Welcome!
Thank you for your interest in the 2022 Penobscot Comprehensive Plan. This survey –a vital step in the public engagement portion of the planning process– is designed to gather input from the Penobscot community on topics that are of great significance to the future of our community, including demographics, land use, development and housing. Your feedback is important.
The survey will remain open until August 31, 2022. There are 38 questions, and the anticipated finish time is 20-30 minutes. Click or scroll down to advance to the next question in the survey. Please fill out responses to all questions. Alternatively, you can pick up a copy of the survey at the Town Hall office and the Penobscot Post Office.
Please return all hard copies of the survey to the Town Hall office.
Your responses to this survey are completely anonymous and cannot be traced back to the respondent.
Please visit http://penobscotmaine.org/comprehensive-plan/ for more information about the Penobscot Comprehensive Planning process.
Thank you for your time.
The Comprehensive Planning Committee

1. What aspects of Penobscot's quality of life or character are most important to you?

2. What issues do you anticipate the Town of Penobscot will face during the next decade? During the next 20 years?

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

Please use the space below to offer your thoughts to the Comprehensive Plan Committee.

3. Are you a seasonal or year-round resident of Penobscot? *(Select 1)*
Penobscot is my:

- ◯ Primary Residence (live in Penobscot more than six months per year).
- ◯ Seasonal Residence (not my primary residence)
- ◯ Other type of residence (please specify)

4. Do you own the dwelling in which you live? *(Select 1)*

- ◯ Own
- ◯ Live with parents/other family member(s)
- ◯ Rent
- ◯ Other (please specify)

5. What is the type of dwelling in which you live? (*Select 1*)

- ◯ Mobile home
- ◯ Multi-family housing
- ◯ Single-family house
- ◯ Other (please specify)

6. How many people usually live in your Penobscot dwelling when people are residing there?

7. In the last 5 years, how many months a year do you typically live in Penobscot? *(Average number of months)*

8. How many years have you been visiting or staying in Penobscot?

9. During the next 5 years do you expect to *(Select 1)*:

- ◯ Move permanently to Penobscot
- ◯ Spend more time in Penobscot
- ◯ Spend the same amount of time in Penobscot
- ◯ Spend less time in Penobscot
- ◯ Move away permanently from Penobscot
- ◯ Other (please specify)

10. Which of the following do you expect to do during the next 5 years? *(Check all that apply)*

- [ ] Provide land in Penobscot for a family member to build a home
- [ ] Sell vacant land in Penobscot
- [ ] Subdivide and sell my land in Penobscot
- [ ] Retire or not work full-time
- [ ] Start a business in my residence
- [ ] Start a business in Penobscot outside my residence
- [ ] None of these
- [ ] Other (please specify)

11. Do you expect to rent or sell your Penobscot real estate to others in the next 5 years? *(Check all that apply)*

- [ ] Rent Long-term
- [ ] Rent Short-term / Vacation
- [ ] Sell
- [ ] None of these
- [ ] Other (please specify)

12. What is your employment status? *(Select 1)*

- ( ) Disabled
- ( ) Employed Full-time
- ( ) Employed Part-time
- ( ) Retired
- ( ) Self-employed
- ( ) Student
- ( ) Unemployed
- ( ) Other (please specify)

13. In what city or town do you (or other adults in your home) work? *(Check all that apply)*

- [ ] Penobscot
- [ ] Bangor
- [ ] Blue Hill
- [ ] Bucksport
- [ ] Castine
- [ ] Ellsworth
- [ ] Stonington-Deer Isle
- [ ] Multiple work sites
- [ ] Other (please specify)

14. If you commute to your workplace, what is the one-way distance to your workplace? *(Check all that apply)*

- [ ] Work from home
- [ ] Varies from day to day
- [ ] Enter approximate number of miles, one-way, or leave an "other" comment:
- [ ] Not applicable

15. In what section (neighborhood) of Penobscot do you live (year-round or seasonally)? *(Select 1)*

- ◯ North Penobscot
- ◯ South Penobscot
- ◯ West Penobscot
- ◯ The Village
- ◯ Toddy Pond
- ◯ Other (please specify)

16. What is your age? *(Please specify)*

17. Please indicate the number of people (including yourself) that usually are within your Penobscot dwelling and that fall within the stated age groups:

0 to 4	
5 to 9	
10 to 14	
15 to 19	
20 to 29	
30 to 39	
40 to 49	
50 to 59	
60 to 69	
Over 70	

18. During the next 10 years, I would like Penobscot's population to *(Select 1)*:

- ◯ Increase somewhat
- ◯ Increase substantially
- ◯ Stay the same
- ◯ Decrease somewhat
- ◯ Decrease substantially
- ◯ Don't know/Unsure
- ◯ Other (please specify)

19. Do you favor protecting the following resources from impacts of development? If not, select “no”. *(Check one per row)*

	Yes	No	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	◯	◯	◯

Please comment on any other resources not listed:

20. In your opinion, which developments/land uses should Penobscot encourage in the next decade, and where? *(Check one per row)*

	Anywhere	Only in designated areas	Close to Village Centers	Nowhere	Undecided
Agriculture	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Apartment buildings	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Aquaculture	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Automobile maintenance and service	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Boat building	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Boat maintenance and service	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Commercial (trade/services)	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Community solar panel fields/arrays	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Community wind	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯

energy turbines					
Gas stations					
Forest management					
Heavy Industry					
Inns, B&Bs, hotels					
Light manufacturing					
Medical/health facility					
Mobile home park					
Mobile homes (not in a park)					
Multi-family housing other than apartment buildings					
Office- based business					
Public campgrounds					
Renewable energy (commercial)					
Residential (all types)					
Restaurants					
Retail shopping					
Seasonal rentals/residences					
Short-term rental accommodations (such as AirBnB)					
Single family housing other than mobile homes					
Tiny homes					
Unrestricted development					

Please comment on any other developments land uses not listed:

21. What tools should Penobscot use to guide land use and development in the future? *(Check all that apply)*

- [ ] Voluntary and educational programs
- [ ] Conservation programs
- [ ] Economic incentives
- [ ] Town ordinances
- [ ] No action. Wait and see.
- [ ] Other (please specify)

22. How responsive is the Town's government to your needs? *(Select 1)*

- ◯ Very responsive
- ◯ Somewhat responsive
- ◯ Not very responsive
- ◯ Not at all responsive
- ◯ Don't know/Unsure

23. What can the Town's government do to improve service to residents?

24. Please provide your opinion on the Town services, facilities, and opportunities: *(Check one per row)*

	Very Good	Good	Adequate	Needs Improvement	Don't Know/Not Sure
Affordable housing	○	○	○	○	○
Bicycle rider safety	○	○	○	○	○
Cemeteries	○	○	○	○	○
Commercial fishing vessel access to boat moorings	○	○	○	○	○
Fire protection	○	○	○	○	○
Pedestrian safety	○	○	○	○	○
Public access to boat moorings	○	○	○	○	○
Public access to fresh water	○	○	○	○	○
Public access to salt water	○	○	○	○	○
Public elementary and middle school **education**	○	○	○	○	○
Public elementary and middle school **facility**	○	○	○	○	○
Public transportation	○	○	○	○	○
Recycling	○	○	○	○	○
Recreational programs	○	○	○	○	○
Road maintenance (town roads only)	○	○	○	○	○
Road maintenance (state-maintained roads only)	○	○	○	○	○
Snow removal/sanding	○	○	○	○	○
Town enforcement of state and town laws and ordinances	○	○	○	○	○
Town-maintained recreational areas	○	○	○	○	○
Traffic speed control	○	○	○	○	○
Transfer station	○	○	○	○	○

25. Please provide your opinion of the following services that are shared by the Town of Penobscot with other communities:

	Very Good	Good	Adequate	Needs Improvement	Don't Know/Not Sure
Ambulance responsiveness and service	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Dental care	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Disability care	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Elderly care	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Hospital care	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Police protection	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Primary medical doctor care	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Public high school	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Public library	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Senior citizen services	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Solid waste disposal availability	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
State enforcement of laws and regulations	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯

26. Do you pay Penobscot property taxes?

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

27. What do you think of the current property tax structure? *(Select 1)*

- ◯ The taxes are too low.
- ◯ The taxes are fair.
- ◯ The taxes are too high.
- ◯ Not Sure / Don't Know

28. Recognizing that improvements and protections can incur tax increases, do you favor increasing property taxes for such improvements and protections?

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

29. Should the taxes be increased to improve existing and/or additional Town responsibilities?

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

30. Maintaining the rural way of life in Penobscot is *(Select 1)*:

- ◯ Extremely important
- ◯ Somewhat important
- ◯ Unimportant
- ◯ Don't know/Unsure

31. Please provide your opinion of the following aspects of community life: *(Select one per row)*

	Needs improvement or attention right away	Needs improvement or attention	Needs study	Not an issue	Don’t know/ Not sure
Affordable housing/housing costs	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Air quality	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Bicycle paths/lanes	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Job opportunities locally	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Off-road trails for multi-users	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Pedestrian paths or trails	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Pedestrian sidewalks	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Population growth	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Potable water/water quality	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Public transportation	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Senior citizen services	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Summer traffic	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Youth services	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Conserved Land for Public Use	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯

Please comment on any other aspects of community life not listed:

32. During the past three years, to what extent have you experienced or observed the following in Penobscot? *(Select one per row)*

	Frequently	Somewhat	Not At All	Not Sure
Changes in habitat for marine species	◯	◯	◯	◯

Changes in habitat for non-marine species, e.g., wildlife, birds	○	○	○	○
Changes in trees, plant life	○	○	○	○
Coastal erosion	○	○	○	○
Coastal flooding	○	○	○	○
Diminished catches/harvests	○	○	○	○
Higher property-insurance premiums due to flood/weather risk	○	○	○	○
Made a weather-related property-insurance claim	○	○	○	○
Increase in coastal water temperatures	○	○	○	○
Increased operational maintenance, repairs after a storm	○	○	○	○
Increased property damage from natural storm events	○	○	○	○
Inland flooding	○	○	○	○
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 up	○	○	○	○
Shoreline change	○	○	○	○
Storm surge	○	○	○	○
Unusually high tides	○	○	○	○

Other (please specify)

33. What particular environmental risk to your community concerns you the most? *(Select 1)*

- ◯ Extreme heat
- ◯ Flooding
- ◯ Drought
- ◯ Sea level rise
- ◯ Water shortages
- ◯ Wildfires
- ◯ Extreme weather events
- ◯ Less snow
- ◯ Warmer oceans
- ◯ Other (please specify)

  [ ]
- ◯ Not concerned

34. What aspect of your community are you most concerned will be harmed by changing environmental conditions? *(Select 1)*

- ◯ People's health
- ◯ Wetlands, coastlines & intertidal zones
- ◯ Wildlife
- ◯ Maine economy
- ◯ Agriculture
- ◯ Fishing & aquaculture
- ◯ Forests
- ◯ Inland waters (lakes, rivers)
- ◯ Drinking water
- ◯ Roads, bridges, wharfs & public buildings
- ◯ Outdoor recreation (hiking, skiing, hunting, fishing)
- ◯ Privately owned land & buildings
- ◯ Public land & parks

35. How involved should the Town of Penobscot be in finding ways to address effects of climate change? *(Select 1)*

- ◯ Very involved
- ◯ Involved
- ◯ Wait and See

36. What actions should the Town of Penobscot take to address the effects of climate change? *(Check all that apply.)*

- [ ] Set up a Climate Change Committee to study potential impacts and make recommendations.
- [ ] Seek state and federal grants to implement climate change strategies.
- [ ] Provide incentives for landowners to adapt properties to address climate change effects.
- [ ] Promote ordinances to address effects of climate change such as land use ordinances, limiting lot size, establishing flood walls, etc.
- [ ] Encourage property owners to move structures away from threatened areas.
- [ ] No action. Wait and see.

37. What is your annual household income? *(Select 1)*

- ◯ Less than $5,000
- ◯ $5,000-$9,999
- ◯ $10,000-$14,999
- ◯ $15,000-$19,999
- ◯ $20,000-$24,999
- ◯ $25,000-$34,999
- ◯ $35,000-$49,999
- ◯ $50,000-$74,999
- ◯ $75,000-$99,999
- ◯ $100,000-$149,999
- ◯ $150,000-$249,999
- ◯ $250,000 or more
- ◯ Prefer not to answer

38. How many people in your household are submitting a separate survey?