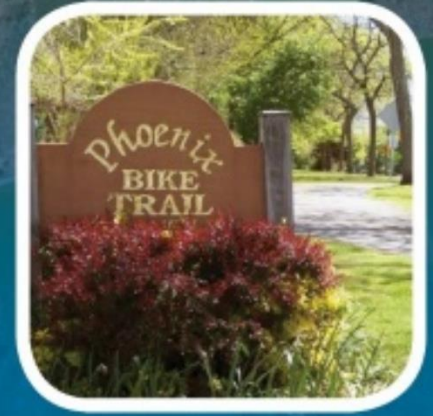




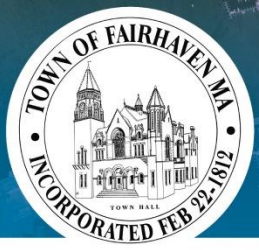
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## Agenda

- **Arrival Post-it Note Exercise: One word describing Fairhaven's assets and challenges**
- **Welcome and Introduction**
- **Presentation – 6:35-7:05**
  - What is a Master Plan?
  - Planning Trends
  - “Snapshot” of Fairhaven
  - Instant Audience Polling
- **Breakout Group Discussions: Issues, Visions and Goals – 7:05-8:25**
  - 8-10 Minutes per Master Plan Element
- **Instant Audience Polling**
- **Report Back/Adjourn – 8:25-8:55**
- **Exit Post-it Note Exercise: What's your vision for Fairhaven in 20 years? - 8:55-9:00**











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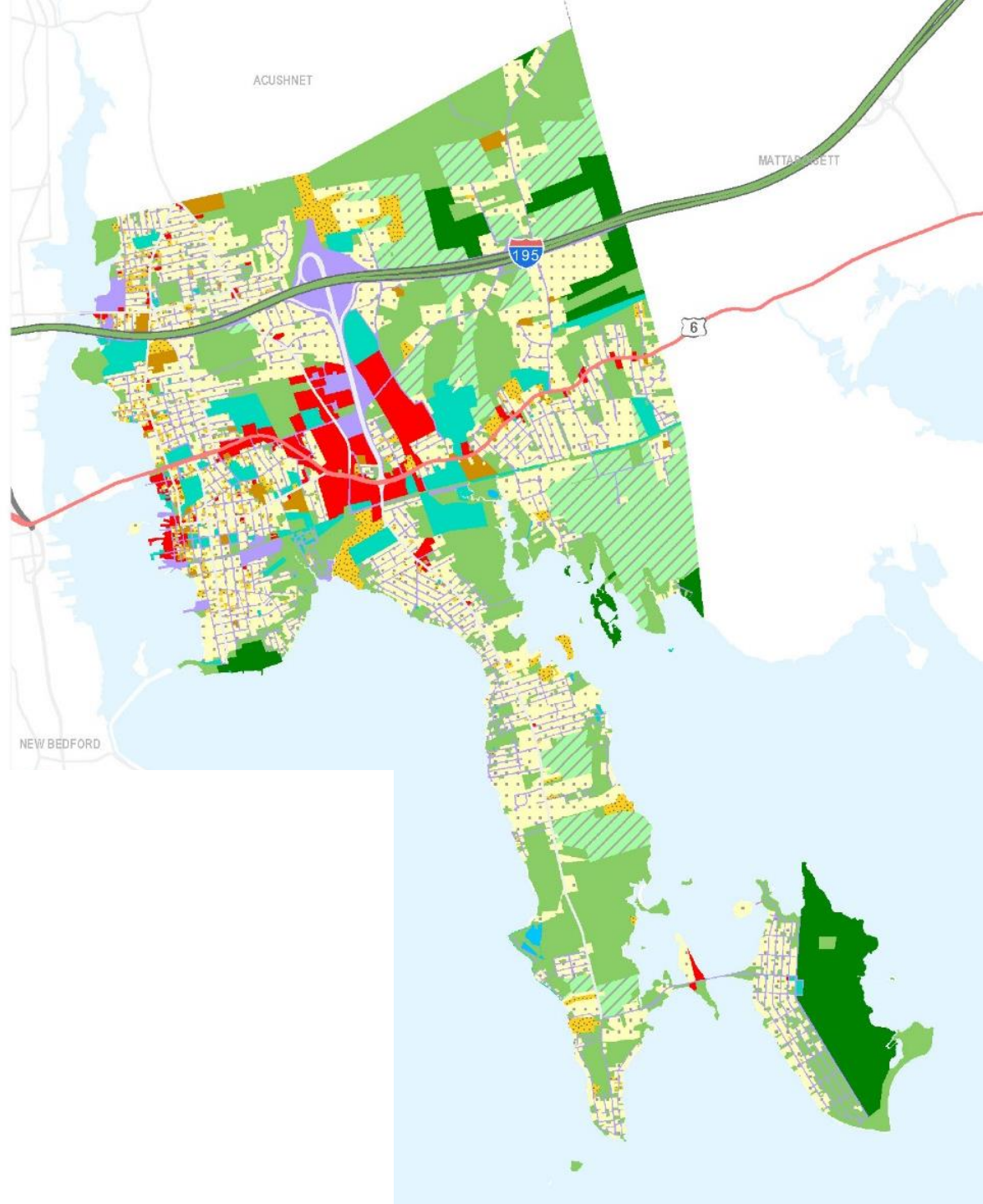


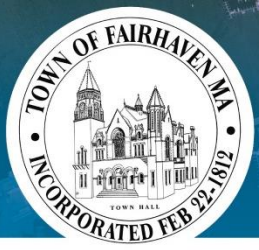






# A Town of many places... many characteristics





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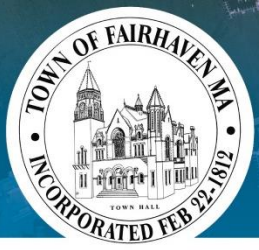


## What is a Master or Comprehensive Plan?

- A future vision and policy guide for the Town
- A translation of a community's values into specific actions
- NOT a zoning ordinance or regulation
- Meant to cover a 15 – 25 year time horizon



“We usually do our long-range planning at the last minute”



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## What is a Master or Comprehensive Plan?

### ■ Basic Master Plan Process



### PLAN ELEMENTS

☐ Vision, Goals and Policies

☐ Land Use

☐ Housing

☐ Economic Development

☐ Natural, Historic and Cultural Resources

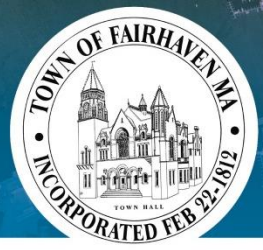
☐ Open Space and Recreation

☐ Public Services and Facilities

☐ Transportation and Circulation

☐ Sustainability and Resiliency

☐ Implementation



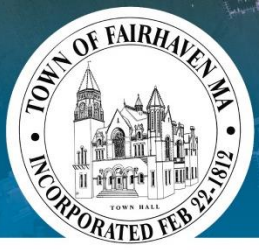
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## Planning Trends

- National demographic changes
  - Rise of Single Person Households – By 2025, the number of single person households will equal family households
  - Graying of America – By 2030, one in 5 Americans will be over 65
  - Browning of America – By 2040, there will be no majority race in the U. S.
  - Boomerang students – children moving home after college
  - Preference to rent rather than own



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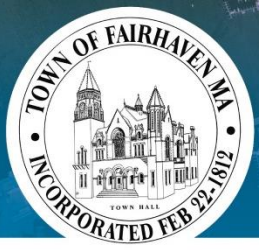
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## Planning Trends

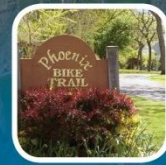
### ■ Emerging Issues

- Demographic changes
- Social media
- Aging infrastructure
- More urban lifestyle
- Development near transit
- Climate change
- Antiquated zoning
- Shrinking tax base for local governments
- Public health
- Energy
- Building codes and materials



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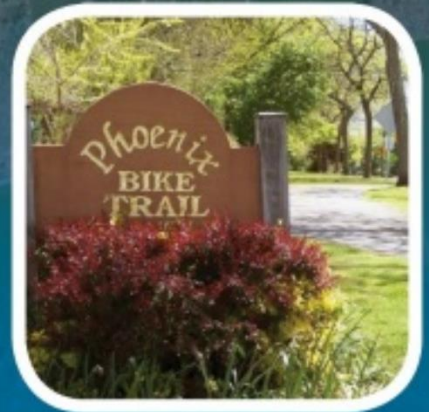
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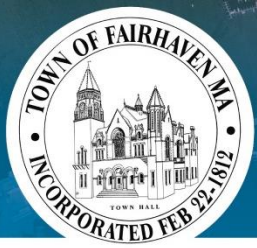


## Master Plan Status

- Community Immersion Day and Stakeholder Interviews
- Planning Board meetings and biweekly coordination calls
- Existing conditions data collection and analysis
- Master Plan Community Survey online:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Fairhaven2040>
- Master Plan Webpage on Town Official Website:  
[http://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/pages/FairhavenMA\\_MasterPlan/index](http://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/pages/FairhavenMA_MasterPlan/index)
- Recent and Ongoing studies:
  - Open Space and Recreation Plan, ongoing
  - Hazard Mitigation Plan, ongoing

# Snapshot of Fairhaven



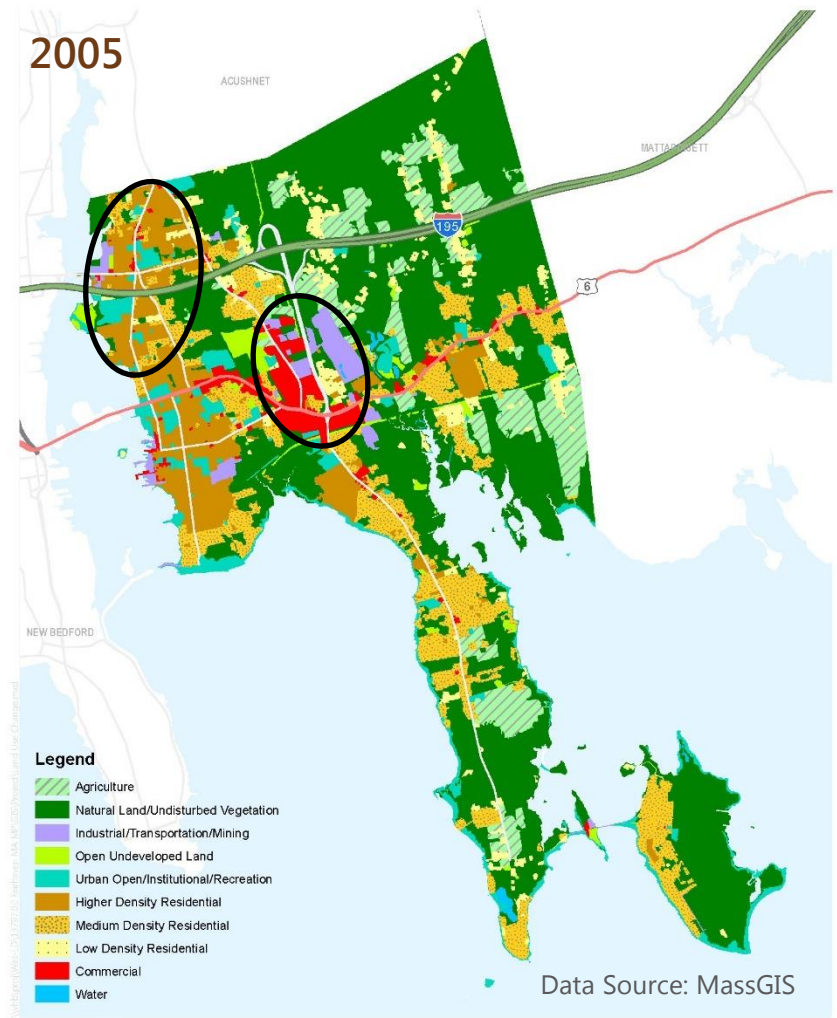
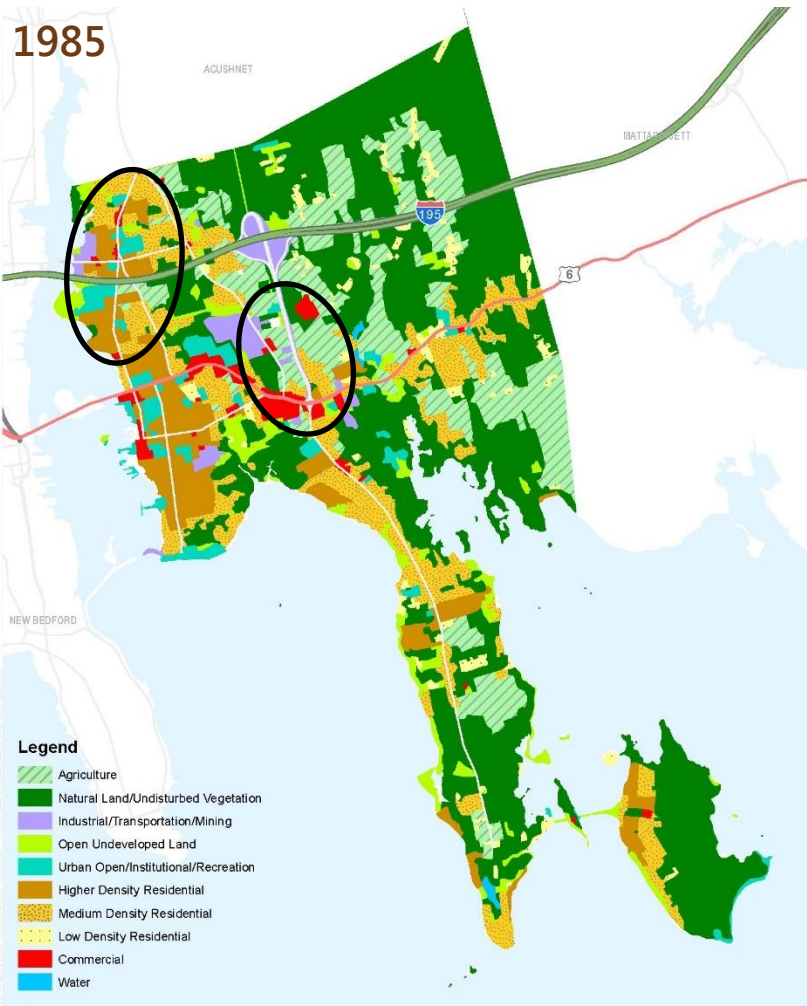


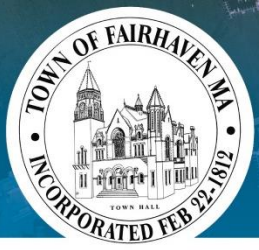
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## Snapshot of Fairhaven – Land Use





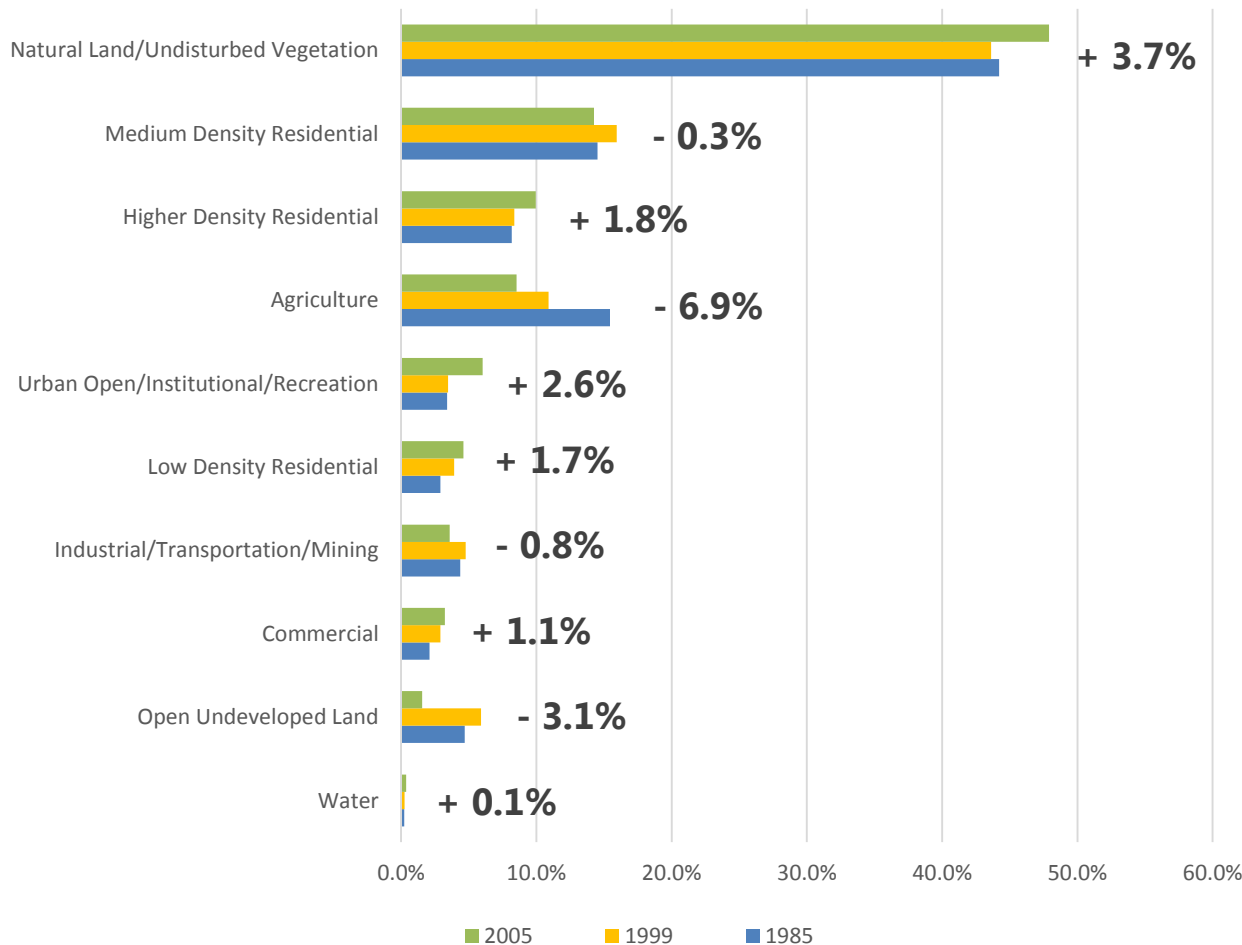
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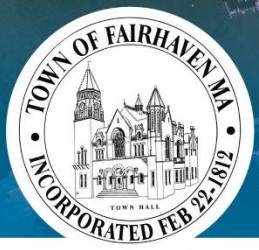


## Snapshot of Fairhaven – Land Use

### Land Use Change, 1985 - 2005



- Significant decrease in agricultural land and open undeveloped land
- Relatively steady residential growth, particularly in northwestern areas of town
- Establishment of commercial corridor along Route 6 and expansion along Alden Road
- Significant increase in natural vegetated area due to succession of inactive agricultural and open undeveloped land, and more detailed delineation of inland wetlands

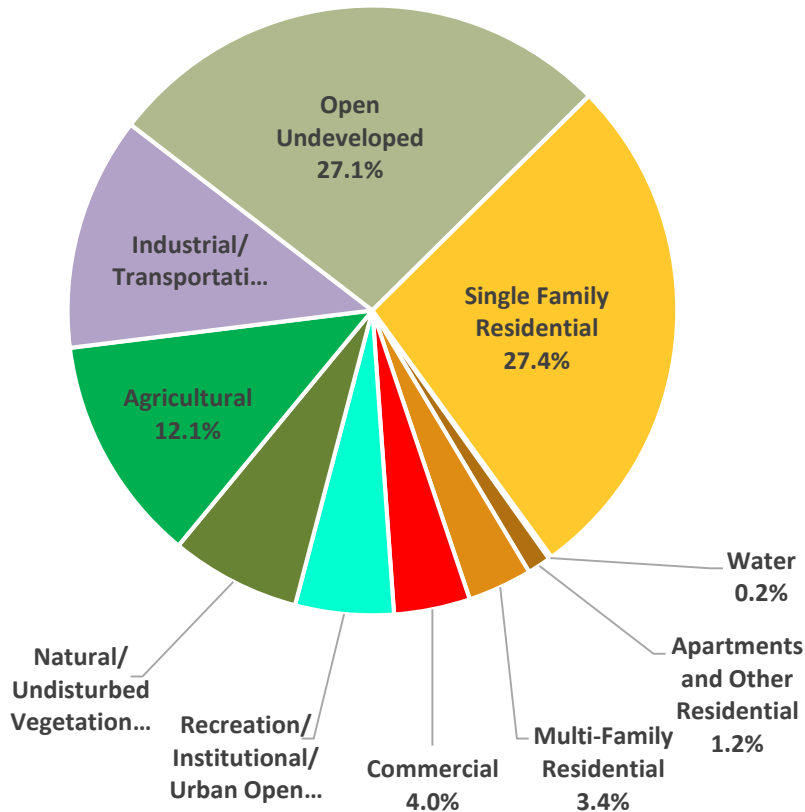


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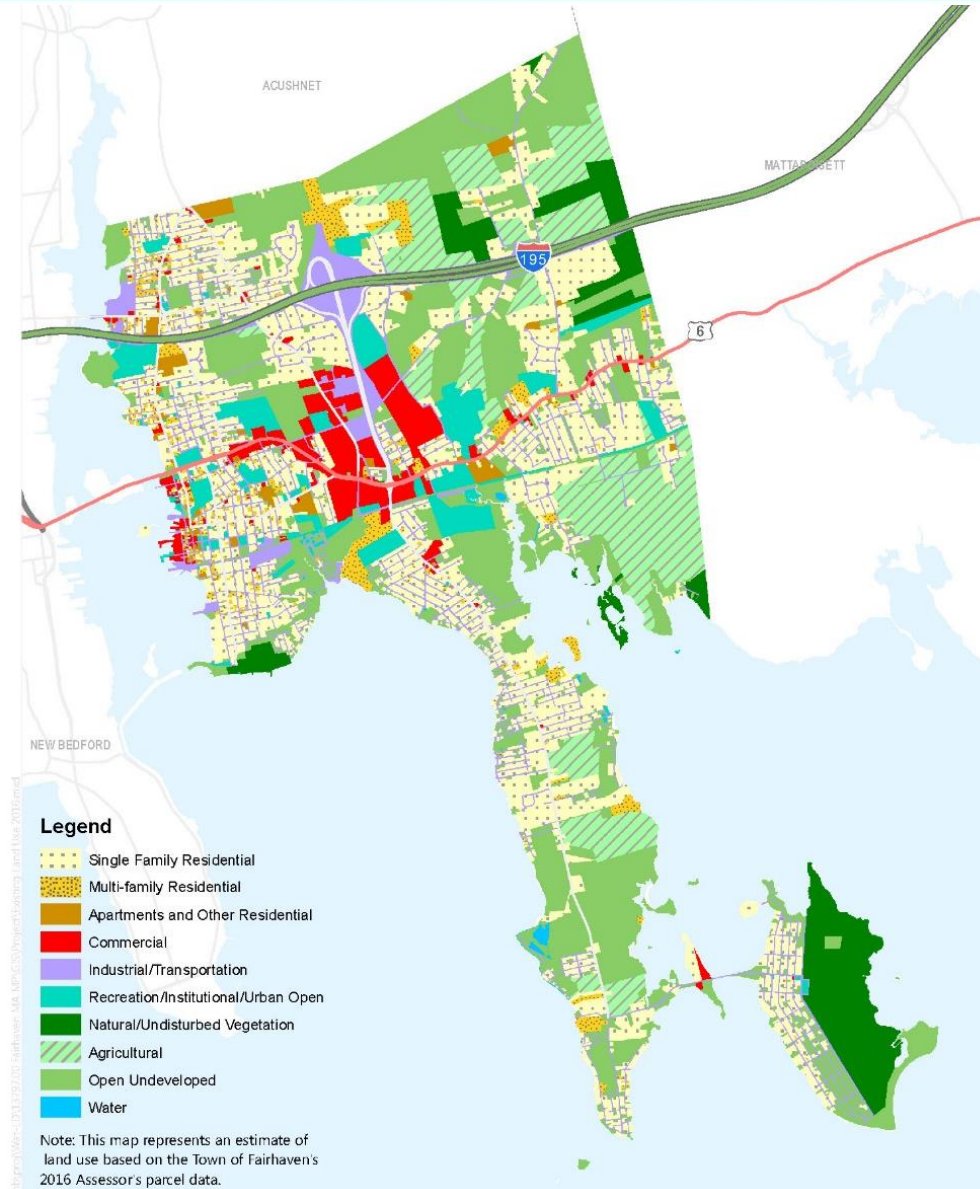
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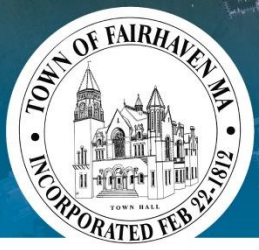


## Snapshot of Fairhaven — Land Use 2016



Data Source: Town of Fairhaven Assessors database





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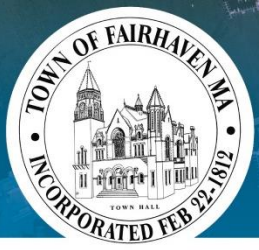
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## Snapshot of Fairhaven – Land Use

### ■ Preliminary findings:

- Established commercial corridor along Route 6 with high vacancies
- Single family residential land dominates existing land use in Town
- Nearly half of Town zoned for Rural Residence Districts, defining the rural character of Town
- Zoning bylaw adopted 1966, outdated and lacks essential provisions to regulate and promote growth, e.g. business uses within industrial zones, smaller neighborhood commercial cores, etc.
- Most of the Town's remaining agricultural land located in East Fairhaven and part of the Neck
- Approximately 1,669 acres of land in town permanently protected for conservation, agriculture, recreation, and water resource protection



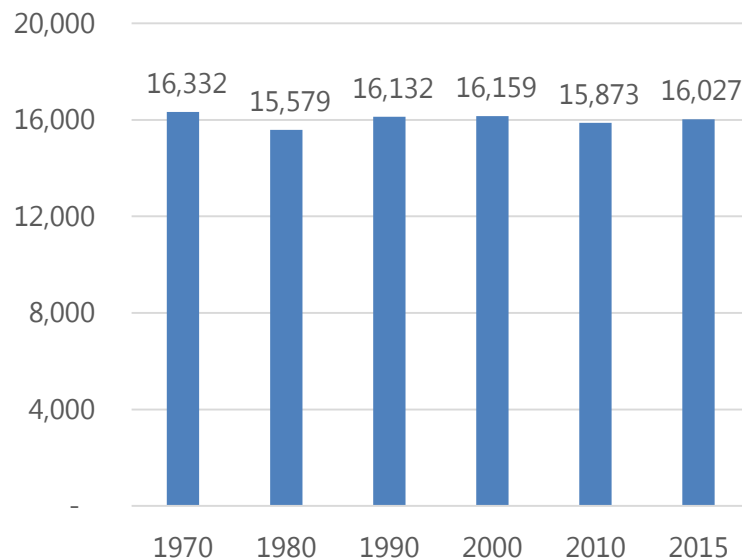
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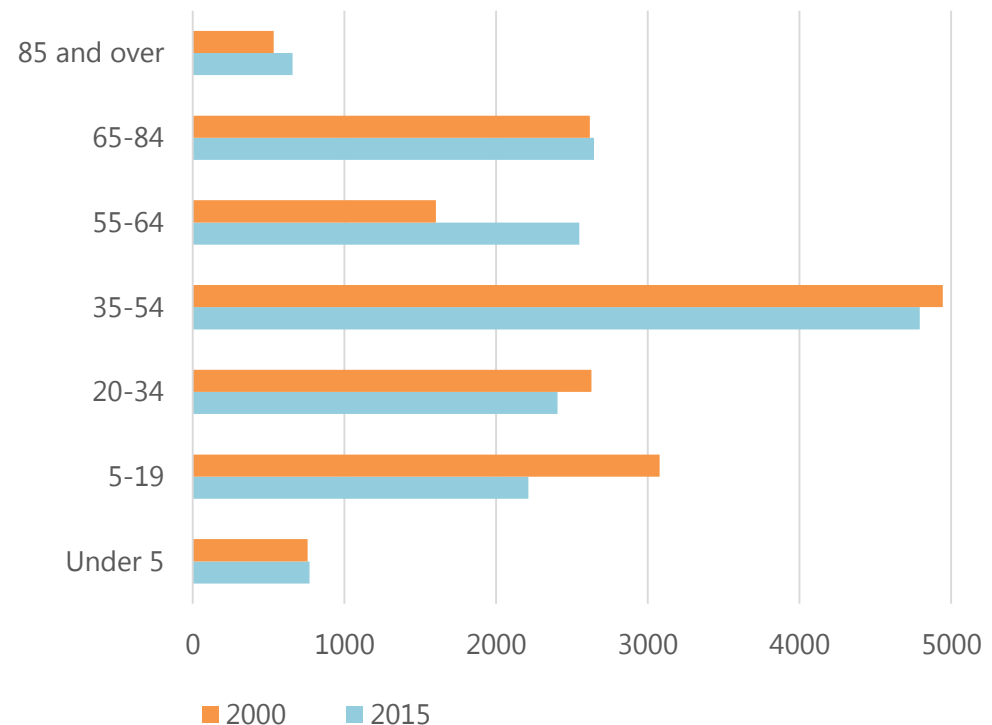


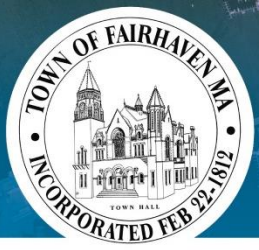
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Population Change, 1970 - 2015



Population Change by Age Group, 2000 and 2015





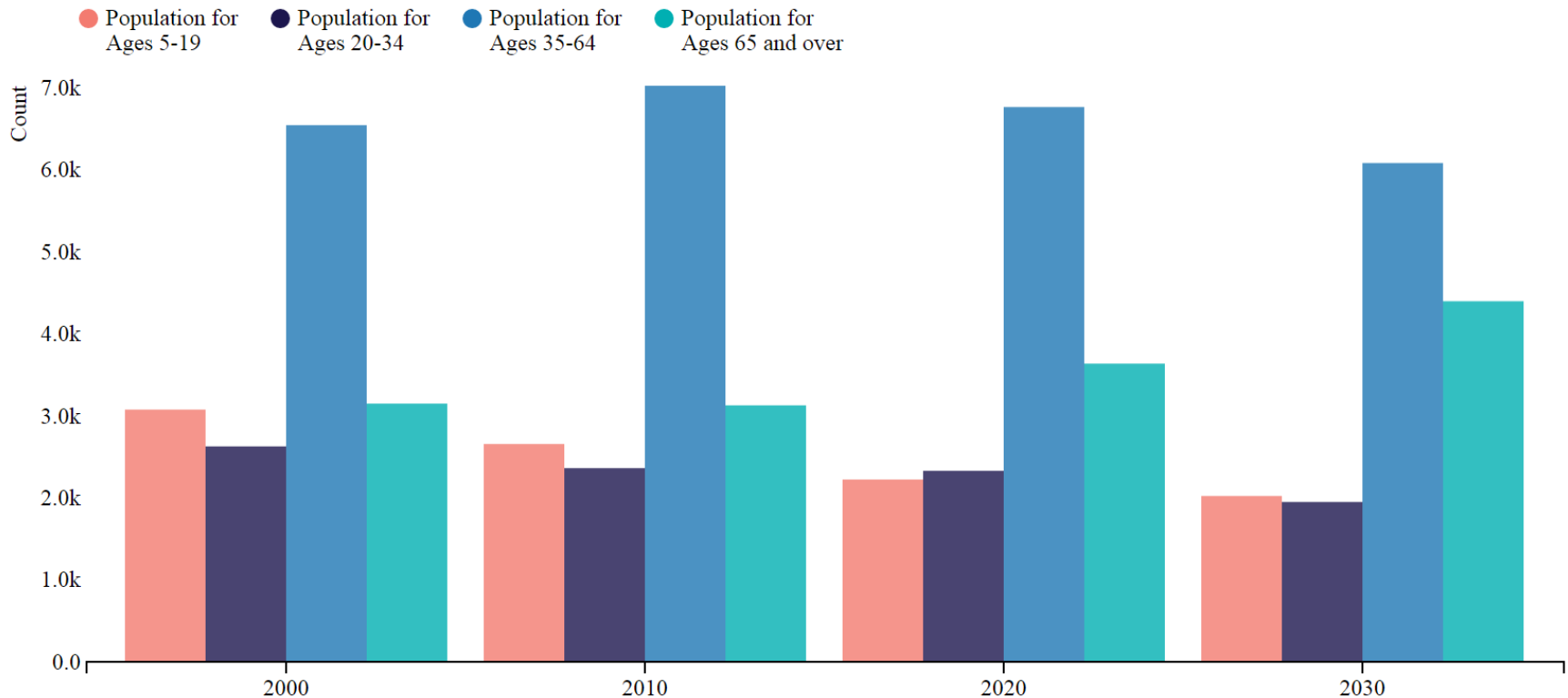
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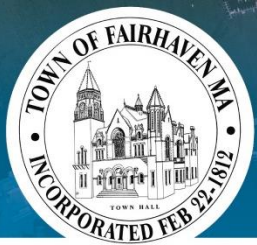
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### Population Change Projection, 2000-2030





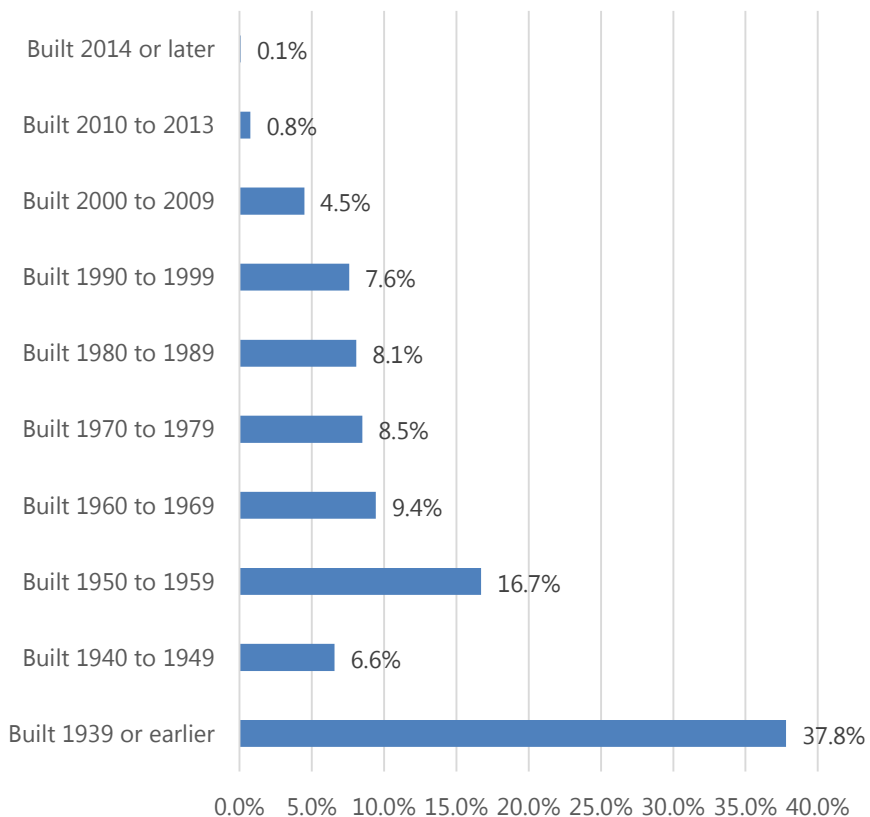
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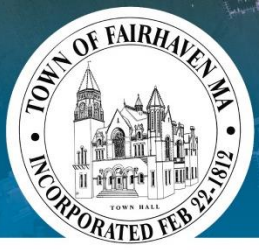
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### Age of Housing Stock, 2015



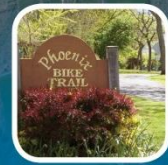
Data Source: US Census

Type of housing units	2015		2000	
Single Family (detached)	5,473	73.5%	5,307	73.0%
Single Family (attached)	228	3.1%	167	2.3%
Two-family units	630	8.5%	688	9.5%
Three or four units	391	5.3%	416	5.7%
Five to nine units	225	3.0%	184	2.5%
Ten or more units	500	6.7%	504	6.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,447</b>		<b>7,266</b>	



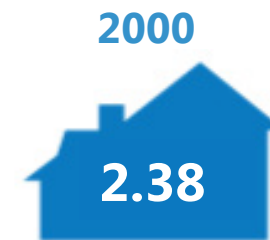
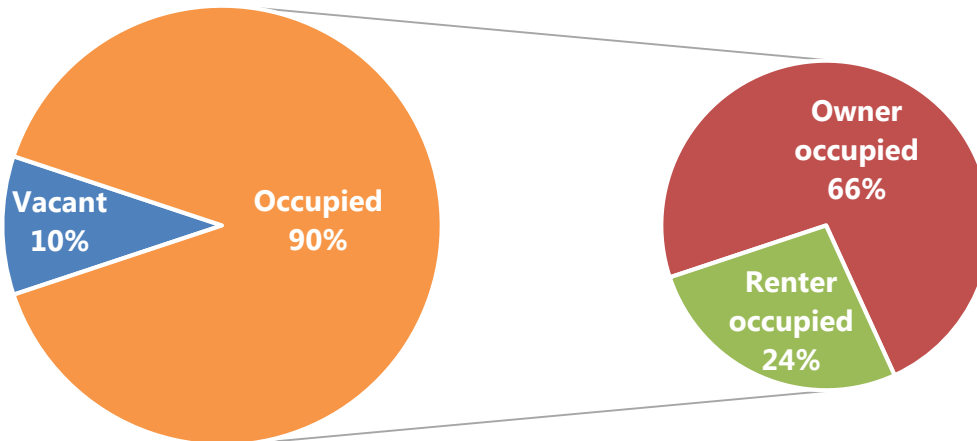
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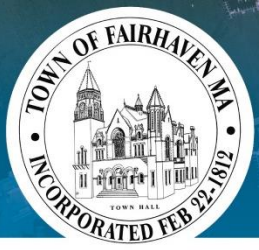
Housing Units and Tenure, 2015



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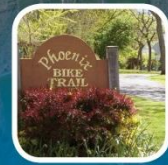


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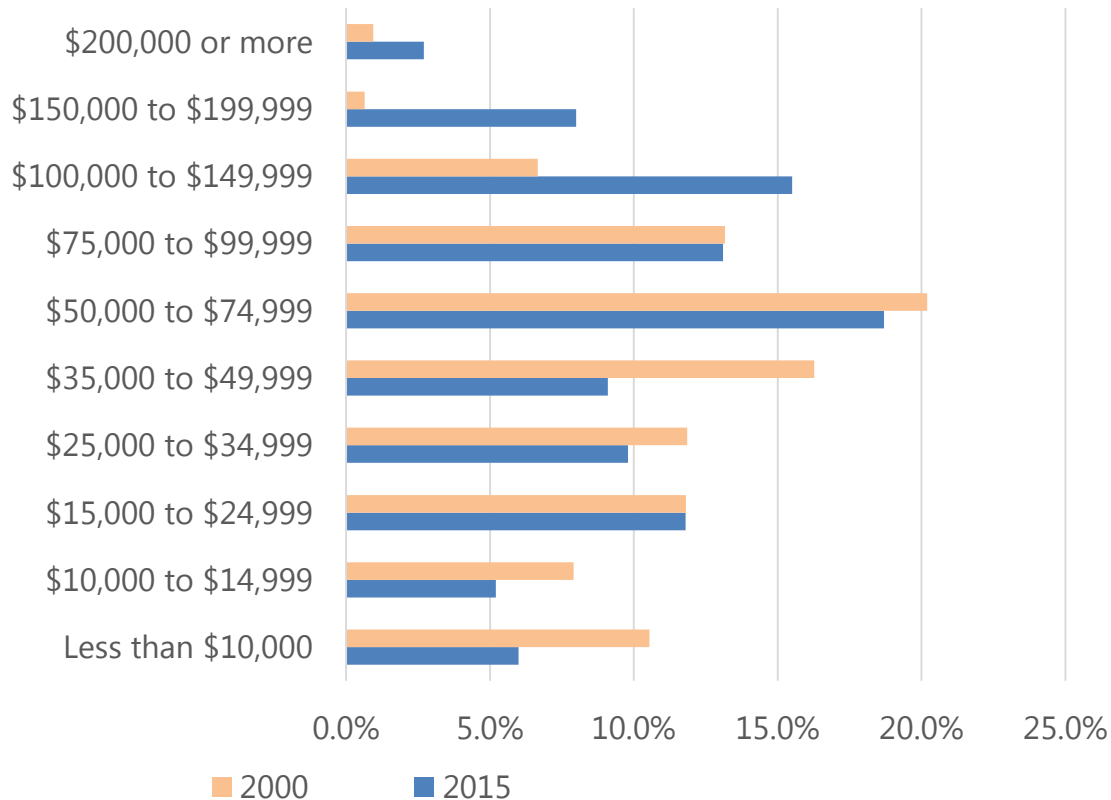
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### Household Income, 2000 and 2015



Data Source: US Census

2000



**\$41,696**

Median Household  
Income

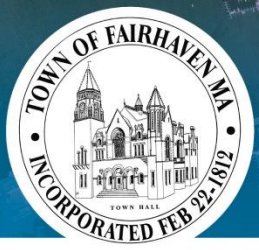


2015



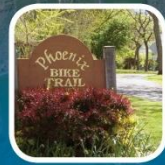
**\$61,274**

Median Household  
Income



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## Snapshot of Fairhaven – Housing

### Median Monthly Housing Cost, 2015

**\$1,644**

**Homes with  
a mortgage**

**\$563**

**Homes without  
mortgage**

**\$864**

**Gross Rent**

### Percent of Cost-burdened Households (spending > 30% monthly income on housing), 2015

**39.2%**

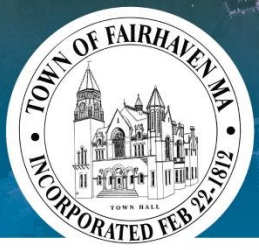
**Households with  
a mortgage**

**26.2%**

**Households without  
mortgage**

**42.6%**

**Renters**



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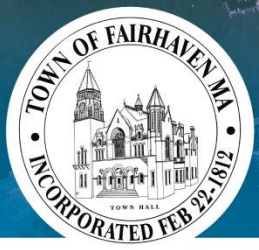
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## Snapshot of Fairhaven – Housing

### ■ Preliminary findings:

- The Town has an relatively aged housing stock with predominately single families units
- Trend of aging population indicates more housing options for seniors
- Greater housing diversity is needed, particularly rental and condo units
- While overall household income is on the rise, affordability is still a challenge with nearly half of the town's rental households and a third of the owner-occupied households are cost-burdened



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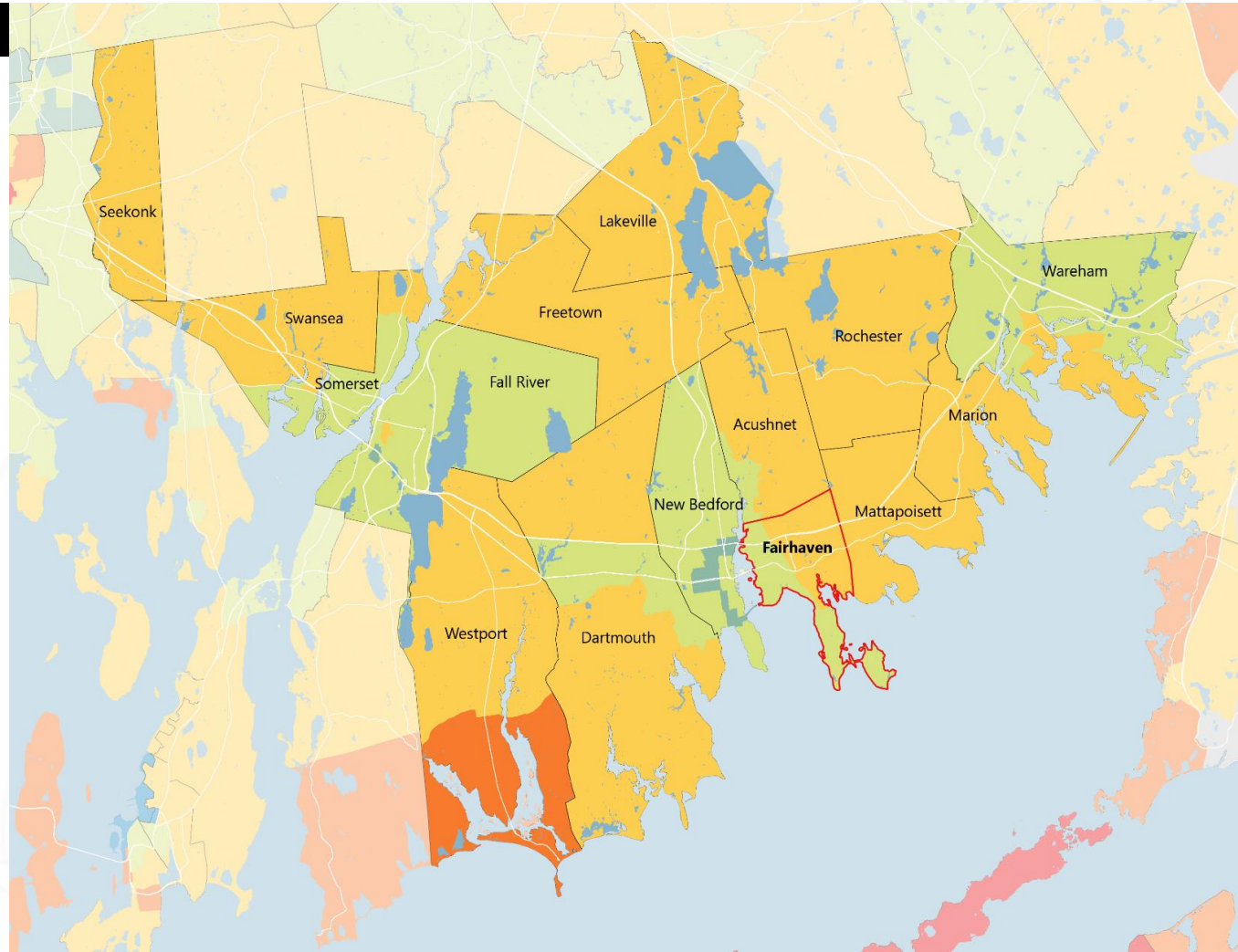
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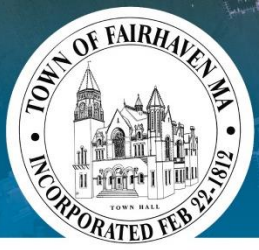


## Snapshot of Fairhaven – Economic Development

### Median Home Value

Source: ESRI BAO 2016





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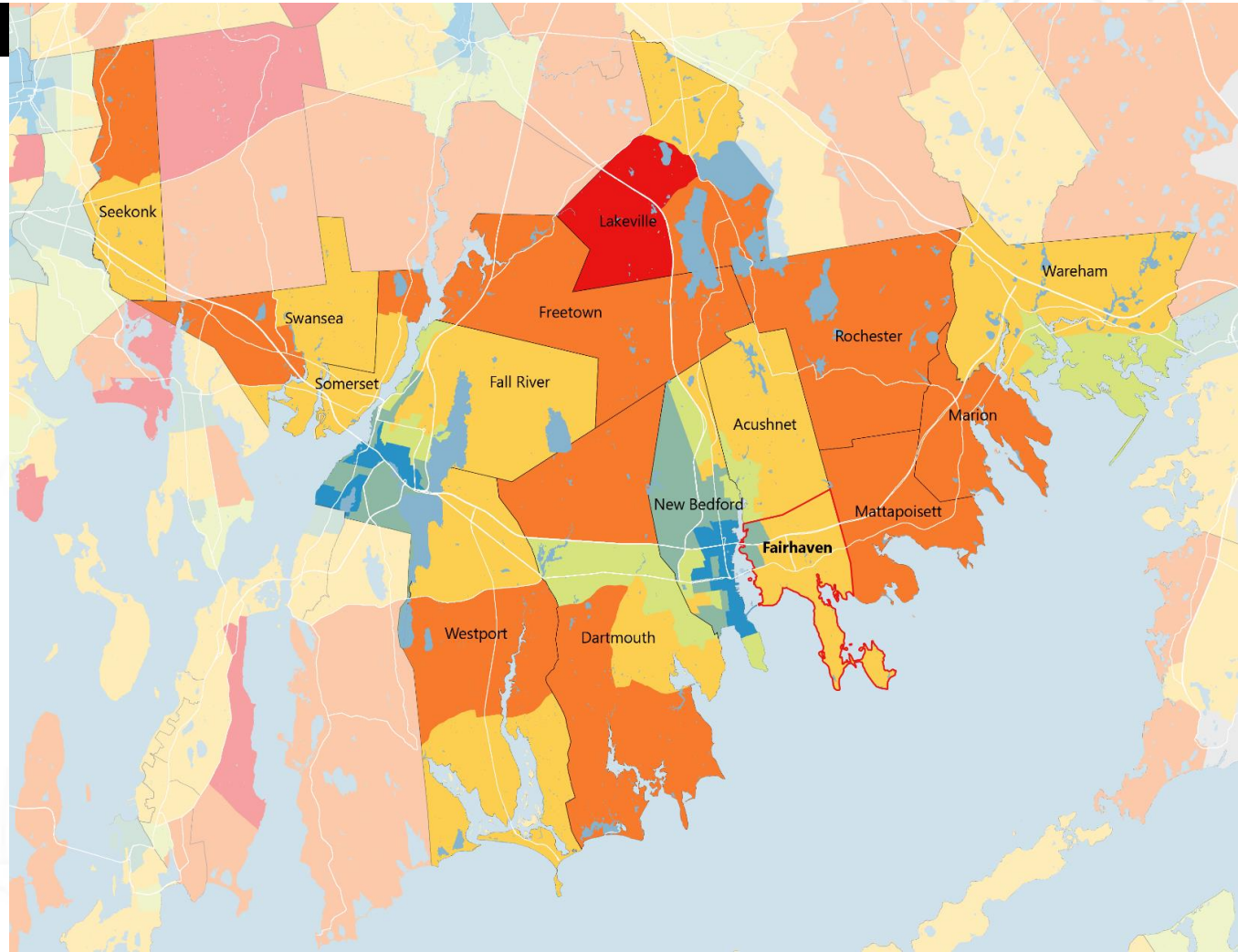
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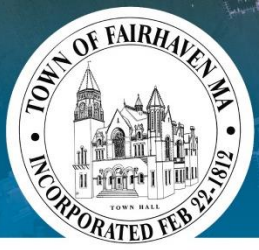


## Snapshot of Fairhaven – Economic Development

### Median Household Income

Source: ESRI BAO 2016





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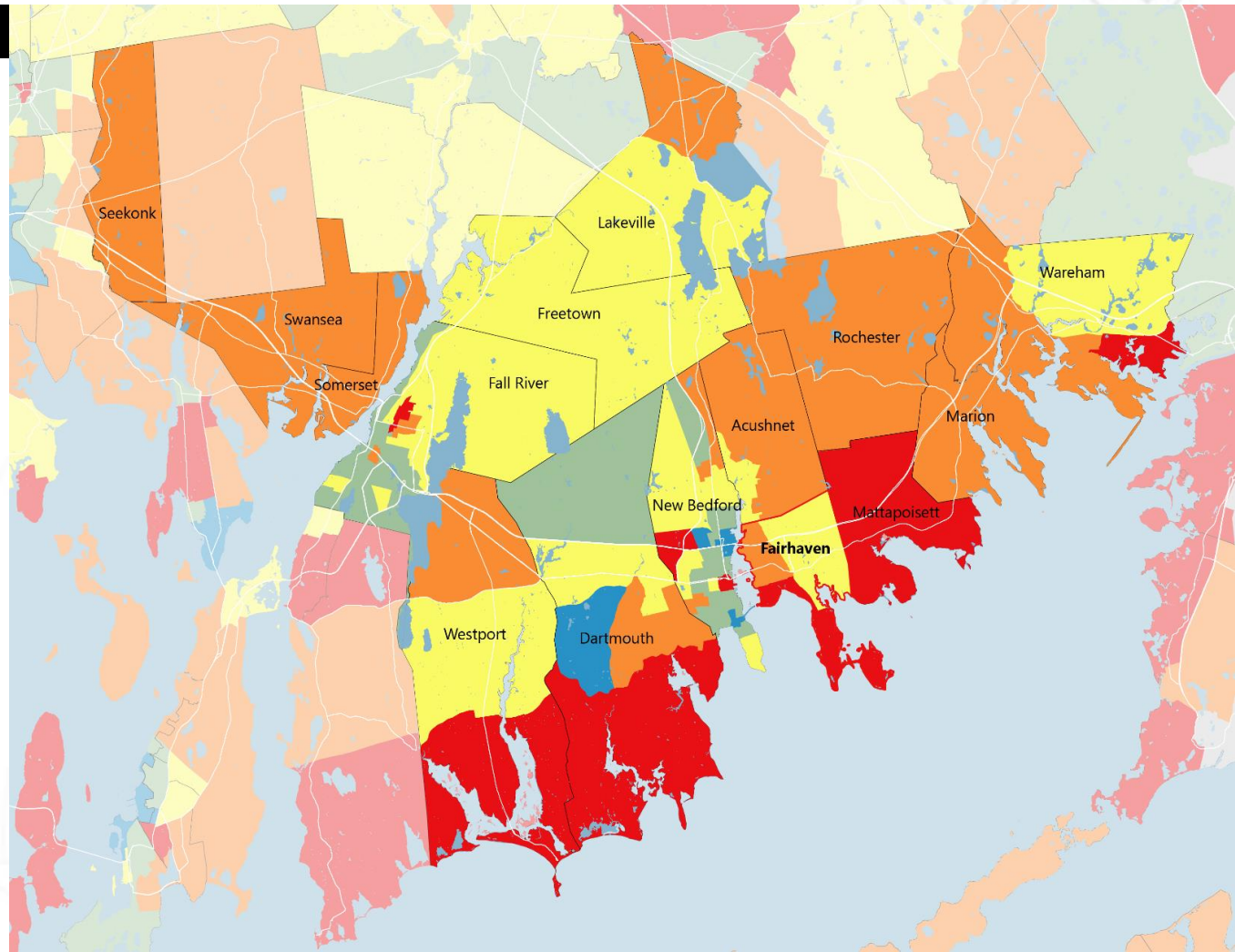
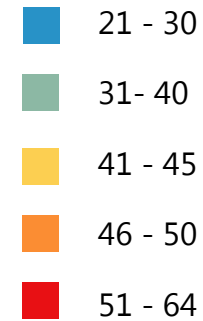
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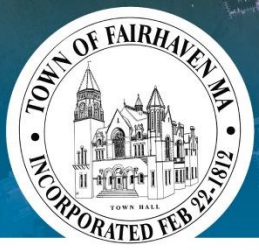


## Snapshot of Fairhaven – Economic Development

### Median Age

Source: ESRI BAO 2016



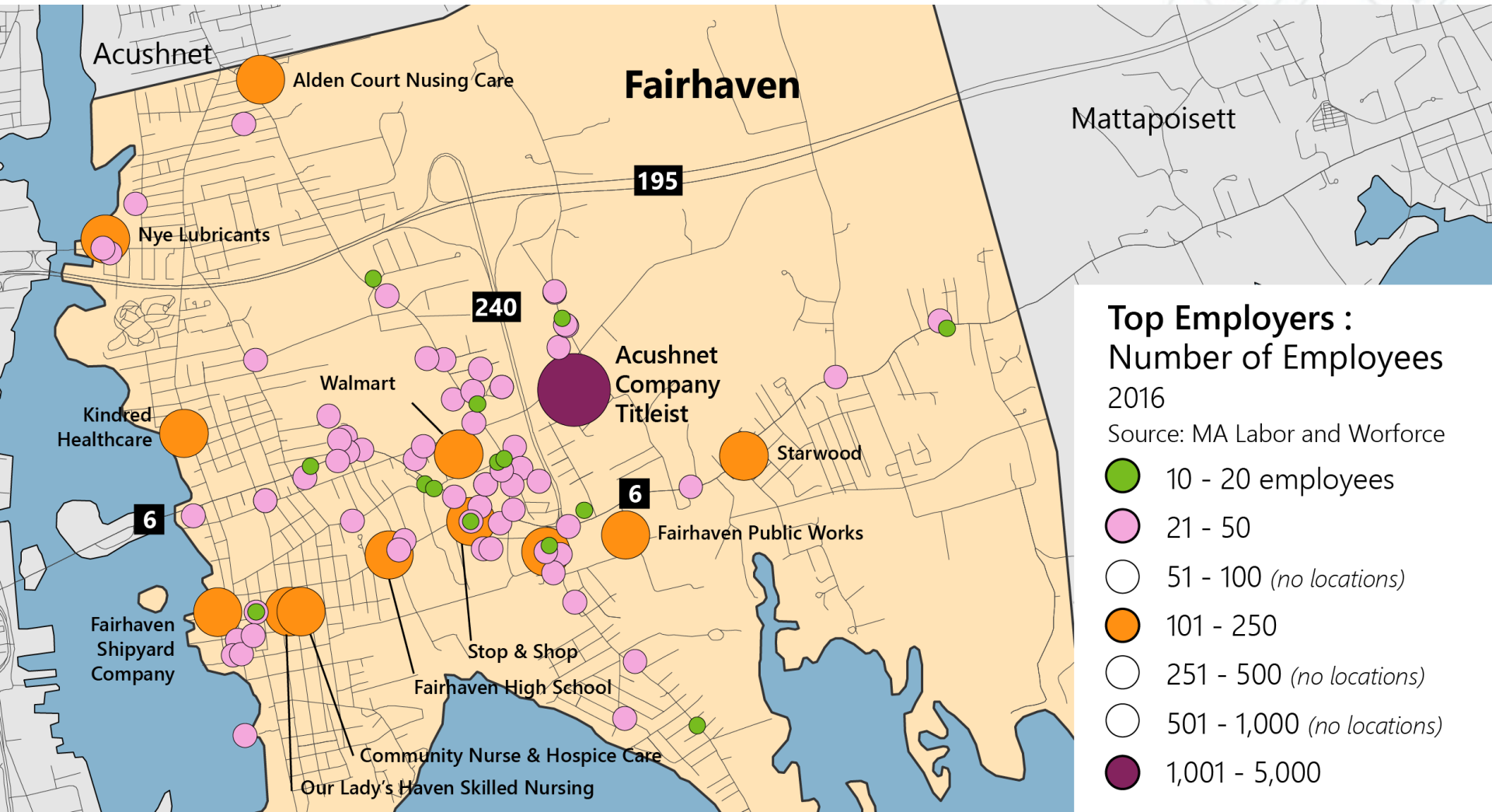


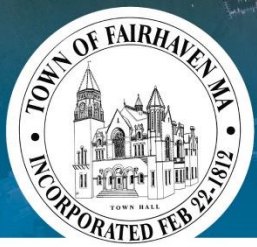
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## Snapshot of Fairhaven – Economic Development





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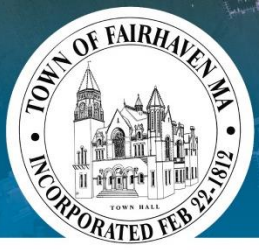


## Snapshot of Fairhaven – Economic Development

NAICS Code - Industry

	Avg Employment			Number of Establishments		
	2010	2015	% Change	2010	2015	% Change
62 - Health Care and Social Assistance	1,211	2,189	81%	39	116	197%
44-45 - Retail Trade	1,182	1,067	-10%	76	66	-13%
72 - Accommodation and Food Services	817	976	19%	56	57	2%
31-33 - Manufacturing	848	894	5%	15	9	-40%
23 - Construction	258	319	24%	63	52	-17%
56 - Administrative and Waste Services	97	303	212%	21	16	-24%
81 - Other Services, Ex. Public Admin	293	228	-22%	108	41	-62%
52 - Finance and Insurance	182	196	8%	19	24	26%
71 - Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	125	127	2%	7	8	14%
Other	1,111	1,632	47%	113	121	7%
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>6,124</b>	<b>7,931</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>517</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>-1%</b>

Between 2010 and 2015, Fairhaven experienced significant employment growth in the Health Care and Social Assistance industry sector.



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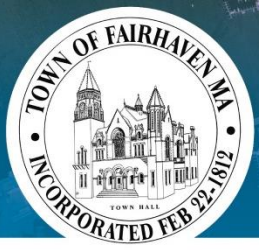
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## Snapshot of Fairhaven – Economic Development

### ■ Preliminary Findings:

- Healthcare and Social Assistance fueling the most job growth in Fairhaven.
- General concern around rising vacancy in big-box shopping centers (i.e. Kmart, Shaw's, Sears). Strategy required to retain service related jobs and ensure strength of the Route 6 corridor.
- Opportunity for the Town to encourage mixed use development, on key redevelopment parcels.
- Current business regulations and programs can be enhanced to continue to support the growth of small businesses.
- The Town's housing stock appears to lack sufficient rental and condo product. There is an opportunity to add more multifamily units to provide affordable housing for multiple market audiences.



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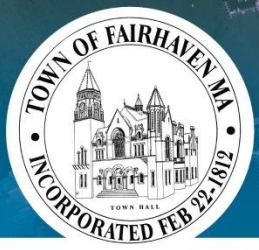


## Snapshot of Fairhaven – Public Facilities and Services

### ■ Town Hall

- Built in 1892
- Donated to the Town by the Henry Rogers
- Listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1981
- Preservation Restriction





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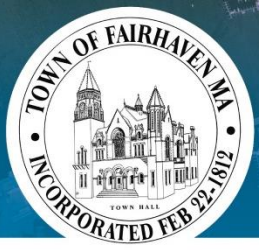


## Snapshot of Fairhaven – Public Facilities and Services

### ■ Public Works

- Governed by the five member, elected Board of Public Works Commissioners
- Includes the following divisions:
  - Highway
  - Parks and Grounds
  - Water
  - Sewer/wastewater
  - Administration





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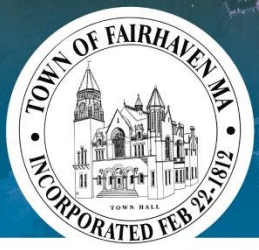


## Snapshot of Fairhaven – Public Facilities and Services

### ■ Fire Department

- 23 career firefighters and 25 call firefighters
- Fire Equipment:
  - 4 Engines (vehicle year 1983, 1995, 2003, 2008)
  - 1 Ladder
  - 3 Ambulance (vehicle year 2002, 2009, 2012)
  - 1 Rescue Truck (vehicle year 1995)
  - 1 bush fire truck (vehicle year 1995)
  - 1 trailer truck (vehicle year 2009)
  - 1 patrol boat





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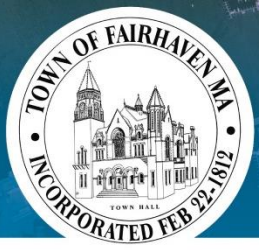


## Snapshot of Fairhaven – Public Facilities and Services

### ■ Police Department

- 31 full-time and 4 permanent/intermittent officers
- 6 full-time communications personnel, one clerk, and a part-time custodian
- Includes the following units:
  - Patrol
  - Detective
  - Domestic Violence
  - Communications
  - Dive
  - Motorcycle patrol
  - Marine patrol
  - Honor Guard
  - School Resource Officers





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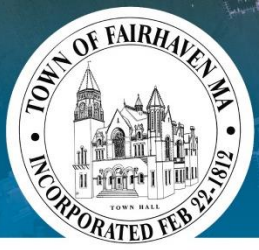


## Snapshot of Fairhaven – Public Facilities and Services

### ■ Library

- Building was constructed and gifted to the Town by the Henry Rogers in 1892
- Addition to the old structure in 1968
- 12 Staff Members
- 19 member Board of Trustees





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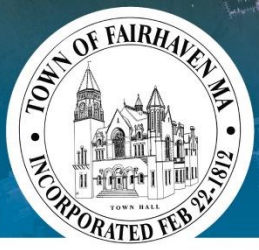


## Snapshot of Fairhaven – Public Facilities and Services

### ■ Council on Aging

- 17 paid staff and 85 volunteers
- Over 1700 elders served in 2016
- Offers advocacy, professional (legal, financial, etc.), support (social, transportation, etc.), and wellness (health screening, fitness, etc.) services
- Over-capacity/inadequate space: currently shares spaces with Recreation Department





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## Snapshot of Fairhaven – Education

- Fairhaven High School  
(616 Students)
- Elizabeth Hastings  
Middle School  
(436 Students)
- East Fairhaven  
Elementary School  
(458 Students)
- Leroy L. Wood  
Elementary School  
(514 Students)



High School



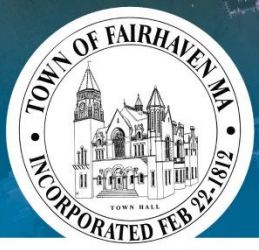
Hastings Middle School



Wood Elementary School



East Fairhaven  
Elementary School



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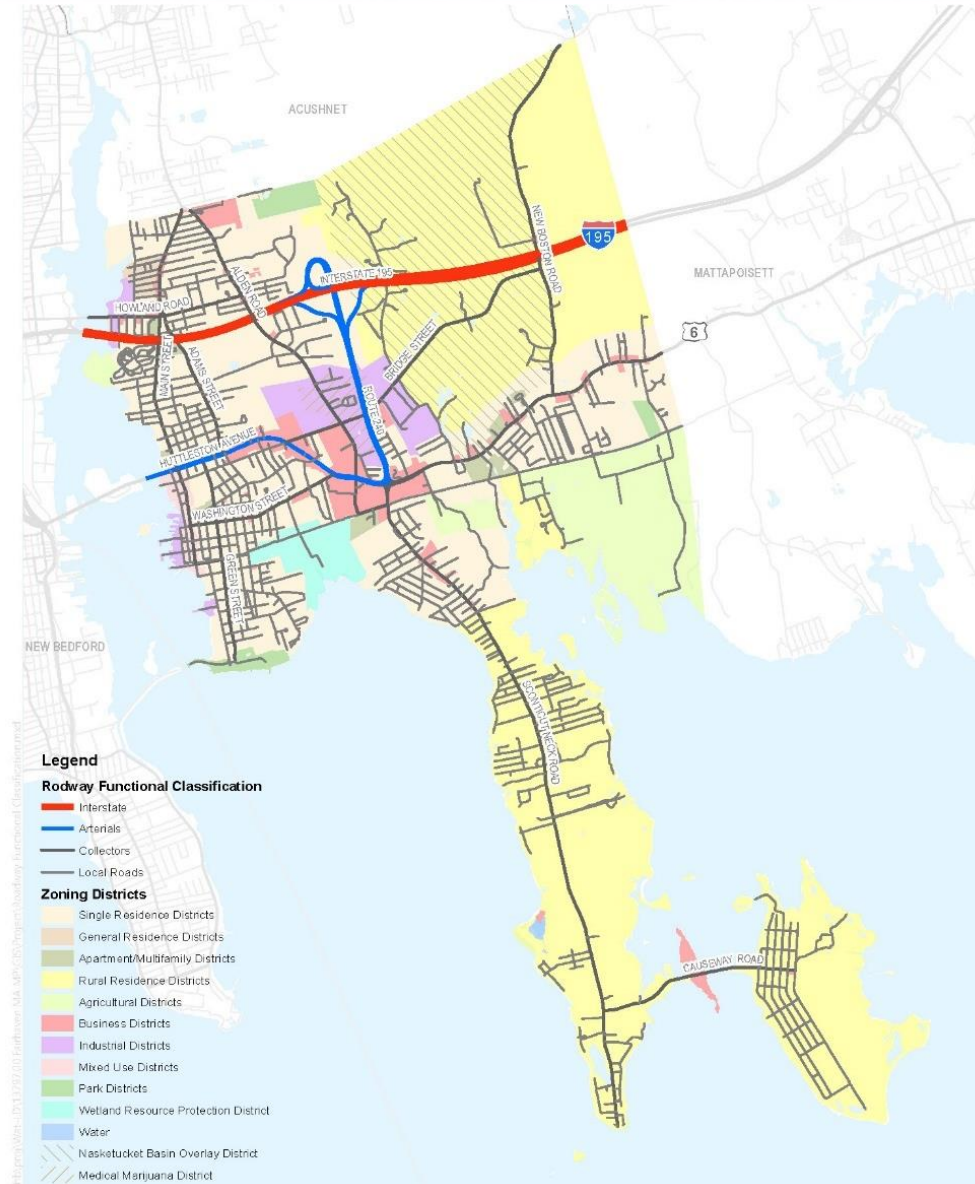
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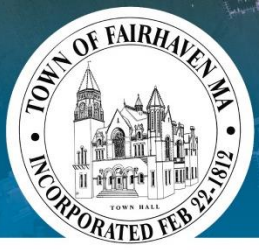


## Snapshot of Fairhaven – Transportation

### ■ Functional Classification

- Business Districts well served by higher order roadways (Arterials & Collectors)
- Harbor-based Industrial Districts served primarily by local roadways
- On average Fairhaven residents drive between 50 & 75 miles per day with a round-trip commute between 20 & 25 miles
- 75% of residents work in 6 municipalities (New Bedford, Fairhaven, Dartmouth, Fall River, Taunton & Acushnet)





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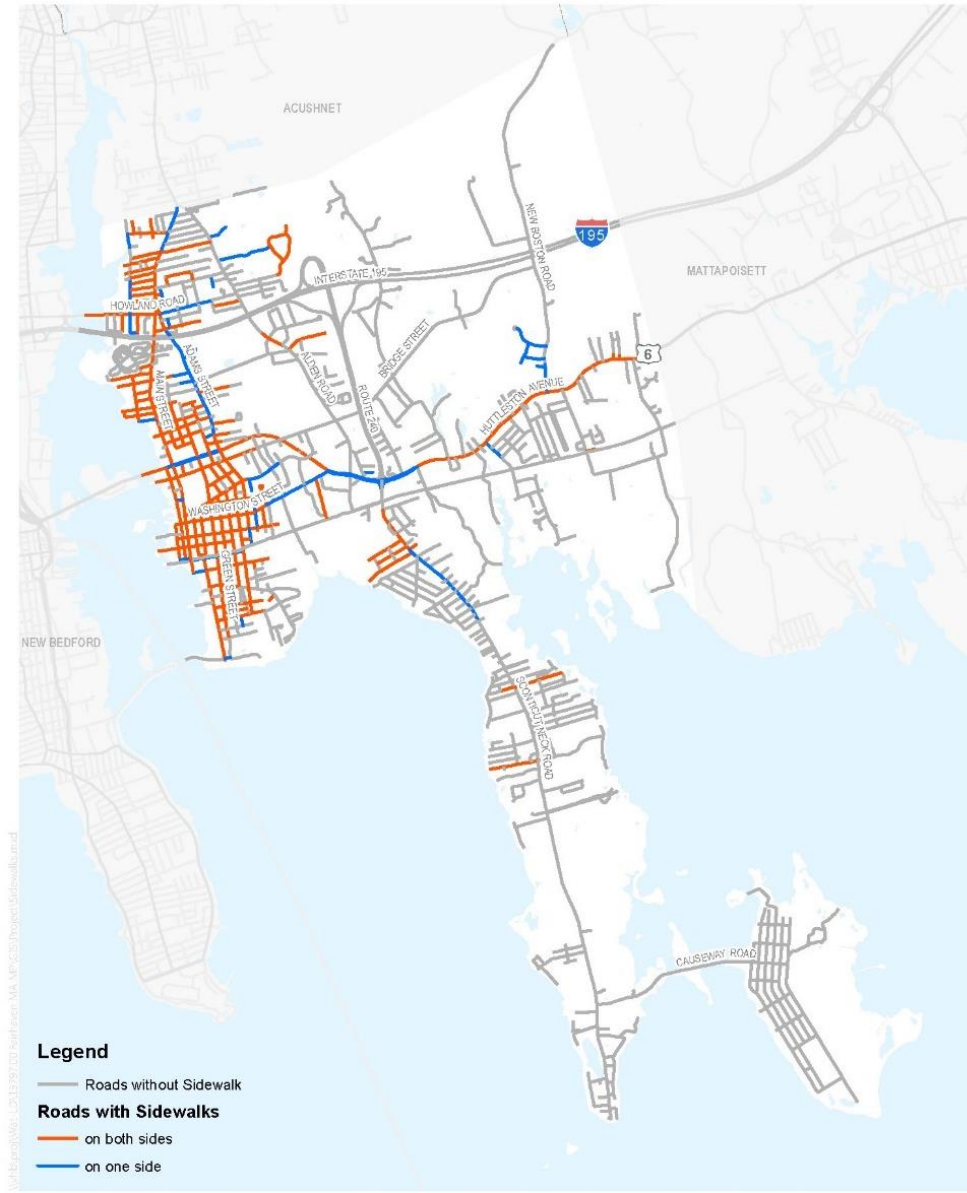
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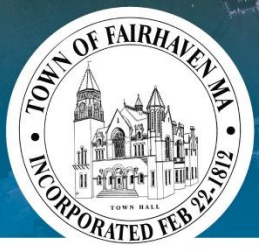


## Snapshot of Fairhaven – Transportation

### ■ Sidewalks & Bicycle Facilities

- No on-road bicycle facilities
- Poor pedestrian connectivity beyond Main Street corridor
- Limited pedestrian connections between residential and Route 6 retail/business areas
- Majority of sidewalks do not meet current ADA standards (narrow walking width, utility poles in the middle of the walk, limited marked crossings)





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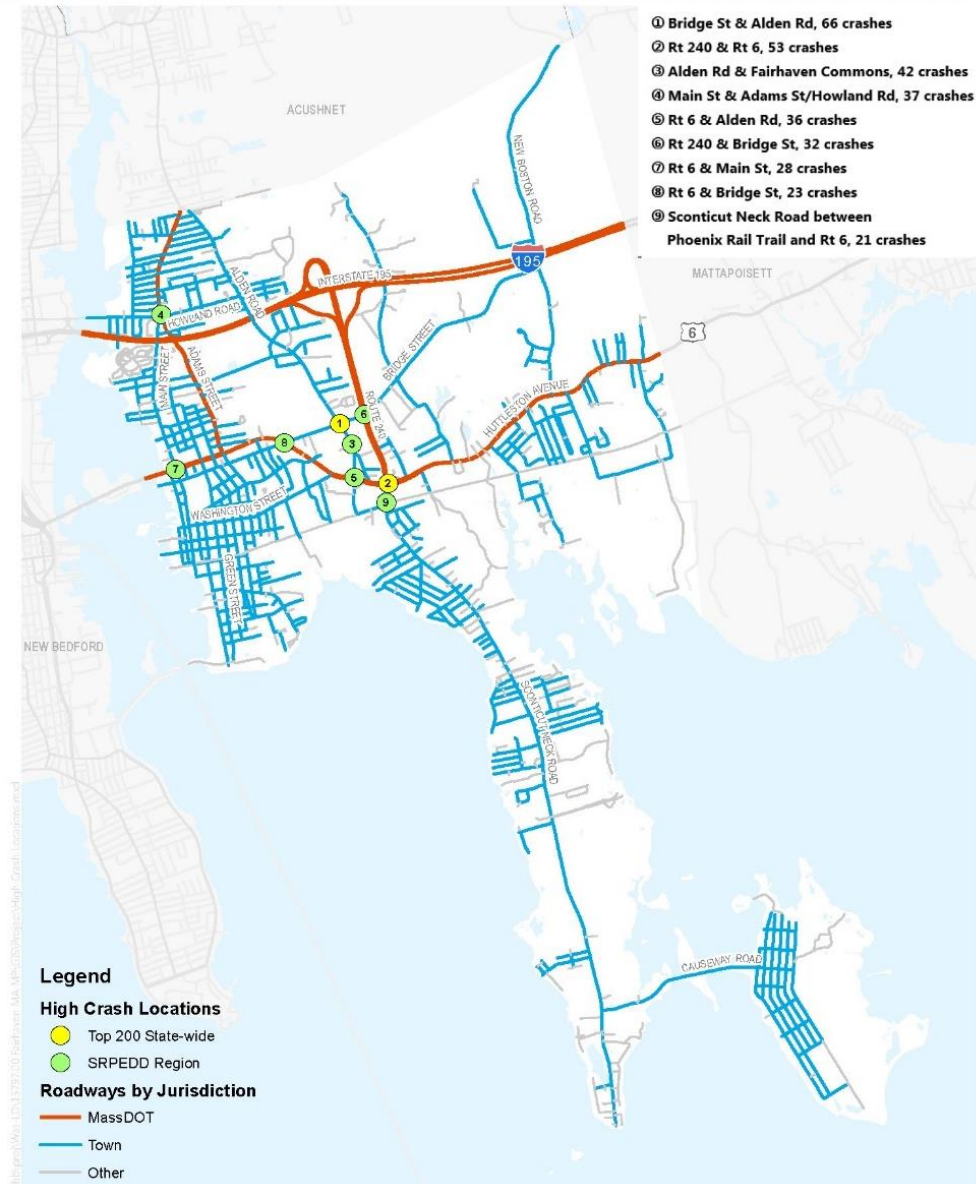
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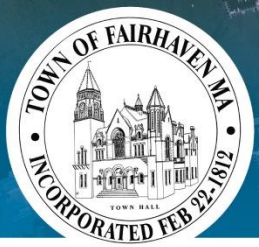


## Snapshot of Fairhaven – Transportation

### ■ Crashes

- 9 High Crash Clusters within the Town (6 located along MassDOT-controlled roadways)
- 5 fatal crashes between 2012 and 2014 (3 pedestrian fatalities)
- 78% of all crashes occurred on 7 roadways (Adams St, Alden Rd, Bridge St, Howland St, Route 6, Main St, Sconticut Neck Rd)





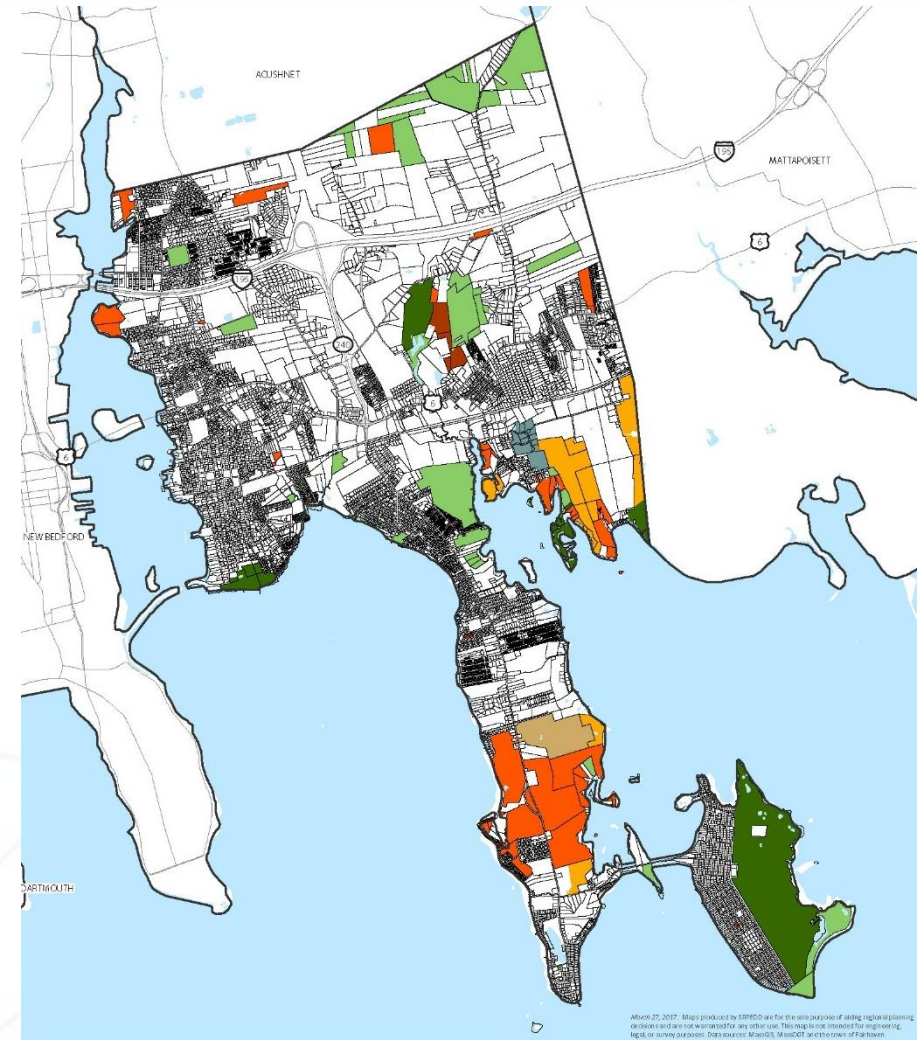
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## Snapshot of Fairhaven – Open Space, Recreation and Natural Resources

- 7,942 acres in total (12 square miles)
- 3,183 acres developed (as of 2013)
- 2,894 acres of natural land (as of 2013); this consists of forest, wetland, and water
- 1,529 acres of open land (as of 2013); this consists of agricultural areas, bare soil, and low vegetation
- 1,888 acres protected (as of 2013)



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Open Space and Recreation Plan - Open Space Map

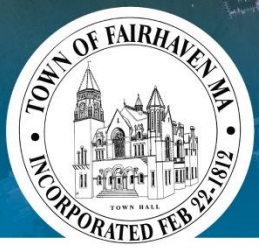
#### Legend

Protected State & Federal Lands  
Protected Municipal Lands  
Agricultural Preservation Restriction  
Municipal Conservation Restriction

Land Trust Properties  
Land Trust Conservation Restriction (CT)  
Land Trust/Municipal Conservation Restriction

Municipal Boundaries  
Interstates  
Arterials and Collectors  
Local Roads

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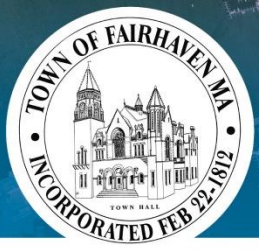
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## Snapshot of Fairhaven – Open Space, Recreation and Natural Resources

- Our community assets:
  - Unique and valuable natural resources
  - Our plants and trees - the retention of our native stock
  - History, landscape, and architecture
  - Coastline and public access to it
  - The Recreation Center
  - Wetlands, birds, and diversity of habitat
  - Partnerships and the interest of our partners in our community





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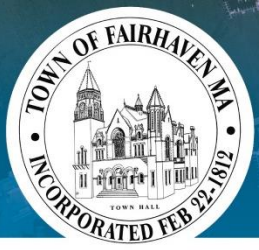
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## Snapshot of Fairhaven – Open Space, Recreation and Natural Resources

- Our community enjoys:
  - Walking/Dog Walking
  - Biking
  - Swimming/Water-based activities
  - Wildlife Viewing
  - Visiting our Historical Sites
  - Playgrounds
- Our Favorite Spots:
  - Fort Phoenix State Reservation
  - Phoenix Bike Path
  - Cushman Park
  - West Island State Reservation and Town Beach





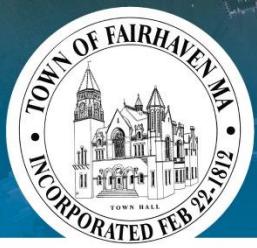
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## Snapshot of Fairhaven – Open Space, Recreation and Natural Resources

- Our protection/preservation priorities:
  - Set aside more land for Conservation, Open Space, and Water Supply Protection
  - Historical and Cultural places/landscapes
  - Forests/Woodlands/Native vegetative communities
  - Farmland
  - Wildlife Habitat
  - Access to the waterfront and water-based recreation
- How should we preserve these areas?
  - Promote the value of existing open space land
  - Promote the donation of conservation land
  - Zoning: Open Space Zoning (already used)
  - Establish a permanent Open Space and Recreation Committee
  - Continue to work with our conservation partners



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## Snapshot of Fairhaven – Historic Resources

### ■ Listed in National Register

- Fairhaven Town Hall (Pres. Restriction)
- Millicent Library (Pres. Restriction)
- Fairhaven High School (Pres. Restriction)
- Memorial Church (w/ house & parsonage)
- Ezekiel Sawin House

### ■ Eligible for National Register

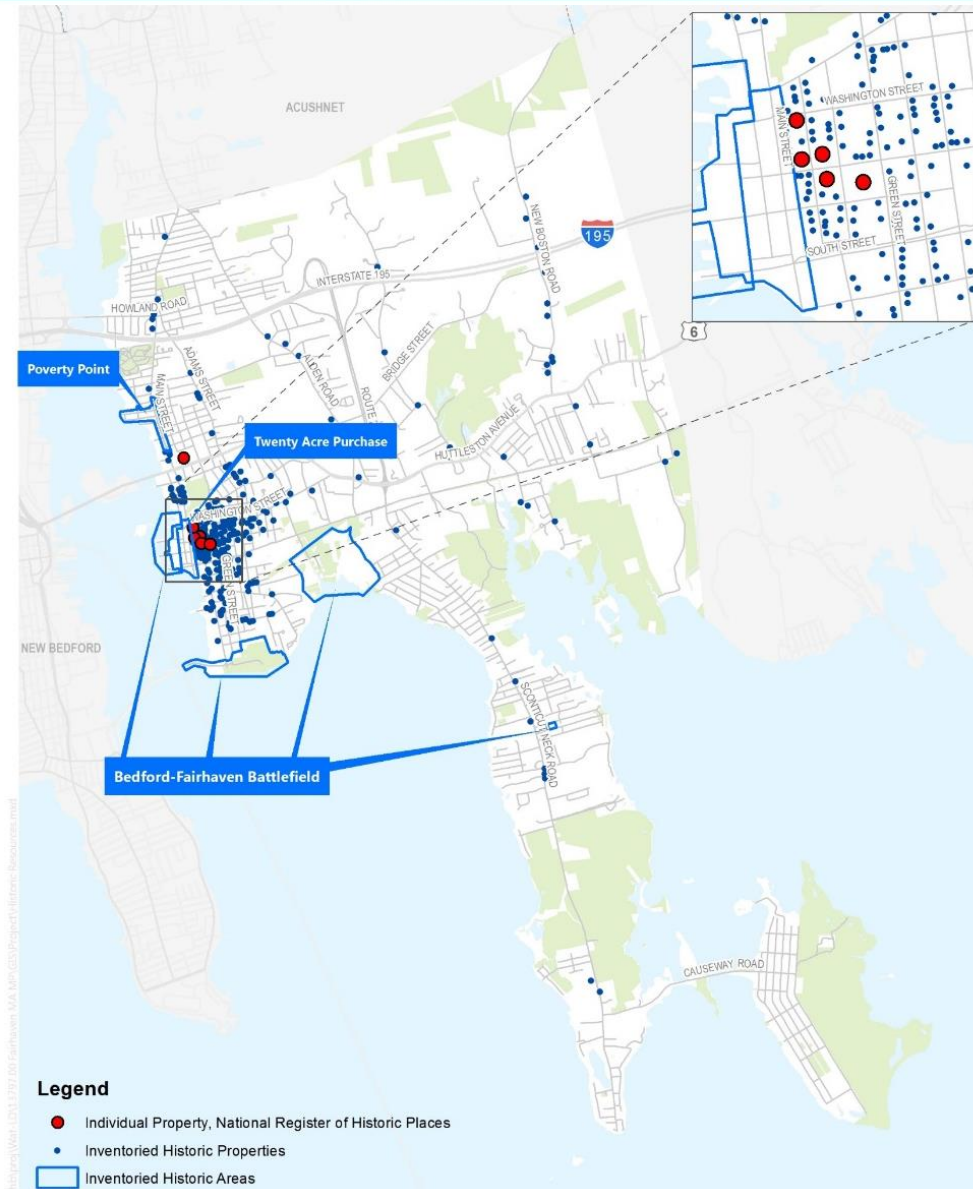
- Fairhaven-New Bedford Bridge

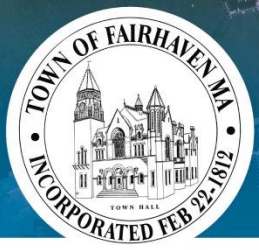
### ■ Preservation Restriction (State Register-only)

- First Congregational Church

### ■ Inventoried (no designation)

- 3 areas (containing 114 properties)
- 270 individually inventoried properties





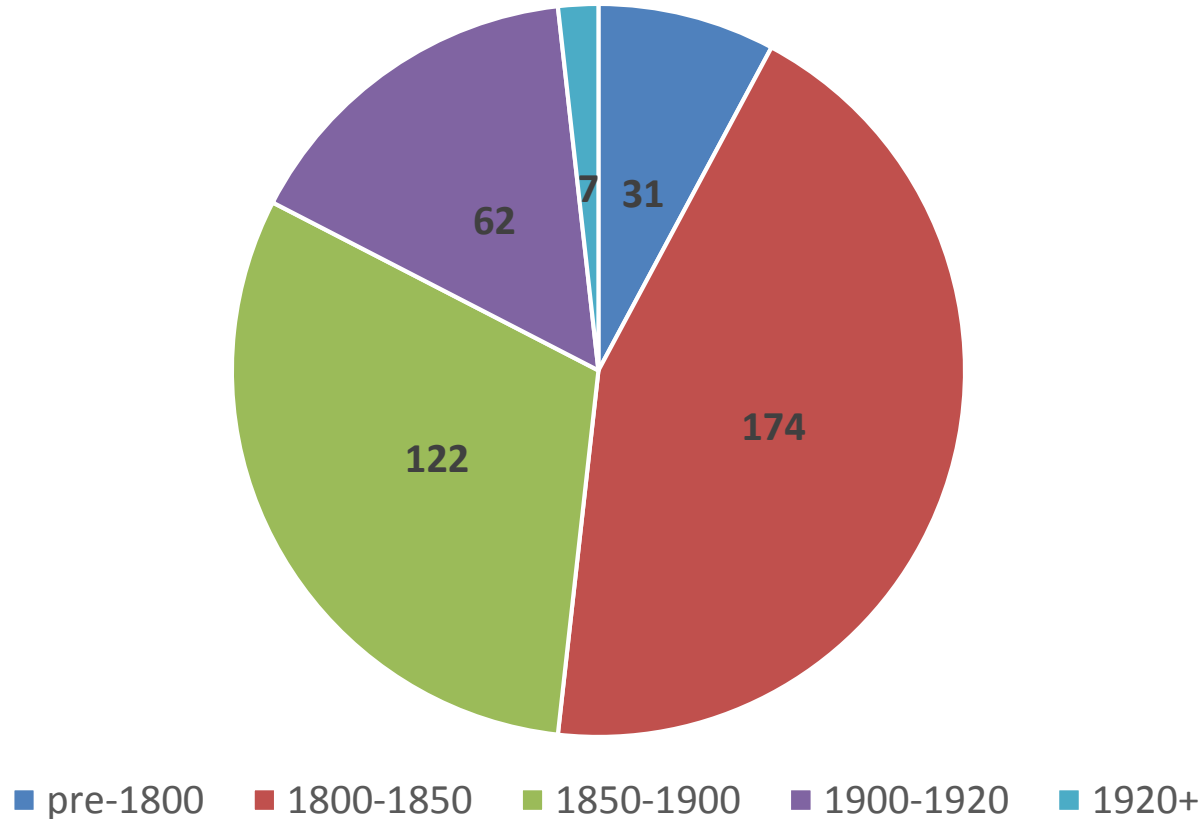
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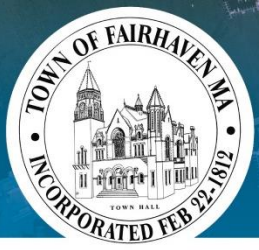
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## Snapshot of Fairhaven – Historic Resources

Distribution of Known Historic Resources by Time Period





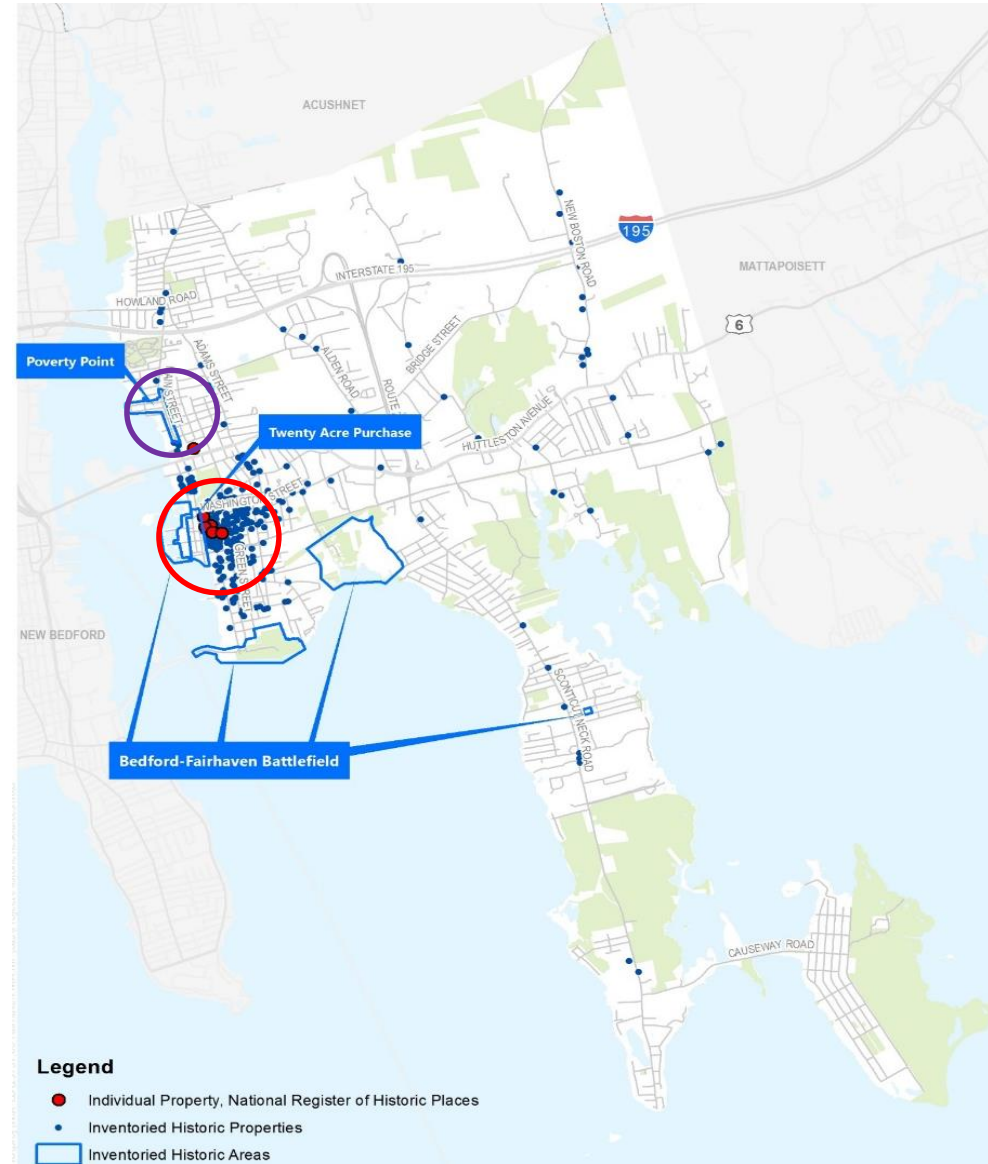
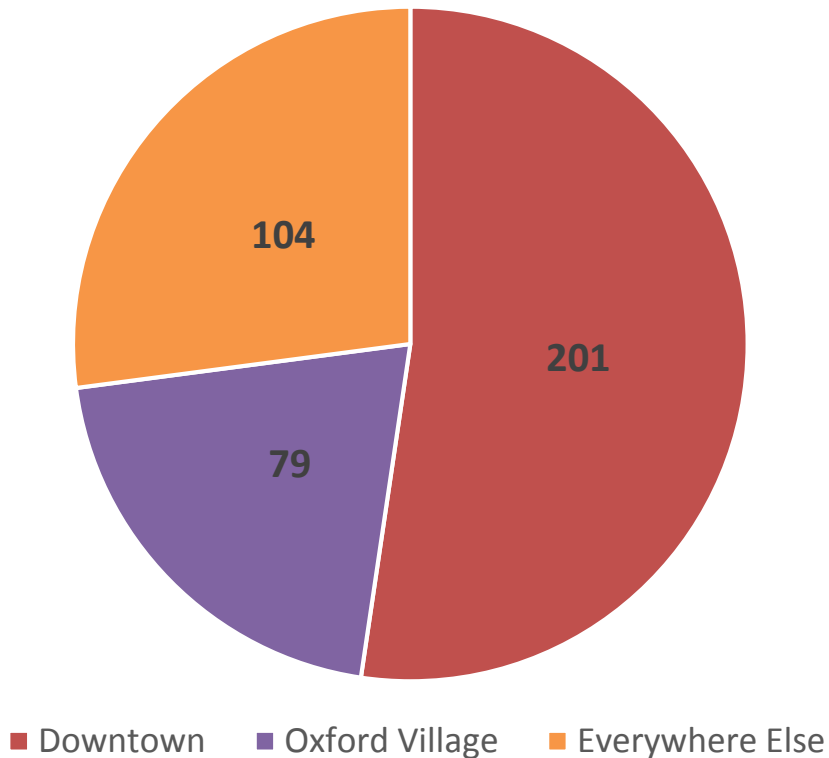
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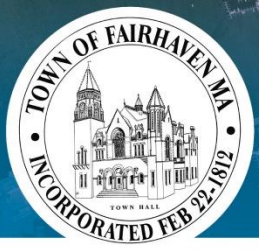
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## Snapshot of Fairhaven – Historic Resources

Distribution of Known Historic  
Resources by Geography





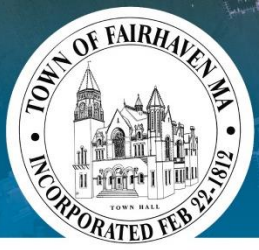
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## Snapshot of Fairhaven – Sustainability

- Preliminary findings:
  - Energy/Greenhouse Gas Emissions
    - Energy Efficiency Projects
      - Building upgrades (e.g., lighting, HVAC)
      - Street Light Conversions from high-pressure sodium to LEDs
    - SRPEDD Community Electricity Aggregation Program
    - Renewable Energy Projects
      - Anaerobic Digester at Board of Public Works
      - Town of Fairhaven & Revolution Energy at the Fairhaven Sanitary Landfill (487 kW)
      - Blue Wave Community Solar Farm at 211 Mill Road (1.1 MW)
      - Fairhaven Wind at the Town's Waste Water Treatment Plant
      - Fairhaven Energy Challenge (May 2013) – Residential Solar Promotion and Tour
  - Massachusetts Green Communities Designation (Available Grant Monies)



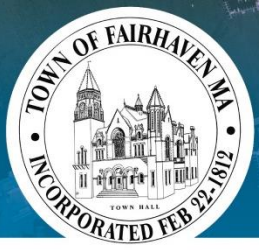
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## Snapshot of Fairhaven – Sustainability

- Preliminary findings:
  - Waste Management and Recycling
    - Curbside recycling
      - Commingled plastics, glass, and glass; Paper
    - Recycling Center (5 Arsene Street)
      - Includes yard/garden waste, which gets converted to loam for public use
    - SEMASS waste-to-energy plant (Rochester, MA)
  - Additional Activities Among Other Sustainability Categories
    - Green Fairhaven/Fairhaven Sustainability Committee
      - Fairhaven Famers Market (Buy Local)
    - Fairhaven Community Garden at 60 Sconticut Neck Road
    - Phoenix Bike Trail – 4.5 miles (Healthy Community)



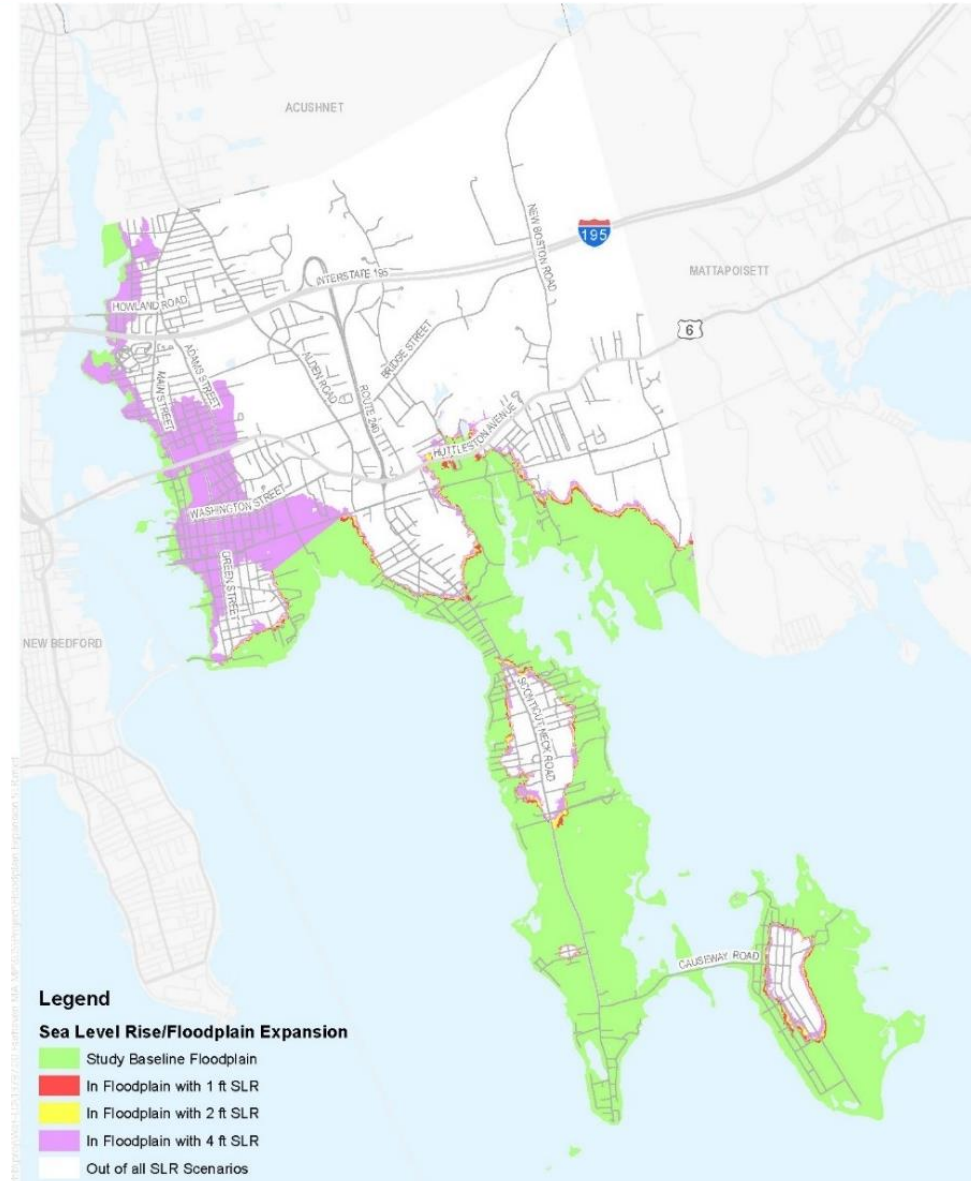
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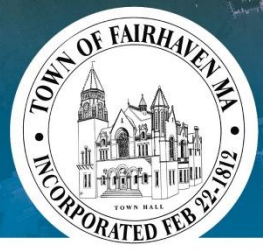
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## Snapshot of Fairhaven – Resiliency

- Coastal Erosion and Sea Level Rise
  - 29.4 miles of shoreline
  - Coastal properties facing increased exposure from SLR and storm events
    - Working waterfront is an important economic driver and defining element
- Coastal Storms and Flooding
  - Priority concerns
  - High probability of future events
  - Increased frequency and severity
    - Causeway to West Island
    - West Island Neighborhood
    - Cushman Park Area
    - Edgewater St at Little Bay
      - See picture on next slide (2017 King Tide)





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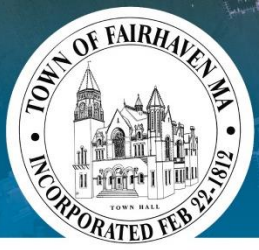
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## Snapshot of Fairhaven – Resiliency

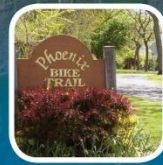
- Other Hazards (preliminary findings from 2017 Hazard Mitigation Plan)
  - Drought
  - Earthquake
  - Extreme Temperatures
  - Fire
  - Severe Weather
  - Severe Winter Storm
  
- How will such conditions affect the Town, its facilities and services, important community infrastructure (e.g., hospitals, roads, schools), and vulnerable populations (e.g., elderly, low-income, those with limited capabilities)?





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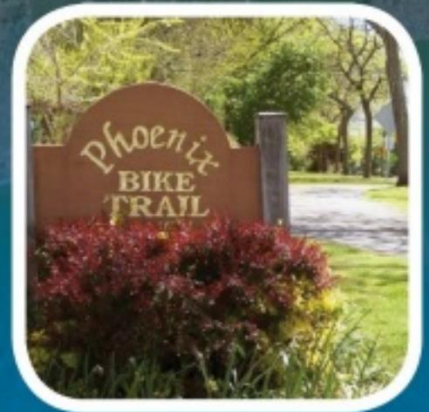
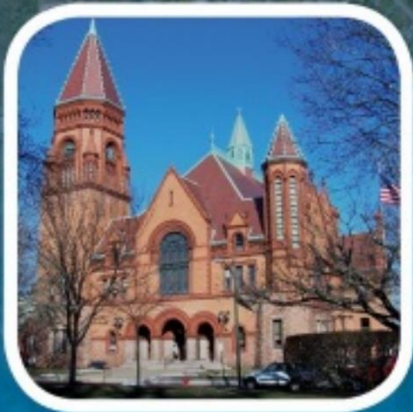
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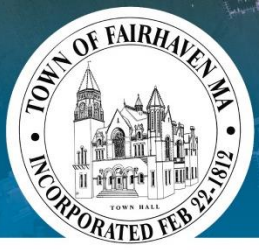


## Snapshot of Fairhaven – Sustainability

- Opportunities for Sustainability Integration in Planning Efforts
  - Public Facilities Improvement Plan
    - Sustainable Siting, Access, and Resource Efficiency
  - 2016 CDBG Infrastructure Design Project (Hedge Street)
    - Materials Selection, Stormwater BMPs, Community Identifiers
  - Capital Projects
    - New or Replacement Fleet
      - Alternative fuel/fuel efficient vehicles and equipment
    - Building Envelope and Systems Upgrades
      - Building efficiency/alternative energy generation
    - Roadways
      - Warm mix and recycled asphalt
    - Life Cycle Costs (i.e., purchase through to replacement/disposal)

# Breakout Group Discussions





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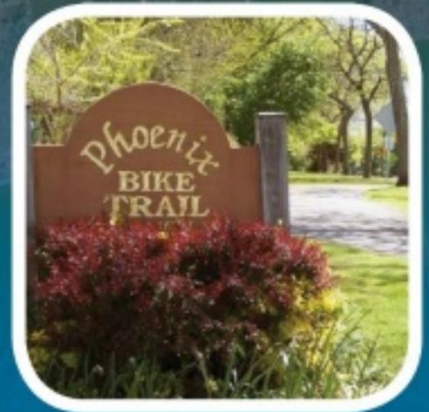
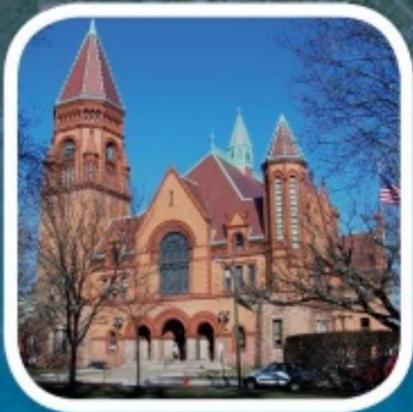
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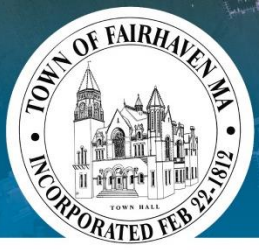


## Understand Issues and Opportunities & Define Vision and Goals

- ☐ Land Use
- ☐ Housing
- ☐ Economic Development
- ☐ Natural, Historic and Cultural Resources
- ☐ Open Space and Recreation
- ☐ Public Services and Facilities
- ☐ Transportation and Circulation
- ☐ Sustainability and Resiliency

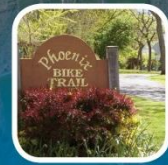
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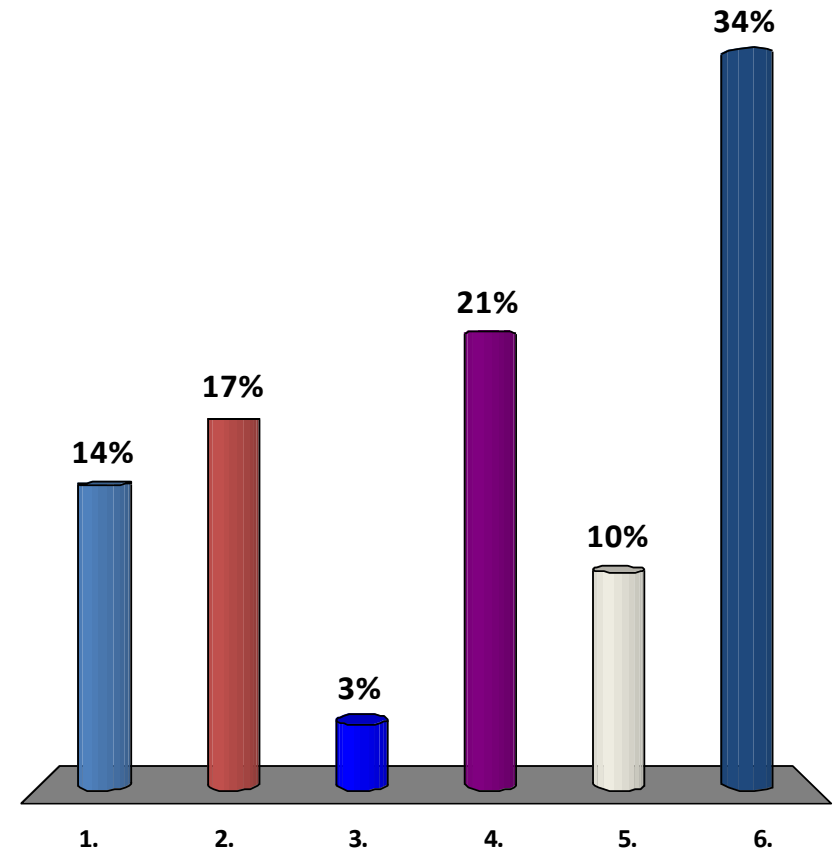
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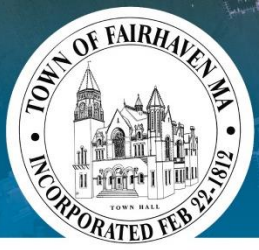
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## What is your favorite thing to do in your spare time?

1. Watch TV
2. Gardening
3. Go shopping
4. Outdoor sports
5. Come to interesting public meetings like this one
6. Other things





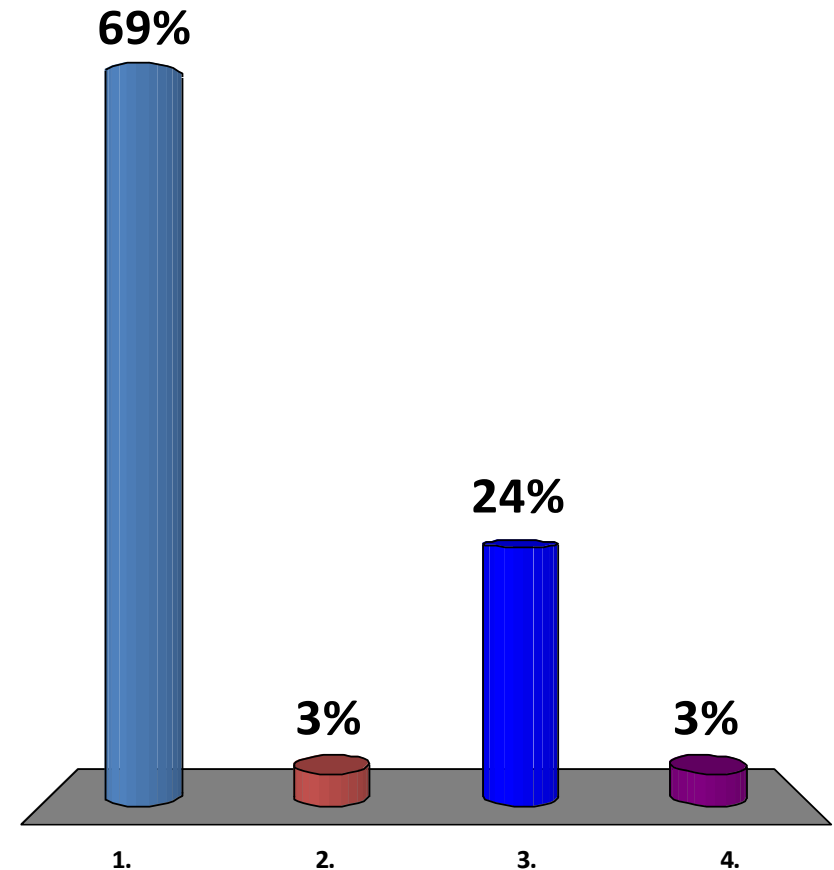
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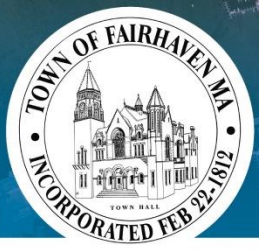
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## Do you live or work in Fairhaven?

1. I live in Fairhaven
2. I work in Fairhaven
3. I live and work in Fairhaven
4. I don't live or work in Fairhaven





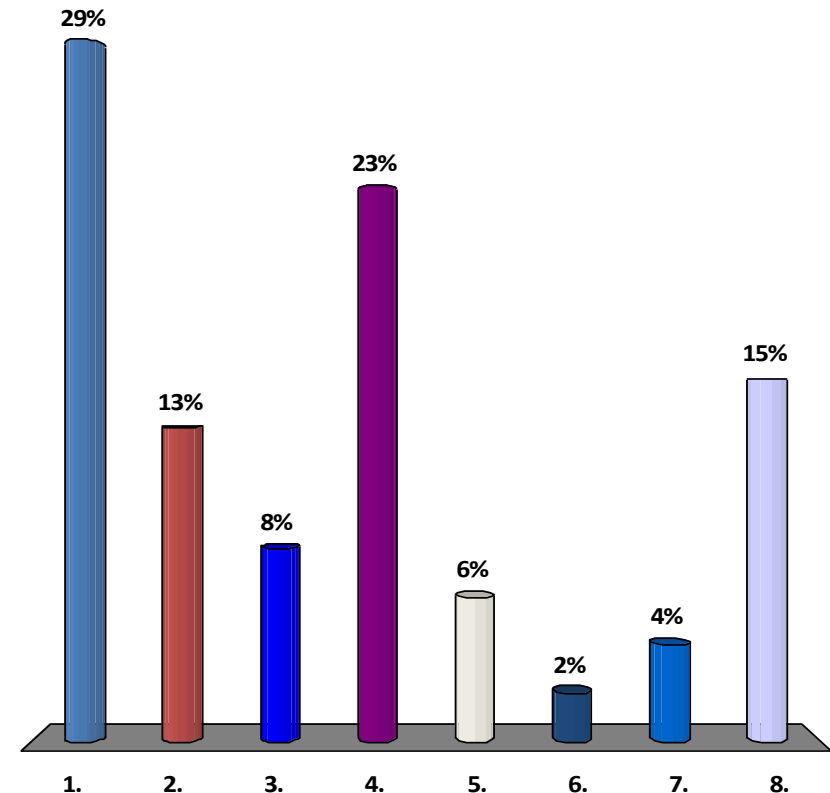
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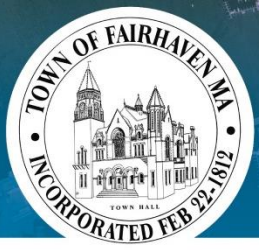
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**What are the biggest obstacles to improving quality of life in Fairhaven? Choose the top two problems that you think our community needs to address first.**

1. Lack of economic vitality
2. Housing and land development pattern
3. Aging infrastructure
4. Coastal resources access and protection
5. Traffic congestions and safety hazards
6. Lack of quality recreation areas
7. School system
8. Other





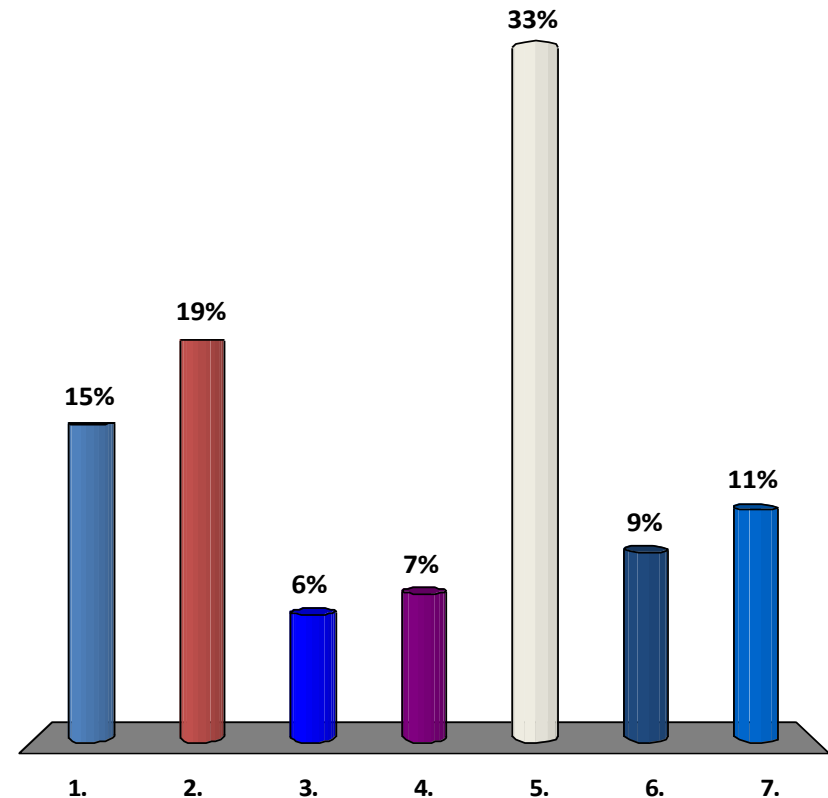
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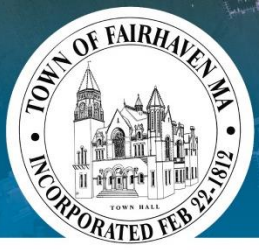
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## What are the major land use issues/concerns within Fairhaven? Choose the top two.

1. Lack of mixed use development
2. Outdated zoning regulation
3. Buffer zone between industrial and residential areas
4. code enforcement
5. Vacancy within established commercial corridors/nodes in town
6. Natural resources vs new development
7. Other





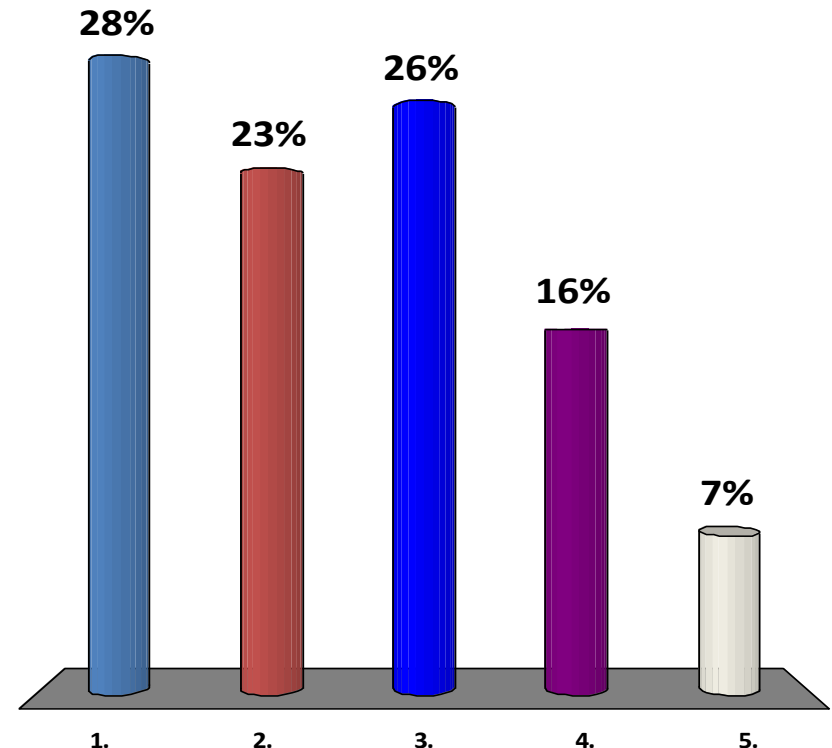
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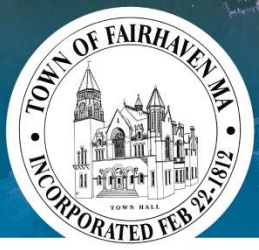
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## Which of the following land use approaches do you think Fairhaven should consider? Choose all that apply.

1. Preserve our open space
2. Encourage infill and mixed-use development
3. Enhance characters of our residential neighborhoods
4. Mitigate conflicts between industrial and residential uses
5. Other





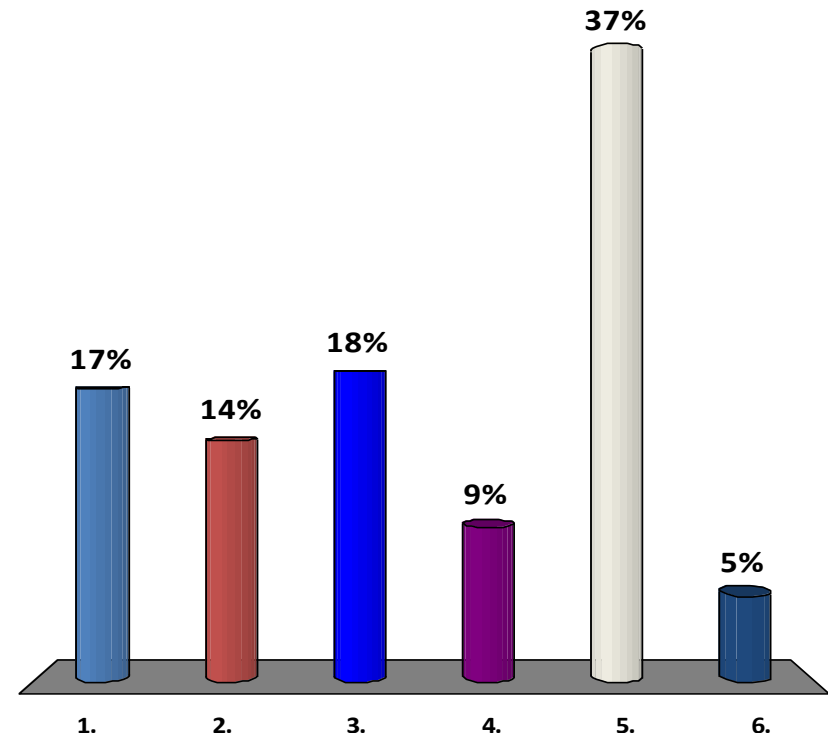
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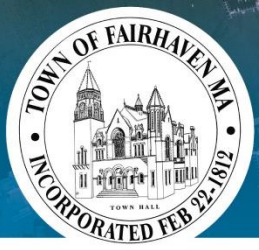
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## What economic development opportunities do you see happening in the future? Choose all that apply.

1. More jobs and businesses
2. More retail and shopping
3. More variety of housing choices
4. More industrial and manufacturing  
Jobs
5. More investment in "main street"  
businesses
6. Other





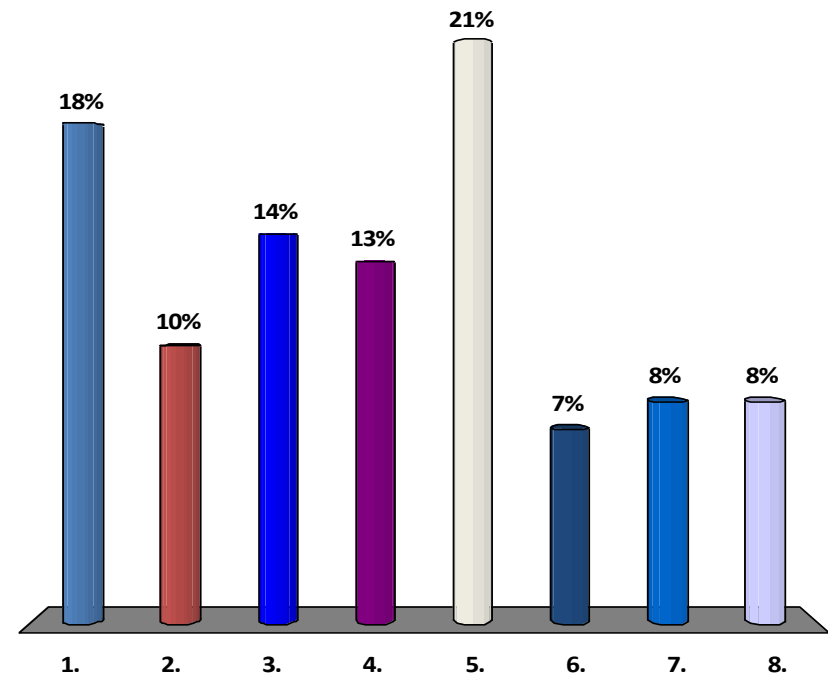
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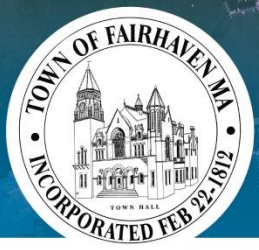
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## What types of development would you like to see on Route 6? Choose all that apply.

1. Retail
2. Hotels
3. Restaurants
4. Entertainment
5. Offices
6. Residential
7. Open Space
8. Other





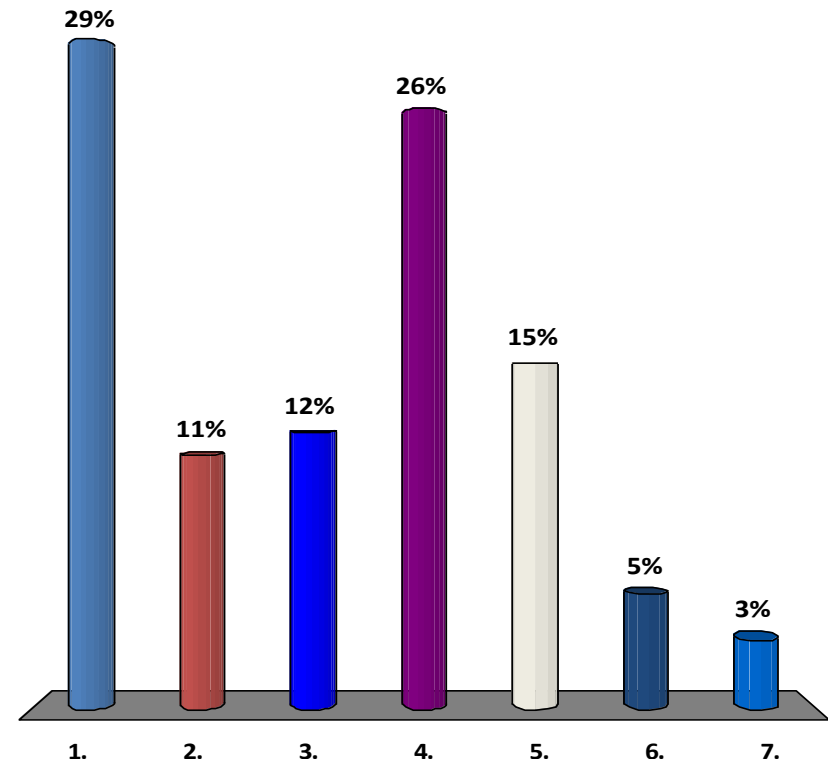
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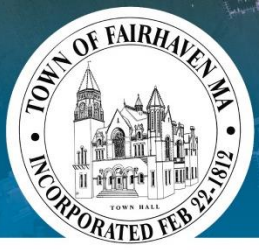
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## What type of job should be growing in Fairhaven? Choose all that apply.

1. Marine related
2. Manufacturing
3. White collar office
4. Healthcare
5. Service / retail
6. Government
7. Other





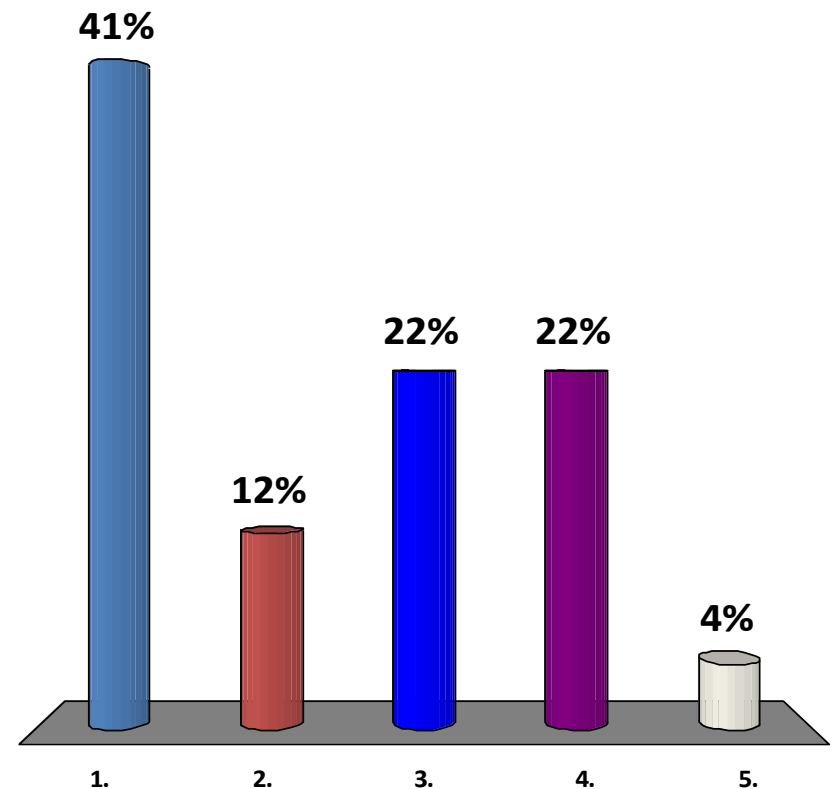
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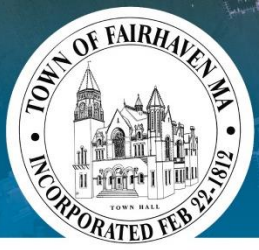
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## What are the most important housing needs? Choose the top two.

1. Keep future residential development in or near existing/established residential area to maintain Fairhaven's village character.
2. More housing option for seniors.
3. More affordable housing, e.g. condos, apartments, etc.
4. More rental housing on the market.
5. Other





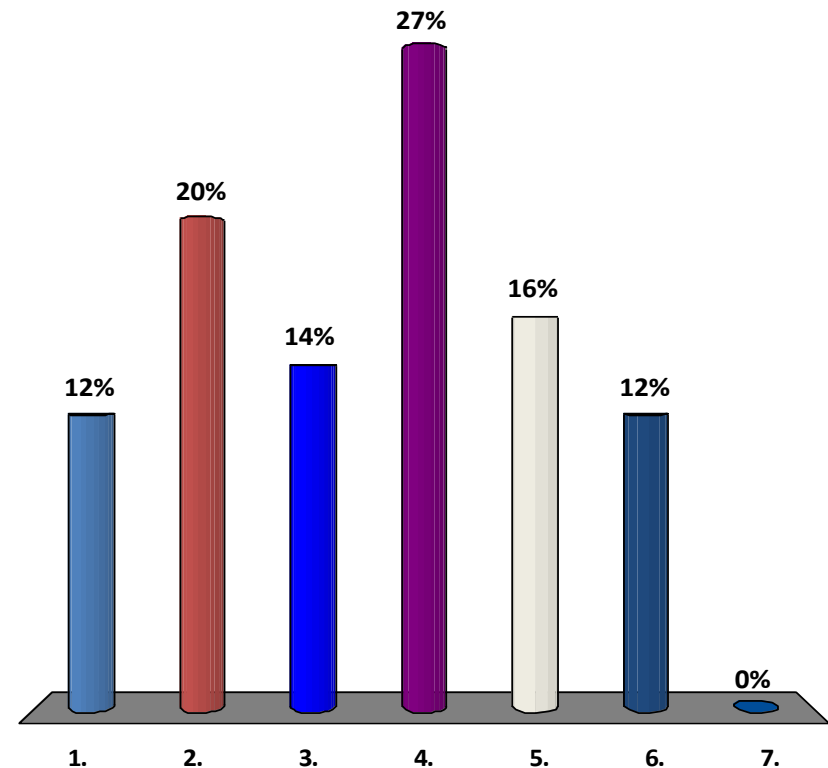
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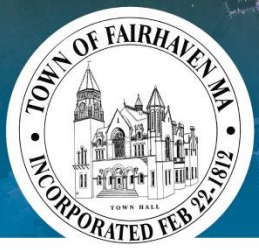
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## What are the two most pressing transportation needs?

1. Improve roadway conditions
2. Build and/or repair sidewalks
3. Reduce congestions
4. Provide more public transit options
5. Increase bicycle/pedestrian access
6. Improve safety
7. Other





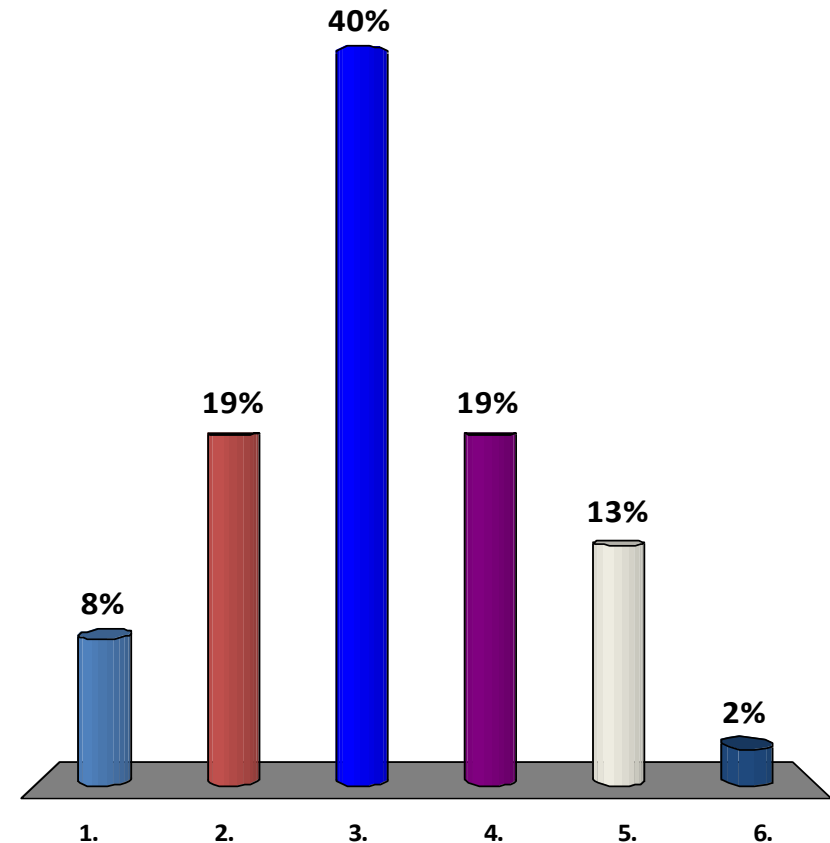
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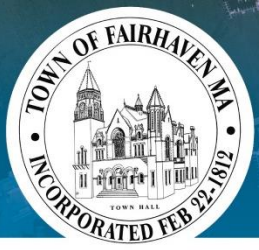
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## What are the most important natural resource protection needs in Fairhaven? Choose the top two.

1. Correct flooding conditions
2. Protect aquifer recharge area and improve water quality
3. Protect coastal resources
4. Protect wildlife habitats
5. Maintain existing farmlands
6. Other





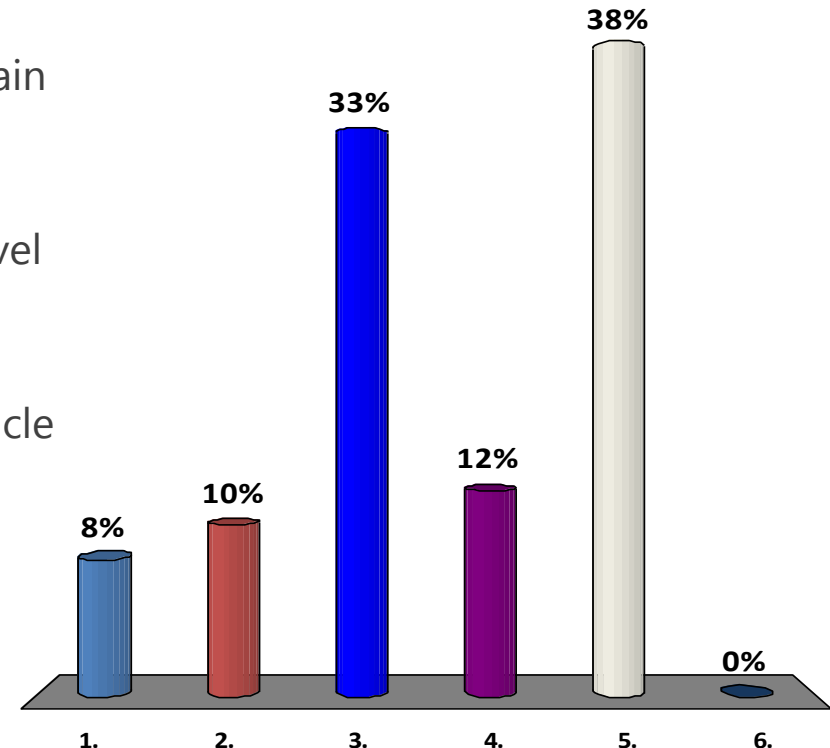
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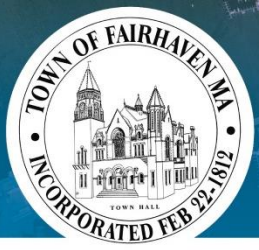
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## What are the most important sustainability issues facing Fairhaven? Choose the top two.

1. Sustaining the Town's long term operations
2. Allowing more flexibility in land uses to sustain growth and change
3. Planning for the long term impacts of sea level rise and climate change
4. Updating our public facilities (buildings, vehicle fleets) to improve our energy consumption
5. Increasing education and awareness about waste, recycling and energy programs
6. Other





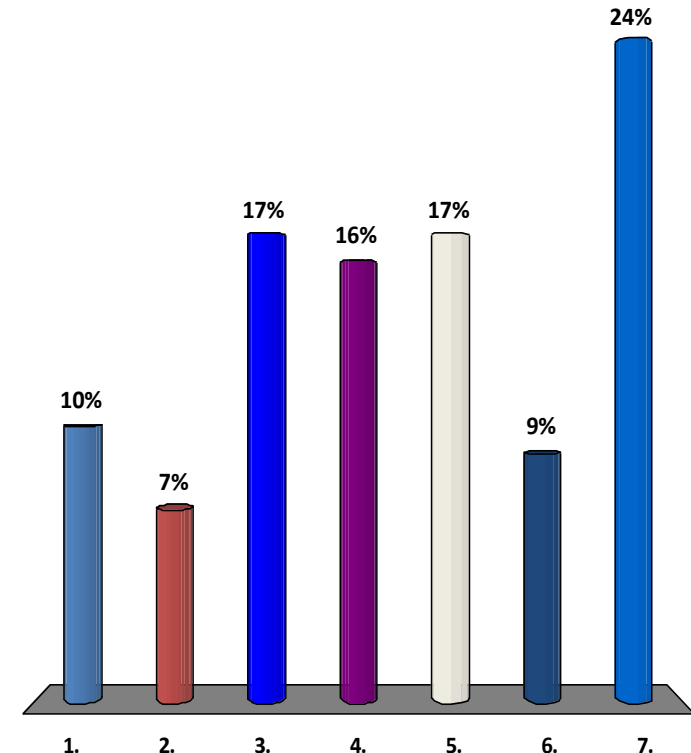
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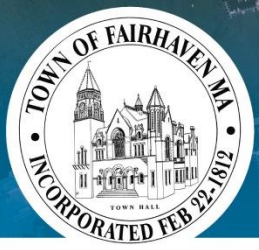
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## Which do you think are the most important goals for Fairhaven's historic resources? Choose the top three.

1. Establish historic districts/major landmarks for local protection
2. Study/understand additional historic resources and neighborhoods
3. Educate the community on the importance of Fairhaven's history and associated resources
4. Preserve neighborhood character and livability
5. Establish financial incentives and resources to encourage rehabilitation/renovation over demolition
6. Provide resources and information for owners of older houses regarding maintenance and upgrades
7. Identify reuse options for vacant/underused historic buildings





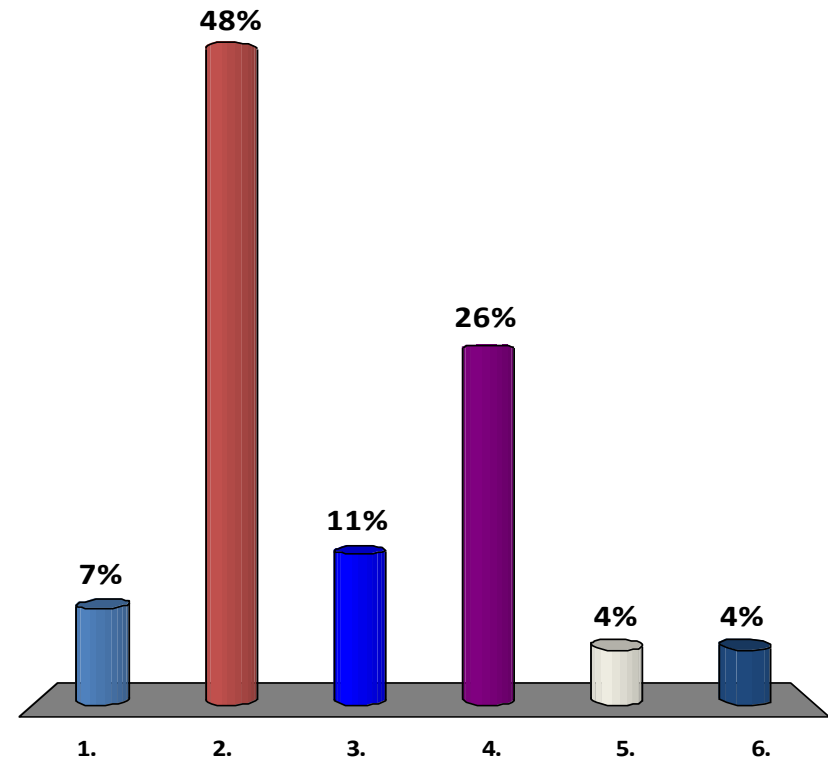
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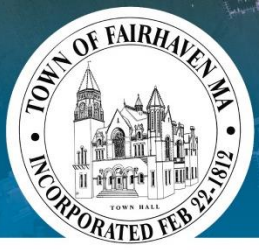
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## How often do you use the Town's public facilities such as the Senior Center/ Recreation center, Beaches, and Library?

1. Every Day
2. Once a week
3. Once a month
4. Seasonally
5. Never
6. Other





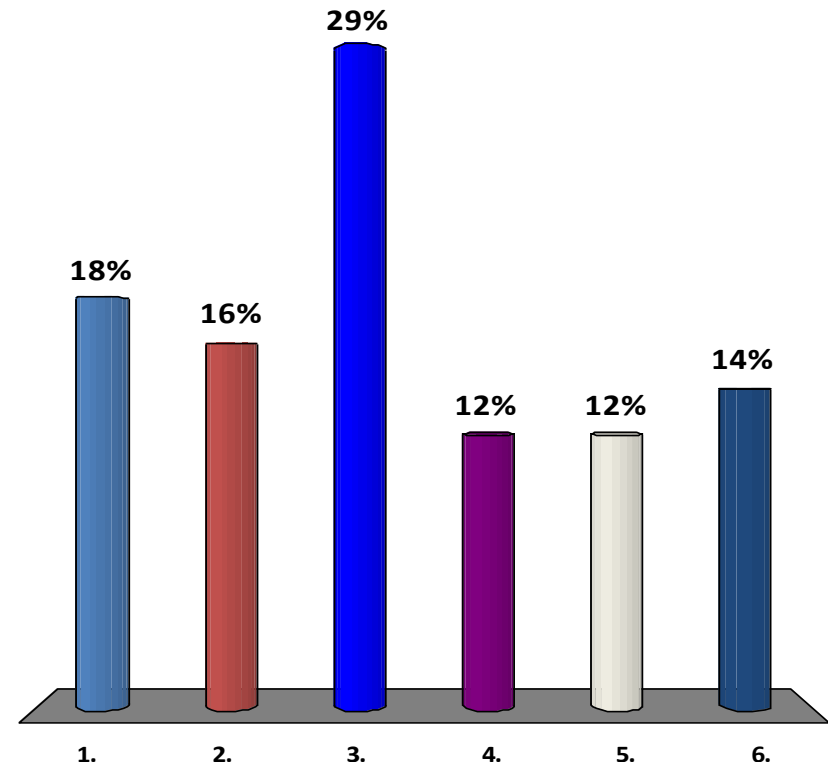
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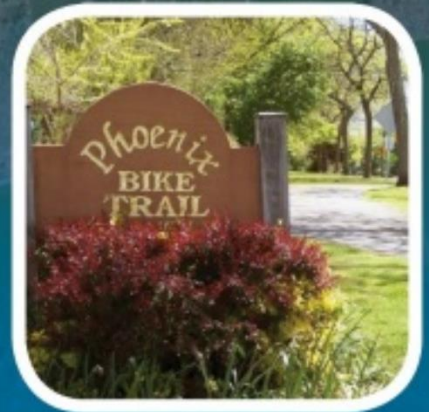
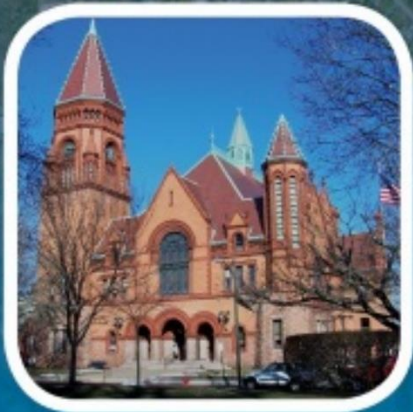


## What are the two most important public facility and service needs in Fairhaven?

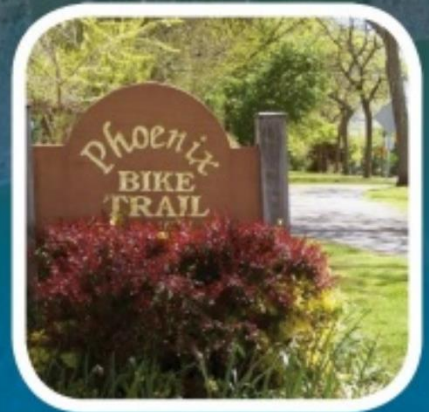
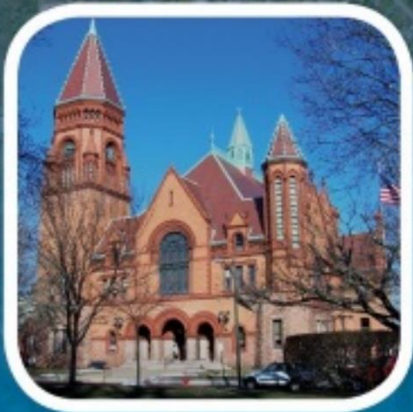
1. Expand sewer connections
2. Improve schools
3. Enhance public safety  
(police and fire)
4. Provide more senior services
5. Improve the public library
6. Other

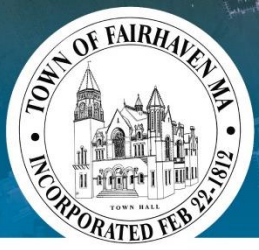


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# Next Steps





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## Next Steps

- Finish existing conditions analysis for various Master Plan Elements
- Develop Master Plan Vision, Goals, and Policies based on public input
- Prepare Draft Master Plan Elements
- Develop Implementation Plan
- Second Public Meeting to prioritize implementation actions
- Final Plan