

Wilton Local Comprehensive Plan Questionnaire

Please Answer and return to the Town Office–PO Box 157 Wilton, ME 04294

1. What would you like Wilton to be like 10 years from now?

2. What do you think the town could do to help achieve that?

3. Why do you live in Wilton?

Section 1. Population Demographics

Wilton's population in 2000 was 4123, in 1990 was 4242, in 1980 was 4382, and in 1970 was 3802.

1. How long have you lived here and how long do you plan to live in Wilton?

2. Please check if you ___ own or operate a farm or other agricultural land, ___ own woodland, ___ own lake front property, ___ own a business, ___ work, ___ rent, ___ own a home in Wilton.

Section 2. Economy

State Goal: To promote an economic climate that increases job opportunities and overall economic well-being.

1. Are you or someone in your household working at this time?

A. If not, would someone like to be working and at what?

B. If so, what is their job?

Are you content with your job?

2. What jobs do you think will be available for Wilton people in 10 years?
3. What jobs would you like to have available?
4. Does Wilton or the surrounding area need any changes to make the economic side of your life better? For example, tax breaks for commercial businesses.
5. What kinds of businesses would you like to see in Wilton and would you patronize Wilton Stores?

3. Housing

State Goal: To encourage and promote affordable, decent housing opportunities for all Maine Citizens.

1. Where do you live in Wilton?
2. What needs do you see for housing in Wilton?

In your neighborhood?

3. How should Wilton go about addressing these needs?
4. Where should residential housing growth occur?

Section 4 . Transportation

State Goal: To plan for, finance and develop an efficient system of public facilities and services to accommodate anticipated growth and economic development.

Since 1988, Wilton has appropriated nearly three million dollars on road reconstruction and 1.75 million dollars on street and paving projects not including routine winter and summer maintenance funding.

Driving:

1. How are the roads in Wilton?
2. Safety:

Are there places or conditions that you feel are safety concerns in our town?

Is speed a problem and where?

Maintenance and upgrades: Should the we continue to spent the same amount or more or less on road projects?

How do you feel about the suggested East-West Highway, limited access four lane highway through Wilton?

3. Do you bicycle or walk in Wilton? Comments

4. Do you use public transportation? How could it be improved? Under what circumstances would you use public transportation, where would you go, and how often would you go there?

5. Development along roads—Should development be limited along highways with speeds of 45 mph in order to maintain both speed and safety of these roads?

6. Parking: Should additional parking areas be developed for downtown businesses? Should Wilton tear down houses to provide this additional parking?

7. Should the railroad bed be used for more than motorized recreation?

Section 5. Recreation—indoor and outdoor

State Goal: To promote and protect the availability of outdoor recreation opportunities for all Maine Citizens, including access to surface waters.

1. Do you ever use private land, other than your own, for recreation? Is access or development a problem now or do you think it may become a problem? If so, what would you like to see done?
2. Are community outdoor recreational areas such as Kineowatha Park or Wilson Lake meeting your needs?
3. Should any places used for recreation be improved to better serve your needs? If so, how?

Section 6 Water Resources

State Goal: To protect the quality and manage the quantity of the State's water resources, including lakes, aquifers, great ponds, and rivers.

1. Do you think that Wilton's water resources, including its lakes, streams, and aquifers are adequately protected?

Section 7 Critical Natural Resources

State Goal: To protect the State's other critical natural resources, including without limitation, wetlands, wildlife and fisheries habitat, shorelands, scenic vistas, and unique natural areas.

1. What is your favorite natural area in Wilton and why?
2. Are there areas of Wilton that you feel need protection and why?
3. Should Wilton regulate light pollution and/or noise pollution?

Section 8. Historic Preservation

State Goal: To preserve the State's historic and archaeological resources.

1. What do you consider Wilton's land mark buildings or places?
2. Are any of them in jeopardy due to deterioration or development?
3. What could be done to protect or preserve them?
4. Should the town try to identify places used by Native Americans and protect these places?

Section 9. Agriculture, Forest Resources, Open Space and Street Trees

State Goals: To safeguard the State's agricultural and forest resources form development which threatens those resources.

1. Whether you own land in Wilton or not, do you have any comments about farming in Wilton?
2. Do you have any comments about forest management in Wilton?
3. If you own farmland or woodland in Wilton,

Do you manage it in any way?

How would you like that land used in the future and what would help you to achieve that goal?
4. Should tax money or zoning be used to keep land as fields or forests?
5. Should Wilton plant and maintain street trees?

6. Should Wilton acquire more town forest land?

Section 10 Public Facilities and services

State Goal: To plan for, finance and develop an efficient system of public facilities and services to accommodate anticipated growth and economic development.

1. What are the facilities that you use? Parks, schools, library, Town Office, transfer station, etc?
2. Could these facilities be better utilized?
3. What services do you use? Water, sewer, Town Office, Police, Fire, snow removal, road maintenance, recreation programs, etc?
4. Could services be improved?
5. What services would you like to see added/removed?
6. How is the present town administration working?

Section 11. Fiscal Capacity and Capital Investment Plan

State goal: To plan for, finance and develop an efficient system of public facilities and services to accommodate anticipated growth and economic development.

1. Should the Town build up funds for major purchases or should it raise taxes in the year needed or should it borrow money when needed or should the Town cut services?

Section 12. Existing land use and future land use.

State Goal: To encourage orderly growth and development in appropriate areas of each community, while protecting the state's rural character, making efficient use of public services, and preventing development sprawl.

1. Where are the best places for residential development growth and why?
2. Will existing trends lead to the kind of growth that you want to see in Wilton?
3. What is the effect of these trends on Wilton?
4. Should Wilton attempt to change the outcome from these trends and how should we go about it?