

Appendix II
Questionnaire

CHARLESTOWN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN SURVEY

Although it will take only a few minutes to complete this survey, your answers will help shape the Comprehensive Plan and the future of our town for many years to come. After completing the survey, return it in the enclosed postage paid envelope by October 5, 1990. Please be assured that your responses are anonymous.

1. Listed below are a set of statements about Charlestown. Next to each statement are five numbers representing different levels of agreement or disagreement. (For example, the number 2 stands for "Slightly Agree"). Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each statement by circling the appropriate number.

	Strongly Agree	Slightly Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I would like to see a greater variety of shopping opportunities in Charlestown.	1	2	3	4	5
I would like to see more employment opportunities in Charlestown.	1	2	3	4	5
Charlestown's present rural character should be preserved.	1	2	3	4	5
Steps should be taken to increase the town's tourism industry to increase tax revenue and/or employment opportunities.	1	2	3	4	5
The quality of education in regional schools needs to be improved.	1	2	3	4	5
I would like to see additional affordable housing in Charlestown for residents with low or moderate income.	1	2	3	4	5
Commercial development along Route 1 should be limited to maintain its rural character and safety.	1	2	3	4	5
Charlestown's present population growth rate is too fast.	1	2	3	4	5
The present rate of commercial development (retail, industry) in Charlestown is too slow.	1	2	3	4	5
Traffic congestion is a major problem in Charlestown.	1	2	3	4	5

	Strongly Agree	Slightly Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Strongly Disagree
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I would rather see an increase in the amount of manufacturing and industry than an increase in the amount of seasonal housing.

1	2	3	4	5
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Steps should be taken to increase the amount of manufacturing and industry in town to help increase tax revenue and/or employment opportunities.

1	2	3	4	5
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Residential lot sizes should be reduced to encourage growth.

1	2	3	4	5
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Steps should be taken to encourage the growth of retail stores to help increase tax revenue and/or employment opportunities.

1	2	3	4	5
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2. Please use the space below to discuss your greatest concerns for the future of Charlestown.

(15) _____

(16) _____

(17) _____

(18) _____

(19) _____

(20) _____

(21) _____

(22) _____

(23) _____

(24) _____

(25) _____

(26) _____

3. Listed below are a number of projects that could be undertaken if town taxes were raised. Please indicate which projects you support even if it resulted in an increase in taxes. (You may check more than one).

- (27) _____ Acquisition of land for conservation and recreational use
- (28) _____ Maintenance of Cross Mills Library
- (29) _____ Support of the Charlestown Ambulance Service
- (30) _____ Road improvements
- (31) _____ Additional School Buildings
- (32) _____ Sidewalks
- (33) _____ Multi-purpose community center

4. Which recreational facilities would you like to see the town build even if it resulted in increased taxes. (You may check more than one).

- (34) _____ I see no need for additional recreational facilities
- (35) _____ Indoor swimming pool
- (36) _____ Baseball fields
- (37) _____ Volleyball courts
- (38) _____ Football fields
- (39) _____ Ice skating rink
- (40) _____ Roller skating rink
- (41) _____ Boat launching facility
- (42) _____ Acquire land for beaches
- (43) _____ Basketball courts
- (44) _____ Softball fields
- (45) _____ Shuffleboard
- (46) _____ Tennis courts
- (47) _____ Skate boarding facilities
- (48) _____ Bikepaths
- (49) _____ Horseshoe Pits

5. Please place a check next to those activities you believe the town should permit at Ninigret Park. (You may check more than one).

- (50) _____ Concerts
- (51) _____ Circus
- (52) _____ Seafood Festival
- (53) _____ Development of a Golf Course

The following information about you and your family will help us to understand and address the concerns of citizens throughout our town. Please remember that your responses are anonymous.

6. By using the provided map, please indicate the area in which you presently reside by putting a check next to the appropriate number.

_____ 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____ 6 _____ 7 _____ 8 _____ 9

7. How many months of the year do you usually reside in Charlestown?

- 1 _____ less than 1 month
- 2 _____ 1-3 months
- 3 _____ 4-6 months
- 4 _____ 7-9 months
- 5 _____ 10-12 months

8. Do you own or rent your present Charlestown residence? 1 _____ own 2 _____ rent

9. How long have you lived in Charlestown?

- 1 _____ Less than 3 years 3 _____ 11 to 15 years 5 _____ More than 20 years
2 _____ 3 to 10 years 4 _____ 16 to 20 years

10. Please check your age group:

- 1 _____ under 20 3 _____ 30 to 39 5 _____ 50 to 59 7 _____ 70 and over
2 _____ 20 to 29 4 _____ 40 to 49 6 _____ 60 to 69

11. Please indicate your sex: 1 _____ female 2 _____ male

12. Please indicate your employment status:

- 1 _____ employed 2 _____ unemployed
3 _____ retired 4 _____ housewife/househusband

13. If you are employed do you work in Charlestown? 1 _____ Yes 2 _____ No

14. Are there any school-aged children (5-18) presently living in your household?
1 _____ Yes 2 _____ No

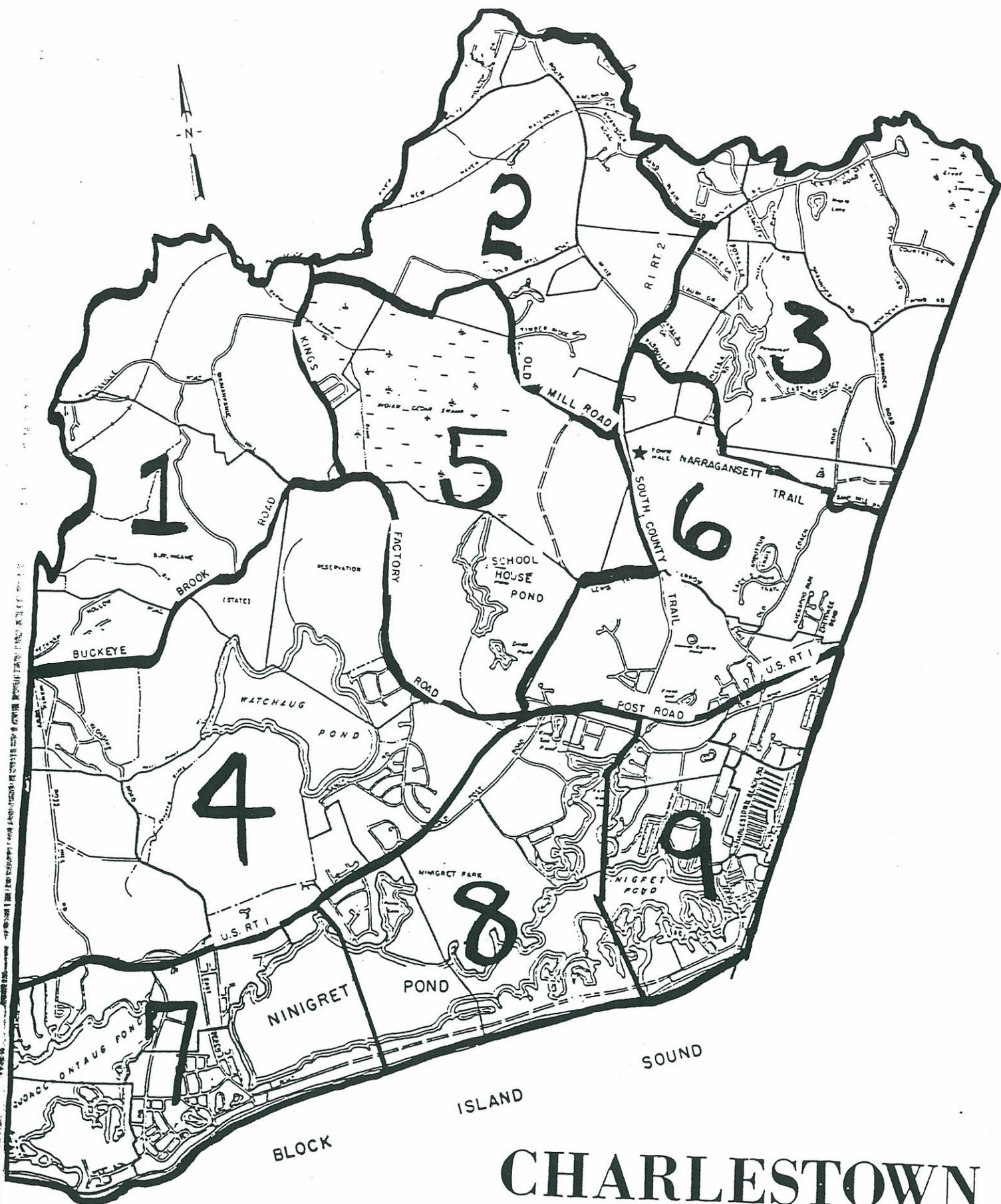
15. Please indicate the category into which your household's annual income falls (to the nearest thousand dollars, before taxes) by checking the appropriate line below.

- 1 _____ Under \$10,000 5 _____ \$41,000 to \$50,000
2 _____ \$11,000 to \$20,000 6 _____ \$51,000 to \$60,000
3 _____ \$21,000 to \$30,000 7 _____ Over \$60,000
4 _____ \$31,000 to \$40,000

16. What is the highest level of education you have had the opportunity to complete?

- 1 _____ Grade School 3 _____ College
(64) 2 _____ High School 4 _____ Post graduate studies

Thank-you for completing the survey. Make your opinion count. Please return the survey in the enclosed postage paid envelope by October 5, 1990 to J. Lawrence Dunn, Chairman, Charlestown Planning Commission, Town Hall, 4540 South County Trail, Charlestown, RI 02813. Remember do not sign the survey, all responses are anonymous.



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