Welcome!

Thank you for your interest in the development of an updated Deer Isle Comprehensive Plan. This survey is designed to gather input from the Deer Isle community on topics that are of importance to the future of our community, including conservation, development, future land use, and housing. It also asks some demographic questions so we know how well the survey respondents reflect the Deer Isle community as a whole. Your feedback is important.

The survey will remain open until July 15, 2023. There are xxx questions xxx, about your views and xxx about you as a respondent—and we anticipate it will take xxx minutes to complete. Click or scroll down to advance to the next question in the survey. Please respond to all questions.

Your responses to this survey are voluntary and confidential.

Please visit www.townofdeerisle.org/futures or email deerislemanager@gmail.com for more information about the Deer Isle Comprehensive Planning process.

Thank you for your time.

The Comprehensive Planning Committee.

1. **What two or three things do you value most about Deer Isle?**
   1. _____
   2. _____
   3. _____

2. **What two or three issues concern you most about Deer Isle during the next 20 years?**
   1. _____
   2. _____
   3. _____

3. **Please provide your opinion of the quality of these services and facilities available in the Town** *(Please check only one box per row)*:

	EXCELLENT	GOOD	ADEQUATE	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	DON'T KNOW/ NOT SURE
Cemeteries					
Code enforcement					
Education					
School facilities					
Public access to ponds					
Public access to salt water					
Public transportation					
Parks and recreational facilities					
Recreational programs					
Recycling programs					
Road maintenance					
Sidewalks					

Snow removal/sanding, roads					
Town Office Clerk and Treasurer Service - License & Registration					
Other Town Office Services					
Transfer Station					

4. If you would like to comment on these or other services and facilities, or add others, please do so here:

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5. Please provide your opinion of the quality of the following services that are shared by the Town of Deer Isle with other communities.
(Please check only one box per row)

	EXCELLENT	GOOD	ADEQUATE	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	DON'T KNOW/ NOT SURE
Ambulance					
Health Care					
Fire Protection					
Youth Programs					
Library					
Police protection					
Senior citizens services					

6. If you would like to comment on these or other shared services, or add others, please do so here:

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7. Please check where you feel it is most appropriate for the following land uses to occur in the future: *(Please check only one box per row)*

	Anywhere	In Designated Areas	Nowhere	Undecided
Forestry				
Agriculture				
Aquaculture				
Gravel pits/quarries				
Mining				
Manufacturing				
Solar farms				
Wind farms				
Commercial Retail Trade and Services				
Restaurants				

Inns and hotels				
Bed and Breakfast				
Seasonal rental properties				
Short-term rental properties				
Campground				
Single Family Residential				
Senior Housing				
Workforce housing				
Affordable housing				
Multi-unit housing				
Mobile home park				
Other (Specify) _____				

8. Are there any other land uses that you think should be more actively managed?

_____

9. How involved should the Town be in protecting the following:

(Please check only one box per row)

	More involved	About the same	Less involved	UNSURE
Agricultural land				
Aquifers for drinking water				
Coastal land				
Forested land				
Historical and archaeological resources				
Lakes and ponds				
Recreational open space inland				
Recreational waterfront access				
Scenic views				
Streams and rivers				
Wetlands				
Wildlife habitats				
Working waterfronts				

10. Please provide your opinion of the following aspects of community life:

(Please check only one box per row)

	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT OR ATTENTION RIGHT AWAY	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT OR ATTENTION	NEEDS STUDY	NOT AN ISSUE	DON'T KNOW/ NOT SURE
Housing affordability					
Air quality					
Bicycle paths/lanes					
Outdoor Lighting - Dark Sky compliance					
Local job opportunities					
Recreation opportunities					
Pedestrian sidewalks					

Potable water/water quality					
Public transportation					
Senior citizen services					
Youth services					
Other: Specify					

11. I would like the Town to invest more in: *(Please check one box per row)*

	YES—INCLUDING RAISING PROPERTY TAXES	YES—BUT ONLY IF GRANTS/SUBSIDIES REDUCE COST	NO
Education, primary (pre-K-8)			
Education, secondary (9-12)			
Youth services			
Local jobs and business opportunities			
Municipal recreation opportunities			
Public restroom(s)			
Bicycle paths/lanes			
Pedestrian sidewalks			
Police/Traffic enforcement			
Town road improvements			
Public transportation			
Litter Control			
Recycling programs			
Marine/Harbor and wharf facilities			
Affordable Housing			
Senior or Assisted Housing			
Senior citizen services			
Cemeteries/upkeep			

12. How would you rate your support for each? *(Please check one box per row)*

	STRONGLY SUPPORT	SUPPORT	NEUTRAL	DON'T SUPPORT
Merging Deer Isle and Stonington Fire Departments				
Community, economic development and housing planning				
Planning and programs to reduce public health risks				
Preparing a watershed plan to protect natural habitat				
Environmental education, outreach and engagement programs				
Developing a capital investment plan that identifies vulnerable municipal assets and guides improvements and new construction				
Drinking water protection				
Planning for energy efficiency and reliability				
Plan to promote safety, bike/pedestrian uses and transit				
Wildfire prevention and response planning				
Promoting green space and tree planting				
Manage stormwater runoff and increase shoreline protection				

13. How do you prefer to learn about municipal services and events?
(Check all that apply)

- Newspaper
- Town Website
- Mail
- Email
- Social Media (eg. Facebook)
- Electronic Signboard
- Other: Please specify _____

14. What barriers, if any, prevent you from using the internet?
(Check all that apply)

- No barriers. Our house is using the internet.
- We do not know how to use computers, tablets or other internet devices
- We are not interested in using the internet
- No service is available at my house
- Our house does not have a computer, tablet or or other internet device
- The cost of Internet service is too high

15. What types of internet opportunities interest you?
(Check all that apply)

- Education / Personal enrichment
- Work from home and employment opportunities
- Access Healthcare/government services
- Shopping
- Entertainment
- Connecting with family & friends
- Community and civic engagement

The following demographic questions about you will help the Comprehensive Plan Committee confirm the extent to which survey respondents reflect the Deer Isle community as a whole.

16. What type of Deer Isle resident are you?
(Select One Answer Only)

◯ Seasonal, own property
◯ Seasonal, rent or live with family/others
◯ Year-round, own property
◯ Year-round, rent or live with family/others
◯ Not a resident

17. How many months during a typical year do you reside in Deer Isle?

_____ Months (12 months if you reside year-round in Deer Isle)

18. How many years have you been visiting or living in Deer Isle?

a. _____ Years visiting seasonally

b. _____ Years living in Deer Isle year round

19. What year were you born? _____ (yyyy)

20. What is your annual household income?

(The U.S. Census asks several questions about household income. The choices below reflect the "buckets" reported by the Census Bureau. As with the other questions, we ask about income to confirm whether we have a representative sample of Deer Isle residents responding to the survey.) *(Select One Answer Only)*

- ◯ Less than $10,000
- ◯ $10,000 to $14,999
- ◯ $15,000 to $24,999
- ◯ $25,000 to $34,999
- ◯ $35,000 to $49,999
- ◯ $50,000 to $74,999
- ◯ $75,000 to $99,999
- ◯ $100,000 to $149,999
- ◯ $150,000 to $199,999
- ◯ $200,000 or more

21. How much land do you own in Deer Isle in acres (1.00 = 1 Acre)?

22. What is your household size? (Number of people living in your home.)

23. What is your employment status? *(Select One Answer Only)*

- ◯ Employed full time
- ◯ Employed part time
- ◯ Retired
- ◯ Self-employed
- ◯ Other

24. What is your primary occupation: _____

25. In what area of Deer Isle do you live (year-round or seasonally)?

(Select One Answer Only)

- ◯ Little Deer Isle
- ◯ North Deer Isle
- ◯ South Deer Isle
- ◯ Sunset
- ◯ Sunshine
- ◯ Other (Specify)

26. Which of the following do you expect to do over the next 5 years?

(Check all that apply)

- Move to Deer Isle
- Buy or build a home in Deer Isle
- Move from Deer Isle
- Sell a home in Deer Isle
- Sell vacant land in Deer Isle

- Subdivide my land in Deer Isle for sale
- Provide land in Deer Isle for a family member to build a home
- Start a business in my residence
- Start a business in Deer Isle outside my residence
- List a property as a short-term rental (e.g., AirBnB/VRBO)
- List a room or a portion of a property as a short-term rental (e.g., AirBnB/VRBO)
- Make changes to my residence to save energy or switch to a renewable source
- Retire or not work full time

27. What other concerns and observations do you wish to share with the Comprehensive Plan Committee?

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OTHER POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

Q__. How responsive is the Town's government to your needs?

Dropdown: Very responsive
Somewhat responsive
Not very responsive
Not at all responsive
Don't know/unsure

Q__. During the past three years, to what extent have you experienced or observed the following at your property in Deer Isle?

	FREQUENTLY	SOMEWHAT	MINIMALLY	NOT AT ALL	NOT APPLICABLE	NOT SURE
Changes in habitat for marine species						
Changes in habitat for non-marine species (wildlife, birds)						
Changes in trees, plant life						
Coastal erosion						
Coastal flooding						
Diminished catches/harvests						
Higher property insurance premiums due to flood / weather risk						
Increase in coastal water temperatures						
Increase in operational maintenance, repairs after a storm						
Increased property damage from natural storm events						
Inland flooding						
Made a weather-related property insurance claim						
More frequent utility outages during storm events						
Saltwater intrusion into drinking water well						
Sea level rise						
Sea level rise requiring docks/other structures to be raised						
Shoreline change						
Storm surge						
Unusually high tides						
Other (please specify)						

Q__. What is your typical commuting distance (one-way)?

Dropdown: 5 miles or less
5-20 miles

20+ miles
Remote work
Not applicable

Q__. What type of development would you like to see in Deer Isle during the next 10 years?

	Yes	No
Development of any kind		
Agriculture/forestry		
Commercial (trade/services)		
Manufacturing		
Inns, hotels, B&Bs		
[Medical]		
Offices		
Parking in Deer Isle Village		
Residential		
Restaurants		
Workforce/low income housing		

Q__. Is the current property tax structure fair?

Q__. Do you get good value for your property taxes?

Q__. Do you have internet service at your home?

Q__. Do you use the internet to work from home?

Q__. What is the type of dwelling in which you live?

28. I would like Deer Isle to:

Dropdown: Become more developed: more shops, services and people
Stay basically as it is
Curtail further development—more than enough has already been done

29. Over the next five years how much time do you plan to live in Deer Isle ?

Dropdown: More time than in past years

About the same amount of time
Less time than past years
Don’t know