

# Town of Brooksville

## Comprehensive Plan Survey – Summer 2018

This survey is the first of several activities that the Comprehensive Plan Committee will undertake to gather data and insights from year-round and seasonal residents.

The Selectmen have charged the Committee with drafting a Comprehensive Plan for community review, revision and presentation to the Selectmen. After their review, the Selectmen will present the plan for a Town Meeting vote at a date to be determined.

Please complete this survey by **August 31, 2018** and return it to the Town House or email it to [cpc@brooksvillemaine.org](mailto:cpc@brooksvillemaine.org). Additional copies of this survey are available at the Town House and from Brooksville’s website: <https://www.brooksvillemaine.org/>.

### Development

1. What type of development would you like to see in Brooksville during the next 10 years? In any category, what specific development would you like to see?

No more development

	Y/N	Specific development
Agriculture/forestry		
Commercial (trade/services)		
Gas stations		
Heavy industry		
Inns, B&Bs, hotels		
Light industry		
Medical		
Offices		
Residential		
Restaurants		
Other (list) _____		

2. During the next 10 years, I would like Brooksville’s population to:

- Stay the same                     
  Increase rapidly                     
  Don’t know/unsure  
 Slowly increase                     
  Decrease

3. Maintaining the rural way of life in Brooksville is:

\_\_\_ Very important

\_\_\_ Unimportant

\_\_\_ Somewhat important

\_\_\_ Don't know/unsure

4. What things about Brooksville's current way of life are most important to you?

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5. Please check where you feel it is most appropriate for the following land uses to occur:

	Anywhere	In Designated Areas	Close to Village Centers	Nowhere	Undecided
Agriculture/forestry					
Commercial (trade/services)					
Heavy industry					
Inns, B&Bs, hotels					
Light manufacturing					
Mobile home park					
Residential					
Seasonal rentals					
Other (list) _____					

## Government

6. Should it be a goal of Town government to protect the following – “yes,” “no,” or “unsure.” Please elaborate if you wish.

	Y	N	?	Elaboration
Agricultural land				
Aquifers for drinking water				
Coastal land				
Forested land				
Historical and archaeological resources				
Lakes and ponds				
Recreational open space inland				
Recreational waterfront access				
Scenic views				
Streams and rivers				
Wetlands				
Wildlife habitats				
Working waterfronts				

7. Please provide your opinion of these Town services.

	Excellent	Good	Adequate	Needs Improvement	Don't know/not sure
Cemeteries					
Elementary school education					
Elementary school facility					
Fire protection					
Library					
Public access fresh water					
Public access to salt water					
Recreational facilities					
Recreational programs					
Road maintenance (town roads only)					
Snow removal/sanding					
Town Office customer service					

8. Please provide your opinion of the following services that are shared by the Town of Brooksville with other communities.

	Excellent	Good	Adequate	Needs Improvement	Don't know/not sure
Ambulance					
Health care access/availability					
Health care service quality					
Police protection					
Secondary schools					
Senior citizen services					
Solid waste					
Other (list) _____					

9. Please provide your opinion of the following aspects of community life, and elaborate below as you may wish:

	<b>Needs improvement or attention right away</b>	<b>Needs improvement or attention</b>	<b>Needs study</b>	<b>Not an issue</b>	<b>Don't know/not sure</b>
Affordable housing/housing costs					
Air quality					
Bicycle paths/lanes					
Job opportunities locally					
Off-road trails for multi-users					
Pedestrian paths or trails					
Pedestrian sidewalks					
Population growth					
Potable water/water quality					
Public transportation					
Senior citizen services					
Summer traffic					
Youth services					
Other (list) _____					

Please elaborate on issues above if you wish:

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10. Is the current property tax structure fair?

Yes

No

Unsure/don't know

11. Do you get good value for your property taxes?

Yes

No

Unsure/don't know

12. How responsive is the Town's government to your needs?

Very responsive

Not at all responsive

Somewhat responsive

Don't know/unsure

Not very responsive

13. What can the Town's government do to improve service to residents?

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14. On November 8, 2016 Maine voters approved Question 1 and joined eight other states to have legalized the recreational use, retail sale and taxation of marijuana. Do you approve or disapprove of the Town regulating activities in regard to marijuana in the following areas?

	Approve	Disapprove
Commercial agriculture		
Medical purposes		
Recreational use		
Retail sales		
Social clubs		

**Internet**

15. Do you have internet service in your home?

Yes

No

Unsure/don't know

16. Do you use the internet to work from home?

Yes

No

17. Do you have internet service in your business – a business that is not located within your home?

Yes

Unsure/don't use

No

Not applicable

18. If you do not have internet service in your home or business, please indicate the reason(s) below:

Not applicable

Slow connection in my area

Not available

Too expensive for monthly fee

Not interested

Too expensive to install

Use internet in other locations (please list location(s)) \_\_\_\_\_

Other reason (please list) \_\_\_\_\_

19. If you have internet at home or in a business located within Brooksville, who is your provider?

Not applicable

Redzone/Premium Choice

Cellular/Hot Spot

Other (please list) \_\_\_\_\_

Hughes/Satellite

Fairpoint/Consolidated Communications (digital subscriber line, i.e., DSL)

20. Is your internet service adequate for your needs?

Yes

No

Not applicable

If "no," please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

21. Would you support the Town's investment of tax dollars to improve the availability and quality of internet service?

Yes

No

Maybe/Unsure (elaborate below)

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## Climate Change

22. During the past three years, to what extent have you experienced or observed the following at your property in Brooksville?

	Frequently	Somewhat	Minimally	Not at all	Not applicable	Not sure
Changes in habitat for marine species						
Changes in habitat for non-marine species, e.g., wildlife, birds						
Changes in trees, plant life						
Coastal erosion						
Coastal flooding						
Diminished catches/harvests						
Higher property-insurance premiums due to flood/weather risk						
Increase in coastal water temperatures						
Increased operational maintenance, repairs after a storm						
Increased property damage from natural storm events						
Inland flooding						
Made a weather-related property-insurance claim						
More frequent utility outages during storm events						
Saltwater intrusion into drinking-water well						
Sea-level rise						
Sea-level rise requiring docks/other structures to be raised up						
Shoreline change						
Storm surge						
Unusually high tides						
Other (list) _____						



## Demographics

23. Are you a seasonal or year-round resident of Brooksville?

Seasonal → **Please answer Questions 24 to 27**

Year-round → **Please answer Questions 28 to 32**

### Questions 24 to 27 for Seasonal Residents

24. Do you own or rent (from another party) the property in which you live?

Own  Rent

Other (list) \_\_\_\_\_

25. How many months during a year do you reside in Brooksville?

\_\_\_\_\_ months

26. How many years have you been visiting or seasonally residing in Brooksville?

\_\_\_\_\_ years

27. Do you plan to move to Brooksville year-round?

Yes If "yes," when? \_\_\_\_\_

No

### Questions 28 to 32 for Year-round Residents

28. How long have you lived in Brooksville? \_\_\_\_\_ years

29. What is the type of dwelling in which you live?

Apartment  Mobile home

Duplex  Single-family

Other (list) \_\_\_\_\_

30. Do you own the dwelling in which you live?

- Own  Rent  
 Live with parents/other family member(s)  
 Other (list) \_\_\_\_\_

31. What is your employment status?

- Disabled  Retired  
 Employed full-time  Self-employed  
 Employed part-time  Student  
 Multiple occupations  Unemployed  
 Other (list) \_\_\_\_\_

32. If you commute to your workplace, what is the one-way distance to your workplace?

- up to 5 miles  not applicable  
 5 miles to 20 miles  work from home  
 more than 20 miles

**Questions for year-round and seasonal residents**

33. In what section of Brooksville do you live (year-round or seasonally)?

- Brooksville Corner  South Brooksville  
 Cape Rosier  West Brooksville  
 North Brooksville  Unsure

34. What is your age bracket?

- under 18  25-40  56-70  
 18-24  41-55  over 70  
 prefer not to answer

35. In your household, how many people are in each of the following age categories?

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|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> up to 7 years        | <input type="checkbox"/> 19 to 25 | <input type="checkbox"/> 56 to 70 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 8 to 13              | <input type="checkbox"/> 26 to 40 | <input type="checkbox"/> over 70  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 14 to 18             | <input type="checkbox"/> 41 to 55 |                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> prefer not to answer |                                   |                                   |

36. What is your annual household income?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> up to \$30,000            | <input type="checkbox"/> over \$75,000 to \$95,000  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> over \$30,000 to \$45,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> over \$95,000 to \$200,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> over \$45,000 to \$60,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> over \$200,000             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> over \$60,000 to \$75,000 |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> prefer not to answer      |   |

37. Which of the following activities do you expect to do during the next 5 years?

- Become a year-round resident
- Move from Brooksville permanently
- Provide land in Brooksville for a family member to build a home
- Retire or not work full-time
- Sell my home elsewhere and purchase a home in Brooksville
- Sell vacant land in Brooksville
- Start a business in my residence
- Start a business in Brooksville outside my residence
- Subdivide my land in Brooksville for sale
- Other (list) \_\_\_\_\_

