

Help Us Map Old Orchard Beach's Next 10 Years

Welcome to the Comprehensive Plan Survey!

About the Comprehensive Plan

The Comprehensive Plan is the official document that describes and illustrates a vision for the future economic, social and physical characteristics of our town in the years ahead and outlines policies and guidelines to implement that vision. This survey will help create the foundation to which we'll build our 10 year vision of OOB. We all have a stake in the town's future and it is through this survey where your opinion and feedback will be considered and applied to the future growth and development of our town.

Survey Instructions

Please take a few minutes and provide your thoughts on the following questions. We have left room for commentary but feel free to attach additional pages if you'd like to tell us more! If there is more than one person in the household that would like to take the survey, you may photocopy, download at http://www.oobmaine.com/Pages/OldOrchardBeachME_BComm/compcom, or contact town hall at 934-5714 ext. 217 for additional copies.

When finished your may return the survey to the Comprehensive Planning Committee in a number of different ways. **Please return by October 11, 2011.** Instructions follow at the end of the Survey.

Thank you for your participation!

(A) General:

A1. What public projects/improvements should be considered during the next 10 years?

A2. Does the town need more public facilities (e.g., restrooms, beach showers, parks, bus shelters): **Yes** _____ **No** _____

If you answered **YES**, please specify: _____

A3. What is your overall impression of Old Orchard Beach?

(B) Housing:

B1. Do you feel the town meets the housing needs of current and future residents?

Yes _____ No _____

If you answered **NO**, please specify: _____

B2. Please check the appropriate box to express your desired growth of the following housing types:

	More of This Type	OOB Has Exactly Enough	Less of This Type
Single Family/Two Family			
Apartment Building (3-9 Units)			
Apartment Buildings (10+ Units)			
Condominium Buildings (High Rise – 4+ Stories)			
Condominium Buildings (Low Rise – up to 3 stories)			
Attached Town Homes			
Retirement Facilities/Complexes			
Mobile Homes			

(C) Environment:

C1. Should the town do more to protect its natural resources?

Yes _____ No _____

If you answered **YES**, please specify: _____

C2. Please rank each of the following by its importance to you (natural resources):
[1 = VERY important, 2 = SOMEWHAT important, 3 = NOT important]

- The preservation of open space within and on the periphery of the town _____
- "Green" building construction and design practice that promote energy efficiency and have as little negative impact on the environment as possible _____
- Encourage business and residential property owners (and tenants) to conserve water, be energy efficient and reduce air pollution _____
- Require more environmentally sensitive development practices _____
- Reuse vacant land and buildings _____

(D) Quality of Life:

D1. How do the following rate in your definition of "quality of life" in general?
[1 = VERY important, 2 = SOMEWHAT important, 3 = NOT important]

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| Sustaining emergency services (fire/ems/police) _____ | Proximity to health care _____ |
| Maintaining high water quality _____ | Scenic beauty/landscape _____ |
| Tourism as part of the local economy _____ | Access to local government _____ |
| Presence of local library _____ | Affordable housing _____ |
| Law enforcement coverage _____ | Protecting wildlife _____ |
| Preserving history/historic sites _____ | Outdoor recreation _____ |
| Maintenance/upkeep of public roads _____ | Indoor recreation _____ |
| Access to services (e.g. grocery, pharmacy) _____ | Having land use laws _____ |
| Community events for townspeople _____ | Cultural opportunities _____ |
| Proximity to religious congregation _____ | High-quality housing _____ |
| Community Center _____ | Access to sidewalks _____ |
| Access to bike paths and walking trails _____ | Property maintenance/pride _____ |
| Quality of Schools _____ | Clean Beach _____ |
| Handicap Accessibility _____ | Air Quality: _____ |
| Other (please specify) _____ | |

(E) Business & Economic Development:

E1. Should the town work to create/foster year round business?

Yes _____ No _____

If you answered **YES**, please specify: _____

E2. Should the town become more pro-active when it comes to economic development?

Yes _____ No _____

If you answered **YES**, please specify: _____

E3. Should the town provide incentives (tax breaks, grants, assistance, etc.) to encourage:

- Small business development and retention
Yes _____ No _____
- Improvement in the quality of housing
Yes _____ No _____
- Sustainable design, such as solar heating, wind power, etc.
Yes _____ No _____
- Tourism on a year-round basis
Yes _____ No _____
- Owner Occupied Properties (more than currently offered)
Yes _____ No _____

Please comment on any of the above: _____

(F) Transportation:

F1. Do you believe there is a summer traffic problem?

Yes _____ No _____

If **YES**, where are they? _____

If **YES**, would you share your thoughts on how to resolve? _____

F2. Is traffic an issue in winter?

Yes _____ No _____

If **YES**, where are they? _____

If **YES**, would you share your thoughts on how to resolve? _____

F3. Would you use public transportation if there was more frequent or easily accessible service?

Yes _____ No _____

F4. Do you have suggestions as to how to increase the use of our public transportation?

F4. Please rank each of the following by its importance to you (transportation):

[1 = **VERY** important, 2 = **SOMEWHAT** important, 3 = **NOT** important]

- We should plan on more road improvements as the best way to relieve congestions and its negative effects _____
- We should plan on a way to make the beach more accessible _____
- We should implement more local transit services that could get folks out of their cars _____
- We should provide more sidewalks, trails and bikeways for both transportation and recreational use _____
- We should plan for a year round enclosed train station _____
- We should plan on more efficient and effective parking options _____

F5. What other improvements would you suggest we consider in planning our transportation system? _____

(G) Culture & Recreation:

G1. What do you see as the best use for the land around the ballpark?

G2. What is the most historical site or building in town? _____

If you listed a site or building would you share your thoughts on it? _____

G3. Should there be more emphasis placed on the historic events that have happened in town?

Yes _____ **No** _____

If YES, should the emphasis be to (check all that apply):

___ developing local community pride ___ tourist promotion ___ educating people

(H) Additional Comments (Please Feel Free to attach additional information!):

(I) OPTIONAL – About You - All information will remain confidential

- Sex: **M/F**
- Age: _____
- Marital Status: **Married/Single**
- Children: **Yes/No; Adult/Teen/Child**
- Employment: **Full Time/Part Time/Retired/Unemployed**
- Distance to Work (Miles): **0-3/4-10/11-20/20+**
- Housing: **Rent/Own; Apartment/Detached Home**
- Residence: **Year Round/Seasonal**
- Business Owner: **Yes/No**

THANK YOU! You Have Finished!

Would you like to receive updates about the Comprehensive Plan? Please provide your name and contact info (mailing address/email/telephone):

How to return the survey (by October 11, 2011):

US Mail/Delivery:

Jeffrey Hinderliter
Town of Old Orchard Beach
1 Portland Ave
Old Orchard Beach, ME 04064

~OR~

Email:

Scan and send to jhinderliter@oobmaine.com

~OR~

Call us!

If you are local and prefer we pick this up, we will!

207 934-5714 extension 217

Contact:

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