

Monterey Master Plan: Kick-Off

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MONTEREY MASTER PLAN: Kick-Off Event

Event Location:
Monterey Library

452 Main Road
Monterey, MA 01245

Saturday, June 25

10AM-12PM

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What is a Master Plan?

- A vision and policy guide for the Town
- A plan for physical development
- An analysis of community infrastructure and resources.
- A long range plan- typically 15-20 years.
- A living document that adapts and changes to town needs yet provides a framework for that change.
- A document developed with community feedback and goals in mind.
- Helps to strengthen local identity and sense of community.
- Provides guidance to local leaders, townspeople, developers, permitting authorities, and businesspeople.



State Requirements: Under M.G.L. c. 41, §81D

A planning board established in any city or town under section eighty-one A shall make a master plan of such city or town or such part or parts thereof as said board may deem advisable and from time to time may extend or perfect such plan. Such plan shall be a statement, through text, maps, illustrations or other forms of communication, that is designed to provide a basis for decision making regarding the long-term physical development of the municipality.

The comprehensive plan shall be internally consistent in its policies, forecasts and standards, and shall include the following elements:

Statement of Goals and Policies

Land Use

Housing

Economic Development

Natural & Cultural Resources

Open Space & Recreation

Services & Facilities

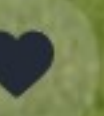
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Implementation

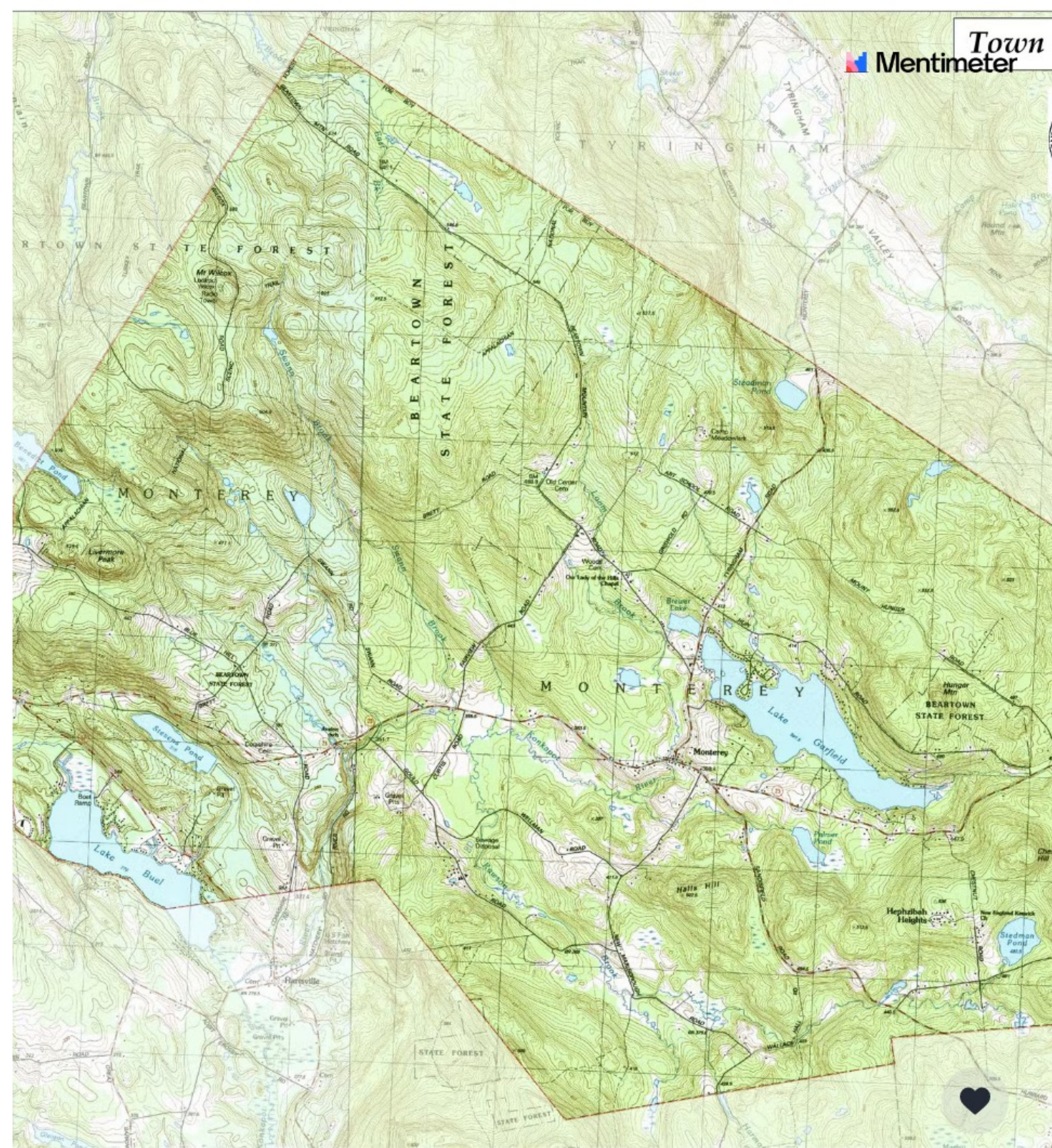


Communities often supplement the requirements of M.G.L. c. 41, §81D by adding elements that focus on specific local needs, such as:

- Villages
- Neighborhoods
- Smart Growth
- Energy
- Climate Action
- Sustainability
- Education
- Governance
- Public Health and Social Services
- Historic Preservation



**How will a new
Master Plan be
developed for
publication on June
30, 2023.**





Informational Updates for Public

Berkshire Regional Planning Commission will prepare informational material for public consideration. With input from the Planning Board, this material may be distributed through the Town newsletter, placed on the Town website, or distributed through a Town list serve or Google group.





Master Plan Sections

- Community Vision and Goals
- Land Use
- Housing
- Economic Development
- Natural, Cultural, and Historic Resources
- Open Spaces and Recreation
- Services and Facilities
- Transportation and Mobility
- Implementation




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Town of Windsor


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
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- Municipal Resources
- Municipal Activity
- Windsor Connections
- About





Artists in Windsor →


**Hours of Operation**


**Emergency Services**


**Online Payments**

**Online Permitting**

**Forms & Documents**

**Minutes & Agendas**

**Town Meetings**

**Bylaws**

Notices

Master Plan Survey

The Master Plan Steering Committee would like your input. Residents 18 and older - please respond to [this survey](#) about about the town, its priorities, initiatives, services, resources, and how they can be improved in the future.

[Read more](#) about the survey ...

Website updates

Please submit requests to update any part of the website (including notices, events, calendar items, and improvements to images, descriptions, etc.) to webmasterwindsormass@gmail.com. The old site will be [available here](#) for a little while in case something is missing from the new site.

A Message from the Board of Health:

Hello, Windsor Residents. If you have tested positive for COVID-19, there is a Public Health Nurse (PHN) number you can call to report this 413-442-1521, ext. 52.

Public Opinion Surveys

A public opinion survey(s) will evaluate residents' attitudes, needs, desires and preferences.

The survey(s) will be developed as an on-line version through Survey Monkey and distributed electronically. Paper versions will be available around town.



Public Forums

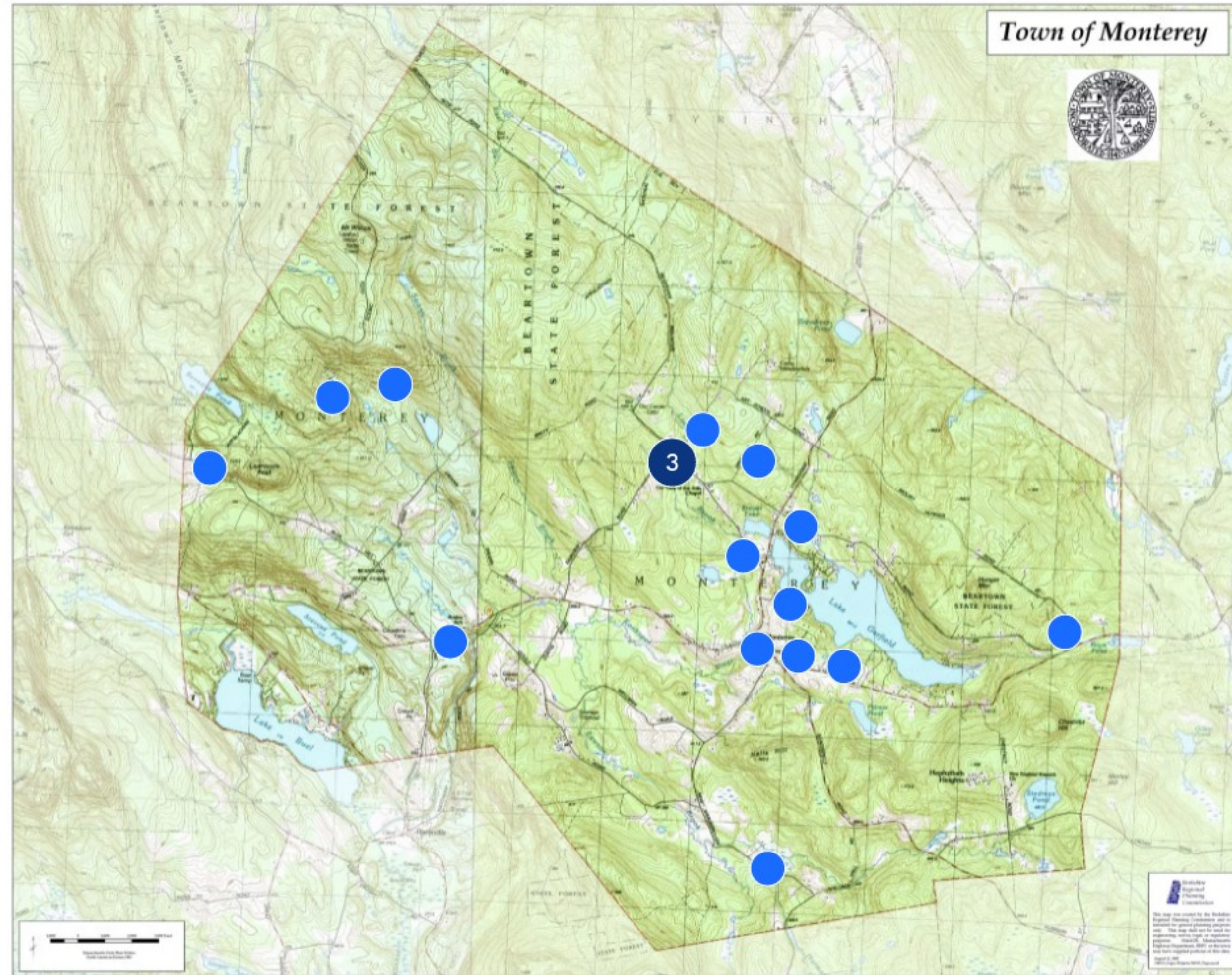
1. Kick off meeting – general overview of process
2. Community Setting and Community vision statement
3. Economic and Business Development
4. Cultural Resources
5. Housing
6. Recreation, and Historic Preservation
7. Community Development
8. Utilities, Energy, Transportation and Green Initiatives
9. Resource, Open Space and Forest Protection
10. Social Services (schools, public health, seniors, veterans) & Public Buildings.
11. GIS Mapping
12. Release of Draft Master Plan & Implementation Procedures

Goal #3: Residents of all abilities have access to outdoor recreational opportunities, while respecting and maintaining the natural landscape in which these are set.

Actions:

- Develop a long-term Master Plan for the Town Hall property to serve as a recreational hub and possible future senior housing site. Favored recreation items would be an accessible walking track around the perimeter of the Town Hall fields, a pavilion at the site to provide shade and cover, and off-road walking route to the Town Center.
- Create more of a park-like atmosphere at Card Pond:
 - Develop a walking loop around Card Pond; if a loop not feasible, create an in & out trail
 - Improve the parking lot
 - Consider ways to create a gathering place in the field next to the parking lot
 - Install a pavilion and/or other structures for shade and cover
- Support Berkshire Natural Resources Council's (BNRC) efforts to create a trail system leading from East Alford Road to the publicly open lands on Tom Ball Mountain.
- Support BNRC's long-term goal of creating a High Roads route that would link the Town Center to the Olivia's Overlook/Yokun Ridge Trail system, which reaches north to Bousquet Mountain in Pittsfield.
- Investigate opportunities to utilize the open fields of the Town's capped landfill on Oak Street; ideas could include a public picnic area and a wildflower/pollinator meadow with an interpretive trail; this site could be incorporated into the off-road walking route.
- Pursue greenspace improvements to the Town's new acreage on Moscow Road / Harris Street.
- Work with DFW to investigate the feasibility of creating a "water trail" that would connect Cranberry Pond, Crane Lake, Mud Pond, Shaker Mill Pond.
- Improve safe biking routes across West Stockbridge, both on-road and off-road.
 - Develop a Tier II Complete Streets Prioritization Plan, using the 2004 Community Development Plan as a reference.
 - Continue investigating off-road routes, including having conversations with property owners along the old railroad / National Grid corridor; improve parking at the Pixley Hill Road trailhead.

Pin your location in Monterey.



Where do you live in Monterey?

Blue Hill Road

Main Road

522 Main Rd.

20 Griswold rd

Hupi road

Across the street from the library

134 Fairview rd

Main road near Anna's farm

522 Main Rd.



Where do you live in Monterey?

On a dirt road

Sylvan rd.

On lake
garfield near
town beach

Main Road at
Sandisfield
Road

350 Beartown
Mtn. Rd, 1/2 mile
before turn
around

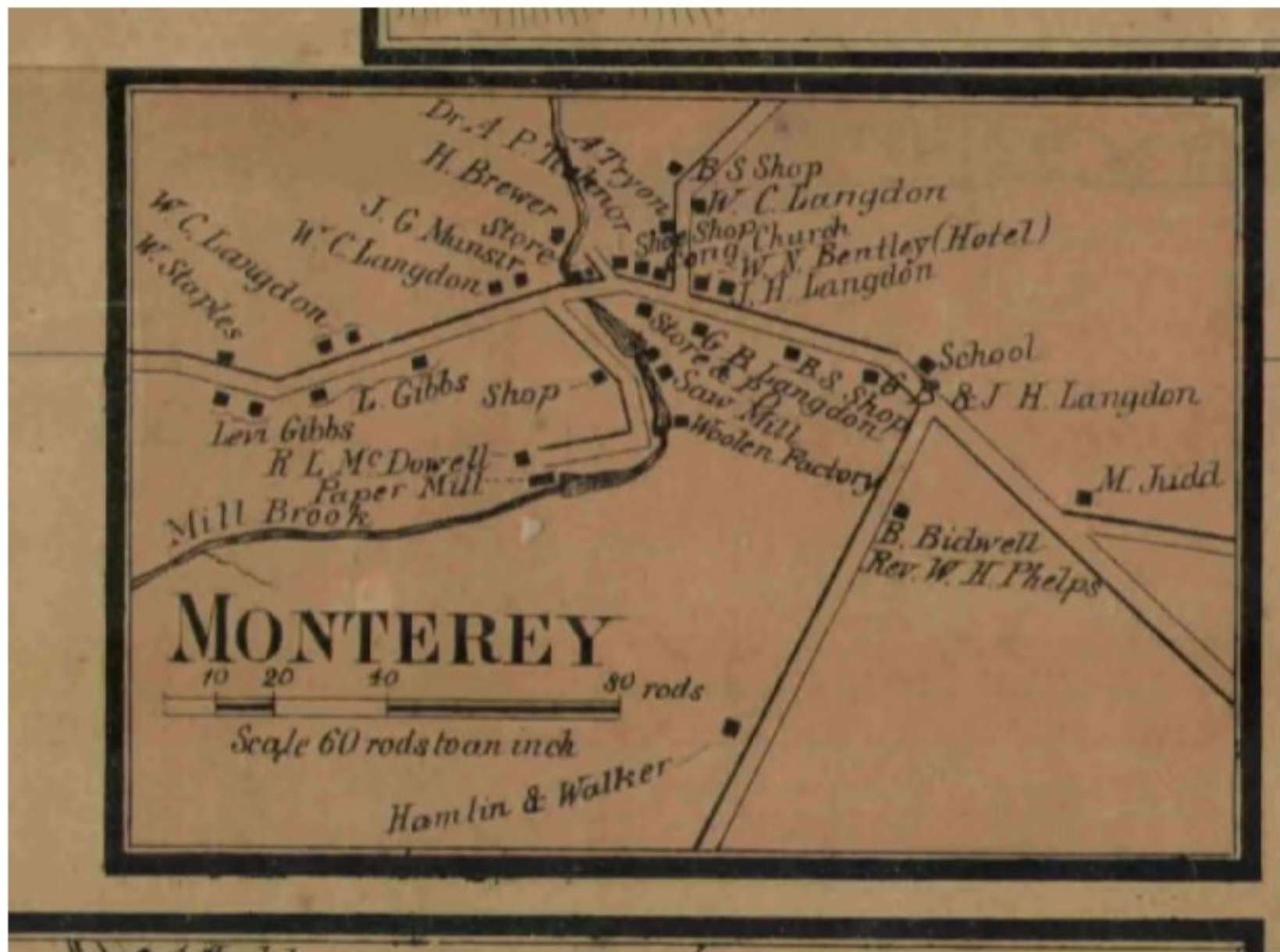
on a dirt road 2
miles from town



My Favorite reasons to be in Monterey (and Berkshire County) include...



Three words I would use to describe Monterey to someone who has never visited are...



Monterey has everything, except for....

Transportation

Bike path/sidewalks

Housing for younger
people

General store, place to
gather for coffee, farm to
table restaurant

General store for the
people not just upscale.
Well functioning boards
and committees without
lots of conflict and
hostility.

General Store roadside
cafe

Viable businesses

General
storeRoadsideSafety
boat patrol for Garfield
lake

a general store that
carries real supplies and is
a place to gather.



Monterey has everything, except for....

Stores

Groceries

general store, mobile food
truck, instagram present,
youth gathering
opportunities, farmers
market

A store, a school, gas
station, speed bumps,
coffee shop

An open general store

Safe bike lane,
convenience store, Low
cost housing

Community hub, walking
paths to connect facilities

Groceries. Gas station

Enough children



Monterey has everything, except for....

Walking paths to connect
faciliteis

a store with real supplies
and a place to hather

Affordable housing,

farmers market

farmers market

mobile food truck

mobile food truck

gathering opportunities
for youngsters

elementary school



Monterey has everything, except for....

opportunities for
gathering for youngsters



Use the scales to rate your agreement or disagreement with the following statements.



Strongly disagree

Monterey has the variety and types of entertainment options I enjoy.

3.4

Monterey has housing that I want and can afford.

2.6

Monterey has employment that enables me to live comfortably in the community.

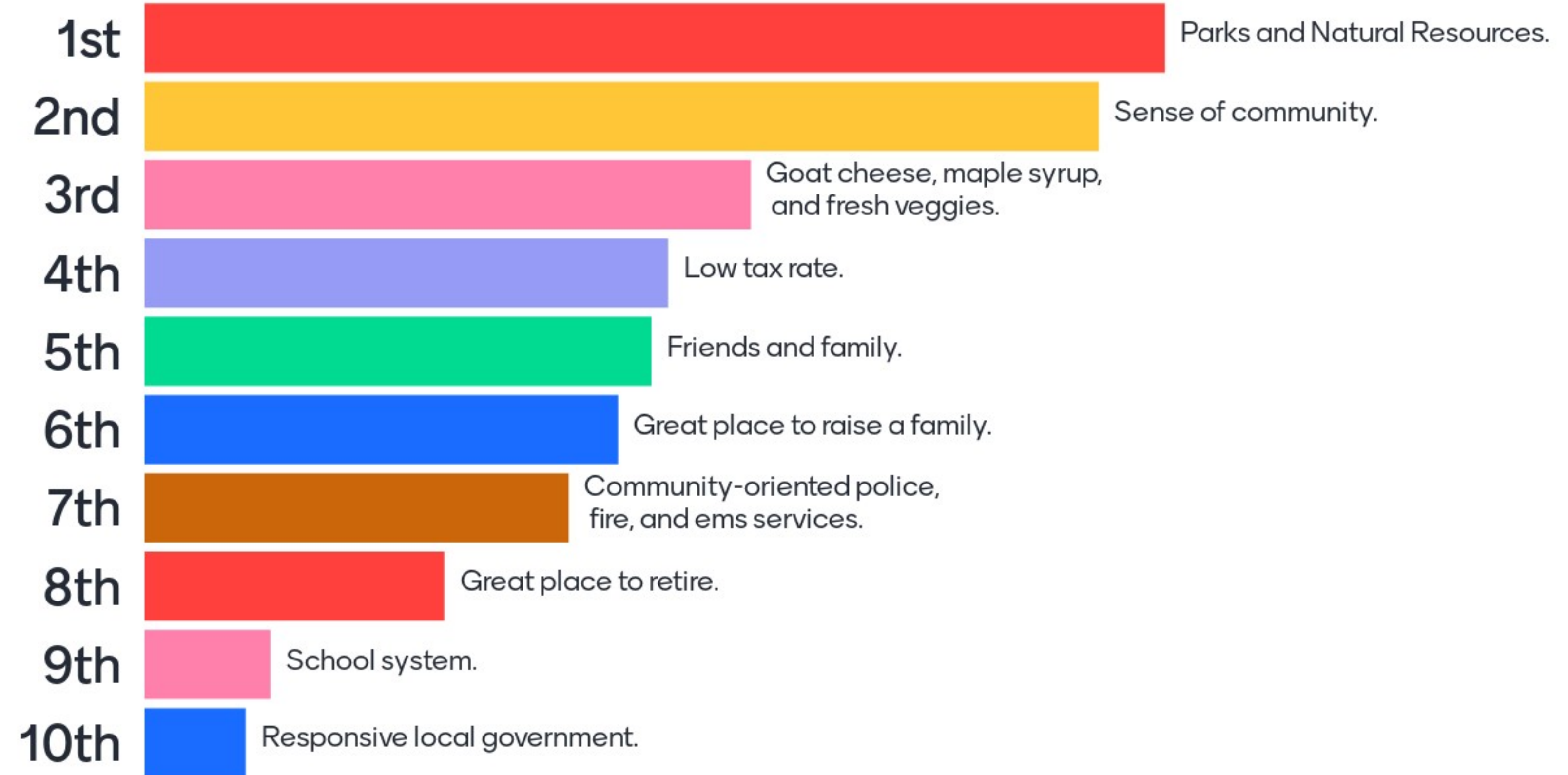
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Monterey provides the services I need such as good schools, police and fire services, and good town administration.

3.5

Strongly agree

Reasons that I choose to live in Monterey are...



Add your own reason or elaborate on why you choose to live in Monterey?

Because its in the Berkshires

Found a place near a lake

To allow our children to grow up in nature.

a place you can make a difference. where you know your neighbors. open space. a place in tome

Beautiful area, nice people, recreation and cultural options

The combination of a beautiful place and a real community of interesting people

give the kids new opportunities

We had lived in the area before choosing Monterey for the school, the house, the low tax rate, and the small town community that we could be involved in.

Close enough to NYC and still far enough away.

Add your own reason or elaborate on why you choose to live in Monterey?

Space

Family home where i grew up. My family lives here.
Good friends

Deep connection to the experience of spending time here

Two minutes walking commute to work! 👍

Ability to have a home based business in a rural country beautiful setting.

I can disagree with my neighbor and still have coffee with them. I've created a friends quilt in my community.

What would be most important to be included in the Master Plan?

Sustainable energy

Solar energy and sustainability

general store

Maintaining and restoring human community

Climate resilience

Economic and alternative energy development

Walk/bike path

It must be inclusive, green, and food sustainable. It must be interconnected.

Access to a place where we can purchase necessities without having to drive a distance

What would be most important to be included in the Master Plan?

Land preservation

Business development

create an environment for young people

Business district uses

Sustainability, infrastructure for Community cohesion and interaction

Preservation and protection of our forests and beaches

Safe place to bicycle and walk on main road

How to keep us a real community and not become a town of only rich weekenders

Sustainability and maintaining a sense of community

What would be most important to be included in the Master Plan?

Atractive for young people

Plans re the culvert, improving town government and protecting the environment.

Need to publicize our community meetings better so we get greater attendance

use what we have for the biggest impact on climate change. equal opportunity. bring schools back i to towns

Attracting young families

Place to meet and gather

Sidewalks, bike lanes, pavilion for the community center, roadside store.

Thank you for participating in the Monterey Master Plan Kick-off event.

Please feel free to leave any comments here.

Thank you ! Good job.

Thank you!

This process took far too much time for a first meeting.

thank you for accomodating our need to speak out on how important our town is to us

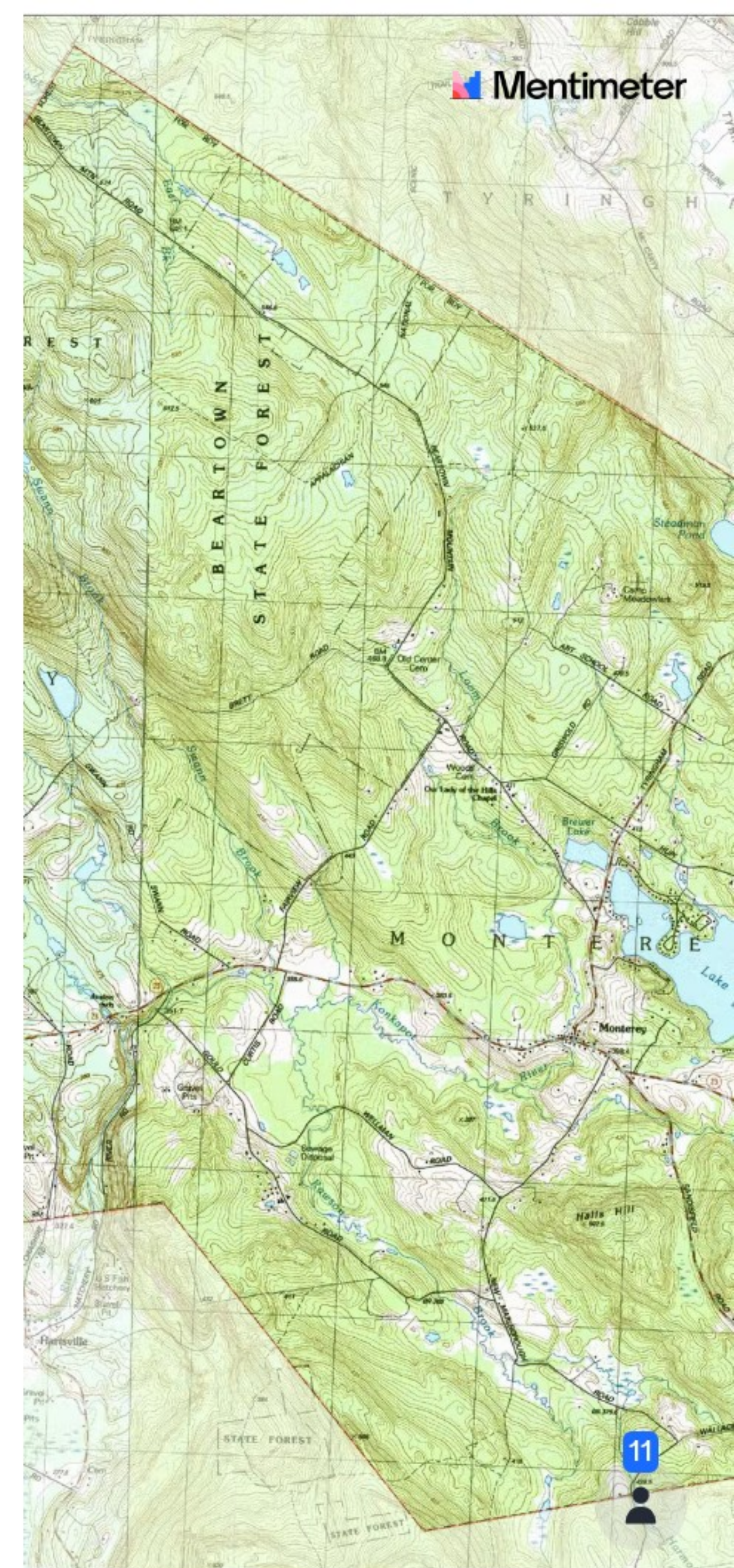
Important to get more people to these community meetings

Great start to the process!! Thanks

Very insightful to the process. How do we keep vociferous contributions in balance with quiet minds

We need a way to limit short term tourism it undermines community cohesion

Thank you for making it entertaining and accessible. I'm very excited to be part of this increíble opportunity to chart our future. Gracias!



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Can anything be done to improve the percentage response to surveys?

get the messages around on instagram for young people

