

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 the community. The development ordinances are the local laws that regulate how land can be developed and used in the community which are ultimately intended to 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? Choose your top three priorities from the list below.

- 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

5. What about Hillsdale makes it a great place to live?
6. What about Hillsdale needs the most immediate improvements?
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.
9. Select your top three priorities for Hillsdale's community facilities from the list below.
 - Develop a new community center
 - Improve existing community facilities (police, fire, EMS, 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.
 - Spaces and programs dedicated for senior citizens
 - Spaces and programs dedicated for children under 18 years old
 - Multi-purpose room for community meetings, events and activities
 - Recreational facilities including sport courts, table tennis, etc.
 - Health/fitness gym equipment
 - Theater space or stage for performances and events
 - Indoor pool
11. Select your top three priorities for Hillsdale's Downtown from the list below.
 - Keep Downtown the way it currently is with some minor upgrades
 - Promote larger scale development or redevelopment
 - Allow a 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 below.
13. Select your top three transportation priorities for Hillsdale from the list below.
 - 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. Select your top three housing priorities for housing in Hillsdale from the list below.

- Preserve the existing size and character of single-family homes
- Develop more townhouses
- Development more 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.

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

- 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
- Other (please specify)

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

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