#### **Mont Vernon Master Plan**



Community Values & Goals Workshop October 1, 2011

## Agenda

- 1. Introduction to Master Plan
- 2. Community Input Survey
- 3. Mont Vernon 101
- 4. SCOT Analysis
- 5. Breakout Groups
- 6. Next Steps

## **Meeting Goals**

- Introduce and explain the Master Plan Process succinctly
- Explain what has been done to date
- Begin identifying key issues
- Get to know more about matters to people that live, play and work in Mont Vernon

#### **1. Introduction to Master Plan**

## What Is A Master Plan?

- A future vision and policy guidebook for the Town
- A translation of a community's values into specific actions
- NOT a zoning ordinance or regulation
- Meant to cover a 10 year time horizon

#### Process

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  - b. Land Use

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  - a. Transportation
  - b. Community Facilities
  - c. Economic Development
  - d. Natural Resources
  - e. Natural Hazards
  - f. Recreation
  - g. Utility & Public Services
  - h. Cultural & Historic Resources
  - i. Regional Concerns
  - j. Neighborhood Plan
  - k. Community Design
  - I. Housing
  - m. Implementation
  - n. Energy

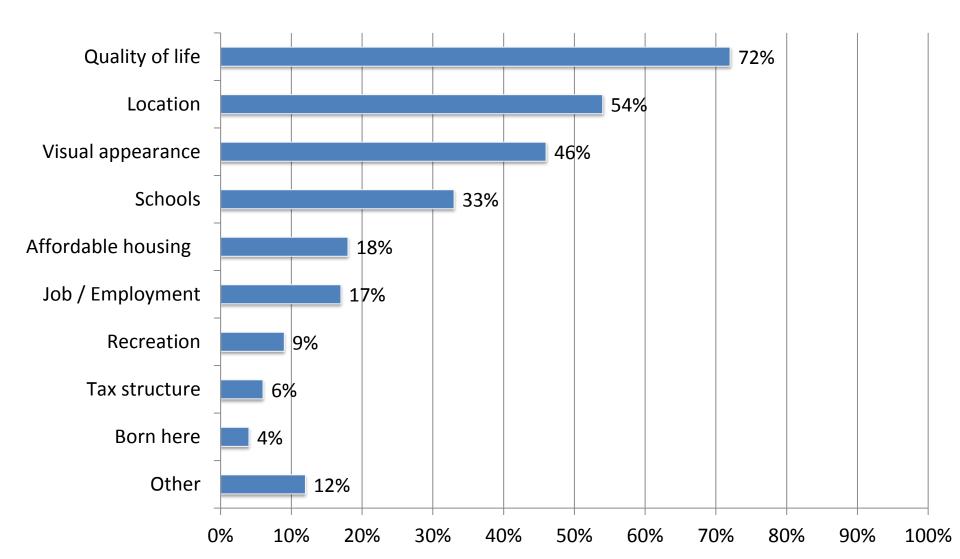
## Work Done To Date

- Review of the 2000 Master Plan
- Creation of the Steering Committee
- Community Survey
  - Data Review
- Community Values & Goals Work Shop

#### 2. Community Input Survey



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## Services...

Fire/rescue service

Transfer station/recycling

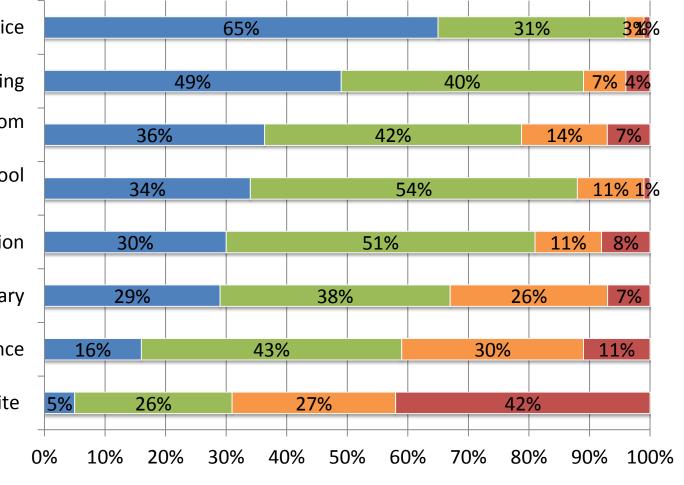
Police service – McCollom building Mont Vernon Village School facilities

Town administration

Daland Library

Road maintenance

Town website



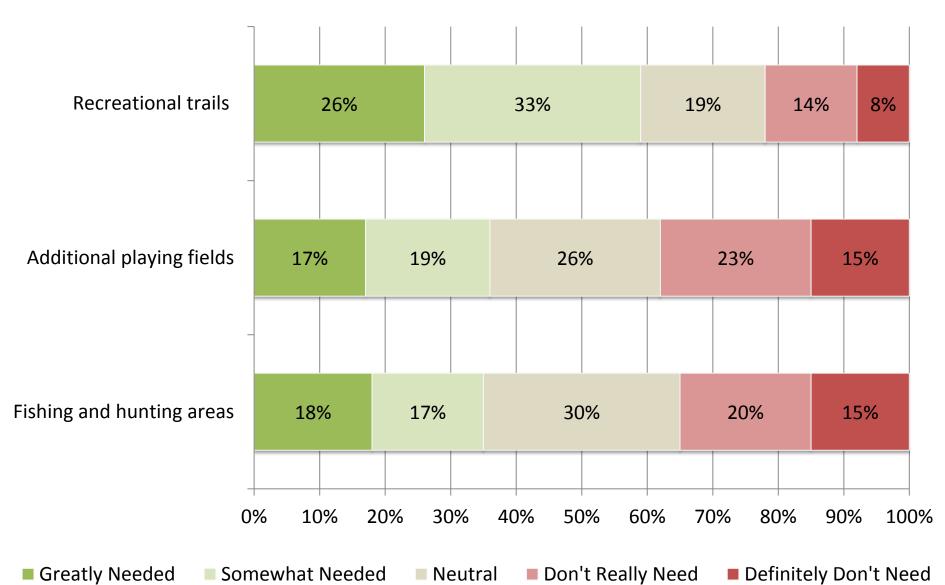
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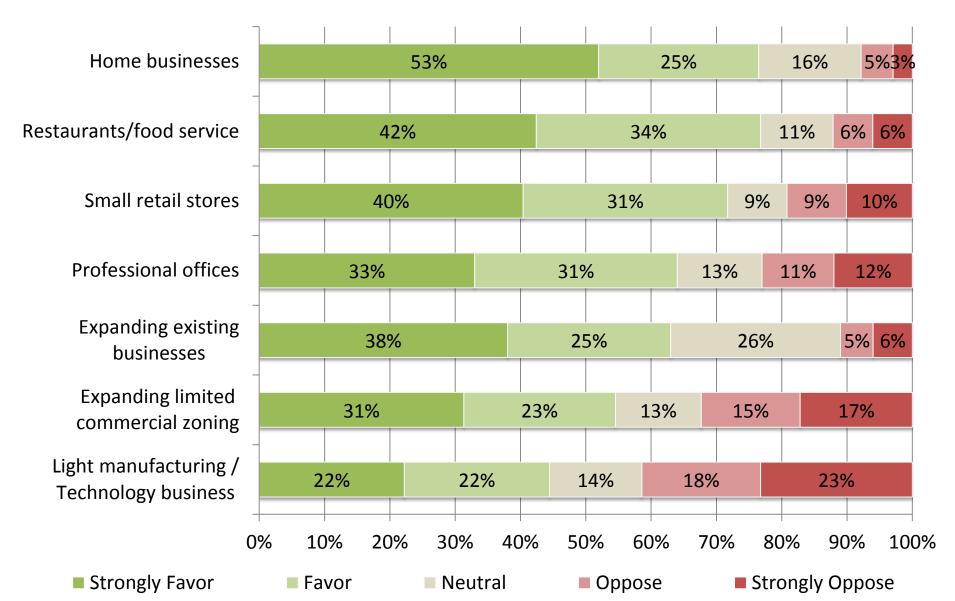
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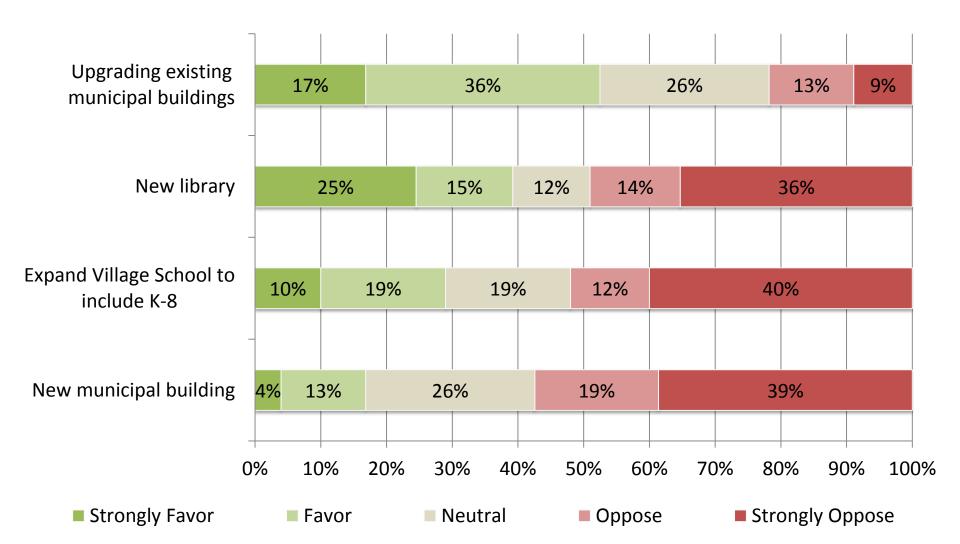
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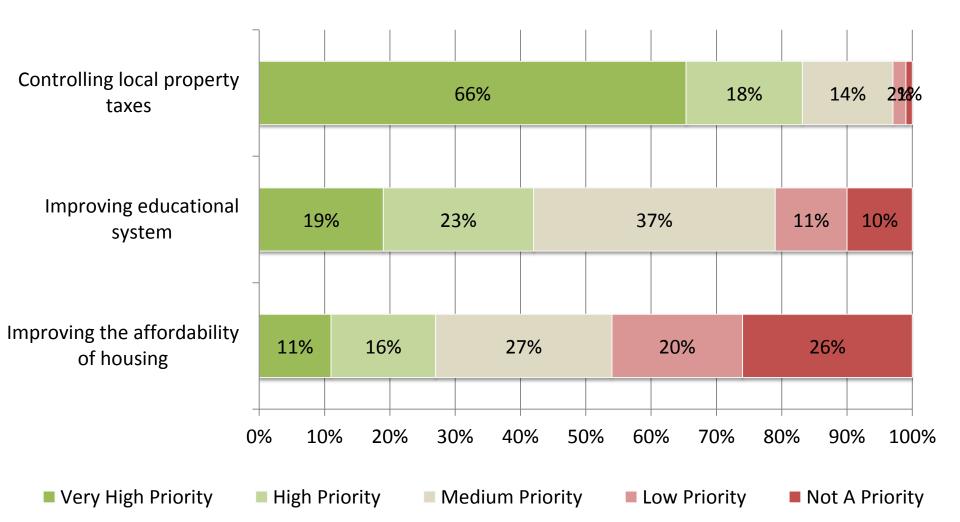
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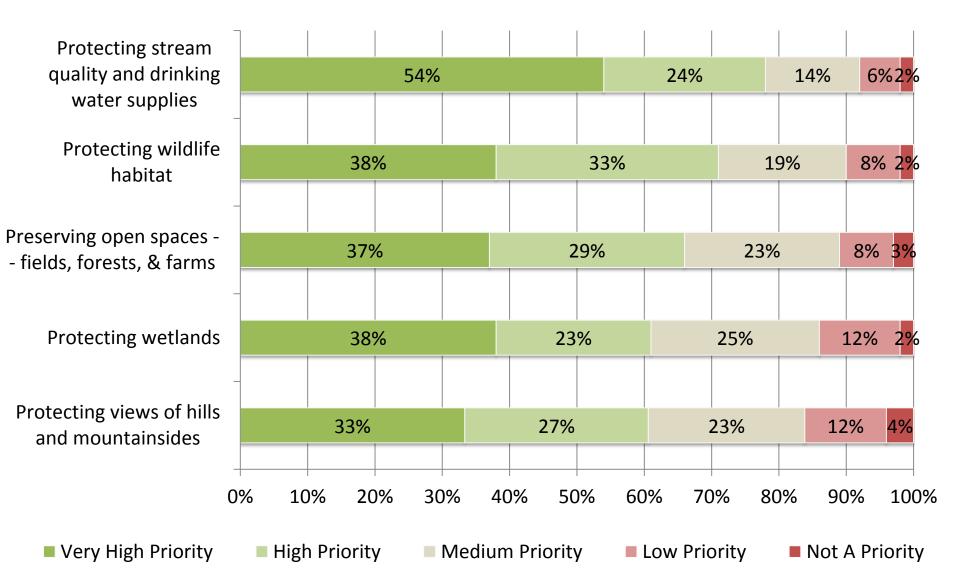
## Buildings...



## **Priorities...**



## **Environmental Goals...**



## **Transportation Goals...**

Encourage alternative energy creation in Mont Vernon

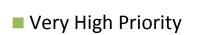
Improve road conditions

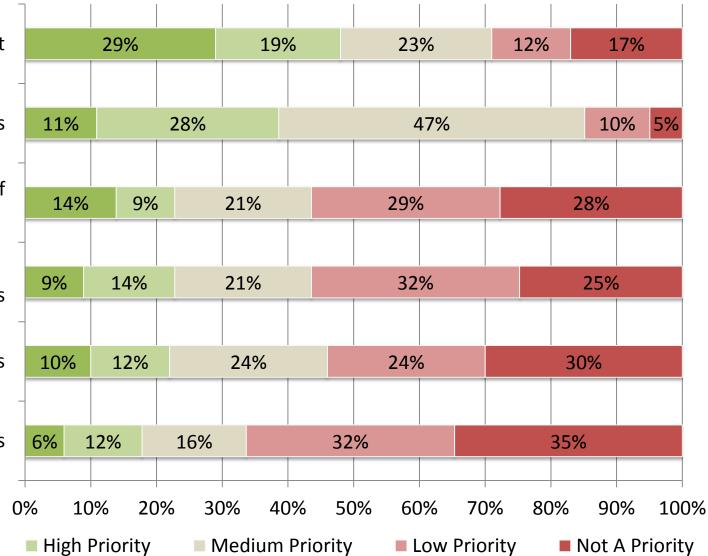
Eliminate construction of new private roads

Create connected pedestrian walkways

Designate scenic roadways

Pave gravel/dirt roads





## Growth...

The need to balance Town budget against tax rate

Existing character/flavor of the Town

Loss of open space

Too rapid increases in required Town services

Preserving historical sites/buildings

Too rapid increase in school enrollment

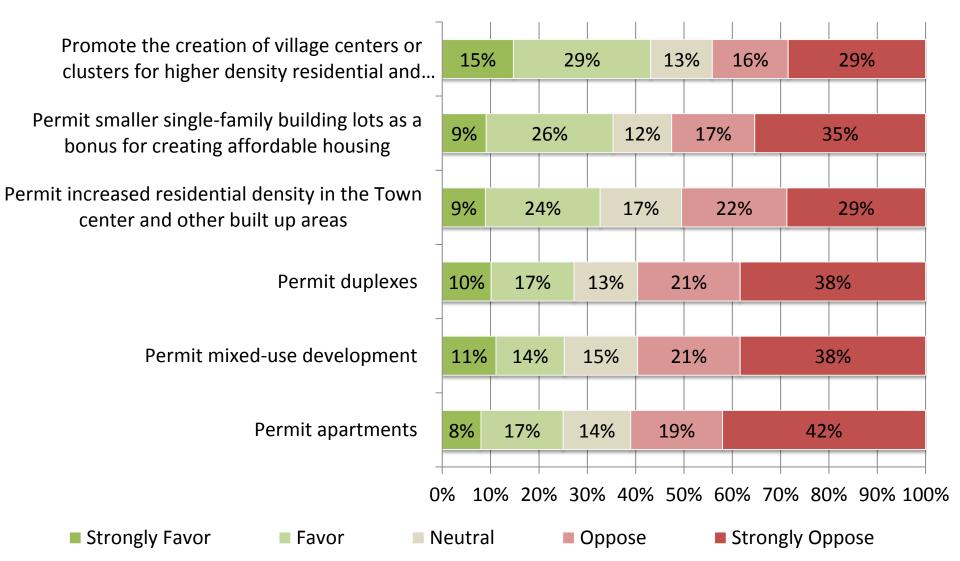
Increase burden on emergency services

Future water needs of the Town

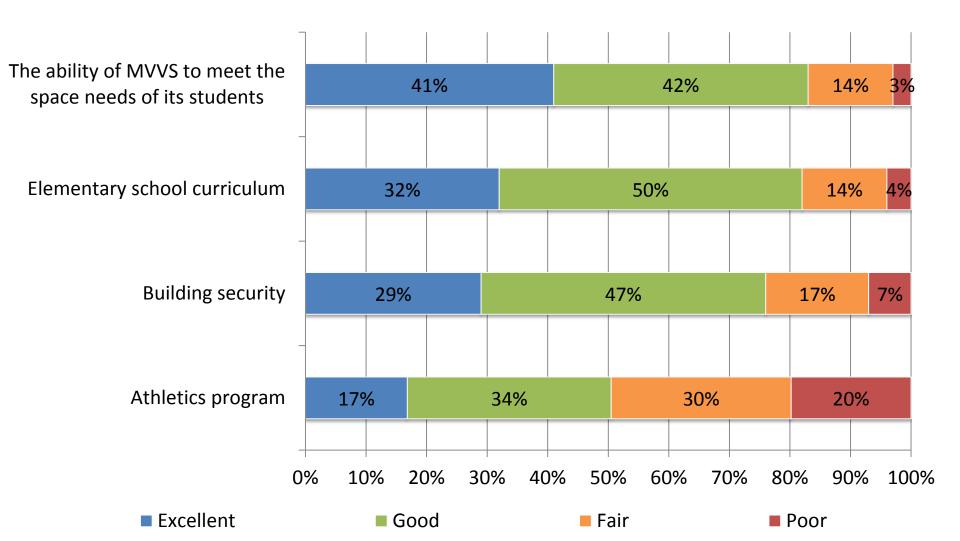
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## Housing & Zoning...



## Village School (k-6)...



## Middle/High School...

Advanced Placement program

Control of education spending

Vocational/Technical program

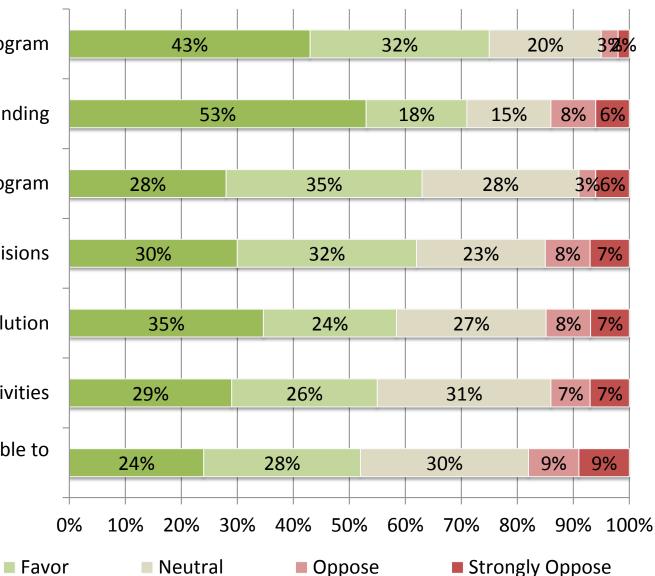
Control over curriculum decisions

Long-term (20+ year) solution

Variety of extracurricular activities

Extracurricular activities available to students of all abilities

Strongly Favor



## Anything You'd Like to Share...

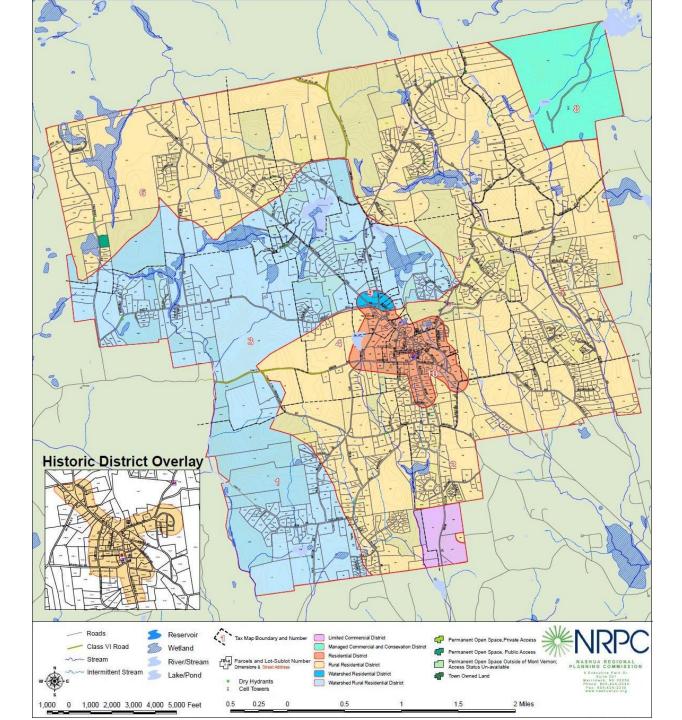
#### **Survey Open Ended Question**

- Tax Relief
- School
- Rural Character
- Small Business
- Recreation / Open Space (parks, trails, etc...)

## If changes are made to one, how will it impact the other?

#### 3. Mont Vernon 101

# Mont Vernon Land Uses



#### 4. SCOT Analysis

## **SCOT Analysis**



## **SCOT Analysis Priorities**



#### **5. Breakout Groups**

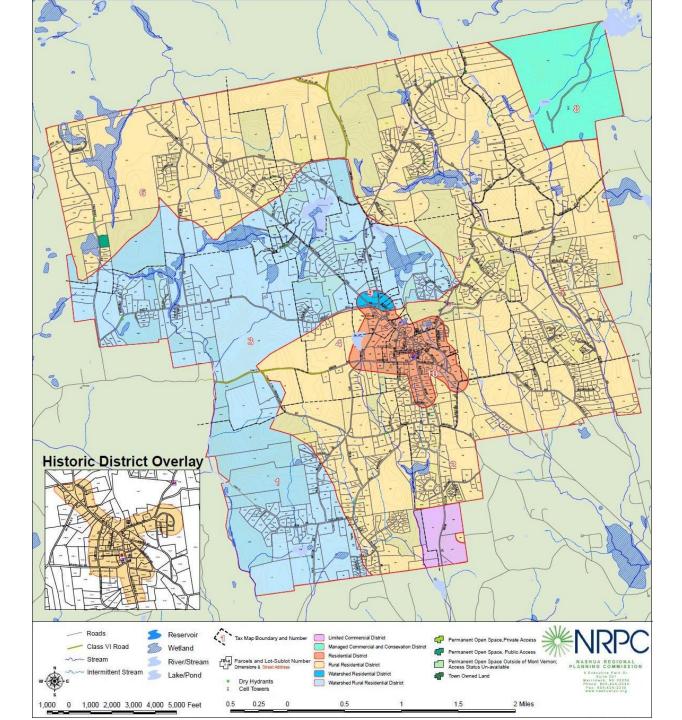
## **Breakout Group Topics**

- A. Town Center
- **B.** Housing
- C. Land Use
- **D. Economic Development**

## **Breakout Group Goals**

- Facilitator & Recorder
- Review Questions & Map
- Brainstorming
- Report Back Recommendations

# Mont Vernon Land Uses



## **Breakout Group Reports**

- A. Town Center
- **B.** Housing
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- **D. Economic Development**

## A. Town Center

"Residents favor upgrading existing municipal buildings over other additions"

- What do you consider to be Mont Vernon's greatest cultural and historical assets in the Town Center? What needs changing.
- 2. What is the appropriate role of Mont Vernon's historic Town Center to the community and the region?
- 3. How can Mont Vernon better take advantage of its cultural and historic resources? What can be done to enhance the character of the Town Center?

## **B. Housing**

- "Residents are opposed to measures aimed at growing and diversifying housing in the town"
- 1. Identify the 3 biggest housing-related challenges in Mont Vernon.
- 2. How has Mont Vernon approached these in the past? Discuss remedies to help overcome these challenges.
- 3. Identify the most successful new housing developments in Town. What makes them successful?

## C. Land Use

"Environmental protection measures are all seen as a priority by residents"

- 1. How do we protect stream quality and drinking water supplies and wetlands?
- 2. How do we protect wildlife and habitat?
- How do we utilize the towns natural resources recreational trails, playing fields, fishing and hunting areas, etc?

## **D. Economic Development**

- "Keeping local property taxes low is highest priority for Mont Vernon Residents"
- In terms of economic development (jobs, retail, office, industry), what do you want/need in Mont Vernon?
- 2. What should the Town be doing to achieve those economic development priorities?
- 3. Is the Limited Commercial district at the south end of Route 13 adequate? Identify any recommendation for the LC district.

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