

## Town of Woodstock Housing Survey

The Town of Woodstock is in the process of creating an Affordable Housing Plan. In July of 2017, new legislation, known as PA (Public Act) 17-170 and in 2021, PA 21-29 were passed in Connecticut requiring all Towns in Connecticut to adopt or amend an Affordable Housing Plan. This survey is meant to gauge residents' views of their current housing supply, attainability/affordability of the housing inventory, and opinions on future needs of the community. This survey is anonymous. **Deadline: March 1, 2022**

1. Are you a: (check all that apply)

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Year-round Resident  | <input type="checkbox"/> Property Owner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal Resident  | <input type="checkbox"/> Business Owner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I don't live here but I'm interested in moving to Woodstock. |   |

2. If you are a resident of Woodstock, how long have you lived here?

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than a year | <input type="checkbox"/> 10 to 19 years   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 to 4 years     | <input type="checkbox"/> 20 years or more |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5 to 9 years     |   |

3. Please indicate the age range you belong to:

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|---|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 19 and younger | <input type="checkbox"/> 50 to 59     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 20 to 29       | <input type="checkbox"/> 60 to 69     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 30 to 39       | <input type="checkbox"/> 70 to 79     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 40 to 49       | <input type="checkbox"/> 80 and older |

4. Which of the following best describes your current housing situation?

- Homeowner (head of household)
- Renter (head of household)
- Living with others and paying rent (not head of household)
- Living with others and not paying rent (not head of household)
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

5. What type of household do you live in? (Select all that apply)

- Single person household
- Single female household with children
- Single male household with children
- Married household without children (living at home)
- Married household with children (living at home)
- Married household with adult children (living at home)
- Non-married couple without children (living at home)
- Non-married couple with children (living at home)
- A multi-generational household (with at least 3 generations)
- With unrelated others
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

You can use QR Code to take survey on your phone:



This survey is also available online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/88F3VF2>

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6. What is your monthly income? (Employment/Social Security/Disability/Unemployment)
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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$0- \$1,500 a month      | <input type="checkbox"/> \$3,501 - \$4,500 a month |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,501 - \$2,500 a month | <input type="checkbox"/> \$4,501 - \$5,500 a month |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$2,501 - \$3,500 a month | <input type="checkbox"/> \$5,501 and up a month    |
7. What is your monthly cost for housing? (Rent, Mortgage, Boarding, Utility costs)
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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$0 - \$1,000 a month     | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,501 to \$2,000 a month |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,001 - \$1,500 a month | <input type="checkbox"/> \$2,001 or more a month    |
8. Do you think that affordable or attainable housing is a vital component of Woodstock's longevity?
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|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes    | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure |                             |
9. Do you think that the existing housing stock in Woodstock is adequate to satisfy future market demands?
- |                                 |                             |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes    | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure |                             |
10. If you plan to live in your current residence as you age into retirement, do you anticipate being able to afford your home and associated costs?
- |                                   |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes      | <input type="checkbox"/> No   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not Sure | <input type="checkbox"/> I do not plan to live in my current residence as I age into retirement |
11. How important is it for you to remain in Woodstock as you age?
- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Very important     | <input type="checkbox"/> Not that important |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat important |   |
12. If you were to consider moving out of Woodstock, which of the following factors would drive your decision to move? (Select all that apply)
- Looking for a home size that meets your needs
  - Looking for an area that has a lower living cost
  - Looking for a home that will help you live independently as you age
  - Wanting to live in a different climate
  - Maintaining your home will be too expensive
  - Wanting to be closer to family
  - Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_
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Please return completed survey to a Woodstock library, Sweet Evalina's or to the Town Hall (using the Tax Collection Box after hours) by the deadline of 3/1/22.

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13. If you think more housing options are needed in Woodstock, for whom do you think they are most needed? (Select top 3)

- Seniors (65+)
- Young adults
- In-town workers (educators, firefighters, police officers, etc.)
- Working Families
- Second/vacation homes
- I do not believe we need more housing options.
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

14. In your opinion, what are Woodstock’s most pressing needs related to housing and development? (Rank in order of importance from 1 to 9 with 1 = Most important and 9 = Least important. No duplicate rankings please.)

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|---------------------------------------|--|
| ___ Decreasing taxes                  | ___ Access to public transportation  |
| ___ Creating more affordable housing  | ___ Allow residents to age in place/stay in town after retirement              |
| ___ Attracting new businesses         | ___ Allow young adults to live in town as first-time householder (own or rent) |
| ___ Growing existing local businesses | ___ Attracting new residents   |
| ___ Managing housing growth           |  |

15. If the Town were to focus on new housing options which areas of Woodstock should be of the highest priority? Use a scale of 1 = Lowest Priority to 5 = Highest Priority

	1 Low	2	3	4	5 High
North Woodstock					
East Woodstock					
South Woodstock					
West Woodstock					
Woodstock Valley					
No Focus Area – Scatter it					

16. Is there anything else you would like to add regarding residential housing needs in Woodstock? \_\_\_\_\_

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