

The Master Plan subcommittee of the Thornton Planning Board is in the process of updating the town's Master Plan. As part of that process, we have designed this questionnaire to determine how residents would like to see the Town of Thornton evolve over the next 5 –10 years.

Select all that apply. All household members may fill out a survey, but please, only one (1) per person.

**Once completed, mail back your survey or drop off at Town Hall.**

**PLEASE SUBMIT BY OCTOBER 12, 2022**

Save a stamp, and complete this survey **online**:

<https://bit.ly/ThorntonMP2022>

or scan the QR code



Thank you for your participation.

**RESIDENCY**

**1. Are you a:**

- a. Permanent year round resident of Thornton, NH
- b. Seasonal or Part Time resident of Thornton, NH
- c. Non-resident property owner of Thornton, NH

**1a. If you are a permanent resident, what is your type of housing?**

- a. Single family
- b. Condominium
- c. Mobile home
- d. Rental unit
- e. Other

**1b. If you are a permanent resident, what is your employment status?**

- a. Full time
- b. Part time
- c. Retired
- d. Self Employed/Work Remotely
- d. Other

**1c. If you are not a permanent resident, do you plan to become one in the next 5 – 10 years?**

- a. Yes
- b. No

**1d. Once a permanent resident, what kind of housing will you live in?**

- a. Single family
- b. Condominium
- c. Mobile Home
- d. Rental Unit

**1e. Once a permanent resident, will you:**

- a. Seek employment
- b. Start a business
- c. Work Remotely
- d. Retire

**DEVELOPMENT**

**2. Please rate the type of development you would like to see in the next 5 –10 years.**

	Would Not Like to See			Would Like to See		No Opinion
Industrial	1	2	3	4	5	
Commercial	1	2	3	4	5	
Residential	1	2	3	4	5	
Agricultural	1	2	3	4	5	
Recreational	1	2	3	4	5	

**2a. Please rate the type of residential housing you would like to see developed over the next 5 –10 years.**

	Would Not Like to See			Would Like to See		No Opinion
Single family	1	2	3	4	5	
Cluster/Condo	1	2	3	4	5	
Workforce Housing	1	2	3	4	5	
Multi Family	1	2	3	4	5	
Second Home/Resort	1	2	3	4	5	

**2b. Please rate the type of businesses you would like to see developed over the next 5 –10 years.**

	Would Not Like to See			Would Like to See		No Opinion
Retail	1	2	3	4	5	
Lodging	1	2	3	4	5	
Restaurants	1	2	3	4	5	
Home Businesses	1	2	3	4	5	
Recreational	1	2	3	4	5	
Industrial	1	2	3	4	5	

**LAND USE**

**3. Would you support using town funds to purchase land for special use?**

- a. Yes
- b. No

**3a. If yes, what types of use are you in favor of? (check all that apply)**

- a. Recreation
- b. Protection of wetlands
- c. Open Space
- d. Community gardens
- e. Other

**3b. Are you in favor of the town making changes to the zoning districts to better reflect how the current zones are being used?**

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Unsure

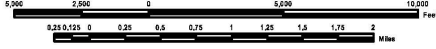
**3c. If yes, what zones are you in favor of making changes to? (check all that apply)**

- a. Rural Residential
- b. General Residential
- c. Recreational
- d. Commercial

# ZONING MAP OF THORNTON NEW HAMPSHIRE



SCALE: 1" = 5000'

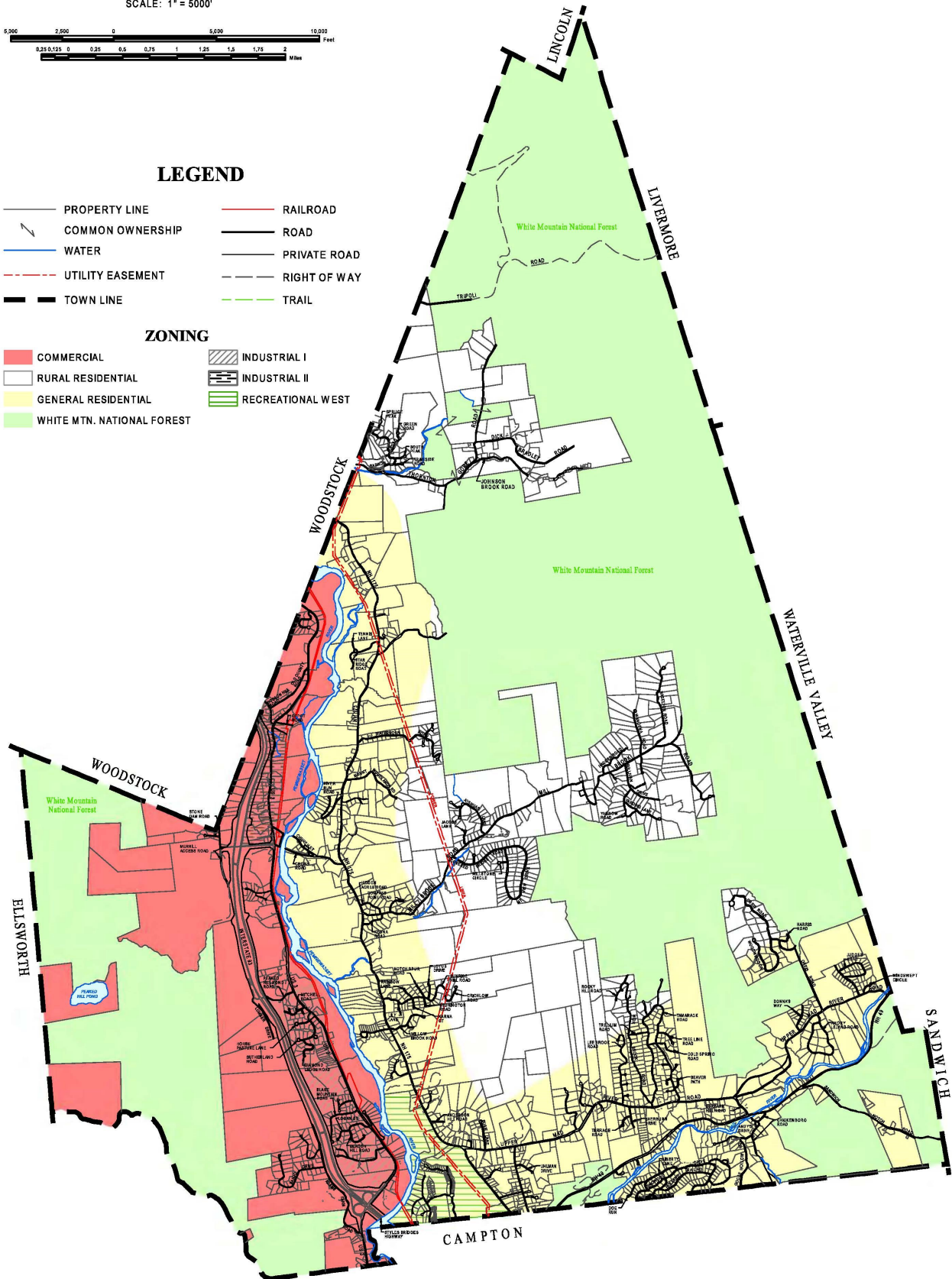


## LEGEND

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|------------------|--------------|
| PROPERTY LINE    | RAILROAD     |
| COMMON OWNERSHIP | ROAD         |
| WATER            | PRIVATE ROAD |
| UTILITY EASEMENT | RIGHT OF WAY |
| TOWN LINE        | TRAIL        |

## ZONING

- |                            |                   |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| COMMERCIAL                 | INDUSTRIAL I      |
| RURAL RESIDENTIAL          | INDUSTRIAL II     |
| GENERAL RESIDENTIAL        | RECREATIONAL WEST |
| WHITE MTN. NATIONAL FOREST |                   |



### **Rural Residence Zone**

In the Rural Residence Zone, land, buildings and structures may be used and buildings and structures may be erected or altered only for the following uses:

- Single family dwellings or multi-family housing containing not more than ten apartment units, housing one family per unit.
- Greenhouses and nurseries.
- Home occupations as defined in *General Provisions: D. Home Occupation* of this Ordinance.
- Roadside stands when accessory to the premises on which they stand and clearly incidental to the use of the premises for residential purposes.
- Golf Courses.
- Aircraft landing fields and landing strips.
- Cemeteries.
- Manufactured housing per RSA 674:31. Clustered development of manufactured housing is not permitted.
- Non-commercial uses accessory to the above uses.
- Public Parks.
- Renting of rooms and furnishing of board in; private, owner occupied, family dwellings, to resident guests on a long-term or short-term basis.
- Cluster Development.
- State Licensed Day Care Facilities serving non-residential persons less than 16 individuals shall be allowed in every zone.
- The Planning Board shall have the authority to adopt regulations and approve a campground so long as it meets all state requirements in the area in which it is proposed.
- Small Wind Energy Systems.
- Special Events.

### **General Residence Zone**

In a General Residence Zone, land, building and structures may be used and buildings and structures may be erected or altered only for the following uses:

- Any use allowed in the Rural Residence Zone.
- Churches, non-profit schools, colleges, including dormitories, hospitals and sanitariums.
- Recreational buildings designed and proposed to be part of a residential subdivision development shall be individually considered for approval by the Planning Board. Such structures shall be approved if the Planning Board finds that they will be for convenience of the development's residents only.
- Non-commercial uses accessory to the above uses.

### **Recreational Zone West**

In the Recreational Zone West, the following applies:

Any use allowed in the Rural Residential Zone or General Residential Zone is allowed.

- The Planning Board shall have the authority, pursuant to RSA 674:21, to adopt regulations and grant approvals in appropriate cases for the following uses:  
Lodges, Clubhouses, Hotels, Restaurants, Recreational Buildings, Meeting rooms, shops and offices contained within approved buildings, Residential Developments, Commercial indoor and outdoor recreational activities and related facilities and improvements to serve the same; such activities may include, but not be limited to golf, tennis, swimming, cross country skiing, horseback riding, snowmobiling, hiking and bicycling.

### **Commercial Zone**

In the Commercial Zone, land, buildings and structures may be used and buildings and structures may be erected only for the following uses:

- Any use allowed in the Rural Zone, General Residence Zone and Recreational Zone West.
- Grocery and drug stores, outdoor theaters, meat and fruit markets, restaurants, automobile service stations, auto sales and repair shops, auto parking lots, barber and beauty shops, business and professional offices, hotels, motels, trailer parks, manufactured housing parks, RV parks and any retail business or other business which provides financial or personal services for the convenience of the general public. Off-street parking facilities must be provided.

### **Industrial Zones I & II**

In an Industrial Zone, land, buildings, and structures may be used and buildings and structures may be erected only for the following:

- Any use allowed in the Rural Zone, General Residence Zone, Commercial Zone and Recreational Zone West.
- Manufacturing, processing, and treatment.
- Warehousing and storage.
- Distribution and transportation.
- Research laboratories.
- Retail facilities and services accessory to principal permitted uses.
- Accessory buildings and uses.
- The above uses are permitted, except for those involving the manufacture or wholesale distribution of creosote, disinfectant, insecticide, poisons, cement, lime, gypsum, plaster of Paris, blast furnace, gasoline, petroleum, kerosene, paint, varnish, or shellac. Storage or disposal of nuclear waste is prohibited.

OTHER

**4. Would you be in favor of alternative fuel/electric car charging stations in Thornton?**

- a. Yes
- b. No

**4a. Would you be in favor of park-and-ride lots in Thornton?**

- a. Yes
- b. No

**5. Is your existing internet access sufficient for your needs?**

- a. Yes
- b. No

**6. Please rate your satisfaction with the following town services:**

	Unsatisfied			Very Satisfied	No Opinion
Emergency Services	1	2	3	4	5
Planning/Zoning	1	2	3	4	5
Recreational facilities	1	2	3	4	5
Library Services	1	2	3	4	5
Road maintenance	1	2	3	4	5
Transfer Station	1	2	3	4	5

**7. What type of recreational facilities would you like to have in Thornton (check all that apply):**

- a. Hiking Trails & Parking
- b. Mountain Biking Trails & Parking
- c. River Kayaking, Swimming & Tubing Put-In & Take-Out Locations and Parking
- d. Picnic Areas
- e. Sports Fields (baseball/softball, frisbee golf, etc.)
- f. Sports Courts (basketball, pickleball, etc.)
- g. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**8. Would you like to see the town enact a noise ordinance?**

- a. Yes
- b. No

**OTHER**

**9. How do you like to find out about town events? (check all that apply)**

- a. Town website
- b. Social media
- c. Newspaper
- d. Word of mouth
- e. Other

**9a. What is your favorite type of event?** \_\_\_\_\_

**9b. Please list here any personal comments, concerns or ideas that you have about development in the town over the next 5 – 10 years. Feel free to elaborate on any of your previous answers. Attach additional**

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