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Durham Master Plan Visioning Forum Oyster River Middle School January 28, 2011

The Master Plan Visioning process was facilitated by the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension in partnership with the Town of Durham. UNH Cooperative Extension is an equal opportunity educator and employer. UNH, U.S. Department of Agriculture and New Hampshire counties cooperating.

Approximately 90 citizens attended the visioning forum and selected one of the following six small groups to meet in and discuss their vision in for the evening:

- Housing
- Recreation
- Land Use and Zoning
- Community Facilities, Infrastructure and Transportation
- Natural and Cultural Resources
- Business and Industry

Each of these groups was facilitated and recorded by UNH Cooperative Extension staff, UNH faculty and UNH undergraduate and graduate students with notes on large newsprint of what was being said by group members. The full report of the evening's conversation will be available in the town offices.

Following is a summary of the priority "vision" items for where the groups wanted to see their group's topic move forward in the next 10-20 years.

Housing

- Create an environment conducive to diverse housing development (energy efficient)
- Make student housing in Durham a priority
- Preservation of Durham's residential neighborhoods

Recreation

- Improved communication; publicity and marketing to the community-- use as a tool to the broader community; improved public relations
- Partnerships built with all recreation groups in the area to better utilize resources
- Fully staffed Recreation Department

Land Use and Zoning

- Zoning that protects the natural resources that will be needed for our future: agricultural lands (food security; water; etc.)
- Review zoning to make it more updated with strategies like smart growth, form-based code, and design standards
- Encourage diversity, vibrancy and sustainability

Community Facilities, Infrastructure and Transportation

- Support library/community center
- Multi-modal transportation that is green – all forms – connecting neighborhoods with community center
- Highest and best practices in building design, construction and infrastructure; town and university wide – efficient use of resources

Natural & Cultural Resources

- Protection of water resources
- Access to safe local food and support for agriculture on all scales
- Library/cultural center/community center

Business & Industry

- Increasing density of housing & retail downtown
- Economic Development Director
- UNH private enterprise collaboration
- Traffic flow/parking