

DRAFT Public Survey for the Borough of Hillsdale Reexamination of the Master Plan and Development Ordinances

Please only complete this survey if you are 18 years or older.

This survey is intended to gather the community's input regarding key issues facing the Borough and inform the future vision of Hillsdale, its Master Plan and development ordinances. The Master Plan establishes the long-term vision of the community including goals and policies intended to guide future growth and development in Hillsdale. The Borough's development ordinances are the local laws that regulate how land can be developed and used in the community which are ultimately intended to implement or achieve the future vision for Hillsdale.

All individual responses to this survey will remain confidential to be evaluated and shared in summary form only. There are a total of 17 questions. The survey should take approximately 5 to 10 minutes to complete.

1. How long have you lived in Hillsdale?

- 1 year or less
- 2-4 years
- 5-9 years
- 10-19 years
- 20 years or more
- I do not live in Hillsdale

2. How many people in your household are under the age of 18?

- 0
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4 or more

3. How do you typically get to work?

- Drive alone
- Carpool
- Pascack Valley train from Hillsdale Station
- Public bus service
- Walk
- Bike
- I mostly work from home and don't commute
- I am not employed
- Other (please specify) _____

4. What is most important to you to preserve and improve Hillsdale as a place to live? Rank your top three priorities from the list below with 1 being your top priority.

- Quality of schools
- Public safety and community health
- Diversity among residents and religious institutions
- Downtown as a focal point of the community
- Community events, programs and facilities
- Open space and recreation (parks, fields, etc.)
- Transportation improvements (reduce traffic, promote walking, biking, bus and train, etc.)
- Preserve natural resources and promote green building and renewable energy sources (solar panels, etc.)
- Strengthen local tax base by promoting business development in town

- Affordability by keeping property taxes stable

5. What about Hillsdale makes it a great place to live?

6. What about Hillsdale needs the most immediate improvement(s)?

7. What would you like Hillsdale to have or become in the next 5 to 10 years?

8. Please describe any issues specific to your neighborhood that you think should be improved or addressed.

9. Rank your top three priorities for Hillsdale's community facilities from the list below with 1 being your top priority.

- Develop a new community center
- Improve existing community facilities (police headquarters, fire house, EMS building, Borough Hall, library, etc.)
- Improve public school facilities
- Create new facilities and programs for senior citizens
- Expand use of "smart" technology
- Preserve natural resources, promote green building and develop renewable energy sources
- Other (please specify)

10. If Hillsdale develops a community center, what types of spaces or facilities should it include? Check all that apply from the list below.

- Spaces and programs dedicated for senior citizens
- Spaces and programs other than sports dedicated for children under 18 years old
- Multi-purpose room(s) for community meetings, events and activities
- Recreational facilities and health/fitness center including gym equipment, sport courts, table tennis, etc.
- Theater space or stage for performances and events
- Indoor pool

11. Rank your top three priorities for Hillsdale's Downtown (central business area) from the list below with 1 being your top priority.

- Keep Downtown the way it currently is with some minor upgrades
- Promote large scale development or redevelopment
- Allow a modest mix of residential and non-residential uses
- Improve or provide additional parking
- Create a better environment for walking and biking
- Promote more new and diverse businesses
- Focus on beautification and creation of new public spaces
- Increase opportunities for outdoor dining
- Provide community events and activities in the Downtown

12. What type of businesses would you like to see in Hillsdale that aren't there now or would like to see more of? Please list or describe below.

13. Rank your top three transportation priorities for Hillsdale from the list below with 1 being your top priority.

- Maintain the Borough, County and State roads as they exist
- Reduce traffic congestion
- Make it easier/safer to walk
- Make it easier/safer to bike

- Promote public transportation (train and bus)
- Improve parking in the Downtown
- Other transportation improvements (please specify including any streets, intersections or areas of town)

14. Rank your top three housing priorities for housing in Hillsdale from the list below with 1 being your top priority.

- Preserve the existing size and character of single-family homes
- Develop more townhouses
- Develop more rental apartments
- Promote mixed residential and non-residential development in the Downtown
- Develop more senior housing, assisted living facilities, etc.
- Promote environmentally friendly and “green” development
- Develop more affordable housing for low and moderate-income households
- Preservation of historic homes
- Other (Please specify)

15. Which parks or fields in Hillsdale need the most maintenance, upgrades or new facilities? Please describe below or indicate “none”, as applicable.

16. Which of the following environmental actions or policies should Hillsdale consider implementing in the near future? Check all that apply from the list below.

- Minimize climate change impacts
- Create development incentives for green building
- Preserve wildlife habitats and natural resources
- Promote and develop renewable energy sources (solar panels, etc.)
- Provide education to residents and businesses regarding green building, energy and water conservation and funding programs
- Promote and develop facilities for electric vehicles
- None – satisfactory as is
- Other (please specify)

17. Please share any additional comments you have regarding existing or future development in Hillsdale and/or any community improvements that you would like to see occur in the near future.

SURVEY IS COMPLETE! THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND PARTICIPATION!