



Canterbury Winter Farmer's Market 11-14-12

Public Input for the **Central New Hampshire Regional Plan:** **A GRANITE STATE FUTURE**



Event Summary

CNHRPC attended the **Canterbury Winter Farmer's Market** on 11-14-12 as an exhibitor to gather public input on the **Central NH Regional Plan** and inform attendees about the initiative. Residents from **Canterbury**, including children from the **Canterbury Elementary School's fifth grade class**, and **Loudon** in the Central NH Region and residents from communities outside of the Region visited the **CNHRPC** table and participated in public input activities at this event. Participants were invited to complete **Granite State Future** Cards (**Comment Cards**) and a Visual Preference Survey (**Picture Survey**). A total of **24** people participated, contributing their ideas and preferences for the future of their community and region.

Granite State Future Cards (**Comment Cards**)

Participants completed the two-question Cards indicating what they like best about their community and area and what could be improved. Representative comments from **CNHRPC** Region Card responses include:

Total Cards Completed: **24**

What do you like best about your community or the area?

- "Lots of peaceful woods, friendly community, Canterbury store."
- "The best thing about Canterbury is that it is a small town and we have a great school."
- "I love the great sense of community, love that it's relatively rural."
- "The human spirit & connections, lots of activities, good church community, sharing, caring for others, helping others automatically."
- "The ability to get around by foot and bike."
- "Downtown, Mom & Pop stores, small city feel, walk downtown meeting people."

What could make your community or the area even better?

- "Skate park, activity center for kids/community members."
- "Biking lanes for commuting to Concord from neighboring towns."
- "Country store add breakfast/lunch café with music. Keep land open. Limit development. Allow green industry in appropriate areas."
- "I would like to have trails for dirt bikes/ATVs in the area."
- "More emphasis and economic breaks for agriculture, sustainable and local living, more venues for products."
- "Cluster housing, more affordable housing."



**A Granite State Future
Is Your Future.**

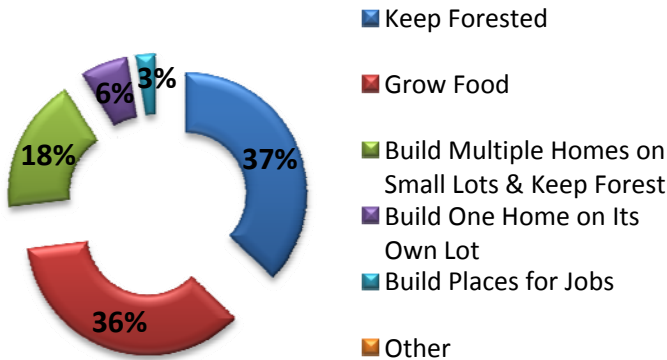
Visual Preference Survey (**Picture Survey**)

Average Dots Per Category: **76**

The Picture Survey was a poster with five pictures in each of five categories relating to community planning issues: **Use of Land, Recreation, Housing, Getting Around, and Businesses**. Participants were given three colored dots (“votes”) per category to choose which community characteristics they preferred. An *Other* choice was provided so participants could write in additional preferences. Charts indicating the percentage of responses within each category are shown:

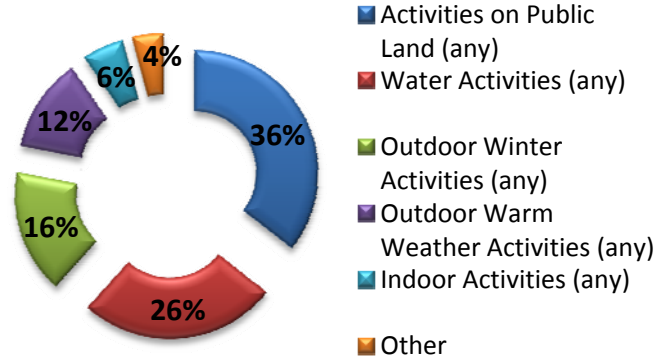
Use of Land

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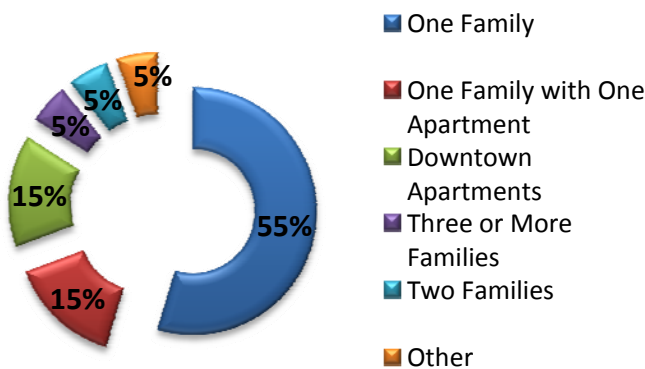
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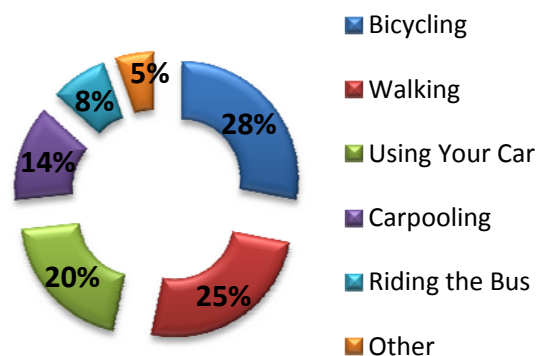
Housing

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Getting Around

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Visitors who did not complete their *Granite State Future* Cards at the event could visit www.granitestatefuture.org and click on **Share Your Idea** to submit online, or could return completed **Comment Cards** to a Listening Box in their community. With the insight into what people feel is important to their community, the **Central New Hampshire Regional Plan** will be designed as a living document reflecting local values and priorities. Communities could then incorporate some of the practical recommendations suggested from this public input process into their own local Master Plans.

Business

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