

## Chelmsford Master Plan Survey

The Chelmsford Master Plan Committee is updating the Town's Master Plan and would like your help. Please share your thoughts, opinions and ideas regarding the Town and its future by participating in this survey. The survey can also be completed online using the following link: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/chelmsfordmasterplan](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/chelmsfordmasterplan)

### **INFORMATION ABOUT OUR RESIDENTS**

1. Please provide the age of the person completing this survey: \_\_\_\_ years
  
2. How long have you lived in Chelmsford?  
 less than 2 years  
 2-5 years  
 6-10 years  
 11-20 years  
 more than 20 years
  
3. Please indicate how many individuals in each age category live in your household.  
18 years old and under \_\_\_\_\_  
19-25 years old \_\_\_\_\_  
26-40 years old \_\_\_\_\_  
41-50 years old \_\_\_\_\_  
51-64 years old \_\_\_\_\_  
65 years and over \_\_\_\_\_
  
4. Why do you choose to live in Chelmsford? Check all that apply.  
 community character/rural setting  
 proximity to employment  
 family roots/ties  
 tax rate  
 schools  
 cost of housing  
 community services  
 Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

5. How long do you intend to stay in Chelmsford?

\_\_\_ 1-5 years

\_\_\_ 6-10 years

\_\_\_ More than 10 years

6. What is the total annual income of all persons residing in your household?

\_\_\_ less than \$15,000

\_\_\_ \$15,000-\$24,999

\_\_\_ \$25,000-\$34,999

\_\_\_ \$35,000-\$49,999

\_\_\_ \$50,000-\$74,999

\_\_\_ \$75,000-\$99,999

\_\_\_ \$100,000-\$124,999

\_\_\_ \$125,000-149,999

\_\_\_ \$150,000 or more

**PERCEPTIONS AND OPINIONS ABOUT CHELMSFORD**

7. Please indicate whether you would rate the following services, facilities, and characteristics, as they relate to Chelmsford, as excellent, good, fair or poor.

|   | Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor | Unable to Score/<br>Unfamiliar |
|---|-----------|------|------|------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Municipal Services and Facilities</b>                                  |           |      |      |      |                                |
| Community Services provided by Town Hall offices                          |           |      |      |      |                                |
| Schools   |           |      |      |      |                                |
| Elder Services  |           |      |      |      |                                |
| Library   |           |      |      |      |                                |
| Public safety and emergency services (police, fire and ambulance service) |           |      |      |      |                                |
| Code Enforcement  |           |      |      |      |                                |
| Veterans Services   |           |      |      |      |                                |

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| Town Website  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Road maintenance  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hazardous waste collection  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Trash and recycling collection  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Animal Control  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Recreation (Community Ed)   |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Water Services (please rate your water district)</b>                   |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Chelmsford Water District   |  |  |  |  |  |
| East Chelmsford Water District  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Chelmsford Water District   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sewer Services  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Green Community Activities  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Public Health   |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Open Space and Recreation</b>  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of recreational facilities/opportunities                           |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mix/type of recreational facilities and programs                          |  |  |  |  |  |
| Amount of open space protected  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Accessibility of facilities and programs                                  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Housing</b>  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Diversity of housing types  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Housing affordability   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Available housing options for seniors                                     |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Transportation</b>   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Traffic flow  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Speeding enforcement  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Availability of pedestrian accommodations, such as pathways and sidewalks |  |  |  |  |  |
| Condition of sidewalks and pedestrian facilities                          |  |  |  |  |  |
| Roadway and intersection safety   |  |  |  |  |  |

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| Bicycle facilities and accommodations                  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Transportation for seniors and those with disabilities |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Economic Development</b>                            |  |  |  |  |  |
| Access to employment                                   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Availability and access to goods and services          |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Natural and Cultural Resources</b>                  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Protection of wetland and water resources              |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ground water and aquifers                              |  |  |  |  |  |
| Protection of wildlife habitat                         |  |  |  |  |  |
| Historic preservation                                  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Agricultural preservation                              |  |  |  |  |  |
| Forestry   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cultural and Community Events                          |  |  |  |  |  |

8. Chelmsford is actively engaged in an Age Friendly Initiative to further enhance its enviable suite of programs/services designed to improve the quality of life, mobility and independence of its residents. In order to assess the Town's unmet needs in these areas, it is critical to seek and receive inputs from the residents. On a scale of 1 to 5, how important is it for Chelmsford to have the following features?

|   | <b>Not Important</b> | <b>Slightly Important</b> | <b>Moderately Important</b> | <b>Very Important</b> | <b>Extremely Important</b> |
|---|----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| A centralized source of information relative to programs, facilities and services for older adults and those living with dementia |                      |                           |                             |                       |                            |
| Information available to non-English speaking residents upon request  |                      |                           |                             |                       |                            |
| Access to a public computer and/or internet access  |                      |                           |                             |                       |                            |
| Adequate access to information through the town's helplines   |                      |                           |                             |                       |                            |
| Support for family caregivers   |                      |                           |                             |                       |                            |
| Wellness programs and health care information   |                      |                           |                             |                       |                            |

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| Volunteer opportunities for older residents  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Adequate information about local and regional affordable housing options                                 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Reliable and adequate transportation services for older residents  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Programs to provide affordable home maintenance assistance and support for older residents based on need |  |  |  |  |  |
| Legal assistance and financial planning service for older residents                                      |  |  |  |  |  |
| Night/weekend transportation service for those in need   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Information about transportation options for those in need   |  |  |  |  |  |

9. In your opinion, list three of the most critical issues facing Chelmsford over the next ten years.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

10. What additional services do you believe the Town will need within the next five years?

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11. On a scale of 1 to 5, how important is it for the Town to establish any of the following as priorities?

| Potential Actions   | 1-Not important | 2-Slightly important | 3-Moderately important | 4-Very Important | 5-Extremely Important |
|---|-----------------|----------------------|------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Creating affordable housing   |                 |                      |                        |                  |                       |
| Creating housing for seniors  |                 |                      |                        |                  |                       |
| Adding sidewalks/pathways   |                 |                      |                        |                  |                       |
| Improving the public water infrastructure   |                 |                      |                        |                  |                       |
| Restricting or prohibiting business/ commercial development                                       |                 |                      |                        |                  |                       |
| Creating additional opportunities for small scale/neighborhood-style business establishments      |                 |                      |                        |                  |                       |
| Encouraging more intense economic development in strategic locations                              |                 |                      |                        |                  |                       |
| Encouraging activities based on agricultural, open space, and recreational assets and attractions |                 |                      |                        |                  |                       |
| Revising the zoning regulations to allow single-family homes on smaller lots in certain areas     |                 |                      |                        |                  |                       |
| Creating design guidelines for new development  |                 |                      |                        |                  |                       |
| Adopting additional energy efficiency and renewable energy initiatives, such as solar             |                 |                      |                        |                  |                       |
| Increasing available accommodations for non-motorized transportation (pedestrians and bicycles)   |                 |                      |                        |                  |                       |
| Acquiring additional open space   |                 |                      |                        |                  |                       |
| Protecting additional agricultural lands  |                 |                      |                        |                  |                       |
| Historic preservation   |                 |                      |                        |                  |                       |

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| Providing public transportation                                      |  |  |  |  |  |
| Improving utilities, such as electric service and telecommunications |  |  |  |  |  |
| Adding new recreation facilities or programs                         |  |  |  |  |  |
| Taking steps to address the impacts of climate change                |  |  |  |  |  |

12. If every Chelmsford resident were given \$100 in town funds, which three projects or initiatives would you fund with your share?

add new sidewalks/pathways

support new businesses

enhance the school budget

create affordable housing

Improve town buildings

Improve school buildings

purchase additional open space

support agricultural preservation

support historic preservation

improve/repave town roads

create a new recreation area or program

enhance public safety and emergency response services (police, fire, ambulance)

create more senior housing

increase library operating hours

