

**RETURN TO THE NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL PRIOR TO JULY 15, 2025**

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### **Hart's Location, NH – 2035 Master Plan Community Survey**

The Town of Hart's Location is in the process of updating its **Master Plan** which is a long-term planning document that guides decisions about community development. The Master Plan reflects the values and priorities of the town and provides a roadmap for shaping the future of our community.

**Your input is essential.** We want to hear from residents, property owners, and anyone with a stake in the future of Hart's Location. This is your opportunity to help ensure that the updated Master Plan truly reflects the needs and vision of the entire community.

We also invite you to **join us for a Visioning Session on August 5, 2025, at 4:30 PM** at the **Town Hall (979 US-302, Hart's Location, NH 03812)**. This is a chance to discuss ideas with neighbors, ask questions, and help shape the direction of the town together.

Please take a few minutes to share your thoughts on the future of Hart's Location.

All responses are confidential and will be used to help guide planning decisions.

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**Section 1: About You** – The 'About you' section helps us understand who is shaping the feedback and to ensure that decisions are weighted appropriately. Knowing the length of time you have been in Hart's Location helps to distinguish between long-time perspectives and newer viewpoints. It's important that the Master Plan is not tailored to one specific age group. A Master Plan is a tool for planning across generations.

1. Are you a:

- ☐ Full-time resident
- ☐ Part-time resident
- ☐ Seasonal visitor
- ☐ Property owner (but don't live here)
- ☐ Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

2. How long have you been connected to Hart's Location?

\*Connected means to live/lived in, own/owned property in, work/worked in, visitor

- ☐ Less than 1 year
- ☐ 1–5 years
- ☐ 6–10 years
- ☐ 11–20 years
- ☐ More than 20 years

3. What is your age group?

- ☐ Under 18
- ☐ 18–34
- ☐ 35–54
- ☐ 55–64
- ☐ 65+

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**Section 2: Vision for the Future**

4. What is your biggest hope for Hart's Location?

*Open-ended:*

5. What is your biggest concern about the town's future?

*Open-ended:*

6. What three words best describe your vision for Hart's Location in 2035?

1:\_\_\_\_\_ 2:\_\_\_\_\_ 3:\_\_\_\_\_

7. What do you most value about Hart's Location today? (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Natural beauty and wilderness
- ☐ Quiet, rural atmosphere
- ☐ Small-town community feel
- ☐ Historic character
- ☐ Proximity to outdoor recreation
- ☐ Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

8. In 10 years, what would you like Hart's Location to be?

*Open-ended:*

9. In 20 years, what would you like Hart's Location to be?

*Open-ended:*

10. What are the most important issues the town should focus on for the future? (Select up to 5)

- ☐ Preserving natural areas and wildlife habitat
- ☐ Affordable/accessible housing
- ☐ Road improvements
- ☐ Access to broadband/internet
- ☐ Support for local businesses
- ☐ Renewable energy and sustainability
- ☐ Historic preservation
- ☐ Outdoor recreation access
- ☐ Emergency services/public safety
- ☐ Climate resilience (flooding, weather impacts)
- ☐ Community gathering spaces
- ☐ Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

### Section 3: Housing & Development

11. Should Hart's Location encourage more housing development?

- ☐ Yes, to support population growth
- ☐ Yes, but only if it fits with the rural character
- ☐ No, keep development minimal
- ☐ Not sure

12. What is your overall opinion on short-term rentals (e.g., Airbnb, Vrbo) operating in Hart's Location?

- ☐ Strongly Support
- ☐ Somewhat Support
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Somewhat Oppose
- ☐ Strongly Oppose

(Other: Please explain your answer): \_\_\_\_\_

13. What concerns or benefits, if any, do you associate with short-term rentals in the town?  
(Select all that apply)

- ☐ Increased tourism revenue
- ☐ Loss of housing for year-round residents
- ☐ Noise or nuisance issues
- ☐ Positive impact on local businesses
- ☐ Traffic or parking problems
- ☐ Property value changes
- ☐ Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I have no concerns or opinions

14. What types of housing do you think the town needs most? (Select all that apply)

- ☐ Single-family homes
- ☐ Senior housing
- ☐ Workforce housing
- ☐ Seasonal rentals
- ☐ Tiny homes/cabins
- ☐ None — we're good as is
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Section 4: Economic Opportunities**

15. Should the town encourage more small-scale local home-based businesses?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Maybe, with limits
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure

16. What kinds of businesses or services do you think Hart's Location is missing or would benefit from?

*Open-ended:*

17. Would you support tourism initiatives for example: hosting festivals, improving amenities for visitors such as parking and restrooms, partnering with outside agencies to promote the Town?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Depends on the impact
- ☐ Not sure

## Section 5: Environment & Infrastructure

18. What environmental priorities should be part of the town's plan? (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Protecting forests and natural habitats
- ☐ Improving water quality
- ☐ Encouraging solar and renewable energy
- ☐ Preparing for climate change impacts
- ☐ Limiting development in sensitive areas
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

19. How often do you feel that natural disasters are impacting Hart's Location? For example, flooding, winter storms, high wind events, etc.

- ☐ Often
- ☐ Sometimes
- ☐ Once or twice a year
- ☐ Rarely
- ☐ Never
- ☐ Other – Please Explain

*Open-ended:*

20. How important is it to you that Hart's Location is prepared for natural disasters or intense storm events? (1 not important to 5 very important) \_\_\_\_\_

## Section 6: Community & Culture

21. Would you like to see more community events or gathering opportunities?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure

22. How can Hart's Location better support its aging population?

*Open-ended:*

23. Are there specific traditions, places, or stories you feel should be preserved for future generations?

*Open-ended:*

24. What are some strategies the Town of Hart's Location could use to enhance community character?

*Open-ended:*

25. What strategies would you suggest attracting year-round residents?

*Open-ended:*

26. Are there special places or buildings in Hart's Location that you would like to see preserved and/or conserved?

*Open-ended:*

27. Any other comments to share that will help shape the future of Hart's Location

*Open-ended:*

Thank you for sharing your thoughts. Your feedback will help shape a thoughtful, sustainable future for Hart's Location.