



Henniker Community Market 09-27-12 & 10-11-12

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



Event Summary

CNHRPC visited the **Henniker Community Market** on 09-27-12 and 10-11-12 to gather public input on the **Central NH Regional Plan** and inform attendees about the initiative. Residents from **Henniker, Contoocook (Hopkinton),** and **Hillsborough** in the Central NH Region and residents from communities outside of the Region visited the **CNHRPC** tent 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 **21** 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: **21**

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

- "Very quaint town. Everyone is nice!"
- "Rural communities, growing small agricultural businesses and farmer's markets, natural resources."
- "Traffic or lack thereof."
- "Henniker is small with a lovely town centre. Nice walks with kids & dogs. Great rope swing!"
- "My family has lived here for 200+ years."

What could make your community or the area even better?

- "Schools in-town, small family farms, lots of small dry goods, fabric stores, jewelry stores, family food markets so I could shop downtown in a convenient home economy."
- "More after school programs for children's play & socialization."
- "Zoning to limit haphazard placement of industry and box stores."
- "A community garden donating to the grange (soup kitchen). More local jobs."
- "Public transportation/carpool to Concord/airport/entertainment, rail...Boston to Canada, more young folk & ideas."



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

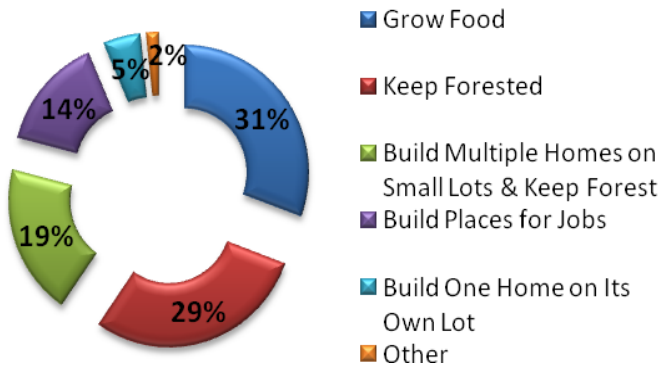
Visual Preference Survey (Picture Survey)

Average Dots Per Category: 60

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:

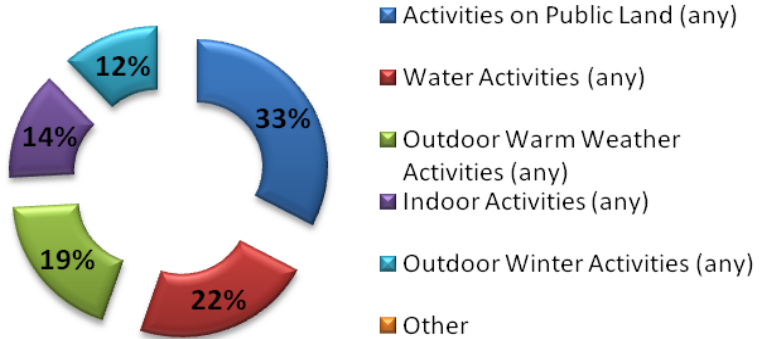
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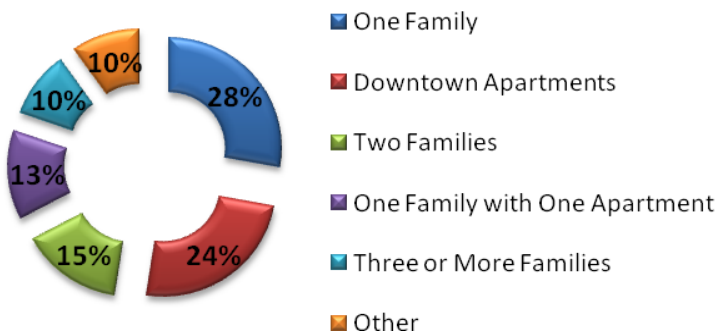
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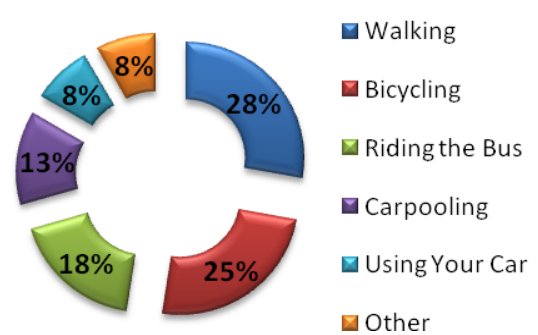
Housing

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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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