

New Marlborough: Open Space & Recreation Questionnaire

1. Introduction

The Town of New Marlborough is developing an update to the 2017 Open Space & Recreation Plan and needs your help! Your input will help guide the planning process and determine the future of recreation and open space in town.

The plan will make New Marlborough eligible for state reimbursement grant programs for the improvement of recreation areas within town and the protection of open spaces.

This questionnaire is open to year-round residents, seasonal residents, second homeowners, and renters. All responses will be confidential.

This questionnaire consists of 18 questions and should take about 10 minutes to complete. The survey will be open from May 1st at noon until June 15th at noon.

The following questions examine interest and opinions regarding the future preservation of open space in New Marlborough. Open space is defined as land that has not been developed for residential, commercial, or industrial uses and includes publicly and privately owned land. Areas with particular interest in conservation and recreation include:

- 1. Land that contributes to the public water supply;**
- 2. Forests, fields, and agricultural lands;**
- 3. Wetlands;**
- 4. Rivers, streams, and lakes;**
- 5. Parks and other recreation lands;**
- 6. Wildlife or animal habitats; and**
- 7. Land that preserves scenic views or town character.**

Please answer all of the following questions. Thank you!

1. What feature sets New Marlborough apart from other Berkshire County towns? Or, Tell us why you choose to live here?

2. Choose up to **five (5)** activities that you enjoy doing in New Marlborough.

- Bicycling
- Bird watching
- Boating / canoeing / kayaking
- Court sports (tennis, basketball, etc.)
- Field sports (soccer, baseball, etc.)
- Swimming
- Fishing / ice fishing
- Gardening
- Hiking / walking
- Other (please specify)
- Horseback riding
- Hunting / trapping
- Playgrounds / swings / slides
- Running / jogging
- Skateboarding / BMX / roller blading
- Skiing - cross country
- Snowshoeing
- Snowmobiling
- Dog Walking

3. How often do you visit in a typical year, and which is your favorite New Marlborough location?

	Very Frequently (15+ times/year)	Frequently (6-14 times/year)	Occasionally (1-5 times/year)	Never or Unfamiliar
Konkapot River	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Harmon Pond	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lake Buel	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Umpachene River/Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Campbell Falls State Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Steepletop Reservation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dry Hill Reservation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Goodnow Preserve	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
York Lake/Sandisfield S.F.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cookson State Forest	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Thousand Acre Swamp	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Berkshire Trout Hatchery	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Joffe Nature Sanctuary	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Local Farms	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lower Carroll Mill	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
New Marlboro Preserve	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Tell us about your favorite place in New Marlborough.

4. What suggestions do you have for improving your favorite places in New Marlborough?

5. Which of the following are activities you would be willing to participate in to improve Open Space/Recreation in New Marlborough? (Check all that apply)

- Donate equipment or materials.
- Teach a class/Lead an activity.
- Donate land or money for open space projects (potentially leading to tax benefits)
- Provide an easement on your property for an open space project.
- Attend a meeting or join a committee.
- Support town acquisition of important open space land/ pay additional taxes for Open Space projects.
- Donate to or support non-profit organizations such as the New Marlborough Land Trust, Berkshire Natural Resources Council, or Trustees of the Reservations.
- Shop at a local farmer's market, support local farmers.
- Participate in an annual or semi-annual trail day (cleanup, maintenance, or construction)
- If you have other ideas to protect open spaces in New Marlborough, tell us about that here?

6. Does New Marlborough need more recreational opportunities for: (check all that apply)

- Youth
- Adults
- People with disabilities
- Pets
- Don't know / neutral
- Elaborate on your response here.

7. What do you think is the most important resource in New Marlborough to be conserved (note- this does not have to be your favorite)?

8. Green Corridors are landscape scale, connected tracts of natural land (often forested lands or river systems) that enable organisms to move between areas to protect ecological and genetic diversity and allow organisms to adapt to climate change. Would you support the town partnering with other communities (Sheffield, Monterey, etc.) or non-profit organizations (BNRC, Trustees, etc.) to protect these corridors?

I would not support these efforts.

I am unsure.

I emphatically support these efforts.



9. What improvements would you support at the Umpachene Falls and Town park?

- Improvements to trail network on grounds
- Additional playground equipment
- Additional parking
- Pavillion, gazebo, or other structure
- Additional Barbecues/Grills/Picnic tables on site.
- Other (please specify)

10. Which of the following conservation practices would you be willing to implement on your own property?

- Install rain gardens and/or vegetative buffers to reduce runoff and nutrient loading in New Marlborough lakes, rivers, and streams.
- Install shades or light fixtures that decrease light pollution (dark skies improvements)
- Reduce use of insecticides, herbicides, fertilizers to reduce infiltration into town water bodies
- Remove invasive species
- Plant native species and pollinator friendly species
- Provide an easement or sale of land to support trail improvements in the town
- Other (please specify)

11. Would you be interested in the creation of a New Marlborough Community Center similar to facilities in nearby communities?

I would not support this effort.

I am undecided on this issue.

I would emphatically support this effort.



12. If you answered yes to the last question, what programming would you like to see for New Marlborough residents?

13. Use this space to tell us about something we missed or other concerns regarding open space in New Marlborough?

14. What do you see as New Marlborough's greatest threat/risk to open space and rural character over the next 10 years?

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2. Demographics

Questions in this section are intended to gather basic demographic information about the questionnaire respondents.

15. Are you a year-round resident or part-time resident of New Marlborough?

- Year-round resident
 Part-time resident

16. If your answers represent other members of your household (one response per household), please indicate the number of people and their age (including yourself). For example, a household of two people, both are age 50-59 would select from column "2 people" and row "50-59". (Only one member of the household should reply to avoid double counting)

	1 person	2 people	3 people	4 people	5 people	6 people
Under 10 years old	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
10-19	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
20-29	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
30-39	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
40-49	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
50-59	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
60-69	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
70+	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

17. How do you get information about open space issues in New Marlborough?

- New Marlborough 5 Village News
 Maggies List Google Group
 E-mail notice from town hall
 Posters around town
 Other (please specify)

18. If you would like to receive information about how the Open Space and Recreation planning process is progressing and receive public announcements about the project, please provide your email address below.



