



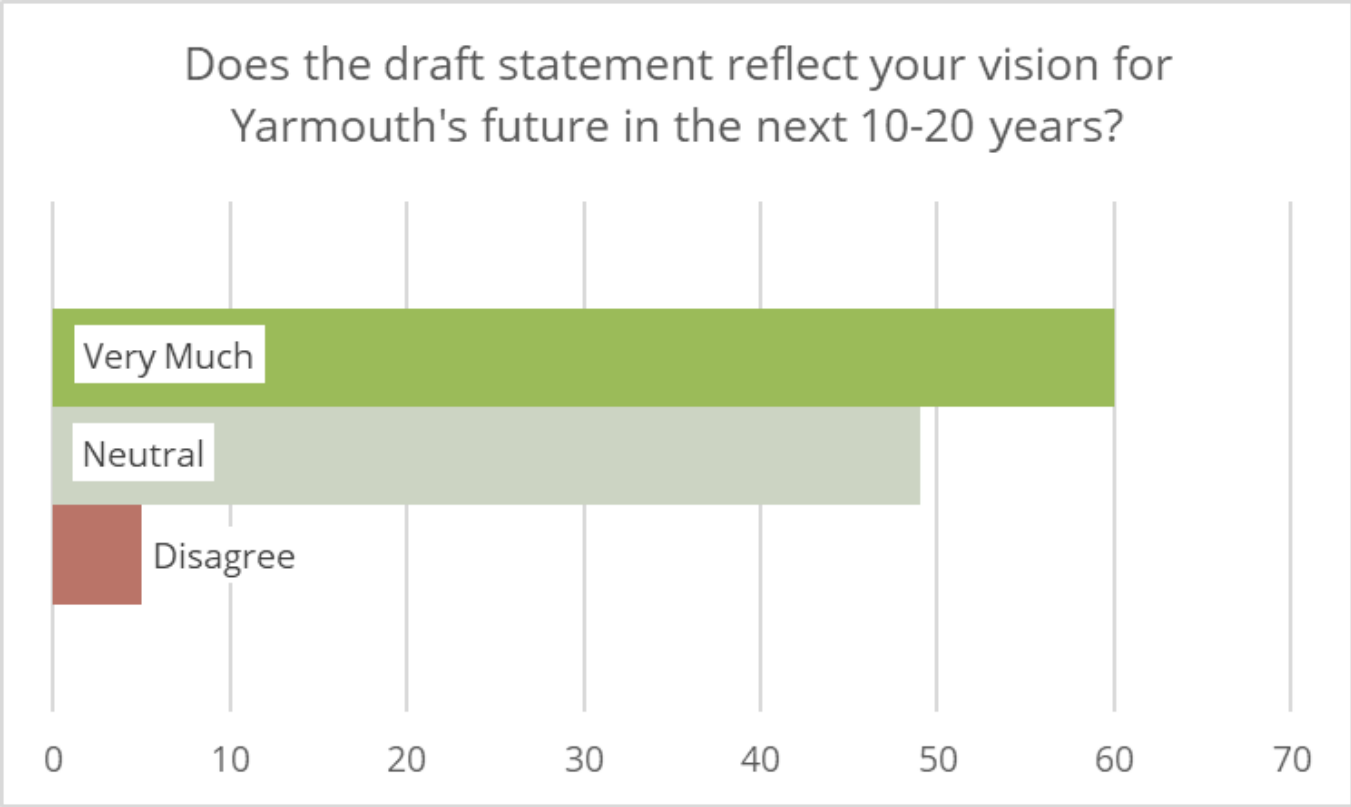
Initial Results: Summer Survey & Community Conversations

October 11, 2023

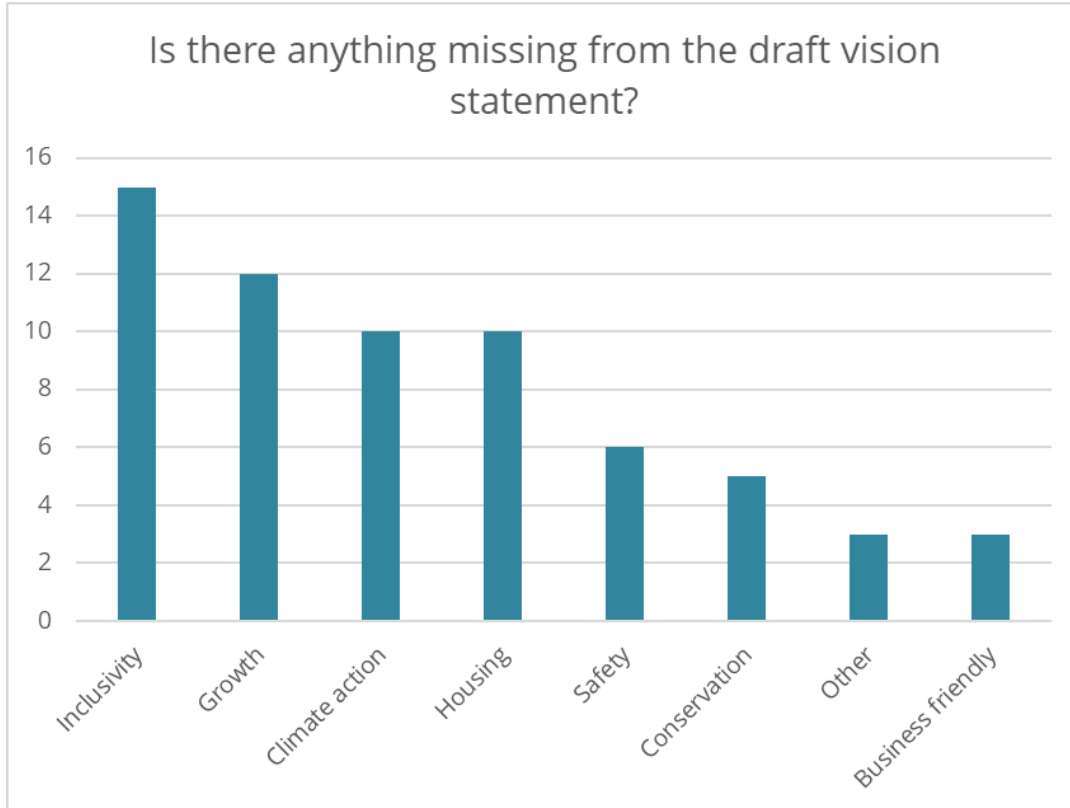
Public Participation

- Summer Survey: 123 respondents
 - Includes online and pop-ups
- Housing Conversation: 53 attendees plus facilitators
- Economy Conversation: 23 attendees plus facilitators
- Natural Resources & Environment Conversation: 29 attendees plus facilitators

Vision Statement – Summer Survey Feedback

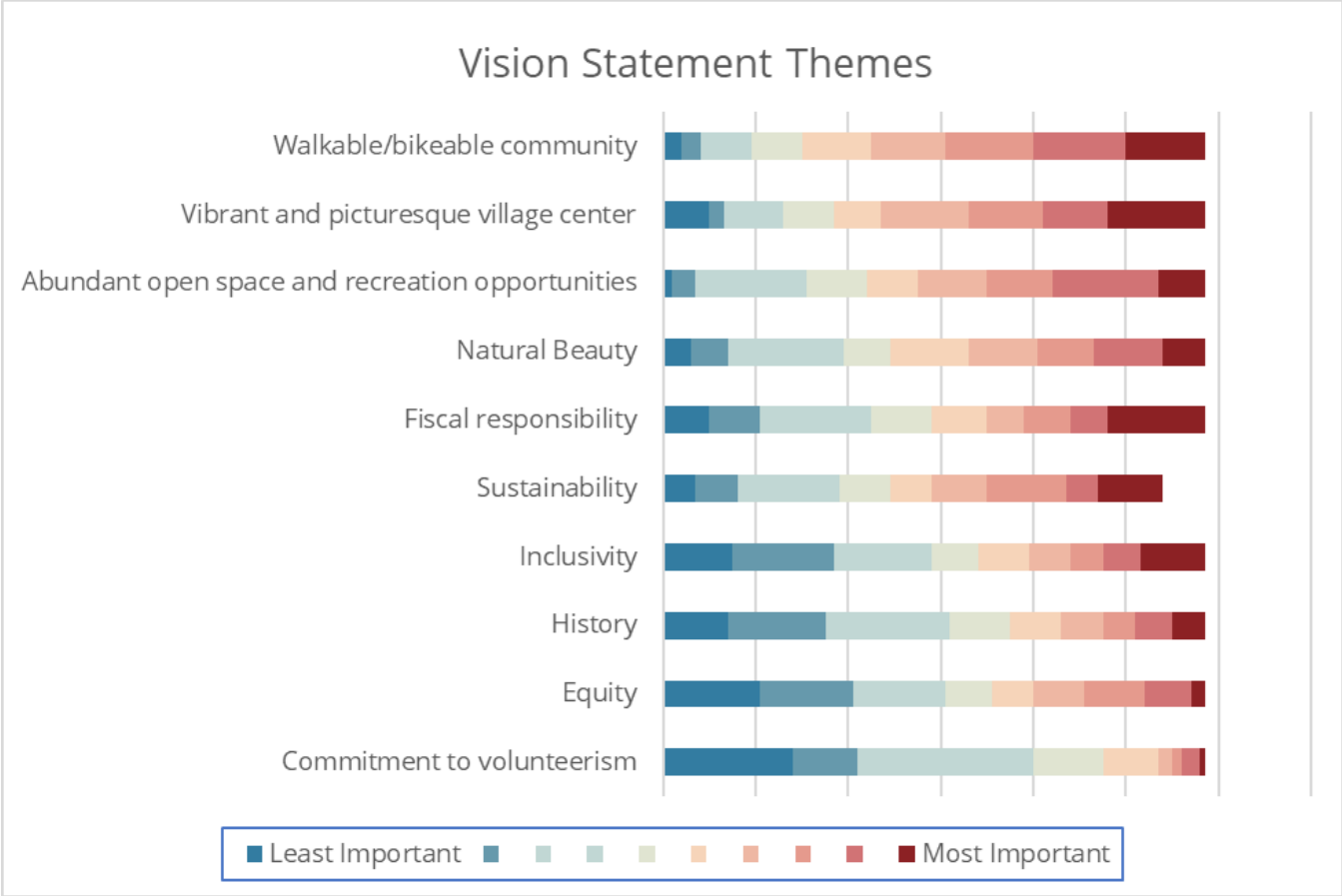


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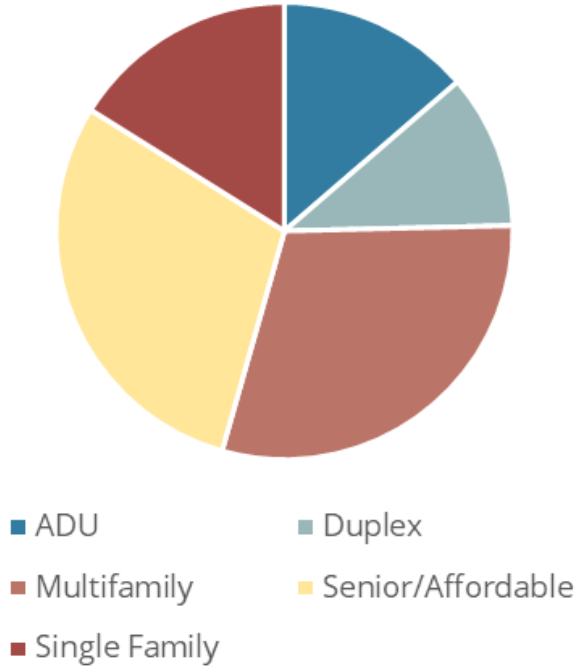
Other includes: common sense, education, families, and unique history

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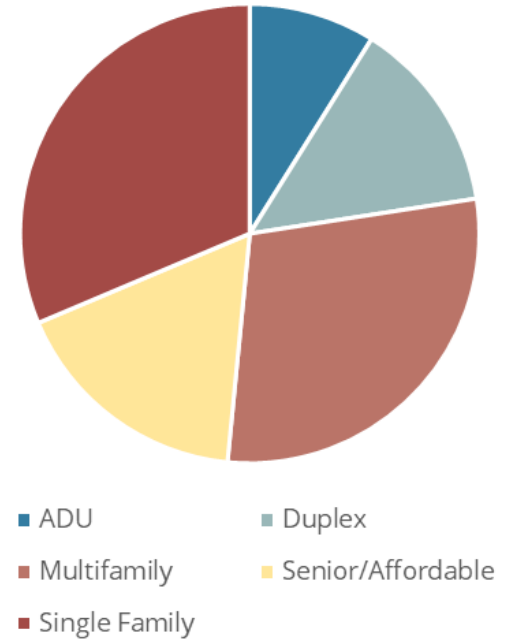


Housing Mix

Housing Mix - Summer Survey



Housing Mix - Community Conversation

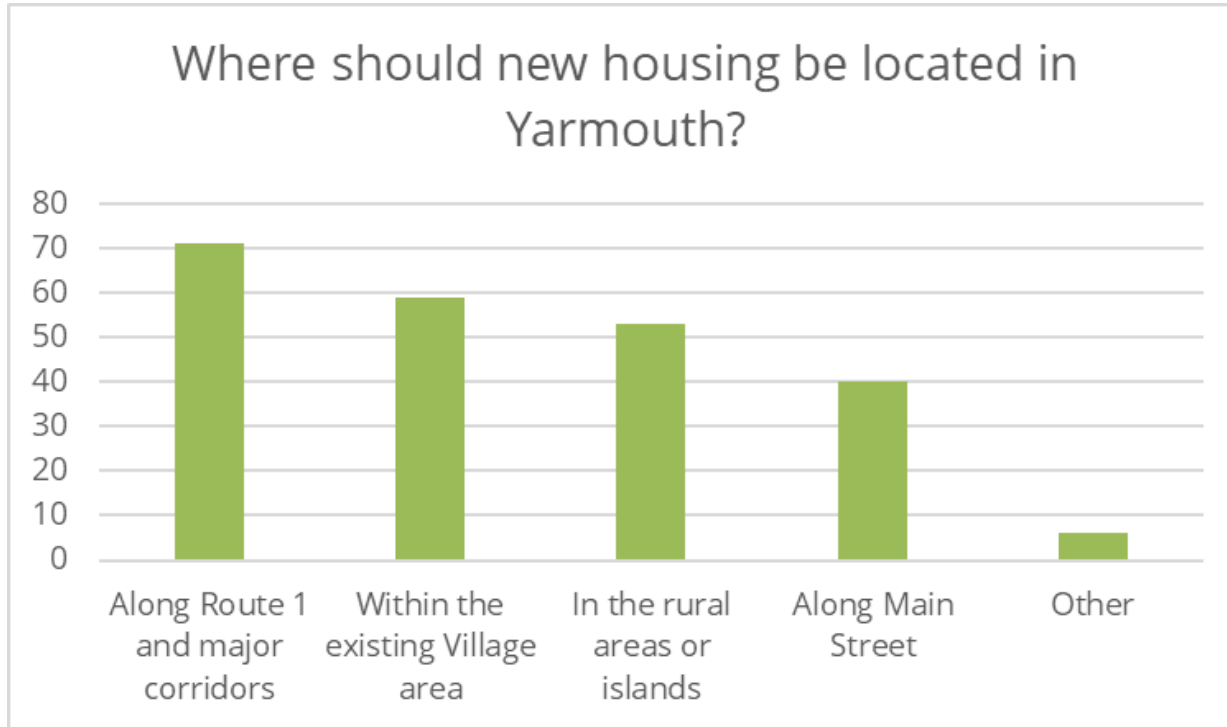


Housing Mix

- CC discussion of different types of single family – cottages, starter homes, small homes
- A few groups proposed a baseline of ~20% affordable housing across all housing types
- ~ 1/3 multifamily in both Summer Survey and CC event

Housing Location

Summer Survey results:



CC Event:

- Focus on areas of existing infrastructure (Route 1, Village)
- Some desire to see new housing throughout town

Housing Connections

- Focus on transportation:
 - Breez bus, future rail connections
 - Bike and pedestrian infrastructure
- Continue to strive to protect valuable open spaces
- Housing opportunities support local businesses
- Does Wyman Station play a role?

Summer survey also had strong support for public transit improvements

Business Types

Summer Survey

1. Restaurants & Cafes
2. Small businesses & shops
3. Working waterfront
4. Business incubator/coworking space
5. Art studios/maker spaces
6. Entertainment activities

CC Event

1. Restaurants (full service, quick service, cafe, diner)
2. Outdoor recreation and agri-tourism
3. Boutique retailers
4. Daycare/childcare
5. Urgent care

Business Locations

- Restaurants, cafes, stores: Route 1 or Village
- Urgent care, vets: Route 1
- Daycare: Village or in neighborhoods
- Recreation: Route 1, village, and in neighborhoods
 - Royal River Corridor
 - Cousins Island
- Some desire for restaurants and retail in neighborhoods including on Cousins Island

Municipal Actions

Strongest support for:

1. Workforce housing
2. Working waterfront initiatives
3. Public transit improvements
4. Support for entrepreneurs
5. Shared workspace/business incubator

Creative Economy

- Existing organizations and programs largely sufficient
- Private organizations/funding over municipal initiatives
- Support for public events/activities
- Marketing!

Working Waterfront

- Not all groups completed - but a few individuals did this activity on their own
- Interest in increased public access, boat ramps, facilities, energy generation
- Moderate support for dedicated commercial moorings, storage, and education
- Divided on recreational boat tours, waterfront dining, and other more “touristy” activities

Natural Resources and Environment

High Priority for Municipal Action:

1. Invest in acquiring more conservation land
2. Royal River restoration for fish passage and water quality
3. Education:
 - All property owners on sustainable land care practices
 - Large property owners on benefits of easements for conservation and recreation
4. Zoning changes for sea level rise and compact development

Natural Resources and Environment

Medium Priority for Municipal Action:

1. Invasive species management
2. Culvert replacements to reduce flood risk
3. Ensure waterfront parks and trails are resilient to sea level rise
4. Coastal bluff stability
5. Marine habitat restoration

Honorable mentions: Access to the waterfront, ADA/UA trails, overall water quality improvements through regional approaches and eliminating point sources

Natural Resources and Environment

Preservation for Ecological Value/Resilience:

- Land adjacent to Royal River and existing open spaces
- Similarly, along the shoreline
- Wildlife corridors between adjacent resources
- Permanent protections for town owned open space
- Steep slopes protections
- Casco Bay for aquaculture uses

Preservation for Recreation:

- SLA railroad corridor
- Public access points to Royal River and Casco Bay
- Expand recreational opportunities in existing open spaces
- ADA/UA improvements
- Powerline corridors
- Connectivity throughout town

Wyman Station (and many other locations) were tagged for both ecological value/resilience and recreation

Next Steps

1. Analyzing the quantitative data out of the survey and recent events
2. Reviewing open ended comments and categorizing
3. Identifying themes out of quantitative and qualitative data
4. Connecting with outcomes of Climate Action Plan Community Action Workshop
5. Reviewing themes to shape approach of Future Land Use Forum