

**Dear Unity Resident/Property Owner:**

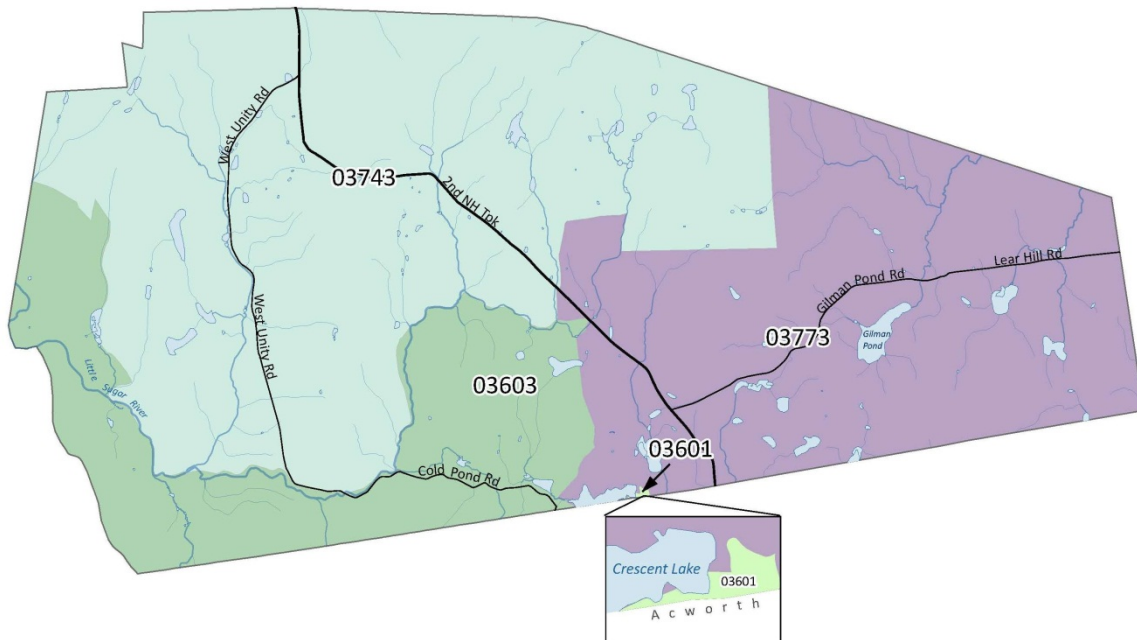


**Please help us! Your opinion counts!**

The Unity Planning Board is initiating an update to the Town’s Master Plan. The Master Plan documents existing conditions and community attitudes toward current and future growth; then provides policy guidance to achieve community land use goals and improve town services in the coming years. Your opinions as a Unity resident and/or property owner are critical to help the Planning Board prepare a Master Plan that reflects the community’s vision for the future of the Town. Please take a few minutes to complete this survey. Your input and opinions are much appreciated.

Please complete and return the survey by **Friday, June 28, 2013**. Surveys may be returned by:

- Dropping the survey off at the Unity Town Offices, Unity Transfer Station, or Unity General Store;
- OR
- Refolding, taping, affixing a stamp, and mailing the survey to the Unity Town Offices.



1. Which best describes the area of Town in which you live or own land? (Please refer to map above.)

- a. 03743 Zip Code
- b. 03603 Zip Code
- c. 03773 Zip Code
- d. 03601 Zip Code

2. How long have you lived or owned property in Unity?
- a. Less than 1 year
  - b. 1-5 years
  - c. 6-10 years
  - d. 11-20 years
  - e. 21-30 years
  - f. 31 years plus
3. Are you a (check all that apply):
- a. Year-round resident
  - b. Part-time or seasonal resident
  - c. Property owner
  - d. Renter
4. Which of the following describes your employment status?
- a. Homemaker
  - b. Self-employed
  - c. Employed full-time
  - d. Employed part-time
  - e. Student
  - f. Retired
  - g. Unemployed
  - h. Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
5. What ages are represented in your household? (Check all that apply.)
- a. Under 18
  - b. 18-30
  - c. 31-50
  - d. 51-70
  - e. Over 70
  - f. I prefer not to answer
6. Why do you feel Unity is a desirable place to live? (Check all that apply.)
- a. Born and/or raised in the area
  - b. Small-town atmosphere
  - c. Uncrowded, quiet living conditions
  - d. Outdoor recreation opportunities
  - e. Agricultural opportunities
  - f. Friendly people
  - g. Employment opportunities
  - h. School system
  - i. Town planning
  - j. Low housing cost
  - k. Low taxes
  - l. Accessibility to work
  - m. Other(s) - Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

7A. Unity’s Town Government oversees and administers town services. Based on your experiences, please rate the effectiveness of Unity’s Town Government.

	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	No Opinion
a. Board of Selectmen						
b. Planning Board						
c. Zoning Board of Adjustment						
d. Town Clerk						
e. Tax Collector						

7B. Please share any thoughts you may have about what is working well in Town Government, or what could be improved.

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8A. The Town of Unity provides some community services to its residents and contracts for other community services with neighboring municipalities, agencies, and service districts. Based on your experiences, please rate the following community services in Unity.

	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	No Opinion
a. Fire Protection						
b. Police Protection						
c. Ambulance Services						
d. Other Emergency Services						

	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	No Opinion
e. Road Maintenance						
f. Snowplowing						
g. Library Services						
h. Transfer Station						
i. Building Inspection						
j. Animal Control						
k. Land Conservation						
l. Schools						
m. Postal Service						
n. Town Website (www.unitynh.gov)						

8B. Please share any thoughts you may have about what is working well with Unity’s community services, or what could be improved.

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9A. Does your Unity property have Internet access?  
 \_\_\_\_\_ a. Yes (If checking Yes, please answer Part B, below) \_\_\_\_\_ b. No

9B. If you answered “Yes” to 9A: What type of internet access do you have?

_____ a. Modem/Dial-up	_____ e. DSL through phone company
_____ b. Satellite	_____ f. T1, T3, or other high-speed copper service
_____ c. Cable	_____ g. Wireless internet through cell phone network
_____ d. Fiber-optic	

10. What new technological services (or expansion of existing services) would you like in Unity?  
(Check all that apply.)

- a. Cable television
- b. High-speed internet
- c. Cell phone coverage
- d. Other (Please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- e. None

11A. Based on your experiences, please rate the following community facilities in Unity.

	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	No Opinion
a. Unity Town Offices						
b. Unity Town Hall						
c. Unity Highway Yard						
d. Unity Fire House						
e. Unity Transfer Station						
f. Unity Conservation Lands						

11B. Please share any thoughts you may have about what is working well with Unity’s community facilities, or what could be improved.

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12. What new community facilities or buildings would you like to see in Unity?  
(Check all that apply.)

- a. Separate Library Building
- b. Community Center/Recreation Center
- c. Street Lighting/Sidewalks
- d. Other (Please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- e. None

13. What do you think Unity should do to improve its tax base? (Check all that apply.)

- a. Encourage new business/industry
- b. Encourage expansion of existing business/industry
- c. Encourage additional commercial development
- d. Encourage new higher-value housing
- e. Encourage housing for mature residents (55 years and older)
- f. Encourage vacation/recreational business/industry
- g. Other (Please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- h. Nothing

14. What businesses or services would you like to see (or see more of) in Unity? (Check all that apply.)

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> a. Retail Sales                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> j. Light Industry (e.g. Research and Development) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> b. Automotive Service                           | <input type="checkbox"/> k. Manufacturing                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> c. Sand and Gravel Excavation                   | <input type="checkbox"/> l. Forestry and Timber                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> d. Eating Establishments                        | <input type="checkbox"/> m. Agriculture                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> e. Professional Offices                         | <input type="checkbox"/> n. Health Care Services                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> f. Lodging (B&Bs, Inns, Motels, Hotels)         | <input type="checkbox"/> o. Other: _____                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> g. Tourism-based Businesses                     | <input type="checkbox"/> p. No New Businesses or Services                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> h. Personal Services                            |                                                                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> i. Home-based Businesses ("Cottage Industries") |                                                                            |

15. Which of the following types of future residential growth would you like to see in Unity? (Check all that apply.)

- a. Single-family
- b. Two-family (duplex)
- c. Conversion of a large house to a multi-family house (3-4 units)
- d. New multi-family construction
- e. Accessory apartments in existing houses or buildings on the same parcel
- f. Manufactured housing/mobile home parks
- g. Manufactured housing/mobile homes on individual lots
- h. Conservation subdivision: single-family houses on small lots with large open space
- i. None

16. Are any of the following traffic conditions a problem on roads in Unity? (Check all that apply and specify which roads.)

- a. Truck traffic \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Traffic speed \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Pedestrian/Bicycle/Horse Safety \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Traffic noise \_\_\_\_\_

17. Please indicate your agreement or disagreement with the following statements, as they apply to Unity over the next decade.

Unity should...	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Protect some land from development.					
Provide affordable housing.					
Encourage development to stimulate the economy.					
Preserve water quality by strictly enforcing State regulations for on-site wastewater systems.					
Develop energy efficiency standards for municipal facilities and equipment.					
Encourage environmentally sensitive, low-impact business and industry development.					
Preserve its historic buildings and cemeteries.					
Focus new development away from critical environmental areas and wildlife habitats.					
Seek to maintain a stable local economy by encouraging cottage industries.					
Encourage alternative energy production.					
Develop a program to promote forestry best management practices.					
Establish a Capital Improvement Program to plan for necessary improvements to public facilities.					
Discourage land uses that negatively impact environmental quality.					
Encourage local production agriculture.					
Identify, designate, and protect scenic roads.					

18. To what extent do you wish the Town to maintain its roads, culverts, and bridges?
- a. Regularly: Town infrastructure should be maintained in good condition at all times.
  - b. As-Needed: Focus only on “worst first” maintenance/repairs of town infrastructure.
  - c. Bare Minimum: Focus only on critical structural repairs to town infrastructure.

19. Do you support protection of the following resources? (Check all that apply.)

- a. Areas of important wildlife habitat
- b. Historic buildings and sites
- c. Scenic views
- d. Surface water resources
- e. Groundwater resources
- f. Agricultural land/open fields
- g. Recreational access to land
- h. Other (Please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

20. Please indicate your agreement or disagreement with the following statements, as they apply to Unity.

Unity should promote...	Agree	Disagree	No Opinion
Energy conservation.			
Alternative energy production.			
Hazardous waste collections.			
Public access to lakes, rivers and ponds.			
Public access to trails.			

21. Do you have any other comments or suggestions related to topics not covered in this survey?

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- 1) **Unity Town Office;**  
OR
- 2) **Unity Transfer Station;**  
OR
- 3) **Unity General Store.**

If returning the survey by mail, please send it to:

**Town of Unity  
13 Center Road  
Charlestown, NH 03603**

*Please return by: **June 28, 2013***

**Thank you very much for your time and opinions!**

Unity Community Survey Enclosed

Town of Unity  
Planning Board  
13 Center Road  
Charlestown, NH 03603