

Winn Community Survey

Town of Winn, ME



What is a comprehensive plan and why are we writing one?

The Town of Winn is beginning the process of writing a comprehensive plan, a planning document that guides the future growth of our community. A comprehensive plan qualifies communities for preferred status with many state competitive grant and loan programs, provides legal protection for your community's ordinances, helps sustain rural living, and balances economic prosperity with quality of life. Most importantly, a comprehensive plan provides the opportunity to unite the community over a common vision for the future.

The purpose of this survey is to determine public perceptions of Winn's quality of life, opportunities and challenges. Completing this survey should take less than 15 minutes of your time. Your participation is voluntary and you do not have to answer any questions you don't wish to. All responses to this survey will be confidential and used for planning purposes only. *Please complete this survey only once.

1. **What is your age?**

Mark only one oval.

☐ 18 - 29

☐ 30 - 40

☐ 40 - 50

☐ 50 - 60

☐ 60 - 74

☐ 75+

2. **Please list the number of people who live in your household by age:**

3. **What best describes you?**

Mark only one oval.

☐ Full-time resident

☐ Landowner only

☐ Non-resident landowner

4. **How long have you resided or owned property in Winn?**

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Five years or less
- ☐ 6 - 10 years
- ☐ 11 - 20 years
- ☐ More than 20 years

5. **Do you: (Please select all that apply)**

Check all that apply.

- ☐ Own
- ☐ Rent
- ☐ Share a home
- ☐ Have undeveloped land

6. **Which best describes you?**

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Full-time employee
- ☐ Part-time employee
- ☐ Self-employed
- ☐ Work from home
- ☐ Retired
- ☐ Disabled
- ☐ Veteran
- ☐ Homemaker

7. **If employed, what is your occupation?**

8. **What do you like the most about living in Winn? Please select your top three choices.**

Check all that apply.

- ☐ Cost of living
- ☐ Quality of education/schools
- ☐ Low population density
- ☐ Recreational opportunities
- ☐ Good place to raise a family
- ☐ Feeling of safety
- ☐ Caring community
- ☐ Employment opportunities
- ☐ Affordable Housing (specifically for the elderly)
- ☐ Other: _____

9. **What do you dislike the most about living in Winn? Please select your top three choices.**

Check all that apply.

- ☐ Cost of property taxes
- ☐ Lack of affordable housing
- ☐ Lack of entertainment activities
- ☐ Lack of affordable / fast internet
- ☐ Lack of dining choices
- ☐ Lack of retail stores
- ☐ Lack of grocery stores
- ☐ Lack of law enforcement services
- ☐ Economic activity/opportunity
- ☐ Low population density
- ☐ Access to municipal services
- ☐ Lack of affordable elderly housing
- ☐ Other: _____

10. **How satisfied are you with the administrative services offered by the town (vehicle registration, property titles, deeds, tax collection, etc.)?**

Mark only one oval.

☐ Satisfied

☐ Not satisfied

11. **Is the level of police protection adequate?**

Check all that apply.

☐ Yes

☐ No

12. **Are there any additional services you would like to see offered?**

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

13. **If you answered "yes" to the previous question, what type of services?**

14. **Is the road service adequate? (including maintenance, plowing, debris collection)**

Check all that apply.

☐ Yes

☐ No

15. **How satisfied are you with the current level of waste management provided by your town?**

Mark only one oval.

☐ Satisfied

☐ Not satisfied

16. **Maine's Town Tuition Program, launched in 1873, allows students from a town without a public school - such as Winn - to attend either a public school in another district or a private school. Funds to private schools do not exceed the amount spent on public schools, with parents paying any additional tuition costs and transportation. Do you think this is a positive or a negative draw among parents deciding to relocate to Winn?**

Mark only one oval.

☐ Positive draw for parents

☐ Negative draw for parents

17. **Winn's population and economy have remained consistent for many years - neither growing nor contracting. How satisfied are you with this?**

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Not at all satisfied
- ☐ Partly satisfied
- ☐ Satisfied
- ☐ More than satisfied

18. **If you live off-grid or own property you haven't built on, do you have access to electric power?**

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

19. **Do you recycle and/or compost?**

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

20. **If you answered "No" to the question above, would you recycling if it was more convenient and/or compost if given the materials to do so?**

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

21. **Do you encourage solar and/or wind installation?**

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

22. **Should town facilities utilize solar and/or wind installation?**

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

23. **What word would best describe the reliability of your electric power?**

Mark only one oval.

☐ Poor

☐ Adequate

☐ Excellent

24. **Do you own an electric vehicle?**

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

25. **What word would best describe the reliability of your cell phone coverage?**

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Poor
- ☐ Adequate
- ☐ Excellent

26. **Would you like to see other recreational opportunities provided? If yes, please list.**

27. **Which of the following Land Use items would you like to see used for the town? (Please check all that apply)**

Check all that apply.

- ☐ Residential
- ☐ Retail Business
- ☐ Industrial/Commercial
- ☐ High-density (apartment, housing developments)
- ☐ Agriculture/Farming
- ☐ Recreational
- ☐ Town Facilities
- ☐ Public Use (parks, community center, etc.)
- ☐ Forest/Undeveloped
- ☐ Other

28. **Which of the following Ordinances would you like to see adopted by the town? (Please check all that apply)**

Check all that apply.

- ☐ Land Use Zoning
☐ Building/Construction
☐ Environmental Protection
☐ Other: _____

29. **What word would best describe your internet access?**

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Poor
☐ Adequate
☐ Excellent

30. **What type of business development would you like to see in Winn? Please check all that apply.**

Check all that apply.

- ☐ Home business
☐ Restaurants
☐ Business park
☐ Grocery store
☐ Camp/bait store
☐ Entertainment
☐ Home schooling resource center
☐ Other: _____

31. **If you selected "Other" above, please indicate:**

32. **Next to each option below, please indicate the following types of residential development you would like to see more, less, or no change of in Winn.**

Mark only one oval per row.

	Less	No change	More
Apartments/townhomes	☐	☐	☐
Starter homes	☐	☐	☐
Moderate homes	☐	☐	☐
Low income/public housing	☐	☐	☐
Senior/assisted living	☐	☐	☐
Tiny home	☐	☐	☐
Mobile Home parks	☐	☐	☐
Other	☐	☐	☐

33. **If you selected "Other" above, please indicate:**

34. **By what form of communication do you prefer to be notified of public community meetings and community news?**

Check all that apply.

- ☐ Postal mail
- ☐ Newspaper
- ☐ Town of Winn website
- ☐ Email
- ☐ Bulletin board in the Town Office

35. **Please give your overall impression of Winn.**

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Thriving
- ☐ Stable
- ☐ Declining
- ☐ Struggling

For Youth

If there are any youth in your household, they are welcome to share their perspective by responding to the following questions.

36. **What do you like the most about Winn?**

37. **If you could change anything about Winn, what would it be?**

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38. **Is there anything you would like to add?**
