Kittery Growth Management Program Advisory Committee
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Kittery: Toward the Year 2020

Community Survey
October – November 2010

The Maine State Planning Office projects Kittery will grow by approximately 1,200 persons or 600 dwelling units by the Year 2020.
We need your comments to help our Citizens make critical decisions that will impact our quality of life and place over the next 10 years.

1. Why do you live in Kittery? ***(Check all that apply)***

- Access to Boston, Portland & Portsmouth
- Affordable housing
- Born here
- Access to work
- Close to ocean
- Good quality of life
- Good quality of services
- Good quality of Schools
- Small town atmosphere
- Other reason

2. How would you rate the following town programs?
(1 = Poor / 5 = Excellent)

- Fire Department
- Health & Medical
- Emergency Medical Transport
- Municipal Administration Departments
- Police Department
- Public Works Department
- Solid Waste Transfer Station
- Recreation Department
- Boating, Docks/Ramps
- School Department
- Library
- Senior Citizens
- Sewer Department
- Adult Education
- Water District
- Internet Service
- Cell Phone

3. How important is it for you to have the following available?
(1 = Not Important / 5 = Very Important)

- Churches
- Local Shopping Facilities
- Cultural Facilities
- Beach, Shore, Open Space & Wildlife Areas
- Designation of a Walking/Biking Greenbelt
- Extended Municipal Water System
- Extended Sewer System
- Better Internet Cable System

4. With growth, how would you rate issues facing Kittery in the future?
(1 = Not Important / 5 = Very Important)

- Providing affordable housing for local workforce
- Maintaining small town character
- Protecting farm and forest resources
- Protecting natural resources such as shoreline and wetlands
- Providing an acceptable level of town services
- Providing public parking in different areas
- Maintaining Open Space
- Maintaining or decreasing current tax and fee rates
- Protecting the water supply
- Managing automobile traffic
- Keeping Kittery attractive for both younger and older residents
- Making the town an attractive site for small business

5. Please rate how important it would be to allocate tax funding for:
(1 = Not Important / 5 = Very Important)

- Public Access to Waterways
- Bicycle Trails
- Sidewalks/Pedestrian Ways
- Education
- Electrical Energy from Renewable Resources
- Historic Sites and Buildings
- Indoor Recreational Facilities
- Passive Outdoor Recreational Areas (e.g. Walking Trails)
- Ceneteries
- Playgrounds
- Playing Fields
- Protection of Groundwater Supplies and Aquifers
- Protection of Marsh/Wetlands/Vernal Pools/Wildlife Habitat
- Protection of Unique Scenic Areas
- Swimming Pool
- Woodlands

6. How would you rate transportation ideas with economic development implications?
(1 = Not Important / 5 = Very Important)

- Widening the bridge lift spans to accommodate cruise ships?
- Commuter rail service between Kittery and Boston?
- Elimination of the traffic rotary at the junction of Rtes 1 and 236?
- User -paid, trolley transit the Outlet malls, Pepperrell Cove, Foreside, and back?
- Realigning Route 1 for straight highway access to-from the Trading Post- Kittery Circle?

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7. Do you prefer the Town implementing a growth management policy to: *(CHECK ONE)*

Allow growth anywhere? ☐
(Scattered development)

Concentrate growth where it is now? ☐
(Centralized development)

Encourage growth where there is little now? ☐
(Clustered devevelopment)

8. To create a business/jobs growth incentive, would you support the town implementing a State program that allows the creation of Development Districts using tax increment financing (tax revenues from the District) to fund growth related public improvements while sheltering said increases from reductions of state revenue sharing & aid for education, and lessening the county tax?

YES
NO

9. Would you support the expenditure of town funds to acquire and protect more open space for conservation or recreation?

YES
NO

10. The Town of Kittery should continue to partner with organizations like the Kittery Land Trust and Maine Coast Heritage Trust to protect more land with critical natural resources such as shoreline, forest, fields and wetlands.

YES
NO

11. The town currently has a "mixed use" zone from the Rte 1 mall area to the York town line where little permissble growth has occurred in its 20 year existence. Should this zone be restructured to enable a designed growth pattern for uses currently not permitted?

YES
NO

12. Should the town create Historic Preservation Districts including Kittery Foreside/Wallingford Square and Kittery Point Village and establish zoning requirements to preserve their current "New England" character?

YES
NO

13. In two or three short phrases, please describe what you would like Kittery to be like in the future (i.e. your Vision for Kittery 2020).

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14. What additional comments or suggestions do you have for the planning of Kittery's Future?

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All about you.....

In what area of town do you live? _____
How long have you been a resident in Kittery? _____
What is the age of the person answering this survey? _____
How many children do have in the public schools? _____
Do you own or rent your house? _____
In what type of housing do you live? _____
Employment location? _____

THANK YOU FOR RESPONDING!

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