



Concord Farmer's Market 10-13-12

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

Event Summary



CNHRPC visited the **Concord Farmer's Market** on 10-13-12 to gather public input on the **Central NH Regional Plan** and inform attendees about the initiative. Residents from **Concord, Penacook (Concord), Canterbury, Suncook (Pembroke), Henniker, and Chichester** 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 **31** 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: **31**

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

- "Downtown shops, activities, recreation & parks."
- "1. Open areas, forests, rivers. 2. Not too much development. 3. No real urban problems."
- "Easy access to work, close proximity to forests, water, local foods."
- "Convenience, community, mixture of land uses, open spaces."
- "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?

- "More funding for parks, libraries, police & fire, gifted programs in the schools."
- "Public transit; train to Boston."
- "Improved mass transit- trains as well as an improved walking and bike trails/lanes. Make Concord attractive to young adults."
- "More bicycle trails/paths."
- "More community events, lower costs for local businesses."
- "More low income housing."



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

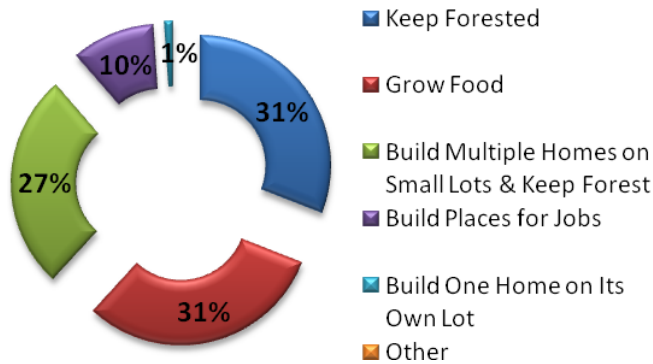
Visual Preference Survey (Picture Survey)

Average Dots Per Category: 95

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:

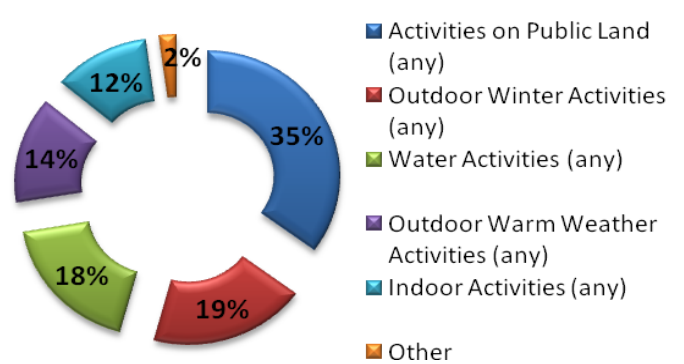
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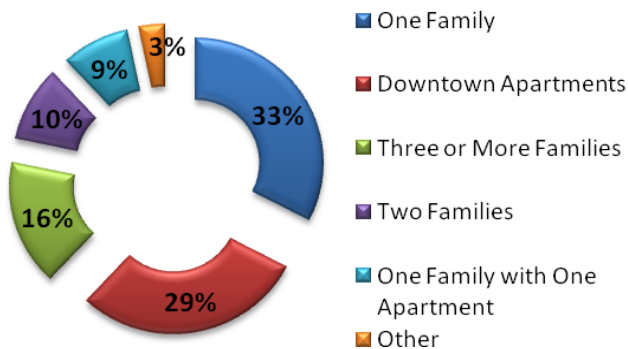
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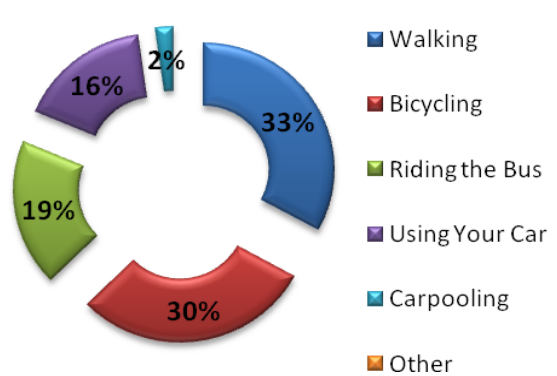
Housing

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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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