

Responses to Master Plan Committee Questionnaire

2013 MASTER PLAN

	Permanent		Seasonal		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
5 If you are not a permanent resident do you intend to become one?						
Yes	N/A		95	41%	95	41%
No	N/A		137	59%	137	59%
Total	N/A		232	100%	232	100%
Is housing in place						
Yes	N/A		71	75%	71	75%
No	N/A		24	25%	24	25%
Total	N/A		95	100%	95	100%
6a Why are you planning on becoming a permanent resident						
Retirement	N/A		83	63%	83	63%
move to rural environment	N/A		24	18%	24	19%
recreational opportunities	N/A		18	14%	18	14%
closeness to family and friends	N/A		6	5%	6	5%
Total	N/A		131	100%	131	100%
6b What kind of housing will you live in						
Single family	N/A		87	76%	87	76%
Condominium	N/A		22	19%	22	19%
Mobile Home	N/A		2	2%	2	2%
Other	N/A		3	3%	3	3%
Total	N/A		114	100%	114	100%
6c Once a permanent resident, will you						
Seek employment	N/A		27	20%	27	20%
Start a business	N/A		11	8%	11	8%
Be retired	N/A		84	64%	84	64%
Have children in school	N/A		7	5%	7	5%
Other	N/A		3	2%	3	2%
Total	N/A		132	100%	132	100%
7 What do you like about Thornton						
Uncrowded living conditions	233	86%	204	72%	437	79%
Peace and quiet	231	85%	238	84%	469	85%
Outdoor recreation	154	57%	191	68%	345	62%
Schools	49	18%	7	2%	56	10%
Scenery	169	62%	204	72%	373	67%
Community Spirit	66	24%	40	14%	106	19%
Town Services	64	24%	22	8%	86	16%
Other	16	6%	5	2%	21	4%
Total	982		911		1893	

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8 What are your concerns about Thornton						
Housing	17	6%	8	3%	25	5%
Land Values	79	29%	94	33%	173	31%
Roads	80	30%	64	23%	144	26%
Schools	56	21%	7	2%	63	11%
Bridges	7	3%	8	3%	15	3%
Employment	38	14%	19	7%	57	10%
Job Opportunities	48	18%	31	11%	79	14%
Traffic	35	13%	20	7%	55	10%
Taxes	179	68%	154	58%	343	62%
Town Services	33	12%	29	10%	62	11%
Diminishing Open land	78	29%	81	29%	159	29%
Total	650		525		1175	
9 How would you like to see Thornton's rate of growth continue						
At its current rate	113	44%	123	51%	236	48%
At a slower rate	131	51%	106	44%	237	48%
At a faster rate	12	5%	11	5%	23	5%
Total	256	100%	240	100%	496	100%
11 If you believe additional business is desirable, what kind would you like						
Small home-based	99	37%	74	26%	173	31%
Small retail shops	99	37%	112	40%	211	38%
Motels	48	18%	33	12%	81	15%
Restaurants	78	29%	100	35%	178	32%
Shopping Center	52	19%	40	14%	92	17%
Service Stations	22	17%	22	8%	69	12%
Heavy Industry	34	13%	11	4%	45	8%
Total	457		392		849	
13a Would bike paths (partially funded by the town be useful in areas such as Rt 175 south of the school						
Yes	151	54%	151	56%	302	55%
No	40	14%	76	28%	116	21%
No Answer	91	32%	44	16%	135	24%
Total	282	100%	271	100%	553	100%
13b Are you in favor of a noise ordinance to limit noise at certain times						
Yes	158	56%	138	51%	296	54%
No	73	26%	50	18%	123	22%
No Answer	51	18%	83	31%	134	24%
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13c Does Thornton need additional housing for its older populations in the form of						
1. Federally Subsidized Housing						
Yes	60	21%	70	26%	130	24%
No	111	39%	110	41%	221	40%
No Answer	111	39%	91	34%	202	37%
Total	282	100%	271	100%	553	100%
2. Extended care/rehabilitation centers						
Yes	86	30%	81	30%	167	30%
No	112	40%	92	34%	204	37%
No Answer	84	30%	98	36%	182	33%
Total	282	100%	271	100%	553	100%
3. Nursing Homes						
Yes	81	29%	60	22%	141	25%
No	113	40%	101	37%	214	39%
No Answer	88	31%	110	41%	198	36%
Total	282	100%	271	100%	553	100%
4. Over 55 Housing						
Yes	144	51%	117	43%	261	47%
No	82	29%	81	30%	163	29%
No Answer	56	20%	73	27%	129	23%
Total	282	100%	271	100%	553	100%
13d Would you support using town money to buy and protect land having special value such as wetlands						
Yes	147	52%	178	66%	325	59%
No	96	34%	51	19%	147	27%
No Answer	39	14%	42	15%	81	15%
Total	282	100%	271	100%	553	100%
13e Should town administration work with state and other local governments to promote ride sharing and/or create a local park and ride						
Yes	145	51%	123	45%	268	48%
No	60	21%	40	15%	100	18%
No Answer	77	27%	108	40%	185	33%
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14 At the present time which of the following are serious local problems						
Housing Supply	9	3%	3	1%	12	2%
Junked Cars	94	35%	79	28%	173	31%
Land Speculation	25	9%	24	9%	49	9%
Littering	63	23%	39	14%	102	18%
Taxes	147	54%	111	39%	258	47%
Unemployment	42	15%	28	10%	70	13%
Employment Opportunities	71	26%	43	15%	114	21%
Other	27	10%	9	3%	36	7%
Total	478		336		814	
15 If a new school is needed, where would you prefer it to be located						
Along Rt 3	67	31%	72	45%	139	37%
Along Rt 175	85	40%	45	28%	130	35%
Along Rt 49	16	8%	26	16%	42	11%
Other	45	21%	16	10%	61	16%
Total	213	100%	159	100%	372	100%
16 Are you interested in town funded recreational development						
Children's Activities	114	42%	85	30%	199	36%
Adult Activities	76	28%	73	26%	149	27%
Sports Activities	71	26%	72	25%	143	25%
Total	261		230		491	
17 Would you like to see a community garden established						
Yes	113	40%	88	32%	201	36%
No	77	27%	46	17%	123	22%
No Answer	92	33%	137	51%	229	41%
Total	282	100%	271	100%	553	100%
18 Would you like to see a garden club established						
Yes	104	37%	73	27%	177	32%
No	57	20%	38	14%	95	17%
No Answer	121	43%	160	59%	281	51%
Total	282	100%	271	100%	553	100%
19 Do you have internet access						
Yes	217	77%	N/A		217	77%
No	41	15%	N/A		41	15%
No Answer	24	9%	N/A		24	9%
Total	282	100%	N/A		282	100%
Is your internet access						
Dial Up	44	20%	N/A		44	20%
High Speed	171	80%	N/A		171	80%
Total	215	100%	N/A		215	100%

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How do you feel about the following types of growth during the next ten years?

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	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent							
Permanent Residents	More	11%	Less	16%	Current	39%	No Growth	14%	No Answer	20%	Total	282	100%
	Residential	32	45	111	28%	39	17%	55	102	36%	282	100%	
	Cottage	25	27	79	10%	49	7%	102	63	22%	282	100%	
	Industry	73	21	58	7%	67	21%	42	51	18%	282	100%	
	Commercial	79	24	86	9%	79	30%	16	68	24%	282	100%	
	Agricultural	115	4	79	1%	28%	28%	51	58	24%	282	100%	
	Second Homes	42	42	87	15%	31%	31%	60	60	21%	282	100%	
	Resort	39	30	58	11%	21%	27%	80	80	28%	282	100%	
	Total											282	100%
	Seasonal Residents	More	11%	Less	15%	Current	48%	No Growth	8%	No Answer	18%	Total	271
Residential		29	41	131	10%	91	34%	27	49	40%	271	100%	
Cottage		16	28	91	10%	81	30%	27	109	18%	271	100%	
Industry		43	35	81	13%	96	13%	64	48	18%	271	100%	
Commercial		44	33	96	12%	105	35%	33	65	24%	271	100%	
Agricultural		83	6	105	2%	41%	39%	8	69	25%	271	100%	
Second Homes		41	33	112	12%	81	41%	24	61	23%	271	100%	
Resort		38	30	81	11%	30%	17%	46	76	28%	271	100%	
Total											271	100%	
Total		More	11%	Less	16%	Current	44%	No Growth	11%	No Answer	19%	Total	553
	Residential	61	86	242	10%	170	31%	60	104	38%	553	100%	
	Cottage	41	55	170	10%	139	25%	76	211	20%	553	100%	
	Industry	116	56	139	10%	182	33%	131	111	21%	553	100%	
	Commercial	123	57	182	2%	184	33%	75	116	21%	553	100%	
	Agricultural	198	10	189	14%	199	36%	24	137	25%	553	100%	
	Second Homes	83	75	199	1%	139	25%	75	121	22%	553	100%	
	Resort	77	60	139	1%	121	22%	121	156	28%	553	100%	
	Total										553	100%	

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	Permanent		Seasonal		Total							
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What is your evaluation of the following?												
Permanent Residents	Excellent		Good	Average	Poor/Very Poor	No Answer	Total					
	73	26%	108	38%	45	15%	43	15%	282	100%		
	73	26%	101	35%	56	20%	15	5%	37	13%	282	100%
	32	11%	99	35%	75	27%	28	10%	48	17%	282	100%
	29	10%	75	27%	44	16%	26	9%	108	38%	282	100%
	40	14%	99	35%	41	15%	3	1%	99	35%	282	100%
	54	19%	118	42%	52	18%	17	6%	41	15%	282	100%
	21	7%	47	17%	52	18%	47	17%	115	41%	282	100%
	37	13%	89	32%	53	19%	13	5%	90	32%	282	100%
	65	23%	128	45%	31	11%	19	7%	39	14%	282	100%
65	23%	87	31%	33	12%	1	0%	96	34%	282	100%	
Seasonal Residents												
Fire Protection	23	8%	77	28%	39	14%	7	3%	125	46%	271	100%
Police Protection	37	14%	77	28%	37	14%	9	3%	111	41%	271	100%
Road Maintenance	30	11%	96	35%	64	24%	29	11%	52	19%	271	100%
Library	13	5%	24	9%	24	9%	13	5%	197	73%	271	100%
Cemeteries	13	5%	41	15%	18	7%	2	1%	197	73%	271	100%
Town Administration	23	8%	87	32%	38	14%	3	1%	120	44%	271	100%
Recreation Facilities	9	3%	45	17%	39	14%	20	7%	158	58%	271	100%
School	7	3%	20	7%	18	6%	5	2%	223	82%	271	100%
Recycling Center	45	17%	85	31%	30	11%	10	4%	101	37%	271	100%
Ambulance	9	3%	46	17%	18	7%	2	1%	196	72%	271	100%
Total												
Fire Protection	96	17%	185	33%	84	15%	20	4%	168	30%	553	100%
Police Protection	110	20%	178	32%	93	17%	24	4%	148	27%	553	100%
Road Maintenance	62	11%	195	35%	139	25%	57	10%	100	18%	553	100%
Library	42	8%	99	18%	68	12%	39	7%	305	55%	553	100%
Cemeteries	53	10%	140	25%	59	11%	5	1%	296	54%	553	100%
Town Administration	77	14%	205	37%	90	16%	20	4%	161	29%	553	100%
Recreation Facilities	30	5%	92	17%	91	16%	67	12%	273	49%	553	100%
School	44	8%	109	20%	69	12%	18	3%	313	57%	553	100%
Recycling Center	110	20%	213	39%	61	11%	29	5%	140	25%	553	100%
Ambulance	74	13%	133	24%	51	9%	3	1%	292	53%	553	100%