

**North Kingstown  
Comprehensive Plan - Survey  
2006 Update**

This survey is for residents of the Town of North Kingstown, age 18 years and older.

1. Are you a resident of the Town of North Kingstown?  
 Yes  
 No, (please stop here)
2. Are you 18 years of age or older?  
 Yes  
 No, (please stop here)
3. Do you own or operate a business in North Kingstown?  
 Yes  
 No
4. Overall, how would you rate the quality of life in North Kingstown? Would you say it is: (Select one)  
 Excellent  
 Good  
 Fair  
 Poor  
 Unsure
5. Do you think North Kingstown is: (Select one)  
 Improving  
 Staying the same  
 Declining
6. What do you like best about North Kingstown? (Select one)  
 Central location within the state  
 Physical environment / natural resources  
 Town character – rural, peaceful, friendly, small town feeling  
 Public schools  
 Narragansett Bay access (beaches, boat ramps, marinas) and vistas  
 Public amenities (parks, trails, playgrounds, sports fields, bike paths, library)  
 Good place to raise a family  
 Municipal services  
 Shops and stores  
 Local arts community  
 Access to employment  
 No opinion  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_
7. What are your major concerns, if any, which may affect the future of North Kingstown? Please rank your concerns according to significance. (1 – high concern, 7 – low concern).  
 Residential development  
 Commercial / industrial development  
 Taxes  
 Public school funding  
 Redevelopment of Quonset  
 Municipal services (police, fire, water, library, Town Hall departments, road maintenance, and trash recycling)  
 Emergency preparedness (emergency evacuation and shelters)

8. Which of the following statements best describes your attitude towards each of the following items in North Kingstown: (Please circle one attitude per item)

Residential development	Too much	Satisfied with current level	Too little	Not the right type/location
Commercial / light industrial development	Too much	Satisfied with current level	Too little	Not the right type/location
Taxes	Too high	Satisfied with current level	Too low	Not spent correctly
Public schools	Needs more attention	Satisfied with current level	Needs less attention	Not spent correctly
Redevelopment of Quonset	Too much	Satisfied with current level	Too little	Not the right type
Municipal services	Too many	Satisfied with current level	Too few	Not the right type
Emergency preparedness	Needs more attention	Satisfied with current plan	Needs less attention	Not planned correctly

### Transportation Planning

9. What street or highway intersections do you think are especially dangerous in North Kingstown, if any? (Please select no more than 3)

- Frenchtown Road and Post Road (Rt.1) near Stop & Shop, Marshalls
- School Street and Devil's Foot Road
- Camp Avenue and Post Road (Rt.1) at Red Rooster
- Devil's Foot Road and Post Road at Quonset
- Stony Lane and Post Road (Rt.1)
- West Main Street and Post Road (Rt.1) at Wickford Appliance
- Brown Street and West Main Street (near Wickford Gourmet)
- Phillips Street and Brown Street at the Kayak Centre
- Ten Rod Road (Rt.102) and Tower Hill Road (Rt.1) at Shell gas station
- Old Baptist Road and Ten Rod Road (Rt.102)
- South County Trail (Rt.2) and Ten Rod Road (Rt.102)
- Tower Hill Road (Rt.1) at Rt.4 junction
- Shady Lea Road and Tower Hill Road (Rt.1)
- Tower Hill Road (Rt.1) and Shermantown Road
- West Allenton Road and Rt.4
- Oak Hill Road and Rt.4
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

10. If a commuter rail station were established at Wickford Junction (near Wal-Mart) would you use it for the following:

(Select all that apply)

- Commute to work
- Commute to school
- Business travel
- Personal travel
- Would not use
- Not sure

11. If you were to use the commuter rail, how would you get to the station? (Select all that apply)
- Drive alone and park at station
  - Walk
  - Ride bicycle
  - Public bus
  - Carpool and park at station
  - Get dropped off
  - Not sure
12. What is your most likely destination if you do decide to take the commuter train from Wickford Junction? *Note: This station is proposed as a stop for MBTA commuter rail service and not Amtrak.*
- Warwick Train Station at T.F. Green Airport (when built)
  - Providence area
  - Attleboro area
  - Gillette Stadium in Foxboro (for Patriots Games)
  - Rt.128 area
  - Boston area
  - Other \_\_\_\_\_
  - Would not use
  - Not sure
13. Do you think the Town should investigate and/or encourage participation in alternative types of transportation? (Please select all items you would be willing to utilize.)
- Sidewalks
  - Bike paths
  - Carpool / rideshare programs
  - Shuttle or car from neighborhoods to express bus and rail station
  - Enhanced RIPTA bus scheduling
  - Other
  - Not interested

### **Housing**

14. The State of Rhode Island requires that at least 10 percent of the Town's housing units be affordable. North Kingstown is currently at 8 percent. To reach 10 percent which type of affordable housing would you prefer be developed in North Kingstown? (Please select no more than 3)
- Accessory apartments attached to or within existing homes
  - Apartments above retail stores
  - Condominiums
  - Duplexes
  - Mobile homes
  - Multi-level apartment buildings
  - Single-family starter homes
  - 1-2 story apartment buildings
  - No preference
  - Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Economic Development**

15. What type of business would you like to see expanded in North Kingstown? Please indicate if you are in favor or opposed to each type.

	In Favor	Opposed	Neutral
A. Commercial fishing			
B. Aquaculture or fish farming			
C. Tourism			
D. Retail stores			
E. Office development			
F. Light industrial development including manufacturing, research & assembly <b>outside</b> the Quonset-Davisville Park			
G. Light industrial development including manufacturing, research & assembly <b>inside</b> the Quonset-Davisville Park			
H. Mixed use development at the Quonset-Davisville Park including office, retail, hotel, recreation, waterfront access			
I. Transportation improvements inside Quonset, including ferry, rail, and airport service			

16. Commercial development includes retail, office, and service type business. More specifically, would you favor or oppose locating more commercial developments in the following areas:

	In Favor	Opposed	Neutral
A. Frenchtown Road - Stop & Shop vicinity			
B. Post Road (Rt.1) - East Greenwich to Quonset			
C. Quonset Gateway District - entryway between Davisville Road & Newcomb Road			
D. Post Road (Rt.1) Quonset to Wickford			
E. Quaker Lane (Rt.2) - Allies Donuts vicinity			
F. Ten Rod Road (Rt.102) - Wal-Mart/Fiddlesticks vicinity			
G. South County Trail (Rt.2) - Schartners Farm vicinity			
H. Brown Street - Wickford			
I. Tower Hill Road (Rt.1) - West Main Street to Rt.4 Junction			
J. Tower Hill Road (Rt.1) at Rt.4 Junction to South Kingstown			
K. Boston Neck Road (Rt.1A) at Rt.138 - Heffies vicinity			
L. Boston Neck Road (Rt.1A) - Wickford to Narragansett			

17. Which of the following statements best describes your attitude towards the business park being developed at Quonset/Davisville? (Select one)

- I am in favor of a business park, subject to Quonset Development Corporation review
- I am in favor of a business park, subject to Town review
- I am in favor of a business park, subject to both Town and Quonset Development Corporation review
- I am opposed to any further development at Quonset/Davisville
- I am neutral on further business development at Quonset/Davisville
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Municipal Services**

18. Please evaluate and rate Town services. Select one response for each service.

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	No Opinion	Does not Apply
A. Street repair						
B. Snowplowing						
C. Police protection						
D. Fire protection						
E. Rescue services						
F. Emergency / disaster preparedness						
G. Town library						
H. Senior citizen services						
I. Town parks, beach, & recreation facilities						
J. Transfer station						
K. Recycling collection						
L. Public schools						
M. Town Hall administrative services						

19. Town taxes are used to pay for a variety of items. Please rank which items you would like the Town to prioritize in terms of funding. (1 – highest, 11 – lowest)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency / disaster preparedness | <input type="checkbox"/> Public schools                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Library                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Sewers                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Open space                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior services                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public safety (police, fire)      | <input type="checkbox"/> Town roads & highways             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Town Hall administrative services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recycling                         |  |

20. Are you aware that the Town of North Kingstown has a Hazard Mitigation Plan and an Emergency Response Plan?

- Yes  
 No

21. Do you think the Town of North Kingstown is adequately prepared in the event of an emergency?

- Yes  
 No  
 Not sure

22. The value of residential property is affected by the reputation of the public school system in any community. How do you rank the North Kingstown public school system in the following areas?

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	No Opinion	Does not apply
A. Class size						
B. Quality of education						
C. Student discipline and safety/drugs						
D. Range of academic programs						
E. Range of extracurricular and sports programs						
F. Condition of buildings and fields						
G. Quality of teachers and administrators						
H. Quality of text books						

23. Are you in favor or opposed to the Town expanding sewer service?
- In favor (go to question 24)
  - Opposed (skip question 24)
  - Not sure
24. Which of the following reasons best explains why you think North Kingstown should expand sewer service? (Select up to 3 responses)
- Protect groundwater quality
  - Protect wetlands and surface water quality
  - Protect public health from poorly functioning individual septic systems and cesspools
  - Eliminate individual septic system maintenance and replacement costs
  - Enable greater density / allow more units per acre
  - Increase property values
  - Other \_\_\_\_\_
25. Are you in favor of or opposed to the Town spending tax dollars to acquire and conserve open space?
- In favor (go to question 26)
  - Opposed (skip question 26)
  - Not sure
26. Which of the following reasons best explains why you think North Kingstown should acquire and conserve open space? (Select one)
- Protect wetlands and other environmentally sensitive areas
  - Protect the character of the Town
  - Protect farmland
  - Obtain public access to the waterfront
  - Protect the water supply
  - Limit growth
  - Protect historic areas
  - Other \_\_\_\_\_
27. What areas in North Kingstown do you think should be prioritized for open space protection? Please rank your selections in order of prioritization. (1 – high priority, 9 – low priority)
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Annaquatucket    | <input type="checkbox"/> Slocum            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Quidnessett      | <input type="checkbox"/> South of Wickford |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rt.138 area      | <input type="checkbox"/> Tower Hill Road   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Saunderstown     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wickford          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shermantown Road |  |
28. Which, if any, recreational facilities would you like see developed in the Town? Please rank your selections in order of priority. (1- high priority, 6 – low priority)
- Ice skating rink
  - Municipal pool
  - Neighborhood playgrounds
  - Playing fields for team sports
  - Roller-skating / skateboard park
  - Trails or paths for hiking, running, biking
29. Do you think the Town should invest in a system of bike paths?
- Yes
  - No
  - Possibly
  - Not sure

30. What is the most important action the Town of North Kingstown should do in managing land use? Please select all that apply and rank in order of importance.  
(1 – Highest, 9 – Lowest)
- Preserve and protect the environment and open space
  - Protect farmland
  - Restore / reuse existing developed areas before building in undeveloped areas
  - Strengthen design guidelines
  - Implement conservation zoning to protect open space while providing residential development
  - Improve transportation and traffic circulation
  - Increase areas zoned for commercial development
  - Decrease areas zoned for commercial development
  - Promote mixed use development (example, retail stores on ground floor, residential apartments above)
31. Have you been to the Town of North Kingstown's website? [www.northkingstown.org](http://www.northkingstown.org)
- Yes (go to Question 32)
  - No (skip Question 32)
  - Not sure
32. If yes, what was the purpose of your visit(s) to the Town's website? Select all that apply.
- |  |   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Town Council agenda/minutes                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning regulations                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Planning Board agenda/minutes                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation & leisure activities/programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning Board agenda/ minutes                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Town clerk information                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Town board or commission's agenda/minutes | <input type="checkbox"/> Water department information             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Access the personnel directory                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Public works information                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Calendar of events                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Access public library's website          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tax assessor's online database                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Access public school's system website    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Financial and tax information                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Planning initiatives                            |   |

**Demographics**

33. Gender
- Male
  - Female
34. What is your age category?
- |                                  |                                      |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 18 – 24 | <input type="checkbox"/> 55 – 64     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 25 – 34 | <input type="checkbox"/> 65 – 74     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 35 – 44 | <input type="checkbox"/> 75 and over |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 45 – 54 |                                      |
35. Are you a wage earner?
- Yes
  - No
36. Including yourself, how many wage earners are there in your household?
- |                            |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> More than 3     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> No wage earners |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 |  |
37. What is your total household income before taxes? (question is optional)
- |  |  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than \$10,000  | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000 - \$74,999   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000 - \$14,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$75,000 - \$99,999   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$15,000 - \$24,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000 - \$149,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25,000 - \$34,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$150,000 - \$199,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$35,000 - \$49,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$200,000 or more     |
38. In what city or town does the primary wage earner work? \_\_\_\_\_ City/town

39. How does the primary wage earner usually get to work?
- |                                       |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drives alone | <input type="checkbox"/> Bike          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carpool      | <input type="checkbox"/> Works at home |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public bus   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Train        | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walks        |  |
40. In what city or town does the secondary wage earner work? \_\_\_\_\_ City/town
41. How does the secondary wage earner usually get to work?
- |                                       |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drives alone | <input type="checkbox"/> Bike          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carpool      | <input type="checkbox"/> Works at home |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public bus   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Train        | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walks        |  |
42. What North Kingstown neighborhood do you live in or are closest to? (Select one)
- |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Allenton      | <input type="checkbox"/> Poplar Point |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Annaquatucket | <input type="checkbox"/> Quidnesset   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Belleville    | <input type="checkbox"/> Saunderstown |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Davisville    | <input type="checkbox"/> Scrabletown  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hamilton      | <input type="checkbox"/> Slocum       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lafayette     | <input type="checkbox"/> South End    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mount View    | <input type="checkbox"/> Wickford     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> North End     | <input type="checkbox"/> Other        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plum Beach    | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Sure     |
43. Including yourself, how many people live in your household?
- |                            |                                      |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 4           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 5           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> More than 5 |
44. Do you have any children under the age of 18 living at home with you?
- Yes. What are their ages? \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_
- No
45. Do you have any children over the age of 18 living at home with you?
- Yes, year-round
- Yes, but only when not away at college
- No
46. How many persons living in your household are 65 or older?
- |                            |                                      |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 0 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> More than 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 |                                      |
47. Have you had any children enrolled in North Kingstown's public school system within the past 3 years?
- Yes
- No
48. How long have you lived in North Kingstown?
- Years  Months
49. Do you own or rent your home?
- Own
- Rent
50. Do you have access to the internet at home?
- Yes
- No
- Unsure



51. What organized activities in North Kingstown do you participate in, if any? Organized activities include participation on Town boards or commissions, active membership in North Kingstown based non-profit organizations or associations, involvement in schools or organized sports and recreational activities, and affiliations with local houses of worship.

Check all that apply.

- Religious
- School - academic
- School sports
- Non-school sports
- Town government – serve on Town board or commission
- Clubs / Associations
- Non-profit organization
- Other \_\_\_\_\_
- None

Thank you for completing this survey. Your answers are appreciated.