



Warner Holiday Shopping Tour - Farmer's Market 12-08-12

Public Input for the **Central New Hampshire Regional Plan:**

A GRANITE STATE FUTURE



Event Summary

CNHRPC attended the **Warner Holiday Shopping Tour at the Winter Farmer's Market** venue on 12-08-12 as an exhibitor to gather public input on the **Central NH Regional Plan** and inform attendees about the initiative. Residents from **Warner**, and from **Bradford, Contoocook (Hopkinton), Concord, Salisbury, and Sutton** 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 **39** 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: **39**

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

- "Friendly people, sense of community, great downtown."
- "The home grown/local business, recreational opportunities and conservation (historic/environmental) ethic."
- "Village with all basic needs stores. Beautiful land and community of people with common visions of greening Warner. Also local foods movement."
- "Rural!! ☺ The people, the views, the wildlife – it's a wonderful area to live!"
- "I-89 access – lakes and Mt. Sunapee. Summer & winter climate."
- "Community spirit and involvement. Diversity of shopping."
- "Still rural but convenient to cities. Active central Downtown in Warner. Varied community – working folks, retired, etc."



What could make your community or the area even better?

- "Multi-housing (small houses with open space and tax structure to accommodate it – use of cluster housing)."
- "Maintain the small town atmosphere."
- "Indoor recreation with pool (for winter). Bike lanes on both sides of town (with wide shoulders!)."
- "A nicer entrance into the town with shops coming from Exit 9."
- "More land put in conservation to keep the area from developing too much."
- "Continue conserving open space. Control growth – limit chains to Exit 9. Promote downtown."
- "Full use of village area for shopping needs. More info about recreation in area."

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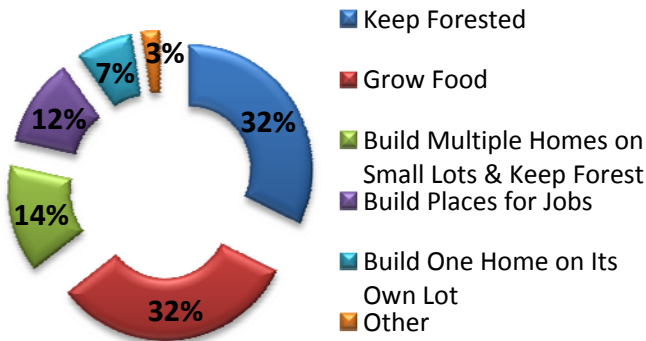
Visual Preference Survey (**Picture Survey**)

Average Dots Per Category: **119**

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 **Business**. 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:

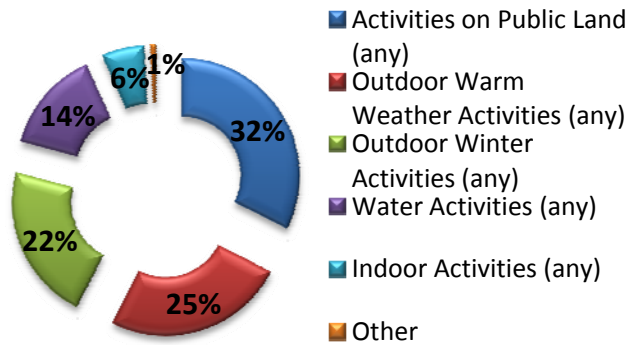
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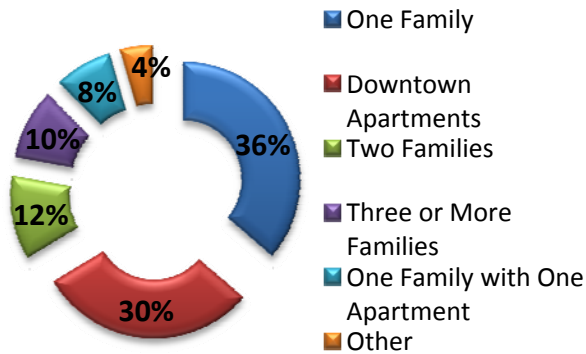
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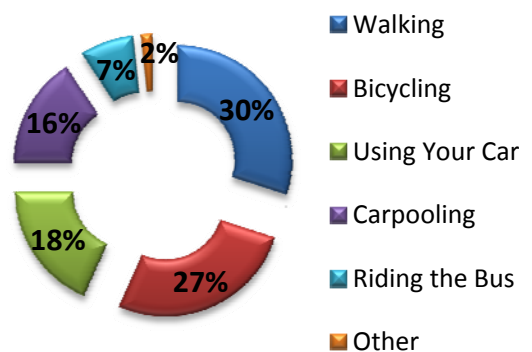
Housing

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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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