

Town of Georgia Vermont

The Town of Georgia Vermont Planning Commission is conducting this survey to collect public input for the **Georgia Town Plan.** The confidential and anonymous public input collected as part of this survey will be used to identify issues of importance to the community and ideas for future improvement and discussion. The results of this survey will be used to identify topics for additional public meetings in the Spring of 2024 and will help inform the language of the updated Town Plan. Please take a moment to fill out this survey and return by mail addressed to: **Town of Georgia Survey, 47 Town Common Road, St. Albans, VT 05478** <u>or leave at the **dropbox**</u> located at the same address **no later than [xxDate]**. Thank you!

Prefer to take this survey online, or have other people on the household who would like to fill it out? No problem! An online version of this survey can be found by scanning the QR Code at right with your smartphone camera or visiting the following webpage:

https://tinyurl.com/GeorgiaSurvey



Questions? Contact: info@regrowthplanning.com

On a scale of 1-10, please rank each of the following topics/issues in terms of their importance for the Town of Georgia to address over the next several years:

(1 = Not Important, 5 = Average, 10 = Top Priority)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Improving availability and affordability of housing options										
Improving roadway maintenance and safety										
Improving bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure										
Managing future growth and development										
Adding new recreational amenities or activities										
Increasing police presence and enforcement										
Accommodating more local shops and services										
Improving municipal government function & communications										
Improving cellular phone and internet services										
Addressing energy use, climate change and sustainability										
Addressing diversity, equity and inclusion in the community										
Increasing revenues to support a healthy tax base / low taxes										
<i>Other</i> (write in):										

X How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement? (Select one)

"The housing needed in the area is available and affordable in the Town of Georgia."

□ Strongly Agree

□ Agree

Neutral / Unsure

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□ Disagree
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□ Strongly Disagree

x What types of housing do you feel are needed in the town?

	Not Needed	Somewhat Needed	Highly Needed
Smaller, affordable starter homes			
Single-family homes			
Two-family / duplex homes			
Rental apartments (year-round)			
Accessory Dwelling Units / In-Law Apartments			
Townhouse / condominiums			
Senior Citizen housing / apartments			
Assisted living / nursing homes			
Mobile homes / mobile home parks			
Seasonal homes / camps			
Second homes			
Planned neighborhoods			
Tiny house / communal living			
Other (write-in):			

X How appropriate do you think each of the following areas of town are for new housing growth? (Refer to map)

	Not Appropriate	Somewhat Appropriate	Most Appropriate
AREA 1 - Lakeshore			
AREA 2 - North Georgia			
AREA 3 - Georgia Center			
AREA 4 - Georgia Plains			
AREA 5 - West Georgia			
AREA 6 - South Village			
AREA 7 - East Georgia			
Other rural areas			
Other (write-in):			



X In managing future growth and development within the town, how important are each of the following factors to you?

	Not Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Very Important	Top Priority	Unsure
Increasing revenue to support a healthy tax base						
Protection of small town, rural character						
Protection of water quality and natural resources						
Protection of scenic vistas and views						
Protection of farms and farmland						
Accomodating affordable rental apartments / duplexes						
Accommodating additional commercial, residential or industrial growth in South Village						
Accommodating additional commercial or residential growth in Georgia Center						
Accommodating additional industrial growth in industrial areas						
Accommodating additional residential growth in the rural areas						
Expanded opportunities for home occupations						
Alleviating traffic congestion						

X How appropriate do you think each of the following areas of town are for new commercial growth? (Refer to map)

	Not Appropriate	Somewhat Appropriate	Most Appropriate
AREA 1 - Lakeshore			
AREA 2 - North Georgia			
AREA 3 - Georgia Center			
AREA 4 - Georgia Plains			
AREA 5 - West Georgia			
AREA 6 - South Village			
AREA 7 - East Georgia			
Other rural areas			



X How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement? (Select one)

"New commercial shops and services are desired within the town to serve locals, instead of having to drive outside of town."

🗆 Agree

□ Neutral / Unsure

Jnsure

□ Disagree

□ Strongly Disagree

x What types of shops and services do you feel are desired within the Town of Georgia?

	Not Desired	Somewhat Desired	Highly Desired	No opinion / Unsure
Child care / day care				
Pharmacy				
Hardware				
Groceries / market				
Doggie daycare				
Bookstore				
Professional services				
Fitness / health center				
Agricultural / farm support				
Casual restaurant				
Take-out & delivery restaurant				
Chain / fast-food / drive-thru restaurant				
Upscale restaurant				
Bakery / coffee				
Bar / brewery				
Kids entertainment				
General entertainment				
Lodging / hotel				
Senior center				
Public transportation				
Other (write-in):				

X Would you support the Town of Georgia providing water and/or sewer service to the South Village area to support new commercial and residential growth there? (Select one)

🗆 Yes

 \square Yes, but would depend on the amount of impact to local taxes

Yes, but only if it was funded and maintained by a local district with no tax impact to locals outside of that district

🗆 No

□ Unsure

X Would you want to see a High Density Growth Center in the Town of Georgia? (Select one)

- 🗆 No
- 🗆 Yes
- If "Yes", where: 🛛 South Village
- □ Georgia Center □ Other:

X On a scale of 1-5 (where 1 = Poor / 5 = Great) how would you rate each of the following services?

	1	2	3	4	5	Unsure
Town Office communicating and providing information to locals						
Police presence and law enforcement						
Winter maintenance/plowing of Town roads						
Winter maintenance/plowing of <u>State</u> roads (e.g. Rt. 7, 104A, etc)						
Paving/repair of <u>Town</u> roads						
Paving/repair of <u>State</u> roads (e.g. Rt. 7, 104A, etc)						
Clearing of right-of-ways/mowing/ditching along <u>Town</u> roads						
Clearing of right-of-ways/mowing/ditching along <u>State</u> roads						
Handling of vacant or underutilized properties						

X In what ways do you think municipal services or communication could be improved? (Write in)

X			e with the following state npacts of short term rental		etc.) on our
	□ Strongly Agree	□ Agree	□ Neutral / Unsure	Disagree	□ Strongly Disagree
X	"The Town of Georgia	a is improved by of race, color, reli	e with the following state being a community which c igion, national origin, sex, g	elebrates diversity and	

Strongly Agree

🗆 Agree

□ Neutral / Unsure

□ Disagree

□ Strongly Disagree

X What types of community amenities or activities do you feel are desired within the Town of Georgia?

	Not Desired	Somewhat Desired	Desired	Very Desired	Top Priority	Unsure
Refurbished / improved facilities at Georgia Beach						
Additional activities or uses at Georgia Beach						
Additional community events						
Activities or facilities for seniors						
Activities or facilities for youth						
Community playground / park						
Community garden						
Community gathering / multi-purpose event space						
Off-road recreational walking/biking trails						
On-road bike lanes						
New or improved sidewalks						

Regarding the question above, do you have any specific ideas or recommendations? (Write in)

How much would you desire to see bike lanes or wider road shoulders added to the following roads?

	Not Desired	Somewhat Desired	Desired	Very Desired	Top Priority	Unsure
Ballard Road						
Georgia Middle Road						
Georgia Shore Road						
Sandy Birch Road						
Mill River Road						
Plains Road						
Other (write-in):						

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X	Should the town try to coordinate with adjacent municipalities to plan for shared community and recreation amenities, so that each municipality doesn't need to construct their own? (Select one)							
	□ Yes	□ No	Unsure					
X	What shared cor	mmunity and recrea	tion amenities might	t you suggest? (Write in)	,			
X	How important i	s it to protect the vi	ew of the lake along	Georgia Shore Road? (Select one)			
	□ Not Important	□ Somewhat Importar	at 🔲 Important	Very Important	□ Unsure			
X	What views wou	ld you like to see pr	otected? (Write in)					
	Usu mush da va		with the fallowing a	tetement? (Coloct one)				
Χ			n is adequate for my c	tatement? (Select one) daily needs."				
	□ Strongly Agree	□ Agree	□ Neutral / Unsure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree			
X	-	•	with the following s	statement? (Select one)				
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral / Unsure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree			
X	How much do yo	u agree or disagree	with the following s	statement? (Select one)				
		•		istainable energy solution ossil fuel reductions."	s for its operations,			
	□ Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral / Unsure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree			
X	How much do vo	u agree or disagree	with the following s	statement? (Select one)				
	-	•	•	e and support ways in wh	ich homeowners and			
	businesses can pouse, fossil fuel rea		ergy solutions, such a	s solar or wind energy so	urces, reduced energy			
	□ Strongly Agree	□ Agree	□ Neutral / Unsure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree			

X	Please feel free to add any additional comments or suggestions for the Town Plan here: (Write in)						
X	What is your age? (Select One)						
	Under 20	□ 25 - 34	□ 45 - 54		60 - 64	□ 75 - 84	
	20 - 24	□ 35 - 44	55 - 59		🔲 65 - 74	□ 85 and older	
X	Check all of the fo	heck all of the following that may apply: (Select all that apply)					
	□ I am a full-time resident of the Town of Georgia, VT.			I own land in the Town of Georgia, VT.			
	\Box I am a part-time resident of the Town of Georgia, VT.		VT.	□ I own a business in the Town of Georgia, VT.			
X X	If you are a part-time resident, about how many months of the year do you typically live here in town? months per year Where do you work? (Select all that apply)						
	□ I commute to (full-time) work location inside of town.			\Box I work from home part-time.			
	\Box I commute to (full-time) work location outside of town.			\Box I am a self-employed contractor at various locations.			
	 I commute to (part-time) work location inside of town. I commute to (part-time) work location outside of town. I work from home full-time. 			I am not currently working.I am retired.			
				□ Other.			
X	Do you own or rent your place of residence in Georgia? (Select One)						
	🗆 Own	🗆 Rent					
X	How long have you lived in the Town of Georgia? (Select One)						
	□ Less than 1 year □ Less than 5 years □ Greater than 5 years □ Greater than 20 years						

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