

Hardwick Municipal Plan Update - Community Survey

The Town of Hardwick is updating its Municipal Plan from 2019. The Plan will guide decisions about land use, housing, infrastructure, flood resilience, and community priorities over the next eight years. Your feedback will help shape local goals and inform future funding priorities for projects that support the community.

The survey takes about 8-10 minutes. All responses are anonymous. Thank you for helping shape Hardwick's next chapter.

1. What is your connection to Hardwick?

Mark only one oval.

- I live in Hardwick year-round
- I live in Hardwick part-time or seasonally
- I work in Hardwick
- I own or operate a business in Hardwick
- I visit regularly.
- Other: _____

2. How long have you been connected to Hardwick?

Mark only one oval.

- Less than 1 year
- 1-5 years
- 6-10 years
- 11-20 years
- More than 20 years
- Not currently living here

3. How do you usually get around town?

Check all that apply.

- Bike
- Bus or shuttle
- Carpool or rideshare
- Drive
- Walk
- Other: _____

4. How often do you go to downtown Hardwick (Wolcott Street or Main Street/Mill Street area)?

Mark only one oval.

- Daily
- Several times per week
- Weekly
- Monthly
- Rarely
- Other: _____

5. What do you value most about Hardwick? (Select up to 3)

Check all that apply.

- Affordability
- Arts, culture, and events
- Historic and small-town character
- Local businesses, artisans, and food economy
- Natural beauty and outdoor access
- Sense of community and neighborliness
- Schools and family life
- Vibrant village centers
- Walkability, trails, or bike routes

6. Over the next 10 years, what should Hardwick focus on most? (Select up to 3)

Check all that apply.

- Affordable, diverse housing near village centers
- Emergency preparedness and community support
- Environmental conservation and river protection
- Farmland and local food systems
- Flood resilience and infrastructure upgrades
- Historic preservation
- Municipal services and utilities
- Recreation, trails, and parks
- Safe walking, biking, and parking
- Strengthening downtown
- Supporting small businesses and local jobs
- Other: _____

7. What is the biggest challenge facing Hardwick right now?

8. What kinds of housing should Hardwick encourage?

Check all that apply.

- Accessory Dwelling units (In-law apartments)
- Affordable Homeownership
- Apartments
- Duplexes or triplexes
- Housing in rural areas
- Housing near village centers
- Mixed-use buildings (housing above businesses)
- Rental housing
- Senior housing
- Small homes or cottages
- No more housing
- Other: _____

9. Section 4: Emergency Response

What would help you feel more prepared for the next major flood or storm?

10. What would make downtown Hardwick more vibrant?

Check all that apply.

- Event or community gathering spaces
- Flood-safe infrastructure
- Housing above or near downtown
- More local businesses and restaurants
- Safer Parking and pedestrian areas
- Storefront or small business support
- Streetscape improvements (trees, lighting, benches)
- Stronger trail and recreation connections
- Other: _____

11. Which of the following would you like Hardwick to focus on? (Select up to 3)

Check all that apply.

- Creating safer walking and biking routes
- Expanding trails and recreation access
- Improving river and stream water quality
- Parks and public spaces
- Preserving historic buildings
- Protecting farmland and forestland
- Reliable broadband and internet access
- Renewable energy and energy efficiency
- Waste, recycling, and composting services
- Other: _____

12. What food sources do you or your household rely on most? (Select all that apply)

Check all that apply.

- Community meals
- Convenience stores
- Farmers Markets
- Food pantry
- Garden or homegrown food
- Local farms or CSAs
- Local grocery stores (Tops, Co-op, etc.)
- Neighbors or local sharing networks
- Out of town grocery stores (Hannaford, Shaws, Price Chopper, etc)
- Restaurants or take-out
- School meal programs
- Other: _____

13. What would improve overall wellness in Hardwick? (Select up to 3)

Check all that apply.

- Access to affordable health services
- Access to affordable, whole-family mental health services
- Emergency shelters and warming/cooling centers
- Local pharmacy
- Local urgent care
- Public restrooms, water fountains, or shade
- Recreation and fitness opportunities
- Safe walking and biking routes
- Senior services or home-delivered meals
- Social connection and community spaces
- Volunteer and mutual aid networks
- Other: _____

14. Please share any other thoughts about food access, wellness, or community health in Hardwick:

15. How well informed do you feel about Town projects and decisions?

Mark only one oval.

1 2 3 4 5

Not Very well informed

16. Where do you usually get information about Town news and events?

Check all that apply.

- Front Porch Forum
- Town website or newsletter
- Facebook or social media
- Local newspapers (Hardwick Gazette, etc)
- Word of mouth
- Town postings or meetings
- Radio
- HCTV - youtube
- Town Email
- TextMyGov
- Other: _____

17. How would you prefer to receive updates or information from the Town?

Check all that apply.

- Front Porch Forum
- TextMyGov
- Town Website
- Facebook or social media
- Town Email
- Phone message
- Other: _____

18. What's one idea that could make Hardwick stronger or more resilient?

19. Additional comments or suggestions:

20. If you wish to be contacted about the municipal plan update - included your name and contact information below.

21. Closing Message:

Thank you for taking the time to share your ideas and experiences. Whether Hardwick has been your home for generations or you've found it more recently, your perspective matters. The responses to this survey will be summarized and shared publicly.

If you are taking this survey on paper, please leave your completed version at the Memorial Building on 20 Church Street (Town Offices) before June 5, 2026.

Any questions, contact the Zoning and Floodplain Administrator, Kristen Leahy at zoning.administrator@hardwickvt.gov or (802) 472-1686.

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