



# Town of Sugar Hill

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## 2023 SUGAR HILL MASTER PLAN SURVEY

Dear Sugar Hill Community Member,

The Sugar Hill Planning Board is beginning an update of the Town's Master Plan. This Plan will guide the Town's zoning amendments, spending, policies and programs for years to come. Before we can start, we need to hear from you about your priorities! We hope you will help us by completing this simple survey. Every member of the household is welcome to complete their own survey. Those who wish to complete it online can do so at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SHMasterPlan>

Please respond within 2 weeks.

The results of the survey will be posted at <https://www.sugarhillnh.org/>

Thank you!

Sugar Hill Planning Board

1. What is your relationship with the town of Sugar Hill? (Please check ALL that apply.)

A. I own a home in Sugar Hill

H. I work in Sugar Hill

B. I vote in Sugar Hill

I. I am a municipal employee in Sugar Hill

C. I live in Sugar Hill year-round

J. I would like to open a business in Sugar Hill

D. I live in Sugar Hill part of the year

K. I own an undeveloped lot in Sugar Hill

E. I vacation in Sugar Hill

F. I retired to Sugar Hill

L. I own 10 acres or more in Sugar Hill

G. I own or manage a business in Sugar Hill

M. I own less than 10 acres in Sugar Hill

2. What do you like best about Sugar Hill? Please list up to three positive qualities or strengths of the town.

3. What would make Sugar Hill even better? Please list up to three issues or needs you think should be addressed in the Master Plan.

4. Our natural resources, clean environment and scenic beauty are key components of Sugar Hill's community character. Several planning and zoning tools are available for the town to manage the siting and impacts of development. Please circle ALL of the tools that you would support (if any):
- a. Enable more flexibility in the layout of proposed subdivisions to reduce their impact on important resources.
  - b. Require vegetated buffers to be left along rivers, ponds and brooks to protect water quality and fish habitat.
  - c. Restrict filling and draining of wetlands.
  - d. Restrict development close to wetlands when there is another option on the lot.
  - e. Restrict building in floodplains when there is another option on the lot.
5. Like many New Hampshire communities, Sugar Hill has a shortage of housing for the area's workforce, young families, and seniors wishing to downsize. Please circle ALL of the types of homes you would support making it easier to build here by making the zoning less restrictive (if any):
- a. Small or moderate sized homes clustered together
  - b. Two-family homes, such as duplexes or townhouses
  - c. Accessory dwelling units (smaller home or apartment on same property)
  - d. Manufactured homes
  - e. Multifamily dwellings (more than 2 apartments or townhouses in one building)
6. Sugar Hill's existing zoning ordinance contains only general language about outdoor lighting, referring to suitable protection for adjacent homes. Would you support making this zoning provision more specific to require that new light fixtures aim light downward away from the sky and neighbors?
- a. Yes
  - b. No
  - c. Not sure

If you chose "Not sure," what factors would make you support or not support this zoning change? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. Should Sugar Hill adopt regulations for short-term rentals?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Not sure

If you chose "Not sure," what factors would make you support or not support regulating short-term rentals? \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. Community Power allows local governments to buy electricity for all of their residents and small businesses at wholesale rates. It is a bulk purchasing program for electricity. Do you support the town developing a community power plan to be voted on at town meeting in 2024?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Not sure

If you chose "Not sure," what factors would make you support or not support Community Power? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Thank you for completing the survey! You may either drop it off at the Town Office or mail to:

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