2022 Gouldsboro Public Opinion Survey

This survey is an important first step of outreach efforts within our community of the Comprehensive Plan Committee. We need your help to determine the future direction of Gouldsboro. Your opinion matters! Please take the time to complete the survey. Please limit one survey per adult. Additional copies of this survey are available at the Town Office. You may take this survey online through the Survey Monkey link which can be found on the town website @ https://www.gouldsborotown.com/
The deadline to submit the survey is May 16, 2022 Please return written survey to the drop box at the town office.

1. What is your residential status in Gouldsboro?

- ◯ Year Round
- ◯ Seasonal

2. Do you own or rent the property where you live?

- ◯ Own
- ◯ Rent

3. How long have you lived in Gouldsboro?

4. Which area/village of Gouldsboro do you live in?

5. What is your age bracket?

- ◯ Under 18
- ◯ 18 - 25
- ◯ 26 - 40
- ◯ 41 - 55
- ◯ 56 - 70
- ◯ 70+
- ◯ Prefer not to Answer

6. How many people in your household fall into the following age brackets?

under 18	
18 - 25	
26 - 40	
41 - 55	
56 - 70	
70 +	
Prefer not to Answer	

7. What is your employment status?

- ◯ Employed - Not Self-Employed
- ◯ Self-Employed
- ◯ Student
- ◯ Retired
- ◯ Unemployed
- ◯ On Assistance
- ◯ Multiple Occupations

8. Are you employed full time or part time?

- ◯ Full Time
- ◯ Part Time

9. Which of the following are you planning to do within the next 5 years? Check all that apply.

- ☐ Become a year-round resident
- ☐ Move out of town
- ☐ Move out of state
- ☐ Sell vacant land to Gouldsboro
- ☐ Purchase land in Gouldsboro
- ☐ Subdivide land in Goulddboro
- ☐ Purchase a house for year round leaving in Gouldsboro
- ☐ Purchase a house for seasonal living in Gouldsboro
- ☐ Purchase a house for use as a short-term rental in Gouldsboro
- ☐ Remain in Gouldsboro/no changes

10. Please rate the following economic goals for the Town:

	Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Not Sure
Promote a strong economy that enhances quality of life.	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Create quality employment and opportunities for business ownership.	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Attract new businesses to town.	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Keep established businesses and industries in Gouldsboro.	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯

11. Bar Harbor recently passed an ordinance limiting the amount of housing that may be used for short-term rentals. Should Gouldsboro consider a similar ordinance?

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

12. If Yes on question 11, please select from the following options (multiple selections ok).

- ☐ Town ordinance to limite percentage of short-term rentals.
- ☐ Encourage building more affordable housing.
- ☐ Other (please specify)

13. Do you support the following municipal actions to assist homeowners with financial needs to address upgrades and repairs?

	Yes	No
Provide educational and outreach materials about energy audit and upgrade programs and supports?	◯	◯
Help residents connect with Downeast Community Partners and other resources?	◯	◯

Your own idea (write answer here).

14. Please rank the following statements:

	Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Not Sure
Preserving existing agricultural land should be a priority for Gouldsboro	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
An initiative for a Community Garden to benefit local residents should be a priority.	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Local food production (including family farm, fishing, and small-scale aquaculture) is important to the economic development of Gouldsboro.	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯

15. Should there be more water quality monitoring and a plan to reduce/remediate sources of pollution?

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

16. How important are the following to Gouldsboro? Check for each.

	Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Not Sure
Air Quality	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Preserving Existing Farmland	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Preserving Existing Forest Land	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Protecting Groundwater	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Protecting Rivers and Streams	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Protecting Scenic Views	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Protecting Wetlands	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Protecting Wildlife Habitats	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯

17. Do you support the Town facilitating more public access to salt water and the shoreline?

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

18. Do you support the Town dredging harbors to allow for more moorings and safe passage of larger vessels?

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

19. Do you support the Town creating more public boat ramps and launches?

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

20. Do you support the Town encouraging more commercial fishing?

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

21. Do you support large scale aquaculture leases and operations within Gouldsboro?

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

22. Do you support expanded access to freshwater resources in Gouldsboro?

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

23. Do you support the Town increasing parking at fresh and salt water access locations?

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

24. How important are the following recreational and cultural resources to Gouldsboro?

	Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Not Sure
Historic Buildings and Museums	○	○	○	○	○
Libraries	○	○	○	○	○
Community Events & Festivities	○	○	○	○	○
Performing Arts Facilities	○	○	○	○	○
Art Galleries, Studios and Related Facilities	○	○	○	○	○
Community Centers	○	○	○	○	○
Places of Faith	○	○	○	○	○
Sports Facilities & Gyms	○	○	○	○	○

25. What recreational activities do members of your household engage in? Select all that apply.

- ☐ Running
- ☐ Swimming
- ☐ Kayaking/Canoeing
- ☐ Tennis
- ☐ Bicycling - Road and or Mountain
- ☐ Walking
- ☐ Basketball
- ☐ Paintball
- ☐ Picnicking/ Cooking Outdoors
- ☐ Hunting
- ☐ Fishing
- ☐ Mudding
- ☐ Soccer
- ☐ Baseball
- ☐ Golf
- ☐ Cross-country Skiing
- ☐ ATVing/Snowmobiling

26. How do you rank Gouldsboro planning and working towards creating a multi-use recreational trail system that connects with a larger network within the region?

- ○ Very Important
- ○ Important
- ○ Somewhat Important
- ○ Not Important
- ○ Not Sure

27. How do you rank planning and development of bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure to improve the safety of these users?

- ◯ Very Important
- ◯ Important
- ◯ Somewhat Important
- ◯ Not Important
- ◯ Not Sure

28. Should the town support research, documentation and preservation of historical and archeological sites and artifacts?

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

29. Please rank the following public facilities and services in Gouldsboro

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Not Sure
Fire Protection	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Library Service	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Police Protection	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Recycling/Trash Collection	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Parks & Recreation	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Electric Service	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Snow Removal	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Storm Water Management	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Sports facilities and events (recreation)	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Emergency Medical Services	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Condition of Town Roads	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Safety of Bicycling on Town Roads	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Town Office Customer Service	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Elected & Appointment Town Officials	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯

30. Do you feel you get good value for your tax dollars?

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

31. What type of development would you like to see in Gouldsboro during the next 10 years? Select all that apply.

	Yes	No
Development of any kind	◯	◯
Agriculture/Forestry	◯	◯
Commercial (trade/service/retail)	◯	◯
Gas Stations	◯	◯
Heavy Industry	◯	◯
Inns, Bed and Breakfasts, Hotels	◯	◯
Light Industry	◯	◯
Medical	◯	◯
Offices	◯	◯
Residential	◯	◯
Restaurants	◯	◯
Large Scale Aquaculture	◯	◯

32. Maintaining the Rural character of Gouldsboro is important.

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

33. Please select where you think it is most appropriate for the following land uses to occur.

	Anywhere	In Designated Areas	Close to Village Centers	No Where	Not Sure
Development of any kind	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Agriculture/Forestry	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Commercial (trade/service/retail)	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Gas Stations	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Heavy Industry	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Inns, Bed and Breakfasts, Hotels	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Light Industry	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Medical	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Offices	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Residential	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Restaurants	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Large Scale Aquaculture	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯

34. Do the current land use controls, such as Shoreland zoning and site-review ordinance provide enough protection?

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

35. Should the town consider town wide zoning?

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No
- ◯ Other

36. Do you currently have internet service?

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No
- ◯ Provider Name

37. What is your main use for the internet?

38. If HighSpeed internet were available for your household

- ◯ Definitely
- ◯ Maybe
- ◯ Probably Not

39. How important do you feel it is to have a climate change plan

- ◯ Extremely important
- ◯ Very important
- ◯ Somewhat important
- ◯ Not so important
- ◯ Not at all important

40. Please check the following statements you agree with regarding climate

- ☐ It poses a serious threat for people around the world.
- ☐ It poses a serious threat to me and my family.
- ☐ Global climate change is caused mostly by human activity.
- ☐ Climate change is happening now.
- ☐ Global climate change is not occurring.
- ☐ Problems and impacts of climate change are underestimated in the news.
- ☐ Global temperatures have changed compared to the previous decade.