/2023 5:59 PM
117	Pickle ball has become very popular and needs its own dedicated courts, additional basketball courts, repair of irrigation @ Woodlock to enable the fields to hold up to heavy use during the sports seasons. Modern Bathroom facilities and storage allow for indoor space for kids to get out of the weather during Sun'n Fun.	4/15/2023 9:16 AM
118	No.	4/14/2023 7:33 PM
119	More bike lanes and sidewalks on existing roads.	4/14/2023 11:38 AM
120	Already being addressed by the recreation committee.	4/14/2023 9:54 AM
121	.	4/14/2023 6:31 AM
122	No	4/13/2023 9:20 PM
123	We could continue to improve Woodlock Park area. The one facility there for toilets is definitely in need of some love!	4/13/2023 2:33 PM
124	Nothing new needed	4/13/2023 12:27 PM
125	I hope there will be pickleball soon.	4/13/2023 10:52 AM
126	New Community Center.	4/12/2023 11:04 PM
127	A new Community Center	4/12/2023 7:42 PM
128	ADA trails,	4/12/2023 5:26 PM

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129	no	4/12/2023 3:54 PM
130	I think having a dog park would be great!	4/12/2023 3:22 PM
131	more walking trails that are maintained	4/12/2023 12:43 PM

Q30 Are you aware of new recreation programs that should be planned for in the future in Atkinson? Please describe them below.

Answered: 96 Skipped: 346

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	like to see expanded parks for walking accommodate children, dogs, multi-generation - make the town more connected y neighborhoods	5/18/2023 3:14 PM
2	I wish the town has some activities that working folds can participate in, if all meeting are held say 10am on (M-F) you will only attract retirees	5/18/2023 2:02 PM
3	I would like something for teens, teenagers. it is hard to find activities for them other than sports. maybe a community pool or trips to see games to Boston bring teenagers bands to the park	5/18/2023 1:42 PM
4	what even becomes popular like Pickleball being stated at Woodlock Park last year	5/18/2023 12:50 PM
5	a town clean day!	5/18/2023 12:22 PM
6	-	5/12/2023 5:00 PM
7	town park that has a gazebo	5/12/2023 3:45 PM
8	not a program, but a splash pad would be nice	5/12/2023 3:24 PM
9	No	5/12/2023 10:36 AM
10	no	5/11/2023 11:38 PM
11	More opportunities for seniors to maintain physical health.	5/11/2023 9:05 PM
12	Noriko does a brilliant job at finding new and keeping popular recreation programs! Maybe a reprise of the old Atkinson Haunted House?	5/11/2023 7:32 PM
13	None at this time.	5/11/2023 3:27 PM
14	Recreation is up to the individual to find not a direct responsibility of the town	5/11/2023 2:31 PM
15	unsure maybe programs focused on mother's groups. young kids	5/11/2023 1:49 PM
16	yes	5/11/2023 1:26 PM
17	see above	5/11/2023 1:18 PM
18	Bring back tennis lessons in the summer for children in town	5/11/2023 1:07 PM
19	none	5/11/2023 12:55 PM
20	group walks through town trails activities to encourage families with children and young adults to utilize the trails increase tourism to the trails	5/11/2023 12:41 PM
21	would love to see public beach access to a tiny part of Island Pond	5/11/2023 12:15 PM
22	music and art nights, concerts for kids, adults natural/historical hikes in town (Haverhill does this) outings/trips for 40-60 year olds (like what the rec does for the older adults)	5/11/2023 11:13 AM
23	Improving the summer program for the kids would be great, as a lot of parents work & need an affordable option for camp in the summer that is also really fun for the kids.	5/11/2023 9:22 AM
24	More tennis courts More playgrounds Handicapped accessible Community Pool/YMCA club	5/11/2023 6:55 AM
25	No	5/10/2023 8:50 PM
26	Evening programs at the citizen center	5/10/2023 8:48 PM
27	No	5/10/2023 7:17 PM

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28	Biking and tennis programs would greatly benefit our family.	5/10/2023 6:13 PM
29	How about a community garden	5/10/2023 6:07 PM
30	Some additional programming for kids and teens would be beneficial	5/10/2023 4:33 PM
31	I believe more summer programs for the community would be beneficial. Some music or cultural events in the parks.	5/10/2023 2:47 PM
32	would love more horse/animal activities. Unsure about more, but I'm sure more programs are out there if we get the staffing help	5/10/2023 1:09 PM
33	walking groups	5/10/2023 1:00 PM
34	snow shoeing	5/10/2023 12:53 PM
35	Youth and adult Sports offerings through the rec department.	5/10/2023 10:18 AM
36	No I'm not aware	5/9/2023 9:00 PM
37	anything our aging residents - for mind, spirit, and body. existing program is terrific and should grow!	5/9/2023 4:42 PM
38	Basketball and swimming	5/9/2023 4:11 PM
39	1) bummer NIGHT baseball, soccer, basketball, Lacrosse need night lighted fields	5/9/2023 4:02 PM
40	adult activities could be a nice touch	5/9/2023 3:36 PM
41	An annual town gathering similar to other town's Old Home Days would be nice	5/8/2023 2:17 PM
42	Pickle ball	5/5/2023 8:12 AM
43	Perhaps a community band for amateur and/or retired professional musicians; or a community theater to do musicals in coordination with these musicians.	5/3/2023 8:22 PM
44	Town swimming pool and ice rink for skaters.	5/3/2023 5:33 PM
45	Recreational sports leagues (for adults) would be fun	5/3/2023 4:50 PM
46	no	5/1/2023 7:30 PM
47	I feel the recreation programs are great, we just need more people to become aware of what is offered.	5/1/2023 4:17 PM
48	Summer program with INDOOR space to accommodate students in the summer keep them safe during storms and excessive heat	4/30/2023 12:55 PM
49	No	4/28/2023 11:11 AM
50	Unsure	4/27/2023 1:48 PM
51	No	4/27/2023 8:39 AM
52	No	4/27/2023 6:56 AM
53	No	4/26/2023 7:54 PM
54	Free and reduced price programs and activities for the elderly.	4/26/2023 6:49 PM
55	Not aware	4/26/2023 4:45 PM
56	In order to have more and new recreation programs, the department needs more staff. Then we consider creating more new programs.	4/26/2023 4:18 PM
57	not aware	4/26/2023 3:56 PM
58	Not at this time	4/26/2023 3:30 PM
59	The children and especially teens need to have programs to keep them busy and out of trouble.	4/26/2023 2:49 PM
60	more fields	4/26/2023 1:35 PM

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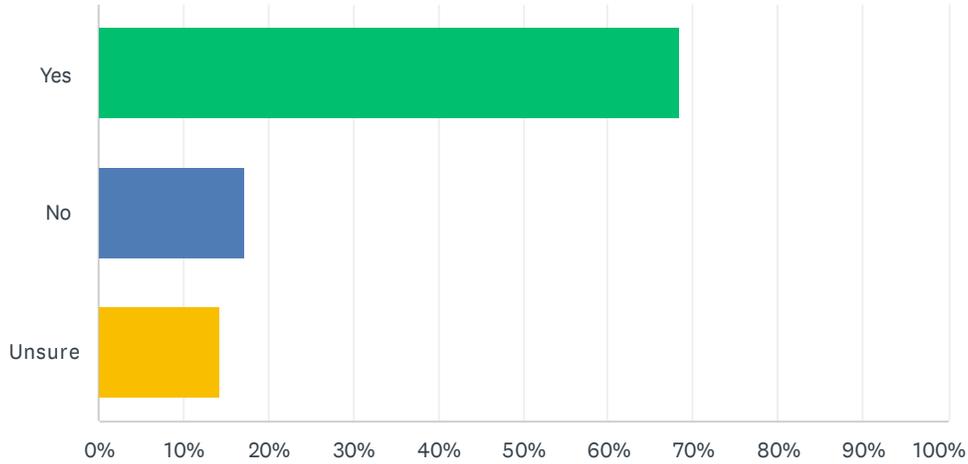
61	Would be nice to have their own baseball/ softball field - not sure if they already do at Woodlock park	4/26/2023 12:22 PM
62	No	4/26/2023 12:08 PM
63	The children seem to wanna have another swimming pool installed... Maybe we could dig up the old one at the community center in revitalize it... L O L	4/26/2023 11:43 AM
64	Pickleball and corn hole.	4/26/2023 11:20 AM
65	Dog park	4/26/2023 9:59 AM
66	No	4/26/2023 9:31 AM
67	Additional walkways similar to those provided at Bryant Woods for community residents, perhaps at Wiidlick Park.	4/25/2023 6:57 PM
68	No.	4/23/2023 3:21 PM
69	No.	4/23/2023 3:21 PM
70	No.	4/23/2023 2:46 PM
71	No	4/21/2023 9:23 PM
72	Youth sports would be great. I know we have volunteer softball and baseball but there should more younger aged events. Also, put in a place like a snack bar or something at woodland park. Or develop it into a more family friendly location	4/21/2023 7:16 PM
73	Dog park	4/21/2023 4:04 PM
74	Sun and Fun Program – Reinvent itself, old, outdated, more games, exercise, educational and art related activities\programs. Woodlock is Not a good facility to have a summer program.	4/21/2023 1:58 PM
75	No	4/21/2023 9:30 AM
76	more walking paths	4/20/2023 5:06 PM
77	Can we plan for elderly related sports teams? Is that a tthing? Tournaments like pickleball?	4/20/2023 4:27 PM
78	Something for everyone - not just children or seniors without jobs.	4/20/2023 1:16 PM
79	Swimming lessons	4/20/2023 11:45 AM
80	None	4/19/2023 9:34 AM
81	Outdoor Tai Chi would be great. I know the indoor program at the Community Ctr. is OK for seniors. But I think Tai Chi is meant for outside primarily.	4/18/2023 8:12 PM
82	I'd like to see if pickleball & bocci courts would have sufficient support from my fellow Atkinson citizens to become a reality.	4/16/2023 5:59 PM
83	I'm not sure what this question means, but I'd really like to see more classes & activities for non-senior citizen adults like art, dancing, acting, crafts, music, trivia, etc.	4/16/2023 8:29 AM
84	Maybe some more free programs for seniors. Recreation does a wonderful job but it would be nice if they had a new building.	4/16/2023 8:19 AM
85	Ski Club during winter, After School programs for kids ie. After Care. Activies during school vacation weeks Summer Basketball League kids and adults	4/15/2023 9:16 AM
86	No.	4/14/2023 7:33 PM
87	.	4/14/2023 6:31 AM
88	No	4/13/2023 9:20 PM
89	not aware of any	4/13/2023 3:10 PM
90	Love Atkinson's Rec Department!!	4/13/2023 2:33 PM
91	No	4/13/2023 12:27 PM
92	No	4/13/2023 10:52 AM

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93	Bike trails	4/12/2023 11:04 PM
94	Current Director should be given an assistant	4/12/2023 7:42 PM
95	Expand places for kids to play, practice sports, etc	4/12/2023 3:54 PM
96	no	4/12/2023 12:43 PM

Q31 Do you think Atkinson’s existing municipal facilities and services efficiently serve community members?

Answered: 313 Skipped: 129



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	68.37%	214
No	17.25%	54
Unsure	14.38%	45
TOTAL		313

Q32 Why or Why Not?

Answered: 127 Skipped: 315

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	town hall is running out of space to accommodate all employees meeting rooms have to be shared and there is not too much privacy for meeting. cooling and heating system constantly breaks there is no generator	5/18/2023 3:33 PM
2	HAWC charges are unfair	5/18/2023 3:14 PM
3	town hall has limited to no storage - community center needs updating and storage. Atkinson Academy needs renovations and greener virilities. police department - new and bigger needed	5/18/2023 2:38 PM
4	I believe the current municipal facilities are adequate for the current population numbers. if the town exceeds a population of 10k, the town will need to consider upgrades to better accommodate the population	5/18/2023 2:29 PM
5	good as it is but work on more. need dog park more public fields to play on stores in town center community garden in Woodlock place for people to hang out	5/18/2023 2:17 PM
6	in recent years (2022) Atkinson residents voted or budget increased - hopefully residents will continue to evaluate budget increases and vote accordingly -	5/18/2023 1:48 PM
7	town garage too small look into purchasing police station too small DH DH garage on Main St	5/18/2023 1:33 PM
8	great community center	5/18/2023 1:23 PM
9	fire, school and police all do a wonderful job	5/18/2023 12:51 PM
10	always gives an answer when asked. maybe not right away but always gets back to you. all the staff cares about the residents	5/18/2023 12:12 PM
11	I think we do a good job of road maintenance but I am not sure about staffing	5/12/2023 5:10 PM
12	Police station is marginally inadequate	5/12/2023 3:53 PM
13	terrific support with a smile	5/12/2023 3:46 PM
14	very safe town, not many complaints, huge spread out parcels	5/12/2023 3:37 PM
15	the town hall meeting space is small. the spaces at library and community center also have limits for capacity	5/12/2023 3:27 PM
16	Removal of hazardous materials (P cylinders, TVs, humidifiers, air conditioners, etc) Pick up large disposal items: couches, mattresses, chairs, bikes, etc. without a surcharge	5/12/2023 10:49 AM
17	residents need more input on neighborhood work i.e. road resurfacing, etc..	5/12/2023 10:20 AM
18	N/A	5/12/2023 9:45 AM
19	We have everything we need	5/11/2023 11:43 PM
20	We don't need a new police facility. Up fit the existing building to meet the needs of our current police force.	5/11/2023 9:16 PM
21	Although the hours of the Building Inspector and other town offices are less than before, and therefore, not as convenient, the Selectmen's office has been doing a great job in meeting our needs on a daily basis; the Town Clerk's office is friendly and professional as is the Tax Collector. People going into them get great service with a smile and they are appreciated. The upcoming combination of the Tax Collector and the Town Clerk should meet the needs of people needing up to date information for real estate closings. Hopefully tax dates will still be met with extra help so lines don't get out of hand.	5/11/2023 7:53 PM
22	I have not observed any deficiencies.	5/11/2023 3:30 PM

What's Next Atkinson?

23	No building maintenance	5/11/2023 3:19 PM
24	mostly - the community center is great but it could use some TLC	5/11/2023 2:02 PM
25	adults/kids limited to indoor facility recreation...	5/11/2023 1:53 PM
26	facilities are dated ad run down. (except library) office space does not meet modern requirements for power and ext work connectivity	5/11/2023 1:30 PM
27	aging buildings with little or nor protective maintenance dollars spent. continued deterioration will result	5/11/2023 1:19 PM
28	We need more police presence.	5/11/2023 1:09 PM
29	more police rounds	5/11/2023 1:07 PM
30	always available when needed we have the wonderful elder services that other communities wish for great response from fire and 911	5/11/2023 1:00 PM
31	We expand after careful review and good planning	5/11/2023 12:57 PM
32	I think our road agents struggles/is overwhelmed	5/11/2023 12:53 PM
33	the facilities (like the community center) are just food enough but yet not fitting for a town with the tax base of Atkinson	5/11/2023 12:29 PM
34	I do not understand the "end of useful life" assessment. what foes into that	5/11/2023 12:16 PM
35	new to community my experiences are positive	5/11/2023 11:52 AM
36	not all are accessible town hall is dated	5/11/2023 11:13 AM
37	The only one I really use is the kimball library & they are great!!	5/11/2023 9:31 AM
38	police station outdated	5/11/2023 8:38 AM
39	Elderly services-very good- not sure about school situation	5/11/2023 7:36 AM
40	Let's use what we have, use what is usable, get quality affordable bid before spending money. If we can, fix something great. If we can use something for spare parts-great before replacing what might just need expanding. Community center need to be larger with more conference and private rooms	5/11/2023 7:00 AM
41	Reasonable new police station-can use existing warehouse and refit it. We have low crime. But improve emergency communications using existing tower-combine with Salem- save money!	5/10/2023 11:17 PM
42	HOA developments pay the same tax rate as other residences yet enjoy road maintenance and plowing from the town. Why" This is not fair.	5/10/2023 9:49 PM
43	I agree the Community Center and police Dept. should be upgraded. I truly believe public sewer would be a tremendous benefit and result in protected ground water sources.	5/10/2023 6:22 PM
44	Never any lines at town hall	5/10/2023 6:08 PM
45	Services for the elderly are very good! Not aware of the school situation	5/10/2023 5:38 PM
46	Clearly upgrades are needed	5/10/2023 4:35 PM
47	I believe we need a new Community Center to accommodate the larger population. I believe we also need a new Police Station to fit the growing needs of the community.	5/10/2023 2:50 PM
48	new police station all else good	5/10/2023 1:01 PM
49	I am from the city with sewers and wells. wharf tour capacity use? would need much updating to accommodate population natural gas and electricity also	5/10/2023 12:54 PM
50	I feel there could be more patrolling of the side roads all through town where kids play outside and might not have quiet neighborhoods. there should be more police presence at the Atkinson Academy for added precaution safety for extended periods of time not just for traffic control	5/10/2023 12:46 PM
51	yes and no. some are working to improve and maintain the town. Others do not want any change 50/50	5/10/2023 12:29 PM

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52	could use more road crew and equipment they do well with what they have	5/10/2023 12:15 PM
53	this is an extremely safe town. I feel we have options for new Police Department that won't cost millions	5/10/2023 11:49 AM
54	police staion inadequate, and not enough officers on duty 24/7	5/10/2023 10:00 AM
55	Have not had any issues	5/10/2023 9:12 AM
56	I'm very happy with the majority of town services. I am not in favor of substantial capital expenditures, other than those to maintain the current infrastructure.	5/10/2023 8:59 AM
57	Yes for the number of people we have now. Keeping the town basically the same size, it will be fine. We do not need to grow any bigger with commercial residents	5/10/2023 8:48 AM
58	Yearly voting for new equipment and budgets seem to help preserve and grow these services.	5/9/2023 9:08 PM
59	10 years ago it took an hour for an ambulance to get to our home and we are within a mile of the fire station, believe it is better now, but not sure.	5/9/2023 4:43 PM
60	Hawk is an uncontrolled monopoly Kimball Library is too costly for the size of our town Police center should be upgraded	5/9/2023 4:33 PM
61	but can they keep up and sustain growth	5/9/2023 4:25 PM
62	our police station is embarrassing. all our neighboring towns provide their forces with far superior facilities. the fire department had Neds that need to be addressed as they do not have the equipment to provide fire protection to the larger condos.	5/9/2023 4:04 PM
63	there is a talented, devoted staff providing services to the town and many wonderful volunteers! its really quite an achievement for a small town	5/9/2023 3:55 PM
64	library is excellent (including the activities, programs, outreach, etc) community center location is not conducive to resident use and access should be relocated to the Academy Ave area to complement library, town hall, academy, etc. (and village store)	5/9/2023 3:39 PM
65	We need a new police department building.	5/9/2023 9:21 AM
66	Have you seen the police department or highway department we are a joke compared to other towns	5/8/2023 7:56 PM
67	Should have kept one monthly newsletter	5/5/2023 8:13 AM
68	i think so. the police and fire depts are responsive and kind. kimball library is fantastically run with great programs available	5/3/2023 2:24 PM
69	Some adequately serve the community members but some could use work, like the community center.	5/1/2023 8:59 PM
70	Adequate for population and activity	4/30/2023 12:57 PM
71	Not in favor of sewer and water infrastructure at this time	4/28/2023 9:05 AM
72	Never had to wait, plenty of room. We don't need a new building	4/27/2023 7:00 PM
73	As stated in the previous section, we need a new police station and community center. The town garage and surrounding area needs to be upgraded or replaced. The old school needs significant work.	4/27/2023 2:13 PM
74	Everything seems to run efficiently	4/27/2023 11:28 AM
75	We can rehab and refurbish current facilities. I lived in a beautiful New England town and they felt they "needed more" because other towns had more. Taxes went up they built bigger new facilities. When they had new big facilities they felt a need to fill them. So taxes went up again. Hired more police, bought more police cars, more police equipment to fill the new big facility. It became a money pit. Town went from no police chief, to a chief with several officers. The town had little to no crime. It was and still is a huge waste of money	4/27/2023 8:41 AM
76	The community center in my mind is not a draw because of it's location on busy 121.	4/26/2023 6:39 PM
77	The community center could be improved. And it would be nicer if it was more centrally located.	4/26/2023 6:37 PM

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78	We offer more than most towns in the area	4/26/2023 6:21 PM
79	The town needs a new police station.	4/26/2023 5:42 PM
80	All the buildings need so many upkeeping and over due maintenance. In spite of these issues, they provide maximum services.	4/26/2023 4:23 PM
81	Twon offices - Library - Road Services - Community Center Image are all well run and available	4/26/2023 4:01 PM
82	I haven't heard of anyone needing more. I have an open mind on this topic.	4/26/2023 3:36 PM
83	Like all communities similar in size and population there are usual facilities deficiencies. The police station is likely top of the list.	4/26/2023 3:33 PM
84	Town building could be upgraded.	4/26/2023 1:31 PM
85	We are a small town no need for fancy bells and whistles	4/26/2023 12:09 PM
86	But there is always room for improvement. I think the town has a good handle on expanding services as the needs arise, but currently I think they have facilities well addressed.	4/26/2023 11:47 AM
87	We need more room for youth programs like scout groups at the ACC...they need storage too	4/26/2023 11:18 AM
88	New PD needed	4/26/2023 11:12 AM
89	I don't see the current population increasing that much for more services.	4/26/2023 11:11 AM
90	Police and Fire are quickly becoming too understaffed and facilities require modernization.	4/26/2023 10:27 AM
91	Obv the police station is the worst. Town hall isn't optimal.	4/26/2023 9:39 AM
92	Too few police/fire to respond appropriately. Ex:Police left a sparking wire in the height of the drought last summer which could have been a disasterous fire if we didn't watch ourselves.	4/26/2023 9:22 AM
93	PD could use some sprucing up	4/25/2023 9:51 AM
94	Some people in town fight against making the correct investment in our buildings and people/services. They are very short sighted. As the pop grows it is essential that we plan accordingly.	4/24/2023 10:51 PM
95	Police station needs update	4/24/2023 12:32 AM
96	As of right now, we make efficient use of what we have.	4/23/2023 3:36 PM
97	The existing municipal facilities and services are in balance with the amount of taxes we can afford.	4/23/2023 3:35 PM
98	Our police and fire department do an excellent job.	4/23/2023 2:48 PM
99	The police dept. and DPW are too small and old	4/21/2023 9:25 PM
100	Need bigger new police station	4/21/2023 8:11 PM
101	Great police and fire	4/21/2023 7:17 PM
102	new police station	4/21/2023 1:59 PM
103	The police station needs attention	4/20/2023 8:23 PM
104	Community center is gross.	4/20/2023 1:17 PM
105	We desperately need a new police station!!! Then we can convert the Rockwell School into another community center and coffee shop for folks to gather.	4/20/2023 12:58 PM
106	I do think the cost to rent the community center is too much it should be cheaper for town folk who pay taxes. Free even.	4/20/2023 11:47 AM
107	Atkinson's unique location provides easy access to all services anyone could want if we don't already provide it in town.	4/19/2023 9:49 AM
108	Don't like HAWC	4/18/2023 8:15 PM
109	ok as long as growth is controlled	4/18/2023 10:32 AM

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110	Some yes and some no. The community center needs attention. It is an old facility that is heavily used. The police station should probably also be addressed. The town hall is looking outdated and could be refreshed on its interior	4/17/2023 8:29 AM
111	yes for now but as town grows so will the need for services	4/16/2023 6:19 PM
112	HAWC has adequately been my water provider since Jan 2021 when my wife & I moved into Town. We've had no winter (or otherwise) power outages (had several in Westford, MA pushing me to install a generator)...my trash& recycling pick-up has been dependable & I see adequate police & fire protection around Town - basically no complaints about our existing municipal facilities and services.	4/16/2023 6:06 PM
113	Really some need to be updated.	4/16/2023 8:30 AM
114	I have some concerns about water supply going forward. My water comes from HAWC and I have concerns about future rate increases.	4/15/2023 1:54 PM
115	Currently they are serving the town, but in the future the aging building will need to be addressed with either renovations or replacement.	4/15/2023 9:36 AM
116	It is a small town population-wise and geographically. The services are good. The only area that needs improvement is town services that require a more timely response, which is due to less staff than needed. Fire and police do not fall into that category.	4/14/2023 7:37 PM
117	Town departments are open and available during reasonable hours. Town services (police, fire, clerk, tax collector, planning, etc.) have been very responsive to my requests over the years.	4/14/2023 3:47 PM
118	The quality of the drinking water is substandard. It needs to be controlled and properly managed by a new entity.	4/14/2023 11:41 AM
119	Unsure - town hall, community center No - police station	4/14/2023 9:58 AM
120	Never been an issue	4/14/2023 6:33 AM
121	should have full time fire department. Building is fine.	4/13/2023 3:15 PM
122	We need to renovate the existing police station, or build a new one.	4/13/2023 10:54 AM
123	All services are easily accessible	4/12/2023 7:46 PM
124	It seems a lot happens behind closed doors.	4/12/2023 6:33 PM
125	You hear things but it is hard to know what's true or not. I also get the sense that folks want to spend other people's money.	4/12/2023 1:58 PM
126	I think the existing services provide for the residents	4/12/2023 12:47 PM
127	We seem to have an issue with water - between HAWC/private wells and new development.	4/12/2023 12:22 PM

Q33 Are there specific town facilities that need investment in the coming decade? Please specify.

Answered: 184 Skipped: 258

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	police station update the community center fix old part of the Academy	5/18/2023 3:34 PM
2	town hall	5/18/2023 3:33 PM
3	I think we need a full time fire department. I think we do not need a new police dept. they are not that busy	5/18/2023 3:29 PM
4	no	5/18/2023 3:19 PM
5	unsure	5/18/2023 2:46 PM
6	see above	5/18/2023 2:38 PM
7	the community center should be upgraded to accommodate the recent uses, such as live tv and mass gatherings. the center should be expanded for future use that will encourage more community use. an example consideration could be to have a small sound stage or performance space to allow for local sourced entertainments	5/18/2023 2:29 PM
8	\$200,000 - expand town parks garden, dog park, field expand town center budget and planning changes. planning and zone changes	5/18/2023 2:17 PM
9	a water treatment plant that is run by the town and provides water that is regulated and healthy!	5/18/2023 2:03 PM
10	if our population continues to grow, some of our facilities will require/could use more space, i.e. community center, elder services space. also riders provided by Elder Services are terrific and used to be supported and expanded as our population of elderly grows -	5/18/2023 1:48 PM
11	see above	5/18/2023 1:33 PM
12	historic society	5/18/2023 1:23 PM
13	police station community center	5/18/2023 1:15 PM
14	police station community center	5/18/2023 1:06 PM
15	fire protection	5/18/2023 12:51 PM
16	don't know	5/18/2023 12:32 PM
17	community center upgrade improve athletic fields	5/18/2023 12:23 PM
18	community center police station	5/18/2023 12:12 PM
19	town facilities need yearly maintenance we are lucky to have mostly newer facilities in town; fire dept and Kimball library	5/12/2023 5:10 PM
20	community center, police station	5/12/2023 5:00 PM
21	community center	5/12/2023 3:53 PM
22	I hear most facilities in town are behind schedule on maintenance	5/12/2023 3:46 PM
23	police station - old and small community center - old and space could be utilized better	5/12/2023 3:37 PM
24	we need a new police station. the current one is inappropriate for interviewing and holding suspects, has ineffective utilities etc. the spaces in the community center beyond the office and meeting rooms are overextended and inefficiently utilized. not having an ADA upstairs is very limiting to uses. I am willing to pay more taxes to maintain and improve our town facilities and services	5/12/2023 3:27 PM

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25	Put maintenance \$ into community. We don't need NEW ones.	5/12/2023 11:02 AM
26	Depends on the direction Atkinson is planning for the future development	5/12/2023 10:49 AM
27	New Police Station	5/12/2023 10:29 AM
28	No	5/12/2023 9:45 AM
29	The Community Center. The two story building is at end of life.	5/11/2023 11:43 PM
30	No. What we have is adequate.	5/11/2023 9:16 PM
31	All building should be maintained with small fixes on an daily basis. The Kimball House should have a handicap entrance. Money should be set aside for systems to be replaced as they age...before a catastrophe. The Police Department needs improved station to work from. Plans for the current Police Station Enlarge the parking lot at the Kimball Library The next use of the old Rockwell School/Church needs planning. New Community Center. Central School	5/11/2023 7:53 PM
32	If Atkinson can maintain a stable population count, the existing facilities should be sufficient. I believe in order to maintain our quality of life, our goal should be to maintain a stable population count for the next decade.	5/11/2023 3:30 PM
33	Police Dept Town Hall Kimball House	5/11/2023 3:19 PM
34	Please keep the community center will maintained	5/11/2023 3:07 PM
35	Community center Senior services/programs dedicated space	5/11/2023 2:15 PM
36	Community center town hall is a dump	5/11/2023 2:02 PM
37	A. New Police Station B. New Community Center C. New Parking lot Woodlock Park with street paved to recycle center D. Woodlock field extended to make 3rd soccer field E. Bathroom at Collins Field F. Extend Basketball Court at Woodlock Field G. Proper on-going maintainer budget H. Beach access to Big Island Pond	5/11/2023 1:53 PM
38	Police station	5/11/2023 1:48 PM
39	not sure	5/11/2023 1:34 PM
40	all of them. we have been spending pennies when we should spend dollars, many of our facilities (town hall, police station, community center) should be torn down and rebuilt to modern need and building standards	5/11/2023 1:30 PM
41	Police building is inadequate. Community Center building is inadequate.	5/11/2023 1:28 PM
42	Police Station Community Center	5/11/2023 1:19 PM
43	Police Dept. Town Garage	5/11/2023 1:09 PM
44	historical buildings	5/11/2023 1:07 PM
45	Ask C.I.P committee!	5/11/2023 12:57 PM
46	Highway Dept	5/11/2023 12:53 PM
47	police station fire station community center town carage the Kimball house center school	5/11/2023 12:42 PM
48	Police station community center	5/11/2023 12:29 PM
49	new police station	5/11/2023 12:22 PM
50	maintenance is an investment. this question is unclear. everything will need maintenance in the next decade	5/11/2023 12:16 PM
51	new PD and community center increase maintenance budget	5/11/2023 12:07 PM
52	municipal building	5/11/2023 11:13 AM
53	Maybe the police station	5/11/2023 11:12 AM
54	no	5/11/2023 9:31 AM
55	police station community center	5/11/2023 8:38 AM

What's Next Atkinson?

56	Would be nice to have a senior center (as opposed to a community center)	5/11/2023 7:36 AM
57	Town hall should stay the size it is now.	5/11/2023 7:21 AM
58	Community Ctr; take what is there and expand. A realistic approach to a Police Station. We do not have much crime. We do not need a fancy jail. A small update police station. Schools: give our children state-of-the-art in a creative , cost effective manner.	5/11/2023 7:00 AM
59	Make Atkinson schools #1 in State. Pay teachers best salary-no tenure! No pension-set up a match 401K like companies do. Kids don't have to learn in a mansion-type building. Get best not nec. most expensive equipment	5/10/2023 11:17 PM
60	No	5/10/2023 10:53 PM
61	All buildings are woefully underfunded on preventative maintenace and then we pay a premium to do repairs on an emergency basis. We have several buildings at "end of life" as well	5/10/2023 10:10 PM
62	Police department	5/10/2023 10:10 PM
63	Not aware of any. Many do not understand why we need a new police station. Can we not simply add on the current building?	5/10/2023 9:49 PM
64	Police department	5/10/2023 9:23 PM
65	Civic Center	5/10/2023 8:52 PM
66	Unsure	5/10/2023 8:48 PM
67	No	5/10/2023 7:19 PM
68	See above	5/10/2023 6:22 PM
69	no	5/10/2023 6:08 PM
70	Improvements on the condition of the community center	5/10/2023 5:38 PM
71	Police station, community center.	5/10/2023 4:35 PM
72	See #32.	5/10/2023 2:50 PM
73	roads: repair potholes on East road and Academy. Everything else is fine	5/10/2023 1:15 PM
74	community center knock down new building state of art rec center	5/10/2023 1:01 PM
75	the park could use some updates, new water fountain. the Atkinson academy should consider piping in to town water not a well	5/10/2023 12:46 PM
76	yes, the police station is the #1 issue that needs help now in my opinion. the others all need some maintenance or improvements now or soon	5/10/2023 12:29 PM
77	road crew and recreation fee, go all LED in town buildings look at solar	5/10/2023 12:15 PM
78	Community Center P.D.	5/10/2023 12:03 PM
79	Community Center original Atkinson Academy Police Station	5/10/2023 11:54 AM
80	Police - rehab but not costing millions	5/10/2023 11:49 AM
81	It does seem that the police station needs an upgrade. However, I believe we need a larger police station due to all the increase in the cluster developments. I believe that these builders should be paying an an economic impact payment when these cluster developments were built which would help fund additional town services Yet, I have heard no evidence of this, especially with the building that is underway and completed at Atkinson country club.	5/10/2023 10:25 AM
82	police	5/10/2023 10:00 AM
83	We need to keep the current facilities up to date.	5/10/2023 8:48 AM
84	The community center is the gateway to Atkinson so it could use an upgrade in size.	5/9/2023 9:08 PM
85	do not band-aid the buildings and kick the can down the road please fix what we have before new is built.	5/9/2023 6:49 PM
86	assisted living, terraced care. police, fire and roads - primary	5/9/2023 4:54 PM

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87	I would like to increase funding for our police and fire department and fund some additional personnel	5/9/2023 4:43 PM
88	police increase library decrease community center should be located near other town facilities	5/9/2023 4:33 PM
89	community center	5/9/2023 4:25 PM
90	more police to stop speeders	5/9/2023 4:12 PM
91	yes! see above	5/9/2023 4:04 PM
92	at the library, our mechanical systems are aging out. I'm extremely concerned that there is so little financial planning for repairs, upkeep, and improvements for municipal buildings.	5/9/2023 3:55 PM
93	community center (relocate)	5/9/2023 3:39 PM
94	Highway Department and police department	5/8/2023 7:56 PM
95	Community Center	5/8/2023 7:47 PM
96	Community Center could use an upgrade	5/8/2023 2:18 PM
97	Any facility needing repair should get it.	5/6/2023 8:19 PM
98	This depends on the direction the town has planned moving forward.	5/2/2023 9:14 AM
99	Community center, police dept	5/1/2023 8:59 PM
100	Community Center and the towns ability to utilize all of the rooms.	5/1/2023 4:19 PM
101	No	5/1/2023 7:09 AM
102	Police department needs a new building that's more accessible to the public	4/30/2023 6:04 PM
103	Maintain town hall, police and fire facilities to avoid replacement	4/30/2023 12:57 PM
104	A plan should be developed to invest in specific building improvements and put in for a warrant article. This does not happen enough.	4/28/2023 11:14 AM
105	Community center and police station are aging.	4/28/2023 9:05 AM
106	Buildings are fine the way they are	4/27/2023 7:00 PM
107	Community Center	4/27/2023 4:43 PM
108	Town Hall will need the interior upgraded in the next few years. Community center, police station and garage need replacement. Center school interior needs lots of work	4/27/2023 2:13 PM
109	Any noted in the analysis and assessment report should get the attention needed	4/27/2023 12:45 PM
110	No	4/27/2023 8:41 AM
111	Atkinson Academy	4/27/2023 8:41 AM
112	Police dept needs upgrade	4/27/2023 6:56 AM
113	Definatly a new Police Station its been long in coming.	4/26/2023 8:53 PM
114	Police department	4/26/2023 8:11 PM
115	No	4/26/2023 7:55 PM
116	Police department needs to be upgraded	4/26/2023 6:48 PM
117	It would be great to relocate the Community Center closer to the town center.	4/26/2023 6:39 PM
118	As mentioned above, the community center could be improved. And it would be nicer if it was more centrally located.	4/26/2023 6:37 PM
119	No	4/26/2023 6:16 PM
120	Police station, build the new one!	4/26/2023 5:42 PM
121	Not in my opinion	4/26/2023 5:34 PM

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122	Unsure	4/26/2023 4:46 PM
123	Town Hall, Police Department and community center	4/26/2023 4:23 PM
124	Police Department building and area, possibly Town Hall	4/26/2023 4:20 PM
125	Community Center and it trails	4/26/2023 4:01 PM
126	I understand that the Police Department is not meeting the needs of our LEOs. I've also been told that our fire infrastructure (especially some fire ponds) is not in good condition.	4/26/2023 3:36 PM
127	Police station.	4/26/2023 3:33 PM
128	Community Center, police station.	4/26/2023 2:53 PM
129	Community Center and Police Station.	4/26/2023 1:31 PM
130	The police station.	4/26/2023 12:34 PM
131	I don't think so	4/26/2023 12:28 PM
132	No	4/26/2023 12:19 PM
133	No	4/26/2023 12:09 PM
134	I think the police station is a weak link and that the community center could be raised and rebuilt when the town feels the money is available.	4/26/2023 11:47 AM
135	The police station should be replaced with a small but modern facility. No additional officers should be hired.	4/26/2023 11:22 AM
136	ACC	4/26/2023 11:18 AM
137	New PD needed	4/26/2023 11:12 AM
138	community center	4/26/2023 11:11 AM
139	Police and Fire	4/26/2023 10:27 AM
140	Police station	4/26/2023 10:12 AM
141	No	4/26/2023 9:59 AM
142	Our community center is an old building that needs updating.	4/26/2023 9:48 AM
143	1. police 2. Fire 3. Town Hall 4. Community center	4/26/2023 9:39 AM
144	police dept.	4/26/2023 9:26 AM
145	Police department seems a bit dated.	4/26/2023 9:23 AM
146	Police, fire, possible water/sewer as environment continues to change and cause issues.	4/26/2023 9:22 AM
147	NO!	4/26/2023 9:14 AM
148	PD Town Hall Comm ctr	4/25/2023 9:51 AM
149	Police station is way too small and outdated. the Community Center is poorly laid out to be efficient and is falling apart. Town Hall is running out of space. In particular it needs more meeting spaces.	4/24/2023 10:51 PM
150	This is dependent on the rate and duration of the town's population growth, over the coming decade.	4/23/2023 3:36 PM
151	The town library is an exhaustible resource for the community members and should be first in line for the increased investments should they be needed.	4/23/2023 3:35 PM
152	We should maintain and update facilities to keep them functioning smoothly. We do not need a new police dept or community center - just maintain them and update them accordingly.	4/23/2023 2:48 PM
153	Police department, DPW	4/21/2023 9:25 PM
154	No	4/21/2023 8:44 PM
155	Natural gas	4/21/2023 8:41 PM

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156	All facilities need good maintenance.	4/21/2023 8:11 PM
157	Police and fire	4/21/2023 7:17 PM
158	new police station	4/21/2023 1:59 PM
159	New police cars, new fire trucks, new ambulances	4/21/2023 8:22 AM
160	Police station	4/20/2023 8:23 PM
161	Community center bridge	4/20/2023 4:28 PM
162	police station needs to be in a better building / community center needs to serve the community and be a better gathering place	4/20/2023 1:17 PM
163	Community Center specifically the floor	4/20/2023 11:47 AM
164	The community center; we are expecting a \$750,000.00 grant and have 100K to improve the current center. We should empty the 2 story building, knock it down and build a new 2 story structure attached to the 1 story structure. Great way to use grant money. Police station can use some renovations to provide some desirable features currently not available. A lot of talk about a new station but no one has talked about the opportunity and savings of renovating the current building.	4/19/2023 9:49 AM
165	No	4/17/2023 7:15 PM
166	police and fire needs must be reviewed and amended as necessary	4/16/2023 6:19 PM
167	None I can think of.	4/16/2023 6:06 PM
168	Police department and recreation needs new building. Library, historic society, cemetery, and fire department could benefit from extra parking for when there are community events and funerals.	4/16/2023 8:30 AM
169	Community Center major renervation or repacement Town Garage expation to accomadate the additional equiptment.	4/15/2023 9:36 AM
170	Public building appear to be in need of some repair or replacement. More funds should be allocated in the budget to achieve this.	4/14/2023 11:41 AM
171	Police station, community center, town hall	4/14/2023 9:58 AM
172	None	4/14/2023 6:33 AM
173	New Police station	4/14/2023 5:10 AM
174	No	4/13/2023 9:21 PM
175	Community Center	4/13/2023 3:15 PM
176	No	4/13/2023 12:29 PM
177	Police station. Town water.	4/13/2023 10:54 AM
178	Community Center-- Police Station	4/12/2023 11:06 PM
179	The Town government has matured into skilled professionals, a place where residents would turn at times of crisis. A generator at Town Hall would ensure continuity of government services.	4/12/2023 7:46 PM
180	New Community Center	4/12/2023 6:33 PM
181	police station, community center, highway garage	4/12/2023 5:28 PM
182	All of the buildings need significant invesment to be properly maintained	4/12/2023 3:14 PM
183	New police building	4/12/2023 1:59 PM
184	Fire Department, Town Hall, Community Center	4/12/2023 12:47 PM

Q34 Are there specific town services that need investment in the coming decade? Please specify.

Answered: 121 Skipped: 321

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	see last statement. Lewis Walter needs to be looked at especially for the people "at the end of the line" (Sunset Dr)	5/18/2023 3:29 PM
2	volunteer fire dept is in the past. not enough people to adequately serve the community	5/18/2023 3:19 PM
3	unsure	5/18/2023 2:46 PM
4	the fire department has repeatedly requested more resources. with limited water, drought, and individuals being able to start fires, we need a fire department which and act quickly and efficiently	5/18/2023 2:29 PM
5	yes promote young families living to town encourage it y giving tax breaks until 1st child is born	5/18/2023 2:17 PM
6	I'm concerned about the availability and cost of water - having to repetitively pay for sprinkler systems	5/18/2023 1:48 PM
7	see previous	5/18/2023 1:33 PM
8	clean up the sides of the roads. have more plant of flowers	5/18/2023 1:23 PM
9	fire protection	5/18/2023 12:51 PM
10	taking care of seniors and veterans	5/18/2023 12:12 PM
11	elder services - aging population community center - aging building	5/12/2023 5:10 PM
12	fire and ambulance service - growing population all town buildings need investment	5/12/2023 3:37 PM
13	recreational services are great but could be improved/expanded	5/12/2023 3:27 PM
14	24 hour fire department coverage	5/12/2023 11:02 AM
15	Pick up of hazardous materials such as P cylinders, TVs, humidifiers, air conditioners, etc Monthly pickup of large disposable items such as couches, mattresses, chairs, bikes etc without a surcharge. This would eliminate items being thrown in woods and road sides	5/12/2023 10:49 AM
16	No	5/12/2023 9:45 AM
17	no	5/11/2023 11:43 PM
18	Emergency preparedness. More community education on how to prepare and the importance of preparing each household for natural or national disasters/crisis.	5/11/2023 9:16 PM
19	Elder Services...very special for our town and very much appreciated too!	5/11/2023 7:53 PM
20	The aging population & related needs.	5/11/2023 3:30 PM
21	Highway Dept Police	5/11/2023 3:19 PM
22	Services re: fire protection: help with smoke detectors failure and or battery replacement to address residents who do not climb ladders (of any height). Could be fee based.	5/11/2023 2:15 PM
23	broadcasting of town events	5/11/2023 2:02 PM
24	recreation has no budget to extend services to residents	5/11/2023 1:53 PM
25	not sure	5/11/2023 1:34 PM
26	the fire department is grossly understaffed in both the emergency respond personnel and administrative personnel. mental health services are mostly provided by APD with little	5/11/2023 1:30 PM

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assistance. the building department systems are in the dark ages and need to be computerized

27	Seniors on medicare help with homes inside and our for seniors that affordable so that they can stay in their homes.	5/11/2023 1:09 PM
28	preserving our history throughout buildings	5/11/2023 1:07 PM
29	seldom see polices outgrowing speed exterior of Kimball needs help ? Police facilites	5/11/2023 1:00 PM
30	Senior services	5/11/2023 12:57 PM
31	Fire Dept staffing when will 24h coverage in the station be considered?	5/11/2023 12:53 PM
32	the center school the Kimball house community center	5/11/2023 12:42 PM
33	fire department	5/11/2023 12:16 PM
34	I would like to see efficiencies with surrounding towns	5/11/2023 11:42 AM
35	youth programs/recreation services	5/11/2023 9:31 AM
36	Unsure	5/10/2023 10:53 PM
37	All FD & PD services need to be current in skills/licensure requirements	5/10/2023 10:10 PM
38	Maintaing + plowing HOA development roads OR lower tax rate.	5/10/2023 9:49 PM
39	If town continues to grow may need more full time fire department + police department	5/10/2023 9:24 PM
40	Police	5/10/2023 9:23 PM
41	unsure	5/10/2023 8:48 PM
42	No	5/10/2023 7:19 PM
43	I have been favorably impressed with the level of services. Coming from NY, where taxes are exorbitant, the level of services far and away exceed expectations.	5/10/2023 6:22 PM
44	Elder Services could be expanded on as the population in town is aging.	5/10/2023 2:50 PM
45	continue forward, investing in services we already have - police, fire, elder services, schools, parks	5/10/2023 1:15 PM
46	summer kids program investigate HAWK more	5/10/2023 1:01 PM
47	I'm sure many do, but the fire definitely does. AFD probably needs 24/7 coverage	5/10/2023 12:29 PM
48	Police station and Most likely emergency services because of the additional developments	5/10/2023 10:25 AM
49	cemetery	5/10/2023 10:00 AM
50	We should review the strain on all town services that could result from changes in the town master plan or zoning. This should be done before the changes are made.	5/10/2023 8:59 AM
51	Recreation department services	5/9/2023 9:08 PM
52	unsure	5/9/2023 6:49 PM
53	elder services should - maybe must - continue	5/9/2023 4:54 PM
54	fire and police	5/9/2023 4:43 PM
55	invest in water infrastructure to remove reliance on HAWK	5/9/2023 4:33 PM
56	enforcement of current zoning and environmental codes	5/9/2023 4:25 PM
57	see previous. redundant questions	5/9/2023 4:04 PM
58	town needs public water supply! private company is competing with private homeowner wells in addition to profiting from public supply (Massabesic). outrageous control of a public utility by a private company and through a monopoly!	5/9/2023 3:39 PM
59	Highway needs qualified people including leadership and proper equipment	5/8/2023 7:56 PM

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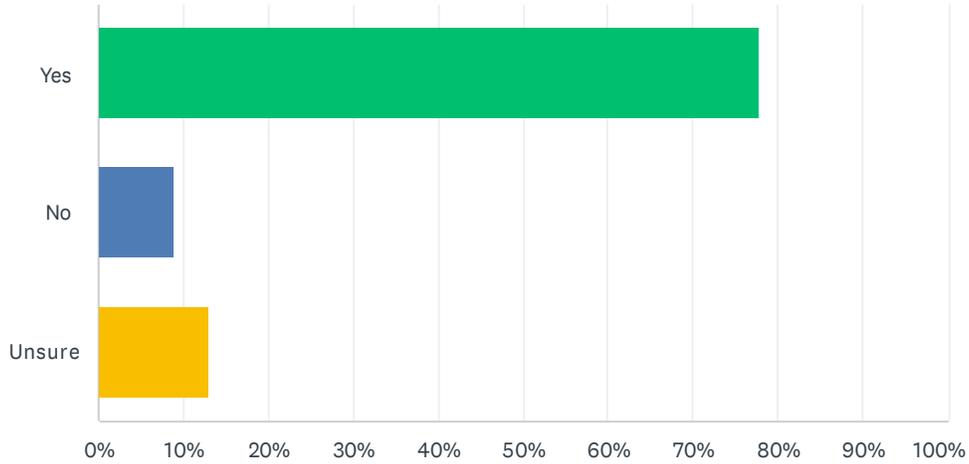
60	Keep investing in our police, fire, library and school!!! Whatever they need!	5/6/2023 8:19 PM
61	If the town has more 55+ housing then the need for additional services may be required. With the additional tax revenue from these facilities with limited cost to the town then some additional funds should be available. Keep in mind that these properties typically do their own road/property maintenance so the cost to the town is lower than single family homes. The excess funds could be used to help offset the additional cost.	5/2/2023 9:14 AM
62	It depends on the master plan. If the focus continues as in the past to focus on low impact growth which I'm in favor of then no.	4/28/2023 11:14 AM
63	Gas service could be considered.	4/28/2023 9:05 AM
64	Senior services	4/27/2023 2:13 PM
65	No	4/27/2023 8:41 AM
66	No	4/26/2023 7:55 PM
67	24 hour police	4/26/2023 7:50 PM
68	More public and safe drinking supply to those of us on private wells. Condo association across from Sunoco station has questionable water.	4/26/2023 6:53 PM
69	Police and fire departments	4/26/2023 6:48 PM
70	I do not have a need for any additional services from the town that they don't already provide. I am not aware of any additional investments needed other than upkeep of existing buildings and facilities.	4/26/2023 6:38 PM
71	Keep elder affairs	4/26/2023 6:21 PM
72	In the past care of existing buildings hasn't always been taken care of	4/26/2023 6:16 PM
73	Unsure	4/26/2023 5:34 PM
74	As needed- Repair now to prevent unnecessary spending to rebuild.	4/26/2023 4:46 PM
75	Fire, Police, Elder Services and Recreation	4/26/2023 4:23 PM
76	Police Department building, Police and Fire Department Radio coverage improvement, possibly with use of existing commercial tower on High Hill.	4/26/2023 4:20 PM
77	Further investment? NO -Maintenance investment for wear/aging and technology advances YES	4/26/2023 4:01 PM
78	Police and Fire will probably need more resources.	4/26/2023 3:36 PM
79	Definitely fire and police.	4/26/2023 2:53 PM
80	Unsure.	4/26/2023 1:31 PM
81	The library is extremely important to the community and will always need ongoing investment.	4/26/2023 12:34 PM
82	Maybe bus transportation for Atkinson kids only to and from Sun & Fun which would cut back on traffic	4/26/2023 12:28 PM
83	No	4/26/2023 12:09 PM
84	Again the police station and the community center need attention	4/26/2023 11:47 AM
85	another cell tower someplace on town owned land.	4/26/2023 11:11 AM
86	Police and Fire	4/26/2023 10:27 AM
87	No	4/26/2023 9:59 AM
88	New PD Upgrades for fire	4/26/2023 9:39 AM
89	police and fire	4/26/2023 9:26 AM
90	We should look into adding town run public utilities and possibly expanding natural gas lines.	4/26/2023 9:23 AM
91	Ride share Ramos for public access	4/25/2023 9:51 AM

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92	The fire dept seems to be understaffed and elected officials are starving it of personnel. the Rec Director is doing the job of 2 or 3 people and needs some staff.	4/24/2023 10:51 PM
93	If anything, I would say that the elder services could use some investment, especially given our aging population.	4/23/2023 3:36 PM
94	The Elder Services will need our support and investment in the coming decade so our aging population will be cared for.	4/23/2023 3:35 PM
95	No.	4/23/2023 2:48 PM
96	Senior services. Programs for kids	4/21/2023 8:44 PM
97	Recreation commission needs more money to improve facilities and expand programs	4/21/2023 8:11 PM
98	Conservation land	4/21/2023 7:17 PM
99	re-vamp rec department, should play a bigger role in community	4/21/2023 1:59 PM
100	Police and Fire Department should be increased and fully funded	4/21/2023 9:31 AM
101	Seems that the FD needs resources and folks on the clock 24/7	4/20/2023 8:23 PM
102	i'm sure the fire department and police department and road services will need future investment	4/20/2023 5:08 PM
103	Educational services provided for safety	4/20/2023 4:28 PM
104	I would like to know who is the board of health and how to contact them	4/20/2023 11:47 AM
105	No.	4/19/2023 9:49 AM
106	No	4/17/2023 7:15 PM
107	police and fire will definitely need investment in the coming decade. Atkinson Academy will as well	4/16/2023 6:19 PM
108	None I can think of.	4/16/2023 6:06 PM
109	More growth may require public sewage to be developed. Really could use current building for solar like the library and the fire department and perhaps tax benefits to residents who go solar. Electric charging stations at town hall or the library might be nice.	4/16/2023 8:30 AM
110	All town buildings continually need to be addressed and maintained in a timely manner. Not allowing the building to fall in disrepair and cost the tax payers more money.	4/15/2023 9:36 AM
111	Yes - please keep up wood buildings by painting and cleaning the outsides.	4/14/2023 7:37 PM
112	Better cell phone service and coverage. More available cable TV providers at competitive rates.	4/14/2023 11:41 AM
113	More hire for snow removal.	4/14/2023 6:33 AM
114	Keep police station open longer hours Full time fire dept	4/14/2023 5:10 AM
115	No	4/13/2023 9:21 PM
116	A dump for trash - not just recycling. I also think it would be amazing if we had a town compost center. We could have compost bins just like our trash and recycling bins. I know Hamilton/Wenham in MA does this effectively! With all our farms this would be a fantastic investment!!	4/13/2023 2:34 PM
117	No	4/13/2023 12:29 PM
118	Fire dept might need to go full time. Also town water needs to be further protected and developed.	4/13/2023 10:54 AM
119	Continue to support Elder Services, Library, and especially the Recreation Department, all of which do a great job.	4/12/2023 9:34 PM
120	Elder Services Transportation Program. Bring the office into the current century.	4/12/2023 6:33 PM
121	unknown	4/12/2023 12:47 PM

Q35 Would you support efforts to make Atkinson’s public buildings and facilities more energy efficient and sustainable?

Answered: 299 Skipped: 143



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	77.93%	233
No	9.03%	27
Unsure	13.04%	39
TOTAL		299

Q36 Why or Why Not?

Answered: 145 Skipped: 297

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	within reason	5/18/2023 3:14 PM
2	our buildings should be the most energy efficient as possible to help ensure the operate at the lowest cos possible	5/18/2023 2:29 PM
3	solar power was discussed for the library - unfortunately the age of the roof make it unfeasible hopefully something can redone in the future -	5/18/2023 1:48 PM
4	save money in long run	5/18/2023 1:33 PM
5	to not be dependent on friend countries	5/18/2023 1:23 PM
6	renewable energy is something very important to me and if the town set the president to have renewable resources I think many more residents would follow	5/18/2023 12:51 PM
7	saves money in the long run. AC always needs fixing!!	5/18/2023 12:12 PM
8	a lot of these facilities are old - need to look at insulation before trying to make more efficient	5/12/2023 5:10 PM
9	saves money and helps the environment	5/12/2023 5:00 PM
10	everyone needs to address the climate crisis	5/12/2023 3:53 PM
11	not only food for the planet, its good economic sense cost wise	5/12/2023 3:46 PM
12	energy costs are rising and renewable/sustainable energy resources are more accessible	5/12/2023 3:37 PM
13	and I'm willing to pay more taxes to do so	5/12/2023 3:27 PM
14	note: ACC is moving towards solar	5/12/2023 10:20 AM
15	To Much money. Not enough benefit.	5/12/2023 9:45 AM
16	The technology for alternative energy such as solar or wind or geo-thermal are not cost effective and I am sure if we wait just a little longer that new technology that is very cost effective will become available in the not too distant future.	5/11/2023 11:43 PM
17	Would need to know the investment vs benefit ratio first.	5/11/2023 9:16 PM
18	The library has saved many hundreds of dollars by replacing lights that were not as efficient. I think other town building followed their example too. More energy efficient means more cost effective in the long run usually. Way to go.	5/11/2023 7:53 PM
19	As long as the benefit outweighs the cost.	5/11/2023 3:30 PM
20	Lessens the Towns carbon footprint	5/11/2023 3:19 PM
21	Save money and better for the global health	5/11/2023 3:07 PM
22	You have what you have. New construction should be coded energy efficient	5/11/2023 2:32 PM
23	it is a no-brainer. It saves us money! and it is good for the environment	5/11/2023 2:02 PM
24	yes - cost shrugs over the future. conservation prioritized for the future	5/11/2023 1:53 PM
25	not by poring good money after bad. it is time to re-evaluate all of the public buildings and come up with a big term plan rater than bandaids	5/11/2023 1:30 PM
26	Increased solar power reducing energy costs	5/11/2023 1:19 PM
27	To save energy costs	5/11/2023 1:09 PM
28	After practical review	5/11/2023 12:57 PM

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29	we need to save the earth that we live on	5/11/2023 12:42 PM
30	ROI on sustainability is garbage without subsidy	5/11/2023 12:16 PM
31	payback for many improvements is quick (energy) long term items need careful analysis (energy and sustainable) sustainability issues are complex not no brainers	5/11/2023 11:52 AM
32	solar if possible	5/11/2023 11:28 AM
33	Sustainability is the future but renovations will need to be well planned out for financial considerations.	5/11/2023 11:12 AM
34	Good for the town & the environment	5/11/2023 9:31 AM
35	save tax dollars	5/11/2023 8:38 AM
36	Will save money in the long run	5/11/2023 7:36 AM
37	Unless nuclear power exists, everything has a carbon footprint.	5/11/2023 7:00 AM
38	Right now all stuff-mineral come from China. Guys, we all breath the same air-when China/India/Africa clear their air then we can worry about getting rid of our cleanly produces fossil fuel-leave it alone.	5/10/2023 11:17 PM
39	Only if it reduces taxes	5/10/2023 10:53 PM
40	Efficient - yes. It saves \$. What does sustainable mean? Define it and I can answer. Otherwise it is simply jargon.	5/10/2023 9:49 PM
41	Depends on costs.	5/10/2023 9:23 PM
42	Updating what we have is acceptable and future buildings should be consistent with current codes	5/10/2023 9:06 PM
43	Depends on what facility, what needs, at what cost	5/10/2023 8:48 PM
44	To keep taxes low	5/10/2023 8:20 PM
45	They are fine. Just turn down the heat in the winter and easy on the AC in summer.	5/10/2023 7:19 PM
46	We must protect natural resources and must look at every opportunity to become more energy efficient!!!	5/10/2023 6:22 PM
47	Some solar panels to supplement power	5/10/2023 6:08 PM
48	Reduce costs on budget in the long-term	5/10/2023 5:57 PM
49	It will save money in the long run	5/10/2023 5:38 PM
50	Increased efficiency will pay for itself over time	5/10/2023 4:35 PM
51	I think this would provide some long-term benefits cost-wise and environmentally.	5/10/2023 2:50 PM
52	I would NOT want to spend taxpayer money on wants - and political opinions. If you can show that we need more efficiency - scientifically - NOT just words - then I'd support it	5/10/2023 1:15 PM
53	not priority	5/10/2023 1:01 PM
54	if the buildings are worth it and not going to be replaces in a few years. Plus the cost to do it	5/10/2023 12:54 PM
55	it will help save of utilities	5/10/2023 12:46 PM
56	energy efficient and sustainable is great!	5/10/2023 12:29 PM
57	Yes, If benefit outweighs cost	5/10/2023 10:25 AM
58	Provided proper due diligence is performed to assure there is a reasonable pay back period.	5/10/2023 9:12 AM
59	It is an initial expense, but will then keep things up to date.	5/10/2023 8:48 AM
60	If NH offered significant rebates or credit programs this may be a good idea for newer buildings that have a longer life cycle	5/9/2023 9:08 PM
61	save tax \$\$ - re: utility costs	5/9/2023 4:54 PM

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62	Only if we can foresee a reduction in costs	5/9/2023 4:43 PM
63	it saves us all money in the long run and energy efficiency always makes sense	5/9/2023 4:04 PM
64	it makes financial and planetary sense	5/9/2023 3:55 PM
65	every opportunity should be pressed for energy efficiency, and attractive energy supplies. (solar everywhere possible. Massachusetts is far ahead of NH, sticking NH resident with stranded costs.)	5/9/2023 3:39 PM
66	I believe it saves money in the long run.	5/9/2023 9:21 AM
67	It would save money to be more energy efficient.	5/8/2023 7:47 PM
68	Cost	5/5/2023 8:13 AM
69	Energy costs are only going higher all the time, and with limited commercial property as a tax base, residential taxes will take a big hit as budgets increase.	5/3/2023 8:22 PM
70	Save the planet!	5/3/2023 4:50 PM
71	natural resources are not permanent or always available; we need to think about other ways to keep the lights on and in sustainable ways	5/3/2023 2:24 PM
72	In favor if the cost savings covers the cost of the upgrades. If they do not then it does not make financial sense.	5/2/2023 9:14 AM
73	More energy sufficient and sustainable buildings is too broad for a comment.	5/1/2023 4:19 PM
74	No need to increase tax rates	5/1/2023 2:50 PM
75	Environment	4/30/2023 12:57 PM
76	Costs should be recoverable within five years, or less. Otherwise, not worth the investment.	4/29/2023 3:51 PM
77	Only if it makes long term financial sense.	4/28/2023 11:14 AM
78	Assuming replacement or major upgrades, we should strive to sustainable / green options.	4/28/2023 9:05 AM
79	To a degree, we don't need solar though	4/27/2023 7:00 PM
80	For my grandchildren.	4/27/2023 4:43 PM
81	potential lower cost and ecologically sound	4/27/2023 2:13 PM
82	Waste of money	4/27/2023 11:28 AM
83	It would be wonderful if the town looked into a program where residents could hook up to solar as well as the municipalities. Perhaps there would be a discount from a company if residents as well as public buildings were investing in solar.	4/27/2023 8:41 AM
84	Save in the long run	4/27/2023 6:56 AM
85	Town Hall definately needs a generator when there might be a disaster when residents need a place to be sheltered.	4/26/2023 8:53 PM
86	Cost savings for the town and a healthy environment	4/26/2023 7:55 PM
87	Cost efficiencies environmental concerns	4/26/2023 7:50 PM
88	Not if it is going wildly for solar and electric that creates other expensive issues. If it is done wisely, then yes.	4/26/2023 6:53 PM
89	It depends on how long it takes to recoup the investment.	4/26/2023 6:38 PM
90	If you can use federal money for maybe solar	4/26/2023 6:34 PM
91	Depends on costs	4/26/2023 6:21 PM
92	we should be greener to be an example for our community members.	4/26/2023 5:42 PM
93	Well the planet is dying, it's a Patriotic and civic duty to become as efficient as possible.	4/26/2023 5:22 PM
94	Overall energy and related long term cost savings	4/26/2023 4:20 PM

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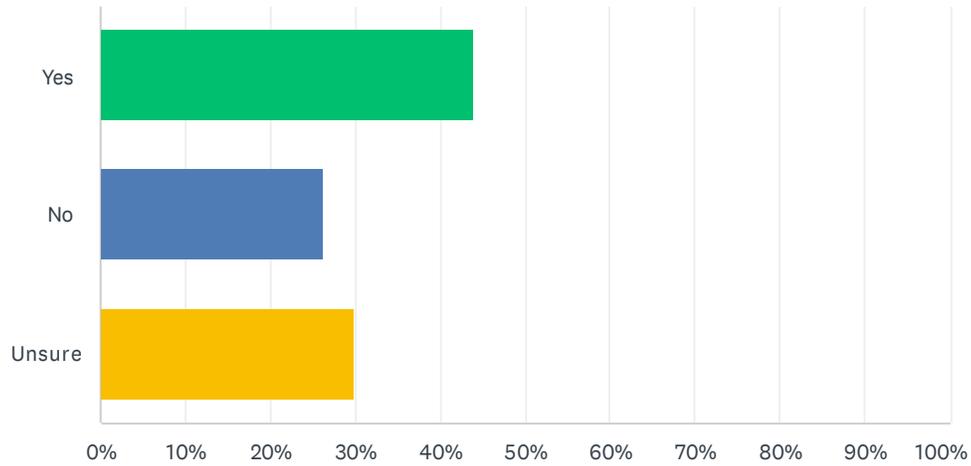
95	Modeling from MA includes, PV Solar , Geothermal heat/cooling. We are paying high electric costs that appear to be funding many of the MA energy incentives	4/26/2023 4:01 PM
96	I support energy efficiency, I do not support "sustainability". Should incandescent light bulbs and old appliances be replaced as they near the end of their functional life? Yes. Should we spend money on solar panels, batteries, EVs, etc. - absolutely not. Not with tax dollars.	4/26/2023 3:36 PM
97	Any investments that project cost savings / pay for themselves over time should be considered.	4/26/2023 3:33 PM
98	We need to save as much energy as possible.	4/26/2023 2:53 PM
99	If we can lower our buildings energy use by making them more efficient we need to take advantage of that.	4/26/2023 2:04 PM
100	It depends on the cost and the impact on taxes.	4/26/2023 1:31 PM
101	Would need proper analysis of investment versus savings.	4/26/2023 12:34 PM
102	Efficient yes sustainable no	4/26/2023 12:31 PM
103	All for the best	4/26/2023 12:28 PM
104	Need to evaluate the cost effectiveness of converting	4/26/2023 12:09 PM
105	We need to do our part in preserving our planet, and solar and wind, a reasonable ways to do it	4/26/2023 11:47 AM
106	because i would like our planet to survive	4/26/2023 11:21 AM
107	The Fire House and Library are not very energy efficient...too much continuous load...please add solar for those buildings	4/26/2023 11:18 AM
108	its the common sense thing again....regular maintenance means less costly problems.	4/26/2023 11:11 AM
109	It's the right thing to do.	4/26/2023 10:27 AM
110	Makes sense, doesn't it?	4/26/2023 10:05 AM
111	If it makes sense economically. I do not believe fossil fuels are causing climate change.	4/26/2023 9:23 AM
112	Yes, but not without a solid ROI. Can't spend a ton of money on it.	4/26/2023 9:19 AM
113	It is crazy not to make them efficient. As we know, being efficient is a money-saver (besides all the other reasons to do it) so why not do it?	4/24/2023 10:51 PM
114	Yes, but only if there is a net financial gain for the taxpayers of Atkinson (i.e. translates into property tax reduction).	4/23/2023 3:36 PM
115	As long as the benefit outweighs the investment.	4/23/2023 3:35 PM
116	It depends on what you mean by energy efficient and sustainable - are we talking solar panels, wind turbines???	4/23/2023 2:48 PM
117	Only if it is proven to save cost.	4/21/2023 7:45 PM
118	Energy effiecient makes costs go down. No solar systems all over town though	4/21/2023 7:17 PM
119	I think resources should be put to making the buildings safe, adequate equipment, etc before spending \$ on energy efficiebcy	4/20/2023 8:23 PM
120	if it cuts costs	4/20/2023 5:08 PM
121	Investing in green energy is just plan smart. It will save us all money in the long run. Solar can be elevated and act as car ports in parking lots.	4/20/2023 12:58 PM
122	Geothermal saves us a ton of money!	4/20/2023 11:47 AM
123	This may be a good question for the 2033 master plan. It is far too early to know what our long term energy plans are going to be. Solar and wind are only partial temporary solutions and much research is being done with nuclear fission. Until there are more firm plans, the most economical approach is to stay the status quo.	4/19/2023 9:49 AM
124	as long as it's cost efficient and can save the town money.	4/19/2023 8:48 AM

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125	We have a world climate emergency! Need to do anything we can.	4/18/2023 8:15 PM
126	do not rush. wait for the technologies to mature and become more affordable	4/18/2023 10:32 AM
127	Cost outweighs benefit.	4/17/2023 7:15 PM
128	absolutely energy efficiency should be a priority	4/16/2023 6:19 PM
129	As long as prudent ROI evaluations are done first & support the expenditures, it would make good sense to implement these improvements over reasonable time periods.	4/16/2023 6:06 PM
130	world's screwed if we don't decrease carbon usage	4/16/2023 8:50 AM
131	Climate change is real. We need to lower carbon emissions and reduce waste being put into the environment, among other things. I've discussed options for the town like this with Bob Worden when he was chair of the BoS. I have many ideas I would love to discuss with you! Monique Chretien: AnimalShrink@Gmail.com	4/16/2023 8:32 AM
132	Must think of the long term savings financially and for the climate by doing so. These building structures actually could work for all the residents just by adding solar.	4/16/2023 8:30 AM
133	Cost of energy will likely increase in the next decade.	4/15/2023 1:54 PM
134	Energy savings result in more money to address needs of the buildings and town. Atkinson should look for ways to lower our carbon footprint and be a leader in energy conservation	4/15/2023 9:36 AM
135	Because a lot of money is spent on a product that is over time not as good quality as that which was already in place.	4/14/2023 7:37 PM
136	Current buildings	4/14/2023 6:33 AM
137	depends on the cost to make them that way.	4/13/2023 3:15 PM
138	Need further details on potential projects	4/13/2023 12:29 PM
139	It would save the town money in the long run.	4/13/2023 10:54 AM
140	So long as it's not in lieu of improvements to actual buildings.	4/12/2023 11:06 PM
141	We have had solar panels for several years and feel they are saving us money.	4/12/2023 9:34 PM
142	The Library is the only building suitable for solar panels, but current roof still has 1/2 its life remaining. Panels should be considered at roof replacement.	4/12/2023 7:46 PM
143	we all need to find more sustainable/environmentally friendly energy solutions	4/12/2023 5:28 PM
144	It is dependent on what is required and how much efficiency could be gained	4/12/2023 12:47 PM
145	Tax implications are of concern. While always wanting to support necessary improvements - I still want to be able to afford living in Atkinson.	4/12/2023 12:22 PM

Q37 Do you think Atkinson is balancing the protection of natural resources with development needs?

Answered: 298 Skipped: 144



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	43.96% 131
No	26.17% 78
Unsure	29.87% 89
TOTAL	298

Q38 Why or Why Not?

Answered: 129 Skipped: 313

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I think our local builders have over taken our planning board. they do what they want, regardless. HAWK drains our wells, provides water to their own developments for water own project	5/18/2023 3:22 PM
2	I am satisfied and the natural resources and conservation that the town is doing	5/18/2023 1:34 PM
3	need more natural area protection and less development	5/18/2023 1:24 PM
4	I think money talks and new houses are built	5/18/2023 1:16 PM
5	with little sewer ad water infrastructure Atkinson relies on conserved land to provide safe and adequate aquifers	5/18/2023 12:53 PM
6	based on the information provided at the master plan forum, the town does not appear to adequately protect the town's natural resources.	5/18/2023 12:35 PM
7	HAWK water is needed	5/12/2023 5:11 PM
8	the development in town needs to slow down	5/12/2023 5:01 PM
9	lots of building, but I have concerns about services like water - I hear guns evening and night time - are we protecting wildlife?	5/12/2023 4:54 PM
10	I am concerned with the amount of building (larger homes, Atkinson Heights, etc) more people are retiring here and a lot of the land in town is getting developed. I live on Big Island Pond in Atkinson and smaller homes are being replaced with larger ones and abutting conservation land. also concerned with pesticide and other chemical use on lawns getting into soil and water affecting wildlife. conservation land off Hemlock Heights.Boulder Cove. tree harvesting destroyed much of the trails this last year. many of the trees left are Hemlocks, a lot of which have Whooley Algeid and will be dead in 10/15 years if not treated or other trees aren't planted	5/12/2023 3:56 PM
11	water? will we have enough?	5/12/2023 3:48 PM
12	I am not convinced that long-term viability of our natural resources, esp water, is a major factor in any new development and it should be	5/12/2023 3:38 PM
13	why? no municipal sewer keeps lot sizes larger	5/12/2023 3:28 PM
14	Concerned about certain developers/contractors being given the right to build everywhere	5/12/2023 11:09 AM
15	Ground water supply concerns	5/12/2023 11:03 AM
16	Concerned about potential over development	5/12/2023 10:51 AM
17	N/A	5/12/2023 9:47 AM
18	because people say this is a great place to live	5/11/2023 11:46 PM
19	So far so good. Keep developments (condos) minimally visible from roads.	5/11/2023 9:22 PM
20	I am VERY concerned about protecting our water supplies!!! I don't see anything much being done and this is a very serious issue.	5/11/2023 8:03 PM
21	Too much residential development in proportion to the size of the town. Encroaching on natural areas	5/11/2023 3:33 PM
22	We do not need anymore condo developments!	5/11/2023 2:34 PM
23	outstanding growth of conservation land	5/11/2023 2:04 PM
24	save our water HAWK is stealing it and making a profit	5/11/2023 1:54 PM

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25	The Scenic Vistas and open space created by cluster developments are great.	5/11/2023 1:30 PM
26	Concerned about protecting water with all the development taking place	5/11/2023 1:21 PM
27	great conservation efforts, buffer zones, strict zoning ordinance	5/11/2023 1:20 PM
28	Building developments are still going on. We need to preserve the old buildings in town.	5/11/2023 1:10 PM
29	not protecting wetland	5/11/2023 1:00 PM
30	We are losing motivation for political reasons	5/11/2023 12:59 PM
31	I think we need to consider more workforce housing potential in town. but I do feel green land is important	5/11/2023 12:44 PM
32	too much new development	5/11/2023 12:29 PM
33	over building	5/11/2023 12:17 PM
34	as of now yes, worries about the future	5/11/2023 11:53 AM
35	no major developments in my mind rural nature still exists community plans exist and get updated	5/11/2023 11:43 AM
36	hope so!	5/11/2023 11:30 AM
37	Enforce wetland buffer zones. Enforce no building near nesting animals	5/11/2023 7:02 AM
38	More conservation + open land. More nature land Leave this part of NH in it's rural state	5/10/2023 11:21 PM
39	Every square inch of land seems to be developing into million \$ houses	5/10/2023 10:31 PM
40	Favor seems biased towards builders who do not want to stop building. Most of residents do not want a Salem environment	5/10/2023 10:13 PM
41	We have too little conservation land, and too much development too soon.	5/10/2023 9:52 PM
42	Too many expensive houses using acres of land	5/10/2023 8:25 PM
43	need to stop developing	5/10/2023 8:10 PM
44	Working fine.	5/10/2023 7:21 PM
45	Developing too fast near golf course. Anticipate water resource problems in the future	5/10/2023 6:10 PM
46	Large-scale developments have been on the ballot the last number of years, unsure the town governing structure is interested in finding the balance of conservation versus serving business interests	5/10/2023 4:37 PM
47	sort of water is a concern - cleaned drinking	5/10/2023 1:17 PM
48	bias is towards preservation, which is the necessary side of the scale	5/10/2023 12:55 PM
49	good amount of conservation land as well as set aside open space in cluster subdivisions	5/10/2023 12:29 PM
50	put the priority on protection. once its gone it cannot be replaced	5/10/2023 12:16 PM
51	developers are taking advantage. they keep building. they use up our water, they cost the town in FD & PD costs. they don't pay a dime.	5/10/2023 12:04 PM
52	residents protect it!!	5/10/2023 11:55 AM
53	I was highly disappointed to see that Page Farm was able to build their last few units encroaching on what should've been protected turtle wetlands. The fact that Green & Co paid off the State of new Hampshire to get that done is a disgrace, albeit a tremendous and heroic effort by Paul Wainwright to safeguard this. So no I do not think we are doing what we need to do to balance development and wetlands protection. If this was because of loopholes in our zoning and building code, we should close said loopholes so it does not happen again. Shame on us for not having a proper building code.	5/10/2023 10:38 AM
54	Think some in town are trying but development pressures usually seem to prevail	5/10/2023 9:21 AM
55	haven't lived here long	5/9/2023 4:55 PM

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56	both political and environment (climate change and more) are advancing faster than predicted	5/9/2023 4:45 PM
57	new to the area	5/9/2023 4:33 PM
58	push for more building... can other current resources keep up? (without increasing costs too much)	5/9/2023 4:14 PM
59	new development and open spaces are being balanced well	5/9/2023 4:05 PM
60	Need to protect water supply and water safety.	5/9/2023 9:27 AM
61	I believe too many cluster developments/new housing are ruining our landscape and wildlife	5/8/2023 6:24 PM
62	Water is a large concern of mine- being a home owner with a well	5/7/2023 8:36 PM
63	It always seems to be a consideration whenever a new proposal is being discussed	5/3/2023 4:51 PM
64	i don't know enough about the topic to comment	5/3/2023 2:26 PM
65	The town is permitting far too much development hindering our wildlife, water table, traffic, and taxes.	5/1/2023 4:22 PM
66	Less building!! Stop destroying the land	5/1/2023 7:10 AM
67	The condo development at the golf course is taxing our natural resources in my opinion	4/30/2023 6:06 PM
68	Plenty of water coming from Manchester	4/27/2023 7:01 PM
69	Currently yes, but if we start building more, no	4/27/2023 8:42 AM
70	Too much development and zoning changes	4/26/2023 9:17 PM
71	The recent large housing developments in the last few years have added extra strain on the environment and the congestion of Atkinson	4/26/2023 7:58 PM
72	The exportation of water to other towns by HAWC	4/26/2023 7:54 PM
73	Less development is needed and more protection of wildlife is needed	4/26/2023 7:14 PM
74	We aren't developing much, which prioritizes the protection of natural resources.	4/26/2023 6:55 PM
75	As mentioned before, the Conservation Commission is doing a great job, but the town could do more to conserve land.	4/26/2023 6:43 PM
76	Seems our wells have been hurt my commercial company selling our water	4/26/2023 5:37 PM
77	Absolutely not. I watched one guy tear up and destroy an entire forest on his street side property. The drainage on the street is completely ruined because of that. For no other reason than to throw wasteful grass down. Who approved such a thing? No wonder the woods are sick.	4/26/2023 5:26 PM
78	What is Atkinson doing? If nothing, three get on the band wagon. If it is, then advertise it more broadly.	4/26/2023 4:49 PM
79	Development has been comprehensive, private and welcomed. Changes have been promoted, the Atkinson taxpayer should not have to pay for the benefit of another entity masquerading as "public"	4/26/2023 4:27 PM
80	Process on plan approvals looks good to me	4/26/2023 4:23 PM
81	I'm unaware of the need for further development.	4/26/2023 3:40 PM
82	If an area is designated a wetland, no amount of political pressure or money should change that wetland classification.	4/26/2023 2:05 PM
83	Overdevelopment	4/26/2023 12:39 PM
84	I think Atkinson has done an excellent job through their conservation commission in their general support from the public for conserving land and resources.	4/26/2023 11:49 AM
85	not enough information on this topic	4/26/2023 11:23 AM
86	Too much building and developing.	4/26/2023 11:04 AM

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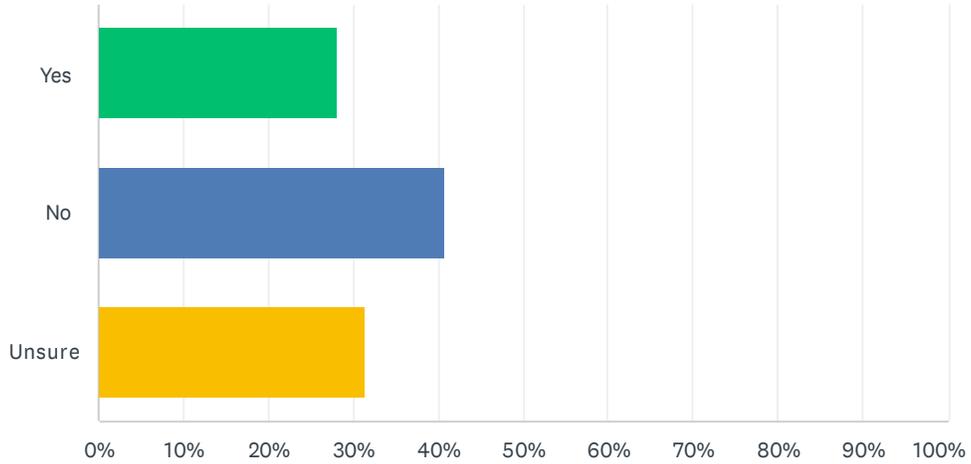
87	All environmental impacts should be considered before developing a piece of land; including water supply, drainage issues, salt impacts, etc. Enviromental issues should be a priority for Atkinson.	4/26/2023 10:30 AM
88	Too much construction in town	4/26/2023 9:57 AM
89	Water - we already have a drought every year and if we continue to build, there will be more water shortages.	4/26/2023 9:50 AM
90	We're starting to develop away natural resources	4/26/2023 9:41 AM
91	Probably not your concern but our well water is undrinkable and comes out our land bubbling year round leaves thick ice onto state rte 121 all winter. Awful, state has to come here and remove often when they should just fix the water	4/24/2023 2:22 AM
92	I'm on a private well and concerned about the impact development will Have on shallow Well	4/24/2023 12:36 AM
93	There is too much residential development.	4/23/2023 3:54 PM
94	We have too much development compared to the natural resource protections currently in place.	4/23/2023 3:53 PM
95	I think we have a nice balance at present. However, I know that there are plans that some people want assisted living in Atkinson and I disagree with that as it would be more tax dollars to increase police and fire assistance.	4/23/2023 2:51 PM
96	I think developers, contractors, and builders have too much power because they sit on too many town boards.	4/23/2023 12:17 AM
97	Too much development	4/21/2023 9:26 PM
98	There is a lot of developing happening fast	4/21/2023 8:45 PM
99	I think there has been way too much building in the past 8 years. It has ruined our woodlands and wildlife populations.	4/21/2023 8:13 PM
100	We need more conservation land protected for the animals. We need flooding protection.	4/21/2023 7:21 PM
101	Hampstead water ompany is taking too much of Atkinson water and they are now a monopoly. Water bills are outrageous!	4/21/2023 4:05 PM
102	NEEDS Win,,,,	4/21/2023 2:00 PM
103	another reason not to allow multi housing units/ buildings in town	4/20/2023 5:10 PM
104	We have allowed too many large developments: Sawmill Ridge, Page Farm, Atkinson Heights. We will pay the price for these mistakes.	4/20/2023 1:03 PM
105	Too much developing & building	4/20/2023 12:07 PM
106	Page Farm Condo's should not have been allowed.	4/20/2023 11:51 AM
107	Our zoning laws are a good balance between growth and protection of natural resources.	4/19/2023 9:54 AM
108	Environmental impact is always a factor in development- BUT compared to most other places we look pretty good.	4/18/2023 8:27 PM
109	too much development, example: water problems in neighbor Hampstead.	4/18/2023 10:40 AM
110	Letting Lewis buils willy nilly.	4/17/2023 1:32 PM
111	need less development	4/16/2023 8:51 AM
112	I think development should stop, as I previously said. The zoning laws need to change, but I don't know how that would happen. We need to protect land from future development.	4/16/2023 8:41 AM
113	We need to not build so close to these resources.	4/16/2023 8:35 AM
114	More recent developments have strained the water supply.	4/15/2023 4:56 PM
115	The newer developments, Sawmill ridge, Page farm, appear to have increased density compared to older cluster developments	4/15/2023 1:59 PM

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116	I think there has been some balance but maintaining it must be a priority.	4/14/2023 7:42 PM
117	The town has forest and wetland parcels that will be protected regardless of future development.	4/14/2023 3:53 PM
118	The condo development adjacent to the golf course is too big and tall and contrary to the character of the town. This type of future development should not be allowed.	4/14/2023 11:45 AM
119	Overdevelopment has caused dramatic damage to the water table in a town where the majority of the current residents rely on artesian wells.	4/14/2023 6:41 AM
120	Just barley, please stop cluster developments.	4/14/2023 5:14 AM
121	I think the town has gotten better at balancing thw two over the last decade, but more can be done	4/13/2023 10:57 AM
122	Drinking water will become a worldwide issue	4/12/2023 11:09 PM
123	Don't have expertise in this.	4/12/2023 9:41 PM
124	too much focus on conservation land for trails, not enough focus on planning for access to a safe water supply	4/12/2023 5:31 PM
125	More protection of natural resources, less building of both residential and commercial properties.	4/12/2023 3:23 PM
126	We are abusing the water supply by overbuilding. The water issues in town are well documented.	4/12/2023 3:15 PM
127	Too much demand on natural resources like clean water	4/12/2023 2:03 PM
128	I think efforts fo date have been successful	4/12/2023 12:48 PM
129	This is a hot topic - developers seem to have a way of overriding what's best for the environment, despite efforts made by townspeople.	4/12/2023 12:26 PM

Q39 Are you aware of any natural resources in Atkinson that need further protection? (i.e., wetlands, streams, agricultural lands, wildlife habitat, etc.)

Answered: 278 Skipped: 164



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	28.06% 78
No	40.65% 113
Unsure	31.29% 87
TOTAL	278

Q40 Please describe below.

Answered: 77 Skipped: 365

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Sawmill Swamp	5/18/2023 3:29 PM
2	we need to make laws that do not allow water companies to take water outside of Atkinson for consumption	5/18/2023 3:22 PM
3	need to enforce the existing codes that apply to the above	5/18/2023 2:39 PM
4	the need for animal corridors esp. wetlands	5/18/2023 2:03 PM
5	streams and open farmland	5/18/2023 1:24 PM
6	all need more protection	5/18/2023 1:16 PM
7	wetlands are critical to the local wildlife. they are also critical as storm water basins and flood prevention	5/18/2023 12:53 PM
8	water sources and wildlife habitats that have been displaced by housing development	5/18/2023 12:35 PM
9	no development	5/18/2023 12:13 PM
10	bird habitats - Bobolinks at Peter Lewis Farm. Hay is mowed too early in breeding season	5/12/2023 3:48 PM
11	all of the above	5/12/2023 3:38 PM
12	Potential water shortages during the summer Possibility of water source drying up	5/12/2023 10:51 AM
13	Wetlands have had good protection but this year I have heard of the state granting permission for a building to go into what was always considered a wetland in the past. Woods farm and the Lewis farm are the only farms left here that I can think of now and steps should be made to protects them for us all...people/wildlife	5/11/2023 8:03 PM
14	Wetlands, streams, agriculture, wildlife habitat, etc. must be protected from any sort of development	5/11/2023 3:33 PM
15	It would be nice to have access to the lake.	5/11/2023 1:30 PM
16	Wetlands, streams, agricultural lands & wildlife habitat	5/11/2023 1:21 PM
17	All existing natural resources need to be protected. Once they're gone they're gone forever.	5/11/2023 1:14 PM
18	not protecting wetland	5/11/2023 1:00 PM
19	All water resources and wetland protected from sources of contamination and protect potable sources	5/11/2023 12:59 PM
20	not protected wetland	5/11/2023 12:54 PM
21	does III facilities/gas stations have proper restrictions as they are ear wetlands/runoff areas	5/11/2023 12:44 PM
22	water protection needs attention	5/11/2023 12:29 PM
23	all of wetland and streams must be protected	5/11/2023 12:17 PM
24	the trails at the end of Oak Ridge	5/11/2023 12:09 PM
25	wetlands for sure streams and open land	5/11/2023 11:53 AM
26	need to continue strong protection to aquifers balance with agriculture	5/11/2023 11:43 AM
27	watch out for fires! people should be encouraged to clean brush that can burn from land	5/11/2023 11:30 AM
28	water sources and wells	5/11/2023 8:40 AM

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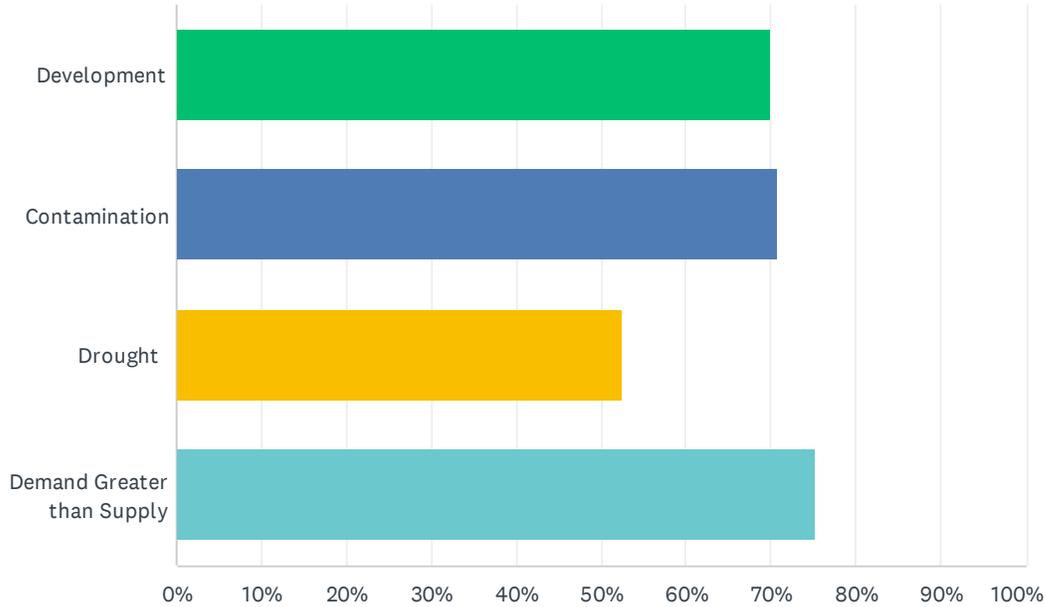
29	Enforce wetland buffers. Do not disturb the animals and plant life. Find a workaround.	5/11/2023 7:02 AM
30	Zoning Board/PB needs power to enforce setback even on private land	5/10/2023 11:21 PM
31	Protect wetlands and natural forests	5/10/2023 10:13 PM
32	Our farms and woodlands	5/10/2023 9:52 PM
33	Wildlife habitat	5/10/2023 9:25 PM
34	Wetlands degradation and unapproved changes being made to wetlands. The city does not properly monitor minor wetland, nor do they ensure Wetlands Permit are being sought prior to work.	5/10/2023 6:32 PM
35	Big Island pond marsh near Chase Island Road at risk do to development along shoreland	5/10/2023 6:10 PM
36	h2o	5/10/2023 1:17 PM
37	water!	5/10/2023 12:04 PM
38	protect all water resources	5/10/2023 11:49 AM
39	take care of what we have already	5/10/2023 10:06 AM
40	Less road salt should be considered	5/10/2023 9:21 AM
41	all of the above!	5/9/2023 4:45 PM
42	Big Island Pond and Conservation Land	5/9/2023 4:26 PM
43	dont know enough to answer	5/9/2023 4:05 PM
44	Don't allow developers to encroach on protected land	5/8/2023 2:21 PM
45	Water	5/7/2023 8:36 PM
46	All will need protection from development- specifically over 55 housing	4/30/2023 12:59 PM
47	It depends on future development. Today it works. If there is a move to increase commercial or high density development than more study will be needed to understand the environmental impact and protect.	4/28/2023 11:17 AM
48	Awareness of the pollution of over fertilizing to our ground water.	4/26/2023 7:58 PM
49	All existing land that is not currently occupied should be protected	4/26/2023 7:14 PM
50	Trees and wildlife and our water resources should be preserved.	4/26/2023 6:56 PM
51	The wetlands, streams, agricultural lands and wildlife habitats are vital to protect. These all provide us with an environment that is richer and safer for all (think safe drinking water and food). Once these types of areas are lost, they are gone forever. They contribute the quality of all residents' lives, whether all those residents realize this or not.	4/26/2023 6:46 PM
52	Wetlands, streams, agricultural lands, and wildlife habitat all need better protection.	4/26/2023 6:43 PM
53	Water	4/26/2023 5:37 PM
54	All of it. Greedy developers will happily make this town a wasteland if it lines their pockets. Shameful.	4/26/2023 5:26 PM
55	Preserve them All!! Prevent concrete jungles from springing up.	4/26/2023 4:49 PM
56	Wet lands are eutrophying and filling - with long term reduction of water aquifer recharge	4/26/2023 4:27 PM
57	Not at this time	4/26/2023 3:40 PM
58	Lewis builders doesn't care what they destroy in this town or any other towns for that matter - they are all about the \$\$\$ The wildlife populations are being driven out of their natural habitats and more and more are being killed by automobiles. And newcomers think they should be killed because it's a safety problem- the newcomers are the problem	4/26/2023 12:39 PM
59	the tree removal program to thin the dead & broken to let the good ones thrive.	4/26/2023 11:35 AM
60	Open space farms. Tree farms.	4/26/2023 10:02 AM

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61	Farmlands	4/25/2023 9:51 AM
62	Developments are encroaching upon wetlands, streams, agricultural lands, and wild life habitats which make it difficult for the survival of NH's turtles and other treasured wildlife.	4/23/2023 3:54 PM
63	Every new multi-family housing development impacts water-flow and animal movements. There have been a number of them, specifically on Route 121; we don't need any more of these.	4/23/2023 3:53 PM
64	Wetlands, streams, agricultural land, etc.	4/23/2023 12:17 AM
65	Wetlands, wildlife habitats	4/21/2023 8:13 PM
66	Wetlands, streams, all wildlife habitats	4/21/2023 7:21 PM
67	Wetlands ! Our water resources ! wildlife corridors	4/20/2023 1:19 PM
68	Main St water drainage caused by terrain alterations from home owner. Needs attention	4/20/2023 11:51 AM
69	Would like to see detailed analysis by foresters, arborists.....How we can be better stewards.	4/18/2023 8:27 PM
70	continue to protect what we have.	4/18/2023 10:40 AM
71	The private farms in town need to be protected as open space so they won't be developed. I would really like to see the farm owners get on board with this. Maybe educating them on just how important their land is to the ecosystem would help?	4/16/2023 8:41 AM
72	Lower Maple Avenue pond	4/16/2023 8:35 AM
73	Water - the aquifer - which, with large complex construction or business practices can be effected.	4/14/2023 7:42 PM
74	All of the above	4/14/2023 6:41 AM
75	Town water supply needs to be protected from overpumping	4/13/2023 10:57 AM
76	wildlife habitat. Conservation Commission should reduce the number of trails and leave land for the wildlife	4/12/2023 5:31 PM
77	Wetlands	4/12/2023 2:03 PM

Q41 What potential threats to our drinking water concern you most? Check all that apply.

Answered: 290 Skipped: 152



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Development	70.00% 203
Contamination	70.69% 205
Drought	52.41% 152
Demand Greater than Supply	75.17% 218
Total Respondents: 290	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	I fear for a profit company like Hampstead Water Company would like to tap into our wells and sell our water back to us without any treatment of it. perhaps the town should consider a water treatment plant that is managed by the town	5/18/2023 2:47 PM
2	all above?	5/18/2023 1:50 PM
3	HAWC	5/18/2023 1:24 PM
4	arsenic and other carcinogens	5/18/2023 12:53 PM
5	outsourcing by private business	5/18/2023 12:35 PM
6	demand could lower water table for private wells -	5/18/2023 12:23 PM
7	my private well being drained for profit water co	5/12/2023 3:48 PM
8	Wells drying up	5/12/2023 10:51 AM
9	Demand greater than supply in neighborhoods. Disregard for H2O levels in wells	5/12/2023 10:22 AM

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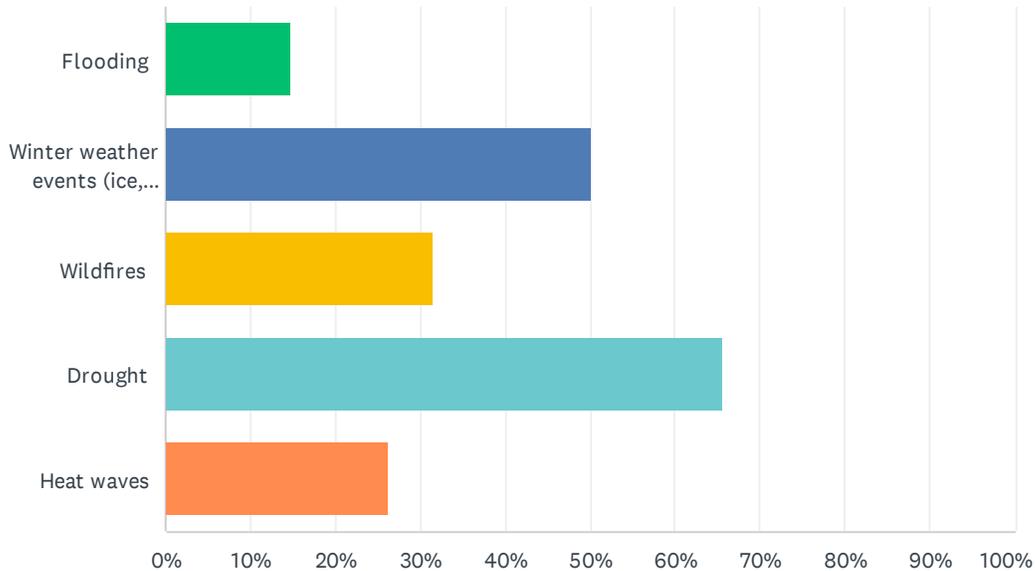
10	Hampstead Area Water is a threat to all of us and our water supply.	5/12/2023 9:47 AM
11	none of the above	5/11/2023 11:46 PM
12	Expense of having to buy water from other communities	5/11/2023 9:22 PM
13	Commercial and Industrial waste	5/11/2023 3:33 PM
14	Hampstead Water Co taking too much out of Atkinson	5/11/2023 3:08 PM
15	risk of water table decreasing	5/11/2023 2:17 PM
16	"Accident" (industrial/commercial)	5/11/2023 12:59 PM
17	fertilization and man made contaminants	5/11/2023 12:29 PM
18	living on Westside Dr. and in the danger zone of the Johnson Johnson chemical spill yet still not at the level to get town water piped but neighbors were	5/11/2023 12:09 PM
19	the water and land is hard and undrinkable!	5/11/2023 11:15 AM
20	Get HAWC out!	5/11/2023 7:02 AM
21	Run off. Wells running dry	5/10/2023 11:21 PM
22	HAWC wells drawing down the private wells	5/10/2023 10:12 PM
23	Private ownership of water supply. This should be a town function.	5/10/2023 9:52 PM
24	Selling our water to other towns. Also moral obligations to pay of give discount for taking Bryant Woods water-not compensating owners of land charging them same price as other and other charges added to Bryant Woods residents like fire protection change even though all units are not using any new water and selling our town water to other towns.	5/10/2023 8:25 PM
25	over pumping from HAWC - our wells will run dry, like happened in Hampstead	5/10/2023 1:02 PM
26	development leads to demand greater than supply	5/10/2023 12:16 PM
27	no more large development	5/10/2023 12:04 PM
28	I am concerned about dioxane and PFAS in our drinking water as we know it	5/10/2023 10:38 AM
29	there is plenty of water. Keep it clean!	5/10/2023 10:06 AM
30	Over development/exporting of drinking water	5/10/2023 9:21 AM
31	fertilizer contamination	5/9/2023 4:14 PM
32	Loss of well water as occurred in Hampstead due to HAWC.	5/9/2023 9:27 AM
33	Threat- HAWC	5/7/2023 8:36 PM
34	Corrosion in old pipes from HAWC in Bryant woods	5/6/2023 8:25 PM
35	Lack of Security protection	4/29/2023 3:55 PM
36	Hampstead water company and over development	4/26/2023 7:14 PM
37	And contamination	4/26/2023 6:37 PM
38	It's what happens when you start stripping forest and mismanage the land.	4/26/2023 5:26 PM
39	Intrusion of promoted / false caveats	4/26/2023 4:27 PM
40	Cost due to the HAWC continued increases	4/26/2023 2:02 PM
41	Fertilizer run off is extremely bad for the environment yet no one cares as long as they have green grass. It runs downhill into other peoples properties and wells as well as our brooks contaminatiing our ponds etc	4/26/2023 12:39 PM
42	Reliance on HWC	4/26/2023 11:23 AM
43	i'd be concerned about any threats to our drinking water	4/26/2023 11:23 AM
44	Our water is terrible. Smells like chlorine and even my dogs won't drink it	4/26/2023 9:57 AM

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45	HAWC needs to be sold to avoid conflict of interest in town	4/26/2023 9:41 AM
46	See my water rant above	4/24/2023 2:22 AM
47	Hampstead Area Water Company	4/23/2023 12:17 AM
48	STOP BUILDING	4/21/2023 8:13 PM
49	cost if on HAWC	4/21/2023 5:53 PM
50	HAWC is a threat itself.	4/21/2023 1:43 PM
51	None	4/21/2023 8:22 AM
52	A private, for profit water company is selling Atkinson's groundwater to other communities. The town needs to step up and protect our water resources!!!	4/20/2023 1:03 PM
53	These only need to be managed consistent with supply	4/19/2023 9:54 AM
54	Run off by farming, farm animals and pesticides.	4/16/2023 8:35 AM
55	Business' use of Atkinson water.	4/14/2023 7:42 PM
56	Lewis needs to stop drawing water from our ground table to service HAW	4/14/2023 5:14 AM
57	Displeased with loc on water rates held by Lewis and DPU	4/12/2023 7:48 PM
58	climate change, no town planning for the future	4/12/2023 5:31 PM

Q42 Which natural hazard(s) concerns you the most? Check all that apply.

Answered: 260 Skipped: 182



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Flooding	14.62% 38
Winter weather events (ice, heavy snow, etc.)	50.00% 130
Wildfires	31.54% 82
Drought	65.77% 171
Heat waves	26.15% 68
Total Respondents: 260	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	all of them as they create problems you have to prepare for	5/18/2023 2:19 PM
2	We live in NH! What do we expect?	5/12/2023 11:03 AM
3	power outages	5/12/2023 10:51 AM
4	none of the above	5/11/2023 11:46 PM
5	Tree damage that results in power losses.	5/11/2023 9:22 PM
6	You reminded me of the huge wildfire in this area before we were here but not ancient history. With the drought conditions in recent years that could easily be a concern again.	5/11/2023 8:03 PM
7	Change of water flow as a result of development	5/11/2023 3:33 PM
8	tornado/earthquakes/unexpected traumatic weather	5/11/2023 2:04 PM
9	high winds	5/11/2023 1:20 PM

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10	tornadoes, hurricanes, violent weather	5/11/2023 1:07 PM
11	Man made	5/11/2023 12:59 PM
12	trees along the roadside that could fall and cause a injury or death	5/11/2023 11:15 AM
13	Areas in town have no hydrants!	5/11/2023 7:02 AM
14	We do not have hydrants	5/10/2023 11:21 PM
15	NONE	5/10/2023 7:21 PM
16	poison ivy along road sides	5/10/2023 1:17 PM
17	wind events	5/10/2023 12:29 PM
18	not really concerned with them	5/10/2023 12:16 PM
19	Not really that concerned with any of those issues	5/10/2023 9:21 AM
20	Our house is very low lying and we rely on our own drain into a flood zone. Winter tree power outages can be minimized with proactive cleanup around power lines.	5/9/2023 9:14 PM
21	air quality	5/9/2023 4:45 PM
22	and power line issues that go with winter weather events	5/9/2023 4:05 PM
23	none	5/5/2023 8:15 AM
24	wellness checks on seniors and disabled citizens during hazard events	4/29/2023 3:55 PM
25	Strong winds	4/26/2023 6:46 PM
26	Hurricanes and other strong wind events are a major concern.	4/26/2023 6:43 PM
27	But all do those can't be blamed on overdevelopment.	4/26/2023 5:26 PM
28	Increase in wild life vectors - e.g. tick borne, other insect, mammal borne	4/26/2023 4:27 PM
29	While improved significantly in recent years power outages have been problematic.	4/26/2023 3:41 PM
30	They are all worrying	4/26/2023 2:02 PM
31	People excessively watering their lawns to make sure their grass stays green	4/26/2023 12:39 PM
32	Wind storms	4/26/2023 10:41 AM
33	Water quality	4/26/2023 9:57 AM
34	None. It's nature	4/21/2023 8:13 PM
35	None	4/19/2023 9:54 AM
36	There have always been natural hazards and most likely will continue	4/14/2023 7:42 PM
37	Not like major flooding but our neighborhood has significantly wet land that definitely seeps into basements	4/13/2023 2:35 PM
38	None	4/13/2023 12:30 PM
39	Very high winds	4/12/2023 12:45 PM

Q43 What actions do you think the town should take related to natural resources, natural hazard(s), and water resources? Please describe them below.

Answered: 145 Skipped: 297

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	make laws to keep our water and other resources in our town and not take it to other communities. stop overdevelopment. control builders with law that work and can be used to control their over building limits on building projects, etc.	5/18/2023 3:22 PM
2	constantly enforce the existing codes	5/18/2023 2:39 PM
3	yes, as it dictates one life look at possible problems and try to figure out its worst effects on lives as well as animals etc	5/18/2023 2:19 PM
4	maintaining current water sources, wetlands, ponds. no one knows where our water comes from (where) aquifers	5/18/2023 1:50 PM
5	limit water removal from town by for profit companies.	5/18/2023 1:24 PM
6	properly main these resources	5/18/2023 1:16 PM
7	continues to ensure the town has safe portable drying water from our private wells, prevent commercial water companies from over pumping feoundwarer and causing aquifer depletion	5/18/2023 12:53 PM
8	we need to protect and conserve out water sources. the town seems to have water insecurity, and the reliance on Hampstead Water outsourcing water to the town is a short-sighted solution. town's folk should be educated on water conservation, grants should be provided to reimburse citizens who upgrade their water systems to better conserve water use	5/18/2023 12:35 PM
9	no	5/18/2023 12:23 PM
10	no development	5/18/2023 12:13 PM
11	enhance recycling and construction debris disposal	5/12/2023 5:11 PM
12	I need to better understand what Atkinson currently does - I have homework to do - just asking these questions is important - thanks	5/12/2023 4:54 PM
13	more multi-town protection efforts of Big Island Pond water and land erosion (restriction of fertilizer, or limits) planting trees when tree harvesting is complete	5/12/2023 3:56 PM
14	consider community solar energy COOP and establish a water commission to protect out drinking water supply	5/12/2023 3:38 PM
15	Maintain conservation of our natural resources and open land by limiting over development and population	5/12/2023 10:51 AM
16	no action	5/11/2023 11:46 PM
17	More aggressive tree cutting along power lines.	5/11/2023 9:22 PM
18	We need to catalog them and make plans to protect/deal with them in respectful ways in the best interests of us all.	5/11/2023 8:03 PM
19	Limit population growth	5/11/2023 3:33 PM
20	Not sure	5/11/2023 3:23 PM
21	Somehow slow water intake on our water aquifer by slowing development	5/11/2023 2:34 PM
22	Street run off into bodies of water (ex: Big Island Pond) Risk contaminants from street flow into lake "unfiltered" Run off into wetlands	5/11/2023 2:17 PM

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23	continue purchase of conservation land program aggressively to preserve out rural nature	5/11/2023 2:04 PM
24	Better insure that we have adequate high quality water through HAWC.	5/11/2023 1:30 PM
25	proactivity in dead tree control testing private wells broadening public water supply invest in renewable energy invest in fire dept	5/11/2023 1:20 PM
26	Less development.	5/11/2023 1:14 PM
27	Make people aware. Crack down on fireworks	5/11/2023 1:10 PM
28	Pay attention to uses, events and include water planning.	5/11/2023 12:59 PM
29	idk I am not sure	5/11/2023 12:54 PM
30	tracking containments and environs we are maintaining our road sides for vehicle run off in no wetland etc.	5/11/2023 12:44 PM
31	yes - we need to be aware we can't live without water	5/11/2023 12:17 PM
32	providing testing to areas recognizes in the danger zone from the Johnson Johnson spill. the environmental group only comes every few years	5/11/2023 12:09 PM
33	protect ground and aquifer water from depletion and contamination	5/11/2023 11:43 AM
34	the town should be careful to protect our natural resources in scientifically valid ways - no politics should be involved in this	5/11/2023 11:30 AM
35	maintain the side of the roadway!	5/11/2023 11:15 AM
36	not sure	5/11/2023 9:31 AM
37	Making it affordable to connect to a water company as an option to having a well	5/11/2023 7:37 AM
38	Zone for set backs for wetlands, forest protection, animal corridor	5/11/2023 7:02 AM
39	Get town owned water utility, stop Lewis/HAWC monopoly	5/10/2023 11:21 PM
40	Lower salt usage in winter months	5/10/2023 10:31 PM
41	H2O drinking safety S/A radon & PCP's	5/10/2023 10:13 PM
42	either make public water available to all or limit Hawc's drawdowns	5/10/2023 10:12 PM
43	Assume control of the water supply. Connect mains to Merrimack + Lake Massabesic if not done already	5/10/2023 9:52 PM
44	Investigate the water table and ensure all residents have a stable supply.	5/10/2023 9:34 PM
45	Block future developments	5/10/2023 8:53 PM
46	Keep our water here	5/10/2023 8:25 PM
47	NONE	5/10/2023 7:21 PM
48	I wish I knew. We need to reward recyclers and penalize abusers of trash, water, energy, etc. But we need it to be easier to conserve.	5/10/2023 6:32 PM
49	Monitor construction Less salt use near wetlands & lake Road runoff into lake is significant	5/10/2023 6:10 PM
50	Manage trees over power lines Remove dangerous trees	5/10/2023 5:58 PM
51	Make it affordable to connect to a water company as an option to using a well	5/10/2023 5:39 PM
52	I think maintaining a watering ban during the summer months would prevent or slow down droughts. I think maintaining the towns drainage system would prevent flooding. I think providing education on fire prevention would reduce the number of wildfires. Also, education people on MS4/Stormwater Management will help prevent water contamination.	5/10/2023 2:54 PM
53	since there are no sidewalks working with the state to spray main roads for poison ivy that is increasingly encroaching on the road no safe place to walk!	5/10/2023 1:17 PM
54	take ownership of our groundwater	5/10/2023 1:02 PM

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55	limit development	5/10/2023 12:55 PM
56	continue with their great efforts	5/10/2023 12:29 PM
57	purchase as much land for the town as possible	5/10/2023 12:16 PM
58	slow down building that uses up our water	5/10/2023 12:04 PM
59	do not sell any of our water	5/10/2023 11:49 AM
60	I think the town should conduct and allow annual water testing for residents, especially residence that are in areas that were contaminated by dioxane and have elevated levels of PFAS in the ground water	5/10/2023 10:38 AM
61	funding	5/10/2023 10:06 AM
62	Reasonable planning and proper preparedness should be sufficient	5/10/2023 9:21 AM
63	Keep water as clean as possible	5/9/2023 9:14 PM
64	make sure that at least one department or committee is tasked with over sight of above	5/9/2023 4:45 PM
65	comprehensive emergency disaster plan - the schools and community center included i.e. generators and food prep	5/9/2023 4:26 PM
66	water resources - look at structure of Hampstead H2O Co. and have more over signs	5/9/2023 4:14 PM
67	When water bans are put in pace, actually enforce them.	5/8/2023 2:21 PM
68	Invest in protecting the water supply - replace old pipes past their limit and leaking lead or other hazardous; provide guidance for how HAWC switch from chlorine to chloramine impacts homes with different piping; provide check on HAWC to ensure quality water supply (to private consumers, and ensure not pulling up too much water from local wells putting homes at risk for drought, obtain grants to invest in more water pipes for areas currently on wells that want to switch to public	5/6/2023 8:25 PM
69	We lose power in almost every storm	5/3/2023 4:51 PM
70	Keep population down	5/1/2023 9:01 PM
71	Should residents lose power during severe weather we need to inform residents beforehand where they can go for internet, showers, hot food etc.	5/1/2023 4:22 PM
72	Stop building! And just maintain	5/1/2023 7:10 AM
73	Limit new developments	4/30/2023 6:06 PM
74	Monitor water usage, including from private wells, for lawns	4/30/2023 12:59 PM
75	Security Protection of water resources, perhaps cameras, drones, neighborhood watch near well locations	4/29/2023 3:55 PM
76	Better signage and access.	4/28/2023 11:17 AM
77	Protect against over development.	4/28/2023 9:08 AM
78	Unsure	4/27/2023 2:16 PM
79	THERE SHOULD BE SOME KIND OF POLICING OF THE WATERFRONT PROPERITIES AS TO THE CHEMICALS BEING USED AND RUN OFF TO THE LAKE. ALSO THERE SHOULD BE SOMEONE CHECKING ON WATERFRONT PROPERTY OWNERS AS TO WHAT IS BEING BUILT SO CLOSE TO THE WATER WHATEVER HAPPEN TO THE GUIDELINES AND PERMITS NECESSARY TO DO ANY KIND OF WORK SO CLOSE TO THE WATER. ANYTHING GOES THESE DAYS. EVERYONE DOES WHAT THEY WANT TODAY WHAT ARE THE RULES FOR ANYWAY	4/26/2023 9:00 PM
80	Stop the overdevelopment	4/26/2023 7:58 PM
81	Stop developing more and focus on what we already have	4/26/2023 7:14 PM
82	Need more public water that is safe to drink. Protect trees. Cutting down too many can create flooding, etc.	4/26/2023 6:56 PM

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83	Preserve the open lands and water sources as above; make the town buildings and other infrastructure and vehicles as efficient as possible	4/26/2023 6:46 PM
84	Continue and expand tree pruning near power lines.	4/26/2023 6:43 PM
85	Protect water from contamination	4/26/2023 6:37 PM
86	Guard the water uses!	4/26/2023 6:22 PM
87	Stop allowing developers to infringe on people with private wells.	4/26/2023 5:37 PM
88	More awareness in townsfolk on how to be mindful stewards of their land.	4/26/2023 5:26 PM
89	Prepare now to prevent disaster later on!!	4/26/2023 4:49 PM
90	A European forest is clear of debris, rot and slash. Atkinson has many acres of second growth over the past 100-125 years. That second growth is starting to die, good "family forest" management should be promoted and publicized.	4/26/2023 4:27 PM
91	Ensure utility providers cutback tree growth that impact system reliability.	4/26/2023 3:41 PM
92	Limit development so that are fewer people at risk. Responsibly fund the Police and Fire Departments so that they have the training and resources necessary to support State and Federal Authorities with disaster response.	4/26/2023 3:40 PM
93	We should try to preserve the private well resources by limiting building.	4/26/2023 2:56 PM
94	Educate the people	4/26/2023 2:02 PM
95	Stop fertilizer being used if near brooks, ponds, on hills and restrict watering your lawns unless using run off from rain barrels. Outlaw sprinkler systems - I see them in when it's raining out - what a waste	4/26/2023 12:39 PM
96	Have an overall plan/analysis so that none of the natural resources that should be preserved fall through the cracks/get "lost."	4/26/2023 12:37 PM
97	Trim trees that hang over the road	4/26/2023 12:32 PM
98	I think additional access the big island pond in the infrastructure at the town site on big island. Pond could use expansion and investment.	4/26/2023 11:49 AM
99	maintain buffer areas for commercial & residential development	4/26/2023 11:35 AM
100	update piping when recommended by professionals, continue updating flood maps and offer cooling stations (cold water, misters, AC) in times of extreme heat for those without access	4/26/2023 11:23 AM
101	Don't know how to enforce it but the world needs to move away from large watered lawns. Maybe a tax incentive to do so on existing and lawn restrictions in new developments	4/26/2023 10:36 AM
102	Limit growth some.	4/26/2023 10:14 AM
103	Mother Nature has her own way, no matter what!	4/26/2023 10:05 AM
104	Keep an eye on Hampstead Water. Hire our own consultants to make sure they are doing 'the right thing'	4/26/2023 10:02 AM
105	Better water filtration	4/26/2023 9:57 AM
106	Stop building	4/26/2023 9:50 AM
107	Just make sure we get clean water for the taxes we pay	4/24/2023 2:22 AM
108	use fewer natural resources by limiting population growth and educating the existing population of the necessity of conservation	4/23/2023 3:54 PM
109	Use fewer natural resources (or use them more efficiently), avoid water flow impacts by limiting housing development, and maintain current water resources by managing population growth. More people = more resource usage.	4/23/2023 3:53 PM
110	Unsure...	4/23/2023 2:51 PM
111	Clean energy, conservation, solar power	4/23/2023 12:17 AM

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112	Underground electricity	4/21/2023 11:04 PM
113	Stop building and drilling wells to supply water company	4/21/2023 8:13 PM
114	Clean water and protect us from hazardous materials in our water supply. Increase the are of flood zones.	4/21/2023 7:21 PM
115	not sure what actions are options	4/21/2023 5:53 PM
116	take back our water,,,fire HAWK,	4/21/2023 2:00 PM
117	None	4/21/2023 1:43 PM
118	The town should educate the community about flooding as we have a lot of wet areas	4/20/2023 8:24 PM
119	Depend more on solar	4/20/2023 6:07 PM
120	Prioritize water quality and quantity (wells etc)	4/20/2023 1:19 PM
121	We should put up bat boxes and STOP spraying for mosquitoes. Stop all chemical spraying on our land -- as it only goes into our water.	4/20/2023 1:03 PM
122	Monitor development for impact to property drainage. Better maintenance of roadway drainage ditches.	4/19/2023 3:33 PM
123	Manage our growth consistant with a healthy balance with the above	4/19/2023 9:54 AM
124	1.Establish volunteer organizations to prepare for preventing and for fighting forest fires. 2. Commercial and home owner gas landscaping tools are shockingly damaging to humans and atmosphere. Really an overlooked problem.	4/18/2023 8:27 PM
125	limit development	4/18/2023 10:40 AM
126	None	4/17/2023 7:16 PM
127	educate and inform citizens	4/16/2023 6:21 PM
128	Unsure & unqualified to offer conjecture.	4/16/2023 6:08 PM
129	less development	4/16/2023 8:51 AM
130	- Plant trees and other plants to help mitigate climate change and clean the water. - Use environmentally friendly road de-icer in winter months. - Stop town wide spraying for mosquitos in summer. Pesticides don't just target one insect. The mosquitos are food for wildlife like bats and birds. - When a developer wants to develop a piece of land, it should be written into the plan, that native trees need to be planted to replace the trees being cut down.	4/16/2023 8:41 AM
131	All stated above. Stop further development of large scale complexes, as well as any business that removes Atkinson water for its use elsewhere.	4/14/2023 7:42 PM
132	Better management of the potable water system.	4/14/2023 11:45 AM
133	Protect the land we have, stop the major developments	4/14/2023 6:41 AM
134	Be diligent in preserving our water	4/14/2023 5:14 AM
135	Educate the community about everyday water conservation practices. Hold HAZWaste collections 4 x year.	4/13/2023 7:11 PM
136	??	4/13/2023 12:30 PM
137	The town needs to pay closer attention to overall water use as it expands. Overpumping needs to be stopped for new development and replaced with the new Manchester water that HAWC can supply.	4/13/2023 10:57 AM
138	Allow connections to other water & Energy sources.	4/12/2023 11:09 PM
139	Concerned about the amount of deadfall in woods on private lands as a fire hazard. If we could pile wood next to road for the town to pick up and process we would be able to reduce the fire hazard in our acre or two of woods.	4/12/2023 9:41 PM
140	The town needs to plan for future water supply. The more demand the more ground water being pumped...eventually it may run out leaving people on wells without a safe supply of water	4/12/2023 5:31 PM

What's Next Atkinson?

141	Hold businesses who contribute to contaminating water accountable	4/12/2023 4:49 PM
142	we shouldn't have a for profit water company in town?	4/12/2023 3:15 PM
143	Tests for health compliance	4/12/2023 2:03 PM
144	unknown	4/12/2023 12:48 PM
145	Develop strict laws to keep developers and commercial businesses from doing harm.	4/12/2023 12:26 PM

Q44 What street do you live on?

Answered: 292 Skipped: 150

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Atkinson Heights	5/18/2023 3:48 PM
2	Maple Ave	5/18/2023 3:48 PM
3	Sawmill Ridge	5/18/2023 3:47 PM
4	Wood Dr	5/18/2023 3:46 PM
5	12 Chase Island	5/18/2023 3:45 PM
6	40 Coles Way	5/18/2023 3:45 PM
7	Atkinson, NH	5/18/2023 3:44 PM
8	center	5/18/2023 3:43 PM
9	work at town, non-resident	5/18/2023 3:43 PM
10	Salem Road	5/18/2023 3:42 PM
11	Maple Ave	5/18/2023 3:41 PM
12	MA boarder	5/18/2023 3:41 PM
13	work at the library	5/18/2023 3:40 PM
14	center	5/18/2023 3:40 PM
15	Maple Ave	5/18/2023 3:39 PM
16	Bryant Woods	5/18/2023 3:38 PM
17	Plaistow side	5/18/2023 3:38 PM
18	Hog Hill/Woodside Way	5/18/2023 3:37 PM
19	Braggs Hill/Lower Maple	5/18/2023 3:36 PM
20	Winslow Dr	5/18/2023 3:34 PM
21	Providence Hill Road	5/18/2023 3:33 PM
22	"the maze" by Woodlock park	5/18/2023 3:30 PM
23	Woodside Way	5/18/2023 3:22 PM
24	Meadow Lane	5/18/2023 3:15 PM
25	1 Stewart Farm Rd	5/18/2023 2:48 PM
26	Meadow Lane	5/18/2023 2:40 PM
27	Pages Lane	5/18/2023 2:30 PM
28	2 Pages Lane	5/18/2023 2:19 PM
29	NW Emery Drive	5/18/2023 2:05 PM
30	11 Brushwood Drive Atkinson NH	5/18/2023 1:50 PM
31	Coles Way	5/18/2023 1:35 PM
32	Bryant woods	5/18/2023 1:25 PM
33	lower Maple Ave	5/18/2023 1:17 PM

What's Next Atkinson?

34	center	5/18/2023 1:09 PM
35	Northeast Cor. Upper Maples Ave and Newbury Dr	5/18/2023 12:54 PM
36	Salem Road	5/18/2023 12:35 PM
37	center almost 2 Staye Rd	5/18/2023 12:24 PM
38	Westside Drive	5/18/2023 12:13 PM
39	Hemlock Heights	5/12/2023 5:11 PM
40	Hemlock Heights Rd	5/12/2023 5:01 PM
41	North Broadway	5/12/2023 4:54 PM
42	Wright farm	5/12/2023 3:57 PM
43	Sawyer/Farm area	5/12/2023 3:48 PM
44	Sunny Meadow Dr.	5/12/2023 3:39 PM
45	Sunny Meadow	5/12/2023 3:28 PM
46	West part of town	5/12/2023 10:52 AM
47	Main St	5/12/2023 10:30 AM
48	Off Main St, close to 111	5/12/2023 10:23 AM
49	Twin Oaks Drive	5/12/2023 9:47 AM
50	Maple Av	5/11/2023 11:47 PM
51	Meadow Lane	5/11/2023 9:24 PM
52	Academy Ave.	5/11/2023 3:33 PM
53	Off Crystal Hill	5/11/2023 3:25 PM
54	Atkinson	5/11/2023 3:14 PM
55	Northern part close to 111	5/11/2023 3:09 PM
56	Wright Farm	5/11/2023 2:36 PM
57	Hemlock Heights	5/11/2023 2:18 PM
58	Providence Hill Road	5/11/2023 2:04 PM
59	Hemlock Heights on Big Island Pond	5/11/2023 1:59 PM
60	Meadow Lane off Sawyer Ave	5/11/2023 1:55 PM
61	The Maze	5/11/2023 1:34 PM
62	Atkinson Apartments	5/11/2023 1:31 PM
63	Bryant Woods	5/11/2023 1:31 PM
64	Walker Rd.	5/11/2023 1:22 PM
65	Hemlock Heights	5/11/2023 1:21 PM
66	Maple	5/11/2023 1:16 PM
67	North West	5/11/2023 1:11 PM
68	Brushwood Drive	5/11/2023 1:08 PM
69	Coventry Road	5/11/2023 1:01 PM
70	North East off East Rd.	5/11/2023 12:59 PM
71	coventry	5/11/2023 12:54 PM

What's Next Atkinson?

72	Bryant Woods	5/11/2023 12:45 PM
73	Providence Hill	5/11/2023 12:30 PM
74	Providence Hill	5/11/2023 12:22 PM
75	180 Main Street	5/11/2023 12:18 PM
76	center	5/11/2023 12:09 PM
77	Westside Drive	5/11/2023 11:53 AM
78	Lewis Apartments	5/11/2023 11:44 AM
79	near Woodlock Park	5/11/2023 11:30 AM
80	Bittersweet Lane	5/11/2023 11:17 AM
81	Academy Ave	5/11/2023 11:15 AM
82	Windmill Lane	5/11/2023 9:33 AM
83	Rock Ridge Drivw	5/11/2023 8:41 AM
84	Bittersweet Ln	5/11/2023 7:37 AM
85	Main area by Town Hall	5/11/2023 7:22 AM
86	Off Main St-side street 1/4 mile from Fire dept.	5/11/2023 7:04 AM
87	Sawmill	5/10/2023 11:22 PM
88	Housing development off Westside Dr.	5/10/2023 10:55 PM
89	South East	5/10/2023 10:31 PM
90	Centerview Hollow	5/10/2023 10:22 PM
91	brittany ln	5/10/2023 10:13 PM
92	Renter	5/10/2023 10:13 PM
93	Page Farm	5/10/2023 9:53 PM
94	Main St.	5/10/2023 9:35 PM
95	Older part of town	5/10/2023 9:26 PM
96	The Maze	5/10/2023 9:07 PM
97	Oak Hill Circle	5/10/2023 8:54 PM
98	Development off Westside Dr.	5/10/2023 8:50 PM
99	Sawyer Ave - 25 yrs East Rd - 25 yrs Bryant Woods now - 10 yrs 60 yrs total	5/10/2023 8:28 PM
100	schools	5/10/2023 8:10 PM
101	Decline to say	5/10/2023 7:22 PM
102	Haydn Drive	5/10/2023 6:34 PM
103	Hemlock Heights near Big Island Pond	5/10/2023 6:11 PM
104	Devonshire Rd	5/10/2023 5:59 PM
105	Bittersweet Lane	5/10/2023 5:40 PM
106	Main St	5/10/2023 4:38 PM
107	Maple Ave	5/10/2023 1:17 PM
108	Pebble Bro Road	5/10/2023 1:02 PM
109	north roadway	5/10/2023 12:55 PM

What's Next Atkinson?

110	Big Island Pond area	5/10/2023 12:47 PM
111	northern	5/10/2023 12:30 PM
112	Hog Hill Woodside Way	5/10/2023 12:16 PM
113	Sunset Dr. - Westside of Town	5/10/2023 12:06 PM
114	north	5/10/2023 11:56 AM
115	Atkinson	5/10/2023 11:50 AM
116	Deer Run Road	5/10/2023 10:39 AM
117	Bittersweet Lane	5/10/2023 9:26 AM
118	Blackford Dr.	5/10/2023 9:15 AM
119	Lamplight Drive	5/10/2023 8:51 AM
120	Coles Way	5/10/2023 8:27 AM
121	Amberwood dr	5/9/2023 9:15 PM
122	Hemlock Heights	5/9/2023 6:50 PM
123	Bryant Woods	5/9/2023 4:55 PM
124	Hog Hill	5/9/2023 4:45 PM
125	The Commons	5/9/2023 4:34 PM
126	Bitterweet Lane	5/9/2023 4:26 PM
127	the original "Atkinson Heights" off Sawyer	5/9/2023 4:14 PM
128	Hemlock Heights Big Island Pond	5/9/2023 4:06 PM
129	Maze	5/9/2023 3:55 PM
130	Brushwood drive	5/9/2023 3:40 PM
131	upper end of Rt 121 @Knightland	5/9/2023 3:26 PM
132	Golf Club	5/9/2023 3:21 PM
133	Sawyer Ave "race track"	5/9/2023 3:19 PM
134	Salem Road.	5/9/2023 9:28 AM
135	Sawyer Ave	5/9/2023 7:47 AM
136	Geary lane	5/8/2023 7:58 PM
137	Main Street	5/8/2023 7:57 PM
138	Old Coach Rd	5/8/2023 6:25 PM
139	Cowbell Xing	5/8/2023 1:31 PM
140	Sleepy Hollow	5/7/2023 8:36 PM
141	Overlook Drive	5/6/2023 8:27 PM
142	Guernsey Drive	5/3/2023 8:24 PM
143	Washington Road.	5/3/2023 5:36 PM
144	Wood Drive	5/3/2023 4:52 PM
145	rose lane	5/3/2023 2:27 PM
146	Maple Ave	5/3/2023 1:44 PM
147	Murray Drive	5/2/2023 9:19 AM

What's Next Atkinson?

148	Upland Rd	5/1/2023 9:01 PM
149	Kelly Ln	5/1/2023 7:33 PM
150	Chandler Drive	5/1/2023 4:23 PM
151	Pentucket	5/1/2023 2:52 PM
152	Wellington Cir	5/1/2023 7:36 AM
153	Lewis Lane	5/1/2023 7:11 AM
154	Centerview Rd	4/30/2023 6:08 PM
155	Winslow Drive	4/29/2023 10:56 AM
156	Centerview Road	4/29/2023 8:57 AM
157	Sunset Drive	4/28/2023 11:17 AM
158	Meadow Lane	4/28/2023 9:09 AM
159	Longview Dr,	4/28/2023 9:02 AM
160	Wood Dr	4/27/2023 7:10 PM
161	N Broadway	4/27/2023 7:01 PM
162	5 washington road	4/27/2023 4:46 PM
163	Hawthorne Drive	4/27/2023 2:19 PM
164	ayrshire ave	4/27/2023 11:30 AM
165	Walker Rd	4/27/2023 11:21 AM
166	Woodlawn Ave	4/27/2023 8:44 AM
167	Ridgewood Drive	4/27/2023 8:42 AM
168	Westside	4/27/2023 6:58 AM
169	Village dr	4/26/2023 9:18 PM
170	Pine Knoll Dr	4/26/2023 8:13 PM
171	Island pond road	4/26/2023 8:00 PM
172	Meeting Rock	4/26/2023 7:55 PM
173	Upper maple ave	4/26/2023 7:15 PM
174	Snug Harbor	4/26/2023 6:57 PM
175	Hitchcock Lane	4/26/2023 6:55 PM
176	East Rd	4/26/2023 6:52 PM
177	Providence Hill Road	4/26/2023 6:49 PM
178	Academy Ave.	4/26/2023 6:47 PM
179	Academy Ave	4/26/2023 6:45 PM
180	Meditation Lane	4/26/2023 6:40 PM
181	Chandler	4/26/2023 6:35 PM
182	Main St	4/26/2023 5:43 PM
183	No thank you. Suffice to say I'm in the center of town.	4/26/2023 5:27 PM
184	Overlook Drive	4/26/2023 5:23 PM
185	Maple Ave	4/26/2023 4:28 PM

What's Next Atkinson?

186	Murray Drive	4/26/2023 4:25 PM
187	Westside Drive	4/26/2023 4:25 PM
188	Longview Dr (previously Heald Bailey Dr for 20 years).	4/26/2023 3:43 PM
189	Brushwood Drive	4/26/2023 3:42 PM
190	Green Hill Drive	4/26/2023 2:58 PM
191	Little river lane	4/26/2023 2:06 PM
192	Heald Bailey Drive	4/26/2023 2:04 PM
193	Maple	4/26/2023 2:01 PM
194	Academy Ave	4/26/2023 1:38 PM
195	Maple Avenue	4/26/2023 1:13 PM
196	Centerview	4/26/2023 12:44 PM
197	Main	4/26/2023 12:43 PM
198	Maple	4/26/2023 12:33 PM
199	Old Coach Rd	4/26/2023 12:27 PM
200	Maple Avenue	4/26/2023 12:11 PM
201	Emery Dr	4/26/2023 11:50 AM
202	Eldon Way	4/26/2023 11:42 AM
203	Belknap dr	4/26/2023 11:29 AM
204	Sleepy Hollow Road	4/26/2023 11:24 AM
205	The other side of 111	4/26/2023 11:20 AM
206	Coventry	4/26/2023 11:00 AM
207	Boylan terrace	4/26/2023 10:59 AM
208	Ledge Road	4/26/2023 10:42 AM
209	Northfield Td	4/26/2023 10:37 AM
210	Merrill Drive	4/26/2023 10:15 AM
211	Maple Avenue	4/26/2023 10:05 AM
212	Boulder cove rd	4/26/2023 10:02 AM
213	Old coach	4/26/2023 9:58 AM
214	Balsam Ct	4/26/2023 9:52 AM
215	Crown Hill Rd	4/26/2023 9:31 AM
216	Woodside Way	4/26/2023 9:29 AM
217	HEMLOCK SHORE DRIVE	4/26/2023 9:28 AM
218	Village Drive	4/26/2023 9:25 AM
219	Oak Ridge Dr	4/26/2023 9:21 AM
220	Overlook Drive	4/26/2023 9:11 AM
221	Hawthorne	4/25/2023 9:52 AM
222	Maple Ave	4/24/2023 10:58 PM
223	Meeting Rock Road	4/24/2023 9:32 AM

What's Next Atkinson?

224	Main st Rte 121	4/24/2023 2:24 AM
225	Summit drive	4/24/2023 12:37 AM
226	Academy Avenue.	4/23/2023 3:57 PM
227	Academy Ave	4/23/2023 3:57 PM
228	Sunset Drive	4/23/2023 2:53 PM
229	Christine Dr	4/23/2023 8:24 AM
230	Stickney Rd.	4/23/2023 12:17 AM
231	Granite ridge	4/22/2023 5:50 AM
232	Old Coach Rs	4/21/2023 11:05 PM
233	Meadow lane	4/21/2023 8:45 PM
234	Walker	4/21/2023 8:42 PM
235	Farview Hill Rd	4/21/2023 8:14 PM
236	Linebrook	4/21/2023 7:47 PM
237	Oak hill circle	4/21/2023 7:22 PM
238	Academy Ave	4/21/2023 7:12 PM
239	Providence Hill Road	4/21/2023 5:54 PM
240	Ridgewood dr	4/21/2023 4:06 PM
241	Winslow Drive	4/21/2023 2:40 PM
242	Belknap drive	4/21/2023 2:01 PM
243	Haydn Drive	4/21/2023 1:44 PM
244	Old Coach Rd	4/21/2023 9:33 AM
245	Main St	4/20/2023 9:12 PM
246	Island Pond Road	4/20/2023 8:25 PM
247	Wright farm	4/20/2023 6:08 PM
248	maple	4/20/2023 5:11 PM
249	Rocking chair ln	4/20/2023 4:30 PM
250	Hovey Meadow	4/20/2023 1:20 PM
251	Pebble Brook Road	4/20/2023 1:04 PM
252	Main Street	4/20/2023 11:52 AM
253	Academy Avenue	4/19/2023 3:34 PM
254	steeple view drive	4/19/2023 3:01 PM
255	Meadow Ln	4/19/2023 9:55 AM
256	Overlook Drive	4/19/2023 8:51 AM
257	Northfield Road, Sawmill Ridge Condo	4/18/2023 8:29 PM
258	Bryant Woods	4/18/2023 11:30 AM
259	crystal hill road	4/18/2023 10:41 AM
260	Overlook Drive	4/17/2023 1:34 PM
261	Lisheen	4/17/2023 8:31 AM

What's Next Atkinson?

262	Cowbell Crossing	4/16/2023 6:23 PM
263	Wil Pasture Ln	4/16/2023 6:09 PM
264	crystal hill	4/16/2023 8:52 AM
265	Crystal Hill Circle	4/16/2023 8:42 AM
266	maple	4/16/2023 8:36 AM
267	Summit Drive	4/15/2023 4:57 PM
268	Haydn Drive	4/15/2023 2:00 PM
269	Sunset Drive	4/15/2023 9:39 AM
270	Maple Avenue	4/14/2023 7:42 PM
271	Maple Ave	4/14/2023 3:56 PM
272	Heritage Lane	4/14/2023 11:46 AM
273	Centerview Road	4/14/2023 10:01 AM
274	Academy Ave	4/14/2023 6:42 AM
275	Woodlawn Ave	4/13/2023 9:53 PM
276	Island Pond Road	4/13/2023 9:25 PM
277	Wood Dr	4/13/2023 2:36 PM
278	Heals Bailey drive	4/13/2023 2:23 PM
279	Meadow Lane	4/13/2023 12:31 PM
280	Lower Maple	4/13/2023 10:58 AM
281	Wood	4/12/2023 11:09 PM
282	Centerview	4/12/2023 10:04 PM
283	Cowbell Crossing	4/12/2023 7:49 PM
284	Stage Rd	4/12/2023 4:51 PM
285	Wood Drive	4/12/2023 3:23 PM
286	Maple Ave	4/12/2023 3:16 PM
287	Guernsey dr	4/12/2023 2:04 PM
288	Pope Road	4/12/2023 2:00 PM
289	Wild Pasture Ln	4/12/2023 1:17 PM
290	woodlawn ave	4/12/2023 12:49 PM
291	Bryant Woods	4/12/2023 12:47 PM
292	Maple Ave	4/12/2023 12:28 PM

Q45 I moved to Atkinson because

Answered: 309 Skipped: 133

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	nice community safe, quiet, close to amenities	5/18/2023 3:48 PM
2	its a great town!	5/18/2023 3:48 PM
3	raise my family	5/18/2023 3:47 PM
4	re-located from PA - 25 years ago	5/18/2023 3:46 PM
5	job moved	5/18/2023 3:45 PM
6	Best buy at the time	5/18/2023 3:45 PM
7	be near family/work	5/18/2023 3:44 PM
8	nice town good school lower taxes	5/18/2023 3:43 PM
9	employment	5/18/2023 3:43 PM
10	inherited my husbands childhood home	5/18/2023 3:42 PM
11	purchased family home	5/18/2023 3:41 PM
12	school systems (1980's)	5/18/2023 3:41 PM
13	schools, proximity to work	5/18/2023 3:40 PM
14	I was born here	5/18/2023 3:39 PM
15	my home town	5/18/2023 3:38 PM
16	convenient location or traveling to Boston, beaches, and mountains. residential community	5/18/2023 3:38 PM
17	proximity to Boston for commuting and to raise a family	5/18/2023 3:37 PM
18	my husband had a house here	5/18/2023 3:36 PM
19	husband grew up here	5/18/2023 3:34 PM
20	1985 better life	5/18/2023 3:33 PM
21	its location between 93 and 495 - conservation trails 1 acre minimum	5/18/2023 3:30 PM
22	husband grew up here	5/18/2023 3:15 PM
23	my family built a house	5/18/2023 2:48 PM
24	grew up in Atkinson and purchased the family home in 2005	5/18/2023 2:40 PM
25	44 years ago - found a house here	5/18/2023 2:30 PM
26	Atkinson was all cows and trees	5/18/2023 2:19 PM
27	close to Boston close to ski mnts close to sea	5/18/2023 2:05 PM
28	semi retired	5/18/2023 1:50 PM
29	the way of life	5/18/2023 1:35 PM
30	its a small town	5/18/2023 1:25 PM
31	we fell in love with a house	5/18/2023 1:17 PM
32	found old house!	5/18/2023 1:09 PM
33	childhood memories visiting grandparents	5/18/2023 12:54 PM

What's Next Atkinson?

34	close to work regulation of community	5/18/2023 12:35 PM
35	love it here	5/18/2023 12:24 PM
36	my parents moved is here in 1958	5/18/2023 12:13 PM
37	2000	5/12/2023 5:11 PM
38	all my life	5/12/2023 5:01 PM
39	proximity to Logan Airport	5/12/2023 4:54 PM
40	it was close to MA when husband had job there	5/12/2023 3:57 PM
41	I was born in town and my goal is to stay here my whole life like my parents and my grandfather	5/12/2023 3:48 PM
42	parents grew up here	5/12/2023 3:39 PM
43	new construction location. commute to Boston	5/12/2023 3:28 PM
44	of the open space and country feeling. Nice New England town	5/12/2023 11:10 AM
45	Born here	5/12/2023 11:04 AM
46	Quiet, safe and open space to raise children A bedroom community	5/12/2023 10:52 AM
47	Low taxes Rural area	5/12/2023 10:30 AM
48	Reputation was excellent: location, schools, neighborhoods	5/12/2023 10:23 AM
49	Small quiet town with none of the things this survey is suggesting we do.	5/12/2023 9:47 AM
50	My parents lived here	5/11/2023 11:47 PM
51	It was close to my place of employment and it was affordable 50 years ago.	5/11/2023 9:24 PM
52	I got really lucky when we found a house we could afford in Atkinson...on a street and neighborhood that was a place we thought would be nice for our kids.	5/11/2023 8:06 PM
53	Serendipitous	5/11/2023 3:33 PM
54	Great place to raise kids	5/11/2023 3:25 PM
55	Husband's work	5/11/2023 3:14 PM
56	We loved the town	5/11/2023 3:09 PM
57	I am a slow learner. I was in Mass for years, moved to ATK for financial reasons e.i. no state or income tax. Been here since 1994	5/11/2023 2:36 PM
58	of Big Island Pond	5/11/2023 2:18 PM
59	1975	5/11/2023 2:04 PM
60	To be on the lake on property we own	5/11/2023 1:59 PM
61	close to work 48 yrs ago	5/11/2023 1:55 PM
62	Family was here	5/11/2023 1:34 PM
63	Condo Sold and I want to remain in town	5/11/2023 1:31 PM
64	Location	5/11/2023 1:31 PM
65	#1 Job #2 good schools #3 good quality of buildings for price	5/11/2023 1:22 PM
66	teaching at Timberland summered there first	5/11/2023 1:21 PM
67	Low tax rate Community environment	5/11/2023 1:16 PM
68	It was affordable and a nice place to raise a family	5/11/2023 1:11 PM
69	get away from Bedford	5/11/2023 1:08 PM

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70	Work	5/11/2023 1:01 PM
71	Employment Raise family	5/11/2023 12:59 PM
72	I loved the area	5/11/2023 12:54 PM
73	I liked small town - single-family quiet neighborhood with trees	5/11/2023 12:45 PM
74	low taxes	5/11/2023 12:30 PM
75	home value	5/11/2023 12:22 PM
76	family	5/11/2023 12:18 PM
77	more land, affordable, decent schools	5/11/2023 12:09 PM
78	got a good house	5/11/2023 11:53 AM
79	I fell in love with my now husband and he already lived here. I moved out of my parent's house to his apartment	5/11/2023 11:44 AM
80	it is a small community with a great elementary school and low taxes	5/11/2023 11:30 AM
81	It has a community feel. When we built our house 26 years ago, it was close enough to the highway for work but far enough that it was a country feel also.	5/11/2023 11:17 AM
82	It was a small town that we had heard great things about & also loved it's proximity to cities for shopping, etc, like Salem & Plaistow. Also loved it's proximity to Mass.	5/11/2023 9:33 AM
83	Heard it was a great town from people who live here	5/11/2023 8:41 AM
84	Wanted more land area	5/11/2023 7:37 AM
85	Affordable real estate & taxes Country setting	5/11/2023 7:22 AM
86	Master bedroom on 1st floor. No tax No estate tax Beautiful small town close enough to Boston hospitals and airport	5/11/2023 7:04 AM
87	It is affordable-out of MA Many homes under \$400,000 No HUD housing No/little "not my town renters"	5/10/2023 11:22 PM
88	Purchased new construction 25 years ago in a rural setting	5/10/2023 10:55 PM
89	Loved the condo complex	5/10/2023 10:31 PM
90	low real estate taxes	5/10/2023 10:22 PM
91	great community for lower buy-in cost than similar MA towns	5/10/2023 10:13 PM
92	Location, close to work, ease of accessing highways	5/10/2023 10:13 PM
93	It is a pleasant semi-rural town with easy access to conurbanations and had reasonable property tax	5/10/2023 9:53 PM
94	Low taxes and quiet atmosphere	5/10/2023 9:35 PM
95	Centrally located. So close to work + all the shopping I want in all the bordering towns. Country living.	5/10/2023 9:26 PM
96	Could not afford Massachusetts	5/10/2023 9:07 PM
97	Family built a house in 1993	5/10/2023 8:54 PM
98	At the time, new construction was affordable for our family and we though the small town was a lovely place to raise our son	5/10/2023 8:50 PM
99	Location, low taxes, affordable house purchase in relation to income, only one person working then. First house was \$15,000 in '65-taxes \$135/yr before Timberland was open with 4 other towns. School costs is biggest reason for high taxes now.	5/10/2023 8:28 PM
100	Lower taxes, proximity to resources but solitude at the same time.	5/10/2023 7:22 PM
101	It was close to our Daughter and her family and because of NH tax status	5/10/2023 6:34 PM

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102	quiet community, good neighborhood. Lots of green space. Spend summers at the lake.	5/10/2023 6:11 PM
103	Small town charm	5/10/2023 5:59 PM
104	wanted more land area	5/10/2023 5:40 PM
105	It's lovely, and has a charm like few other places.	5/10/2023 4:38 PM
106	of the open land	5/10/2023 1:17 PM
107	low taxes, close to interstates	5/10/2023 1:02 PM
108	affordable housing in Merrimack Valley/North of Boston	5/10/2023 12:55 PM
109	lakefront property and good, friendly neighbors	5/10/2023 12:47 PM
110	we liked the town and the home we found	5/10/2023 12:30 PM
111	we bought house in construction in 1964	5/10/2023 12:06 PM
112	work and family	5/10/2023 11:56 AM
113	great place to raise a family primarily residential vs commercial	5/10/2023 11:50 AM
114	We wanted a quaint rural community	5/10/2023 10:39 AM
115	It's rural character, low tax rates, and ability to get to more developed areas easily while not having to live within those developed areas.	5/10/2023 9:26 AM
116	I have always lived in the area, within a 10 mile radius.	5/10/2023 9:15 AM
117	It is a rural community and it is reasonable to live here	5/10/2023 8:51 AM
118	small town look and feel with open space and conservation land	5/10/2023 8:27 AM
119	Great small nh town to raise my family	5/9/2023 9:15 PM
120	I live in our family house built by my father back in the 50s	5/9/2023 6:50 PM
121	Community	5/9/2023 4:55 PM
122	Quiet, space	5/9/2023 4:45 PM
123	Beautiful town	5/9/2023 4:34 PM
124	I liked the rural area	5/9/2023 4:26 PM
125	location, open space, lot size	5/9/2023 4:14 PM
126	Wife!	5/9/2023 4:06 PM
127	work	5/9/2023 3:55 PM
128	quiet town great location	5/9/2023 3:40 PM
129	rural/quiet area and family	5/9/2023 3:26 PM
130	grand kids	5/9/2023 3:21 PM
131	reminds me of where I grew up	5/9/2023 3:19 PM
132	Low taxes. Beautiful rural area.	5/9/2023 9:28 AM
133	Recently married in 1998. Raised my family here.	5/9/2023 7:47 AM
134	Closer to work	5/8/2023 7:58 PM
135	It felt safe here and our old house is awesome.	5/8/2023 7:57 PM
136	It's a beautiful little town, yet convenient to everything, and safety	5/8/2023 6:25 PM
137	I grew up here and love the town	5/8/2023 2:22 PM
138	Down sizing	5/8/2023 1:31 PM
139	i grew up here.	5/8/2023 12:55 PM

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140	low taxes	5/7/2023 8:36 PM
141	I have a preschooler and want a good education for him, I love the location being close to all stores in Salem and Plaistiw but the town itself being rural and not commercial.	5/6/2023 8:27 PM
142	We lived in Salem when first married and have returned to the area upon retirement.	5/3/2023 8:24 PM
143	I loved the quaint and small town atmosphere in Atkinson.	5/3/2023 5:36 PM
144	Great schools, quiet neighborhood, natural beauty	5/3/2023 4:52 PM
145	it's bedroom community charm and access to Mass. (for employment oportunties), access to major highways and cost relative to housing.	5/3/2023 2:27 PM
146	Friends	5/3/2023 1:44 PM
147	I had 2 friends living in Atkinson prior to moving here and they liked the town.	5/2/2023 9:19 AM
148	I was raised here, it was a wonderful place to grow up and I want the same for my family	5/1/2023 9:01 PM
149	It's a beautiful town. Lets keep it this way.	5/1/2023 7:33 PM
150	Selected property based on the tax rate.	5/1/2023 4:23 PM
151	A rural small town close to shopping and health care	5/1/2023 2:52 PM
152	I grew up here and moved back to raise my family.	5/1/2023 7:36 AM
153	Lived here my whole life	5/1/2023 7:11 AM
154	I love the small town feel and the country atmosphere	4/30/2023 6:08 PM
155	Tax rate, town character, schools, proximity to highways	4/30/2023 12:59 PM
156	of the character of the community in 1995	4/29/2023 3:55 PM
157	I moved here with my parents when I was 5 and moved out with them when I was 20. I always wanted to move back, so I did 14 years ago.	4/29/2023 10:56 AM
158	to be close to family members	4/29/2023 8:57 AM
159	I grew up here	4/28/2023 11:28 PM
160	I wanted the small town life and proximity to the Highway.	4/28/2023 11:17 AM
161	the character of the town was a good place to start a family and live.	4/28/2023 9:09 AM
162	Housing	4/28/2023 9:02 AM
163	Husband lived here	4/27/2023 7:01 PM
164	Initially, taxes (lived in MA). Now after 25+ years, community and charm.	4/27/2023 4:46 PM
165	Good value (47 years ago) and close to Boston	4/27/2023 2:19 PM
166	Have been in town over 50 years and hope to remain a resident	4/27/2023 12:48 PM
167	Quietness and low taxes	4/27/2023 11:30 AM
168	The small town feel, low taxes and affordability. I lived here 23 years ago, had to move for now ex husbands work, raised a family and moved back as soon as I could. Hope to retire here. Please keep it affordable so I can	4/27/2023 8:44 AM
169	It was a small country town.	4/27/2023 8:42 AM
170	Low taxes/ low business/ safe/ school system	4/27/2023 6:58 AM
171	Small town	4/26/2023 9:18 PM
172	ITS SUCH A BEAUTIFUL TOWN WITH MANY AMMENITES LIKE TO KEEP IT THAT WAY AND SUCH A BEAUTIFUL LAKE ITS SO QUIET/ PEACEFUL WITH MANY PEOPLE WHO WORK HARD TO KEEP IT THAT WAY	4/26/2023 9:03 PM
173	Small town and nice resources.	4/26/2023 8:13 PM

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174	The small town atmosphere and wild spaces	4/26/2023 8:00 PM
175	Quiet desirable location	4/26/2023 7:55 PM
176	Been here since I was born and i love my small quiet town that is full of nature	4/26/2023 7:15 PM
177	There was a condo that was not for over 55.	4/26/2023 6:57 PM
178	I wanted a safe, quiet neighborhood to raise my children.	4/26/2023 6:55 PM
179	It is a very well-run town with low taxes and a great location	4/26/2023 6:52 PM
180	Beautiful safe town to raise a family. Close to the ocean, mountains and lakes. Close to major hospitals, dining and shopping.	4/26/2023 6:49 PM
181	Quiet, safe, convenient to work	4/26/2023 6:47 PM
182	Affordability compared to Mass. (back in 1984)	4/26/2023 6:45 PM
183	Nice owner occupied single family homes and low taxes and good schools	4/26/2023 6:40 PM
184	Lower costs but still services, location	4/26/2023 6:35 PM
185	I have always lived in Atkinson 1951 to be exact	4/26/2023 6:19 PM
186	Family moved here 60 years ago	4/26/2023 6:11 PM
187	employment	4/26/2023 5:43 PM
188	Near work	4/26/2023 5:37 PM
189	It was reasonably priced back in the day.	4/26/2023 5:27 PM
190	I liked the community and my home.	4/26/2023 5:23 PM
191	I wanted to live in the "country"	4/26/2023 4:49 PM
192	Near my work in Andover, Rural character, low taxes, land availability	4/26/2023 4:28 PM
193	Convenient location	4/26/2023 4:25 PM
194	I grew up here since the 5th grade in the early 60s	4/26/2023 4:25 PM
195	Quality of life and convenience to services.	4/26/2023 3:43 PM
196	I wanted to raise my family in a place just like this one. People that care about each other, take care of one another, and are a little spread out. Clean air and water. Trees and Wildlife.	4/26/2023 3:42 PM
197	It was a small community next to towns that provide major services. At the time, Atkinson was not on the map, so not many people knew about it.	4/26/2023 2:58 PM
198	Atkinson is safe and has a small town feel. It is a quaint little town and doesn't have the hustle and bustle of surrounding towns.	4/26/2023 2:06 PM
199	I have wanted to live in Atkinson since the early 1980's but was never fortunate enough to get here. In 2016 my husband and I were looking for a home and this is where we landed. I feel so blessed to live in this beautiful town.	4/26/2023 2:04 PM
200	My daughter is here	4/26/2023 2:01 PM
201	Location and a small town feel	4/26/2023 1:49 PM
202	Small community with homes with acreage	4/26/2023 1:38 PM
203	Rural character	4/26/2023 1:13 PM
204	I love the semi rural setting and reasonably well priced homes.	4/26/2023 12:44 PM
205	I loved the small undeveloped town and enjoyed the peace and quiet of the country with very little traffic and noise	4/26/2023 12:43 PM
206	It is in NH (moved from Mass), it's beautiful, it's a small intimate community, but yet it has convenient access to multiple important services, retail, restaurants, etc.	4/26/2023 12:39 PM
207	Beautiful community	4/26/2023 12:33 PM

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208	I wanted to live in a safe community with a good school system.	4/26/2023 12:27 PM
209	I like the bedroom community, but the development has been excessive!!! Used to have zoning rules but it appears there are loopholes that the builders are avoiding as several properties do not seem to comply	4/26/2023 12:11 PM
210	1978	4/26/2023 11:50 AM
211	the kids left & didn't want to maintain a 9 room house,& was retiring soon.....& Atkinson really sold my wife as a small quaint community....& no traffic lights. !!!!!	4/26/2023 11:42 AM
212	Because the houses had space from neighbor with large setbacks unlike major cities and it had a rural feel but was still convenient to major areas	4/26/2023 11:29 AM
213	Small town feel and safe place to raise our children.	4/26/2023 11:24 AM
214	it was an affordable home within a reasonable commute to work	4/26/2023 11:24 AM
215	Grew up here	4/26/2023 11:20 AM
216	It is a beautiful place to live	4/26/2023 11:00 AM
217	It's peaceful, good neighbors and taxes are reasonable	4/26/2023 10:59 AM
218	We were attracted to the lake and a quieter town for our children to grow up in	4/26/2023 10:42 AM
219	Grew up here	4/26/2023 10:37 AM
220	My parents are aging and require me to be closer to help	4/26/2023 10:31 AM
221	Small residential town.	4/26/2023 10:15 AM
222	I fell in love with the house.	4/26/2023 10:05 AM
223	Loved the small town feel and look.	4/26/2023 10:02 AM
224	Small town with beautiful open space	4/26/2023 9:58 AM
225	I loved the view outside my windows, the charm of a small town, but the proximity to larger cities.	4/26/2023 9:52 AM
226	Open space large yards rural country charm	4/26/2023 9:42 AM
227	It's rural beauty/feel.	4/26/2023 9:31 AM
228	great place to raise a family	4/26/2023 9:29 AM
229	FAMILIAL ROOTS SINCE THE MID 1940'S	4/26/2023 9:28 AM
230	I liked the area.	4/26/2023 9:25 AM
231	Low tax rate, live in NH, close to ocean, mountains, good quality of life. Will stay here for long term, been here 28 years so far!	4/26/2023 9:21 AM
232	Very nice, friendly, with affordable taxes	4/26/2023 9:11 AM
233	School move for kids and it was close to where we came from.	4/25/2023 9:52 AM
234	Relatives live here	4/24/2023 10:58 PM
235	Quality of life	4/24/2023 9:32 AM
236	Bought our 1st home due to the special Ed program in the school district in 2000	4/24/2023 2:24 AM
237	It was a nice place to raise a family	4/24/2023 12:37 AM
238	My parents brought me here from Exeter hospital immediately after my birth.	4/23/2023 3:57 PM
239	I needed a place to live and God led us to Atkinson which turned out to be delightful blessing!	4/23/2023 3:57 PM
240	I have lived in Atkinson for 45 years and have seen our small town change immensely. I do not wish for it to get any larger.	4/23/2023 2:53 PM
241	It's a quaint town convenient to everything	4/23/2023 8:24 AM

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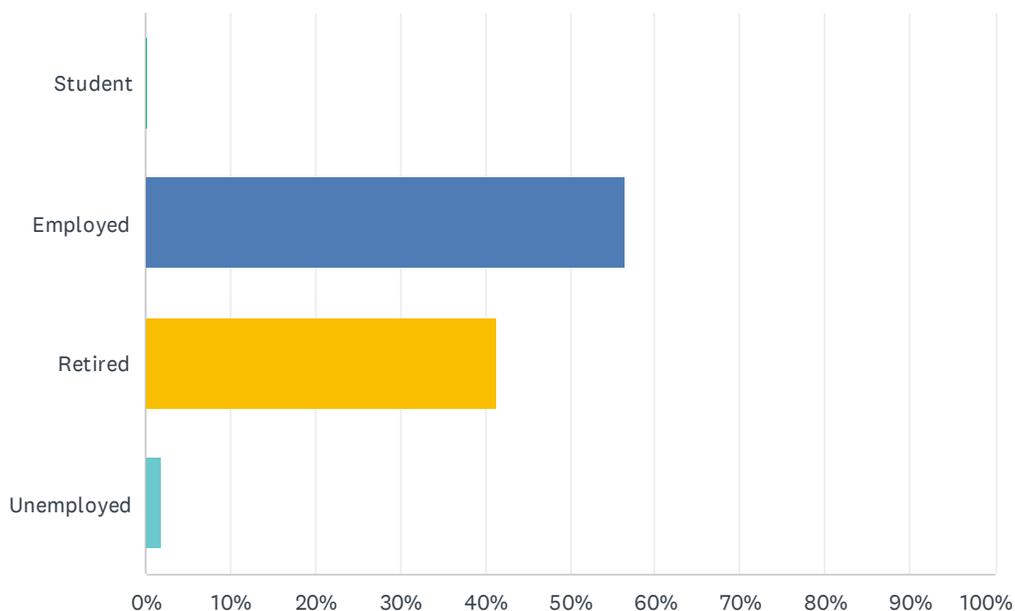
242	I grew up here and it's a great town and community to raise kids	4/22/2023 5:50 AM
243	Beautiful neighborhood/town, convenience to surrounding towns for shopping etc. Convenience to major roadways	4/21/2023 11:05 PM
244	We found a home that had an in-law and was close enough to my husbands job.	4/21/2023 9:27 PM
245	I've lived here all my life!	4/21/2023 8:45 PM
246	Small town	4/21/2023 8:42 PM
247	I was raised here since 1973. Brought my own family back after living in Boston & SoCal	4/21/2023 8:14 PM
248	Low town tax impact. Maintained property values.	4/21/2023 7:47 PM
249	It is like the perfect small town. Great people. Nice and small. No commercial developments.	4/21/2023 7:22 PM
250	I enjoy the small town feel and the sense of community.	4/21/2023 7:12 PM
251	it was the only place in southern NH/MA where we could find an affordable home	4/21/2023 5:54 PM
252	Lived here most of my life.	4/21/2023 4:06 PM
253	We wanted a small town with low/no commercial development and an active community	4/21/2023 2:40 PM
254	no option	4/21/2023 2:01 PM
255	This is where I grew up. I love this town and its people.	4/21/2023 1:44 PM
256	It is quiet and the people here are friendly and take pride in themselves and their homes and community	4/21/2023 9:33 AM
257	Not sure	4/21/2023 8:23 AM
258	It was quiet and not to far of a drive to ocean, city, mountains, etc	4/20/2023 8:25 PM
259	Small town but close enough to shopping and services	4/20/2023 6:08 PM
260	i love the small town yet close to what i need people are so nice in the town hall. fire, police. very helpful and kind	4/20/2023 5:11 PM
261	It has a positive reputation for community and education	4/20/2023 4:30 PM
262	it's proximity to a big city / sea coast / lakes region. Between 93 and 495 allows us to find jobs in different areas. And no real commercial concentration. Single family homes with 1 acre min. In a variety of styles to diversify the population.	4/20/2023 1:20 PM
263	It's closer to I-93 and I-495. With the lower tax rate, we could afford a bigger home for our growing family.	4/20/2023 1:04 PM
264	We bought an affordable house 26 yrs ago	4/20/2023 12:07 PM
265	Husbands family lived here since 1970	4/20/2023 11:52 AM
266	to marry resident	4/19/2023 3:34 PM
267	i enjoyed a more rural feel, but still with access to amenities,	4/19/2023 3:01 PM
268	Close to work	4/19/2023 9:55 AM
269	at the time property was reasonably affordable and rural.	4/19/2023 8:51 AM
270	Condo floor plan and reasonable access to coastal and city life.	4/18/2023 8:29 PM
271	Condo living, quiet town	4/18/2023 11:30 AM
272	job change	4/18/2023 10:41 AM
273	Close to Mass. Proximity to shopping and the coast.	4/17/2023 1:34 PM
274	To raise my family	4/17/2023 8:31 AM
275	type of housing available and Atkinson was near my place of employment at the time of the move	4/16/2023 6:23 PM

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276	Wanted lower costs, detached condominium retirement home & be closer to our 3 Grandkids who live in Hampstead.	4/16/2023 6:09 PM
277	country charm - let's keep it that way!	4/16/2023 8:52 AM
278	It was quiet and conservation was important to the town (and me).	4/16/2023 8:42 AM
279	job	4/16/2023 8:36 AM
280	I liked the more rural feel and (at the time) more open spaces.	4/15/2023 4:57 PM
281	lower population, lack of commerce such as strip malls, small town New England vibe.	4/15/2023 2:00 PM
282	Location and small town feel, affordable housing at the time.	4/15/2023 9:39 AM
283	It was a lovely small NH town that was pretty and peaceful.	4/14/2023 7:42 PM
284	Small town character, rural environment yet close to highways, shopping, medical and other services.	4/14/2023 3:56 PM
285	I wanted to live in NH, close the MA border in a small bedroom community.	4/14/2023 11:46 AM
286	Live near immediate relatives	4/14/2023 10:01 AM
287	Born and raised. Do not plan on leaving.	4/14/2023 6:42 AM
288	Loved the beautiful, rural small town.	4/14/2023 5:15 AM
289	Small town living close to city	4/13/2023 9:53 PM
290	I liked the environment and surroundings	4/13/2023 9:25 PM
291	loved the small town feel. nice town.	4/13/2023 3:17 PM
292	It is a fantastic community to raise my sons!	4/13/2023 2:36 PM
293	Downsizing, wilderness beauty, access to household needs.	4/13/2023 2:23 PM
294	Family owned home 50* years & enjoy the town & location	4/13/2023 12:31 PM
295	We fell in love with our house	4/13/2023 10:58 AM
296	Lifestyle choice	4/12/2023 11:09 PM
297	I like the small town feel, and close proximity to shopping districts and I-495	4/12/2023 10:04 PM
298	Liked the community, liked the house, liked the lower taxes, liked the open space.	4/12/2023 9:41 PM
299	A condo was available when after we sod home in Haverhill	4/12/2023 7:49 PM
300	location to highway	4/12/2023 5:31 PM
301	I love the quiet town where I know people are always willing to help each other. Love the farms and undeveloped land.	4/12/2023 4:51 PM
302	I loved that it was a small town, with a great community feel but close enough to neighboring towns that had restaurants, shops, etc. I love that there's farms and land. Its a great town to raise a family.	4/12/2023 3:23 PM
303	School system, neighborhood, community	4/12/2023 3:16 PM
304	My parents did 1950	4/12/2023 2:04 PM
305	Found an amazing house, at the right price, in an incredible location with some of the best property tax rates around.	4/12/2023 2:00 PM
306	It's a small rural town, close to other areas where I can shop, dine, etc.	4/12/2023 1:17 PM
307	It was good value	4/12/2023 12:49 PM
308	Small, mostly quiet community with rural charm. Close to shopping and highways.	4/12/2023 12:47 PM
309	It's beautiful and is a very welcoming, engaged community.	4/12/2023 12:28 PM

Q46 What is your employment status?

Answered: 322 Skipped: 120



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Student	0.31% 1
Employed	56.52% 182
Retired	41.30% 133
Unemployed	1.86% 6
TOTAL	322

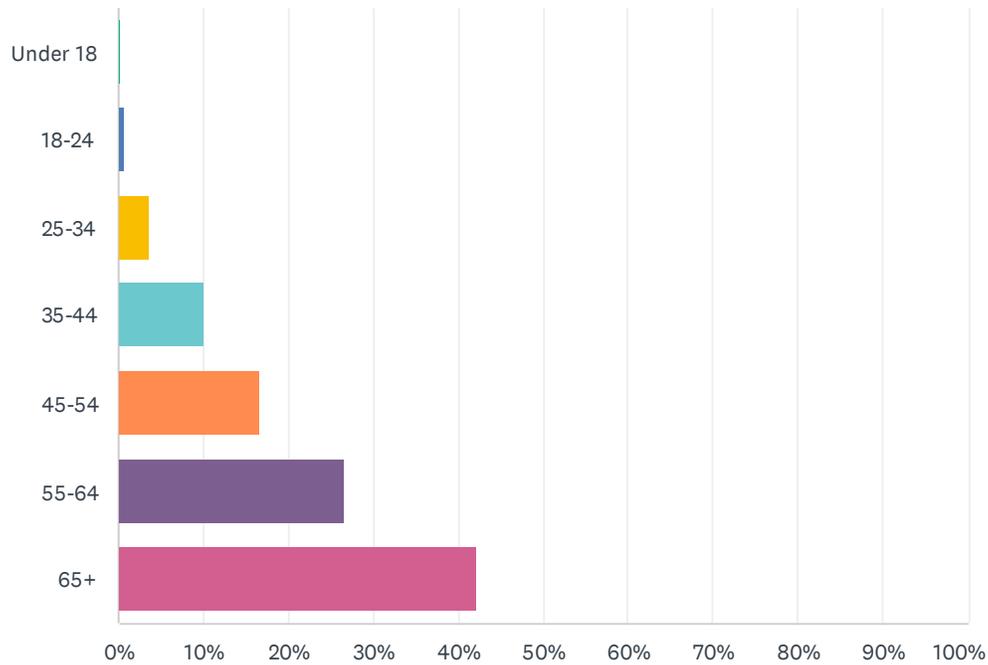
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	semi retired	5/18/2023 3:45 PM
2	Active volunteer	5/11/2023 8:06 PM
3	Self employed	5/11/2023 2:04 PM
4	laid off in January 2023	5/11/2023 11:44 AM
5	self employed	5/11/2023 7:22 AM
6	but still working	5/10/2023 10:31 PM
7	work part time	5/10/2023 8:50 PM
8	Self employed	4/26/2023 8:00 PM
9	Self employed	4/26/2023 6:35 PM
10	semi retired- working 32 hrs/wk	4/26/2023 4:28 PM
11	Self employed	4/26/2023 2:04 PM

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12	Part time	4/26/2023 10:15 AM
13	Disabled 2012	4/24/2023 2:24 AM
14	Stay at home caretaker	4/21/2023 7:22 PM
15	retired working part time	4/21/2023 5:54 PM
16	Self-employed	4/14/2023 7:42 PM

Q47 What age range group do you fit into from the following?

Answered: 331 Skipped: 111



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0.30%	1
18-24	0.60%	2
25-34	3.63%	12
35-44	9.97%	33
45-54	16.62%	55
55-64	26.59%	88
65+	42.30%	140
TOTAL		331

Summary of Discussion Notes

The notes below are transcribed from group discussion notes taken by a representative of each group that took place as part of the Housing Focus Group event for the Atkinson Master Plan update. There was a total of six groups that were broken out as part of the event.

1. Public outreach conducted so far for the Master Plan has indicated that community members are split on whether the town should encourage different housing alternatives beyond the single-family home. Housing types that some community members are in support of seeing include **accessory dwelling units/in-law apartments, cottage style housing developments** that include **starter homes** or **homes for those looking to downsize**, and, to a lesser degree, **duplexes**, and **assisted living options**.

- a. **In general, would your group support seeing more of these housing alternatives in Atkinson?**

- i. Yes, we support an increase in ADUs/duplexes, in-law apartments, and cottage style developments. Open to all but realize soil density restrictions may dictate which of these are allowed in areas of town. Ensure decisions are based on federal and state guidelines. Question – Is there a maximum capacity based on Atkinson soils?
 - ii. We do need assisted living to stay in town. Code needs to be changed to allow for detached in-law apartments.
 - iii. Detached ADUs. Duplexes (multi-generational) – single lot, townhome. Cottage style development with buffer.
 - iv. Atkinson is 95% built out which adds demands on schools, fire, and police. Worried about changing the character of the town. Maybe less restrictive ADUs? Addressing quantity doesn't necessarily bring prices down.
 - v. In favor of accessory dwelling units. Assisted living needs (average age 52 years). Housing costs are issue statewide.

- b. **Are there other housing types beyond the ones listed above that should be encouraged in Atkinson? If so, what types?**

- i. Detached ADUS – all agree (except KG). Apartments – HB1661 tax incentives (except KG). Single family – using subsidies. We don't want to overburden town with water/sewer issues. No trailer parks or houses on wheels.
 - ii. Assisted living, attached/detached ADUs, duplexes - ensure standards consider impacts on septic and state requirements.

- iii. Allow more apartments in commercial zone only. Not 100% supported by our group.
- iv. Support workforce housing (for police, firefighters, and teachers).

c. Where in town should these new homes be allowed or encouraged?

- i. Not much space left. Depends on soils. Possible use of single-family homes and renovate to duplex. Between Broadway and Salem Road. If it's a 2-4 unit property, Atkinson should make sure its owner occupied.
- ii. Any areas – not Main Street. Assisted living at country club or on 10 acres or more.
- iii. Within existing CP/CI.
- iv. Assisted living – allow in C, CI, and CP. Affordability????
- v. Multifamily homes on 111. Can't build workforce housing without affecting property values. Could the maze be a place for workforce housing?

2. Public feedback submitted for the Master Plan so far has indicted community members have differing views on housing issues in town. Some have noted that there is a lack of affordable housing to meet the needs of young families, older adults, fixed income households, and middle-to-low-income residents. However, overdevelopment, the strain on resources that an increasing population can have, and loss of rural character were all concerns referenced in public feedback.

a. In your opinion, how might Atkinson balance the need to address housing needs and protect its rural character?

- i. Redevelop existing housing. IF we start opening the door, can we have a growth management plan? Such as number of units allowed per year.
- ii. Keep the rural character. Where to put buildings will be important.
- iii. Town/local – limited administration. Not a lot of interest for the town to spend time to come up with new zoning.
- iv. Need to explore – SR housing 55+ and condos

3. Should the town encourage more rental units for families, working residents, older adults, and younger populations? If so, how?

- a. Yes – owner occupied requirement.
- b. Yes – attached or detached ADUs or tiny homes.
- c. Yes – provide options for different phases of life (young adults, older adults); rental homes (but need to determine how this might impact neighborhoods – how many do we really want?) – zoning law changes can impact community

4. **Are there areas where multi-family housing units are currently not permitted and should be?**
 - a. Where there's three-acre zoning. Assisted living is needed but should have an analysis of impact on town services.
 - b. Yes it should be allowed anywhere.
 - c. Commercial and mixed use zones.
 - d. Unknown

5. **Any additional ideas on how the town might support or encourage the construction of different housing alternatives to meet housing needs in Atkinson?**
 - a. More retail space to attract/keep younger people in town.
 - b. Tax breaks or incentives for the developers. Town needs a housing authority to look for buildings, lands, and grants to support.
 - c. Pulling back some of the restrictions (1 acre zoning).
 - d. Do we have the land? Cottage style housing for young people.

Other Written Comments

- Has a hydrologist been consulted to determine the status of the aquifer beneath the town? And what if any effects on this aquifer would result from increasing housing units and/or density?
- Tax reduction if elderly allow family and they help with childcare? Encourage this to build community. Also helps elderly stay in their homes.
- How many ADUs exist today? How many duplexes? Max town density based on soil? Ask folks – would you add an ADU or unattached housing unit?
- Multifamily housing - is there a law for a percent to be affordable housing? Inclusion provision is voluntary. Density bonus might be a nice added feature.

Group Report Out Notes

As part of the Housing Focus Group event, a group report out was coordinated at the end where individuals from each group were able to share highlights about their group's conversations. Below includes a transcription of notes that were taken during this group report out session.

- Very supportive of detached ADUS
- Supporting aging in place and multigenerational living
- Young families/family starting cohort – important to address their housing needs
- Duplexes discussed as option – however, impacts to rural character was noted as a concern (important to distinguish between owner/renter occupied)
- Concerns over absentee landlords with increase of renter occupied duplexes
- Atkinson has an inclusionary zoning incentive already in place
- Atkinson close to built out but some good chunks of land still left
- Apartments and rentals geared toward younger families/individuals needed
- In commercial/professional zones – mixed use opportunities exist
- Little interest in expanding commercial uses in town for many – 111 could be a place to new housing
- Important for the town to look at the potential impacts of any new/potential housing solutions
- Not enough families/kids in Atkinson
- Concerns about too much additional construction once new housing types are allowed
- Concerns over new housing construction impacting rural character negatively – concerned about the “slippery slope”
- Market realities will dictate construction
- Does Atkinson have septic/water capacity to handle new housing units?
- Could multifamily housing be built by 111?
- Need more options for young adlts and families
- Concerns about rental housing (especially high amounts of it) changing character of town
- Consider conversions of commercial buildings to residential uses
- Cottage style cluster development – could be a good option for many ages
- Soil restrictions and water impacts – suitability for new housing development
- Don't want to burden town with additional water issues
- Consider manufactured homes, tiny houses without wheels, and ADUS
- How can we encourage young families to move to town?
- How much vacant land is left in Atkinson?
- Promoting housing development does not necessarily mean its going to be affordable
- There are administrative implications to adding additional housing provisions
- There was one group that was not in favor of any housing alternatives identified in discussion question packet – there are concerns about straining municipal resources and the impact to the tax rate

- Assisted living/other similar alternatives – if allowed, would be best in the commercial zone
- Very comprehensive zoning to protect town is already in place
- Ensure compliance with state septic/water standards
- Senior living options are important to consider
- Support for assisted living options in commercial zones of town
- Increase in some rentals could attract younger families – not on main street – keep rural character
- Support for tiny houses/villages
- Keep the elderly here
- Townhomes for younger adults/families
- Zoning in town not consistent
- Think through detached ADU provision carefully

Master Plan Committee

Natural Resources: Water

Discussion with Atkinson Water Resource Committee

September 20, 2023

As part of the continuing Outreach and Engagement, members of the Master Plan Committee met with the Atkinson Water Resource Committee at their September 20, 2023 meeting.

The following are the recommended action items from the Water Committee:

Water Committee Recommendations: 10/22/2023

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the request of the Master Planning Committee, the Water committee has reviewed the outreach engagement study. The study identified that most residents are concerned with quality (contaminants and pollutants), supply of drinking water, and potential impacts of development and environmental events such as drought.

Based on residents' concerns, ensuring the quality of drinking water, surface water, and wetlands through planning, protection, and monitoring of water resources should be a priority of the Town over the long-term.

The Water Committee has compiled the following recommendations for consideration.

General Recommendations:

1. Given the complexity of water regulations and science we recommend the town budgets for an environmental consultant specializing in water regulations to perform a professional study on the Town's long-term water needs, as well as inform on implications of regulations and ensure compliance. There is a high probability that such a study could be funded through a grant.
2. The Water Resource Committee can support by providing on-going education to the public on conservation and protection through newsletters, seminars, and social media as well serve as a technical resource to town officials.

Water conservation consists of three main aspects: Supply, Quality, and Regulations.

1. Supply – Ensuring adequate future supply and access of water resources for by developing new sources and protecting the quality of existing sources.

2. Quality – Keeping water sources free from contamination by pollutants that diminish the long usability. The PFAS contamination is a ground water example. Algae blooms caused by fertilizer run-off is a surface water example.

3. Regulations – Remaining compliant with State and Federal regulations pertaining to water resources as well as developing local regulations. Water regulations are issued by the EPA and NH DES and are ever changing and are legally enforced. Failure to comply can result in fines and shutdown of water sources. Current relevant regulations include MS4 (for storm water), Clean Water Act (Surface and Groundwater), Toxic Substance Reporting Act (Use of substances such as PFAS), Wetlands Protection Act, NFPA.

Surface Water

In Atkinson, surface water is used for recreation, agriculture, and fire protection. In the future, surface waters could be developed to be drinking water sources. To ensure continued supply and access the town can:

Surface Water Recommendations: To ensure the long-term quality of surface waters the Town can;

1. Comply with storm water regulations (MS4), Clean Water Act, and Wetlands Regulations (Town Administrator/Environmental Consultant)
2. Classify surface waters to limit development and restrict certain types of usage to minimize potential for contamination (Conservation Commission)
3. Maintain and enforce the Town's existing Wetlands and a floodplain ordinance (Conservation Commission)
4. Establish zoning rules within water sheds areas to monitor growth (Planning and Zoning)
5. Build a multi-year plan to budget and maintain drainage of swales, run-off, and fire ponds (DPW)
6. Inspect fire ponds per NFPA guidelines (Fire Department)
7. Limit road salt and seek alternate methods (DPW)

GROUND WATER: Ground water is a primary supply of the drinking water for the residents of the Town. It is estimated that the Town uses ~1M gallons per day of water.

The town has a robust supply of drinking water utilizing private wells; wells owned by Hampstead Area Water Company (HAWC); and access to the regional pipeline that should sustain growth into the future.

Ground Water Recommendations: To ensure the long-term quality and supply of drinking water the Town can consider:

1. Track installation of new, existing, and abandoned wells through creation of a local process permitting.
2. Study water access rights and the need to secure for long term supply