

1. (Required Element) 24 V.S.A. § 4382(a)(1) A STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES, POLICIES, AND PROGRAMS of the municipality to guide the future GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT of land, public services, and facilities, and to protect the environment.

State Planning Goal (SPG) 24 V.S.A. § 4302 (a) General purposes.

(a) General purposes. It is the intent and purpose of this chapter to encourage the appropriate development of all lands in this State by the action of its constituent municipalities and regions, with the aid and assistance of the State, in a manner which will **promote the public health, safety against fire, floods, explosions, and other dangers**; to promote **prosperity, comfort, access to adequate light and air, convenience, efficiency, economy, and general welfare**; to enable the **mitigation of the burden of property taxes on agricultural, forest, and other open lands**; to encourage **appropriate architectural design**; to encourage the development of **renewable resources**; to **protect residential, agricultural, and other areas from undue concentrations of population and overcrowding of land and buildings**, from **traffic congestion**, from **inadequate parking** and the **invasion of through traffic**, and from the **loss of peace, quiet, and privacy**; to facilitate the growth of villages, towns, and cities and of their communities and neighborhoods so as to create an **optimum environment**, with **good civic design**; to encourage development of a **rich cultural environment** and to **foster the arts**; and to provide means and methods for the municipalities and regions of this State to plan for the **prevention, minimization, and future elimination of such land development problems as may presently exist or which may be foreseen** and to implement those plans when and where appropriate. In implementing any regulatory power under this chapter, municipalities shall take care to **protect the constitutional right of the people to acquire, possess, and protect property**.

(SPG) 24 V.S.A. § 4302 (c)(1) To plan DEVELOPMENT so as to maintain the historic settlement pattern of compact village and urban centers separated by rural countryside.

(A) Intensive **residential development** should be encouraged primarily in areas related to community centers, and strip development along highways should be discouraged.

(B) **Economic growth** should be encouraged in locally designated growth areas, employed to revitalize existing village and urban centers, or both, and should be encouraged in growth centers designated under chapter [76A](#) of this title.

(C) **Public investments**, including the construction or expansion of infrastructure, should reinforce the general character and planned growth patterns of the area.

(D) **Development** should be undertaken in accordance with **smart growth principles** as defined in subdivision [2791](#)(13) of this title.

NVDA Regional plan – II. Regional Vision: ¹

Vermont’s rural traditions have been better preserved in the Northeast Kingdom than in other areas of the state. **Respect for individual rights and a genuine neighborliness toward others** are values that continue as part of the social fabric here. The physical landscape has essentially remained unchanged with **compact village centers surrounded by working farms and productive forests**. When one examines local town plans throughout the region, one quickly gets the sense that **most people in this region prefer gradual change over rapid growth**. Nevertheless, **most Northeast Kingdom residents stand firmly behind development that promotes job creation and sustained economic development**.

1993, 2007 and 2016 Maidstone Town Plans: Statement of Planning Goals

1. Maintain the **scale, the traditions and the rural character** of Maidstone. Preserve those qualities that make Maidstone an attractive community in which to live, work, and raise a family.
2. Maintain the **agricultural lands** that are essential to the overall objective of preserving **open space, scenic qualities and rural flavor**.
3. Preserve the **unique natural areas and ecosystems** that make up Maidstone’s diverse and scenic landscape.
4. **Recreational opportunities** on public lands should be maintained and encouraged on private lands **only when** landowners are willing to allow public access to their lands. Those **habitats** that provide opportunities for **hunting, fishing, berry picking, hiking and so on need** to be carefully **monitored and protected**. [1993 Town Plan: Maintain opportunities for recreational activities on public and private lands. Protect the habitats that provide for hunting, fishing, berry—picking, hiking, and so on.]
5. Encourage **slow, orderly growth** on the [1993: “non-agricultural”] lands that are suited for development.
6. Promote **small scale, decentralized economic development**, including home-based businesses, that does not detract from Maidstone’s **rural character**. [1993: omits “, including home-based businesses,”]
7. Provide **high quality public services** (i.e. roads, solid waste disposal [1993: “, schools”]) while recognizing the **limitations of the property tax system**.
[1993 Town Plan does not include items 8 to 12; added in 2007]
8. Protect **private property values** in the Town of Maidstone.
9. Protect the Town’s **water resources**.
10. Protect the **rights of landowners**.
11. Protect the **forests lands and agricultural lands** within the Town.
12. Provide for the **proper maintenance of all roads** in Town.

¹ NVDA, *Regional Plan for the Northeast Kingdom 2018* (<https://www.nvda.net/nvda-regional-plan/2018FullPlan.pdf>), [Image 8](#) of 302, Volume I, Regional Goals & Strategies, II. Regional Vision, p. 2-3.

Survey Results related to Maidstone's Current Town Plan Planning Goals

1. Maintain the scale, the traditions and the rural character of Maidstone. Preserve those qualities that make Maidstone an attractive community in which to live, work, and raise a family.

- In response to “3. What is your opinion about **Maidstone as a place to live?**,” **66% of full-time residents** (and 59% of all survey respondents) selected “**Excellent**,” 28% of full-time residents (and 29% of all survey respondents) selected “*Good*,” 3% of full-time residents (and 8% of all survey respondents) selected “Fair,” and no respondents selected “Poor.” So **94% of full-time residents** (and **88%** of all survey respondents) selected either “Excellent” or “Good” for Maidstone as a place to live.
- In response to “4. What do you **like about living in Maidstone?**,” **93% of full-time residents** and **91%** of all respondents selected “**Beautiful place**,” **73%** of full-time residents and **66%** of all respondents selected “**Small town environment**,” 64% of full-time residents and 61% of all respondents selected “**Large blocks of forest/farm land**,” 61% of full-time residents and **67%** of all respondents selected “**Outdoor recreational opportunities**,” and 54% of full-time residents and 44% of all respondents selected “Sense of community.”
- In response to “5. What do you **dislike about living in Maidstone?**,” the number one dislike, with 48% of full-time residents and 50% of all respondents, was “Taxes are high,” followed by 34% of full-time residents and 39% of all respondents selecting “Far from medical services.”

Comments about the above 3 questions (Survey questions 3, 4 & 5):

Full-time Residents

- We knew what we wanted when we moved here. Don't want to change a thing.
- #3 It's sad that the community is divided between lake people and NON lake people. #4 Being a lake house owner! #5 The constant battle of the maintenance of the lake road.
- Garbage and recycling is sub par. Frequently they leave recycling or trash with any inconvenience to them.
- #5 – Wages
- I'm willing to forgo the convenience of shopping and amenities to have a more rural environment.
- Other dislike: jet skiis. It is a wonderful place to live.
- Too many outsiders moving here trying to change small town value's into Massachusetts style living. Pushing the Zoning issue so much that eventually we will need a permit for everything we do. "Why" is the question - we don't need it.
- The lake residents seem to have the most influence in the Town.
- I haven't lived here long enough to answer these questions.
- Recent rise in taxes alarming and departure from historically reasonable levels. Town needs to remain prudent and state education cost trend is unsustainable and needs to be reduced.
- Most of the initiations for change and more regulations derive from grievances from residents residing at the lake which unfairly impact the rest of us residing in the Town Forest zones.
- (Note by Recorder: "Forest" circled in "Large blocks of forest/farm land.")
- Small friendly town. That is why I moved here.

- Not too many regulations!
- Too regulated, too high taxes, too many out-of-staters
- I moved to Maidstone because of its beautiful environment, it being a small town, a beautiful clean lake, large blocks of forests, and its wildlife. I came from a town that was a relatively small farming community with much open space when I was a child, but then was developed into a large residential community, with increased demand on services, resulting in higher and higher taxes (not to mention the traffic congestion). When it was time to retire, I moved to Maidstone to escape that, and it has proved to be a beautiful place to live. Hopefully it will remain that way. The only issue I have is the taxes. The municipal portion seems reasonable to me, but the State portion does not. I hope that the taxes do not increase to the point that they drive local residents from their homes.
- When the bridge was open, I was less concerned about emergency services.
- Like the lack of commercial business, don't want to live in Burlington
- We are isolated which makes it difficult to seek medical care, especially in emergencies. It is a welcoming community which tries to include as many residents/non-residents in events.
- I like living in a small, rural town. I knew about the distance to medical services when I moved here and have no problem with that, although the current closing of the Peaslee Bridge is of concern because it makes it take so much longer for emergency services to reach Maidstone. The high taxes are not within the Town's control, but are due to the high education taxes by the State. Education is extremely important and impacts everyone whether they have children or not; I do not know what can be done about these taxes.
- Need to reduce property taxes
- I know taxes somehow relate to Vermont rural school funding, but seems unbalanced
- Clean water, air. I like that we have trash pick up.
- Need to keep town small with basic bylaws.
- I want the Town to remain a small close community, that is not afraid to keep up with progress. Keeping up with the forward progress does not have to change the personality and charm of Maidstone

Part-time Residents / Own Property but do not reside here

- Really no complaints, it's rural VT. As long as there's somewhat of a consistent police presence, I'm satisfied.
- It's beautiful but to get to any services, you have to drive about a half hour.
- Don't appreciate "out-of-staters" coming in and imposing their "out-of-state" life style on us.
- I feel the regulations regarding use of forest lands are overly restrictive, not clearly defined, and have moved away from a small-town rural philosophy. The forest bylaws should be LESS restrictive, not MORE restrictive.
- Enjoy the lake and the recreation around it. Wish there were more restaurants closer or more economic development in Lancaster. A walk in care facility would be convenient instead of going to Littleton. A small town store with fresh fruit, veg, eggs, milk, cheese, coffee, other staples, maybe a small coffee shop offering breakfast and lunch..
- Better internet service would overcome the fact that it is far from where I work.
- I like the fact it is quiet and mostly farmland and forestland.

- Dirt Road for traveling sometimes not to good. Too far from everything. But a great place for relaxation and getaway. Beautiful lake as we own a pontoon boat 2 sea doo's fishing boat and peddle boat the whole family enjoys
- "#4 Excellent job of keeping the logging out of scenic views (for the most part) #5 Noise: some of the fireworks displays are too big for the lake"
- Taxes are unreasonable. Almost 4,000.00 for a tiny island less than .10 ac of rock with a one season camp of about 310 square feet
- Do not live there - only own land there.
- Long way from anywhere! Six mile gravel road. Mediocre cell & internet service options
- Maidstone Lake is so special. Can't get enough of it!
- I feel taxes are high for being in the middle of no where.
- We don't live there yet but hope to live there at least part-time in retirement.
- Enjoy it part time but feel it is too remote for me full time
- We are out in the boonies but that is what I signed up for so no more complaints from me.
- Like: a quiet, small rural town, lots of wildlife and agriculture community, nice people in the area. Dislike: not much to dislike other then high taxes and increased regulatory requirements.
- I am a woods & water person.
- It is a shame there is a not a general store closer.
- increased politics and unnecessary regulations
- I love Maidstone!!!!
- It is so disappointing to drive by the junkyards and farms becoming junkyards on Route 102 on the way to the lake. I would like to see some restrictions and clean-up efforts. What do they do to the environment? I support farmers and local farming. I do not support farms being used as a dumping ground or vehicle graveyard.
- Tax increases have been annual for several years and fairly steep.
- I also love Maidstone because it is not convenient to shopping and amenities.
- Noisy Watercraft
- Maidstone is a beautiful area. However, over the past 3-5 years the character of the Lake community has changed. But, not for the better. This is due to the influx of people who are not respectful of the historical traditions and those who have been at the Lake for many decades. The Lake has changed dramatically. Some of the change is welcomed though, most has been very troubling.

2. Maintain the agricultural lands that are essential to the overall objective of preserving open space, scenic qualities and rural flavor [see also objective 11].

- **82% of full-time residents** and **81%** of all survey respondents indicated that “**Protect agricultural lands**” is an important long-term goal for Maidstone.
- In response to question 9, “Maidstone should have the following **types of growth** in the next eight years,” for “**Agriculture**,” **69% of full-time residents** and **68%** of all respondents selected “**Agree**,” 12% of full-time residents and all respondents selected “Disagree.” The remaining either had “No opinion” or did not make a selection.

- In response to “What should Maidstone be in the **future with regard to forest and agriculture,**” **75% of full-time residents** and **77%** of all survey respondents indicated “**a residential community with MOST of the land in forest and agriculture.**”
- In response to “The Town should take steps to **protect** the Town **from: Disappearance of agricultural lands,**” **81% of full-time residents** and **79%** of all survey respondents selected “**Agree,**” 6% of full-time residents and 8% of all survey respondents selected “Disagree.” The remaining either had “No opinion” or did not make a selection.

3. Preserve the unique natural areas and ecosystems that make up Maidstone’s diverse and scenic landscape

- **84% of full-time residents** and **86%** of all survey respondents indicated that “**Protect lakes, ponds, rivers, & streams**” is an important long-term goal for Maidstone.
- **81% of full-time residents** and **80%** of all survey respondents indicated that “**Protect wildlife habitats**” is an important long-term goal for Maidstone.
- **76% of full-time residents** and **74%** of all survey respondents indicated that “**Protect wetlands**” is an important long-term goal for Maidstone.
- In response to “The Town should take steps to **protect** the Town **from: Disappearance of natural and open areas,**” **79% of full-time residents** and **82%** of all survey respondents selected “**Agree,**” 7% of full-time residents and 8% of all survey respondents selected “Disagree.” The remaining either had “No opinion” or did not make a selection.
- In response to “The Town should take steps to **protect** the Town **from: Disappearance of wildlife habitats,**” **81% of full-time residents** and **84%** of all survey respondents selected “**Agree,**” 7% of full-time residents and 6% of all survey respondents selected “Disagree.” The remaining either had “No opinion” or did not make a selection.
- In response to “The Town should take steps to **protect** the Town **from: Increasing presence of non-native invasive species,**” **75% of full-time residents** and **77%** of all survey respondents selected “**Agree,**” 9% of full-time residents and 10% of all survey respondents selected “Disagree.” The remaining either had “No opinion” or did not make a selection.

4. Recreational opportunities on public lands should be maintained and encouraged on private lands only when landowners are willing to allow public access to their lands. Those habitats that provide opportunities for hunting, fishing, berry picking, hiking and so on need to be carefully monitored and protected.

- In response to “4. What do you like about living in Maidstone?,” 61% of full-time residents and **67%** of all respondents selected “**Outdoor recreational opportunities,**”
- 28% full-time residents and 32% of all survey respondents indicated that “**Improve recreation opportunities**” is an important long-term goal for Maidstone.
- See goal 3., above, for survey results on protecting lakes, ponds, rivers and streams; wildlife habitats; natural and open areas, which relate to recreational opportunities for hunting, fishing, etc.

5. Encourage slow, orderly growth on the lands that are suited for development.

- In response to “How do you feel about the **rate of growth** in Maidstone,” 45% **of full-time residents** and 42% of all survey respondents indicated “Just right,” 31% of full-time residents and 35% of all respondents indicated “No opinion,” 19% of full-time residents and 18% of all respondents indicated “Too rapid,” and 5% of full-time residents and 4% of all respondents indicated “Too slow.”
- In response to “Maidstone should have the following types of growth in the next eight years:”
 - For “**Residential**,” 40% of full-time residents and 41% of all survey respondents selected “Agree,” while 30% of full-time residents and 29% of all respondents selected “Disagree.” The remaining either selected “No opinion” or did not make a selection.
 - For “**Commercial**,” **67% of full-time residents** and 52% of all survey respondents selected “Disagree,” 18% of full-time residents and 26% of all respondents selected “Agree.” The remaining either selected “No opinion” or did not make a selection.
 - For “**Industrial**,” **76% of full-time residents** and **66%** of all survey respondents selected “Disagree,” 3% of full-time residents and 10% of all respondents selected “Agree.” The remaining either selected “No opinion” or did not make a selection.
 - For “**Vacation Homes**,” **45% of full-time residents** and 38% of all survey respondents selected “Disagree,” 33% of full-time residents and 34% of all respondents selected “Agree.” The remaining either selected “No opinion” or did not make a selection.
 - For “**Shops/Convenience Stores**,” **54% of full-time residents** and 44% of all survey respondents selected “Disagree,” 19% of full-time residents and 31% of all respondents selected “Agree.” The remaining either selected “No opinion” or did not make a selection.
 - For “**Gas Stations**,” **70% of full-time residents** and **58%** of all survey respondents selected “Disagree,” 9% of full-time residents and 20% of all respondents selected “Agree.” The remaining either selected “No opinion” or did not make a selection.
 - For “**Mobile Home Parks**,” **81% of full-time residents** and **73%** of all survey respondents selected “Disagree,” 1% of full-time residents and 3% of all respondents selected “Agree.” The remaining either selected “No opinion” or did not make a selection.
 - For “**Agriculture**,” **69%** of full-time residents and **68%** of all survey respondents selected “Agree,” while 12% of full-time residents and 12% of all respondents selected “Disagree.” The remaining either selected “No opinion” or did not make a selection.
 - For “**Recreational Facilities**,” **43% of full-time residents** and 31% of all survey respondents selected “Disagree,” 31% of full-time residents and 40% of all respondents selected “Agree.” The remaining either selected “No opinion” or did not make a selection.

Comments – Full-time Residents:

- Limited Recreational.
- Strongly disagree with Mobile Home Parks
- Why do we wish to become a City with City problems?
- Majority of the above are reasons why we wouldn't want to live here. Especially Mobile Home Parks!

- If gas, store, and industry needs to be here put them at the lake.
- Only single residences. No large developments. Maidstone is a nice rural town. If growth is important to someone they should go to a more urban area!
- Limited Residential. NONE! to the rest. Single family. Keep it rural. DO NOT RUIN MAIDSTONE
- Small commercial and small industrial only. People who come to the day use area may welcome an area for recreation - i.e., volleyball, horseshoes, badminton. It would move some of that action off the beach into a designated area.
- hope it has a small amount of growth, it's "just right" :)

Comments – Part-time Residents or Own property but do not reside here:

- need stores
- Understood that small ag is on the decline. Land that will no longer be farmed can be used for commercial as long as it is not a threat to the river or general aesthetics of the area (like Rt. 3)
- Mobile home parks are not very efficient in VT. There are better low cost, higher density housing options if needed.
- Strongly disagree re: Mobile Home Parks
- it would be great to have more shopping opportunities
- Lower income people need places to live, too.
- I like Maidstone as it is now.
- (Note by Recorder: "Facilities: circled, with question mark written beside the circle.)
- See responses above for all the above growth areas
- More eating establishments
- pay taxes take very little out of the town
- Who is creating these questions? Seems irrelevant to this town.
- It would be a travesty to try and expand economic growth and business around Maidstone. There is one road "102" in and out. Do not turn this beautiful place into a tourist spot
- I support Resident Owned Communities for sustainable manufactured housing, not traditional mobile home parks. that are investor owned and managed. They are a great affordable option and allowing resident ownership provides management accountability.
- A family park would be nice. A small store/gas station that could compete with NH prices. A couple solar fields to collect energy to sell.
- I will never vote in favor of atvs or side-by-sides being allowed to travel around Maidstone Lake. I would probably sell my camp if this ever passed. There's a perfectly good trail system in New Hampshire, use that.
- I like Maidstone just the way it is...let's not ruin it with too much growth.
- Slow commercial growth. Recreational facility growth should be considered before commercial growth for the enhancement of outdoor activities.

6. Promote small scale, decentralized economic development, including home-based businesses, that does not detract from Maidstone’s rural character.

7. Provide high quality public services (i.e. roads, solid waste disposal) while recognizing the limitations of the property tax system.

- In response to “How satisfied are you with the current level of the following **municipal services,**”
 - For “**Road Maintenance,**” **81% of full-time residents** and **76%** of all survey respondents indicated “**Satisfied,**” 16% of both full-time residents and all survey respondents indicated “Needs improvement,” no full-time residents and 2% of all survey respondents selected “Dissatisfied.”
 - For “**Fire Protection,**” **50% of full-time residents** and **64%** of all survey respondents indicated “*Satisfied,*” 21% of full-time residents and 24% of all survey respondents indicated “Needs improvement,” 5% of full-time residents and 3% of all survey respondents selected “Dissatisfied.”
 - For “**Police Protection,**” **58% of full-time residents** and **47%** of all survey respondents indicated “*Satisfied,*” 27% of full-time residents and 28% of all survey respondents indicated “Needs improvement,” 3% of full-time residents and 4% of all survey respondents selected “Dissatisfied.”
 - For “**Snow Removal,**” **82% of full-time residents** and **71%** of all survey respondents indicated “**Satisfied,**” 9% of full-time residents and 5% of all survey respondents indicated “Needs improvement,” 3% of full-time residents and 2% of all survey respondents selected “Dissatisfied.”
 - For “**Trash Pick-up,**” **91% of full-time residents** and **81%** of all survey respondents indicated “**Satisfied,**” 3% of full-time residents and 6% of all survey respondents indicated “Needs improvement,” 3% of full-time residents and 2% of all survey respondents selected “Dissatisfied.”
 - For “**Recycling Pick-up,**” **90% of full-time residents** and **77%** of all survey respondents indicated “**Satisfied,**” 6% of full-time residents and 10% of all survey respondents indicated “Needs improvement,” 3% of full-time residents and 4% of all survey respondents selected “Dissatisfied.”
 - For “**Town Hall Services,**” **93% of full-time residents** and **84%** of all survey respondents indicated “**Satisfied,**” 3% of full-time residents and 5% of all survey respondents indicated “Needs improvement,” no full-time residents and 1% of all survey respondents selected “Dissatisfied.”

8. Protect private property values in the Town of Maidstone.

9. Protect the Town’s water resources

- **84% of full-time residents** and **86%** of all survey respondents indicated that “**Protect lakes, ponds, rivers, & streams**” is an important long-term goal for Maidstone.
- In response to “The Town should take steps to **protect** the Town from: **Pollution of lakes, streams, and water supplies,**” **85% of full-time residents** and **88%** of all survey respondents

selected “**Agree**,” 7% of full-time residents and 6% of all survey respondents selected “Disagree.” The remaining either had “No opinion” or did not make a selection.

10. Protect the rights of landowners

- **85% of full-time residents** and **78%** of all survey respondents indicated that “**Protect rights of landowners**” is an important long-term goal for Maidstone.

11. Protect the forests lands and agricultural lands within the Town [see also objective 2]

- In response to “What should Maidstone be in the future with regard to forest and agriculture,” **75% of full-time residents** and **77%** of all survey respondents indicated “**a residential community with MOST of the land in forest and agriculture.**”
- **90% of full-time residents** and **86%** of all survey respondents indicated that “**Protect forest lands**” is an important long-term goal for Maidstone.
- **82% of full-time residents** and **81%** of all survey respondents indicated that “**Protect agricultural lands**” is an important long-term goal for Maidstone.
- In response to “The Town should take steps to **protect** the Town from: **Disappearance of agricultural lands**,” **81% of full-time residents** and **79%** of all survey respondents selected “**Agree**,” 6% of full-time residents and 8% of all survey respondents selected “Disagree.” The remaining either had “No opinion” or did not make a selection.
- In response to “The Town should take steps to **protect** the Town from: **Disappearance of forest lands**,” **85% of full-time residents** and **84%** of all survey respondents selected “**Agree**,” 7% of full-time residents and 7% of all survey respondents selected “Disagree.” The remaining either had “No opinion” or did not make a selection.

2023 Survey Comments to Question 11: “What should Maidstone be in the future with regard to forest and agriculture”

Full-time Residents:

- The more protected land, the better
- I live here because this is the way it is and should stay.
- Preserve what we currently have and all enjoy most about Maidstone.
- Preserving what we currently have, is why people choose to buy and live here. If you're so worried about maintaining the quality of the Lake, why do you want to develop the Town and add more pollution generating issues? Further Development also does not protect the wildlife habitat.
- Leave the way it is
- (Note by Recorder: "Most" in first option crossed out, with "ALL" written in.) Don't change our small, quiet Maidstone!
- I would qualify my answer to "a SMALL residential community with MOST of the land in forest and agriculture."
- I feel we are blessed to be in the forest, and I believe the farms are beneficial, and natural. (ie., I do not believe cows are causing global warming...ha). GMO corn growing, however, I believe

are detrimental to the environment, especially in conjunction with the use of Roundup and Paraquat, as those are carcinogens that get into everything. Not sure how to keep the cows, yet allow the farmers to grow gmo corn and use the chemicals (Roundup and Paraquat)

- Most farms are struggling to stay open. THEY are what make Vermont look like Vermont.
- Maidstone's forests are in highly degraded state due to the extensive harvesting of lumber over the past 200 years. These commercial activities have resulted in a lack of species diversification and a loss of wildlife.

Part-time Residents or Own property but do not reside here:

- A small town center with store, gas, hardware, pub/deli, med stop...
- I like Maidstone as it is now.
- 4th choice: a residential and business center with SOME land in forest and agriculture.
- Don't change
- Logging is important to the area. The forest and animals are important to the hunters. The land is beautiful and should be protected.
- Must make sure that the rural lifestyle is not impacted or diminished.

12. Provide for the proper maintenance of all roads in Town

- In response to "How satisfied are you with the current level of the following municipal services," for **Road Maintenance, 81% of full-time residents** and **76%** of all survey respondents indicated "**Satisfied**," 16% of both full-time residents and all survey respondents indicated "Needs improvement," no full-time residents and 2% of all survey respondents selected "Dissatisfied."

An additional goal to consider may be "Improve telecommunications," since

- **72% of full-time residents** and **59%** of all survey respondents indicated that "**Improve telecommunications**" is an important long-term goal for Maidstone.

14. The following are important long-term goals for Maidstone (Check all that apply): - 137 responses ²

Goal (Total survey respondents: 145)	All (Total 145)		Full-time residents (Total 67)		Part-time residents & non-resident land owners (Total 77)		Lake District (Total 99)		Non-Lake Districts (Total 46)	
Protect agricultural lands	117	81%	55	82%	61	79%	77	78%	40	87%
Protect forest lands	125	86%	60	90%	64	83%	84	85%	41	89%
Protect lakes, ponds, rivers, & streams	125	86%	56	84%	68	88%	87	88%	38	83%
Protect wildlife habitats	116	80%	54	81%	62	81%	81	82%	35	76%
Protect wetlands	107	74%	51	76%	56	73%	75	76%	32	70%
Protect rights of landowners	113	78%	57	85%	56	73%	73	74%	40	87%
Provide an area for new industry	14	10%	3	4%	11	14%	10	10%	4	9%
Allow for affordable housing	35	24%	17	25%	18	23%	27	27%	8	17%
Regulate large development projects	84	58%	38	57%	45	58%	57	58%	27	59%
Increase emergency services	64	44%	24	36%	39	51%	47	47%	17	37%
Improve recreation opportunities	47	32%	19	28%	28	36%	35	35%	12	26%
Improve telecommunications	86	59%	48	72%	47	61%	73	74%	23	50%
(blank)	8	6%	3	4%	5	6%	4	4%	4	9%

² Maidstone Planning Commission, 2023 Maidstone Town Survey Responses Report, [Question 14](#).