

# 2013 Wilton Master Plan

A look at how the Town of Wilton has changed - demographically, fiscally, and socially - since the Master Plan was last updated in 1999.

The late author and biochemist Issac Asimov once noted that “It is change, continuing change, inevitable change, that is the dominant factor in society today. No sensible decision can be made any longer without taking into account not only the world as it is, but the world as it will be.”

As Wilton begins the process of updating its Master Plan, it is important to review the changes which have occurred both in and outside the community over the last 14 years.

When Wilton last updated its Master Plan in 1999, President Bill Clinton was in office, the U.S. economy was powering through its longest peacetime expansion in history, and motor gasoline was selling for about \$.99 cents a gallon. The Town of Wilton has changed markedly since 1999, as have the regional and national landscapes. This document provides a basic overview of some of the changes that have occurred over that period.


## Births




*Wilton Births*

**1999: 49 Births**  
**2012: 39 Births**

## IN A NUTSHELL

**76 Fewer Residents** 

Between 2000 and 2010, Wilton's population declined by 76 from 3,743 to 3,677 or by 2 percent.

**An Aging Population** 

Wilton's population aged rapidly over the same period. The median age jumped from 37.4 to 42.1. The share of the population over age 44 jumped by 24 percent, while the population younger than 45 declined by 16 percent.


## Employment

**Civilian Labor Force**


2000	2011
2,098	2,170

**Unemployment Rate**

3.0%	5.1%
1999	2012



## Income



**Median Household Income**


1990	2000
\$36,098	\$54,627
2009	2011
\$62,132	\$71,023

## Weddings



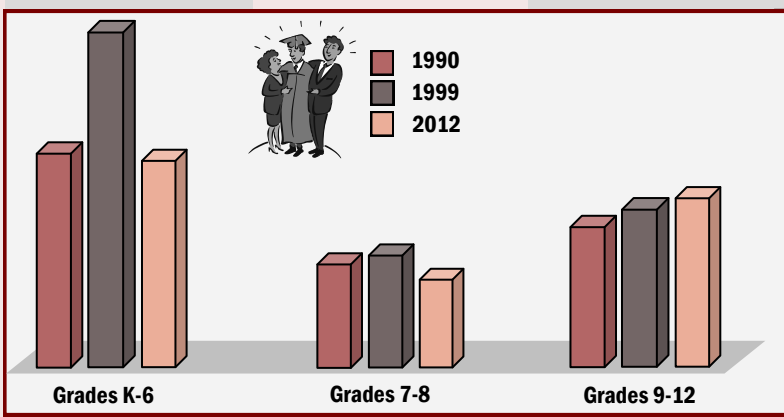
**1999: 38**  
**2012: 21**

## School Enrollment




Total district enrollment for this school year is almost identical to 1990 levels. Enrollment has declined by 19.7 percent relative to enrollment in 1999.

Grades K-6	Grades 7-8*	Grades 9-12*
1990: 267	1990: 123	1990: 175
1999: 379	1999: 132	1999: 197
2012: 253	2012: 101	2012: 215
Change in enrollment 1990–2012		
▼ - 5.3%	▼ - 17.9%	▲ + 12.6%
Change in enrollment 1999-2012		
▼ - 33.2%	▼ - 23.5%	▲ + 9.1%



## Education





**Percent of Population 25 and over with a Bachelor's degree**


2000	2011
34%	40.8%

## Cost of Gasoline, National Average (per gallon)

1999: \$0.99  
2013: \$3.73



## Transportation

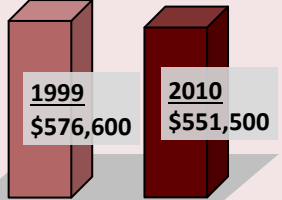


**Mean Travel Time to Work:**


2000	2011
29.4 minutes	34.5 minutes

**Motor Vehicle Registration Receipts (Adjusted for Inflation)**

1999	2010
\$576,600	\$551,500



## Housing



**Between 1998 and 2012 14.9% additional housing units were constructed in Wilton.**

*Between 1990 and 2012 Wilton's range of housing types did not change significantly. In 1990, single family homes made up 71% of the housing stock, increasing slightly to 74 % in 2012.*

## Deaths in Wilton

1999: 22  
2012: 25



## Departures

## Sources

Births/Deaths/Weddings: New Hampshire Vital Records Administration  
School Enrollment: SAU #63, Wilton Town and School Reports  
Note: Grades 7-12 include students from Lyndeborough. 1990 figures do not include kindergarten, because Wilton did not offer it at the time.  
Motor Vehicle Registrations: Wilton Town and School Reports  
Travel Time: U.S. Census, American Community Survey (ACS)  
Education: U.S. Census, ACS  
Employment: New Hampshire Employment Security (NHES)  
Income: 1990 and 2000: U.S. Census; 2009 and 2011: ACS  
Housing: Wilton Master Plan and NHES



# A Wilton “WORDLE”

In 2012, the Wilton Planning Board released a Master Plan Survey to the Community. Here is a “Wordle” of what we heard from you based on a few overall questions:

## What is your vision for Wilton?

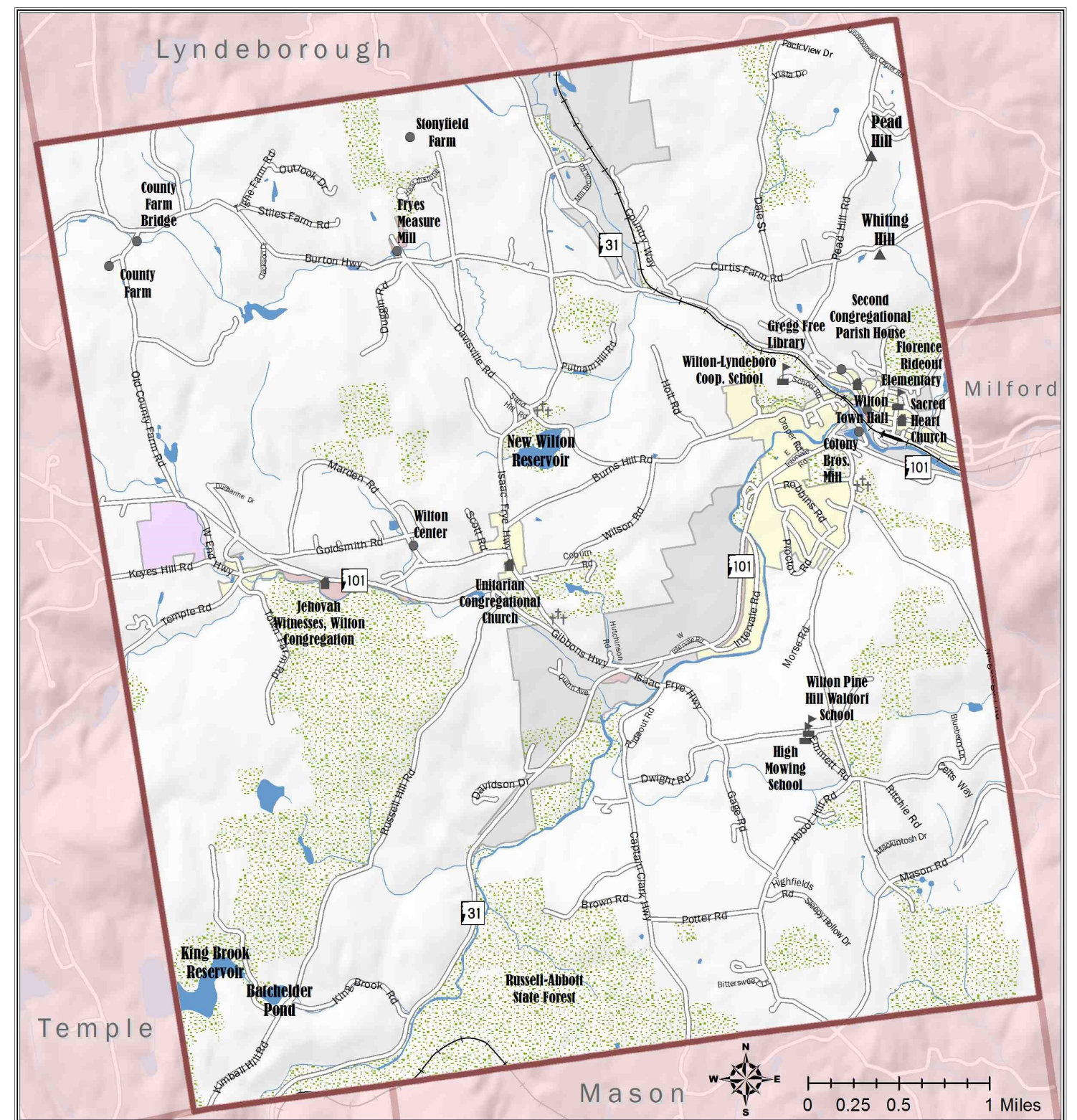
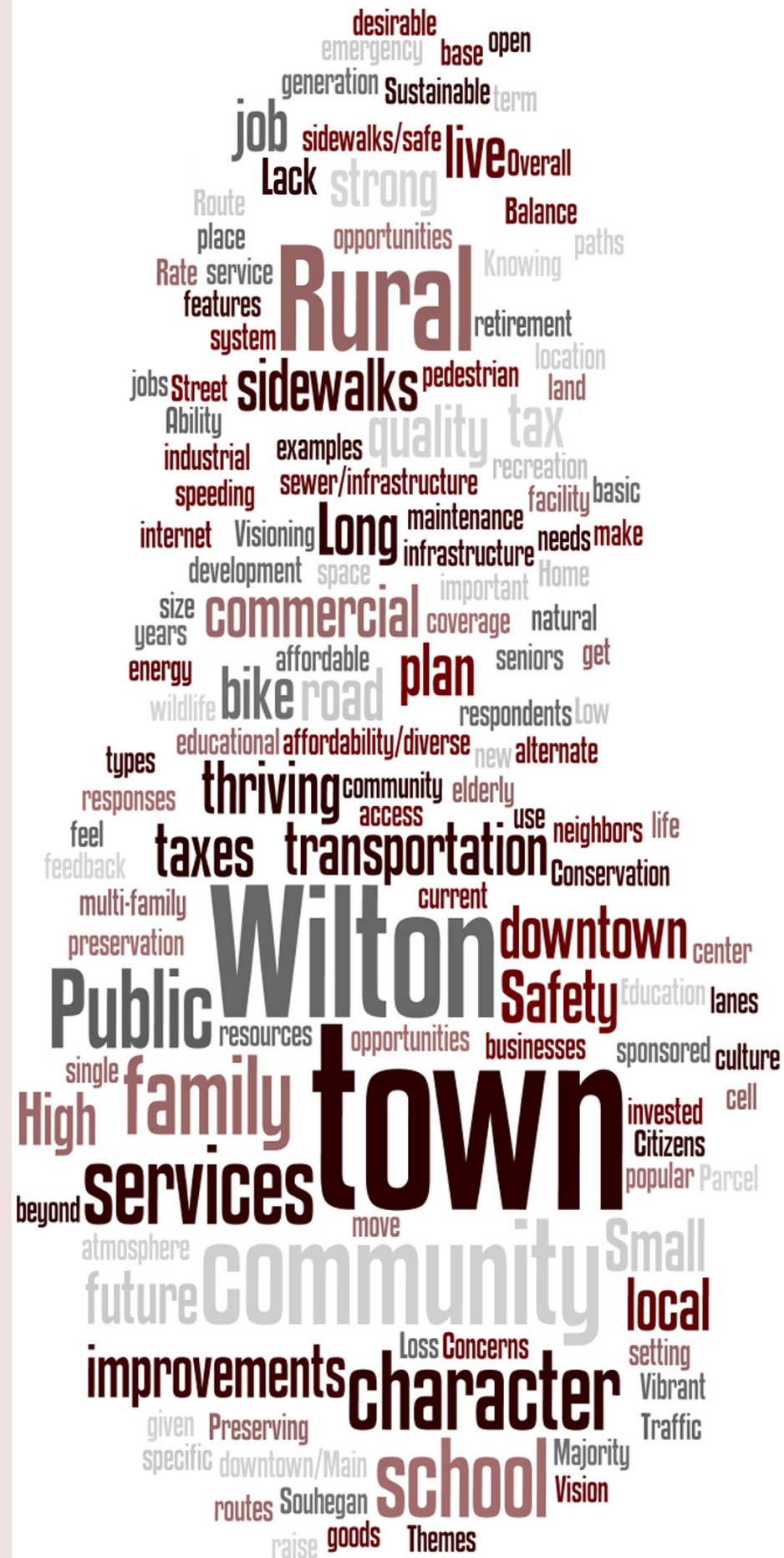
## Why did you move to Wilton?

How long do you plan to live in Wilton?

What are the most important features that make Wilton desirable?















## What are your Current and Future Concerns about Wilton?

\*A **tag cloud** (**Wordle** or **weighted list** in visual design) is a visual representation for text data, typically used to depict keyword tags or to visualize free form text .



# Wilton, NH

## Overview

	School		Trail		Zoned Residential
	Historic Site		Railroad		Zoned Residence-Agriculture
	Religious Institution		Waterbody		Zoned Commercial
	Cemetery		Conserved Land		Zoned Industrial
	Summit				Zoned Office Park