

Overview

The Town of Mendon is collaborating with the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC) to create a Master Plan. This plan, with your input, will lay out a vision for the community's future over the next ten years, along with a roadmap to get there.

PHASE 1: (wrap up in early 2022- survey completed Fall 2021)

Land Use

Population and Housing

Economic Development

PHASE 2:

Open Space & Recreation

Transportation & Circulation

Municipal Facilities & Services and Schools

Natural & Cultural Resources

We are tackling this project in phases. The first phase will wrap up in early 2022. That phase explored land use, population and housing, and economic development. In this final phase, we want to learn what you think about transportation, town services and facilities, cultural and historic resources, natural resources, and open space and recreation.

The entire survey should take about 20 minutes. We cannot build this plan without you. Please take this survey and encourage the people around you to do so as well.

Sincerely,

Mendon Master Plan Steering Committee

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Transportation and Circulation

1. How would you rate the overall road conditions in Town?

- Good
- Adequate
- Poor

2. How do you travel to work?

- Drive alone
- Carpool or ride share
- Transit/Commuter Rail
- Walk
- Bicycle
- Remote work/hybrid
- I do not work/retired
- Other (please specify)

3. How many miles do you travel to get to work? (one-way)

- I do not work/retired
- Telecommute/Work from home
- 1-10 miles
- 11-20 miles
- 21-30 miles
- 30+ miles

4. Would you use public transit if it were available in Mendon?

- Yes, I would use public transit.
- No, I prefer to use my car or alternative modes of transportation.
- Unsure. I would need more information first.
- No opinion

5. How often do you use ridesharing apps like "Uber" or "Lyft"?

- Frequently
- Sometimes
- Never
- Would consider if more available

6. What types of transportation options should Mendon explore? Check all that apply.

- Sidewalks and crosswalks to enhance pedestrian mobility
- Enhanced WRTA bus service
- Dedicated bike lanes
- Taxi/ Uber/ Lyft availability
- Park-n-ride lot/ carpool lot
- Mendon does not need any alternatives
- Other (please specify)

7. If you bike locally in Mendon, where do you bike?

- To or around the town center
- On recreational trails
- To/from work
- I do not bike locally
- Other (please specify)

8. How safe do you feel riding your bicycle in the following areas of Mendon?

	Very Safe	Safe	Unsafe	Very Unsafe
Along Route 16	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hartford Avenue East	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hartford Avenue West	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mendon Center	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Millville Rd & Taft Ave	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
North Ave	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Main St to Providence St.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Residential Areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rt 140	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Washington St.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

9. How important is it to provide additional bicycle infrastructure (bike lanes, shoulders, signs) throughout Mendon? (Ex: New bike lane in Milford Hospital Area)

- Very Important
- Important
- Not Very Important
- Not Important at all

Suggested locations (please specify)

10. Please rate your support for the extension of sidewalks in Mendon.

- Strongly Support
- Support
- Neutral
- Oppose
- Strongly Oppose
- Other

Other (please specify)

11. Suggested locations for extension of sidewalks in Mendon.

12. Please specify whether any of the following needs to be addressed regarding pedestrian facilities in Mendon (i.e. sidewalks, crosswalks). Check all that apply.

- Sidewalk conditions
- Gaps in sidewalks
- ADA accessible ramps or sidewalk width
- Sidewalk materials (asphalt versus concrete)
- Crosswalk striping
- Walk signal length and visibility and/or audible signal
- Other (please specify)

13. Suggested locations for pedestrian facilities improvements

14. What transportation issues would you consider to be most important in Mendon?

	Priority	Non-Priority	N/A
Condition of roads/bridges	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Congestion	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rising gas prices	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
New vehicle technologies (electric cars, automated vehicles)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Access to transportation for Aging Populations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Air Quality	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Speeding	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

15. What are the most difficult areas or intersections you encounter in Mendon on a regular basis?

Natural Resources and Open Space and Recreation

16. What are your top five (5) most important reasons for the Town to acquire and/or preserve open space?

- Preserve rural character of the town
- Manage residential growth
- Protect water quality & water resources
- Protect wildlife habitats of flora and fauna
- Provide areas for active recreation (i.e. sports fields, courts)
- Provide areas for passive recreation (i.e. hiking, horseback riding, snowshoeing)
- Preserve existing agricultural land
- Provide egress to existing conservation land in order to increase landscape connectivity, habitat space, and ecological value
- Preserve unique scenic areas
- Provide areas for hunting
- Provide boat ramps and access to water bodies
- Facilitate the development of additional affordable housing
- Other (please specify)

17. Have you or any of your household members visited any these open spaces in the past year?

	Yes	No	Don't know about it
Cormier Woods (Asylum Street Trailhead or Chapin Street Trailhead)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Founders Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Inman Hill Wildlife Conservation Area (Inman Hill Road Trailhead)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Meadow Brook Uplands Conservation Area (Kinsley Lane Trailhead)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Meadow Brook Woods (off of Park St & Asylum St)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mendon Town Beach	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mendon Town Forest (Asylum Street Trailhead or Millville Street Trailhead)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Quisset Wildlife Management Area (Quisset Road Trailhead)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Veteran's Park Walking Path	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

18. Which of the following recreational opportunities would you like to see more of in Mendon? Check all that apply.

- Athletic fields
- Canoe/Kayak locations
- Dedicated bike routes
- Dog parks
- Hiking trails
- Horseback riding/equestrian trails
- Ice skating
- Indoor sports recreation facilities
- Motorized vehicle trails
- Pickleball courts
- Picnic areas
- Playgrounds
- Public fishing access
- Tennis courts
- Outdoor Ice Rink
- Other (please specify)

- None of the above

19. Do you travel outside Mendon to access any open space and recreation facilities or services? If so, what kind of services or facilities?

20. What should our Town's priorities as to expenditures for open space and recreation be? Please choose your top 3 priorities.

- Acquiring land for new public active recreation areas
- Improvements to existing athletic fields
- Acquiring conservation lands for passive recreation use (e.g., trails)
- Improving passive recreation opportunities on existing conservation land
- Expanding available parking at open space and/or recreation destinations
- Expanding connections for walking (e.g. sidewalks, connecting trails)
- Expanding connections for biking (e.g. off-road paths, on-road lanes, and rail trails)
- What do you recommend?

21. How do you use the local water sources (lakes or other bodies of water) in Mendon? Check all that apply.

- Canoeing and kayaking
- Swimming
- Fishing
- For the view
- Other water recreation activities
- Winter recreational activities
- I do not use water resources like lakes, ponds and streams
- Other (please specify)

Cultural and Historical Resources

22. Do you AGREE, feel NEUTRAL, or DISAGREE with each of the following statements about Mendon's historic assets?

	Agree	Neutral	Disagree
I am familiar with Mendon's cultural and historic assets, such as its historic buildings, districts, cemeteries, and other heritage resources.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
When I have visitors, I take them to visit historic places in my community.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Historic resources are an essential part of Mendon's character (e.g. historic buildings, monuments, districts).	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Historic character should be protected when new development takes place or when historic buildings are renovated.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Historic resources deserve financial support from the town's government (e.g. tax incentives, Community Preservation Act funds).	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Historic resources should be paid for by property owners alone, without additional help from the town's government.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Local regulations should protect certain historic resources (e.g. Local Historic District).	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ensure there are adequate cultural opportunities for Mendon residents of all ages and abilities.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Agree

Neutral

Disagree

The town should set aside funding for annual maintenance of historic town-owned properties, buildings, and public places.

23. The Town of Mendon has Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds to spend on the categories below. Please rank the following allowable uses of the CPA funds from most important to least important to you.

Open Space (Acquire, Create, Preserve)

Historic (Acquire, Preserve, Rehabilitate/Restore)

Recreation (Acquire, Create, Preserve, Rehabilitate/Restore)

Affordable Housing (Acquire, Create, Preserve)

Municipal Facilities and Services

24. How often do you or your household use the following services and facilities?

	Frequently (daily or weekly)	Occasionally (once a month)	Very rarely (once every few months)	Never
Blackstone Valley Regional School buildings and grounds	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Library	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mendon Fire Department	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mendon Police Department	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mendon Upton Regional School buildings and grounds	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Online services (bill pay, permitting, registrations, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parks and open spaces (trails, town forest, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recreational facilities (playgrounds, athletics fields and courts)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recycling center	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Senior center	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Town Beach	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Town events	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Town Hall	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Town website	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

25. How satisfied are you with town services?

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Not satisfied	I do not use this services
Library programming	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mendon Fire Department	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mendon Police Department	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Online/remote access to meetings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Online services (bill pay, permitting, registrations, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parks & Recreation programming	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Senior Center programming	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Town communication to residents	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Town events	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Town Hall	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Town website	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If you are unsatisfied with any services, how could they be improved?

26. How satisfied are you with town facilities?

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Not satisfied	I do not use this facility
Library	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mendon Upton Regional Schools	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recreational facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parks and open spaces	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Senior Center	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Town Beach	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Town Hall	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If you are unsatisfied with any town facilities, how could they be improved?

27. What municipal services or facilities do you feel the town needs but does not currently provide?

28. On a scale of 1 to 3, please rate your familiarity with what the following Boards, Committees, and municipal organizations purposes and functions are:

1 = I do not know anything about this Board/Committee

2 = I have a good understanding (from Town Meeting or occasional communication)

3 = I talk with other residents about this frequently; follow agendas; etc.

	1	2	3
Agricultural Commission	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Blackstone Valley Tech School Committee	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Board of Assessors	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Board of Health	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Board of Registrars	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Capital Planning Committee	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community Preservation Committee	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	1	2	3
Conservation Commission	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Council on Aging	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cultural Council	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Economic Development Committee	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Finance Committee	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Historical District Commission	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Historical Commission	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Housing Authority	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Land Use Committee	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Master Plan Committee	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mendon Upton Regional School Committee	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parks Commission	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Planning Board	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Select Board	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Taft Library Trustees	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Taxation Aid Committee	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Town Forest Committee	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Town Meeting	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Veteran's Affairs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Water Commission	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Zoning Board of Appeals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

29. For private well users, if Town water became available in your neighborhood would you ever consider connecting?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure. I would need more information first.
- Not Applicable

30. For Town water users, please rate your satisfaction

- Excellent
- Good
- Poor
- No opinion
- Not applicable

31. For private septic users, if Town sewer became available in your neighborhood, would you ever consider connecting?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure
- Not applicable

32. Are you aware that the Mendon Recycling Center (behind the town barn on Providence St) is available for public use?

- Yes
- No

33. For recycling center users, please rate your satisfaction

- Very Satisfied
- Satisfied
- Unsatisfied
- Very Unsatisfied
- Do not use recycling center

Schools

34. Did the quality of Mendon-Upton Regional Schools factor into your decision to live in Mendon?

- Yes
- No
- No opinion

35. Do you currently have children enrolled in Mendon-Upton Regional Schools?

- Yes
- No
- No Opinion on the School District (skip school questions)

36. How important do you think the following Elementary School programs are?

	Very important	Important	Not important	Not applicable
Academic programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Arts programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Athletic programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Language Immersion programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Music programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Special education programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

37. How important do you think the following Middle School programs are?

	Very important	Important	Not important	Not applicable
Academic programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Arts programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Athletic programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Language Immersion programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Music programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Special education programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

38. How important do you think the following High School programs are?

	Very important	Important	Not important	Not applicable
Academic programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Arts programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Athletic programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Language Immersion programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Music programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Special education programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Vocational programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

39. Do you feel that the current level of school funding is appropriate?

- Decrease substantially
- Decrease slightly
- Funding is appropriate
- Increase slightly
- Increase substantially

40. Do you have any other ideas about Mendon/Upton Regional Schools? Please share any and all comments below.

Thank You

41. **General comments, questions, or concerns (OPTIONAL)**

Thank you for your participation.