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COMPREHENSIVE PLAN SURVEY

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Dear Westport Island Neighbors,

This survey is being conducted as part of Westport Island’s Comprehensive Planning process. Your opinions will help guide recommendations for Westport Island’s future. Your input on this anonymous survey is essential to ensure the Plan reflects the vision and desires of our Westport Island community. We appreciate your time and effort in answering these questions. **You may wish to complete the survey on-line for your convenience.**

Each person in your household who is age 18 or over is encouraged to complete one of these survey questionnaires (only one survey per person). Please submit your completed survey by August 31, 2018 by:

1. Complete the survey on-line at: <http://wvfd.me/cps>
2. Or scan this QR Code to get to the link:
3. Or mailing it to: Town of Westport Island,
Attn: Comp Plan, 6 Fowles Point Road,
Westport Island, ME 04578,
4. Or drop off your survey at the Town Office
(box provided at the Town Clerk’s office)



Additional copies are available at the Town Office if needed.

Westport Island Comprehensive Planning Committee

1. LOCATION – WHERE DO YOU LIVE OR OWN PROPERTY?

Check all that apply

1.1a	North of the Town Office & Fire Station	()
1.1b	Between the Town Office and Town Hall	()
1.1c	South of the Town Hall	()
1.2a	Shorefront Parcel East Side	()
1.2b	Shorefront Parcel West Side	()
1.2c	Inland Parcel	()
1.3a	Town Road (maintained by the town)	()
1.3b	Private Road (maintained by owners)	()
1.3c	RT 144 North of Upper West Shore Road	()
1.3d	RT 144 South of Upper West Shore Road	()

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2. DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

2.1. Year-round residents – How Long have you lived on Westport Island? (Check one)

2.1.1	Less than 1 year	()
2.1.2	1-5 years	()
2.1.3	6-10 years	()
2.1.4	11-20 years	()
2.1.5	Over 20 years	()

2.2. Seasonal residents – How long have you summered on Westport Island? (Check one)

2.2.1	Less than 1 year	()
2.2.2	1-5 years	()
2.2.3	6-10 years	()
2.2.4	11-20 years	()
2.2.5	Over 20 years	()

2.3. What is your employment? – Check the one that best describes your occupation

2.3.1	Retired	()
2.3.2	Home-based business	()
2.3.3	Education/Teacher	()
2.3.4	Healthcare	()
2.3.5	Manufacturing	()
2.3.6	Construction	()
2.3.7	Commercial Fishing or Marine Services	()
2.3.8	Farming or Forestry	()
2.3.9	Business (wholesale/retail/service)	()
2.3.10	Other Professional	()
2.3.11	Homemaker	()
2.3.12	Government	()
2.3.13	Other (please specify below)	()

2.4. If employed, where do you work? – (Check one)

2.4.1	On Westport Island – Not Internet Dependent	()
2.4.2	On Westport Island – Internet Dependent	()
2.4.3	Within 20 miles of Westport Island	()
2.4.4	Further than 20 miles from the Island	()

2.5. What is your relationship to Westport Island? – (check one)

2.5.1	Home Owner or family member of owner	()
2.5.2	Home Renter or family member of renter	()
2.5.3	Land only Owner – Planning to Build Home	()
2.5.4	Land only Owner – Investor, Planning to Sell	()
2.5.5	Visitor (short term rental)	()
2.5.6	Work on Westport Island, live elsewhere	()

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2.6. Do you own and rent out your property? Yes () or No ()

If Yes, check all that apply to how you rent your property

2.6.1	Entire home for 6 months or more	()
2.6.2	Entire home for more than 1 month but less than 6 months	()
2.6.3	Entire home for less than 1 month	()
2.6.4	Partial home for 6 months or more	()
2.6.5	Partial home for more than 1 month but less than 6 months	()
2.6.6	Partial home for less than 1 month	()

3. What you like about living on Westport Island - Please check up to 5 items that are most important to you from this list:

3.1	Friends and family live here	()
3.2	Natural beauty of the island	()
3.3	Choice of good schools	()
3.4	Rural living	()
3.5	Minimal commercial development	()
3.6	Access to shoreline	()
3.7	Good place to retire	()
3.8	Good place to raise a family	()
3.9	Sense of community	()
3.10	Ability to work from home	()
3.11	Full cell phone coverage	()
3.12	Access to affordable housing	()
3.13	Historical architecture	()
3.14	Access to nature preserves	()
3.15	Low property taxes	()
3.16	Other (please specify below)	()

4. What you don't like about living on Westport Island-- (Check up to 5 items only)

4.1	Distance to Medical Facilities	()
4.2	Poor Internet Access	()
4.3	Poor Cell phone coverage	()
4.4	Lack of affordable housing	()
4.5	Lack of Employment opportunities	()
4.6	Distance to stores or services	()
4.7	Lack of regional transportation	()
4.8	Lack of recreational facilities	()
4.9	Lack of sidewalks	()
4.10	Lack of bike paths or bike lane	()
4.11	Lack of a community center for people to gather	()
4.12	Lack of community access to shoreland or swimming area	()
4.13	Lack of areas to walk dogs	()
4.14	The road conditions	()
4.15	Social isolation	()
4.16	Other (please specify below)	()

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5. **Town Services** - How well do you think the town is doing providing these services?

	Town Service	Good	Needs Improvement	No Opinion
5.1	Code Enforcement (Ordinances)	()	()	()
5.2	Solid Waste Disposal at Wiscasset Transfer Station	()	()	()
5.3	Boat Launch and Dock	()	()	()
5.4	Public Shore Access	()	()	()
5.5	Road Maintenance	()	()	()
5.6	Snow Plowing & Sanding	()	()	()
5.7	Town Office Services	()	()	()
5.8	Fire Protection	()	()	()
5.9	Emergency Medical Services	()	()	()
5.10	Law Enforcement	()	()	()
5.11	Animal Control	()	()	()
5.12	Recreational Facilities	()	()	()
5.13	Schools	()	()	()
5.14	School transportation	()	()	()

6. **Population change** – Over the next 20 years, would you like to see the year-around population of Westport Island:

6.1	Increase?	()
6.2	Decrease?	()
6.3	Stay about the same?	()

7. **Rural Preservation** - What should Westport Island focus on to enhance our rural community? (Rank 1 thru 5 with 1 the highest priority and 5 the lowest)

	Focus	1 (highest)	2	3	4	5 (lowest)
7.1	Preservation of open space	()	()	()	()	()
7.2	Bike or walking trails	()	()	()	()	()
7.3	Public access to the shore	()	()	()	()	()
7.4	Forest preservation	()	()	()	()	()
7.5	Wetland protection	()	()	()	()	()
7.6	Wildlife habitat protection	()	()	()	()	()
7.7	Historic site preservation	()	()	()	()	()
7.8	History museum (display of artifacts)	()	()	()	()	()
7.9	Recreation facilities	()	()	()	()	()
7.10	Other (please specify below)	()	()	()	()	()

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8. **Fiscal Capacity:** Which, if any, of the following financial options do you think the Town should explore to implement community objectives that may be identified in the updated Comprehensive Plan? (Pick up to 5):

8.1	Property Taxes	()
8.2	Tax Incentives	()
8.3	Government Grants	()
8.4	Town Acquisition	()
8.5	Public Fundraising	()
8.6	Private Foundation grants and donations	()
8.7	Municipal Bonds	()
8.8	User fees	()
8.9	Partnerships with non profits	()
8.10	Ordinance changes	()
8.11	Easements	()
8.12	None of the above	()
8.13	Other (please specify below)	()

9. **Development** – How should the town deal with the following types of development?

	Development	Encourage	Limit	No Opinion
9.1	Single family homes	()	()	()
9.2	Two family homes (duplexes)	()	()	()
9.3	Seasonal homes	()	()	()
9.4	Individual mobile homes	()	()	()
9.5	Mobile home parks	()	()	()
9.6	Condominiums	()	()	()
9.7	Apartments (more than 3 units)	()	()	()
9.8	Cluster housing	()	()	()
9.9	Short term rentals (like Airbnb)	()	()	()
9.10	Restaurants	()	()	()
9.11	Convenience store	()	()	()
9.12	Commercial fisheries & aquaculture	()	()	()
9.13	Agriculture	()	()	()
9.14	Tourism	()	()	()
9.15	Retail businesses	()	()	()
9.16	Marijuana dispensaries	()	()	()
9.17	Commercial Marijuana cultivation	()	()	()
9.18	Light Manufacturing	()	()	()
9.19	Heavy Manufacturing	()	()	()
9.20	Professional office space	()	()	()
9.21	Home occupations/ home businesses	()	()	()

10. INTERNET COMMUNICATION

10.1 How do you use the Internet? (Please check all that apply):

10.1.a	Job Related	()
10.1.b	School related	()
10.1.c	Friends and family networking	()
10.1.d	Information / Research	()
10.1.e	Entertainment	()
10.1.f	Local or home-based business	()
10.1.g	Don't use the internet	()

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10.2 If you have Internet connectivity, what type of internet service provider do you use today?

10.2.a	Fairpoint / Consolidated Communications DSL	()
10.2.b	Spectrum Cable	()
10.2.c	Satellite (e.g., Hughesnet, DISH)	()
10.2.d	Cellular access for computers (hotspot)	()

11. About you (Optional)

11.1. Sex (check one) Male () Female ()

11.2. Age (check one)

18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75-84	85 or over
()	()	()	()	()	()	()	()

11.3. Do you have school age children living with you on Westport Island full time? Yes () or No ()

12. Vision – Please share your vision for Westport Island. What would you like the community to look like in 2025 or 2030?

Vision:

13. Comments – Please share your comments or any other concerns you would like considered for our Comprehensive Plan update.

Comments:

Thank you for your opinions. If you have questions or would like to speak with a representative of the Comprehensive Plan Committee, please contact Robert Mooney, Chair, at (207) 882-5952, or at rmooney3@roadrunner.com or Jason Kates, Vice Chair, at Jason@kates.org

CONTACT INFORMATION (optional)

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