

Town of Nelson New Hampshire

Master Plan Survey / 2025

Your Residence Status

- ☐ Resident Home Owner
- ☐ Renter
- ☐ Non-resident landowner
- ☐ Summer Renter

1. How long have you lived or summered in Nelson?

- ☐ 0-10
- ☐ 11-20
- ☐ 21 +

2. What attracted you to Nelson? (check all that apply)

- ☐ Family
- ☐ Worked Nearby
- ☐ Tax Rate
- ☐ Natural Beauty
- ☐ Small Town Atmosphere

3. What circumstances might prompt you to leave?

Comment: _____

4. How do you rate each of the following Nelson community services?

Highway Department	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor
Police Department	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor
Fire Department	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor
Library	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor
Nelson Elementary School	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor
Keene Middle and High Schools	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor
Town Buildings	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor
Recreational Facilities	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor
Town Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor

Other (specify) _____

5. Rate the quality of the unpaved roads in Nelson: ☐Excellent ☐Good ☐Fair ☐Poor

6. Should there be limits on road width? (State requirements maintained.)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

7. Should additional paved roads be a future consideration?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

8. Rate importance of developing the following community resources in Nelson:

Swimming beach	<input type="checkbox"/> High	<input type="checkbox"/> Medium	<input type="checkbox"/> Low
Picnic/recreation area	<input type="checkbox"/> High	<input type="checkbox"/> Medium	<input type="checkbox"/> Low
Public trails	<input type="checkbox"/> High	<input type="checkbox"/> Medium	<input type="checkbox"/> Low
Soccer field	<input type="checkbox"/> High	<input type="checkbox"/> Medium	<input type="checkbox"/> Low
Tennis court	<input type="checkbox"/> High	<input type="checkbox"/> Medium	<input type="checkbox"/> Low
Playground	<input type="checkbox"/> High	<input type="checkbox"/> Medium	<input type="checkbox"/> Low
Community Gathering Space	<input type="checkbox"/> High	<input type="checkbox"/> Medium	<input type="checkbox"/> Low

9. Should Nelson consider sharing with a nearby town a recycling/waste transfer station?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

9a. Should Nelson consider development of a recycling/waste transfer station?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

10. Please indicate the importance of preserving Nelson's open space

- ☐ Very Important
☐ Important
☐ Somewhat important
☐ Not important

11. Do you support the town purchasing land for conservation purposes?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

12. Should the Town expand/continue alternative energy initiatives?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

13. Do you currently take advantage of cultural events in Nelson?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

14. What other cultural activities or events would you like to see in Nelson?

(please specify) _____

15. Should Nelson try to restrict growth?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

16. If yes, what do you think would be most effective?

Yes No

- ☐ ☐ Limit the number of building permits issued per year?
☐ ☐ Increase minimum lot size requirements
☐ ☐ Other - Please specify. _____

17. Nelson Zoning Ordinance allows for business development in certain parts of town. What types of businesses should be encouraged and permitted in the years ahead?

Yes No

- ☐ ☐ Small home-based businesses (employ 1-3 persons)
- ☐ ☐ Small retail shops
- ☐ ☐ Convenience stores
- ☐ ☐ Restaurants or Café's
- ☐ ☐ Motels, Inns, Bed-and-Breakfasts
- ☐ ☐ Commercial businesses (employ more than 3 persons)
- ☐ ☐ Private institutions (e.g. schools, nursing homes)
- ☐ ☐ None

18. Would you favor hiring a part time code enforcement officer to enforce building code regulations?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

19. Do you feel that residential growth (homes and population) is an important issue in Nelson?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

20. Do you think the town should encourage assisted living options for elderly residents?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

21. Do you think that the town should explore ways to provide a wider range of housing options? (affordability)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

22. Should the Master Plan include a statement that says Nelson welcomes a diverse / demographic mix?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

23. What are your major concerns about the Monadnock Region? (Please check all that apply)

- ☐ Increased traffic
- ☐ Loss of agriculture
- ☐ Increased boat traffic
- ☐ Crime
- ☐ Quality of education
- ☐ Pollution of lakes/streams/air
- ☐ Employment opportunities
- ☐ Other (Please specify)

24. Should the town continue the efforts to provide dry hydrants on bodies of water in Nelson?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

25. Do the current hours for town offices meet your needs?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

26. Do the current hours for the library services meet your needs?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey

If you have any other thoughts, ideas, or concerns about Nelson, feel free to submit them along with this survey. You may drop the survey off in the slot of the Nelson Town Offices at the brick schoolhouse, or mail to:

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