SURVEY QUESTION 21

PRECINCT 1

- a large increase in the town’s business and residential population will cause the existing woods and farmlands to be turned into homes and business locations. This will change the town from a semi-rural to a suburban community. I hope this doesn’t happen.
- A poor school system, over population
- Accelerated GROWTH of Town – Overpopulation.
- affordable housing
- Airport
- Airport expansion
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  - Airport. The town is growing, it’s becoming a city. It’s not what it used to be. I moved out of the city and I feel I’m back in the city.
- allowing increased subdivisions with smaller lot sizes and encroaching on wetland areas
- Any attempt to use the former Lincoln Park for a gambling facility and unrestricted commercial growth along Rt. 6
- Building cluster subdivisions in residential neighborhoods. 2-acre minimum lots. Continual growth in business areas in north
- BUILDING too fast.
- Coastal pollution.
- commercial and industrial uses
- Commercial over development along Rt. 6
- Commercial/industrial/low income development.
- Congested, crowded, over developed at State Rd & Faunce Corner Rd. Faunce Corner Rd is dirty, overgrown, unkempt (weeks, trash, etc.)
- constant development, loss of open space and forests, loss of sense of peace that comes from living in a rural area
- Contamination of private wells by increased population, landfills, auto salvage yards and Jarabek pig farm (formerly).
- Continued use of open space for residential, business and commercial development!!
- Dartmouth being transformed into a city rather than a town. If people want to live in a city, then they can move to one. Dartmouth should remain as it is known: a scenic town with open space and natural resources.
- Dartmouth is becoming a city. Traffic.
- Developing of land and new home construction
- Development and sprawl
- Dump
- ever increasing government interference and taxes
- excessive growth
- Expansion of airport runways, loss of big companies going out of business
- Expansion of the airport
- Fire and police protection, uncontrolled growth
- GROWTH in business development in North Dartmouth.
- GROWTH of new buildings and TRAFFIC in areas that never had traffic.
having the past mistakes that the prior town planning board have left us – indecisive, not having the strength to regulate growth

Higher taxes, population increases, water resources, no large commercial air traffic over Dartmouth

I came here for 2 reasons: the taxes were lower and open land. 20 Years later I don’t have either one. My son did not go to Dartmouth school, he went to New Bedford so I don’t have anyone attending school buy have to pay tax for new school Real estate taxes are some the worst I ever have seen. It is not triple to what it was when I came here. My husband works 2 jobs to be able to pay what the town asks of him. He is lucky if he can put egg on his table to eat while someone else is having steak. I can’t even find a job to work with the businesses we have already because they hire whomever they want so I don’t care about businesses in Dartmouth. I want no more growth, it only means more taxes. I’m disgusted. As I’m reading my real estate book to be professional about the area that I’m living in which is rural town. I have one question: how can the town take something that was so good and beautiful and turn it in to this. I came here because I wanted open space. Now it is like cit. If I wanted it to be like a city, I would have stayed in the city. I’m very sad about what I got myself into by moving here in Dartmouth. I’m a professional person with no job. My business is just about closed because all the restrictions in Dartmouth, including the closed road to my shop. As I’m planning for my real estate license, I’m also planning on moving out of this town in the near future. So I don’t know where the town is going to be in 10 years it could be a better place or worse. It depends on the town leader.

I feel turning hotels like Capri into low income housing and moving the people from up north down here is bringing trouble and is going to affect our children and Dartmouth’s future. This is Dartmouth not New Bedford or Fall River. (yet) It is not worth it.

Increased building of houses & retails businesses. Low income housing. An increase in taxes

Increased low-income housing and associated burden

Increasing property taxes.

Industrialization, commercialism

Leapfrog development

Location of high school too far away (from Foxfire Way)

Loss of farms, excessive residential growth on open land

Loss of open spaces

Loss of wooded areas – for excess BUILDING of homes and business.

Low income housing

Low income housing projects

Low income subdivisions i.e. Capri Motel & Cross Road

Natural forces, i.e. hurricanes. There are lots of woodlands, trees fall down and cannot be cleaned up or replaced overnight. Also, Too many people/increase of population. Let's keep this a town and not turn into a city.

New Bedford Airport Expansion

New Bedford AIRPORT expansion.

New Bedford/Dartmouth landfill

No threats.

Northern part of town becoming dumping ground

on Old Fall River Road we need better lighting on all the roads, sewage and recreational places

Open space, too much residential and commercial space

Over building (commercial). It is possible to over build a town and we are very close.

Over building, subdivisions are crowding out wildlife

Over building: commercial businesses & then closing such places; housing developments, especially in wetlands. I have seen this for myself.

Over crowded roads

Over crowding. Too much development.

over developing of businesses and these businesses moving closer to residential areas

Over development

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• Over development – need large lots especially in areas with wells and septic systems and keep a rural appearance. Keep trucking and cluttered businesses sheltered from public view.
• Over development by greedy outside developers.
• Over development of Faunce Corner Road and Rt. 6; inadequate appropriations for school funds
• Over DEVELOPMENT of land.
• Over development of residential housing and controversial businesses trying to open in the community, i.e. X-rated video stores, strip clubs, etc.
• Over development.
• Over development.
• Over DEVELOPMENT.
• Over expansion, low income housing, too much retail
• Over populated
• Over population
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• Over population
• over population, crowded roads and loss of scenic view and roads
• Overbuilding by developers; unnecessary cutting down trees. Don’t let associations control your area; let people live free and in peace. Taxes going up.
• Overbuilding of houses and businesses that unbalance nature and change, damage the land.
• overburdened schools
• Overcrowding of schools, too much commercial building, airport expansion
• People with dogs that bother farm animals. Smell from the dump.
• Polluted air, contaminated drinking water, traffic on Rt. 6, not enough jobs other than retail, terrible wages.
• Pollution of WATER (aquifer) – Congested TRAFFIC areas.
• Population growth; low income housing overtaxes our schools. Town regulations and procedures for commercial building and developing are terrible.
• Property tax increases.
• Rapid development of residential areas in N. Dartmouth where impact on schools, roads and fire services are over burdened to the point of breakdown. Police services are also hampered due to more residences to patrol.
• Rapid growth/over populated
• Real estate taxes, town meeting population go along with budget recommendations, formerly 12 million budget now 42 million and still rising
• RETAILERS and restaurant suffocation.
• Rt. 6 commercial area has reached saturation; further development will require reconfiguration of surround road system.
• Shortage of drinking water
• stopping malls, used car lots
• Subdivisions
• Taxes
• that the town will become into a city with population growing so fast, we have too many developments opening up and buildings going up
• The New Bedford dump
• The planned expansion of the runway at the N.B. airport
• The proposed expansion of New Bedford airport.
• The rich, self serving of the South send all the projects they don’t want in their backyard to my backyard.
The school system. It is overcrowded, Top priority when 3 children are entering the system  
the town does not have or get enough funding for activities for our youths and that is very important to 
a lot of parents and their children.  
Too many business and restaurants  
Too many businesses. Over-crowded schools is a BIG concern.  
too many commercial buildings going up and a lot of building not being used  
Too many homes built  
Too many new homes/subdivisions  
Too many people building and taking away farm land.  
too much building, water quality with wells, rising taxes  
Too much commercial development  
Too much growth  
Town becoming too commercial. Too much residential building.  
Traffic problems, declining school system, unrestrained growth  
Turning a town into a city, building more buildings when we have so many empty, building on 
wetlands, overpopulation  
Turning everything into strip malls. Not utilizing existing, abandoned commercial sites.  
Uncontrolled development – lack of master plan  
Unlimited residential development  
Unrestricted DEVELOPMENT of HIGH INCOME homes, pushing out the blue collar workers.  
Unrestricted growth & development, especially commercial & industrial.  
With all the new homes going up, Dartmouth will be more like a city than a town. Schools are 
overcrowded and class sizes are too big.

PRECINCT 2

- 144 apartments- three stories high on Slocum Road, in a residential area  
- 40B  
- AFFORDABLE HOUSING – Never to pay more than 30% of my earnings.  
- Airport expansion, population increase  
- Building & expanding commercial, residential and low income housing  
- Building all these houses too close to one another.  
- Building, building, building. Especially in areas around aquifer land. We aren't protecting our water 
supply or wetlands.  
- Cluster DEVELOPMENT – additional LOW INCOME HOUSING.  
- Commercial and business GROWTH in North – More planes if AIRPORT expands – Greater 
TRAFFIC on Route 6 and Faunce Corner – Unrestricted BUILDING – both residential and 
commercial.  
- Commercial buildings erected adjacent to my property  
- Commercial expansion without traffic planning, too congested  
- Commercial over development  
- commercial use in residential  
- Commuter RAIL SERVICE will create explosive growth and make home rental or ownership beyond 
means of people earning local wages.  
- Continual development of commercial/retail buildings. I grew up in this town and hate to see all the 
unnecessary development of retail stores in our town.  
- Cross Road is busy street. Any more stores would make it a highway versus a road.  
- Destruction of open land for residential & commercial use as in Faunce Corner Rd.  
- Developers  
- Development of low income housing and large residential developments and malls; too many empty 
businesses  
- Disregard of present zoning laws, especially regarding wetlands
• Expansion of N.B. Airport and overbuilding the town. We love our town and it's going to become a city if we don't stop the building.
• Expansion of NB AIRPORT – will create big problems all over town, but especially in our area.
• Growth (2)
• Having an on-call FIRE DEPT is scary and dangerous given the size and make-up of Town – need a regular Fire Department.
• Heavy TRAFFIC on Slocum Road – speed limit not being enforced – dangerous situation for walkers – also a concern of SIGNS long the road devaluing property.
• High taxes
• High TAXES – sewer easement costs – business and industry get tax breaks and the middle class working home owner gets bills.
• High taxes.
• High taxes. Sewer easement costs. Business & industry get tax breaks while middle class working home-owner gets bills. Too many new roads. High cost of all town permits. Speeding along Rte. 6 and many back roads very dangerous; no places for people to walk except at beach. No biking trails.
• Housing projects
• I think planning has been very poor in business areas. You have vacant ugly strip malls all over – then allow the destruction of woods and open space – are you in a race to see how many vacant buildings you can get?
• I think that Dartmouth needs very much to have a full-time fire department instead of calls fire fighters. At the rate the town is growing response time will be getting less and less just having a call department
• Increase in residential building
• Industrialization
• Influx of people from Boston who can no longer afford to live there and are moving here because of more affordable housing.
• Land such as FOREST and lovely wooded areas being destroyed by commercial and residential DEVELOPMENT.
• LOSS of LOW INCOME HOUSING for the elderly and poor families.
• Low income housing
• Malls, large store outlets
• New Bedford AIRPORT expansion.
• Noise pollution
• Noise: fire alarms, police & rescue, traffic
• None
• none
• over commercialization of town, unrestricted residential growth
• over crowded classrooms at the elementary level, too many new subdivisions, not enough services for North Dartmouth library
• Over crowded. Too many new homes and buildings. Not enough country surroundings.
• Over development
• over development – airport expansion (you should have mentioned this above)
• Over development north of Rt. 6; i.e. malls, retail, manufacturing, general commercial as on Faunce Corner Road.
• Over DEVELOPMENT of North Dartmouth.
• Over development of open spaces. Threat of multi-family, low-income housing from out of town developers.
• over development of rural residential areas
• Over development, better protection of watershed
• Over development, especially in retail stores. Too much competition puts stores like Ann & Hope out of business.
• Over development, too many of the same businesses
• Over development, traffic
• over growth, too much development with all this growth our taxes never went down, just up and away
• Over population
• Over population & commercial growth
• Over population and too much retail and industry.
• Over population of the wrong type of people
• over population, loss of woodlands due to housing developments
• Over population, too many stores
• Overbuilding, more teachers, poor development on State Rd.
• Over-COMMERCIALIZATION.
• Overdevelopment
• Overly rapid growth of families with school-age children utilizing the public school system.
• OVERPOPULATION.
• Parochial interest of some residents.
• People
• Property taxes being increased to the point that a single homeowner cannot afford to own his/her home.
• Proposed CASINO development.
• Quality of drinking water. Guidance Dept at High School is a joke: huge drug problem there that town denies. Intersection @ Connecticut Ave & Rt. 6 needs traffic signal.
• Residential/population growth.
• Speeding cars and trucks
• Sprawl into open spaces.
• Tax breaks for new businesses (mostly dead end, minimum wage, no benefits jobs) cause rise in homeowners’ real estate taxes. I’m afraid of losing my home after 33 years. I’m also afraid my comment will be “a cry in the wilderness.”
• Taxes and permits. Anything and everything requires a permit. This is our town. Stop making decisions as to how I must live at my expense. That the way third world countries operate. New Hampshire has as its motto “Live Free”; a good motto for all of us. I won’t tell YOU how to live; so please DON’T tell me.
• The decline of moral values.
• Too many businesses and too much TRAFFIC.
• Too many houses being built (GROWTH) and destroying WOODLANDS.
• Too many new business GROWTH when existing structures remain empty. Why allow it?
• Too many new houses destroying woodlands.
• Too many new roads; high cost of all town permits; speeding along Rte 6 and many backroads = very dangerous – no places for people to walk except at beach – no hiking trails.
• Too many people and DEVELOPMENT.
• Too many stores. Too much traffic that exceeds the posted speed limit.
• Too much building
• Too much BUILDING going on and not utilizing existing vacant business buildings.
• Too much commercial development. Traffic on Rt. 6.
• Too much commercial GROWTH.
• Too much developing! We need to stop cutting down trees to develop when we have to many abandoned stores and buildings already here!
• Too much growth!
• Too much growth, both residential and commercial.
• Too much residential and commercial growth.
• Too much residential growth & not enough resources to compensate for this growth in our schools.
• Too much retail development. Don’t need any more stores.
• Traffic
• Traffic
• Traffic on Rt. 6. Too many shopping areas exiting onto Faunce Corner Road.
• Traffic on Slocum Rd. Unenforced speed limit. Dangerous for walkers. Signs along the road devalue property.
• Traffic, too much residential development
• Uncontrolled growth – an expansion that is so sharp that the resources of Dartmouth are spread very thin and the resources of the town can never keep up with the current demand of its residents
• Unrestricted commercialism
• Unrestricted GROWTH, allowing developers to put houses on 5,000 square foot lot because se now have sewerage. If the old law allows that, and they are “grandfathered” in, then the law should be changed. Dartmouth is becoming a place for overpriced “raised ranches” on postage stamp lots. It is allowing crooks like Towne House to build houses on wetlands because of sewerage.
• Unrestricted new homes and people, over burdening existing schools and public safety causing great tax increases, and unrestricted commercial growth.
• WATER, Malls, Business Facilities (GROWTH) – Too many strip malls!
• Yearly tax increases are putting a burden on family life.

PRECINCT 3

• Airport expansion. Police primarily in business areas, little presence in residential areas. Trash pick up a big joke.
• commercial buildup
• Commercialism
• Cost of housing, in business
• Dartmouth is totally out of control—becoming a strip mall hell.
• Dartmouth turning into a small city
• developing more industry and homes
• Development in aquifer areas.
• Disappearing farms & open spaces. Potential loss of high quality drinking water.
• Growth
• GROWTH.
• Haphazard commercial growth, with some commercial buildings left abandoned. If built, too many low-income apartments.
• Have Board of Health look into property on Kington St. It’s an absolute disaster for people and the senior housing living near it
• Industrial GROWTH
• Industrial growth
• Industrial growth, population too large for schools (crowding)
• Lack of good department stores. Lack of light industries to provide jobs.
• Loss of animal habitats and WOODLAND areas due to GROWTH of new houses.
• Loss of animal habitats and woodland areas due to too many new houses.
• Loss of open space, too many new houses
• New construction; town services not keeping up with needs
• Noise pollution, mostly off Rt. 6 (I live in the area). Heavy traffic on Rt. 6. Too much growth & not enough planning to control traffic.
• Over development
• Over development
• Over DEVELOPMENT of Route 6 and too many new stores – increase in TRAFFIC.
• Over development of Rte 6 with too many new stores and increased traffic.
• Over development. Too many new houses, which take away natural beauty. Developers should be limited to a certain number of houses.
• Over population
• Over population and high taxes
• Over population, loosing peace and quiet
• Overbuilding & loss of country charm. Crime.
• Polluted beaches, water quality; too much development; traffic; high taxes.
• Population growth & new construction destroying woods. Becoming a city.
• Rapid & unplanned, uncontrolled growth
• Rapid and unplanned (uncontrolled) GROWTH.
• Retail
• Road safety and violators of –
• S P R A W L and businesses willy-nilly around town with no thought to an intelligent plan. Noise pollution—dirt bikes behind my house in the woods drive me crazy! They should be outlawed.
• Taxes
• TAXES.
• too many houses being built – too many subdivisions – no wooded areas will be left
• Too many people
• too many restaurants and businesses that are always leaving dirty, empty stores
• Too much auto TRAFFIC at high speeds – small children always around – too much trash on sides of roadways.
• Too much building. Average income earners cannot afford to buy or build a new home.
• Too much business
• Too much traffic at high speeds very dangerous to small children who are always around. Too much trash on sides of roads.
• Town administration. No foresight. Look what happened to Faunce Corner--destroyed beautiful golf course and country roads. Now empty building (Ann & Hope, Rt. 6 etc.) New Bedford had similar “leadership” in late 60’s & 70’s & look what they did. Today there are plans to try and fix what was ruined by them.
• Traffic and real estate taxes
• Traffic at Faunce Corner
• Traffic. School class sizes are too big
• UMASS traffic. Lack of support for small businesses.
• Unrestricted, unplanned residential development! Need to preserve the environment – the natural world #1 and to plan for services to support larger population #2.
• water.
• We need sewage!! We have wells. Ground WATER may become contaminated and affect our drinking
• We need sewers because we have wells. Ground water may become contaminated and affect our drinking water.

PRECINCT 4

• All of wooded areas being developed. Increase in traffic at N.B. airport
• As a new resident I am surprised at the level of bickering and squabbling among officials here and in the county. The area needs calm mediators to help resolve the issues. Also growth has to favor open spaces balanced with careful development.
• Becoming too commercial; it’s supposed to be a town, not a city.
• Casino, condos, exploding population too large for school system, high traffic areas
• Casino, traffic, motor boats on Noquachoke Lake
• commercial development
• Commercial growth
• Commercial growth would be poison to this area
• Congestion. Too many stores. Traffic
• Continuance of residential & commercial development.
• Crime
• crime, cost of living
• CRIME.
• Development, residential growth and too many deals
• drinking water in our area, also need town sewer in our area, too much commercial building in this area of town
• Drinking water quality
• Drinking water quality, over population
• Drugs, everywhere
• Excessive building
• Excessive BUILDING will cause many problems.
• Expansion of retail facilities
• Form of government cannot handle the complexities of the town
• Getting too commercial.
• Heavy traffic
• Heavy traffic in the area
• High taxes
• High TAXES – Old people would like to stay in their homes but can’t afford it. That’s why you have to build more housing.
• Higher taxes
• House taxes are too high. I would move tomorrow if I could. Do not need more houses in Dartmouth. It is like living in New Bedford.
• Housing developments
• Increase in low income housing, unlimited residential and business building
• Increased development of large homes.
• Increased residential development; overburdened public services (increased roads, crowded schools, etc.)
• Increasing property taxes to fund schools.
• Increasing property taxes, poor road maintenance, uncontrolled use and development of town’s open spaces
• Letting in too many homeless people with jail records from Boston
• Loosing the existing farmlands and woodlands to housing development
• Losing farms, open spaces, and our small town feel for family & friends/connection between people. Becoming a city. Loss of connection with nature.
• Loss of farms & agriculture.
• Loss of open space
• Loss of open space
• Loss of peaceful areas, wildlife habitat and clean air.
• Low income housing
• Low income housing always in N.D. not in S. D.
• Low income housing, too much retail
• More business allowed in N.D. than S.D.
• New Bedford Airport expansion
• New homes in SUBDIVISIONS – Too many subdivisions!
• No big threats
• None
• None
• Over building – excessive GROWTH.
• Over building. Excessive growth.
• Over crowded buildings, even abandoned offices
• Over crowding, development of housing out of control
• Over crowding, low income housing
• Over crowding, Rt. 6 traffic & toward UMASS, over crowded schools
• Over crowding, too many developments
• Over development
• Over development
• Over development
• Over development
• Over development
• Over development
• Over development
• Over development and sprawl
• Over development of industrial and residential areas
• Over development of industry and commercial business. The introduction of (more) low income housing in Dartmouth. State welfare agency’s dumping homeless people in our schools. Lack of proper police protection and follow up.
• Over development, commercial & residential
• Over development, leap frog development
• Over development, losing woodlands
• Over development, loss of family farms & open space, airport expansion
• Over development, too many high-priced homes raising cost of living for regular, working-class citizen.
• Over development/greed/uncontrolled developers, Capri Motel/”city” people/low income housing. Business people who get away with things because they know someone at Town Hall (ex. Richy at New York Bagel).
• Over development; loss of natural lands
• Over growth, too many new houses being built so that means more children and more schools which this town can’t afford
• Over population
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• Over population
• Over population
• Over population affects all that is good in our town.
• Over population and affordable housing development
• Over population, over commercialization.
• Over population. Low income housing i.e. Section 8. Decline in agriculture & farmland
• Over population. Over development.
• Overbuilding
• Over-development in some areas. Affordable housing placed in the wrong locations and causing safety issues.
• Overdevelopment, both commercial and residential
• Overdevelopment, lack of historical preservation, expansion of Airport
• Over-development.
• OVERPOPULATION, LOW INCOME HOUSING (Section 8), Loss of agriculture and FARMLAND.
• OVERPOPULATION.
• Pollution, high taxes
• Poor water quality
• Real estate taxes
• Residential & large, multi-family development
• Road layouts/traffic patterns create congestion, especially Hathaway Rd/Rt 6 intersection
• Speeding cars & 18 wheelers on Reed Road. From Rt. 6 to 195 homes are very close to the road & 40 mph is too fast for that area. Also, the 35 mph sign in front of # 769 has been removed so it is now 40 mph all the way.
• Tax rate
• Taxes
• Taxes increasing
• Taxes soon will be unbearable for average people
• Taxes with residential rate the same as commercial is unfair to residents. Taxes have nearly doubled since I built nine years ago.
• TAXES.
• Taxes. Old people would like to stay in their homes but can’t afford to. That’s why you have to build affordable housing.
• The enormous amount of residential homes being built, which are destroying farmlands and woods. And most of the homes are UGLY!!! Also the new high school on RURAL Bakerville Road was a HUGE Mistake – financially, environmentally and aesthetically. YUK!
• The explosion of non-affordable housing, the resulting loss of farms and open space, corrupt politics that brought us the new school to the wrong end of town.
• The town is building too fast. House lots must be bigger. We have enough retail. Pretty soon those of us with wells will find our wells dry with all the new building. This must stop.
• Too commercialized. Rt. 6 is too developed around mall; traffic is horrendous, roads are terrible.
• Too many businesses paving over precious property & cutting down trees, only to abandon them later leaving the place desolate & over paved!!!
• Too many businesses paving over precious property and cutting down trees, only to leave after a few years, leaving the place desolate and over-paved!!!
• Too many families with nothing to do and no place to go – idle teen DRUGS.
• Too many families with nothing to do and no place to go. Idle teens. Drugs.
• Too many houses and stores covering up the land and trees.
• too many houses on small lots
• Too many new buildings going up instead of using existing buildings
• Too many new homes, too many subdivisions
• Too many new housing developments
• Too many stores & businesses coming in. We don't want to become a city.
• Too many strip malls, over population, too many subdivisions
• Too much business
• Too much business around Rt. 6 area.
• Too much business in heavy traffic areas. Too little concern for preserving historical buildings & areas
• Too much commercial and industry in the Faunce Corner area
• Too much commercial development
• Too much commercial growth, grandfathered lots
• Too much commercial/business growth
• Too much development
• Too much development which may lead to traffic problems, over-population and loss of open spaces.
• Too much development, too many houses and businesses
• Too much government
• Too much growth threatening education quality due to overpopulated schools. Abandoned stores while new stores are being built.
• Too much GROWTH will threaten education quality due to overpopulated schools. The image of ABANDONED STORES while at the same time new stores are built.
• Too much growth. Residential building has got to stop.
• Too much housing, business, people
• Too much industry and business creating too much traffic, also, with the possibility of expansion at NB Airport, the air space over Dartmouth being used by air freight planes.
• Too much residential development, too much low-income development, too much assisted-living development.
• Too much retail.
• Too rapid growth
• Too rapid GROWTH.
• Town restriction resulting in water & sewer expense
• Traffic, pollution, ignorant uneducated people
• Ugly strip malls: chain stores & restaurants which all serve mediocre to bad food and which cause heavy traffic and force you to go to Providence to dinner.
• Unchecked commercial development
• Uncontrolled growth. It should be distributed throughout the community, housing as well as light industry.
• Water and over population
• Water and water pipes
• water use – could use a desalinization plant in this town. Perfect! And we could sell it, building structures, like a school, etc. in the middle of a residential area where people have moved obviously to gain a bit of “country living” and peace and quiet, instead it’s like being in New Bedford again

PRECINCT 5

• 40B housing
• Affordable housing complex on Slocum Road
• Airport expansion
• AIRPORT expansion – too much HOUSING.
• Airport expansion, overgrowth
• Airport expansion. Too many new houses.
• All of the SUBDIVISIONS that are going up everywhere.
• all this building going on, too many commercial buildings, all this traffic
• Allowing too much impervious coverage of land use in the aquifers
• An influx of more residents and businesses.
• Casino, expanding commercial business, low income housing
• Casino.
• Character of town is changing. Traffic, esp. on Slocum Road
• Commercial growth all over the place!
• Commercial sprawl of short term businesses that move or close up with the ups & downs of the economy.
• Commercial sprawl.
• Congestion & traffic on Rt. 6
• Congestion and traffic. Lack of town’s interest in taking control of Fairway Drive.
• Congestion. Too many stores. Traffic
• Continue to protect our WATER resources. TRAFFIC concerns, especially in East-West direction. Maintaining what we have.
• Continuing commerical development on Rt 6 & Faunce Corner Rd.. Loss of farmland to development in South Dartmouth.
• Destruction of forests & open space for residential and commercial use. Also, main roads—Slocum, Tucker, Rt. 6 are already way too congested. More houses mean we’ll destroy more forests & open space to make new roads.
• Developed industrial & business areas. I don’t think we need any more!
• Developers from out of town disrupting peace, quiet and comfort in area that has always been quiet.
• Development of wetlands, new drugstores and donut stores next to existing stores while there are empty stores in other areas of town
• Development—housing & commercial
• Drinking water, lack of paid fire department.
• drinking water, over development
• Drugs, everywhere
• East/west traffic.
• Excess population, housing growth
• Excessive building of stores & restaurants
• Excessive commercial growth and excessive population growth. Casino would be disaster for quality of the town.
• Excessive COMMERCIALIZATION in specific areas resulting in dangerous and serious TRAFFIC problems.
• Excessive commercialization in specific areas resulting in dangerous & serious traffic problems
• Excessive TAXES.
• Excessive taxes.
• Expansion of the runway at NB AIRPORT.
• Expansion-developers
• Gambling Casinos, Over developing commercial buildings on Rt. 6
• Houses being built too close to each other. Both single family and duplex buildings need more space between them.
• I do not feel threatened living in Dartmouth, Mass.
• I dread the traffic on Tucker Road when new high school opens.
• Inadequacy of police policy to deal with large threatening catastrophies & emergencies. Fire Dept inadequately prepared for bio-hazard, chemical emergencies.
• increased development along route 6, traffic, pollution
• Increased population
• Increased population density on roads designed for low density. Probably will need a second high school
• Increased taxes. Traffic on Rt. 6 near Mall
• insufficient roadways
• Lack of a major 5-10 year Town Plan
• Lack of affordable housing driving home-towners’ children out of buyers’ market. Over development changing complexion of the town.
• Lack of recreation facilities
• Limited industrial base
• Living near Rt. 6 can’t get much worse—pollution, noise, crime, business encroachment
• Loss of open land to homes or businesses. Over crowding of schools. Becoming a city
• Loss of open space
• Loss of open space due to over development of housing units. Over population will strain schools, fire and police departments.
• Loss of wetlands & aquifer which protect our water.
• Low income AFFORDABLE HOUSING units – Commercial SPRAWL.
• LOW INCOME HOUSING not being taken care of properly.
• Low income housing on Slocum Road
• Low income housing or public housing being built in my neighborhood
• Low income housing planned on Slocum Road
• Low income housing, industry, unplanned population growth, poor zoning laws.
• Low-income, affordable housing units. Commercial sprawl
• More businesses on Rt. 6. Poor condition of business/land from Walmart to Lincoln Park. Continued building of residential homes/subdivisions.
• New Bedford’s influence. Keep affordable housing & apartment complexes out of Dartmouth.
• New high school location
• New low-income housing on Slocum Road because traffic is already awful there.
• No planning, inability to make a decision and act
• None
• None
• Not enough recreation for kids and adults which can lead to crime and violence
• not many retail shops
• open spaces
• Outdoor intercom systems to used by businesses to page employees. Need traffic light at entrance to Dartmouth Place.
• Outside contractors
• Outside contractors.
• Over building while some buildings are empty.
• Over crowding
• Over crowding of Slocum Rd, traffic
• Over crowding. We'll become a city.
• Over developed. Vanishing environment.
• Over development
• Over development (commercial & residential), including “affordable housing” developments located in the wrong areas
• Over development by stores & restaurants
• Over development commercial & tract housing
• Over development of commercial and residential property
• Over development of land
• Over DEVELOPMENT of open spaces, i.e. housing units. A major increase in population will strain our school system, fire department and police department.
• Over development residential & commercial, airport expansion
• Over development, commercial & residential
• Over development. Getting to be too crowded
• Over expansion, unrestricted GROWTH.
• Over expansion. Unrestricted growth
• Over growth of stores & businesses, restaurants, fast foods.
• Over population
• Over population
• Over population
• Over population, loss of farms to housing developments
• OVERBUILDING (with some current buildings empty – Anne & Hope for example).
• Overbuilding of homes, over commercialism
• Overdevelopment, on Rt 6 especially
• over-growth of Mall type businesses
• Overwhelming growth of housing developments. New homes using up open space.
• Pollution
• Pollution from businesses, over population
• poor growth planning
• Poor planning for population growth
• Poor planning for traffic. (ie) Tucker Rd. too narrow, no traffic control at Rt. 6/State Rd. at Hathaway Rd., lack of sidewalks on Tucker Road to highway.
• Poor quality & low achievement in school system. The high school declines by the minute.
• Poor water quality
• Property tax
• Public housing, over population
• Quality of drinking water
• Quality of town water, teenage drug problem
• Quality of well water due to dump
• Rapid population growth. Too many new houses taking open space. Burgo basketball in my back yard.
• Residential developments in open space areas.
• Shift from professional to urban community with associated changes in values/goals
• Spending tax dollars to protect south Dartmouth at the expense of North Dartmouth, example: Group that protested high school construction.
• Spreading of commercial DEVELOPMENT to short term business, that move or close up with the ups and downs of the economy.
• Subdivisions going up everywhere
• Swamp area in backyard of elderly housing. Lack of access to recreational services.
• Tax rate
• Taxation because the town is on course to own itself. The more the town owns the less taxes brought in from those properties (over population)
• The biggest threat is commercialism and using farms to build such subdivisions
• The inadequacies of the POLICE POLICY to deal with large threatening emergencies – Fire Department inadequately prepared for bio-hazard, chemical emergencies.
• The overwhelming GROWTH of housing developments and construction of new homes, eliminating a lot of the open space conservation.
• The poor quality and lack of achievement in the SCHOOL system – the high school declines by the minute.
• Too commercial.
• Too many business coming to town – keep Dartmouth a town, not a city – stop BUILDING on Route 6, it’s a strip.
• Too many businesses going up in already crowded areas (State Rd.); a horror show waiting for a disastrous ending.
• too many chain restaurants – low quality
• Too many housing developments taking land from conservation of open space
• Too many large stores that duplicate existing business
• Too many new businesses. Becoming a city. Rte. 6 becoming a strip.
• Too many new houses and businesses
• Too many of the same type of stores, more open space
• Too many people moving in. Too many homes which are too close together. I love Dartmouth. If it turns into a city, I will move. We need to control the growth. Growth is good but if it explodes too quickly we will be dealing with a lot of negative issues.
• Too many residential subdivisions, low cost housing
• Too many stores in N. Dartmouth area. Congestion on Rte. 195West exits at Reed Rd. & Faunce Corner Rd.
• Too many subdivisions, too many failing septic systems
• Too much BUILDING – Too much TRAFFIC – Congestion – You’ll lose the CHARACTER of the Town.
• Too much BUILDING by these firms that want to buy so much land.
• Too much building by these firms that want to home so much land. Loss of open land.
• Too much building. Loss of historical sites
• Too much building; too much traffic congestion. Losing character of town.
• Too much business
• Too much BUSINESS.
• Too much commercial
• Too much commercial and retail development, too much traffic, loss of country atmosphere
• Too much commercialism creating too much traffic.
• Too much DEVELOPMENT in North Dartmouth plus too many TAX BREAKS to business which tax our services and also put too much of the burden on the home owners. I would like to see this changed.
• Too much residential and commercial development
• Too much residential development in North Dartmouth plus too much tax breaks to business which tax our services and also put too much of the burden on home-owners.
• Too much TRAFFIC and lack of BICYCLE paths.
• Too much traffic on route 6
• Too much traffic which is based on increased population
• Too much traffic. Lack of bicycle paths.
• Traffic
• Traffic
• Traffic
• Traffic
• Traffic & speeding on Tucker Road
• Traffic congestion
• Traffic congestion. Fuel emissions from autos, semi-trailers and big rigs.
• TRAFFIC on roads.
• TRAFFIC on Tucker Road especially speeding.
• TRAFFIC, GROWTH, Low income AFFORDABLE HOUSING – Not enough street lights, speed limit not enforced, loud music from cars.
• TRAFFIC.
• Traffic. Loss of open land/space
• uncontrolled development – less open space – poor zoning requirements
• Uncontrolled development.
• Uncontrolled over expansion. Loss of open space to more malls & restaurants.
• uncontrolled zoning and development
• Unlimited growth, water quality
• unrestricted business growth on route 6, all the homes are now gone, replaced with business and commercial development.
• Unrestricted developers
• Urban sprawl. New Bedford airport expansion. Residential building taking our open space away.

PRECINCT 6

• Age
• Airport
• all the businesses, restaurants, etc., that the town allows to build here, ruining rural Dartmouth
• becoming too commercial, keeping tourists out in summer, don’t want Cape Cod traffic
• Big BUSINESS invasion
• big development will bring drugs
• Building low-income housing, building new buildings when there are so many empty (6)
• building new homes on small lots, overflow of low income residents from New Bedford
• Building stores when we have vacant buildings
• Burgo Basketball & planned housing development on Slocum Rd.
• Business invasion
• Commercial BUILDING
• Commercial BUILDING
• Commercial building
• Commercial growth
• Congested housing around Slocum Road. Traffic is too congested early morning & evenings. Also congested at Route 6 lights by mall.
• congestion from large sprawling businesses
• Conservation of farmland
• Continual development of land which takes away trees and animal habitat.
• Cost of affordable rental housing
• Cost of living -- Escalation of prices as is evidenced by "greed" shown by most businesses
• crime, traffic
• Crowding, over development of commercial areas, wasted/abandoned shops. Poor recycling. Inadequate and inconvenient fall leaf pick up
• Developing beyond capability of resources; loss of open spaces, farms, historic & natural beauty; becoming a city
• Development of apartment complexes which will lower property values and change Dartmouth from a friendly town into a city environment
• Development of land
• Drugs
• DRUGS – we need more resorts for kids programs.
• Entirely too much building. I’m on limited income & cannot afford higher taxes. More building means more schools, more taxes.
• Ever expanding incoming population
• Excessive commercial in certain areas
• Excessive GROWTH resulting in increased cost of education, services.
• Excessive growth resulting in increasing cost of education and services, leading to higher taxes.
• Expansion of commercial area
• High taxes and poor street maintenance
• Higher taxes
• Housing development
• I do not like the way the garbage men throw and destroy my barrels
• I don not like the way the garbage men throw and destroy my barrels.
• I live in Dartmouth because it has convenience and is still somewhat rural. However it concerns me to see SO MUCH development allowed and is still somewhat rural. I think we may need some sort of cap. I previously enjoyed deer and the like grazing on my property until two years ago when the assisted living facility was built on Slocum Road. Little by little every available space is being taken away. At the planning board meeting that I attended regarding the assisted living facility, one of the board members made fun of one of the resident’s concerns for the wildlife that would be affected by the development. I was very disturbed by that. My reason for living, working and bringing up my family in the town I grew up in is slipping away.
• If my TAXES keep going up I will not be able to afford to stay in my home. We do not need new high school; the population is doing down, not up!
• If my TAXES keep going up, I will not be able to afford to stay in my home. We do not need a new HIGH SCHOOL. I’m very much against it!! The pop. is going down not up!!
• Increase in TAX. Street conditions (repairs of potholes, etc.)
• Lack of access to water by land
• Lack of affordable housing
• lack of conservation areas, no more businesses and malls
• Lack of cross walks, sidewalks, speed limits. Unsafe for kids
• Lack of full time fire department.
• Lack of open space, too many new homes overloading schools, too much retail, not enough agriculture
• Limited income producing environments combined with the self serving teacher and police unions and town employee unions.
• Loss of scenic or historical areas to development.
• low income housing
• Low income housing and too many retail stores.
• LOW INCOME HOUSING in inappropriate areas
• Low income housing in inappropriate areas
• Low income housing planned for Slocum Road
• Low income housing, commercial businesses, grandfathered areas with junk cars, abandoned buildings
• Michael Gagne. He is a huge waste of $100,000 a year. Find someone with a degree in business who knows what he’s doing.
• Narrow minded, improve school system
• New commercial building rather than reuse of existing vacant buildings. Cul-de-sac frontage, too many new neighborhoods with houses too close
• New home construction will destroy the beauty of Dartmouth
• Over building
• Over BUILDING homes, leave some land to enjoy and remain the quaintness.
• Over building houses on open land.
• Over building; cutting down our woodlands to build. I moved here to be in the country, but North Dartmouth has been ruined with all the commercial building, and now it is happening to South Dartmouth.
• over commercialization and loss of open space
• Over crowding. High traffic count.
• Over development
• Over development
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• Over development
• Over development
• Over development – Residential – Commercial, Industrial and Recreational Activities buildings on Slocum Road
• Over development and low income housing
• Over development both industrial and commercial
• Over DEVELOPMENT by commercial interest. Also TRAFFIC is terrible on main roads. Needs more OPEN SPACE.
• Over development by commercial interest. Traffic. Loss of open spaces.
• over development of commercial property
• Over development of housing
• Over development of land
• Over development of land for residential building and commercial building
• Over development of retail, casino
• Over development of what small amount of open space still exists in residential areas such as Tucker Road, Slocum Road, Russells Mills Rd.
• Over development, becoming a city
• Over growth, commercial & residential
• Over population
• Over population
• over population
• Over population
• Over population and excessive building we’re losing our “Town’s Beauty and Originality”
• Over population, too many stores
• over population, traffic, pollution, trash. Quality of water
• Over population.
• Over population. Stop Building NOW! Lack of access to water & beaches.
• Over-development.
• Over-development. Increased traffic. Improper planning. Environmental issues.
• Overexposure. We live in a nice quiet town. “If it ain’t broke don’t fix it”. Overexposure will eventually bring crime and drug activity to an otherwise very well off community. I like the fact that I know my neighbors and I live in a scenic town. Think about it, didn’t over exposure kill the quality of life in New Bedford?
• OVERPOPULATION
• Permitting very large private homes in private subdivisions
• Politics
• pollution, traffic movement
• Poor quality of drinking water
• Population boom. Too many large retail stores driving small businesses under.
• Population, housing developments, traffic, safety. Not enough services/facilities to accommodate all these people!
• Public schools
• Raising TAXES, PUBLIC HOUSING.
• Real estate taxes and cost of water
• Real estate taxes, traffic congestion, crime.
• Residential & industrial development.
• Retail SPRAWL and TRAFFIC.
• Retail sprawl. Traffic
• Riotous growth of housing, overcrowded schools
• Rising taxes. Public housing.
• SCHOOL SYSTEM should be highest priority. Naturally scenic or historic areas should not be DEVELOPED or built on.
• Significant hike in property TAXES. Much higher spending by town government.
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• Tax increase. Street conditions (potholes, etc.)
• Tax increases, over population, overdevelopment
• Taxes, Lack of affordable homes, unemployment
• The better than thou attitude
• There is entirely too much BUILDING in Dartmouth. I, for one, am on very limited income – I cannot afford higher TAXES. More BUILDING means more schools – more taxes.
• Too many houses being built in the country. Proposed affordable housing on Slocum Rd.
• Too many people
• Too much DEVELOPMENT and an infrastructure unable to compensate the needs of the structures.
• Too much development for an infrastructure unable to compensate for new needs.
• Too much growth
• Too much residential Growth
• Too much retail, plaza, etc. Traffic around Mall
• Too much urbanization
• Traffic
• Traffic congestion
• Traffic on Rt. 6 and Faunce Corner Rd.
• Traffic. High volume at too high speed on many residential roads. I'm afraid for the children, not because of strangers but because of good people in too much of a hurry.
• Traffic. Too much building
• Unchecked DEVELOPMENT – Both residential and commercial
• Unchecked residential & commercial development
• Unrestricted growth
• WATER pollution
• Water pollution
• Water quality, air quality, traffic concerns

**PRECINCT 7**

• 144 Units on Slocum Road
• 40B housing developments
• Too many big expensive developments being built. Someone like me who was born and raised in this town will soon not be able to afford to live here.
• Affordable housing
• Affordable housing complex on Slocum Road
• Affordable housing. I was brought up in Fall River, that is why I moved to Dartmouth. If I wanted to live near a project, I would have not left Fall River. Also, drugs and crime.
• Air pollution, noise pollution, fast food chains, malls that have empty stores
• Business & homeowners who fail to maintain their property
• Business & industrial growth
• Casino, water (drinking) quality, over population
• Commercial development
• Congested roads on Slocum and Rt. 6
• Congestion. Loss of rural quality
• Construction of houses so quickly & close together which is taking away all the open land for the wildlife. Dartmouth is being developed more & more every day with house plots becoming smaller so that it will soon look like New Bedford.
• Continued loss of farmland, allowing businesses to develop new sites without using old ones, lack of good public transportation
• Crime spillover from New Bedford. Over developing.
• Density of proposed housing on Slocum Rd.
• Developers
• Development of “low income” housing in residential areas
• Development of high-density, high population housing developments
• Development of land for housing-more children in school means more taxes
• Everytime a major building project occurs, the wild animals are left without their homeland. I see deer, fox, opossum, skunk, groundhog forced from their retreat.
• Excessive growth. Low income housing units coming into town.
• getting too built up
• Growing to fast
• Growth
• I don't feel threatened.
• I moved to Dartmouth for a better quality of life. I feel that there is too much new commercial development and that old buildings should be reused first
• Inconsiderate people, lack of or bad sidewalks
• Increase in people using the roads, shops, etc., whether through an increase in residents or tourists
• Increased building of homes & businesses. Decrease of rural & woodland areas.
• Increased crime due to over population
• Increased traffic
• Industrial or commercial development
• It is getting over crowded and we do not need a low income housing. I like Dartmouth, not New Bedford
• Loss of land to commercial growth
• Loss of open space, habitat for animals, farms. Too much commercial development, esp. on open land when empty buildings exist
• Low income housing
• Low income housing
• Low income housing project on Slocum Road and other such projects. Development of open space and land
• Low income housing, water pollution, multi-family dwellings
• Low income housing.
• Low income housing. People work very hard to be able to live in this town and give their children a decent & safe place to grow up. Don't bring the cities' problems here. I work in the city, I know! Also, housing homeless families at the Capri Motel and let their kids go to our school.
• Low income housing/Capri Motel being used as housing. First time homeowners, prices too high! Should have developers build suitable homes for middle class workers. Prices of $315,000 and up, we have enough!
• Massachusetts Chapter 40B which allows building of LOW INCOME HOUSING that does not follow local zoning laws – Slocum Farms is a major threat!
• mediocre commercialism
• More build up of the town
• More BUILDING (Low cost homes)
• More building of low income houses
• More subdivisions and less land to use as recreation
• Multi-units Chapter 40B which allows building of low income housing that does not follow local zoning laws.
• no good job opportunities, no recreation, places and things to do with groups of people, lack of culture, etc.
• no threat, whoever makes the decisions about the town is possibly at a high paying job, taking in money and do nothing, if you want anything going on – go to Canada, Florida, Providence, Boston, Cape Cod, this area has nothing. My grandchild goes ice-skating. I have to bring him to Hetland in New Bedford with children I really don’t want him to associate with, the language is horrifying.
• Open spaces and farmland being developed
• Over commercialization
• Over crowding
• Over crowding of residential areas
• Over crowding with too many new homes.
• Over crowding, drinking water quality
• Over crowding, too many commercial sites
• Over crowding: loss of beauty--trees, etc.
• Over developing of Route #6.
• Over development
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• Over development
• Over development
• Over development (residential and commercial)
• Over development of commercial
• Over development, cluster homes
• over development, inappropriate placement of low-income housing
• Over development, residential & commercial. Loss of open land
• Over development, traffic
• Over development, traffic
• Over development; this is know to be a rural town but over the years it has manifested into a suburb of New Bedford.
• Over development—commercial, industrial and residential
• Over population
• Over population
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• Over population
• Over population
• Over population
• Over population, industrialization
• over population, poor air quality, poor water quality
• Over population, too much traffic
• Over population. Too much power & authority given to Planning Board, ZBA, Building Dept & Conservation Commission
• OVERCOMMERCIALIZATION
• Overcrowded schools and roads
- Overcrowding
- Overcrowding
- Overdevelopment
- Overdevelopment by firms using Chapter 40B, too much traffic on Tucker and Slocum roads.
- OVERPOPULATION
- POLLUTION
- Pollution of water and air
- Population growth will overcrowd schools.
- Possible over population, such as in the latest 9 building proposal apartment complexes in a quite rural area
- Property too expensive
- Quality of high school education
- rampart threat of developers without any thought of conversation. Dartmouth is close to losing the charm it has left if the town is not careful
- Real estate developers.
- Residential over growth
- S. Dartmouth is growing too fast. Residential growth could diminish the quality of life we now have.
- Shortage of library space
- Shortage of LIBRARY space.
- Some threats to the quality of life in Dartmouth are residential growth and the increasing town population. Open space is diminishing along with the character of the town.
- Sprawl
- Taxes
- Taxes too high
- Terrible traffic problems because of residential & commercial development. North Dartmouth is too crowded and a horror of congestion. Rising taxes.
- The biggest threat is the low income housing. Hopefully they won’t build it in our town.
- The continuous development of every square inch of land. The traffic at this point is ridiculous. Commercial development is too great for this town. You’ll see plenty of unused commercial property within 6 months.
- The increase BUILDING of homes and businesses/the decrease of our rural and woodland areas.
- There isn’t any
- Too many homes = too much traffic. Traffic congestion. Litter along roadsides. We’re losing the small town feeling where people care about their surroundings.
- Too many new buildings on Route #6 and Faunce Corner. Use the empty buildings.
- Too many new houses, too many people = more traffic accidents, more crime. More is not better in this situation. Loss of shellfish
- Too many out of town developers keep coming to Dartmouth to build as many homes as they can, close together with not enough land space and they cut down too many trees.
- Too many people
- Too many people. Too commercialized.
- Too many stores, businesses. Loss of trees
- Too many unused commercial buildings
- Too much building of homes
- Too much development & neglect of existing resources as evidenced by litter strewn on waterfront and bridge and recreation areas, seedy look to Padanaram Village and decline of quality independent stores. Village compares poorly to Tiverton 4 Corners Mill Pond Shops.
- Too much development. Low cost housing!
- Too much Growth
- Too much growth (residential & commercial)
- Too much retail (businesses, CVS, Brooks, etc.)
- Too much traffic – high speed
• Too much unplanned development that burdens the already burdened infrastructure of roads &
services. In our 4 years here, traffic is getting worse! Open spaces are disappearing, and the
Padanaram harbor is the most eutrophic in all of Buzzards Bay. What a shame!
• Too rapid population growth
• traffic and over crowding
• Traffic on Slocum, Tucker, Chase, Rt. 6
• Traffic on Tucker Road to Rt. 6 with the new high school, or any extra school traffic.
• Traffic, not enough sidewalks, over commercialism
• Traffic, overdevelopment
• Traffic, too many new businesses, chemicals contaminating drinking water
• Trophy home building and low income housing
• unchecked sprawl and destruction of natural resources
• Uncontrolled growth between land uses
• Unrestricted growth; lack of agriculture (active)
• Upgraded schools
• Vandalism and teenage noise
• Vandals. Disregard for preservation of land—loss of natural environment
• Water pollution
• Water quality
• Way too much building destroying small town feeling. Loss of habitat to greedy developers
• WELFARE HOUSING (Housing Projects)
• Welfare housing. Housing projects.

PRECINCT 8

• Affordable housing
• affordable housing
• Affordable housing on Slocum Road
• Airport
• Apartment complexes
• Becoming too populated
• can’t think of one
• Clean water
• Commercial and low-income housing development
• Commercial growth, low income housing, state clumping welfare families in town from Boston area
• congestion, rapid expansion, water quality and crime
• Corporate retailers and developers of commercial & residential property on undeveloped land.
• Cost of living. Rising taxes.
• Crimes
• Destruction of watershed & aquifer.
• Developers.
• Development
• Development of new homes on existing open space. Commercial and industrial development
• Developments.
• Get rid of the selectmen. They are not qualified or educated to handle the problems. Put in a mayor.
• Growth of crowded, new residential developments, growth of town government
• High taxes
• Higher Taxes
• Housing developments will diminish the quality of life
• Housing prices rising too rapidly
• Housing projects, Slocum Rd. development
• I am most threatened by my peace of mind and safety
I think the quality of life in Dartmouth would decrease if businesses venture away from Route #6 and develop in South Dartmouth.

Knocking down all the woods and building houses and adding new streets

Land & housing too expensive for younger people to afford

large scale growth. Influx of low income housing. Loss of farmland.

Letting low income families reside here, allowing low income families to attend the great public school system.

Loss of agricultural land & open spaces

Loss of farms and open areas. Building of new high school on Bakerville Road is a disaster for all roads leading to it. Tucker Road is already overloaded with traffic.

Loss of farms to development

Loss of forests to housing. Turning into a city.

Loss of open land to building

Loss of open space to buildings, residential or business. Dartmouth is becoming a city.

Low income housing

Low housing

Low income housing in the wrong place. Runoffs contaminating Buzzards Bay.

Low income housing, industry, over development

Making Dartmouth’s facilities regional

More businesses, affordable housing, building

More development

need more schools to avoid the current level of overcrowding in classes on all levels

Need to have sewer lines extended

No threat.

Noise, over population

Noisy, unruly kids hanging out at stores or on the streets

not enough affordable senior housing

Not enough low income housing

Ocean water pollution.

one is the cost to live here

Over building

Over building

Over building, multiple story, dense housing. Overtaxed roads, schools & public safety

Over building, population

Over building, too many gas stations,

Over development

Over development

Over development

Over development

Over development

Over development

Over development

Over development and over population

over development could eliminate a large portion of character of the town; Dartmouth should never become a city

over development for housing and commercial uses

Over development is the biggest threat. It affects all aspects of life: school system, traffic, open spaces beaches, etc.

Over development of residential areas. Over development of retail areas.

Over development which leads to excess traffic and loss of rural feeling that attracted me when I first moved here

Over development!

Over development, disappearing open space & farmland
• over development, loss of open space
• Over development. Poor roads.
• Over growth. Town has become city. Need mayor, NOT selectmen. We are growing like a city & playing we’re still a town. Our government has to mature along with this monster we are growing.
• Over population
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• Over population
• Over population
• Over population and loss of open spaces
• Over population destroying esthetics of town
• Over population, too many commercial businesses
• Over population; high taxes; police & town officials & workers taking control over town meetings & voting themselves yearly raises & benefits.
• Overbuilding of houses and industry
• Overcrowding
• Overcrowding, multifamily housing, overpopulation, not enough open land, loss of scenery, loss of natural beauty
• Overdevelopment with no apparent restrictions or planning
• Overgrowth, substandard development such as slab housing located off Slocum Rd. & Gulf Rd.
• Overpopulation – also loss of our trees due to increased home building. More animals being forced to move into residential areas because habitat is being taken over.
• Overpopulation, the lure of increased revenue from new housing and its attendant increase in commercial development is often too tempting for the average bureaucrat who believes growth = prosperity. I fear that by 2020, this town will be indistinguishable from New Bedford.
• Poor zoning; impression that some town officials are for sale.
• Poor zoning—laws are too weak. If you know whose palms to grease you can building anything you want, regardless of zoning—corner of Elm & Russells Mills Rd. How on earth did that happen?
• Poorly constructed homes to make a fast buck will bring down property values
• Real estate tax
• rent increase
• Residential developments with small lot size, runaway town spending/budget growth
• Residential growth
• Residential growth threatens water supply, sewerage system and the schools.
• Safety
• Small lot sizes
• Start building in S. Dartmouth instead of N. Dartmouth
• Taxes
• Taxes
• Tearing down trees and woods to make more buildings. We need the land the way it is. This is what makes Dartmouth.
• Too many big businesses
• Too many DEVELOPMENTS under construction. Crowded SCHOOLS. Won’t be a small town any more.
• too many developments, over populating Dartmouth, losing country lifestyle
• Too many houses & condos
• Too many new developments. Crowded schools. Losing “small town”
• Too many people moving in, Capri Motel, new developments
• too many stores
• Too many subdivisions. Houses are going up everywhere, especially on Russells Mills Road near Red Gate corner.
• too much building – no open land
• Too much building, too much destroying land and animal habitats
• Too much commercial and congested areas
• too much commercial and residential building
• Too much development
• Too much growth of businesses
• Too much traffic
• too much traffic
• Too much traffic!
• Town government growth. Residential housing growth Over population!
• Traffic
• Traffic. Lack of open space due to increased development & sprawl. Loss of historic sites & village center character
• Tremendous increased in traffic leads to tie-ups and annoyed drivers
• Uncontrolled commercial growth
• Uncontrolled growth, low-income housing
• Uncontrolled population growth and sprawl
• Unprincipled developers such as the current proposed 144-unit complex on Slocum Road. This is ridiculous! Land north of proposed Burgo Basketball complex! I would not want to live on Slocum Road in that area if this development is allowed!!! Even our Fire Dept has stated not enough access to get in in case of fire! This development should NOT be allowed.
• Unrestricted growth
• Unrestricted growth, both residential and commercial
• unthinking, uncaring developers interested only in profit
• we should have a grocery store near Sol-e-mar, something like Shaws

PRECINCT 9

• Allowing a 3-story home built in 2-story neighborhood, i.e. 24 Bridge Street. No notices sent to neighbors before the 3rd story addition went up. Changes whole complexion of neighborhood. What next?
• Becoming a suburb. Lack of planning for the expansion that will come.
• being too expensive for young people to live here, not enough of a mix in the population, not enough jobs to keep the younger generation here.
• building developers who don’t care about the quality of life here
• Building on every lot with water view, Building houses so large there’s a 50% waste of space & heating fuel, building large houses on lots that are too small, in other words, a trend toward overcrowding
• Cluster zoning, strip malls
• Commercial expansion. The new high school!
• Commercial OVERBUILDING
• Commercial, over population
• Continued commercial development with disregard of Dartmouth residential focus
• Continued sprawl along State Rd. without proper site and design review, threats to historic resources, architecture, scenic roadways, agriculture and open space, cookie cutter architecture of large national retailers
• Conversion of open spaces and agricultural land to residential & commercial uses
• Cost of government reflecting school mandates & unionization
• Cost of living; elders can’t maintain homes
• Costs have risen so fast for realestate
• Density & overgrowth of town. Strain on resources. Limited access to shoreline for recreation. Threatened ecology of shoreline. Building codes are poor: look at the types of homes being built. Loss of land to more new homes. It will all be gone SOON! Lack of zoning enforcement.
• Destruction of land and historic buildings, over development
• Developers - too many homes going up
• Development
• DEVELOPMENT – Should consider cluster development with open space
• development by outsiders who know very little and care less about Dartmouth
• Development of farmlands into residential housing tracts
• DEVELOPMENT of large tracts of land into cookie cutter house lots
• development of the land, population growth, extended airport
• Developments
• Drastic changes. Some commercial establishments can be brought in without overdoing it.
• DEVELOPMENT in South Dartmouth open space
• Economic issues, poor school concerns
• Enough is enough!
• Excessive development, low income housing, over crowding of schools, lack zoning laws
• Excessive growth/housing starts
• Excessive taxation so the elderly are forced to leave their homes
• Families from Boston
• Further development in both town and harbor
• Government interference
• Growing too fast
• Growth
• H.U.D.
• Hate parking and the bridge not working
• High taxes might drive some residents away & discourage businesses from coming
• Housing & business development
• Housing development taking up spaces of land and then altering our roads and way of life.
• Housing developments
• Housing developments
• Housing/apartments on Slocum Road
• I think Dartmouth is a nice size as it is. I would hate to see more building. We will lose the small town feeling as we continue to grow
• Inattention to natural resources – water, beaches. Unrestricted growth of commercial or business.
• In-bred, self-serving town government. Disappearance of farms.
• Increase in low-income housing
• Increase in population
• Increased commercial & residential building
• Increased density, taxes forcing elderly to move, traffic & noise
• Increased low-income homes. Casino. Stop building on every little postage stamp of land.
• Increased population, destruction of forests and wetlands, development of Oceanside, development of grandfathered lots
• lack of activities for youth
• Lack of diversity
• Lack of parking
• Lack of police protection
• Lack of proper zoning. Lack of proper development: over-development and too rapid development. Poor management of town expenditures.
• Large increase in single family home development with no industrial development to supplement the tax base. Dartmouth loses money on all but the most expensive new homes.
• Letting the town have subsidized housing, rentals, low income, etc. The schools should not have to absorb the kids in that hotel/motel on Rt. 6.
• litter, not enough to enforce the speed and littering laws in Dartmouth, all trash goes out the window from moving vehicles
• Loss of community due to increasing transiency of citizens
• Loss of community to increasing TRANSIENCY of citizens
• Loss of desirable (good quality) land to housing developments
• Loss of OPEN SPACE
• Loss of open space
• Loss of open space
• Loss of open space in South Dartmouth to developments
• Loss of open space to development
• Loss of open space to housing developments. Loss of neighborhood integrity to shopping malls. Drop out of small mom and pop retailers. Loss of commercial waterfront
• Loss of open spaces, residential over development
• Low income housing and State’s policy
• Low income housing units, too many Walmart & Home Depots and slash and burn developments.
• Low income housing, high speeds on rural roads
• Low-income housing, loss of open land away from industrialized section in north. Adamantly opposed to 3-story, project-style housing units near John George Farm on Slocum Road. This is "city thinking."
• Mall sprawl into Rt. 6/Faunce Corner/Cross Roads.
• Malls
• Malls, traffic, taxes, suburban areas turning into city living. Loss of farms
• More and more development, both commercial and residential, will the construction never stop? I remember when Dartmouth was a rural town
• More houses
• More housing with poor infrastructure for travel on roads. Safety & traffic are big concerns. Too much growth will ruin Dartmouth.
• More multiple family housing
• more people, developers, tourists
• Multiple residential developers.
• Narrow minded people with an agenda. Failure to properly support school system
• needs to increase the economic stability, lack of job opportunity is detrimental to many residents who are forced to move or close businesses to subsist
• New arrivals, generally have made Dartmouth to be perceived as “exclusive” and do not seem to be interested much in regional goals, or common good
• New High School location
• New high school, drinking water
• New, out-of-town residents changing town with their own agendas; people forgetting Dartmouth is a rural, agricultural town; stupid decisions like new high school and tearing up two main roads-Chase & Russells Mills, at same time.
• Newcomers change the town, then leave it and we have to pay for their "ideas" for many years. Town politics.
• No sidewalks, home building, not enough control, over commercial construction.
• None
• Not enough good jobs within driving distance to support cost of housing & quality of life. Hard for young families to afford to live here.
• Not much security at home
• Out-of-town builders buying and over developing prime land
• Outside contractors coming to town building and leaving with little or no concern for the welfare of Dartmouth
- over building
- Over building threatening our water supply. Increased traffic requiring rebuilding of roads. Too many people added to the town.
- Over building, commercial & housing
- Over building, commercial glut on Rt 6, threats to rural surroundings
- Over building, especially low income housing
- Over crowding
- Over crowding, over building, rapid growth, overuse of resources (drinking water), lenient Board of Appeals
- Over crowding, too many malls
- Over crowding. Too many stores.
- Over developed & over populated
- Over development
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- Over development
- Over development – losing our FARM LAND.
- Over development & over commercialization
- over development and influential people getting around zoning laws and environmental laws!
- Over development of commercial + residential areas, i.e. losing former fields to housing (houses that are HUGE + UGLY + TACKY!). Too many “convenience stores” or donut shops – NO MORE!
- Over development of open space. Suburban sprawl.
- Over development on Rt 6. Location of new high school. Loss of rural, peace & quiet. Too many new chain stores and lack of upscale ones. Look at Westport where there are small, good shops.
- Over development which would lead to over crowded schools. The building of affordable housing.
- Over development, casino gambling
- Over development, especially of farmland and waterfront.
- over development, high school built in wrong area, not enough agricultural area
- Over development, polluted water (Buzzards Bay, rivers, etc.)
- Over development, poor planning. Taking pristine land for new high school with limited road access vs. locating on Rte 6 on reclaimed, accessible land was very poor judgment.
- Over development, uncontrolled growth
- Over development. Loss of farm land
- Over development-housing development on Slocum Rd
- Over expansion, too many developments
- Over growth & development. Rapid population growth
- Over growth of retail & industrial areas
- Over populating area with high density housing.
- Over population
- Over population
- Over population
- Over population
- Over population
- Over population
- Over population
- over population placing strain on resources
- Over population, over development
• Over population, storefronts invading further into Dartmouth along Dartmouth street, traffic
• over population, too much business
• Over population.
• Over population. Enormous houses on too-small lots. Greed of local and out of town developers. Quality zoning is essential. Seriously consider existing buildings when a new business is coming to build. Why destroy trees and wild life for new buildings when there are plenty of other options. Some of these cleared areas sit untouched for years. Doesn’t make any sense!
• Over population. Loss of open land. Rt 6 sprawl of retail stores & malls
• Over population. Pollution of land and water, both fresh & salt
• OVERBUILDING – housing and business
• Overbuilding of malls while too many empty buildings
• Overbuilding of single & multifamily homes
• Overcrowding
• Overcrowding, traffic congestion, increased crime & demand on resources
• Over-developing open space for new housing. It takes away the country feel of the town to have one housing development after another. If housing is too congested, water quality will be affected.
• Over-development, and especially unconscious and irresponsible development, will lead to continuing degradation of our surrounding natural environment and especially our rivers, watersheds, bays and estuaries.
• Overdevelopment, low rent housing
• Overdevelopment, overpopulation, traffic congestion
• Planners who do not plan
• Politicians in southeastern Massachusetts are too liberal, creating an anti-business environment that makes it too difficult attract good industry and high income jobs.
• Poor government structure (administrative, legal, financial) poor leadership and staff (underpaid and lacking expertise), poor planning.
• Poor planning. Wide roads and buildings everywhere.
• Poor water quality, commercial and industrial growth
• Poor zoning bylaws
• Poor zoning practices, unscrupulous developers
• Proposed development of high density housing on Slocum Road
• Public housing/large housing developments. Tourism/commercialism. Becoming over populated.
• Quality of life based on town growth. Improving life cycle aging is my only problem.
• Rampant growth
• Rampant, unchecked growth. Big box houses on 2 acres of land.
• Rampant, unchecked GROWTH. Big box houses on 2 acres of land. I’d like to see more “villages” created in Dartmouth with nearby services to handle cluster type development. Sort of the typical New England village concept with small shops, stores, etc.
• Relentless growth without adequate regulation
• removal of historic buildings and homes, building of units not zoned for business, unrestricted growth
• Residential development in open spaces
• Residential overdevelopment on lots that are too small
• Residential overgrowth
• Retail and commercial industrial growth south of Rt. 6
• RETAIL chains and HOUSING/ TRAFFIC is also a problem
• Retail chains. Housing & traffic also a problem.
• Retail sprawl
• rise in taxes
• Rising taxes.
• Route 6 spread of STRIP MALLS
• Rt. 6 and overgrowth to malls
• Rte 6 spread of strip malls
• School system needs to attract good teachers because so many will retire under new laws.
• School system should become more progressive, suburban sprawl is a concern, destroying precious natural environments
• Shut down the Kings Inn
• Speeding in residential areas, quality of drinking water, taxes for seniors
• SPEEDING on Elm Street – especially motorcycles in summer – need more parking in Padanaram – widen Route 6 near Faunce Corner Road/Slocum Road
• Speeding on Elm Street, especially motorcycles in summer!
• Sprawl of expensive but shoddy and ugly houses in previously rural areas. Inevitable threat to straighten and widen Tucker-Bakerville Road. Mess and traffic at Faunce Corner.
• Sprawl on Rt. 6, more concentrated business areas, alternate routes around shopping areas
• SUBDIVISIONS
• Subdivisions
• Subsidized housing
• Supply of clean water
• Taxes
• The building of low income housing
• The new high school. The traffic will be a nightmare around Padanaram.
• The town is allowing too much commercial/low income housing units to be developed in areas that jeopardize the safety of our children and residents!
• Too highly populated.
• Too many cars, people
• Too many commercial buildings. Stop building!
• Too many homes being built and projects such as that Burgo land waste on Slocum Road. Land is too valuable to waste. We need open space.
• Too many houses
• Too many new DEVELOPMENTS and less recreational area
• Too many new developments. Loss of open space for recreation areas
• Too many people building on land.
• Too much building
• too much building
• Too much building of homes; town can’t keep up with the growth in schools, roads (traffic), services
• Too much building of subdivisions and Rt 6 is becoming one big strip mall
• too much commercial and residential growth
• Too much commercial. Over building.
• Too much developing
• Too much DEVELOPMENT
• Too much development, especially development without guidelines, e.g., houses too big for lots, commercial development too close to corners or street. There’s been a definite change with more flooding of basements and streets in some areas due to too much building.
• Too much development. Crowded roads. Visual feeling of the town is changing.
• Too much expensive HOUSING being built (especially in last 8 years), eating up open spaces available, especially WATER access, either to view, or o use for walking along the beach, etc.
• Too much expensive housing being built, esp. in last 8 years, eating up any open space available, especially water access, either to view or to use for walking along the beach, etc. New arrivals, generally, have made Dartmouth to be perceived as “exclusive” and do not seem to be interested much in regional goals or common good.
• Too much growth
• Too much housing, taxes
• Too much retail, don’t need housing projects to turn Dartmouth into another New Bedford. I want Dartmouth to be a safe place to live.
• Too much t!
• Too much TRAFFIC
• Too much traffic, esp. on Elm Street
- Too rapid/too much growth, too much low income housing
- TOURISM in a way that Dartmouth may become an extension of Cape Cod, like Wareham
- Tourism that might make Dartmouth extension of Cape Cod, like Wareham
- Town politics!
- Traffic
- Traffic
- Traffic and pollution
- Traffic congestion
- Traffic volume over mediocre streets
- Traffic, commercial development
- Traffic, commercialism
- Traffic, especially on Slocum and Russells Mills Roads, and soon on Bakerville Rd.
- Traffic, excessive development on open space, poor planning, school location on high traffic rural road.
- Traffic, too small house lots
- Traffic, water supply, pollution of bay & rivers
- Traffic: speeding, disregard for stop signs (esp. on Dartmouth St.)
- Traffic; loss of open, rural space; limited/lack of beach access; lack of control over commercial development
- Traffic—Slocum, Tucker, Faunce Corner, Rte 6
- Ugly housing, over-crowded schools
- Unbridled growth/sprawl. Water pollution.
- Uncontrolled development
- Uncontrolled growth
- Uncontrolled growth
- Uncontrolled growth, property tax increases
- Uncontrolled low income housing, water quality, beaches, drinking water.
- Uncontrolled residential & commercial development
- Unplanned development
- Unplanned growth overwhelming our resources and cause us to lose what we cannot get back, like farmland that is necessary for strong, balanced economy, water quality that effects tourism, recreation, commercial fishing; traffic problems we cannot undo, loss of small businesses.
- unplanned growth throughout rural areas of town
- unplanned growth, affordable housing that is not coordinated by town officials, petty politics in the town that wastes time and energy
- unplanned sprawl
- Unrestricted apartment development in single family, residential areas
- Unrestricted building, development in fragile areas, disappearance of farmlands, open spaces and wooded areas
- Unrestricted commercial growth, lack of zoning restrictions, lack of auditing of who sets up business in Dartmouth and what it looks like
- Unrestricted commercial, industrial, residential growth; willy-nilly development
- Unrestricted development
- Unrestricted DEVELOPMENT
- unrestricted development
- Unrestricted development
- Unrestricted expansion of business
- Unrestricted growth
- Unrestricted growths
- Unrestricted residential & commercial building has led to crowded schools & roads, plus loss of rural character
- Urban sprawl
- Vandalism and damage to property
• Water pollution of waterways (fresh & salt), over population, loss of open space
• Water quality control
• When I retire will I still be able to live in Dartmouth, cost of living

PRECINCT 10

• A possible compromise on zoning regulations
• Affordable housing units
• Auto traffic out of control
• Because of the financial bind due to new high school and the higher taxes
• Becoming like Cape Cod
• Biased town officials
• Biggest threat to our beautiful town is commercial use. I also see a problem with the development of large housing units such as proposed Slocum Farms Housing complex. The location is not appropriate. Town officials need to keep developers of such large proportions at bay. Send them off!!! Let’s keep this the town of Dartmouth, not the city of Dartmouth.
• Cars, traffic, Slocum Rd. development
• Casino, over development, loss of farms, loss of beautiful country & open land
• Change of town character by prior zoning policies, traffic on rural roads, loss of farms
• Commercial expansion
• Commercial/industrial development. Pollution of the Bay.
• Commercial/industrial development. Public housing projects
• Condominiums, over building, apartment buildings, loss of farmland/open space
• Congestion
• Contamination of the water
• continued population growth
• Continued uncontrolled growth. Lack of adequate zoning to protect aquifer protection areas, riparian corridors, supposedly permanently protected open space & working farms
• Conversion of open land (large tracts) to subdivisions and light commercial
• Death of the Slocum River – nitrogen. Corporate business culture –aka Walgreen’s. Too much road traffic, especially around the misplaced new high school
• Destruction of historic buildings and beautiful and for commercial use when there are already areas zoned for it, no 3 story buildings on Slocum Rd.
• Destruction of quiet, residential community of single family homes by out of town developers with large low-income or affordable units.
• Development
• development
• Development == not having the same area for houses as a private person. Low cost homes.
• Development in rural areas. More vehicles on country roads, too many large trucks on them now. Excessive population growth. Chapter 40B
• Development of malls & shopping areas, poor road maintenance, high taxes
• Development of open spaces
• Development of too small parcels of land, especially in Padanaram
• Development!!
• Development, jet skis
• Development, overdeveloped resources including roads.
• Development, sprawl
• Development.
• Development. Demise of farms.
• Development. Since we moved here 4 years ago, much woodland behind our house has been cut down by neighbors, and a new house has been built. We no longer have the privacy and quiet and wildlife which was why we moved here.
- Enough ground water to support increasing population
- Growing too fast
- Home BUILDING – SPRAWL
- Home building, Sprawl
- Housing development in rural/agricultural areas, development without a plan
- Housing developments
- Increased industries taking over the country look and feel of our town.
- Increased residential building which will mean more schools, pressure on fire & police depts. Becoming a city.
- Increased traffic, decreasing green environment
- Industrial & residential growth. Exponential growth without infrastructure to support it; e.g., roads, sewers, police & fire needs. Basically, Dartmouth is bulging at the seams.
- Industry. Housing developments.
- Lack of a higher commercial tax rate, higher population overwhelming resources, big business influence (they make the ballot questions out in their favor like the question on the new school!!!!!!!)
  What a stupid move) Lack of a lower tax rate for agriculture
- Lack of common sense by some town officers, no financial restraint. The town is not a business, we produce no products for sale, only services which we have to pay for. This is what town officers should keep in mind.
- Lack of emphasis on academic and trades training in school system, over emphasis on athletics and band
- Lack of planning for long term/future water quality which will not support continued development.
- Over development
- Lack of town water, tax hikes
- Land speculation
- Large cell phone towers, loss of farmland
- Large elementary schools. Loss of open space. Not enough recreation for teens/not enough after school programs. Full time working Moms.
- Leniency in granting building permits. Allowing buildings being constructed in wrong locations.
- Les town interest
- Losing our open space and farms, traffic, losing country appeal, new high school in wrong place is biggest mistake
- Loss of farms and woods.
- Loss of farms, low income housing/apartment complex/condos, over development, bioterrorism
- Loss of historical areas, scenic roads, and open spaces
- Loss of open space and habitat
- Loss of quality open space
- Loss of rural areas to residential developments.
- Loss of surrounding open space, agriculture, farms
- Loss of town character which involves development issues, planning and long-term thinking
- Loud radios in cars, fast drivers. Loud motorboats, especially jet skis
- Low income – Section 8
- Low income housing
- Low income housing moving into desirable neighborhoods. Uncontrolled residential growth. Weak zoning bylaws and Board of Appeals. Overly liberal thinkers on elected boards. Outsiders moving into town with no concern for its rural nature.
- Low income housing.
- Low income, affordable housing, subdivisions, golf courses, high real estate taxes
- Low pay rate, quality of job.
- Mall sprawl
- Mall sprawl, vacant commercial space, loss of open space due to housing growth, traffic congestion
- Mall sprawl. Why can’t they re-use empty buildings instead of building more? Airport expansion. Traffic/density issues related to location of new high school.
• Mall’s SPRAWL – Why can’t they reuse empty buildings instead of building more? AIRPORT Expansion. TRAFFIC/Density issues to new HIGH SCHOOL’S location.
• More & more homes cramped into little spaces. School system is already over crowded.
• More cheap homes
• More development, both residential & commercial
• More housing on smaller lots
• More People
• More public housing, sewer leakage into Buzzards Bay
• New Bedford. Constant & unchecked land development taking away vital natural ecosystems such as migratory song bird habitat. Stop all these so-called “developers”. They should be put out of business.
• New buildings.
• No planning for growth
• Not being able to use more than 10% of my plot for housing
• Not having access to town sewer
• Not planning properly for the future
• old age
• Outside developers & corporations taking advantage of our abundance of land, services and growing population with the sole purpose of making money from the town and little concern as to how it affects Dartmouth.
• Over BUILDING
• Over building
• Over building and taxes
• Over building will ruin the quality of the town
• Over commercialism
• Over crowding
• Over development
• Over DEVELOPMENT
• Over development
• Over development in appropriate open spaces
• Over development, esp. by strip malls in new locations. Loss of rural character
• Over development, lack of determination by all town boars to assertively protect open space and preserve wetlands, lack of citizen involvement, lousy chronicle reporting
• Over development, location of new High School, traffic
• Over DEVELOPMENT, LOW INCOME HOUSING
• Over development, overloading our resources with low income housing
• Over development, suburban sprawl
• Over DEVELOPMENT, TAXES
• Over development, two donut shops side by side, poor planning, high school on wrong site, slow down
• Over development. Loss of open space & agriculture
• Over development. Low income public housing
• Over development. Sprawl. Housing developments & commercial building spread out & unrestricted. Death of the farms.
• Over development. Taxes
• Over expanding
• Over growth, pollution
• Over growth, too much residential building. Not enough space to provide for all the building. Not enough services for new buildings. Now building a new school that is already outdated. BAD decisions, poor judgment and planning
• Over population
• over population
• Over population
• Over population & building will destroy advantages of living here
• Over population and pollution
• Over population of residential housing
• Over population, commercial rail from Boston
• Over population, creeping urbanization, casino nearby
• Over population, destruction of wooded areas
• Over population, exceeding capacity of our resources, traffic
• Over population, strip malls
• Over population, too many businesses on rt. 6, becoming a city instead of a quiet town.
• Over population. New school too small before completion.
• Over population. The automobile
• Overbuilding
• OVERCROWDING
• Overcrowding. New developments with little open space. Deterioration of roads
• Overdevelopment
• Overdevelopment
• Overdevelopment of malls and fast food
• Overdevelopment, both residential and commercial, erosion of town’s natural resources, disappearance of farmland and open spaces
• Overdevelopment, especially in residential or rural areas, vacant buildings in shopping areas, no more shopping plazas, more trees.
• Overpopulation
• Overpopulation, activities of housing developers
• people
• People moving into Dartmouth coming from lower standard areas
• Poor planning, the new high school is a mistake
• Poor zoning plan.
• Poor ZONING plans – we need tighter zoning
• Population growth
• Population growth stressing school and town resources
• Population growth, expansion of Rt. 6
• Property taxes, over development
• Public housing
• rapid growth without attendant planning, farmlands and way of life need to be encouraged and maintained, tourism development rather than commercial
• Residential and Commercial development
- Residential development, commercial expansion, high real estate taxes
- Residential development. Loss of scenic farms, fields. Residential development that is not in keeping with existing style of area.
- Residential GROWTH
- Residential growth
- Restrictions on personal, non-commercial use of residential land, motorcycle riders from Dartmouth and surrounding towns who speed on winding rural roads.
- rising property tax values – getting harder to pay property taxes in Dartmouth due to high salaries, new school and rising budgets. Not everyone earns high salaries or has two incomes. Retirement will be a luxury one can’t afford
- Sale of farms to developers
- Slocum Rd. development, more cluster housing
- Sprawl developments (prefer clustering)
- Sprawling into suburbia
- Strip mall mentality, loosing farms
- Subdivisions eating up rural spaces. Commercial development in new areas when old spaces are vacant; e.g. the old Builder’s Square building (now used), good Anne & Hope building currently vacant.
- Suburban Sprawl and higgledy-piggledy provision of shops/services spread across landscape
- Tax increases and uncontrolled growth
- TAXES
- Taxes
- Taxes
- Taxes
- The continued invasion of developers is our biggest threat
- The mandate of low income housing, N.B. airport expansion, loss of open space
- The new high school and what it will create. I do not mean better students; I mean the encroachment by students & friends into the small, quiet villages & farms.
- Too many developers
- Too many businesses, large department stores and chain restaurants. Dartmouth is starting to look like the city.
- Too many homes going up to fast
- Too many houses
- Too many people
- Too many people and too many houses
- Too many people moving here, division of properties into smaller & smaller pieces. Increased traffic, esp. in connection with new high school
- Too many people moving in and polluting drinking water
- Too many people. Too much traffic. Too much commercial development
- Too much building and loss of open spaces in Dartmouth. The building especially residential during the last 5 years is appalling. We will become a suburb of Boston soon if we aren’t careful.
- Too much building. It’s becoming congested.
- Too much building. Loosing charm fast
- Too much building. No control factor
- too much commercial building, too much traffic, poor traffic patters
- too much commercial development into rural areas
- Too much developing going on. Cluster developments, min. 2 acres of land
- Too much development and also the issue of affordable housing. They tax police and fire services etc., along with changing the character of the small town feeling we enjoy!
- Too much development without thought to preserving more open space,
- Too much development, the new high school
• Too much focus on growth. Depletion of natural resources, over crowding and congestion: people & traffic
• too much growth
• Too much residential & commercial growth.
• Too much residential development
• too much taxes
• Too much traffic. Too many residents will overwhelm services.
• Tourism, publicity
• Townspeople not being able to agree on important issues such as housing
• traffic and pollution
• Traffic slowdowns on roads to Rt. 6: Slocum, Tucker, Chase Roads
• traffic, the more houses you allow to be built, the new school’s location. It seems as if I am driving in New Bedford.
• Traffic. Over population
• Uncontrolled & unplanned for growth—residential, commercial, etc.
• Uncontrolled commercial development, ie. Malls & shopping centers & their associated traffic
• Uncontrolled development, the increasing residential population without increased thru-road infrastructure is taxing both the quality and capacity of our roads.
• Uncontrolled growth
• Uncontrolled growth
• Uncontrolled GROWTH, increased POPULATION
• Uncontrolled growth. Increased population.
• Uncontrolled residential growth
• Uncontrolled residential GROWTH. Increased growth will overload SCHOOL SYSTEM ensuring the new HIGH SCHOOL will not meet town needs within 10 years. End result – more attempts to increase TAX rate valuations
• Uncontrolled residential growth. Increased growth will overload school system ensuring the “new high school” will not meet town needs within 10 years. End result: more attempts to increase tax rate/valuations.
• Unregulated development. Loss of open space. Loss of agricultural land by building high school on inaccessible, too small plot with not enough parking or athletic fields. Very short sighted, stubborn thinking on the part of town planners. High school does not belong in rural area requiring 45 minute drive for some to get there!
• unrestrained growth
• Unrestricted (board of appeals) commercial development outside areas carefully zoned for business
• Unrestricted development
• Unrestricted development, failure of farms
• Unrestricted development, misuse of available land
• Unrestricted development—residential & commercial
• Unrestricted growth
• Unrestricted growth, low income cluster housing
• Urban sprawl
• War on terror
• Water pollution: for drinking and the waterways, both salt & fresh (Lake Noquochoke)
• Water quality
• Water quality
• We need to focus on cutting back and cutting costs. Too many town services costing too much money. Pay raises without a town vote, pay scales higher than average. Unnecessary details: example, closed streets get 2 officers. Unneeded town jobs that could be outsourced when needed, not full time positions: example, the 17 new truck drivers we should hire per diem or use volunteers.
• Well water. Developers building more buildings causing pollution from cess pools & draining our wells of their water
Wrong kind of development. Loss of open spaces
Zoning – or lack of… How can we consider low income housing on Slocum Rd. Over development of rural areas

PRECINCT UNKNOWN

Access to commercial uses
Affordable housing
Affordable housing on Slocum Rd.
Airport expansion
Airport expansion
Allowing all these developments to be put all over the place. I think we should restrict farm land from becoming cluster housing.
Allowing builders to ignore wetlands & disrupt wildlife
Beverly Kay and Joel Avila & the tree huggers who consistently opposed education
Building houses where they shouldn’t
Business GROWTH
Businesses
Capri Motel LOW INCOME FAMILIES
Casino
Chapter (40B)
Commercial & residential development
Commercial development
Commercial development around Route #6
Commercial development encroaching upon & disrupting already settled neighborhood and infringing on their rights, disrupting lifestyles, etc.
Commercial growth & unrestricted new housing, i.e., limit number of structures in a given area and zoning sizes. Also, destruction of wetlands.
Commercialism and politics
Continued spending of town, such as forcing homeowners to tie into sewers when septic systems have been replaced. No need for families who fixed their systems to tie in if system works properly. Only when systems fail must they tie in to it.
Crammed Developments
Dartmouth needs to remain a suburban community, NOT A CITY! No three-tenement housing.
Density. Too much commercial business on Rt. 6. Residential housing
Developers from out of town who care nothing for the town or its people and just want to make money off us (i.e. Walgreens at Tucker & Route #6). The housing development now proposed for Slocum Road. We have to find a way to stop these kinds of people.
DEVELOPERS trying to put in large tracts for homes and large corporations trying to put up those WIRELESS TOWERS.
Developers. Building large homes for small families and clustered homes. Slocum Road project because of traffic
Developing into Dartmouth CITY
Development
Development, more people
Drinking water quality, open space, schools
DRUG Dealers
Drugs, alcohol
Excessive amount of commercial buildings and unrestricted growth
Excessive development (High Rise)
- Excessive development of Route #6 in one area. It should be spread out to Westport with a more attractive road for Route #6.
- Excessive residential & commercial expansion! It has already taken its toll on services and accessibility.
- Excessive SPENDING – how will we make cutbacks in lean times?
- Expansion of N.B. airport. Over population. More businesses result in pollution and hazardous waste.
- Fire department too spread out, town getting too big for volunteer fire coverage
- Growing too fast.
- GROWTH – commercial and residential.
- Growth and development
- GROWTH in new home construction.
- Health care facilities should be improved.
- High school in totally unsuitable area!
- Housing and malls
- Housing development
- Housing developments
- Housing DEVELOPMENTS being built bringing many children that need schooling
- How land that has lots of trees are being torn down to build houses & big buildings. There are so many buildings that are already vacant but no one takes advantage of the empty buildings. They just keep clearing more land.
- I feel that the biggest threat is the growth in population. It seems like there is too much crowding. There are a lot of things being knocked down in order to build more houses. We are taking away nature and in turn taking the beauty out of Dartmouth.
- I strongly feel the new high school has been a joke since day 1. In my opinion it is in the wrong location. I believe the school is too small and the worker’s have had trouble getting paid. The state will be late with their share and the voting procedure was wrong. People did not see the question.
- Increase in population without improvements in transportation and road conditions and pollution
- Increase in POPULATION. Too many stores and buildings not in use.
- Increase in real estate taxes
- Increase in TAXES
- Increasing population.
- Industrial growth, Residential growth
- Infrastructure unable to handle the continuous building of houses.
- Jerks on the PLANNING BOARD!
- Lack of areas for walking
  - Lack of full time fire department – in this day and age with the resources and revenue Dartmouth generates there is no viable excuse for this lack of safety
- Lack of North/South roads, increasing traffic, town government not up to the job
- Lack of open space. Over development
- Leased property by the town to recreational sports programs for the children. Good but controls need to be placed on these programs with respect to the neighboring residences (i.e. noise, lights, parking, litter, etc.)
- Letting new businesses build when there are empty buildings. Also, it’s who you are and know, life should be equal regardless of your stature.
- Little open space, low income housing
- Losing open space, farms; unrestricted sprawl of houses, malls, golf courses. Industry with toxic waste
- Loss of conservation land to residential & industrial growth in south of town
- Loss of forests & open space
- Loss of open space
- Loss of open spaces, tacky side-by-side developments
- Loss of town CHARACTER. Zoning protection threatened by Board of Appeals.
- LOW INCOME FAMILIES – transient population
- Low income housing
• LOW INCOME HOUSING
• Low income housing, expansion of residential areas into open spaces, increased traffic
• Low income housing, more traffic on highly traveled roads, ie, Rt. 6, Slocum & Tucker Rds.
• Low quality chain restaurants
• More malls, clubs/lounges
• Motorcycle drivers from New Bedford. Low income housing project on Slocum Road
• Multifamily housing, over development, traffic overload
• My age?
  Needs a bigger library in N. Dartmouth, more handicapped parking spaces at public beaches, recreation activities, special events, needs a senior center in North Dartmouth
• new high school – poor planning. Wait and see all the accidents that occur from that school
• New housing developments, uncontrolled growth
• New neighbors
• No PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION.
• None
• None
• Not enough good drinking WATER
• Not enough open space. Over crowding between houses.
• Over building in rural areas
• Over building, not enough acreage per lot, esp. in So. Dartmouth
• Over building. Plans for low-income housing. Too much traffic on main roads.
• Over crowding. Too much land developed
• Over crowding. Commercial business
• Over crowding: residential & commercial causing too heavy demand for services. Becoming a city.
  Overbuilding makes me sad & angry.
• Over development
• Over development
• Over DEVELOPMENT
• Over DEVELOPMENT – Residential and Retail
• Over development and commercialism
• Over development and increased population
• Over development, both commercial and residential
• Over development. Low income housing.
• Over growth
• Over growth
• Over population
• Over population
• Over POPULATION
• Over population & commercialism
• Over population, new Bedford airport expansion
• Over population, over industrialization, large tract housing developments
• Over population, too much commercial
• Over population.
• Over population. Commercial over development
• Overcrowding in schools, class sizes much too large. Commercial crowding on Rt. 6. Traffic congestion on Rt. 6.
• OVERCROWDING, no concern for ELDRELY accommodations.
• Overdevelopment
• Overdevelopment, resources.
• Overuse of land for homes. Lack of habitat.
• People building new houses, not all go by the rules, not fair
• People in Dartmouth pay more attention to your address and your title than anything else, this is a town divided between N. Dartmouth and S. Dartmouth.
• Please keep growth only in present developed areas
• Politics
• Politics getting in the way of making proper & intelligent decisions about the town
• Politics: building the high school down on Bakerville Road – extremely political – no common sense!
• Poor planning, designs, unmaintained existing properties
• Population
• Population growth
• Possible casino in area
• Private developer use of old farms/farmhouses and sectioning off said farms into smaller parcels for building of property. No safe drop in center for our youths with supervision.
• Probably the natural aging process
• Public shelter
• Raising taxes for senior citizens
• Real estate taxes
• Real estate taxes
• Regulations
• Residential & commercial growth
• School Department and Conservation – they want everything and think of nothing else – preservation also.
• Screaming POLICE CARS, sometimes as many as three to fender bender accidents leaving other parts of town without coverage and/or protection.
• Sprawl and the loss of the agricultural/residential mix of twenty years ago. The conflict between the interests of the two will increase as housing is built up against the farms.
• Strip malls and automobile dealerships
• Taking land and houses being built, too many developments
• TAX Rate.
• Taxes
• Taxes and cost of living. Senior retirement increases are far below the actual cost of living.
• Taxes, increased building of business
• Taxes, people sitting on boards with Personal agendas! Making up their minds before plans are presented. Snob zoning!
• Taxes, water, fire, fees. But biggest threat is secrecy in government.
• TAXES.
• Taxes. Building
• The Board of Selectmen needs to be cleaned out, also the Board of Health.
• The construction of restaurants and retail stores for non-food items
• The construction of trophy homes/destruction of otherwise affordable housing, rising property taxes
• The growth of affordable housing that will put excess burden on our schools
• The GROWTH of commercial property and loss of FOREST.
• The loss of agricultural/undeveloped land to housing, industry, business. The town should limit GROWTH to developed areas (existing).
• The people – everyone is against everything. With Dartmouth attitude nothing gets done right.
• The possibility of excessive population and business growth, the resulting increase in traffic congestion, the loss of small town character
• The requirement of zoning for very large house lots which is causing the eating up of open space. Large lots are only required where there is no town sewer. Such requirements amounts to snob zoning. Town development should be limited to that area which has sewerage and then the lot sizes can be much smaller which would result in saving open spaces.
• The ridiculous location of a new HIGH SCHOOL that is going to escalate TAX rates for roads and equipping the school. The cost of busing back to the fields for sports at the old high school. Accidents on Tucker Road because it cannot handle the TRAFFIC volume.
• They don't enforce zoning
• Too many businesses on the State Road
• Too many commercial businesses on Rt 6 & Faunce Corner Rd. Traffic & potential accidents
• Too many COMMERCIAL facilities, unrestricted GROWTH in population, and strip malls, TRAFFIC congestion, loss of small town atmosphere.
• Too many developers building on what was once called swamp land/environmental land such as Potter Street
• Too many housing developments
• Too many people
• Too many people. Apartment complexes.
• Too many poorly planned TRAFFIC patterns.
• Too many RETAIL stores in North Dartmouth
• Too many stores in Dartmouth, too much traffic
• Too many wells and WATER shortage/quality if continued GROWTH
• Too much building up. I moved to Dartmouth for the country living and limited traffic. It is building up too fast.
• Too much business opening and taking the natural open spaces – lots – acres and putting buildings to line official’s pockets
• Too much commercial, retail industrial business
• Too much commercialism
• Too much construction
• Too much growth
• Too much GROWTH
• Too much growth, i.e. people & buildings
• Too much increase in population & housing
• Too much new housing. This will only be in greater demand once the commuter rail is activated. Such explosive development will have a most negative impact on the school.
• Too much residential building
• Too much TRAFFIC
• Too much TRAFFIC at times and careless drivers.
• Too rapid expansion, businesses
• Town MANAGEMENT, quality of WATER
• Traffic
• Traffic
• TRAFFIC – Reed Road is backed up from Lake to Route 6 when UMASSD students are going to University. Cars and heavy T – T speed down the road and some cars are going over 60 on Route 6 – speed limit is 45.
• Traffic around Mall
• Traffic congestion
• Traffic problems, Drugs
• Traffic, over-development.
• TRAFFIC, too many retail stores, uncontrolled GROWTH
• Traffic/cars
• Uncontrolled development
• Uncontrolled growth. Too small lots. Casino.
• Unplanned commercial growth. Too many vacant commercial buildings, i.e. Ann & Hope Plaza
• Unrestricted growth
• Unrestricted GROWTH – both commercially and domestic dwellings – overburdened fire, police and school departments – OVERCROWDING, not a town anymore.
• Unrestricted growth and destruction of farmland
• Unrestricted GROWTH by the housing industry – destruction of open space by developers
• Unrestricted growth, Dartmouth has lost its rural character, I live near U.Mass where more homes are being built and another assisted living center is being forced down our throats, animals are running out of habituts. I don’t enjoy seeing my section of Dartmouth being ruined by over development.
• Unwanted development in rural areas. Too much commercial development
• Very poor decisions & lack of wisdom of Planning Board.
• Water
• Water quality
• Water quality of Buzzard’s Bay
• WATER quality, Over DEVELOPMENT of North Dartmouth
• Water quality, traffic from businesses
• Water supply
• We are adding too many houses too fast on very little land.
• We are extremely overcrowded; I am disappointed.
SURVEY QUESTION No. 22 MOST VALUED RESOURCES

PRECINCT 1

- a centered shopping center, an area for industry and business and still keeping most areas as a country environment
- access to highways, country living and commercial uses
- agriculture, natural habitat/wildlife, waterways
- Beach access, space for children to play, parks
- beaches
- Beaches, conservation walks, UMASS
- Beaches, farmlands, historic areas
- Beaches, farms, open space.
- Beaches, farms, open space.
- Beaches, forests, schools
- Beaches, mall, Lloyd Center
- Beaches, school system, rural atmosphere
- Beaches, schools
- Beaches, schools, access to services/geographical location
- Beaches, schools, land size
- Beaches, shellfishing, tourism
- Beaches, water
- Beaches, wooded areas
- Beaches, woodland, youth programs
- Character of the town, educational opportunities and seaside location
- Children’s education, control of drugs and alcohol, water supply
- Clean spaciousness, people, small town atmosphere
- Close to water, UMASS, good school system
- Dartmouth needs to be aware of peoples needs and more funds should be set aside for keeping Dartmouth clean. I have lived in Dartmouth for 5 years pay high tax rates and have only had my street swept once!
- district 3 fire department
- education
- Farm land, conservation land, beaches
- farmland and beaches
- Farmland, good roads, better schools
- farmland, waterfront – beaches – boating, preserved land
- Farmland, waterfront areas
- Farmlands, ocean, quiet areas separate from commercial areas
- fire department, DPW, rubbish collection, recycling
- Fire, police & trash collection
- forested public areas, hiking trails, historic buildings, landmarks
- Forests, farms and beautiful waterways.
- Forests, farms and beautiful waterways.
- Forests, wildlife, agriculture, etc.
- Historical districts, farms, schools
- Hunting clubs, shooting ranges
- it is a friendly and quiet town, it is a safe place to live in
- Land and clean water
- Land, beaches
- Land, beaches, business
- Land, location, schools.
- Land, road access to other places, shopping places.
- Land, school system, clean & safe environment
- Land, UMASS, waterfront
- Land, water
- Land, water, recreation
- Land, water, wildlife
- Location
- Location, land, waterfront
- Location, tax rate policy, schools, rural character
- Low taxes, school system, location
- Making roads better
- Natural beauty, schools, fire & police departments and a fairly affordable tax rate
- Nature, scenery, open space: school system.
- Need a park for children
- Need more hunting areas
- Ocean, land (conservation) and schools
- Open areas, waterfronts, rivers, agriculture
- open land
- Open land, open waters
- Open space, clean water and rural atmosphere.
- Open space, farm land, water
- Open Space, large lot sizes (2+ acres) and agriculture
- Open space, ocean access, wildlife refuge
- open space, retail outlets, U. Mass.
- Open space, rural character, planning foresight by elected officials
- open space/agriculture/farmlands, public schools, U. Mass. Dartmouth
- Open spaces, clean drinking water, beaches & parks
- Open water, woodlands, farmlands
- Our people/pride in community, strong infrastructure, beautiful community
- Parks, open space for recreation, beaches, libraries, Demerest Lloyd park
- people
- People, land, quality of life
- Police, fire, schools
- Police, schools, medical services.
- Population, open space still available, schools (quality of education & size).
- Preservation of land, water quality and school system
- Public works is not up to par with services
- Recreational/open space areas including the beaches, schools and facilities, and the police/fire/emergency services
- Rural areas (where they still exist), harbor and beaches, UMASS
- Rural character
- Rural life
- Rural quality, sale and freshwater waterways
- School system, beaches, open spaces
- School system, open space/farmland, public safety departments.
- School system, preservation of land, recreational facilities
- School system, recreation space, open land
- School system, retail sources, fire/police dept.
- School system, water supply (well water, great taste), UMASS.
- Schools, beauty and access to many needs (stores, medical personnel, etc.)
- Schools, conservation land, water
- Schools, library
- Schools, location
• Schools, neighborhoods, open space
• Schools, open areas & parks, beaches
• Schools, recreation, business.
• Schools, schools, open space.
• Schools, UMASS, beaches/parks.
• Schools, undeveloped land, waterfront
• seashore from Clark’s Cove to Barney’s Joy
• Seashore, farmland, open space.
• Seashore, farmland, open space.
• Seashore/beaches, rural setting, easy access to shopping & highways
• Sense of community, children’s activities, schools
• Services for elderly: transportation such as shopping for food, recreational activities, help for low income elderly with daily requirements for survival, such as property tax decreases.
• The new Fall River Road park.
• the Sport’s Dome (not fixed yet), the Dartmouth Mall, the ponds and beaches to swim in
• U. Mass Dartmouth, open spaces, suburban character
• UMASS, Entire Rt 6 Faunce Corner Road area, Padanaram bridge & water area
• Undeveloped land, schools, beaches
• Water front. Preserved areas for wildlife. Farming community unity.
• water, farm areas, beaches
• Water, nature, youth education
• Way of life, water, land
• We have an ambiance of quaint rural New England while providing most modern services to the community. The picturesque harbor and scenic woodlands are also valuable assets to the town.
• Well water, fire dept, Home Depot
• Wooded areas to preserve wildlife, water (ponds and lakes), good neighborhoods to raise in a safe neighborhood
• Woodland, water, air

PRECINCT 2

• Above average residential areas
• Access to ocean, pristine open space, excellent school system for those taxpayers in the Town
• Access to Rt. 95
• agriculture, retail business and shopping centers
• Beaches
• Beaches
• beaches – we’re fortunate to have quality waterfront – we must keep it that way; open spaces – good mixture of developed land and non developed – let’s keep it that way; children – by improving our schools and maintaining high standards in our system – we encourage good, honest, hard working families to come to Dartmouth and stay here
• beaches, boating and preserving the beauty of the land and trees
• Beaches, industry
• Beaches, land and trees
• Beaches, open land
• Beaches, open spaces on waterways, scenic roads
• Beaches, Padanaram Village, State Police
• Beaches, recreation programs for youth, public works
• Beaches, schools, open spaces
• Beaches, shopping, and quiet country in some places.
• Beautiful areas of country and beaches, could build hiking and biking trails; business and industry could be if it would help the residents (homeowners) by lowering our taxes and payments to Town, we do not benefit from business and industry at all
• Beautiful country areas & beaches.
• Buzzards Bay
• Citizens’ action in fighting 40B
• Crapo field
• Education, beaches, children
• Environment—water, beaches; quaintness of a small town (what used to be, anyway); quality of residents
• Existing quiet residential homes away from Route #6 traffic
• Farming, open spaces such as Lloyd Center and wildlife area on Hixville Ave, water purity
• Farms, clean water fronts, clean brooks, streams, bay
• Farms, open fields
• Farms/agriculture. Small town appeal. Schools.
• Fire, police, DPW
• good water, good schools and good highway department
• Great schools w/excellent teachers & nice kids; privacy & environmental beauty; still a town
• Green areas (farms, woodlands, etc.), harbor and beaches, country character of Town
• Historic; private homes (no more projects), farmland
• Housing, affordable apartments
• Lake Noquochoke (which needs to be cleaned up), nature 7 forests, and the road accessibility to where you need to go in Dartmouth (highway or route #6)
• Land, water
• Land, water and people
• Land, water, beaches
• Medical centers, retail stores, countryside & beaches.
• Medical centers, retail stores, countryside & beaches.
• Ocean front areas not built on. Woods. Farm areas.
• Open land
• Open land, beaches, farms
• Open land, shopping centers, water
• Open space
• Open space, coastline, water supply
• open space, conserve farm space, business for jobs
• Open space, drinking water quality, good schools
• Open space, farmland, beaches
• Open space, farms, beaches
• Open space, farms, water
• Open space, old time charm (historic), waterfront
• Open space, water quality (drinking & otherwise), educational system
• Open space, water supply, town service
• open spaces, farmland, agriculture
• our schools and children, our rural character, our state university
• Our young people, our families, our elderly
• Padanaram Village, rural atmosphere and easy access to shopping
• Parks, beaches
• Police, fireman, teachers
• Remaining open spaces, waterfront areas, UMASS
• Restaurants
• Round Hill Beach, public schools
• Rural feeling, tax-rates, water quality
• School system, U-Mass Dartmouth and the beaches/waterfront
• Schools, agricultural land, access to water
• Schools, library
• Schools, library
• Schools, open space, retail access
• Schools, water, trees
• Seacoast. What’s left of farmlands. UMASS.
• Shopping, cost of housing, access to highways
• shorelines with public access and parking, open areas with public access and parking, uncrowded residential areas
• Sparse population, low tax base, civil service workers
• Town beaches need to be maintained so that future generations will be able to enjoy them
• Town forest, beaches
• Town history, schools
• Trees for environmental & esthetic reasons, beaches, UMASS
• UMASS, shopping center nearby, road maintenance
• UMASS, water quality, open space
• Undeveloped land, beaches, wildlife
• Volunteer participants, water supply
• Water front, rivers, forests
• Water fronts
• Water quality, open space, townspeople
• water, air quality, schools
• Water, clean air and land
• Water, education, retail
• Water, land, animals and plant life
• Water, land, our children
• Water, land, people
• Waterfront and beaches
• Woodlands, farmland, wetlands

**PRCINCT 3**

• Agriculture, open space, mall
• Beach, Farmland, hiking paths
• beaches
• beaches (Jones), Farmland, Lloyd State Park
• Beaches, education system
• Beaches, schools
• Beaches, schools, libraries
• Beaches, water, wooded areas
• Farmland and beaches
• farmland, open space, water and beaches
• Farmlands, water, mall
• Fire dept, UMASS, residential living (which is being taken away gradually)
• Good educational system, good recreation program and excellent town facilities for recreation. Lots of access to the natural world – open space and trails
• Harbor & waterways, historic roads/sites, open spaces
• Land, beaches, aquifers
• Land, good school system and university
• Land, school system & UMASS
• Ocean, countryside, famland, police
• Ocean, forest, people
• Open space and beaches
• Open space, beaches, rural/small town character
• Open space, clean air, good water
• police department, fire department, convenience stores, markets, malls
• School system
• School system (Gidley & High School), UMASS
• Schools, beaches, restaurants/mall/retail
• Schools, open space, quality housing
• Schools, recreation, health clinics
• the beaches and open land
• UMASS & schools, open land & country atmosphere, clean beaches
• UMASS, beaches, good drinking water
• UMASS, school system, medical centers
• Water
• Water
• Water access, schools, open spaces
• Water, parks, boat access
• Waterfront (beaches), farmland and high school
• Waterfront access, open space, schools
• Woods & rivers, rural character of town, clean beaches
• Woods, fields, land

PRECINCT 4

• Access to highways, school system
• Access to ocean, population-to-land ratio, school system
• Adding more play areas for youth. Consider areas for children 9-8 like skate boarding, tennis
• Agriculture, farms, open spaces
• Beach fronts, recreational parks, just not near us, open land, unfortunately most in South Dartmouth
• Beach, open space, people
• Beach, water, farmland
• Beaches
• Beaches, agriculture, open spaces
• Beaches, open space
• Beaches, open space, composting of sludge
• Beaches, open space, DNRT lands
• Beaches, safe harbor
• Beaches, scenic roads with minimal traffic, peaceful
• Beaches, senior services, school system
• Beaches, senior services, school systems
• Beaches, water
• Beauty, safety, scenic
• Businesses, restaurants, conservation lands
• Businesses, waterfront, people
• Children, open space, rural character
• children, school system, police
• Clean water, beaches, farming
• Coastline, beaches, open space
• Coastline, farmland, intermodal system
• Country roads, trees, streams & greenery
• Country setting, good water, tax rate
• Dartmouth Natural Resources Trust, schools, rural life
• Drinking water, schools, affordability
• Drinking water, sports programs for children, coastal access
• Education, community
• Farm land, good water, sewer
• Farm land; quality of water-drinking, beaches, lakes; recreational access
• Farmland, beaches, open space
• Farmland, beaches, open spaces
• Farmland, conservation land, beaches; access to ocean; historical buildings
• Farms, beaches, schools
• Farms, old fashioned country folks/"towns people"
• Fire department, police department, churches
• Fire department, police department, school system
• Fire Dept, Police Dept., Ambulance system
• Good drinking water, sewer, libraries
• Good schools, good fire departments, good police
• Historic sites
• Land, land, land
• Land, water and wildlife
• Land, wildlife, space
• Land. Land. Land
• Location near water
• Location near water
• location, land use, U. Mass.#0 schools, beaches/water access and rural life but still accessible to conveniences
• Location, water convenience, mall
• Natural open space, access to ocean, school system
• Natural resources, beaches and U-Mass Dartmouth
• Nice & quiet
• Nice & quiet
• Ocean, lakes, farms
• Ocean, lakes, farms
• Ocean, lakes, natural land and good neighborhoods
• Open space, beaches, people
• Open space, DNRT, history of Dartmouth
• Open space, farm land
• Open space, farmland and wetlands
• Open space, historic space and the school
• Open space, local owned/run business, small town “feel”
• Open space, residential character, farm land
• Open space, school system, ability to be close to commercial business
• Open space, schools, DYAA for recreation it provides for our children
• Open space, trees, clean beaches
• Open space, water access, farms
• Open spaces, access to ocean, schools
• Open spaces, access to water, beaches
• Open spaces, beaches and clean wells
• Open spaces, beaches, water supply
• Open spaces, school system
• Our beaches (although the water quality has been questionable recently), the takeover of many farms for agricultural protection and buying property to keep it protected from residential use for walking trails and the scenic beauty
• Padanaram harbor, Round Hill Beach and Slocum River
• Padanaram Harbor, town beaches, woods, farmland and open spaces
- People, land quality of life
- Proximity to beaches, scenic roads and minimal traffic, peaceful
- Proximity to the coast
- Public beaches, convenient shopping but still a rural feel
- Public water supply, public access to waterfront, peace and quiet in our neighborhoods
- Quality of life, character of town, diversity of people
- Recreation areas, forested areas, country living
- Retail shopping, bus lines, information about what is going on in our town
- Round Hill beach, UMass Dartmouth, Dartmouth mall
- Rural character, good town government, new schools
- Rural living, beaches, native wildlife
- School system, access to highways & town office buildings
- School system, Children’s recreation programs, beaches
- School system, lakes, recreation facilities
- Schools
- Schools, beaches, country living
- Schools, fire dept. police
- Schools, library, town
- Schools, open land and water resources
- Schools, open spaces, churches and recreation
- Schools, police, fire
- Schools, rural character
- Schools, taxes, beaches
- Schools, the town itself and what it stands for, wildlife
- Settings, safeness, scenic
- Slocum River
- Small town quality, balance of support services and residences
- the people, the openness
- U. Mass., library, retail stores
- U. Mass., public libraries, waterfront
- Umass Dartmouth, good high school, good library system
- Umass, forestry
- Undeveloped areas of South Dartmouth; beaches; Rt. 6 mall/commercial area
- Vacant commercial should be utilized, like Lincoln park property
- Water – most of us have wells and need a clear supply of good water; suburban life – threatened by industry, business, schools, etc. infringing on the peace and quiet of country life/ keep it on/around route 6
- Water (beaches and boating), close to stores and great schools
- Water quality, feeling of safety, small town appeal
- Water quality, open space, preserving woodlands
- Water supplies, sewerage, police and fire
- Water supply & quality, farms, open space
- Water, beaches, farmlands
- Water, open space
- Water, parks, beaches
- Water, recreation, air quality
- Water, sewers, beach
- Water, sewers, beach
- Waterfront community with open spaces, plenty of room to breathe
- Waterfront, open spaces
- Waterways, water (public access)
- Wetlands, water, farms
- Would like to see more conservation of the town’s forests. The forests are an area of conservation which has been extremely neglected.
- Young people, land

**PRECINCT 5**

- Access to boating & beaches; rural country environment & tranquility; access to highways & mall
- Access to boating and beaches, rural country environment and tranquility, accessibility to highways and malls
- access to less traveled roads (for cycling)/beaches/ local schools
- Access to major highways. Good golf courses, food & retail shopping. Good schools
- Agricultural land, water quality, schools
- Beach access, police and fire protection, town services
- Beach, UMass
- Beaches
- Beaches, access to retail areas and farms
- Beaches, affordable housing, tourism
- Beaches, athletic fields, fire & police
- Beaches, farm land, preservation
- Beaches, farm land, stone walls, open spaces
- Beaches, farmland, open space
- Beaches, farmland, stone walls and open spaces
- Beaches, farms
- beaches, farms, the open space we have left
- beaches, open space
- Beaches, open space, farmland
- Beaches, open space, schools
- Beaches, open spaces, schools
- Beaches, Padanaram Village area, farmland
- Beaches, parks, libraries
- Beaches, parks, public services (DPA, police, fire, etc.)
- Beaches, parks, schools
- Beaches, recreation programs, water quality
- Beaches, salt water
- Beaches, saltwater
- Beaches, scenery, history
- Beaches, school system, natural beauty of open spaces
- Beaches, schools, water
- Beaches, shopping areas, landscaping
- Beaches, water, farmlands
- Beaches, wooded areas, open spaces
- Buzzard Bay, farmlands, open space and scenic beauty
- Clean air, open land, community feeling
- Clean drinking water
- Clean up abandoned buildings and junk car sites, clean up overgrowth of trees at Dartmouth Mall
- Clean up abandoned property
- Close to Boston, close to top University of America, great people
- Coastline & water recreational facilities; school system; continued good planning for the future
- coastline and beaches, open spaces and farmland
- Coastline and water recreational facilities, school system, continued good planning for the future
- Coastline, access, and farmland, schools
• Coastline, landmass, UMASS
• Commercial growth should be curtailed, cluster housing should be held to minimum including condo building
• Conservation areas, beaches and ocean areas, low population
• Country feel yet close to city; close to Providence & Boston; on the water; mix of mall in one place & peacefulness in the rest.
• Country feel yet close to city, close to Providence and Boston, on the water, mix of mall in one place and peacefulness in the rest
• Education system, police/fire, recreational programs
• Education, proximity to Providence/Boston
• Firemen, ambulance, police 9 call service
• Get ready when the rail arrives so will the large growth, without a plan, Dartmouth will be very different 0 years from now. Probably with no help for the lower income and lots of big, yuppie houses built anywhere they want
• Golf course, beaches, open land, school system
• Good schools, nice environment, country setting
• Harbor, open space, golf courses
• Harbor, River, village concepts
• Housing, location, waterfront, recreation facilities
• Land, open space, school system, water
• Land, schools, beaches
• Land, water
• Land, water & open space
• Land, water, education
• Land, water, location
• Land, water, proximity to major highways
• Location, schools, people
• Location, services, recreation
• Location, the coastline and land use
• Natural beauty of ocean & woodlands, rural areas, our children
• Natural beauty, people, schools
• Not over crowded. Access to ocean if you can afford it
• Not overcrowded with unrestricted growth, it access to the ocean, if you can afford it
• Ocean, beaches, Apponagansett Park, farms
• Ocean, beaches, Padanaram Village
• Ocean/water front; quiet, remote atmosphere; youth associations & activities
• Oceans & beaches, new high school, community atmosphere
• Open land, mall, people who live here
• Open land, public access to water, school system
• Open space
• open space – shore line and water activities – keeping residential and commercial areas separated – quality of life in a controlled suburban community
• Open space that is left.
• Open space, animal habitat, land conservation
• open space, beaches, school (Gidley)
• Open space, beaches, schools
• Open space, beaches, schools
• Open space, Town Council vs a Mayor, its people
• Open space, town council vs. a mayor, people
• Open space, waterways, farmland
• Open spaces, beaches
• Open spaces, beaches
• Open spaces, beaches, harbors
- Open spaces, beaches, harbors
- Open spaces, farm land, beaches
- Open spaces, Round Hill Beach, schools
- Open spaces, Round Hill beach, schools
- Open, undeveloped space; slow, less hectic life; UMASS
- Padanaram Harbor, UMASS, beaches
- Police & fire depts
- police, fire department, school system
- police, school system, buildable space
- proximity to the ocean, homes which are nicely spread apart in many locations and I feel like I live in the country (my home is very quiet) but I am minutes to stores and restaurants
- Quality of life, quality of water, public safety
- Quality of life, safety, close to everything
- Quality of school system, beaches, tax rate
- Room for growth of industry to help upgrade services such as school building, libraries. UMASS, ocean, beaches, Lloyd Center, etc.
- School system, beaches, involved citizenry
- School system, beaches, proximity to major cities & Cape Cod
- school system, country farm areas, ocean availability
- School system, drinking water quality, beaches
- School system, low cost of living/taxes, access to everything
- School system, natural recreations, businesses
- School system, open space, beaches (overall quality of life)
- School system, open space, beaches = quality of life
- school system, public/town beach
- School system, recreation, police and fire
- Schools, beaches & waterfront, rural ambiance
- Schools, beaches and recreation programs
- Schools, beaches, Dartmouth Pride
- Schools, beaches, open space
- Schools, beaches/waterfront, rural ambiance
- Schools, churches, recreation facilities for kids.
- Schools, family
- Schools, housing, open space
- Schools, location near coast, recreation facilities.
- Schools, open space, farmland
- Schools, security (police, fire depts.), quiet character of the town
- Schools; libraries; fresh water & slat water—access & use.
- Seashore, what is left of farmland, natural beauty
- Senior Center, Oncology Center
- Services, recreation, water ways
- Size—not too big, not too small, just right. Clean air & water. Proximity to future (?) rail service
- The golf course, our beaches, our open lands and school system
- The people, lack of commercialism, location
- The people, lack of commercialism, location
- This town was an agrarian town and it is rapidly losing that appellation. It is growing much too fast into a commercialized suburban township
- Town government, tax rate, school system
- Town Hall people, school department, various departments in town (police, finance, etc.)
- Town Hall people, School Dept., various depts. in town—police, finance, etc.
- Town services, decent housing, recreation
- Town water, emergency service
• Town water, shoreline, sewers
• Town water, town shoreline, sewerage
• UMASS, Lloyd Center, waterways
• UMASS, shopping center, police & fire depts
• UMASS, Shopping Center, Police and Fire Departments
• Water quality, trees, all vegetation and wildlife
• Water, beaches, farmland, villages
• Water, both ocean and drinking and the overall size of the town
• Water, farmlands, sewerage
• Water, open spaces
• water/beaches, schools and agriculture
• Waterfront, beach, farm
• Waterfront, beach, farms
• Waterfront, land mass, education system
• Waterways, convenient shopping, low crime rate
• Whatever open undeveloped land that is left

**PRECINCT 6**

• Additional stop lights on major roads to reduce speed.
• agricultural lands, recreational and education
• Beaches
• Beaches & access to ocean, historical homes & areas of historical significance, “country style” living with access to main highways & cities
• Beaches & access to water, good recreational programs & facilities, good libraries—although North Dartmouth Library is too small
• Beaches & water sports, Padanaram Village, school system
• Beaches, farm land, wildlife
• Beaches, farm lands, trees
• Beaches, good drinking water and excellent police department
• beaches, open areas. Present size
• beaches, open land, education
• Beaches, open spaces
• Beaches, open spaces
• Beaches, Padanaram Harbor, clean water
• Beaches, parks and open land
• Beaches, plant habitats (Lloyd Center, etc.), water quality and air quality
• Beaches, school system, open space
• Beaches, schools, businesses
• Beaches, schools, farms
• Beaches, schools, open spaces
• Beaches, schools, recreational programs
• beaches, senior services, water access
• Being a town, not city.
• Better police, Fire Dept., Town Hall
• Character of town, beaches, quality of life
• Clean air, water, open spaces
• Clean environment, fresh air; convenient to local areas such as New Bedford, highways, Fall River; good people.
• Coastline, people who relocated in the town and care about its past, present & future. New England style villages yet access to shopping areas, restaurants, et.
• Coastline, schools, open spaces
• Control growth, maintain control of youth gatherings.
• Country living, rural, clean air
• Drinking water, police dept. fire dept.
• Family life & space that comes with it. Open space for wildlife and exploration by individuals. The limited space for business development.
• Family, quality of life, resources
• Farmland, open space, waterfront, beaches
• Farmland, water and keeping the town a town and not a small city
• Farms & farmland, open space, recreation areas
• Farms, beaches, Slocum River
• Fire, police, schools
• First of all, the people – they are the greatest, beaches – especially Round Hill, Farms, farms, I hope we don’t lose more
• Forest, farms, water
• Fresh air, water, open space
good schools, good police protection, good emergency people (on call)
• Great need for business and industrial expansion to improve tax base. Walking and jogging trails are greatly needed
• Green areas, beaches
• Historic buildings, beaches, schools
• Historical properties, beaches, ocean
• History, land
• its open space, clean air, water
• Land
• Land, water and land
• Land, water, air
• Land, water, hunting areas
• library and the fire and police departments
• Lloyd Center, beaches, UMASS
• location to ocean, open space, school system
• Location, land, wildlife
• Moderate population, school system and agriculture
• Needs overall improvement
• Ocean, farmland, history
• Ocean, woods, major highways
• Ocean/beach accessibility. Safety (police protection, low crime rate). Open space preservation
• Open space, UMass, schools
• Open spaces (wooded & agricultural), seacoast (beaches, fishing, boating), town meeting government
• Our water and beaches
• People, youth, schools
• People—they are the greatest! Beaches, especially Round Hill. Farms, farms.
• Police and fire depts., beaches, schools
• Police, fire dept, town hall
• Police, fire, and I try to value the school system
• Price of water/waste, mall/stores, UMASS
• public beaches, library system
• Quaint villages & country atmosphere, waterfront & beaches, historic buildings
• Recreational facilities (soccer, baseball), convenience to stores, privacy
• retail establishments help fuel the economy (keep Route #6 growing), the scenery (beautiful town brings tourism) and the police department (always on top of things before they erupt)
• Round Hill beach and open space
• Round Hill beach, farmland, Lake Noquochoke
• Safe place for children, more jobs, place for children to play
• school system, athletic programs, beaches
• School system, environmental resources, water, wildlife and forest, police and fire departments
• School system, low taxes, open space
• School system, recreation program for youth sports
• School system, recreation program for youths (sports)
• School system, recreational areas, open scenic areas
• School system; environmental resources--water, wildlife, forests; police & fire depts.
• Schools
• Schools and the current selectmen & finance office
• Schools, beaches, recreation areas
• Schools, beaches, recreational areas
• Schools, beaches, town sewers
• Schools, businesses, land
• Schools, businesses, land
• Schools, lifestyle
• Schools, medical complexes and people
• Schools, open land
• Schools, open land, a proud town
• Schools, open land, beaches
• Schools, open space, fire dept.
• schools, recreation for youth, open space
• Schools, small community, location
• Schools, town meetings, waterways for boating
• Semi-rural setting, close proximity to beaches, boating, fishing, hunting, canoeing, etc., outdoor recreation in “wild” areas
• the great school system, country setting, the fact it is a town!!!!
• The land, the culture, the waterfront. By culture I stress that we have a very diverse culture with such a beautiful environment
• Town beaches, farmlands, recreational areas
• trees and roads
• UMASS, beaches, suburb not overly developed
• UMASS, water access (beaches), farmland
• UMASS, water access/beaches, farmland
• Undeveloped land, farms, beaches
• water – seashore, beaches – preservation of same: small town quality – which is eroding; open space – also eroding
• Water access & harbor, beaches, UMASS
• Water availability and grade, sufficient schools, maintaining the type of government we enjoy
• Water ways & beaches, farm land, school system
• Water ways & beaches, farm land, school system
• Water, beach areas, schools and children’s supervised recreation
• Water, beaches, open spaces, forests
• water, farms, open space
• Water, land
• water, land, peacefulness of surroundings
• Waterfront property, availability of good schools and woodland preserves
• waterfront, undeveloped land and educated youth who unfortunately leave the area
• We should be able to make owners of abandoned houses and buildings either maintain them or knock them down, they are hazards.

PRECINCT 7
• Access to waterfront
• Agricultural land, school system, libraries
• Be careful where and how many buildings are put up.
• Beach & ocean, police & fire depts.
• Beach, boating, farm land
• Beach, sports activities, open space.
• Beaches and land
• Beaches and public access. Small enough to know people where we work, shop, bank, town hall, services, etc. Quality of family life—short distances to school, activities, library, etc.
• beaches, farmland, open spaces
• Beaches, feeling of small town as of now
• beaches, harbor (water front), farms
• Beaches, historical sites, schools
• beaches, history and schools
• Beaches, libraries, fire dept.
• Beaches, mall and U-Mass Dartmouth
• Beaches, open land, quiet lifestyle
• Beaches, open space, retail district
• Beaches, open space, shopping access and medical offices
• Beaches, open space, small town feeling
• Beaches, open spaces, business district
• Beaches, Padanaram, schools
• Beaches, recreation
• Beaches, schools, public services
• beaches, shopping mall and parks
• Beaches, small town feeling
• Beaches, water access & beautiful coastline, people
• Becoming very disenchanted w/Dartmouth, Too many new homes, and low income housing being considered on Slocum Rd.
• Character of the town, good public schools and U-Mass Dartmouth
• Clean water, clean air, clean parks, clean beaches
• Coastline, what is left of the open space, town government
• Community awareness, street upkeep
• Conservation, farmland and beach access
• Country living, good schools and conservation land
• Country open space, conservation land, historical sites
• Decision makers need to listen
• DNRT, farmland, open spaces
• Education/schools, forests, open space
• Excellent services: DPW, police, fire.
• Farm land, ocean, any open space
• Farm land, schools, restricted development
• Farmland, beaches, "country on the water"
• Farmland, open space,
• Farms, conservation areas, school system
• Farms, neighbors, country living
• Farms, open space, recreational facilities
• Forests, streams, clean air
• Good public schools, good place to raise children, safety
• Good school system, waterfront property, mostly residential single family homes
• Harbor, Padanaram village
• Housing should be curtailed for 0 years
• Housing styles, suburban community, community involvement
• I am against any development of government housing on Slocum Road or anywhere else in town.
• Land
• Land, beaches, wildlife
• Land, forest, farmland
• Land, land, land
• Land, water and schools
• Land, water, history
• Land, water, land again.
• Libraries, public beaches, Umass
• Libraries, Umass, schools
• Mall, UMASS, schools
• Natural beauty
• Natural beauty & resources
• Nature, beauty, country roads, schools, clean landscaping
• Not shellfishing, for sure!
• Ocean access (bathing & beaches), public school system and effectiveness of fire and police departments
• Ocean, farmland, beach
• Ocean, land
• Ocean, waterside community
• Open land for conservation, clean air & drinking water, excellent schools
• Open land, beaches, school system
• Open space
• Open space, agriculture, waterfront
• Open space, farmland, good schools
• Open space, waterfront
• Open space, work of the DNRT, people
• Open spaces, farm land, Route 6 retail
• Open spaces, water, children's recreation
• Padanaram Village/Bridge/water area, ramp for boats and the town hall
• Peace, tranquility, unhurried people
• Peaceful community, good for raising children. Beaches
• People, beaches and proximity to Boston, Providence and the Cape
• plenty of land, good schools, the town actually cares to ask our views
• Ponds, oceans, forests
• Proximity to highways to Boston & Providence; beaches & recreation areas in Dartmouth & Westport; convenient shopping, businesses & medical services
• Remaining farms, remaining open space, town beaches, recreational facilities (baseball, soccer)
• Safety, affordability, preserving the land
• School system
• School system, farmland, great town to raise kids
• School system, ocean/water access, open space
• School system, remaining, but meager, access to public fishing, reasonable size of population
• School, open spaces, town services
• Schools
• Schools, beaches
• schools, beaches, farmland
• Schools, beaches, shopping
• Schools, beaches, shopping
• Schools, children’s recreational areas, suburban lifestyle
• Schools, farmland, parks
• Schools, farms, coastline
• Schools, jobs, open land
• Schools, libraries, location
• Schools, libraries, UMASS
• Schools, people – teachers, Beaches
• Schools, police & fire departments and churches
• Schools, water and people
• Separation between retail & country, woodlands, seaside location
• Small town atmosphere, open space, beaches, woodlands
• Status quo of town as is; tax rate; excellent school system
• The amount of land still not developed and good public education
• The ocean, beaches, woods; the quality of water, rivers and wildlife; more retail (famous name properties) inside the mall – something is needed in South Dartmouth
• The remaining farms and open space, the Town beaches and recreational facilities (baseball, soccer)
• The water resources, the open land and the recreation facilities for our children
• Town beaches, school system, shopping centers
• Town Hall, Crapo Field, Dartmouth High School
• Umass., library system, open spaces: woods, farms, etc.
• Umass., Padanaram, Lloyd State Park
• Water, open spaces, beaches
• water, open spaces, libraries
• Water, Park, Woods, Forest
• Water, park, woods/forest
• Water, quality of education, land conservation
• water: oceans, ponds, rivers, drinking water; natural beauty: farming, forests, beaches
• Waterfront, open space, growth management
• Waterfront, open space, location
• Waterways, streams, conservation land, schools
• Wetlands, beaches, open spaces
• Woodlands, farms, water
• Woods, farms, water
• Youth sports organizations, schools, suburban/rural quality

PRECINCT 8

• Access to ocean, Lloyd Center, animals
• Access to water & beaches, rural character even though a suburb, schools
• Access to waterfront, existing public & private open space, schools
• accessibility to human resources, historical significance, preservation (all of the above – question 9)
• Agriculture, open space, water quality
• Agriculture, open space/woodlands and country charm
• Beaches & conservation land, potential of UMASS as valuable resource for town
• Beaches and ocean, open spaces, not commercial
• Beaches Schools and open space
• Beaches, farmland & wooded areas, drinking water
• Beaches, farmland, suburban community
• beaches, local stores, community
• Beaches, natural resources, town character
• Beaches, open space
• beaches, open space, recreation and parks
• Beaches, open spaces, schools
• Beaches, open spaces, single family homes
• Beaches, Padanaram Village, service (fire, police, schools, etc.)
• Beaches, parks, schools
• Beaches, trees and open space, fishing
• Beaches, waterfront, schools, rural settings
• Beaches, waterways; public services-police, fire, DPW, schools; people
• Beaches, woodlands, wildlife
• Buildings/houses of historical interest
• Businesses; banks, post office, health care
• character, history, people
• children, ocean/water front properties, beaches
• D.P.W., tax office, fire dept.
• Easy access to highways, farmland, ocean
• Education security, health
• Enough of everything—people, houses, business. We don’t need any more.
• Farm land, open land, school system
• Farmland, recreational land, waterfront
• farmland, water and recreation
• Farmland, water supply, water front, natural beauty
• farmlands, beaches and water access areas, limited retail activity
• Farms & woodlands, water resources
• farms, beaches (open to all)
• Farms, forests, adequate land between homes
• Farmlands, malls, Umass, public schools
• Good schools, reasonable tax rates and pretty safe low crime area
• Harbor, beaches, open land
• Historic sites, open space, farmlands
• housing, pure water, fixing roads
• land and also the amount of farms which link us to the past
• Land, beaches, recreational fields
• Land, land, land
• Land, ocean, open space
• Low traffic
• mall, shopping for food, ocean
• Natural town setting, access to commercial and recreational services, school system
• Ocean, open space & farms, woods
• Ocean, open spaces
• Open farmland, beaches
• Open land, seashore, industrial park
• Open land, water quality, UMASS
• Open land, water, historical areas
• Open space accessible for public use (DNRT properties and others), beaches, clean water for fishing & clamming
• Open space, access to salt water, reasonable (size) population
• Open space, beaches, conservation
• Open space, beaches, harbor
• Open space, drinking water quality, school system
• Open space, DYAA, school system
• Open space, farms & related activities, recreational areas
• Open space, schools, recreation
• open space, water quality
• Open space, water ways, drinking water
• open spaces
• Open spaces, conservation land, Lloyd center, beaches
• Over development and over population
- Padanaram/ Harbor/ beaches, quality of the schools and a pride of community by residents
- People, schools, library
- Police, selectboard, would like to see combined fire organization
- Proximity to ocean; what used to be our village & country store areas; country drives on well-maintained roads without lots of construction equipment
- remaining open space, water front access, past history, landmark villages
- Round Hill Beach, libraries, Apponagansett Beach
- Round Hill beach, Little River area, Padanaram harbor
- Round Hill beach, Padanaram Village, excellent schools
- Safe for children, accessible to Boston & Providence, open land & scenery
- School system, convenience of city life but still maintains its scenic beauty
- School system, drinking water, quaintness (picturesque) of small town, sewers
- School system, farmland, wood land
- School system, open land, waterfront
- School system, open spaces, water front for boating, beaches, etc.
- School system, parks, open spaces for all Dartmouth residents, UMASS
- School system, U-Mass Dartmouth and beaches
- schools, beaches
- Schools, beaches and rural areas
- Schools, beaches, people
- Schools, beautiful landscape, access to shopping
- Schools, farms, surrounding towns
- Schools, fire, police, town hall
- Schools, fire/police departments and family neighborhoods
- schools, libraries, athletic activities
- schools, libraries, parks and beaches
- Schools, natural environment/open spaces/clean air, beaches
- Schools, open space, location
- Schools, undeveloped ocean front property, Buzzards Bay
- Schools, water for recreation, open space
- Schools, water quality, open space
- Sea (the harbor), real estate, open land
- Seacoast, open space, Umass
- Soccer field, beaches, Crapo Little League Field
- The harbor, shoreline
- the rural feel of Dartmouth, the school system and the basic quality of life
- town government, waterfront, schools
- Town hall, library and schools
- Town services and the school system
- Town water supply, open space, wetlands
- Trees, beautiful scenery, landscape, beaches, beauty of town
- undeveloped land, marine recreation, intelligent citizenry and government
- Undeveloped land, seaside, industry
- Value, citizenship
- Water
- Water quality, farmlands, schools
- Water, farmland, open spaces
- Water, Fire and Police departments
- water, land, rivers
- Water, open space, good education for our youth
- Waterfront (if you can get to it that isn’t private property)
- Waterfront access, farmland, small businesses
- Waterfront, shopping, farmland
- Wetlands, farmlands, wooded areas

**PRECINCT 9**

- Access to ocean, open space for recreation, school system
- Access to the ocean and forested areas, natural environment and neighborhoods
- Access to water and beaches, scenic beauty
- Access to water and how our life centers around the village of Padanaram. Also, the diversity of this town
- Access to water, open spaces, low population density
- Access to water, open spaces/farms, etc., schools
- Access to water, quiet (neighborhood quality) and the library
- Access to water, UMASS, access to New Bedford airport
- Agriculture, maritime activities, school
- Architectural salvage, senile (?) Yankees,(all ages), stop signs (now teach residents what they mean)
- Bays and estuaries, farms, conservation lands
- Beach and water facilities, university, library
- Beach, farms, conservation of open space
- Beach, schools, community
- Beaches & wetlands, farmland & water, location in relation to Providence, Boston, etc.
- Beaches and boating, open spaces, golf courses
- Beaches and open farmland which is active
- Beaches for recreation & conservation of plants, ocean life and wildlife; farmland for production of local produce and meats; devotion to children, evident in DYAA, DYSA, DGAL, Children's Museum/YMCA, family night concert series at gazebo, and new school.
- Beaches, access to Buzzards Bay, UMASS
- Beaches, beauty, proximity to banks, restaurants, etc.
- Beaches, boating, architecture
- Beaches, boating, small town atmosphere
- Beaches, clean air, clean water
- Beaches, coastline, river/lake/pond system
- Beaches, DNRT land, waterfront
- Beaches, drinking water, school
- Beaches, farmland, open spaces
- Beaches, farmlands, open space
- Beaches, farmlands, small villages with businesses
- Beaches, farms
- beaches, farms, waterfront
- Beaches, local farms, public recreational facilities, tennis courts
- Beaches, open space
- Beaches, open space
- Beaches, open space, agriculture
- Beaches, open space, Padanaram
- Beaches, open space, rural setting
- Beaches, open spaces, summer recreation programs for children
- Beaches, schools
- Beaches, schools and public utilities
- Beaches, schools, conservation lands
- Beaches, schools, library
- Beaches, schools, open space
- Beaches, shoreline, wooded areas, farmlands
- Beaches, UMASS, fire & police services
• Beaches, waterfront
• Beaches, waterfront, boating, rural living
• beaches, waterways, school system
• Beaches/waterfront, rural character, schools
• being able to get away from the traffic, my husband loves coming over the Padanaram Bridge, he feels like it is another world after working all day
• Buzzard’s Bay, Buzzard’s Bay, Buzzard’s Bay!
• Buzzards Bay
• Buzzards Bay, proximity to N.B., old N.England character
• Buzzards bay, village
• Buzzards Bay, water, open space
• Buzzards Bay, working farms, open space
• Character, combination of open spaces & unspoiled areas with retail & other services, access to major highway
• Character, open land, seaside location
• Charm of Padanaram Village area, the sea, open space & agricultural presence
• Charm, accessibility, open space
• Children, education, ocean, farms, vineyards,
• Children, schools, UMASS
• Children, seniors and the country roads
• Children, seniors, country roads
• Clean air, clean water and open space
• Clean air, Mall, shopping
• Clean water, schools, land conservation
• Coastal nature & scenic character; location—access to coastal region; quality of clean air & environment
• Coastal zones, open spaces/ farms, aquifer
• Coastline & estuaries, farmland, forests & protected spaces, UMASS, libraries, school system
• Coastline (beaches, boating), open spaces, people
• coastline, farmland and open spaces, small community atmosphere
• Coastline, playgrounds and recreation fields, tax structure
• Commitment of town officials to keep Dartmouth a community that is planning for the future.
• Conservation land, beaches
• Convenient to New Bedford & highways. Abundance of services, retail, etc. Town
• Country living, aqua culture, agriculture, open space, recreational facilities
• Dartmouth Natural resources Trust, trees and low and far horizons
• DNRT, Padanaram harbor, historical villages
• Education, a top quality police force and fire department and the community home for the elderly
• Educational system, access to ocean, conservation land
• Farm lands, open spaces, medical centers
• Farmland, boating/beach areas, wooded areas
• Farmland, historic buildings, wetlands
• Farmland, water and schools
• farms, beaches, open spaces
• Farms, beaches, wetlands, historic properties
• Farms, woods, schools
• Fire, police and recreation for seniors
• Friendly people, harbor, farm lands
• friendly people, the beaches, the bay
• Geography, large undeveloped areas, good town governance
• Good infrastructure, roads, police, fire, harbormaster; beaches, open spaces
• Good town management, respectable people, fresh air and quiet surroundings
• Harbor
• Harbor and boating, open spaces, tourism
• Harbor, access to highway
• Harbor, fire protection, historic village
• Harbor, government, schools
• Historical sites & buildings, farms & farmland, open spaces & space between houses
• Housing, jobs, recreation
• I would like to see a controlled development of our harbor for shellfish farming, the preservation of historic buildings and neighborhoods, zoning of historic neighborhoods
• If the building keeps going in particular, 3 story low or market rate housing, you'll see a steady exodus out of Dartmouth. Isn't Rt. 6 busy enough? We don't need Walgreens. We don't need 44 units of housing.
• It is about time that this town actually decides what sort of town it wants to be. The zoning is abysmal in Dartmouth. We need to focus on keeping or maximizing the open land available to help define the town for generations. We need to focus on meaningful historic preservation.
• Its farms, its woods, its schools
• its location, weather wise and accessibility to Boston and Providence and its non crowdedness
• its rural/waterfront location, proximity to Providence and Boston, a community oriented population
• Land, water quality, little congestion yet close to larger cities
• land, waterfront, farms
• Land, well water, ocean
• Location, location, location
• Location, location, location, quiet, non-commercial, conservative
• Long time residents, small town charm, remaining open spaces
• lovely slow pace of life, more land closed to development, beaches and bay
• Miles of coastline, pressured historical areas, agriculture
• Natural harbor, excellent harbor, access to highways
• Natural resources (water, marshes, wildlife), Rural qualities (open space), Access to nature (beaches, fish, rivers, ponds)
• Need to preserve all the land we can whether it be for recreational use or agriculture or wetlands. This town is developing rapidly and we need to act fast. Over development will ruin the town. Support the DNRT. Preserving the historic villages will help preserve the town’s character
• Ocean & Bay, town beaches, good weather conditions (no floods, earthquakes, tornadoes, etc.)
• Ocean & water access, open space & strong environmental organizations, somewhat rural character
• Ocean, beaches, harbors; small town atmosphere; access to Boston, Cape Cod & the islands
• Ocean, farm and open space, historically preserved areas
• Ocean, forests, natural environment, neighborhoods
• Ocean, land, wildlife
• Ocean, open land, natural beauty
• ocean, open space, recreation area
• Ocean, open spaces
• Oceanfront access, public (town) beaches, schools (quality education) and a rural atmosphere with scenic views, country roads dedicated as such that can’t be developed.
• open space
• Open space, agriculture, good police & fire depts.
• Open space, beaches, conservation areas
• Open space, beaches, proximity to Boston/Providence
• Open space, boat ramps, water quality
• Open space, coastal areas
• Open space, farms, beaches
• open space, farms, drinking water
• open space, farms, village life
• Open space, farms, wetland protection
• Open space, good town services, great harbor
• Open space, history, viewscapes
• Open space, open to water, quality of living
• Open space, schools, ocean
• Open space, trees, historic properties
• Open space, UMASS, school system
• Open space, undeveloped land, town residents
• Open space, walking trails, village, harbor, beaches
• Open space, water access, working farms
• Open space, water quality and the school system
• Open space, water supply, low taxes
• Open spaces for agricultural use, commercial waterfront and access to waterfront for recreation
• Open spaces, open spaces, open spaces
• Open spaces, proximity to ocean, history & people
• Open spaces, waterfront, access to major highways
• Open, natural spaces; lovely harbor & village; agricultural land
• our villages, the rural, quiet nature of our community, those who are devoted to protecting open space, the environment and agriculture
• Padanaram (village), harbor, open space
• Padanaram harbor
• Padanaram Harbor and salt water purity, fresh vegetable stands, availability of fresh food, quiet and safe community
• Padanaram Harbor, open space, Round Hill beach
• Padanaram Harbor; the diversity of the town (i.e. Farms, village, shopping, near city); good work by DPW over the years
• Padanaram village & bridge area, Round Hill beach, Russell’s Mills village
• Padanaram Village, Stoneledge and Round Hill Beaches, highway access
• Peace & quiet, safety—fire & police protection, family oriented
• People, neighbors, open space, conservation land, ocean
• People, schools
• People, sea and land
• People, sea, land
• Police, fire dept, well-run town hall
• Police, fire, well-run Town Hall
• Proximity to water; clean beaches & water quality at Round Hill; what remains of the farmlands & open spaces.
• Public schools, open space, people
• Quality of life related to water, land, family, safety & services. Diverse work opportunities. Community that works together to preserve land, water, and respect the rights of each other to preserve & expand independent businesses.
• Quiet, rural fell of area, centralized shopping, good road system
• Quiet; open spaces; clean water
• Remaining open land, farms
• Rivers, streams, ponds, and coastal waters need to be preserved for future generations. Open space. Natural resources.
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• Round Hill beach, Padanaram Harbor, kids
• Rural atmosphere, location near main highways, decent school system
• Rural quality, view sheds, agricultural land and open space, new England architecture
• Safety, peace and quiet, proximity to out of town facilities
• Scenic beauty, small town feel, neighbors
• School system, beaches, convenient shopping
• School system, beaches, umass
• School system, DNRT, Coastline/beaches
• School system, UMASS, police/fire protection
• School system, water/beaches, children’s sports/activities
• Schools, beaches, libraries
• Schools, beaches, padanaram village
• Schools, beautiful beaches and country roads
• Schools, friendly citizens, access to retail stores
• Schools, open space, town services
• Schools, open space, youth recreation
• Schools, police, fire
• Schools, town water and sewer
• Schools, water and sewer, coastline
• seashore, farmland and open land
• seashore, fire and police departments
• Semi rural, oceans, beaches, town recreation programs
• Serenity and beauty of landscape, beaches, ocean, rivers and working farms to provide locally grown food
• shore, marsh lands
• Shorefront property, farmland, open space
• Shoreline and water access, community spirit, strong school administration
• Small community, beautiful scenery, affordable
• Strong town government, historical past, location
• System, fire & police, proximity to major highways
• The beaches & coastal areas, access to almost every conceivable store and safe neighborhoods
• The beaches, farming, schools
• the coastline with its many recreational, commercial and residential uses, undeveloped land
  (Dartmouth is 4th largest town by area in Mass); Slocum River – its watershed
• The future of the town can benefit from the large number of qualified people who will help on boards-
  the challenge for planned growth and the opportunity for disaster without it.
• the ocean, farmland, village centers
• The people, the open sea, and the open land
• The sea, open space, the fact that retail malls have been contained and the growth controlled
• The water, the people (if so many newcomers did not regard the town as a part-time residence)
• The water, which belongs to no one – the people, if so many of newcomers did not regard the Town as
  a part-time residence
• The water: bays and streams
• UMASS, beaches & boating, utilities & sewers
• Undeveloped land, farmlands abutting shoreline, natural settings, relative peace & quiet
• undeveloped land, waterfront and beaches
• Volunteerism, responsible town management, schools
• water access including public beaches, agricultural land, historic buildings
• Water access, boating
• Water access, farmland, recreational facilities, school system
• Water access, open spaces and small town atmosphere
• Water access, open spaces, agricultural land
• Water access, open spaces, conservation & farm land
• Water front; schools, libraries & other municipal services; good retirement area services available.
• Water maintenance, security and protection, town meeting form of government, public schools
• Water quality, school system, balance of land between business, recreation & residential
• Water recreation, commercial development, educational opportunities
• Water(salt, sea), access to hospitals & health care, libraries (including UMASS)
• Water, beaches, open space, views
• Water, beaches, UMASS, small village, schools, beautiful residential areas
• Water, conservation and privacy
• Water, farmland, beaches
• Water, farms, officials with old fashioned common sense
• Water, land and conservation
• Water, land, feeling of community
• Water, land, open space
• Water, open land (farms & forests), school system
• Water, open land, the people
• Water, open space, schools
• Water, residential areas, open space
• Water, scenic farms, proximity to highways & hospitals
• Water, sense of community, open spaces, farms
• Water, trees, beaches
• Water, wildlife
• Waterfront location (beaches, boating, scenery), quality of education available
• Waterfront property, tourism, farms
• Waterfront, agricultural, woodlands
• Waterfront, beaches, etc
• Waterfront, countryside, farmlands
• Waterfront, farms, woods
• Waterfront, good air, potential for superior educational experience for children
• Waterfront, mix of suburban/rural lifestyle, Padanaram, Russells Mills, small villages of Dartmouth
• Waterfront, open space, water quality
• waterfront, U-Mass Dartmouth, open spaces and good population density
• Waterfront, UMASS, schools
• Waterfront/coastline, farmland and open space
• Waterfront/harbor, open space, educated population
• Weather, location
• Woodlands, harbor, open spaces for scenic views
• Youth services (soccer, Little League, youth advocate, etc.), beaches & waterfront, Lloyd Center, schools

**PRECINCT 10**

• Access to Bay, fairly stringent zoning laws, astute town leadership
• Access to beaches & water views; beautiful farms, open fields, woods; lack of tourists
• Access to Boston and Prov., climate, ocean
• Access to salt water, rural atmosphere, preserved land
• Access to water for recreation, drinking water, areas to walk
• Access to water sports for ALL economic classes, UMASS, access to highway & mass transit
• Access to water, farmlands & woods, preservation of open spaces, 2-acre zoning
• Access to water, open space, rural character/small town feel
• Access to water, rural location, distance/proximity to Boston & Providence
• Access to water, rural positioning, far enough away from, yet close enough, to Boston and Providence
• Agriculture, no city hustle & bustle, feel safe
• Agriculture, open space, beauty
• Agriculture, scenic historical
• arms & agricultural land, drinking water, coast & water views
• Beach
• Beach & waterfront, schools, people
• Beach, harbor, open space
• Beaches, access to water, open land
• Beaches, access to water, rural atmosphere, Padanaram Village,
• Beaches, boating, walking areas
• beaches, DNRT land, school system
• Beaches, farmland, historic places
• Beaches, farmland, other open lands
• Beaches, Gidley Woods, Lloyd Center
• Beaches, Lloyd Center, Padanaram Bridge
• Beaches, ocean for fishing, sailing, etc., farmland
• Beaches, open land, and schools,
• Beaches, open space
• Beaches, open space, clean air
• Beaches, open space, quality of life
• Beaches, open spaces
• Beaches, open spaces, schools
• Beaches, open spaces, small town atmosphere
• beaches, privacy – out of city life, police/fire departments
• Beaches, privacy, peaceful
• Beaches, school system, natural beauty
• Beaches, schools, country roads
• Beaches, the bay, open spaces and farmland
• beaches, U. Mass. Dartmouth, open areas
• Beaches, water access, fishing access, resources for our children
• Beaches, water, farmland
• Beaches, water, rural areas, Umass
• Beaches, waterfront, rivers
• Beaches, woodlands, drinking water
• Beautiful landscape, beaches, Umass
• Buzzards bay watershed, woodlands, farmlands
• Buzzards Bay, forests, agribusiness
• Buzzards Bay, rivers, open land
• Buzzards Bay, rural atmosphere, open space
• Buzzards Bay, the few remaining farms, villages of Russells Mills & Padanaram
• Children, beaches and farms
• Coast & harbor, open spaces & stone walls! Rural atmosphere
• coast, river, DNRT, Lake Noquochoke and the long time residents who say enough is enough. Do you want a town or a city?
• Coastal areas, open spaces, drinking water
• Coastline
• Coastline
• Coastline, protected open space, farmland
• Conservation land, waterfront & views, agricultural/farm land
• Conservation lands, coastal resources, working farms
• Convenience of retail &food stores, post offices, banks; access to highways; Slocum River
• Current open space/agricultural lands and forests, livability (slow pace, lack of congestion for he most part), recreational opportunities
• Dartmouth Natural Resources Trust and its public access lands; the SAILS library system; quiet neighborhoods with access to natural resources.
• Dartmouth town leaders allow indiscriminate development by retailers and home builders
• Demarest Lloyd State Park, DNRT lands, public beaches
• Diversity of land & its uses; the large tracts of beautiful, undeveloped land & beach areas; UMASS
• Drinking water, beaches, waterways
• environment (open space), water
• Farm land, beaches, harbor
• Farmland, beaches, natural resources
• Farmland, beaches, wildlife conservation
• Farmland, of which there is not much left; shore & beaches, wooded areas
• Farmland, water, beaches
• Farmland, waterfront areas, Padanaram
• Farmland/open spaces and saltwater access
• Farmlands, access to shoreline, quality of drinking water
• Farms & beaches; shell fishing, salt & fresh water for fishing; land to hunt on as our forefathers did.
• Farms, beaches ,conservation land
• Farms, drinking water, natural habitats
• Farms, open land, beaches, water
• Farms, the watershed
• Forests, farmland, beaches
• Harbor, agricultural land, scenic views of Buzzards Bay
• Harbor, DNRT, libraries
• Harbor, schools, country living
• Historical buildings, open land, Buzzards Bay
• housing/real estate business, schools and water usage
• its shoreline, historical buildings, rural character
• Keep property taxes low and encourage commercial business
• Land, farms, the water (Slocum River, the ocean)
• Land, land, land!
• Land, open space, water
• Land, UMASS
• Land, UMASS
• land, water, Air
• libraries, U. Mass. Dartmouth, beaches
• Location, rural character, ocean
• Location, schools, citizens
• N.B. Yacht Club, town beach, round hill
• Natural beauty, open space, quality of life
• Natural settings, harbor, open space
• near water
• Ocean access: beaches, harbors, salt water estuaries, etc.; preserved scenic farmlands & woods, e.g. DNRT property on Horse Neck Road; historic villages such as Russells Mills & Padanaram
• Ocean and river waterfronts, school system and some open space
• Ocean front, beaches & parks, schools, rural
• Ocean, beaches, open space
• Ocean, farms and business
• Ocean, open land, historic value
• Ocean, open spaces & farmland, good roads & access to nearby communities
• Ocean, rural areas and schools
• Ocean, rural setting
• Ocean, waters, fire & police depts, open land
• Ocean, weather, open spaces & trees
• Open land, access to the water, conservation areas, beaches
• Open land, beaches, farms
• Open land, rural/agricultural character; coastal location w/good harbor, beaches, parks; Slocum River, Allens Pond & protected areas surrounding them.
• Open land, water, historical factor
• Open land, waterfront, farms
• Open space
• Open space
• Open space and open water (Buzzards Bay)
- Open space to preserve animal & plant habitats; open space to meet water needs; water quality
- Open space, agricultural land, coastal natural resources
- Open space, agricultural land, water & waterways
- Open space, agricultural tradition and water/ocean frontage
- Open space, Allen’s Pond, agriculture
- Open space, beaches, shoreline, schools
- Open space, beaches, Umass
- Open space, beaches, wildlife
- Open space, clean water, shoreline
- Open space, farm land, seashore
- open space, farms, beaches
- Open space, farms, ocean and rivers
- Open space, fishing, beaches
- Open space, harbor, beaches
- Open space, products from local farms, good water supply
- Open space, scenic vistas, young children who will stay in town with common sense to help the town grow with fine thought.
- Open space, schools, coastline
- Open space, walking and x-country ski trails, beaches
- Open space, waterfront access, DNRT land
- Open space, waterfront, historic
- Open space, wildlife, quality
- Open space, wildlife, quality of life
- Open space, working farms, coastal resources
- Open spaces
- Open spaces
- Open spaces & waterfront, small-town feel, historical presence
- Open spaces, beaches, schools
- Padanaram harbor, undeveloped land, beaches
- Padanaram village, beaches, boat access
- Padanaram village, harbor, open spaces, school system
- Passive open space, beaches, farmland
- Pen space, agriculture, waterways
- People, education, town management
- People, location, attitude
- People, location, weather
- Quality of property-quality of landowners
- Quiet neighborhoods, police, fire
- Quiet, residential, coastal community; proximity to highways, shopping centers & services; clean air
- Recreation, children activities and education
- Remaining open space/agricultural land, forests. Livability—slow pace, lack of congestion for the most part. Recreational opportunities.
- Residential atmosphere, water access, open space
- Rivers & beaches, open land, good drinking water
- Rivers & beaches, open space, rural character
- Round hill beach more accessible to residents, lower daily fees, more waterfront access
- Round Hill Beach, Russells Mills Village, Padanaram Village
- Rural along with development
- Rural and scenic vistas, town wells, farming
- Rural character, beaches, waterways, low population
- Rural character, ocean, farms
- Rural character, undeveloped area, natural beauty
- Rural environment (which seems to be fading away), character of old New England, waterfront
• rural locations
• Rural setting
• Salt water, beaches & boating: farms and preserved rural land
• Salt water, UMASS, Lloyd Center
• Scenic “rural” feel of the place; beaches/ocean/waterways; a hopefully affordable tax rate for middle income earners
• Scenic beauty of river & bay, quaintness of village of Padanaram, good drinking water & municipal services such as fire & police depts.
• Scenic views, farms and woods
• School system
• School system, open space & beaches, agriculture
• School system; water access, beaches, boat access; town services (trash pickup, water, etc.); remaining rural character, open space, farmland, recreation land.
• Schools
• Schools & sports, access to retail, open land (beaches, farms, etc.)
• Schools, beach, recreation
• Schools, beaches, libraries
• schools, beaches, small town
• Schools, libraries, recreation facilities
• Schools, open space, farmland, coastline
• Schools, open space, farms
• Schools, parks, recreational areas
• Schools, Police, Historic sites
• Schools, town size
• Schools/commitment to youth, farms, open space and rural character
• Shore road, woods
• Shoreline, open space
• Shoreline, rivers and ponds, open space
• The Bakerville school is in the worst possible location, not centralized, not large enough to house all activities, it is a monumental disgrace
• the ocean, farmland, open space
• the ocean, open spaces and the quality of life
• The sea, casual life-style, friendliness
• The town needs to adopt a zoning plan that will allow reasonable growth and protect environmentally sensitive areas of the bay and aquifer. Sensitive and important areas should be saved from the threat of development. Buying land to save it is not the solution.
• Townspeople—life-long residents, concerned citizens; natural resources (beaches, parks, water supply), etc.; open space & farm land.
• Trees, open space & quiet spots
• Undeveloped land, historical areas, public services
• Undeveloped pristine areas
• Undeveloped, pristine areas mostly in S. Dartmouth area, must be maintained and undeveloped
• Undiscovered beauty, residents, rural environment
• Village way of life, small businesses, access to water and open space
• Water & beaches, Allen’s Pond area, schools & libraries
• Water (fresh & salt), woods & open land & farms, what is left of village centers
• Water (fresh and salt), woods/open land (including agricultural), what is left of old village centers
• Water access, buildings, rural
• Water access, open space/conservation land, no crowds & low tourism
• Water electricity, schools
• Water quality, open land
• Water quality, open space, Town Hall services
• Water quality-drinking and otherwise
• water recreation, existing farmlands, scenic roads, rural character that parts of Dartmouth still have
• Water resources, forests, farmland
• water supply, ocean, open spaces
• Water supply, open spaces, scenic vistas, beaches
• Water, animal life
• Water, beaches, air quality
• Water, marshes, animal life
• Water, open space, beaches
• Water, open space, preservation organizations
• Water, present open space and good school system
• Water, utilities, open space
• Waterfront (beach & boating), open spaces, farmland and Village of Padanaram (Historic District)
• Waterfront, access to Buzzards Bay, scenic areas
• Waterfront, conservation, schools
• Waterfront, open space
• waterfront, open spaces
• Waterfront, Padanaram Village, farms
• Waterfront, quiet communities
• waterfront, working agricultural lands, open space in large contiguous tracts
• Water—Slocum River, Buzzards Bay, ocean; scenic open spaces; agricultural land
• waterways, beaches, open spaces
• With the proliferation of dead end streets allowing the development of off road land, where is the
wildlife going to inhabit? For example Fisher Rd and Chase Rd.
• Working farms, good schools, police and fire

PRECINCT UNKNOWN

• Access to Buzzard’s Bay, safe neighborhoods, proximity to open space areas, forests, trails, etc.
• Access to water, beaches, good schools, character of town
• Access to water; strong commitment by the population to maintain & increase pockets of open space
town-wide; diversity of the population.
• Access to waterfront, Padanaram village, working farms
• Agricultural resources, open space and clean water
• Balance of growth and public service
• Beach, open space neighborhoods
• Beaches and farms
• Beaches, agricultural land, undeveloped land
• Beaches, farmland
• Beaches, farmland, open space
• Beaches, farmland, schools, Umass
• Beaches, fishing, boating, water quality, open land, schools
• Beaches, open space, fields for sports
• Beaches, open space, UMass
• Beaches, open spaces, schools
• Beaches, Padanaram Village, open space
• Beaches, scenery, farms
• Beaches, water quality, road maintenance
• Beaches, woodlands, wildlife
• Businesses in town should pay a higher tax rate because they require more resources.
• Children and schools, favorable tax base, waterfront
• Clean water and the preservation of old farm houses and land
• Close to retail, close to highways, look of the town
• College level educational opportunities
• Commercial & houses
• Commercial development, highway access, excellent schools
• Community planning that has relevance, valued rural atmosphere, the ocean and conservation areas
• Conservation areas, beaches, harbor
• Conservation of open space, waterways, remaining open space
• Country atmosphere, beaches
• Drinking water, public beaches and pricing for stickers, property tax and fees
• Drinking water, waterfront, undeveloped land
• Farmland, water
• Farmland/agriculture, open space, ocean
• Farmlands, beaches, U. Mass.
• Farmlands, historical sites, location
• Farms, water, schools
• Farms, woods, beaches
• Fire, police, teachers, town meeting members
• First – Buzzards Bay. Second – our parks & beaches. Third – the quality of life here
• First become the Town of Dartmouth, totally eliminate the non-existent North and South, it only took 30 years for the Dartmouth Mall to learn what Town it is in
• Forestation, air quality, clean water
• Fresh water, salt water, land
• Good families, beaches, neighborhoods
• Good neighborhoods, open lands, taxes are fair
• Good schools, good neighbors, good libraries
• Good schools, lots of businesses to add to the tax base, fire department
• Good water plant, very good snow removal, terrific emergency people
• Good water, road, police & fire
• Good water, schools, police
• Good water; proximity to major cities, cable area; points south of Rt. 95 easily accessible; schools
• Harbor; fire & police services; quality of schools.
• Historic District, Destruction Brook Woods, school system
• History, school system and the sports program
• Hunting, fishing farming
• I moved to Dartmouth for the quality of people, nice homes, if you start letting in low income out of towners quality will go down. I would have stayed in New Bedford.
• It still being a “Town”, size (geographically), land, ocean surrounding it
• Lack of enforcement of leash laws, no rabid raccoons.
• Land, drinking water
• Land, farms
• Land, River ways, beaches
• Land, water and people
• Land, water, location
• Let’s have managed growth, yet let’s not go overboard with conservation, DNRT owns enough land, we also need to build houses for the children coming up.
• Libraries, beaches, UMASS
• Libraries, schools, fire & police departments.
• Libraries, senior center, schools
• Library
• Low key life, open spaces, recreational opportunities—boating, swimming, walking
• Medical facilities, trees, back yards.
• Near highway, beaches, rubbish collection
• Need new library on Old Fall River Road.
• Need recreation facility for adults, a pool at the high school.
• New medical complex, beaches, open space on country roads
• No affordable housing in Dartmouth, too much traffic.
• Ocean & bay waterfront; conservation properties; farms; a town community (not a city)
• Ocean, schools, farmland
• Open farmland, fields and trees, management of resources as a Town, location near two larger cities without the crowding
• Open fields, beautiful trees, nearness to ocean
• Open land and farms
• Open land, beaches
• Open space
• Open space
• Open space & agriculture, water & beaches, schools.
• Open space and scenic views from many areas
• Open space availability, services available, access to highway systems
• Open space, beaches, agriculture
• Open space, beaches, farm land
• Open space, dedicated town employees, good town character
• Open space, educational opportunities, people quality
• Open space, farmland, quality water
• Open space, farms, Dartmouth Natural Resources Trust
• Open space, farms, etc. ocean – harbors
• Open space, farms, remaining access to beaches
• Open space, scenic roads, malls, schools
• Open space, trees, air quality
• Open space, water access and the residents (combination of old and new)
• Open space, water front, present size of Village
• Open spaces, access roads, people
• Open spaces, access to beaches, proximity to large cities of Providence and Boston
• Open spaces, beaches, schools
• Open spaces, ocean, people
• Open spaces, Padanaram water front and the school system
• Open waterfront (Padanaram and harbor), mostly high ground (not too many swamps), good roads, good schools, varied business
• Open waterways, preserving open land and beaches
• Our children, drinking water, farms
• Our level headed leaders
• Our scenic beauty, our closeness to the ocean, the wide-open spaces for wildlife, conservation
• Our schools, our beaches, our youth athletic services
• Our south shore, our streams, our farmlands
• Padanaram village, Lloyd Center trails, UMASS
• Passive open space, its population, preserve scenic roads and conservation areas
• People, quality of life, open spaces
• Police & Fire Depts; the farms that are left.
• Police and fire departments
• Police, fire, open land
• Preservation/conservation of land with water access, town services (police, fire, etc.), drinking water
• Quality of life, schools, town services – fire and police
• Quality of the school system, beaches (the seacoast) and water quality
• Right Now None!
• Round hill beach, schools, dedicated citizens
• Round Hill beach, Southworth Library, UMASS
• Rural areas, beaches, good neighbors
- Rural feeling
- Salt water area, farm land, country area
- Scenery
- School system
- School system, access to highways, access to shopping
- School system, beaches & waterways, rural & historic areas
- School system, beaches, youth sports and activities
- School system, recreation, preservation of open land, spaces
- School, beaches, retail
- Schools
- Schools & UMASS, beaches & coastal land, outlets
- Schools beaches, emergency personnel
- Schools from elementary - trade & college
- Schools, agricultural land, beaches and parks
- Schools, coastline setting and friendly hardworking people who care about their community
- Schools, Dartmouth Mall, beaches and recreation areas
- Schools, libraries and convenient access to stores, hospitals and medical care
- Schools, libraries, water quality
- Schools, light industry, shopping
- Schools, open space, water
- Schools, open spaces, police and fire protection
- Schools, Police and Fire, open space
- Schools, police, fire
- Schools, police, fire dept.
- Schools, recreation, town employees
- Schools, stable tax base
- Schools, water and businesses
- Schools, water, character of town
- Service: water, gas, electric, sewer
- Shopping, U. Mass., Medical services
- Size, beaches, waterways
- Slow population growth – increase population results in increased town and taxpayer expense, availability of waterfront access to all people
- Small town atmosphere, concerned residents who make things happen
- Small town feeling, still feel safe, good schools
- Small town feeling, variety of socio-economic & cultures among citizens, open spaces.
- The bay, beaches
- The commitment of the citizenry to a better “quality of life”, our public services (schools, DPW, police, libraries) and the location to the sea
- The harbor and all around South Dartmouth, Lake on Reed Road and easy access to I95
- Town beaches, Univ. of Mass. Dart., DNRT office
- Town hall, libraries and Dartmouth Mall
- Town services, open land, easy access
- Town's homeowners, farms, water recreational facilities, New Bedford
- Trees, beaches, scenery
- Trees, open space, nature
- U. Mass. Dartmouth, schools
- U. Mass., ocean
- UMASS, High School, police/fire/DPW
- UMASS, private farms, beaches
- UMASS, school system, police/fire depts.
- Volunteer fire and police
- Water
- Water, farmland, schools
- Water, farmland, wildlife
- Water, farms, services
- Water, farms, Schools
- Water, government offices, open land
- Water, open air, rural country living
- Water, open space, UMASS
- Water, Selectmen, Town Meeting
- Water, water, open space
- Water, water, water
- Water/beaches, village of Padanaram, diversity of population
- Waterfront
- Waterfront
- Waterfront & beaches, wooded areas, open vistas
- Waterfront & beaches, working farms, character of the town.
- Waterfront, agriculture, open space
- Waterfront, water supply, population
- Waterfront, youth sports system, and schools.
- Waterfront/beaches, wooded suburban neighborhoods, undisturbed wooded areas
- Waterways, present open space and children
- Well water, open space, waterfront
- Wildlife, open land, drinking water
Survey Question #23 – Other Comments

Precinct 1

- 63 square miles of land ought to be able to handle 35,000 people by 2020 with proper growth. However, there may be times (like now) when interest rates encourage home building to the point where that figure (35,000) may be obtained long before 2020. What if train lines run through Dartmouth to Boston and Providence? I don’t envy the difficult job of the Planning Board. You need a crystal ball. The bottom line is that our Town is very attractive.
- Airport expansion is our main concern as residents. We feel expansion would seriously threaten our quality of life.
- As much as I know this area needs business I’d like to see it restricted to the areas it is in To preserve our open areas, to maintain the beauty that Dartmouth has. Create an open space for recreational vehicles to take them out of residential areas thus not destroying wetlands or wildlife homes.
- Be decisive and regulate growth – the stupid attempts to stop the high school illustrates the nimby approach and stupidity of certain individuals in the town.
- Beaches & coastlines are filthy. DPW and Park Department need to maintain regular schedule for cleaning litter & debris.
- Block airport expansion at all costs.
- Children need a skateboard park in Dartmouth.
- Every new development or road work repair should include a bike path. People use them for walking, skating, riding. Even if it is tough with land restraints, sidewalks should be made wider to accommodate traffic & be more user friendly. By moving telephone pole. Easier access & egress at street corners with traffic control signs for pedestrian traffic. More & more people are riding/walking/jogging/skating and this town has done nothing to control growth. Light fog lines should be painted on outer edge of all rural roadways, especially far north & south. It would assist in saving accidents on higher speed roads.
- Growth management is the most crucial factor in long term success of the Town.
- I believe Dartmouth residents are not in favor of the airport expansion.
- I believe in open space/conservation land, but the town must do a better job to maintain and police these areas (e.g.) Highland Avenue Conservation area access is very difficult, users park on resident’s lawns, leave trash on ground, is not handicap accessible
- I feel past purchases of open space has been satisfactory and should continue at the same rate.
- I feel there should be a teen center with activities for the kids so they won’t hang around the mall.
- I hope that this town does not increase in population to the point that it becomes just another suburban community.
- I think the town of Dartmouth is very behind in having recreation for children and the school system is not funded properly and also the cost to live in this town is not worth it
- If I want to live in an overcrowded area I will not remain in Dartmouth
- Indoor gym for recreational basketball and an ice skating rink
- It needn’t take a lot of new money (taxes) to make small by significant changes & reprioritize the focus of this lovely town (ie use abandoned commercial sites, no more strip malls)
- Keep restricted areas – keeping roads improved – crime is down.
- Large residential lot sizes
- Lower taxes, especially on closed/run down buildings that businesses can by rather than use our land to build new. It’s cheaper to build a new building rather than renovate an old one & Lincoln Park needs a recreational park or something. That’s wasted land & an eye sore. So is the old Pancake House near the Blue Lantern. Clean up Route 6 businesses, they look a mess. And who approved another Dunkin Donuts on Rte. 6?? We could use a car wash or CVS instead of going into other cities.
- Make an effort to have businesses use existing developed commercial areas. It is a CRIME that acres and acres of forest were destroyed between Rt 6 & Old Westport Road (behind Nissan) and the land wasn’t put to any use. It is a huge scar on the landscape. I used to live next to that area when the forest was being cut down, and many kinds of wildlife went through our yard as their habitat was destroyed. Encourage student-friendly businesses near UMASS, including housing for college students and
faculty/staff. We should be more of a college town. Any growth in population should only be increase in student population, not in general, residential growth.

- More open space needed in North End with NO development on property such as the new park. It should be kept natural for nature, hikers, equestrian activity.
- Need a way to get from one side of town to another without going by MALL AREA.
- Need public access to open space for hunting
- Need town pool in new park
- No airport expansion
- No more housing development
- North Dartmouth has nothing besides two swings and a prison.
- Over development
- People (homeowners, tax payers, etc) should not be governed by any outside forces such as associations or organizations. This is anti-American. Taxes or moneys should only be paid to town offices and not any association or organization.
- Remain firm against airport expansion.
- Should allow economic growth along with preservation of land
- Streets should be plowed to ensure safety in our community.
- Tear down the “Capri” motel on Route 6. This has been an eyesore for a long time and even more so now.
- The growth of this town has reached its limit to the point that life in Dartmouth has changed. For years we have talked about the North and the South joining as one Dartmouth, yet schools and recreation are built in South Dartmouth.
- The maintaining of open space, natural areas, which could support hiking and biking trails, should be of high concern to Dartmouth. These areas are disappearing everywhere while more and more people are involved in these activities. Let’s work to keep them, once they are gone they are gone forever.
- The spread of development from Wal-Mart to Buttonwood Park *including Faunce Corner Road) must stop. It has turned out town into a dumpy, congested city. Typical American glut.
- the town gets into private enterprises, which are none of their concern, taking away liberties, which, we, as citizens, have to pay the bill.
- The town should slow down the growth of housing by limiting the amount of building permits issued per year. Business and commercial growth should be restricted to areas already zoned for them such as route 6 and Faunce Corner.
- Town has increased in population but not the resources in No. Dartmouth. Example: library & class size of schools.
- Town needs more recreational areas instead of just open space. There is enough open space. I also think any recreation area should be in an appropriate location, not wasting commercial land such as the park near Dunkin Donuts which I think will get very little use.
- Very, very important for open space, If I did not want open spaces I would have stayed living in the city.
- We just recently moved here so my knowledge of the area and its availabilities is limited.
- We need more parks. We need greater public access to waterfront and the water. Dartmouth is doing a great job with zoning.
- We need to encourage recycling, education on composting and recycling
- We need to help support our farmers and our farmland. Recreation should include outside ice rink. Use the old Lincoln Park as an area for the north end of town as a park, ice rink, basketball courts and so forth.
- What a shame to have lost historical areas like the old Smith Mills corner and Hawes
- With growth brings crime – I think the police should do more rounds in the neighborhoods.
- Would like to see more education to residents of Dartmouth as to he available areas of recreation there are in Town – people who have settled here to raise a family may not be aware of what is available to them.
Precinct 2

- Airport expansion threatens our water, property values and our quality of life. Farming, including livestock, should be encouraged.
- As a mother of 2 young boys, I wish for more activities for the children and more places for the kids to play with fellow neighbors without having to drive too far.
- Could build hiking & biking trails. Business & industry could help the residents & homeowners by lowering our taxes & payments to town. We do not benefit from business & industry at all.
- Dartmouth has grown far too quickly in a very short period of time. Five developments within one mile of my home in the past few years are way too much, too many houses on too little land. Increase the acreage requirement.
- Dartmouth will need a new major road. No new major road in 50 years!
- I believe Dartmouth to be a great place to live.
- I believe that developers are taking advantage of a very archaic law [GRANDFATHERING]. They are being allowed to up houses on lots that should never have been approved for development. We most stop this unnecessary building. We don’t need a larger NY Bagel who has since covered his pervious driveway with asphalt. We don’t need a Walgreens at Tucker Road. If they insist on entering the Town, require them to occupy an already build, empty site – we have them. We need to keep open space open, no matter how large or small the lots – in both ends of Town!!! Not just Destruction Brook!
- I believe there is too much development in certain areas. Too much on Route 6 and other streets. Too many people coming in causing more services and increases our taxes.
- I feel that in North Dartmouth there is becoming too much commercial property/retail stores.
- I just (have) to say how grateful we are for Round Hill Beach. It is the jewel in Dartmouth’s crown.
- I think in the Faunce Corner/Route 6 area the growth management and planning has been horrible! There is building everywhere with ugly vacant occupying ½. I saw wetlands basically destroyed for a mattress store when there are several vacant buildings. The Town Planner in Dartmouth should be ashamed!
- I think there should be more farm operating and gardening.
- I wish there was some “standard” zoning rules about the signs commercial establishments can use. It would look more appealing if we could create a Cape Cod/New England look. We’re starting to look like New Jersey.
- I would like to learn more about existing projects and proposed future ides of the Planning Board.
- I’d like to see a recreation spot for teens so they can have something to do in their spare time.
- If one doesn’t develop, grow; one stagnates.
- It is say that our town center is overbuilt with most unattractive stores, many of which remain empty. So are huge, unused parking lots. We also have congested traffic, disregarded speed limits, boom boxes, noisy mufflers, huge trucks. Nothing is attractive about our shopping area. We need ordinance to stop noisy mufflers and blaring radios from cars that can still be heard after long gone. Our town deserves to maintain its “character.”
- More buildings will be going up soon.
- More input in regards to using land for hunting purposes. Make use of monies available to purchase land in the fund supported by hunting license fees.
- More recreation facilities needed in North Dartmouth. Town Planners need to improve traffic problems in the area of Route 6 and Tucker Road. Traffic snarls there, cuts off residents of North Dartmouth from easy access to schools, offices of the town, and recreational areas for organized sports. It will become worse with the opening of the new school.
- Need a good dinghy dock for boaters. More parking spaces for town residents at the boat ramp. The use of the ramp should be for town residents only.
- Need to create better ways of encouraging private ownership of open spaces to limit development
- No further commercial development in Smith Mills area. Establish a Historical Commission with a building for headquarters and museum.
• Open space is getting smaller & smaller. Dirt bikes ruining land in areas behind Potter School; public using this area as a dumping ground.
• Open space, beaches, Umass
• Please keep Dartmouth a small rural Town with good people and less commercialism and land conservation. We need more wooded areas for children to play.
• Protect our beaches, and preserve quiet places.
• Route #6 mall traffic and Faunce Corner Offices traffic, and future development must stay isolated from residential areas.
• Stop building new commercial complexes, strip malls while existing plazas have empty locations. Consider use of current empty buildings to house new, desperately needed library in North Dartmouth.
• Stop letting business clear land, build new buildings, and leave old buildings unoccupied. No new building until existing are used – examples are Anne & Hope Plaza and mall area.
• This Town is big enough. We build new buildings when there are empty stores all over Route 6 – Faunce Corner area is crazy with traffic – give us back Old Dartmouth.
• To me one of the most important groups of people on this earth is the farmer. We must protect the farm and at the same time not hurt the farmer. With that in mind, I would hope some way could be found to keep developers from buying up farms. One way might be to tax a working farm at $1.00 period. Keep in mind we give tax breaks to companies who come into our area. This would be a tax break to benefit the whole town.
• Too many businesses allowed in North Dartmouth
• Too many businesses being allowed in North Dartmouth.
• Town beaches need to be maintained for future generations.
• Traffic at State Road and Faunce Corner Road is usually maxed out – area cannot accommodate further increase.
• Use existing empty buildings instead of taking land to develop and put up new structures such as Ann and Hope – all Heartland buildings.
• We need more clean, drug free type of recreation for teens and adults, i.e. organized recreation center for residents only. (Sharon, MA has a fantastic program, try contacting them.) Theatre, arts, cultural center. Equestrian center, or at least “allow” full equestrian competitions and games at our local barns & farms. There is such a huge & growing population of horses in this area. A local arena/rodeo would promote town revenue and good clean fun for families!! Enough with the soccer fields already!! There are many other interests to go and see besides soccer. Try something new to attract families who’ll pay admission. PUBLIC FAIRGROUNDS.
• We need to stop building. Use the commercial places we have already. The wildlife is running out of room. One of your survey questions should be “How many deer have you seen in the last six months?”!
• We should have a bike trail that is safe to ride on
• Why can’t we use the empty, existing buildings for business purposes, rather than cutting down more trees and commercializing (too much) the Town? Get rid of places like King’s Inn on Route 6. Build wholesome family places like conservation of wildlife where people can take children to explore nature.

Precinct 3

• #3 I believe the teenagers need a recreation center that is safe, besides all the restaurants going in and retail stores.
• #3 I feel that open space should not be touched by anyone – town, industry, private sales.
• #3 Stop commercial building in the mall and Faunce Corner Road area.
• A tax surcharge on home owners is unfair. A person paying rent will not be carrying his load. It would be fine if every adult paid.
• I am concerned with the amount of residential building as our school system is already functioning above maximum capacity. I also grieve the loss of so much precious land.
• Keep our town “country”. Don’t over develop the land. Too many houses are being built.
- Make a public boat ramp at the end of Roger Street; also, parking and boat ramp to Lake Noquochoke. The little park area being made on Route 6 should be open to all, not just the fortunate people who live here. A small 9-hole public golf course for hackers like me.
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- There are many vacant stores but still more construction is going on. Why? Also, there’s no affordable housing in the area.
- There are many vacant stores in Dartmouth, but still more construction is going on… why? Also, no affordable housing in the area.
- They need to do something about the brooks in Dartmouth; they cannot take any new run-off from new development.
- UMASS traffic should be routed straight to Route 6 & 195.
- Want better water quality, more recreational areas for kids & adults. Keep real estate developers out!
- Water quality, metal in water, furnace and pipes clogged with residue
- We have enough people & retail shops. Focus should be on quality of life, quality of services offered, including and especially educating our children and helping parents by assisting in quality after-school programs.
- You should have asked if we are or willing to trust our current administrators to make the right choices regarding our future. I guarantee the answer would be a resounding….NO.

**Precinct 4**

- A long term policy is needed to check over growth like on Rt. 6 & Faunce Corner Rd and to attract land and neighborhood friendly business.
- As mentioned in Question 21, it’s very upsetting to see new strip malls built while so many are vacant. Dartmouth needs more open space, parks for children. I stayed in this Town for its rural feel, but feel the need to leave since this Town is feeling more like a city.
- Big problem with trash collection
- Bike path east to west to connect Westport and N.B., more open space support
- Create historic districts, preserve the character of the town
- Dartmouth is a great place to live. I’m so glad you are doing this survey and I look forward to hearing the results and helping to shape the future. I also encourage innovation in resolving issues so Dartmouth can lead the state.
- How can we protect farms and open space when a large majority of Board Members live in houses on recently cut up farms? Even the Director of DNRT is building non-affordable housing in a former hayfield.
- I feel the open space in residential areas should be a larger percentage, but to minimize growth in the town. Maybe in order to build, you must buy a certain amount of acreage.
- I just want to reiterate, stop growth, keep open spaces, protect our beaches and water supply. Do not turn Dartmouth into a honky-tonk Fairhaven. Please keep business and housing down.
- I think that we should limit residential and commercial growth in the north end. Added growth takes its toll on police, fire, DPW and schools with no tax benefits to the town folk.
- I would like to see as much open space in N.D. as there is in S. D.
- I’ve always felt there’s a North vs South problem here in Dartmouth—beginning when Dysan tried valiantly to bring technology into South Dartmouth and those residents fought tooth and nail to keep it out. But it’s quite okay to these same people to keep letting more businesses build along Rte. 6
• In North Dartmouth there are few areas for people to walk without traffic and fumes. Park area off Old Fall River Road has fee because it is state affiliated. I understand this crossing Slocum Road to get to the sidewalk is a challenge.
• It’s very upsetting to see new strip malls built while so many are vacant. Dartmouth needs more open space, parks for children. I stayed in this town for its rural feel but now feel the need to leave since this town is feeling more like a city.
• Keep Dartmouth little like Little Compton
• Keep the balances between ‘malls’ and “farms”. We are on the right track. Keep commercial areas together and residential separate. Keep protecting our open areas.
• Keep up the good work
• Lower the taxes on houses and raise them for businesses.
• Maintain balance of undeveloped vs. developed. A surcharge tax is reasonable to buy some desirable areas.
• maneuverability in many parking lots difficult – too many “islands” * Town Planner should be more open minded and receptive to others’ ideas; his way isn’t necessarily the best and only way!
• More efficient form of government
• More public access to salt water
• More recreation for younger people
• N.D. is over developed, turning into urban sprawl, lack of protection, need to limit growth to retain atmosphere of town. ( Need more street lights when new high school opens.
• Need more street lights.
• Need to fill vacant buildings in North Dartmouth before distributing open land for new ones.
• No more mall expansion
• No more shopping malls, stop building on wetlands, Umass is all concrete
• Open space in residential areas should be a larger percentage. To minimize growth in the town, maybe, in order to build you must buy a certain amount of acreage.
• Open space should not be obtained if hunting and fishing are banned from it
• Please utilize so much of our already “used” land to attract future recreation sites for our youngsters, which is so much needed – they are our future.
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• Preserve. Keep it a town. No more commercial development
• Reopen Lincoln Park with a recreation facility for family entertainment (dinner theater?).
• Restrictions and licenses are the most non-sensical things about Dartmouth.
• So many businesses are eyesores that spoil the charm.
• South Dartmouth is considered the elite section of the town. Controversial growth will never occur in S.D.; N.D. is the dumping ground whenever S.D. objects to a project.
• Stop the continuance of residential developments that are now occurring. Complete the sewerage system on Chase Road.
• Strict limits on commercial development, ensure that recreational facilities are available in all areas of town.
• Strongly opposed to assisted housing
• The open space is a good idea if done right otherwise it is a waste of money. A lot of people are looking to get their palms greased.
• There needs to be more to do for young adults besides hanging at the mall, drinking, and such. Not all of them are into that and there is nothing for them to do.
• This town is selling itself short. Why develop? Why expand? All it does is bring in trash. Town Hall is only looking at the $ signs. This used to be a nice town.
• Very glad town assists Dartmouth Natural Resources Trust with 1and purchases
• we are a family of 5 with three young children. The reason we moved here was for the school system, open space with ocean farms and a lovely community. It would be terrible to see this area built up and developed, which I can slowly see happening.
• We need to maintain more open space. Stop allowing more building in Dartmouth or we will need more schools, etc.
• We need to see more efforts like DNRT supported by town funds.
• We the residents are taxed enough. Make developers pay the surcharge or go to another town.
• What I feel is heavily needed is light and medium industry – manufacturing products – tech and automotive.
• You blew it with new high school; it was not necessary, wrong location and costs too much.
• You let one go: Doc Smith’s property on Rte 6. And what is going on now? This land was left to Carol Medeiros and there is now a sheriff’s auction taking place this month (November); Cecil Smith II is listed as the principal debtor; what happened to Carol Medeiros? It’s more town politics, and we all feel that somehow, someone stands to gain financially. What is going on with this? This town is extremely biased. There is a double standard here: N. Dartmouth is far too congested and the policy is “hands off” S. Dartmouth. Same tax rate, though. Why do we in N. Dartmouth get the short end of the stick? Look at policies you have allowed: N.Y. Bagel on a small lot, rules were “bent” for Richard Medeiros and now Walgreens wants the same thing. Enough!!

Precinct 5

• At Hathaway Rd. and Rt 6 a survey should be done. The state, in my opinion, should have cut back further on the median strip for most of the traffic wants to turn onto Hawthorn Medical and one has to circle to go in. Post speed signs on Slocum Rd. between Rt 6 & Hathaway Rd.
• Better maintenance of main roads, litter pickup, weed & grass removal, etc. Need a place for young adults to “hang out” and not get into trouble.
• Commercial growth and residential building need to be monitored in order to maintain the remaining “country” in Dartmouth.
• Continue to protect our water resources and aquifer. Maintain what we have.
• Dartmouth is a beautiful town, with great quality of life, let’s not overpopulate it.
• Dartmouth is becoming overdeveloped and losing its tranquility and quaintness, enough to consider Dartmouth as becoming undesirable as a place to live. I also do not approve of taking the property of others for the greater good, ie, public use or economic development, private business.
• Dartmouth is becoming overpopulated. We also feel too many businesses are locating here which leads to traffic problems. Let’s keep Dartmouth small and laid back, like it should be.
• Dartmouth is no longer a rural town – it is fast becoming a city without the advantages of a city.
• Dartmouth must protect its residential areas, family/youth opportunities, and natural resources. Well-defined zoning laws are important along with the protection of property values. Low income housing and poorly planned industrial growth would hurt our town.
• Educate the public on the relative costs versus benefits of increased population density & numbers.
• Fear of over population.
• Good consistent planning
• Growth should be managed by the Town. It should not be controlled by the dictates of any particular philosophy.
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• Homes are being built too close together. Developments are being put in clearing all the trees. We moved back to Dartmouth because it was a nice small town but that is fading fast with all the building. Example: All the homes put in across from Police Dept. where there should only be one.
• I am not in favor of added taxes for the community preservation act.
• I am of the opinion that government was started to serve the public good, now we the tax payer serve the government. Town government has become top heavy with highly paid bureaucrats, selectmen, executive secretary, that has secretaries, who have clerks, etc… rubbish removal should include all household items, including leaves and grass clippings.
I am of the opinion that government was started to serve the public good; now we, the tax payers, serve the government. Town government has become top heavy with highly paid bureaucrats. Selectmen, executive secretary that have secretaries who have clerks, etc. Rubbish removal should include all household items, including leaves & grass clippings.

I am totally against the size of the low income development planned for Slocum Road. It will cause too many safety problems for the town!

I am very grateful to the town and its people. My children are proud of the town and its historical importance.

I feel the north end of town has had more than its share of housing developments

I love Dartmouth. Keep the population in check and the industry in check. Don’t turn this into a city/or even into a mini-city. My family likes it quiet. That’s why I bought my own home here.

I moved to North Dartmouth in 1985 with my children and wished to give them a nicer quality of life and good schools. I moved here 16 years ago from Boston and I have lived a good life here with Melissa and Matt. After graduation from high school the children have moved to Boston because they felt there are more opportunities to work in Boston.

I think we need to look more at how we can buy land without asking the Town residents to pay more taxes or take from the General Fund. We should look for more grants and we should sop buying land in the South part of Town.

I wish town would create access roads in business areas, especially on Dartmouth St (east) and provide more parking at South Dartmouth Post Office. The fist place Giffords puts a boat is next to the P.O. Looks mean to me.

Increase parking for boaters

Keep growth confined to mall area and route 6. Leave Tucker Rd. alone. Keep the rest beautiful, open and clean. Don’t raise taxes.

Keep growth to Mall area and Route 6 – leave Tucker Road alone – keep the rest beautiful open and clean – don’t raise taxes.

land- owners should be allowed to use their land as they wish!

Let’s keep Dartmouth small and laid back like it should be.

Lincoln Park land should be developed for recreation or public housing, not the area presently being considered on Slocum Road.

More open space and safe roads

Must stop 144 Low Income Units on Slocum Rd. Safety concerns, traffic, wrong location. Motivation?

N.D. heavily populated with businesses, congested

Need control of the Route #6 business expansion. We don’t need more stores.

Need zoning for land conservation and to limit new houses to those now in town. Limit number of students in every classroom; hire teachers to achieve this. Also, No more duplication of businesses, e.g., we don’t need so many restaurants & retail stores so close together, such as on Rt 6. The town should create laws whereby only so many of same kind of restaurants & retail stores be allowed within, say, a mile or two of each other. This would reduce unnecessary; empty, closed businesses (K Mart, et al). Who needs all the fast food, pizza & Chinese restaurants.

Open space should be thought of as primary mission, checks and balances should be put in place to control growth

Over spending in town

Please work hard at reserving the right portion of land for open space and recreation.

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Put some of the businesses in South Dartmouth for a change. Halt circumventing town laws. Prevent businesses such as Walgren’s, gas stations and other businesses that detract from our town’s beauty. Enough is enough. None of these have been conducive to tax cuts.

Question 15 not clear

Since the golf course was converted to a mall, the quality of life along route 6 has steadily deteriorated to the mess it is now.

Something should be done to create a good walking trail like the one in Fairhaven

Stop low income housing in this town.

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- Stop Route 6 from looking anymore “honkey tonk” and stop passing every subdivision that is proposed.
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- This town should devote more attention to the teens’ drop-in center, skate park, more non-school activities.
- This was a good survey, well thought out.
- Too much concentration of business and restaurants around Mall.
- Town should work for managed growth. Developers should not be allowed to rape the open space for profit. Limit the number of houses allowed each year.
- Traffic & traffic control is an issue that needs to be addressed.
- Traffic congestion is problem! We need a North/South route (like Westport’s 88) possibly along Chase Road corridor. We need bicycle paths everywhere! We need two high schools (one in North, one in South).
- Use vacant buildings in the mall area, curb building to developers.
- We could do more to support UMAS: Students could be given discounts to shop & eat locally.
- We need a north/south route (like Westport’s 88) possibly along Chase Rd. corridor. We need bicycle paths everywhere. We need two high schools one in north, one in south.
- We need neighborhood mail boxes so we don’t have to travel miles to the Post Office.
- We need to appeal to a higher clientele of people, such as working businessmen & women from Boston instead of appealing to those from new Bedford. Increase property value by promoting historic and tourist sites such as Padanaram. Improvements must be made to commence, must make the choice to be more like Newport & less like New Bedford.
- We need to conserve our open space. Dartmouth is a beautiful town with great quality of life. Let’s not over populate it.
- We need to look more at how we can buy land without asking the town residents to pay more tax or take from the General Fund. We should look for more grants and we should stop buying land in the south part of town.
- You build parks, boat ramps, etc. (the people must pay to buy, pay to build and then pay to use!!!) We owned land and gave it to the State (Demarest, Lloyd, etc.). You bought land at Smith Mills and a waterfall on Route #6. It is going to be a problem with kids hanging out causing trouble. Very few citizens will enjoy it. Currently it is blocked off with no parking available. We pay to buy, we pay to build, we lose taxes, we pay to use but cannot. We discourage business by putting restrictions on them so they cannot or will not move into town (Planning Board). We want curved roads to slow traffic then we make them straighten them so fire apparatus can make it through. We want sidewalks over trees & islands in parking lots. No one maintains the sidewalks. The electric company must prune trees under lines & plows charge more to plow around the islands. We want retention ponds but nobody maintains them as in Route #6 area. Does this beautify the town? We put our school out in an area where kids will be killed racing down a dangerous road away from all other school amenities (stadium, etc.). Have no room for expansion again! I could go on but something tells me you don’t want to hear this side of it.

**Precinct 6**

- (Need) more of budget spent (by) DPW Department to keep roads in good shape and landscape on side of roads trimmed and kept clean (trees on my street are not pruned properly, some are dead).
- Access to boat ramp. We need more parking for boat ramp. Vinnie Hemingway has to go!
- Against high rises or three story buildings. For single family dwellings.
- Awareness groups in schools.
- Building new commercial buildings instead of using vacant ones, cul-de-sac frontage, too many new neighborhoods with one house on top of the other. We must control all this. The schools are filled to capacity. My son is in a first grade class with 35 students. Let’s slow down before everything gets ahead of us and stop the proposed housing on Slocum Road. The schools can’t handle it. The traffic in Dartmouth gets worse all the time. I have lived here 31 years.
Dartmouth needs to be more proactive in meeting guidelines for low income so developers do not put in inappropriate areas and have greater control.

Dartmouth needs to be more proactive in meeting requirements for low income housing so developers do not put it in inappropriate areas. Then we would have more control.

For too long, Dartmouth officials have allowed uncontrolled development along Rt. 6 and in all residential areas of N. Dartmouth. This must stop if Dartmouth is to be considered a desirable place to live, such as Marion and Mattapoisett. Also, stop allowing new commercial development when we have existing retail space that is unoccupied. This leads to suburban blight.

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Growth needs to be severely monitored or it will become totally out of control. Conservation, natural resources, and zoning easements are far too easy to get in this Town!!

Growth needs to be strictly monitored or it will become totally out of control. Conservation, natural resources are threatened because zoning variances are far too easy to get in this town!

Has there been growth management in Dartmouth?

I believe all open spaces to keep is better than a guy like Joe Castello to build raised ranches. Keep open what the town can.

I feel it is a huge mistake to build the new high school where it is. That makes three schools on the same road with only Tucker Road – thru access to Route 6. I dread the traffic mess, but I won’t miss the high school kids parking on my street! They act like ANIMALS! Partly the reason why I have my kids in private school.

I feel that Dartmouth is changing completely – not for the good either. We don’t need more stores or big housing complexes – let hem go to New Bedford (where) they are begging for them, and Dartmouth residents all have cars to get them there.

I hope we don’t lose any more farms. Dartmouth is changing completely, not for the good either. We don’t need big housing complexes or more stores. Let them go to New Bedford; they are begging for them and Dartmouth residents all have cars to get there.

I realize we can’t control the right of sale by a property owner. My suggestion is that a percentage of profit from the sale of a parcel of land or a percentage of the purchase price by the buyer on a parcel over 10 acres should go into a land conservation fund to enable the town to replace the property at no cost to the current tax payers. Do we currently have anything like this on the books? Can it be done legally?

I think the town should be left as it is.

If affordable housing is coming, it should be in a rural area not around people whose property values will decrease. I think this is very important for our taxpayers.

In fifty years, the current administration has reduced the value of the community under the guise of progress. I did not move here to be in New Bedford.

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Keep up the good work. Very pleased with the Paskamansett Park, and “oasis” midst the rumbling traffic. Congratulations!@

Leave some land to enjoy. Please try to maintain the simplicity and quaintness that Dartmouth was noted for in past years.

More access to beaches

More recreational parks are needed. Offer developers land closer to Rt. 195 for required affordable housing units. Undeveloped land along Rt 195 between mall exit and Reed Road.

need a big harbor

Need more open spaces.

Need traffic control at State Rd @ Hathaway Rd. Need sidewalks on Tucker Rd to State Rd.

No more growth!
• No more low-income housing
• One should inquire about grants for more funds to purchase open parcels of undeveloped land.
• Please fix our paved roads
• Please stop development
• Please try to maintain the simplicity and quaintness that Dartmouth was noted for in past years. Stop overbuilding.
• Please update Dartmouth home page. Let this be your #1 source of information for residents of Dartmouth.
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• ques. 6 other – town not as populated, now it is moving toward “city” features (8) PLEASE! No more building (23) Again – Please do all you can to STOP any more construction.
• Quite frankly I feel the housing unit is a very bad idea. Just about everyone in this town lives in a home that they purchased. Dartmouth is a destination to get away from the hustle and bustle of the big city. I commute an hour to work and an hour back and I love my home. New Bedford’s economy self-destructed from over-exposure, let’s not make the same mistake.
• Rehab cemeteries for kids awareness groups in schools.
• School system should be highest priority. Spend more of budget on DPW to keep roads in good shape and landscape on side of roads trimmed and kept clean. Trees on my street [Stephen St.] are not pruned properly, some are dead.
• several of the questions are easily answered – others are poorly constructed and almost impossible to answer. The nature of all the questions, considered together, may yield inconsistent or inconclusive results. Most importantly it is my belief that this questionnaire is really about public housing – and it is disingenuous to label this a planning survey when the real intention, or seeming intention, is to discourage access to certain groups of people.
• Sewerage for all of Dartmouth
• Should use the user fee approach and use the user fees to make the town more self-sufficient. Let everybody, not just town members, use the facilities but charge more of a fee for non residents than for locals.
• Stop all growth before we drown. Need access to water & beaches.
• The low income housing that is proposed for Slocum Road – I, as a resident, am not in favor of it. It will destroy this peaceful country setting!
• The town needs to be much more restrictive in allowing for new development, particularly commercial development around Route 6. Too many buildings are sitting empty while trees are cut down to make way for new structures. Also, retail development should stay north of Route 6.
• Very interested in good conservation for the town. We are running away from the basics.
• We are grateful for the support the town has given us in farmland protection and farm business encouragement. Keep up the good work as it is an effort that mandates continued support. We love our town of Dartmouth!
• We need at least a few full-time firemen, so I would not mind paying more …on my taxes for this extra benefit.
• We need more “healthy” recreation for children—parks, fishing, golfing, camping, not skateboard parks or basketball centers that attract larger crowds of unsupervised teens. The beauty of Dartmouth will be totally ruined by putting 3-story affordable housing in a congested lot on Slocum Road. We need single family, affordable housing or cluster housing to be affordable & beautiful.
• We need more open areas in Dartmouth for seasonal hunting
• We need to carefully plan how much land we are going to build on how large we want Dartmouth to become. Overpopulation could change our way of life in town.
• We need to carefully plan how much land we are going to build on and how large we want Dartmouth to become. Over population could change our way of life.
• We need to continue to provide more open space with the purchase of available land. Need to limit and or eliminate the continual development of wildlife areas, tree areas and farmland. Also, Dartmouth should not be providing apartment living with the new additions of that type of building; surrounding areas have more than enough of this space available.
• we need to stop over population or Dartmouth will no longer be Dartmouth, but will be a small city.
• We should inquire about available grants for funds to purchase open parcels of undeveloped land.
• We should make a valiant effort to clean up Lake Noquochoque. In future, if you get matching state funds to buy land, bake better choices than the little park on Rte 6 next to Midas Muffler. It is ridiculous and a waste of money.
• With our resources we need to stress the arts & liven up our town. Theater along the beachfront in Padanaram would be a wondrous idea. Use what we have instead of adding more things that we don’t need.

Precinct 7

• A Christmas Tree Shop should be aggressively pursued for the town. Movies to be filmed and less business on Route #6 (too congested).
• A developer, Well Built Homes from fall River, is planning to build nine three story buildings at 111 Slocum road for low income housing. The estimate is 500 people will live there. It will crowd our schools and add to the already heavy traffic on Slocum. The area is zoned for single family residences and three story buildings will not fit in with the area. There is a lot of opposition to this plan.
• Agricultural land is disappearing because it is not cost effective. That is a shame. Rural areas of town need to be preserved.
• Any new stores, businesses, restaurants should occupy existing buildings. We have enough vacant buildings. We cut down too many valuable trees!
• Build more affordable housing for seniors; many are being displaced and have to move to surrounding towns for affordable housing. We do need this in Dartmouth. Also, assisted living is far too expensive for average senior.
• Dartmouth can grow a bit more but not much or it will be ruined.
• Dartmouth needs a full-time fire department. There should be more public education on how to properly use the facilities we have. Issue free permits but on condition of mandatory course attendance on conservation.
• Dump pick up. Now we have to schedule pick-ups. Recycling throws back a lot of the recycle stuff we put out
• Enough is enough, please.
• Faunce Corner should not be developed any further. And we, as a community, are very concerned, bothered, and upset about the low-income housing project on Slocum Road. We feel that it will ruin the community, and are emphatically opposed to it.
• Freedom to enjoy benefits of Town’s offerings.
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• High-density housing developments and traffic are two critical issues that are interrelated. To keep the quality of life in the town high, these should be carefully managed.
• I believe we need more single family condo units like at Summit and Padanaram Acres.
• I do not feel that the proposed 144-unit construction on Slocum Rd. is needed. At least not there. The amount of traffic & congestion in this area is not wanted.
• I feel strongly about building affordable housing in Dartmouth because with it comes more crime. I lived in New Bedford near affordable housing and saw the effects first hand.
• I know it is difficult to keep up; however, I moved to Dartmouth 2 years ago and still don’t know what kind of recreational opportunities there are. Something should be sent out to new homeowners with town information – i.e. Beaches, recreational facilities: I just found out there is a private beach for Dartmouth residents with a paid pass near the Padanaram Bridge. I would have liked to know about it sooner.
• I question where the Planning Board was when houses not in the original plan were shoehorned into the Woodford Estates Trust. At least one house was built on the so-called wetlands since the foundation was full of water throughout construction. These are the same wetlands that were so in need of protection that one house (part of the original plan) is situated at a ridiculous angle to satisfy equally ridiculous regulations enforced in an arbitrary and capricious manner.
• I would love to see a Christmas Tree Shop come to Dartmouth. People in this area have been wanting one for a long time.
• It pains us to see greed in developing our natural environment lands.
• It’s ironic that the survey is sent in conjunction with the proposed housing development on Slocum Road. I think our town has enough assisted living communities as well as low income housing which I feel would be detrimental to our town. We have low income on Cross Rd. and it certainly has its issues with its residents/police. I don’t feel that type of “family” environment is what Dartmouth is about.
• It’s time to stop building on small lots. Increase the lot sizes to build new homes, and no more grandfathering lot sizes. Also, no more commercial growth; we have enough. It’s time to get back to a rural town and STOP becoming a bedroom town for Boston & Providence.
• Let’s get shellfishing going again. When was the last time we had a nice harvest of scallops? Give more land to the public to ride or walk with nature. Increase the house lots to 2 acres.
• Like to see a recreational park for our young children after school.
• Limit one year of selectman to allow new approach
• More commitment to protecting the environment, decisions need to be made with long term consequences in mind, i.e. contamination of the head of the Slocum River
• more land should be set aside for open space but don’t take it from the agricultural sector. We need John George and other farmers to keep Dartmouth’s quality of life intact. Definitely no casino! Encourage working farms and keep the ones we have. No more grocery stores. I don’t usually like surveys, but I think this one is very worthwhile.
• Need to not lose sight of the quality & character of this town, which is why we must not let any growth type change Dartmouth from being a town & becoming a business. It is businesses that need constant growth, not residences.
• Our drinking water has repeatedly tested high in lead due to old pipes delivering it to our neighborhood.
• Over development, loosing quality of life
• Overpopulation of our schools due to new growth. DeMello school is filled to capacity.
• Pave Reed Road – need soccer fields to accommodate the growing interest of youth soccer in our town, other than DYSA.
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• Please maintain what we have – No more homes, esp. trophy homes which defile waterfront, no more businesses. Recreation areas are needed at this time.
• Preserve historical places
• Preserve open spaces and farms, use existing buildings for affordable housing needs
• requirements for business: signage, landscaping, facades is too lax. We don’t need a theme park, but some continuity is needed. Professional input on the “beautification” project at Faunce Corner and Route 6 is very much needed!! – The first impression is there.
• Starting to look like New Bedford, over development
• Stop 3-level units
• Terrific job on recreation park off Fall River Road
• The moment you introduce low-income housing into the town is the moment it starts to become a city.
• The soccer program seems to be threatened by the new high school. Well-run sports/recreation programs are a tr Need to address town growth rate & be proactive towards consequences. Need to address traffic problems due to town growth. Town roads need to be updated (widened) to accept new “rush hour” traffic we currently have.
• The soccer program seems to be threatened by the new high school. Well-run sports/recreation programs are a tremendous resource in developing our most valuable asset: our youth!
• The town should try to preserve as much of our space as possible. We need to be aggressive in our efforts to maintain our history.
• There needs to be minimum acreage for new homes in developments and contractors need to replace what trees they tore down.
There needs to be more restrictions placed on the development of open land and the size of housing plots. Also, concerning recreation, the children and young adults need a place in town besides the mall where it is safe and fun for them to hang out.

They are building too much. It used to be nice in the country, not anymore. We have no recreation facilities for our children. There is nothing here; to go shopping got to go to Providence, Boston. I only have my job and family here otherwise this place is sad.

This town has been built up enough. Of course with growth comes money but increased growth would take away the reason for living here.

Town should try to preserve as much of our open space as possible. We need to be aggressive in our efforts to maintain our history.

We are hard working people who have chosen to live our lives in Dartmouth with our families to have a safe and protected environment. I do not want to sound like a snob, but the low in come housing that Dartmouth wants to build should be built where it would not effect our homes in which we take pride. My opinion. See you on Nov. 27th.

We are so fortunate and well known for the beauty, peace and serenity of the town. It would be in our best interest to keep it this way. “Dartmouth is a great place to call home”.

we have too much affordable housing. Question 15 does not make sense (too little, need more)

We need an after-school, weekend, school vacation youth program for our youth. The area on Slocum Road/Finest Fence would be a perfect location. We could service school age kids from 7-16 and provide them with recreation, MCAS help and self-esteem activities, etc. Example: New Bedford’s United Front Child Development Center

We need controlled growth!

We need more – in South Dartmouth – Retail is very bad here – one must go into New Bedford or North Dartmouth to shop - go to recreation, shows, or sporting events – south of this town – has none really grown

We need more single family condo units like at Summit and Padanaram Acres.

We need to closely monitor development in highly developed areas, for example, Slocum Rd. and Faunce Corner Rd intersections

We, as a town, should welcome others to our community, but insist that standards be met. For example, businesses should be required to keep their properties clean and well-maintained.

Wish list: 1. Bike Trails (Roads) 2. Mountain Bike Trails (in forest on…can’t decipher) 3. More and better facilities for fishing 4. Cross- country ski trails (maybe use #2 above)

Would like to see an after school recreational program for our children.

Precinct 8

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Access to doctor visits

Allowing businesses to open next to, or in close proximity to existing businesses, already paying taxes, will endanger their profits (i.e. Bliss Corner – Sunrise Bakery & the new Dunkin Donuts). Favor less franchises and more local businesses (see Marion and Mattapoisett).

Analyze procedures and successes of communities with similar problems and goals such as Nantucket, Marion, the Cape, etc.

As a shore fisherman, I am very distressed over the lack of access available. The rich people “own” this town and the police department such up to them!

Commercialism is fine if confined to areas already populated, Rte. 6, Faunce Corner. The damage is already done there, but try to keep it contained. Limit new housing developments. Acushnet does not even resemble the town it once was. Dartmouth needs to stay Dartmouth. Let’s not let it lose its identity. We do not want to be another New Bedford.

Dartmouth needs to attract more retail stores and restaurants along Route 6 (i.e. Target, Sports Authority, Chili’s, TGIF, Outback). Need to expand current Dartmouth library, far too small and limited.
• Dartmouth will look like a mini city and lose the charm it had. We will need a mayor soon!
• DECLARE A MORRITORIUM IMMEDIATELY! We are running out of space for growth in important areas other than building. We have to stop now before there is no turning back.
• Great town to live in.
• How could the town have allowed subdivision on Franklin Street, the demolition of that old house on Middle Street and the whole of Smith Mills? Quote: “If you bulldoze your past, you become just anywhere.”
• I feel that the town is already over populated. In time there won’t be enough schools again and the traffic is already too much. The peace & quiet I once knew is gone.
• I feel that we need bike/running paths along major roads (i.e. Smith Neck, Slocum, Tucker-Bakerville). This would allow recreation to flourish without the tremendous risk of death which now exists on these roads.
• I feel we should have proper growth management in position to stop outside developers from profiting at our expense. But we should allow the middle-class working man to build and thrive in town without going to extremes.
• I just want to say, I think we’re overpopulating too fast. We’re losing land, houses pop up in every available lot. When is it going to stop? We’re in danger of ruining Dartmouth’s natural beauty to over development. This concerns me!!
• I recently moved to Dartmouth and I love it but now there are low income families living in the Capri Motel and that they may be making low-income units in our really good neighborhoods. Things are great right now so why allow people that “may” destroy this? Property values will go down. I saved all my life to live in Dartmouth.
• I think The Crossroads is enough low income housing. There should be no more.
• I would like to see funds set aside to help agriculture. I would also like to see an increase in minimum lot requirements for building.
• I would like to see less building in and around my own neighborhood. I have seen fox, skunks & raccoons during the day. The animals were here first and it’s a shame how they are being displaced.
• Important project: The town must have a master plan for the next 20 years!
• Industrial & commercial growth can be restricted to existing facilities (rehabilitation of defunct buildings, use of overbuilt parking lots). Concentrate residential growth to village or village-like centers surrounded by open space. (Look at cluster development in Plymouth.) Need bicycle paths free from motor vehicle traffic.
• Keep Dartmouth a town
• keep open space
• Minimum lot size must be increased
• More cluster housing to preserve open space, such as Hidden Bay
• Need bike paths.
• Need minimum lot size for residential building.
• Need walking/running/bicycling paths and small perks throughout the town (benches, flowers, etc.)
• No low-income housing. Keep housing developments out.
• No more development anywhere in town.
• No more subdivisions
• North Dartmouth needs more roads to relieve traffic congestion.
• Poor trash collection
• Protect wild life
• The proposed 8 18-unit buildings north of proposed basketball court should be flatly rejected. These developers have only one aim—to earn money. No scruples at all. If I lived in one of the present homes on Slocum Road just in front of proposed development, I would sell my house & move out of Dartmouth. Or perhaps each present homeowner could purchase land behind them.
• The town appears to be growing haphazardly. There doesn’t seem to be any growth management. Houses are being built everywhere. We are destroying Dartmouth.
• There are no decent parks (like Buttonwood) or bicycle paths or beaches. Too much development (houses).
• There is a real need to have a minimum lot size of 2 to 3 acres for new residential development. How were houses built on the old Petty Farm on Westport Road? Wetlands that were devised (sic) by Petty Family to town (I believe) for natural resource preservation.
• This town is not a city. All of our open space is being developed; we need open space for animals and quietness like it used to be, without a lot of cars running down streets that cause noise.
• Too much congestion already. Let’s stop giving permits where it is already over built.
• We want a store that sells everything – a grocery store.
• When selling property of 5 to 10 acres for developments, property should be subdivided in larger plots—tax benefits given to owners/sellers of land who put these specifications on their land. NOT COVERED: We need to grow our town mentality so more residents will take part in government. That’s why I think we’ve outgrown town meeting and need a mayor. Do anything legal to stunt the growth of what used to be a great TOWN to live in!
• Why did zoning allow a wonderful old house on Middle St. (at foot of Franklin) to be torn down and replaced by a modern house? It’s outrageous!
• You make some of these survey questions too complicated.

Precinct 9

• (15) too little and need more are redundant; (16) checked “growth in some undeveloped areas” only after land has been set aside for recreation and open space Thanks for seeking our input; please use it to develop a plan.
• (8) YES, YES for more land preserved; keep it small and peaceful with the quality of life we have enjoyed.
• A) Concerned that an appointed board has more power than an elected board, i.e. Appeals vs. Planning. How can this be? B) Did not answer several items because of our advanced age. We have enjoyed living in Dartmouth. There will be problems in the future because we “manufacture” people but not land. We have to be very careful about controlling NIMBY syndrome. Everyone likes to have a share of the “pie”.
• Accept my congratulations on moving the town ahead during these uncertain times.
• Allow business to a point, but not at the expense of our farms.
• Appalled by duck hunting in Padanaram Harbor that produces noise pollution
• Bike walking trail is very necessary, little ability to access waterfront, revisit size of home versus lot
• Cant help but feel new high school is poorly sited. Should be much closer to Rt. 6
• Cluster zoning to create neighborhoods & preserve space. Optimize agriculture/aquaculture/commercial waterfront to preserve the character. Support small business to prevent development of commuter/edge city conversion.
• Commercial developers should pay big to redo streets or areas where they build in order to help ease traffic. We should make them responsible if they want to do business here.
• Conserve more land.
• Continue to purchase land for conservation and open spaces & recreation. Clean & maintain rivers like Paskamansett, etc.
• Dartmouth does not need more golf courses, there are too many McDonalds and gas stations around the Dartmouth Mall area. Also too many Dunkin Donuts.
• Dartmouth has grown too quickly without a “master plan” for development. It is not too late to correct this and we should for the future.
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• Dartmouth is special – a divine enclave of people and villages. Save it from the extremes and strain of adverse change. It is a unique place in this state. Please!
• Dartmouth should focus on redeveloping existing, worn out commercial areas. Padanaram Harbor could be better, Ann & Hope Plaza is a blight.
• Favor an increase in house lot sizes in Padanaram. Open space and recreation should be done with state and federal grants.
• Favor growth (restricted) to help with unemployment and economy. Wish there were more sidewalks to encourage walking/jogging around town.
• Go look at success programs elsewhere, spend money on advertising and awareness, spend money and effort to support politicians willing to tackle long term programs.
• Good job planning ahead for growth!
• Growth is not being controlled, house lots too small
• Growth must be controlled to keep the character of the town. The roads are also a concern because they can’t handle the amount of traffic.
• Growth not handled in a wise & prudent manner.
• House (soda/barber shop, etc.). I wouldn’t want to see any more losses of “historical” buildings or areas.
• I am 80 years old so my answers are skewed by my age. Keep Dartmouth from becoming too big if you can!
• I feel strongly about over development and especially sticking subdivisions or businesses in areas that have traditionally been rural like the appalling mess that was once the village of Smith Mills. Let’s learn from that experience.
• I feel there are not enough programs and opportunities to involve children with significant special needs, especially in sports.
• I feel this way on growth: Keep it simple. What made Dartmouth what it is, the town came from a simple background of farming, religion, small businesses. Growth can’t be stopped, yet it can be controlled by not taking down all the trees, conform the businesses by having strict building codes—like in the communities of Florida. Protect the “old Dartmouth look” or it will turn into a small city. “Stay the course.”
• I have learned not to depend on town officials (especially elected ones) to protect taxpayers vis-à-vis open space. Having attended many hearings, I can report that some board members sound more like advocated for the developers than protectors of the taxpayers.
• I haven’t lived in Dartmouth that long, but I urge those conducting this survey to take the long view and place conservative, land preserving restrictions on the open land that still exists.
• I hope that this survey will show that most people in town want to save some open space for future generations.
• I think building contractors in town run wild against zoning regulations (the 2nd house north of ours, the house in back of ours re: an addition) and do so when not challenged. They out to be required to submit plans to an HONEST building authority. That will require them to live up to the law.
• I truly believe it might be too late. Please no Walgreens at Tucker Rd. !!! The mushrooming of Rt 6 must be prevented from spreading.
• I would like to see more "villages" created in Dartmouth with nearby services to handle cluster type development. Sort of the typical New England village concept with small shops, stores, etc. I’d like to see more trees planted along Dartmouth Street. The long stretch of road is positively ugly with great expanses of asphalt parking lots along this commercial artery. There’s nothing appealing about this street that would make anyone want to stroll along this thoroughfare. Forget Rte 6; it’s a disaster—ugly, uninviting, unforgiving in its chaotic traffic. No one could possibly want to walk from development to development. Reminds me about all that is horrible in American suburbia. No character at all. Feels like ANYWHERE, USA.
• I would like to see something developed on the Old Lincoln Park property. It is a great commercial location and it is a shame that it is empty.
• I would like to see the town of Dartmouth take more pride and pay more attention to the needs and concerns of the people that make up this community and stop catering to the commercial growth because of the almighty dollar!!!
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• Important to stop sprawl and keep integrity of New England town
• In any new development, the open space (green) to building area ratio must strictly be kept high (at the current level). The town can become another New Bedford! Pedestrian paths need improvement!
• Infrastructure & commercial signage of Rt 6 between Slocum Rd. and Cross Rd. Access & egress to Rt. 6 needs study, evaluation to be safer and more efficient and to reflect more of Dartmouth Town feeling
• it is debatable whether more land should be set aside for open space. Reduce property tax on farm, forest, recreation and conservation lands if they must be kept that way. There is enough agriculture, but keep all we have. Watch our sewage and water supply areas.
• It’s frightening to see how over-developed Dartmouth is becoming.
• Keep the big developers at bay. Enlarge the required lot size especially in Padanaram Village.
• Keep up good zoning. We think Dartmouth is a good place to live.
• Keep us in the prop 2 ½ - let private companies pay for recreation, etc.
• Lack of good restaurants
• Limit growth
• Maintaining the tranquility and natural characteristics is important. Once destroyed, there is no replacing them. Peace should not be sacrificed to consumerism, sprawl and asphalt. It brings another city into existence and an entirely different lifestyle.
• Make better use of open space. We have enough recreation. We need water and sewer lines so growth in commercial and residence can spread in entire town.
• More recreational areas and facilities for seniors, bowling alley
• more water front access, keep the existing open space (trees and fields and marshes, etc. around the harbor)
• my wife and I are new residents (just over a year) and we find Dartmouth delightful to live in.
• Need better snow plowing.
• Need ice rink in Padanaram
• Need more industrial growth in Route #6 area
• Need more parking in Padanaram. Need to widen Route 6 near Faunce Corner Road and Slocum Road. Good job planning ahead for growth!
• Need to develop more elderly housing as the best way to regain town control of development; 40B is a threat.
• No more building!
• Not in favor of any tax increases for open spaces.
• Open space – let’s start with limiting (or freezing) the development of new homes.
• Open space and farmland can never be replaced. Keep as much as you can! Keep new housing spread evenly throughout the town.
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• Open spaces and quaintness of the village are worth preserving.
• Opposed to low income housing on Slocum Rd. and density-no place for children to play
• Our biggest concern is the dying out of our villages. We live in Padanaram and would love to have a fully thriving village center instead of one where all the retail space is filled by real estate offices.
• Our roadways are largely cow paths coverted for automobiles. They are no able to accommodate the number of residents who drive them now, with each new development-moving around or across town reasonably grows more doubtful.
• Parking at boat ramps. Let them fish on the bridge that’s part of child life in Dartmouth.
• People who own farms or anyone who has been in town a long time should not be taxed beyond their means, forcing them to sell.
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• Planning for vehicular access apparently is non existent. We need to connect developments, have collector streets. NO MORE cul-de-sacs. Have a higher density in certain areas.
• Please control growth!
• Please do not allow the rampant growth to continue!
• Please do not overcrowd Dartmouth with new developments!
• Please don’t over develop and turn our quaint town into a city
• Please stop development in open spaces and commercial buildings where there are so many vacant ones available.
• Please stop the growth of industrialism.
• Poor decision to build the new High School at that location, bad choice
• Preserve open spaces
• Proper zoning of business, industries, zoning for single-family houses to protect property values so as to make the town a desirable community to live in.
• Remove drugs from the High School, replace principal King
• Safe areas to run dogs with a scooper law, of course, something like Fort Taber in New Bedford. We need a beautiful area near the ocean to walk paths like Fort Taber in New Bedford. We go there to walk. It is very dangerous to walk on Elm Street – no sidewalks and cars really use it as a speedway.
• Select an area to develop. Do not tax existing roads – build new ones. Bring in water, sewer, etc. Have developers pay a 30 – 40 percent tax to be used for open space purchases. Have all new home buyers do the same.
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• Should consider a building moratorium.
• Should consider cluster development with open space.
• Some movement in direction of controlling population growth is needed.
• Stop building stuff
• Stop the greedy home developers from taking or building on Dartmouth land
• Suggest that land on Route 6 be purchased by the town and recycled into usable business property.
• Thanks for asking.
• The Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals haven’t had a new idea in 25 years. Cronyism is rampant and public employees serve for their own self-interests.
• The proposed housing on Slocum Road should not even be considered. It will create problems for thousands to line the pockets of a few.
• There is no zoning being applied in new growth areas. The building codes do not seem to be enforced with the growth of inferior quality and designed development and commercial overgrowth.
• There should be a swimming pool indoor facility in the town. There are too many cars and motorcycles speeding up and down streets.
• This area is over taxed and the funds are mismanaged (unless you happen to feed at the public trough). Where does the money go? Not back to the community.
• This is a very hard survey to fill out when North and South Dartmouth are lumped together.
• Tighten up loopholes in growth management issues.
• Town grows uglier by the day. Must control growth and preserve open space.
• Town need to begin dictating the kinds of development, commercial and residential, it will allow. I.e., Do we need more oil change stores, etc.? Town needs to slow down/limit housing starts. Too many homes, too much traffic, school over crowded, not enough land where houses are built (need to mandate larger housing lots!).
• Town repaved roads were poorly done: Tucker as an example. Water & sewer services need to be expanded. Pedestrian sidewalks needed. on Slocum Road, side streets, Elm Street, to encourage safe walking.
• Town should support proposed airport expansion and plans for commuter rail service.
• Underdeveloped areas are a concern such as Lincoln Park; are there plans for this land?
• We feel Dartmouth could use more open space and a town recreation center. Also, Reed Road is in dire need of repair. It is traveled by many, many residents.
• We moved here to get away from city life. Our hope is that Dartmouth will remain a beautiful town where we will live for the rest of our lives.
• We need more areas for children to play.
• We need some baths to get around on a bike without being killed by cars.
• We need to balance the building of the past decade with more affordable housing in order to have a more balanced socio-economic population. STUDY THE PROBLEMS OF NANTUCKET.
We need to match growth with resources. Town boards should operate within the boundaries of their regulations without extending beyond them and harassing property owners.

We need, in our opinion, to balance the building of the past decade, with more affordable housing, in order to have a more balanced socio-economic population. Study the problems of Nantucket.

We really need to provide some recreational facilities for pre-teen to teenagers. Our children are our greatest resources, but they need more activities to spend free time in a safe, no – mall atmosphere, off roads and out of trouble. Dartmouth is lovely. I settled here after U. Mass. And never left. Glad our Town Planner is so concerned and intelligent. Keep up the good work!

Wetland development

When I was a child, a ride through Dartmouth meant pastures, farmland and unspoiled waterfront views. Now, many of these places are covered with homes or strip malls. Our town is losing its character and beginning to look like any suburban city on the outskirts of Boston.

Working land, water & recreational resources need to be viewed as necessary to our economic & quality of life continuum. Padanaram Village is not what it could be.

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Affordable housing must be created, BUT NOT in “projects”. Additional development should be contingent on preserving natural & open space. Need recreational facilities available to youth, hiking, cross-country ski trails in natural areas. NO motorized RV’s.

Although I moved here recently, I did so because of the area’s beauty and the fact that so far it does not have the look of “developed” residential areas. I like living next to farms & small cottages and don’t want the area to lose that character. I don’t want it to end up looking like Portsmouth, RI with its tracts of up-market homes & private schools. Don’t let our farms & fields disappear while traffic & businesses increase. Please save us!

Any increase in population will increase taxes and take away from what we all moved here for. In general, spoil the town.

As a resident and a taxpayer I would be willing to pay more taxes for open space, public schools, recreation, but not at the cost of drawing more and more people into this town.

Change Chapter 40B; right to scale down projects

Control residential tract development

Dartmouth is loosing its unique identity, H.S. in wrong place

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Don’t let Dartmouth become another New Bedford. Keep Dartmouth rural and clean.

Extension of water supply and sewers to areas not served and new developments. Need better road maintenance.

Further growth strains our resources.

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Growth is inevitable. Challenge is to manage it so as to preserve the unique & special character of the town!

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Have beach staff/Park Dept. clean shorelines on regular basis on rainy days when beach is closed.

Historical preservation should remain at the discretion of private owner. Scenic Bakerville is being spoiled by High School.
Hopefully this study will lead to a positive and balanced approach to the problems above.

I am so glad we moved to Dartmouth. The schools & sports for children are excellent. We love the openness of the area.

I applaud this survey and hope that it will inform the Planning Committee. I will be retiring soon and plan to live in this town.

I believe zoning rural areas even more differently than suburban areas would reduce our suburban sprawl. There is no need for the basketball complex in Dartmouth. Our residents will largely not benefit from this.

I feel growth must be slowed down. I think fast growth is taxing our schools, water and sewer systems. Our rural character is at risk – scenic roads such as Bakerville have changed forever.

I feel strongly that. Size of house lots should be restricted so as not to overdevelop areas like Padanaram. Restrict low-income housing so as not to over stress school system. Develop area for fishing on West side of Padanaram bridge to facilitate parking and keep fishing off bridge.

I feel the police should monitor one way streets for abusers—including police not on a call!! I feel we need two new high schools. The one under construction does not meet our anticipated needs and is misplaced. Another school in N. Dartmouth will be necessary. We should have used the Lincoln Park site to build a regional high school with Westport. Also, we should re-use existing school sites for new schools.

I support preserving open space and improving recreation facilities. Do everything you can to keep farmland. Once it’s gone, it’s irretrievable. I am for managed growth! This area should be self sufficient in agriculture. If something happens to cut off our supply of food from the west, we need backup. Land is the most important resource.

I think cluster development is appropriate for Dartmouth. Care must be taken that developers do not use unusable swamp land as the “open space” so other lots can be smaller. 3-story apartment buildings are not appropriate for Slocum Road. I would like to see the state standard changed so mobile homes would be included in affordable housing. I go by quite a few on Fisher Road every day.

I think it is about time that Dartmouth took this issue very seriously. Put a moratorium on development, and begin to respect what small amount of open space and farms are left. The open space is Dartmouth’s unique feature that is disappearing because of negligence, indifference and greed.

I would like to see Dartmouth retain its character but not become a solely rich person’s summer home community. Open space is important, so is preserving the ability for the “locals” to be able to afford to live here.

I would like to see that more land or bigger lots are required (more than are now) similar to that in towns such as Lakeville and Westport.

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It is apparently clear to me that there is NO growth management. Why so many malls, stores being built when there are existing buildings empty? I feel the “powers that be” have ruined this “town”. They call it progress! HA!

It is sad for me to realize that the town I grew up in doesn’t appear to have a master plan for growth & development. There are so many vacant buildings in commercial areas, yet we continue to build. There are vast areas that have become eyesores, yet we destroy pristine woodland & farmland to create new municipal structures rather than to refurbish and beautify existing locations that could be changed to suit our needs. I truly hope this survey opens the eyes of “planners” to see the ruin they have created. Little New Bedford.

It would be nice to encourage growth and revitalization of the local villages (Padanaram, Russells Mills) because the town is so large.

It’s unfortunate that families who have been preserving large parcels of land in Dartmouth will be forced to subdivide and sell parts of their land due to the recent increases in the tax assessments. Additional building of these lots strains services more and stresses the ecosystem. The new H.S. reduces rural charm. Large land holders are being squeezed.

Just build a new high school. If growth isn’t managed/controlled, how many years will we have before it will be too small?
• Just built a new high school – how any years will we have before it will be too small if growth management isn’t controlled.
• Keep Dartmouth’s natural beauty
• Keep Round Hill beach open later and longer.
• Keep the effort at planned growth and reasonable rates with a prejudice toward open space (even in developments), farms and respect for our present natural surroundings.
• Keep up the good work in open space programs.
• Key action for the town would be to zone for open space protection. Get serious about zoning for open spaces and limit growth. Stop putting more mall is – utilize existing business properties and provide incentives for business to use them like the Stop and Shop project.
• Leave as is. Enough of Honky Tonky. Look at North Dartmouth.
• leave hands off development. Private sector is best at development. Health Board already has realtor using office to own advantage.
• Local policies and residential support is necessary to maintain and obtain open space.
• Make it more difficult to build.
• More growth management, stop behind the scene deals, no more variances
• More land for open space and recreation, active industrial park.
• More parks and recreational areas, more sidewalks and a new bike path
• Need a communal bike trail! New high school has no pedestrian or bike access. There is no choice but to drive. Need to be brave enough in thinking (& experience) to create these things for our community. Be fore thinking. Keep Rt 6 contained.
• Need more rental and affordable housing in Dartmouth for middle class people.
• Need recreational center for children, development should be centered around highway access
• New High School is in a terrible location! Many young students will be in car accidents on Tucker Road
• NO MORE DEVELOPMENT! Too much “out-of-town” traffic. We should have our own animal shelter for stray animals.
• No more fields for baseball, soccer, basketball. Save King Fisher for water needs.
• NOW is the time to preserve open space.
• Open space if fine if it includes all people, not just bike riders, hikers, but also hunters & sportsmen. We pay tax too. The city people must know when hunting season is; if hiking or bike riding, they must wear safety orange. If open space does not include hunting, boat ramps, I will not favor this open space.
• Open space is what makes Dartmouth so appealing now. We need to preserve it with care whether it is in the form of farms, wooded areas or scenic back roads.
• Open space; i.e., building restriction on lot size, 1-acre minimum with sewer, 2-acre with septic, street frontage 200’.
• Planning Board should do more planning! Issues like school placement, new store locations, call towers, low- income housing, dumping sites, etc., etc. should be placed in pre-determined areas of town, per Planning Board.
• Planning of commercial areas, especially parking & traffic flow, is ill conceived & sometimes almost impossible to negotiate with a real vehicle. Also, has anyone considered placing parking behind stores so that the store façade fronts the streets? Many communities do this very attractively.
• Please prevent sprawl!
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• Preserve open space, keep Dartmouth from becoming a community of wall-to-wall houses and businesses.
• Promote additional industrial park areas.
• Ques. 6 other – diversity of population, (7) not yet (suburban) but may potentially become without planning; elements of all of these (resort, retirement, University) and much more – very diverse – working farms. (8) and working agriculture (15) Industrial – clean industry on existing developed areas to broaden tax base (16) residential growth that can tie into existing infrastructure and are appropriate
• Restrict growth of currently unrestricted residential development.
• Route #6 planning and development and the Faunce Corner traffic
• Rural nature of town should be encouraged. Historical areas should be preserved. Zoning should be used to ensure property value; i.e., 2-acre minimum lots.
• State laws should be changed to allow access to the water front above the low water mark
• Stop clustering housing projects. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!
• Taxes are much too high.
• Thank you for all your good work.
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• thank you for sending this survey out. I hope you will respond to the need to slow/stop growth in our beautiful town.
• The difference between Westport and Dartmouth is Westport does not have a major source of water. Dartmouth would get more commercial anyway even if they had a higher commercial rate. Get it!!!
• The location of the new high school was a complete gaffe. Although necessary, the location of the school will destroy the rural nature of South Dartmouth and require those in the north to travel too far. Rt. 6 would have been ideal.
• The retail development around Route 6 appears to be excessive since large newly built complexes go empty and degenerate into discount stores. There are too many opportunities to buy exactly the same product at 10 different stores. There should be an effort to limit and elevate the quality of retail goods & services before more retail development is allowed, and prevent more empty buildings.
• There is no tax on recreation and conservation land now. (11) Instead if surtax each year a one time fee on property purchased/deed transactions paid by the buyer. (12) We had a good one (golf course) where the mall is. Keep property tax rates reasonable so folks will be able to keep their homes – especially those on fixed incomes.
• This is a foolish time to send this survey when 160 plus units are to be built on Slocum Road. NO MORE PEOPLE IN DARTMOUTH!
• This is an excellent method to pass the CPA
• This town must meet sewer needs and impact and impact on areas if this is not addressed.
• This town must meet sewer needs. Major impact on area if this is not addressed.
• Too much of Dartmouth’s oceanfront is private, not open to public, as is access to it.
• Towns quality is rural character, control growth
• Undeveloped, pristine areas mostly in S. Dartmouth area must be maintained & undeveloped. Local policies and support of residents is necessary to obtain and maintain space.
• Use of “cluster” zoning to preserve contiguous open spaces where growth is unavoidable.
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• We are pleased to see that Dartmouth is investing in its schools. A good school system is essential to a healthy, happy town!
• We are very much in support of a skate park and group dynamics counseling in the high school (i.e. ropes, etc.)
• We feel strongly that we need to preserve open spaces. Dartmouth is a beautiful town and we would like to see it stay that way.
• We love living in a town with farmland; with access to the ocean and beaches; yet we are in reasonable proximity
• We need to preserve the history of Dartmouth and keep it a town! The area should remain rural and not become like a city.
• We need to slow down growth.
• We will heartily support any program or committee that will help to preserve our town, its historical buildings and villages, and its rural feel.
• What has happened to the Master Planning effort done by Bob Lima
• What wonderful progress taking place at the Destruction Brook parcel. I drive Slades Corner Rd. every day. The effort being put into clean up is noticed. Thank you for preserving the beauty of this old town.
• When out-or-towners come into the farmlands and build, they destroy natural growth and want all of the city privileges. The country is lovely because it does not have these city features. Trees grow wild. Birds & nature take care of things.
• Would like to see less black top and more trees
• You need to start building in vacant lots like Lincoln Park and stop building on farmlands.
• #? (15) other – who you need to know and pay to get into affordable housing. We need new blood with “some” new ideas – those in office are lining their coffers and paying favors back that they owe.
• #? (8) Most definitely; Dartmouth is getting over populated. We need to rethink all these developers coming in and buying all the land and then stop the town from allowing housing even where it doesn’t belong. Unfortunately I think these transactions for certain developers are sliding by the different departments in town hall. In other words it depends on who the DEVELOPER is.
• 1% of $212,326.00 is NOT $21.23!! Why did this error get published here on this survey?
• Afraid of no growth advocates.
• All future development projects should have input from the school system. The Planning Board should have a delegate from the school committee on it deciding on residential housing matters.
• All personnel contracts should be at Town Clerk’s office (categories can be used). Also, all house assessments – public – by street & number. All financial documents should be public & available.
• Although many problems arise with uncontrolled growth I believe that controlled growth can be beneficial to keep the town active in all areas.
• Dartmouth needs more things to do for recreation. Lincoln Park was a lot of fun with the water slides. Now they are gone and we don’t really have much to do. Maybe a roller skating rink or ice skating rink or a public pool.
• Development must be controlled and managed properly
• Disgusted with location of new high school. It is an absolute horror—should never have been allowed to happen.
• Fishing in Lake Noquochoke requires a boat or standing almost in the road. No access for citizens to use the Lake except “off the bridges”. No natural ice on which to skate except on private land – and I’m sic of all the malls and the traffic it brings to our roads. I sometimes have to wait 5 minutes or more to leave my driveway and when the road is full of waiting cars beyond the lake, it could be 10-15 minutes.
• Forget new school and use the land for recreation
• Growth management should be thoroughly controlled, limiting multiple housing units and strong requirements for open space around multiple housing units. Strong enforcement on zoning; strong limits on lot size in higher tax producing areas.
• I am handicapped, rarely get out. I’ve answered what I could and what I’ve experienced. Although I’ve only lived here two years, I have always loved Dartmouth.
• I circled NO because the homeowner says enough already. [referring to CPA].
• I decided not to answer any more questions because the more I read, the madder I get. We weren’t against a new High School, but the majority of the people did not and do not like the location. Did anyone listen? No, so why answer these questions, and you people do what you want anyway.
• I feel there are too many homes being built and too many businesses and I feel the new school will hurt taxpayers.
• I love Dartmouth, would not live elsewhere.
• I wish it were like when I was a boy; but I guess one must face growth. I’d like to see space, farms, roads and things remain like 35 years ago. I hope we keep our scenic roads, our woods, trees, our farms. Life seemed to be better then, but maybe I’m just an old codger. Sincerely, a good old boy.
• I would like longer beach hours and longer beach season.
• I’d like to see Padanaram Bridge cleaned up. I’m tired of walking through the mess left by the people fishing.
• I’m a lifelong resident of Dartmouth and I couldn’t think of a nicer place to live and raise a family. I like my town just the way it is.
• Improve public transportation, preserve all historical buildings and areas
• Keep commercial building & retail stores in the Rt 6/State roads. Do not let it sprawl into the surrounding neighborhoods. Keep as much open space/farming as possible. Retain as much of the rural atmosphere at possible.

• Keep rural character. Spend taxes wisely. Improve population diversity—both human and wildlife. Preserve 2-acre zoning.

• Let’s not continue making poor decisions. When at the end of one’s journey, it would be nice to say “Living in Dartmouth has been a pleasure,” and what I leave will be enjoyed for future generations. This will not be the case if our leadership is coming from newcomers as seems to be the present trend. (Newcomers are people moving in and taking over the leadership of town committees; this trend is costing millions.) I was born & educated in Dartmouth, returned after 30 years. Much progress has been made; however the push for DEVELOPMENT HAS TO BE STOPPED, and solutions found to gather together and make Dartmouth the place to be proud of. IT IS A QUESTION OF ECONOMIC MANAGEMENT -- NO MORE DEVELOPMENTS.

• Maybe we don’t have all these things in Dartmouth; first look around he area and you’ll find these things, so we don’t spend money unnecessarily. [referring to facilities with convenient access – Question 13]

• More, more, more Open Space.

• My family is grown and we are nearing retirement with plans for moving from the area. I’ve witnessed town meetings in progress and regretfully feel as though the citizens of Dartmouth are being sold down the river. The future will bear me out!

• My only wish is the new high school should have never been built.

• Need full-time fire dept to handle future growth.

• Need more post offices with ample parking – I find it easier to go to post office in New Bedford.

• New developments should have small parks – build a foot or bike path along the Paskamansett and Slocum Rivers. Good luck!!

• No low income housing. It brings property values down.

• Pay attention to this survey.

• Please make retail roads/access big enough to handle heavy traffic and bus service. Not thought of in all projects.

• Please! Stop this destruction of our beautiful old town of Dartmouth. No more Destruction! It has to stop. Find some other town to ruin! The New High School is in the wrong place. Horrible! Whose ideas are these? Improve our public schools so they all can become No. 1. Shame on you all! Vote, Vote in all elections!

• Poor town government

• Prospect Street too noisy, too much traffic

• Remember this – some one and maybe more than one going to the new HS turning from the HS from Tucker Road or Smith Mills won’t be able hold the traffic on the (roads) Winter those roads are treacherous. Poor planning. Now people speed like mad on those roads. Wait until lots of students get on them. I’m glad I’m not here in winter.

• Route 6 doesn’t need any more shopping centers. We have enough of empty buildings – use them.

• SAVE THE FARMS!

• Should let dogs in at Horseneck Beach after the season is over.
• Site for high school was a mistake. DYAA is a money-making monopoly. Stop the growth. Continue buying open spaces. Once developed it’s gone forever. We owe it to the future generations to preserve our open spaces and at the same time encourage responsible, clean industry.
• Swimming pools and youth drop-in centers year-round with supervision are needed both for youths and adults to protect one and all from drugs.
• Tax rate should be reduced.
• The areas of Rt. 6 & Faunce Corner Roads and Dartmouth Street are congested, causing traffic conditions that are dangerous. Change government from town meeting to manager & council!
• The dichotomy between land preserved for passive recreation and active, organized sport, and that land set aside for agriculture must be recognized. Agricultural land is valuable and will increase in value as agricultural land. It should not be viewed as potential parking areas or sport facilities.
• The issue is not only the NUMBER of people in the town. The issue is the quality/kind of people in the town. In order to have good citizens we need well educated people. Fewer uneducated people and a lot of open space will not make Dartmouth great. (Finally we think this questionnaire is skewed toward getting people to argue for more open space.)
• The lack of a bike path has been so frustrating. Please implement a good bike path as soon as possible. But so important it would be functional - connecting New Bedford’s and to Westport, but use U-Mass as a hub so students could bike & roller blade to school and the rest of us could use the path to get to U-Mass resources. Also the nearby Mall activities and to be able to access the conservation without having to drive to get there.
• The town has been seriously over-developed and all the formally strong reasons for wanting to live here are vanishing
• The town is becoming a mini city. Let’s use buildings that are already up & taking up space instead of clearing more land. Leave the land to the farmer, agriculture. Making people who want to build have 2 or more acres to keep the houses spaced apart.
• The town spends our money to develop some recreational facilities and then charge us to use them.
• There are only about a dozen places in town where it is possible to see the ocean without trespassing on private property. One of those is the end of William Street, which is in deplorable condition. A small park should be built there.
• There is a great need for a skating/recreation park aimed at town youth
• There is unacceptable bias in this survey. I would support the goals of the CPA only after the town finds and secures land for future town services – fire stations, schools, town facilities, etc. The recent dispute about the school site makes this painfully obvious. Moving past this need to focus on preserving open space is pre-mature and disregards the more necessary and fundamental needs of the town and Dartmouth citizens of all ages.
• There should be a different tax rate for people who have children in public school.
• This is relevant to growth. Why are perc tests allowed to be performed during summer and fall when they should only be allowed in the spring? A dry season perc test allows homes to be built I wetlands in normal seasons.
• Three Planning Board members should be ashamed of themselves – Avila, Souza and Toomey are a disgrace!!!
• Too easy to build, we should preserve open land farmland
• Too many buildings being built on the wetlands.
• Too many new buildings while existing building remain empty
• Too much traffic on route 6 – should have an arrow on Cross Road and route 6 for the left turn, very bad
• Too old to make to many comments – I like living in Dartmouth, only now it is getting too noisy – too much traffic – is that good or bad?
• Town growing too fast – too many big businesses – soon New Bedford will be the suburbs
• Town house condos for middle class retirees would be good addition to the town
• Town services, no picking of grass clipping, leaves, snowplowing getting better. Recreation and schools good but leaders lousy.
• Used to be a rural town; More open space land should have been set aside years ago; People are already overtaxed in the people’s Republic of Massachusetts –(no CPA); I feel the town has been
negligent in preserving open spaces. It turns my stomach every time I see another home going up. Traffic just keeps getting worse. I am looking forward to leaving in the near future.

- Waste money and time on this survey – use the money for your Dartmouth children
- We have a high percentage of open space now. We should protect and maintain what we have first. Participate with the State on agricultural preservation only when the farm is active.
- We have never relied on the Town to provide recreation facilities for our family – we have provided our own. Perhaps others should do the same and not expect town government to do it for them.
- We need a Senior Center in North Dartmouth.
- We need real town planning not the helter skelter planning that is now taking place with no consideration for long-range traffic patterns.
- When I first moved to Dartmouth, I considered it “the country”. Now it is almost not country, too much development.
- Zone for open space conservation