

Danville 2016 Community Survey Summary

180 TOTAL RESPONSES

This survey was conducted using two SurveyMonkey web collectors, one running from March 30 to April 16 and a second running from April 16 to April 28. The survey was intended to collect input for the town plan, so it did not use any significant security measures and there were not any obvious signs of anyone misusing the survey.

1 - Danville residence...

A - What town, state, or country is your primary residence? 179 answers

- 169 Danville
- Other Vermont (3)
- Massachusetts (3)
- Florida (2)
- New Hampshire
- North Carolina

B - Do you OWN or RENT (or OTHER) your residence in Danville? 178 answers

- Own 161
- Rent 10
- Other 7

C - How many years have you lived in Danville (full or part time)? 178 answers

• 0	• 7	• 8 years full time,	• 24	• 35
• 0	• 7	8 years part	• 25	• 35
• 1	• 8	time	• 25	• 35
• 1	• 8	• 16	• 25	• 36
• 1	• 8	• 16	• 25	• 37
• 2	• 8	• 16	• 25	• 37
• 2	• 9	• 16	• 26	• 37
• 2	• 9	• 16	• 27	• 37
• 2	• 9	• 16	• 27	• 38
• 2	• 9	• 16	• 27	• 40
• 2.5	• 9	• 16	• 27	• 40
• 3	• 10	• 16	• 18 years, then	• 40
• 3	• 10	• 16.5	gone for 42,	• 40
• 3	• 10	• 17	now back again	• 40
• 3	• 10	• 17	for 9 - full time	• 40
• 3	• 11	• 17	• 28	• 42
• 3	• 11	• 18	• 28	• 42
• 3	• 11	• 18	• 29	• 43
• 3	• 11	• 18	• 29	• 43
• 3	• 11	• 18	• 29	• 44
• 3.5	• 12	• 18	• 30	• 46
• 4	• 12	• 18	• 30	• 46
• 4	• 12	• 18	• 30	• 49
• 4	• 12	• 19	• 30	• 50
• 4	• 12	• 19	• 30	• 52
• 5	• 13	• 20	• 30	• 57
• 5	• 13	• 20	• 30	• 59
• 5	• 13	• 20	• 30	• 60
• 5	• 13	• 20	• 31	• 60
• 5	• 13	• 20	• 31	• 60
• 6	• 14	• 20	• 31	• 63
• 6	• 14	• 21 years, a long	• 33	• 63
• 6	• 14	break, and then	• 33	• 68
• 6	• 14	a few months.	• 34	• Family since
• 6	• 14	• 23	• 34	1800's
• 6	• 15	• 23	• 34	
• 6	• 15	• 23	• 34	
• 6	• 15	• 24	• 34	

2 - Choose the best answer that describes your work. 179 answers

Work in Danville: 28

Work in another town: 77

Full Time Student: 2

Homemaker: 13

Retired: 43

Unemployed: 2

Other 14

- Retired not working
- Work in Cabot and Danville on college breaks
- I work from home for a company not located in VT
- Work for the Town of Danville
- I both work in Danville and in another town
- income property manager
- As a carpenter I sometimes work in danville
- i own a business in danville and i work in another town
- I work in another State
- part time work after retiring
- retired and running a non-profit
- Self Employed
- Work 20-30 hrs/week in stj

3 - What is your age? 171 answers

18-24: 4

25-34: 16

35-44: 28

45-54: 40

55-64: 62

65-74: 12+4 (inadvertently left out of first survey, +4 for people who listed age in comments)

75-84: 8

85+: 1

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4 - Please rate the quality of services and facilities available in the Town of Danville. 171 answers (higher average is better, adequate = 3)

	Excellent		Good		Adequate		Needs Improvement		Poor		Total	Weighted Average
Recent Improvements to the Town Green	67	40%	75	44%	20	12%	2	1%	5	3%	169	4.17
Library Facilities	54	33%	81	49%	26	16%	5	3%	0	0%	166	4.11
Fire and Rescue Services	53	32%	75	45%	36	22%	2	1%	0	0%	166	4.08
Recent Improvements to Route 2	58	35%	76	45%	27	16%	2	1%	5	3%	168	4.07
Services Provided by the Town Offices	31	18%	97	57%	35	21%	6	4%	1	1%	170	3.89
Roads and their Upkeep	36	21%	94	55%	22	13%	16	9%	2	1%	170	3.86
Bridges	17	10%	103	62%	37	22%	10	6%	0	0%	167	3.76
Education for Grades Pre-K - 8	28	18%	78	49%	33	21%	11	7%	8	5%	158	3.68
Walkability & Pedestrian Access	32	19%	67	40%	50	30%	15	9%	3	2%	167	3.66
Water & Sewer Facilities	13	9%	67	49%	49	36%	8	6%	1	1%	138	3.60
Solid Waste Disposal	15	10%	62	42%	46	31%	19	13%	6	4%	148	3.41
Recreational Facilities & Services	18	11%	67	41%	49	30%	22	13%	8	5%	164	3.40
Governance provided by the Selectboard and supporting Commissions	11	7%	79	48%	44	27%	26	16%	5	3%	165	3.39
Current Recycling Facilities	22	13%	52	32%	51	31%	34	21%	5	3%	164	3.32
Law Enforcement Services	11	7%	55	35%	67	42%	17	11%	9	6%	159	3.26
Education for Grades 9 - 12	20	13%	58	37%	35	22%	27	17%	18	11%	158	3.22
Range of Housing Options	6	4%	51	32%	65	41%	32	20%	3	2%	157	3.16
Availability of Childcare	4	3%	31	23%	73	54%	25	18%	3	2%	136	3.06
Availability of Employment in the Surrounding Region	2	1%	20	12%	53	33%	63	39%	23	14%	161	2.47

Quality of Services and Facilities Comment Rollup:

- Green traffic / parking issues - 10
- ATV concerns - 9
- School opportunities (choice, high school) - 9
- Trash/recycling improvements - 8
- Green comments - 7
- Road maintenance - 7
- Sidewalk extensions - 8
- Lamoille Valley Rail Trail - 6
- More Bike Racks - 4
- Speeding / Law Enforcement - 4

Comments:

- A few benches around the green would be nice and perhaps one on the long stretch of sidewalk along Rt 2. It would have been nice to extend the sidewalk up Hill street at least to the Congo Church. A bench or two along the rail trail would be lovely. It would also be helpful to close Danville roads to ATV traffic. Not only because of the noise but safety issues. I am an older driver and I have been startled more than once coming up over a blind hill. I have also had an ATV driver drive at speed along side me while standing up on his vehicle. I have also come across a group of ATVers coming up a land with children and none of the family had on protective gear.
- AS of every town theres need for improvements but all in all if the taxes keep rising it well drive folks out of the town , the town is in my eyes starting to over govern itself , more will get done if we keep our town in the K.I.S.S mode ! keep it simple stuip! lol Roger Morrill and lisa smith 15 joes brook rd
- Better high school oportunities.
- Bike racks at Marty's and at the Recycling Center; more walking trails and sidewalks (Hill St., especially)
- Concerns about 4 wheeler travel Equity of fee for water and sewage Speed on Brainerd Street, the Peavham Road and North Danville Road (Bruch Badger Memorial Highway)
- Don't use or have knowledge of some of these categories (ex. Water and sewer - line outside of town). Age cat agony of 65-74 is missing. How do you know if responses are from residents or fictitious?
- Federal signage requirements have produced too many and too large signs on the Green to complement human scale of landscaping resulting from Rt 2 improvement, but there's nothing that can be done.
- get the ATVs, as recreational vehicles, off Danville roads!!!
- Greater effort needs to be made by the select board, drb, etc. to ensure that substantial changes to the town go through the proper processes before being given a green light. Ample opportunities for comprehensive comment & input on such issues from all interested Danville residents is key. In serving the citizens and land-owners of Danville, the town government needs to protect the rights of all taxpayers in town, & not allow privileges to be granted to a select few if the people of Danville feel that it unduly impacts their rights, the quality of life, & the character of the town.
- Housing is an issue for those who want to age-in-place : single floor living, accessible, affordable. Most housing stock is either huge with multiple floors or old and difficult to maintain, heat, and care for. I see more and more people in late middle age wanting to downsize and simplify - and who see Danville as a desirable community to move to.
- I dislike the light in town! There really is no need for it. If someone turns left into Peacham rd and people can't get around them, rte traffic is stuck I hate that atv's are using our town roads as trails!
- I don't use the water, sewer, etc. because I do not live in the village and have no access . I think you should stop trying to be "upscale" with all the so called improvements to the area around the green. It's a nightmare of signs and medians now. You're losing the small town look and atmosphere which has always been part of Danville.
- I feel the town has made great improvements on recreation with the new rail trail - that was a great addition, and gets people out. Solid waste disposal (trash) is a bit cumbersome, would be nice if the town had road-side pickup, but i know that is tough in rural areas. Packaging trash and driving it to the church can be a pain, and expensive. Please keep the bulky day going 2x each year - that is a life saver and my two favorite days of the year! Roads have been a mess this year, and I don't think there is much more our crew can do - mud is mud. But they have done an excellent job keeping up with it, and feel the dirt roads are still better than paving (and less costly). Know what the town needs, a good car wash - maybe Marty would be willing to work with the town on that. With all the mud and roads, it would be a big money maker and help keep our cars from deteriorating. Hard to drive to St. J for car wash - too far!
- I would like the town to revisit school choice, with the sadly dwindling numbers of high school students impacting the ability to provide adequate programs/choices

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- Improvements made to the town hall in the last renovations are really great. I wish there was encouragement for its use especially the auditorium on the second floor. I think people could identify why it is not used more and then take steps to resolve those impediments. Improvements to the Green are very nice. I'm always pleased when I see people sitting at the tables, farmers market, concerts and so forth. Like the amenities in Greenbanks Hollow I wish they were used more.
- It might make sense to have a bike rack at the break in the trail at Marty's. Could be helpful for tourists. I really wish we would have buried the power poles during the rt #2 project. I am concerned with Danville becoming a haven for four wheelers from out of town or state. I really think we need to be conscious of our best students leaving Danville for Lyndon Institute or St. J Academy. should we be a vocational center at the high school level while keeping k-8? Allowing kids all those options they don't currently have access too? its worth an honest discussion.
- It would be really nice to clean up the Route 2 area from Danville to St. Jay--it's absolutely filthy on our local roads.
- Keep the bulbs in the beautiful new village lights replaced.
- More extensive sidewalk system in Danville village, West Danville, North Danville & Harvey's Hollow. Please note that the age ranges are not complete! 65-74 is missing.
- More informational/community events at Library community center -- like discussions, presentations, etc. in the evening or on the weekend. Seminars, etc. on ag issues, legislative issues, gardening in our zone. We could do a lot more. Would be nice to have more law enforcement services readily available but I know that's tough/expensive. More sidewalks in good repair around town would be nice but again expensive and requires upkeep. LOVE the new bike path and think it's a huge asset to the community. Wish there was better parking at town hall but can't imagine a way to increase it.
- more parking at the Town Green
- N.Danville road could use some improvement. Pavement starting to get pretty bad.
- Need a better way to communicate on what is going on within the various town offices and meetings. Looking up web sites or reading the local news paper to look for notices is not efficient. The town needs to set up a voluntary email list that will communicate with smart phones and tablets. Agendas for Selectboard meetings, taxes due, dog licenses required, etc. could be examples of info communicated.
- Need a more accessible way to enforce existing regulations.
- Need better business climate and job growth
- no comments to offer here; thank you
- -Ordinance(s) allowing ATV/snowmachine/like travel on roadways should be changed and no such traffic should be allowed. There are many reasons to support this change. -There seem to be a lot of hazardous trees in town rights of way (along roads). Is there any proactive plan for addressing this danger/liability? - Your question # 3 on this survey is missing an age category, 65-74, where I belong. -Thank you for this opportunity!
- Parking on Hill Street at Tom and John's, and Bentleys is dangerous. Several times an eastbound route 2 vehicle will start a left turn and become trapped in the westbound lane by a car backing out of a parking place. Not ok.
- Remove half of the street lights around the green and leading into town on Route 2 to reduce light pollution. Add a turning lane (west bound) at the Route 2 traffic light. Negotiate with Charter Comms to expand broadband access throughout town!!! Improve digital access and working spaces in the library
- Renovating the old railroad station and making it an access point on the rail trail with parking and water and bathroom facilities, as well as historical exhibits, would be a very nice amenity.
- Residential dirt roads are very poor at best. If you want to view what secondary dirt roads should look like take a ride anywhere in Lyndon. Lyndon understands the importance of ditches and proper culverts. Everyone that pays taxes in Danville should be able to drive to their residence at all times of the year!
- residents with limited transportation options may not be fully informed on the RCT & GMTA commuters available. The West Danville park n ride is well used, but something should be more

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central in town to account for those living in town due to transportation issues. This may also enable those that are unable to find local work more options.

- Route 2 B I know is not in your jurisdiction but it could use improvement.
- Safe way for kids to ride bikes to get onto bike path
- SCHOOL CHOICE. A COMPACTOR AT THE RECYCLE CENTER FOR CARDBOARD.
- Sidewalk on Hill ST Would be nice
- Some new streetlights are not functioning.parking is limited
- Speeding in the village is a huge problem. I was nearly hit by someone trying pass someone else -- they drove right through the crosswalk without seeing me. Brainerd Street gets lots of speeders every day as well. Our neighborhood is not a access ramp to Route 2. We need to think about how we are going to accommodate Act 148, particularly the diversion of food scraps from the landfill.
- State signage on the new rte. 2 project are is too big. Need higher level of executive functioning on the selectboard. Need a new recycling center to accommodate at least farm pick up loads. School needs to reach out to other demographics and students to remain relevant and affordable.
- The bicycle path has been a very nice addition. It would be nice to have more trail usage for x-c skiing/snowshoeing in town that the students could also access. Our family would definitely appreciate NOT having ATV's going at dangerous speeds and in large numbers down our road and feel the town of Danville should follow the state ordinance of not allowing ATVs on any roads except class 4 roads in winter with an exemption for farm/land use/work.
- The Danville School is geared toward providing an education to the average student. Those above average are on their own to look elsewhere. The past few years has seen a large number of Danville residents opting to tuition their children to St Johnsbury Academy and Lyndon Institute to provide them the education necessary to attend a competitive college.
- The town is lovely and the services are better than expected. Our road crew is top notch. Much better than the Vtrans crew that is responsible for maintaining Rt 2 between Danville and Marshfield. The Pope library is as they say a Gem on the village green. The only item that needs improvement is the recycling center. This is on the towns agenda.
- There are not many bike racks in or around the village.
- Trailhead parking at or near rail trail crossing on Danville-Peacham Rd
- We have a great road crew but with a hundred plus miles of dirt road to maintain I think they are spread pretty thin. With one grader they are out straight our dirt roads could be alittle better for the taxes that we all pay.
- We need law enforcement. There is no law enforcement when it comes to renegade ATVs. We've called **Craig Vance** at his suggestion and were told no enforcement was available because we weren't on a trail. I think some benches would be a very nice addition to our lovely green.
- We need more parking within the town. The State forcing one way travel around the green seems to have taken parking away and the addressing is all messed up around the green due to the new one way travel. I think the Town should do more to encourage business in the Town including standing up to the State. I think its important for a community to be able to provide their own goods and services where applicable to strengthen the community. I think the new rail trail system is excellent for the community and should be promoted as well as developing more trial options. This would include connecting the Town forest to the rail trail and working to incorporate public and private lands into the mix for trail networks. We should also be working to get the Rail Trail connected across the State and at a minimum connecting to Morrystown. This network brings people to the town that buy goods and services...
- We need more senior housing complexes, subsidized and unsubsidized. The state needs to encourage more business in the NEK I'd like to see pedestrian sidewalks on side streets where possible. Our town is a gem and we need to protect it from any and all who seek to diminish it's value for personal gain.
- Would like if the back roads were graded but it is mud season so it will get better at some point
- Would like to see more alternatives for older kids activities.
- 1. Road into school needs to be paved. 2. Town needs to put out sign near sidewalk about burning bans or other important info for town. 3. Town needs a recreational facility 4. School needs more than one gym 5. Middle School and High School needs serious help. 6. Every time

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we get new administration in the school everything changes. In the last 6 years we have had 5 principals come through. School board can't plan or bring up standards of School when they have to keep looking for new administration. 7. Needs to be more growth encouraged to the town and stop allowing certain business owners from monopolizing area. 8. No one should be on the town board with their own personal agenda. 9. We need more growth within the community and surrounding areas for employment.

- ATV use for Danville residents only
- designated left hand turn onto peacham road during high traffic during school hours. Traffic is congested and backed up because of traffic waiting to turn left. Also a designated spot for drop off at the school cross walk on route 2 is needed on walden hill road. SLOW signage for traffic as cars are still speeding and I fear most mornings for the lives of the crossing guards.
- Get rid of that stupid red light! The town survived without it for over 200 years.
- I'd like to see more signage for the ATV user groups so they can find their way to the various business's in town. Its nice to see them enjoying themselves in our community. Bike racks would be nice. Signs on the trails telling people who have horses to clean up after them. Its absolutely ridiculous and arrogant for them to feel they have no responsibility to clean up after themselves. If they can't clean up their mess keep them off the trails. (same for dog owners).
- Longer hours for town recycling and better parking for the recycling center
- May need affordable housing. Paved roads need resurfacing.
- need more solid waste times railroad trail a great addition, need to promote it more
- Parking in the village is a problem. With the new common design we lost parking. Suggest purchase of house next to Diamond Hill store and put in parking lot.
- Separate left turning lane from Rt 2 to Danville/Peacham road, so that those who must turn left do not block flow through traffic at the stop light.
- Sewer plant should be large enough to handle expansion- possibly a laundry mat Recycling should be zero-sort Select board lacks diversity High school is under populated, we should consider tuition one out
- The changes made to the Green (I won't call them improvements) were in many ways a waste of taxpayer money and made the Green less usable/user friendly. I felt unqualified to answer some of these questions due to not using those services, but there was no opt out/NA option (ie: Solid waste) . I believe that childcare is the responsibility of the parent, not the town/school. I believe that many of the problems of the high school are due to unfunded mandates from the state and federal. Overall, the school is safe and friendly but can not challenge a quality student which is true of many public schools. The current board is taking the school in the right direction, but Act 46 may destroy all of their progress. We never use the library (and don't know anyone who does) but it seems fine. As to the Housing Options: There is no need for adding more low rent housing options to the town since there are no jobs in the area and limited services to offer them. We need to be attracting families who can afford starter homes and can add to the value of our area not way it down with more needs that we (as taxpayers) cannot afford to cover. Recreational Facilities: It is unfortunate that we wasted so much money on the Green, which is of little use being right on Rt2. The area desperately needs a second gym/community center and possibly and outdoor track. Walking along Route 2 is not a relaxing exercise nor a place to meet neighbors. The bike trail is wonderful but there is no significant signage or maps or way to know about it. It would be great to turn the current recycle center into a Coffee/ice cream/beer house to encourage bikers and to provide them a place to actually use the trail
- The Danville High School would benefit from course offerings that would satisfy needs of excelling academic students. We feel Danville would be better served by utilizing the ambulance services through St. J, who seem better trained to handle emergencies.
- The school driveway is horrible, and perhaps this is rumor but I was told when they moved it to its current location it was suppose to be paved, which it should have been. The driveway generates a huge amount of dust. Also due to its placement it is not monitored which allows students and parents to honk horns, yell, reave their engines and peel out of the school driveway. As well as have the occasional race on it. Very poor planning for the placement of the school driveway, especially since students are allowed to drive to and from school.
- The upkeep of the roads in N Danville seems to be going downhill.

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- Too many people from out of state trying to dictate real Danville life!
- Town clerk should provide hunting fishing licenses.
- Town green could make a much stronger statement about Danville than it currently does.
- trails or sidewalks making better connections from rail trail to town would be good for bikers, care needs to be taken with increased ATV use to respect concerns of affected property owners, education for 'gifted'/advanced studies needs enrichment in middle school,
- Would love to see sidewalks extended up Hill Street, as this is a high-volume pedestrian area with limited visibility.

5 - Please rate how important the following are to a high quality of life in Danville. 168 answers (higher average is better, somewhat important = 1)

	Very Important		Somewhat Important		Not Important / No Opinion		Total	Weighted Average
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage		
Quality of Education	146	88%	16	10%	4	2%	166	1.86
Privacy	137	82%	28	17%	2	1%	167	1.81
Peace & Quiet	134	80%	31	18%	3	2%	168	1.78
Rural Setting	133	80%	31	19%	3	2%	167	1.78
Access to locally grown food	119	71%	42	25%	6	4%	167	1.68
Access to locally produced goods, and services	116	69%	46	27%	6	4%	168	1.65
Scenic Views	108	64%	52	31%	8	5%	168	1.60
Community Events	98	59%	64	39%	4	2%	166	1.57
Recreational Opportunities	104	63%	49	30%	13	8%	166	1.55
Educational Opportunities in the Trades (plumbing, heating, electrical, machine, etc...)	100	61%	48	29%	16	10%	164	1.51
Educational Opportunities in Agriculture and Forestry	94	57%	56	34%	14	9%	164	1.49
Historic Buildings & Sites	47	28%	38	23%	8	5%	165	0.80

6 - What strengths or assets could Danville build on to improve the health and wellness of its residents? 94 answers

Health and Wellness Asset Comment Rollup:

- Support / promote Lamoille Valley Rail Trail - 16
- Offer more recreational activities - 9
- Extend sidewalks / walking paths - 9
- Improve access to rail trail - 7
- Maintain quiet / rural character - 4
- Support / promote Joes Pond - 4
- Improve medical/dental/pharmacy availability - 4

Answers:

- A better education and help for excellerated students. These students lack the help to excel and grow to their full potential. These students are not faced with challenging work and are held back depending on other student's pace. Having them work at a more advanced and accelerated level will allow them to succeed in their studies. Students may otherwise look for better schooling

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options outside of the town. Should either improve the quality and level of high school classes or become a school choice town!

- A designated path with signage to the bike path from school
- A pharmacy
- Access to undeveloped land for outdoor physical activities should be facilitated. Sidewalks to the rail trail, walking paths to the school and other village sites.
- Accountability for one's self.
- Action to surveys like this one. Thank you.
- Add signs from route 2 pointing out the rail trail
- amenities connected to the rail trail and events too - such a great addition to town! More sidewalks or bike lanes.
- Better road services
- Closing the roads to ATVs
- Continue to support the rail trail; provide better parking to use it Maintain the quiet, serenity of the town.
- control growth
- Create more walking/biking paths with maps and easy access to
- Develop all means possible to get people outdoors.
- Encourage non-motorized outdoor recreational opportunities , maybe a more expansive trail network throughout town.
- Encourage walking. The roads used by ATVs completely discourage use due to dust and noise.
- Ensure opportunities for physical exercise through outdoor activities and exercise classes for seniors
- I am concerned about availability of medical and dental services to those new to the area like myself.
- I am happily surprised at use of the rail trail. I think the town could sponsor some events that might bring people to our town for reasons other than ATV's.
- I love the opportunities for farmers market, rail trail, and community events which promote health and wellness.
- I love the rail trail. Improving access - crossing rte 2, getting to town especially for kids would be good. also parking.
- I think that the health departments should improve the health & wellness of the residents without intrusion of the Town trying to control them.
- I'd like to see the Town make the Danville school Independent so we can control the education quality and cost. If not the entire school at least the high school. We could make it a school that other towns want to send their kids. I think the Town should do more to encourage business in the Town including standing up to the State. I think its important for a community to be able to provide their own goods and services where applicable to strengthen the community. I think the new rail trail system is excellent for the community and should be promoted as well as developing more trail options. This would include connecting the Town forest to the rail trail and working to incorporate public and private lands into the mix for trail networks. We should also be working to get the Rail Trail connected across the State and at a minimum connecting to Morristown. This network brings people to the town that buy goods and services...
- Improved facilities and access to rail trail
- Improving public parking along the rail trail. Enhance and maintain walking trails in Town Forest.
- In town facilities for "older residents" (housing-independent and assisted living)
- insure the Selectboard isn't populated by "good ol' boys" whose accountability is to their private interests first, the town's interests second
- It's assets are its rural, hilltop setting and the community oriented families that live here. Our churches, school, library and historic buildings are assets too.
- Keep farmer markets going not only wonderful to get LOCAL foods & support our farmers but great place to see your neighbors
- Less ATV and snowmobiles. More bikes and Nordic skiing trails.

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- Less finger pointing/bullying and more commitment to the wants/needs of the masses not the asses!
- LVRT and information encouraging people to visit the businesses in town.
- LVRT Joe's Pond Events at the school
- more active recreational activities, especially in the winter- ways to keep families outdoors and active For example, more active use of the skating ring Cross country skiing or snowshoeing, biking- with rental equipment, warming hut- on certain days on the rail trail? In the town forest? On private landowners cooperating with the town.a mini Kingdom Trails.
- More biking trails
- More easily available x-c ski and snowshoeing trails. The bike path provides for walking/biking in the warm weather but is used by snowmachines in the winter so not necessarily safe for use by pedestrian traffic
- More forums as mentioned earlier on a variety of topics. Could even charge a small fee. Worth a try.
- More recreation facilities, more trails for biking and hiking
- More recreational facilities or opportunities for residents
- More recstuff like the rail trail- love it. Utilize joes pond more
- Newly expanded health center seems to be addressing issues well.
- offer more senior get togethers and informational meetings.
- Older people live there, so not sure what could be added
- One idea might be to encourage more walking / bicycling on LVRT - maybe by having coordinated small events going on at the same time in W Danville & Danville (e.g., local food vendors & quiet music on the green and at Joe's pond) that offer discounts for walkers and cyclists?
- Perhaps some regular promotion of local opportunities and providers? Brochures; promotions at community events...
- Rail trail, parks
- Really push and encourage use of the LVRT for all residents. It is a gem!
- Recreational programs geared toward all age groups.
- SEEMS LIKE THE FOCUS HAS TO BE ON THE AGING POPULATION, HONESTLY.
- Settle the ATV issue. I feel the select board has run from this issue hoping it would go away. Someone is going to get hurt in Danville then the tax payers will be on the hook for the law suit. They don't think so but only time will tell. I really feel they are playing with fire on this issue.
- Sidewalks leading to the Lamoille Valley trail
- The improvements to the sidewalks are tremendous - my understanding is the town is considering expanding to the town garage ballpark - this is a great idea. It will get people to the ball park and rail trail entrance safely without having to walk on the Peacham Rd.
- The LVRT is a tremendous asset to Danville. Carefully sited trail amenities (parking, restrooms, etc) will be important. We need a bike shop nearby.
- The Rail Trail has been an excellent addition and is used regularly by both Danville residents and visitors from outside Danville.
- The rail trail is a great asset. Maybe organize more events that include the rail trail. Group bike rides, senior walking groups
- The rail trail is a great start and it should be enhanced in appropriate sensitive ways.
- The rail trail provides the opportunity to encourage residents to engage in aerobic exercise through bike riding, walking, snow shoeing, and cross country skiing. All ages can utilize this resource with benefits to health and wellness. Access to locally grown, organic produce can also improve health and wellness.
- The road atv use is so stressful that I actually don't look forward to the summer months
- Think of increasing the housing stock for people who want to age-in-place. Perhaps a more locally based home care/health/hospice arm of NVRH. More sidewalks for safer walking. Accessible fitness equipment at the school, perhaps?
- To continue with the quiet rural farming community that Danville is known for.
- Very high taxes are a serious problem to be able to flourish in Danville.

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- We have a strong sense of community. We need to preserve those values and keep outside influences out, including Shumlin and his green energy pocket pickers.
- Weight loss programs or activities. Affordable swimming lessons at the pond again. Start a summer rec program for all ages and activity levels.
- A pharmacy or a service to help elders get medications.
- affordable housing. Stop the ridiculous restrictions on property owners to develop their lands. People in North Danville should be able to subdivide their property so they can sell building lots. I understand people are making profit by not allowing this, because they are able to lease the property and fields at reduced rates so they can run their small farms. But the property owners would like to subdivide and their hands are tied by the town. Families with young children cant afford 100 acres to build their dream home but could afford 5 acres if the owner could carve off a small section. If the goad is to bring more families with children into town we need to stop building a retirement town. Young families like fun things to do.
- Better parking for rail trail paths
- Bike path, build a park that is more than a pretty stretch of lawn
- community nature walks , bird ID walks , foraging for food hikes. A community hiking group
- Continue to develop and explore facilities like the bike path. Maybe snowshoe/ cross country. Youth center and or programs.
- Danville doesn't recognize their youngest citizens well. There are limited activities and events for the children. (other than north Danville) Additionally when we moved to Danville it was difficult to get in connection with area services such as the town clerks office, etc.
- eliminate excessive ATV use on our roads which disrupt the peace and tranquility of rural living
- Employment opportunities
- Encourage more services in the Danville center. Commercial development around the common should be fostered.
- Hiking club
- lack of space for year-round "activity"
- mental wellness-maybe have lectures, guest speakers, and/or music during winter to get people out and make this free or quite affordable Physical-signage on rail trail giving distances so a person can know how far he/she walked
- more green energy
- More involved community center. Providing things for all ages. Yoga, Sports, Dance, Movies, Arts and Crafts, continuing education, etc.
- More rec fields and courts.
- more recreational facilities
- More street lights on Brainerd St
- No idea
- not sure
- Preserve peace and quiet and rural setting
- Promote better eating and exercise.
- Rail Trail system is awesome, if we could build on more hiking trails...thru Danville Forest not only during the summer months but ski/snowshoe trails during winter.
- Rail trail, Joe's pond, farmers market
- The bike trail is a great strength that our town has to offer. it would be nice if we had a flat track for running.
- the rail trail
- This is not a taxpayer issue. Development of good quality jobs and quality homes will bring in good quality people who will bring with them the drive to want good health and wellness and take use of the bike trail and miles of dirt road and outdoor opportunities that already exist. Adding a side walk for safety in town would be nice but should not be considered for wellness reasons. You can't make people improve their health/wellness.
- to much government and high taxes
- Too many people who don't really care
- WALKING PATHS IN TOWN FOREST; NO SMOKING ON THE GREEN.

- While not sure the Town can dictate, I would like to see the Danville farmers markets held at a better day/time. Should be held early evening or weekend. this would allow for mor access to local products, produce, etc..

7 - What would make locally grown foods more accessible to you and your family? 104 answers

Locally Grown Foods Comment Rollup:

- Farmers' market open after working hours / more often - 30
- Already accessible - 19
- Section in local store - 12
- Promote market / farm stands - 9
- Affordability - 8
- Expand famers market - 4

Answers:

- A conveniently located CSA. Joe's Brook Farm is great but out of the way.
- A local food section in Marty's, maybe
- Affordability and accessibility.
- after work hours for the Farmers Market. in our town.
- Already are available
- Being able to purchase them in town.
- Changing the time of the farmer's market to the afternoon. Having a section for them at Marty's and Diamond Hill
- Continuing farmers market. Also, consider community gardens?
- Cost. Freshness .
- Directory of farm stands?
- do not restrict roadside stands and home enterprises.
- EBT at the Farmers' Market More parking at the Green during Farmers' Market List of local farm stands on the website
- Farm stands
- Farm stands and farmers market are excellent. Maybe more Danville produce at farmers market.
- Farmers market hours in the evening or on weekends. Increased sale of it at Martys and Diamond Hill.
- Farmers market in afternoon rather than morning
- Farmers' Market is great, but could be improved. Advertise it more...and don't refuse vendors.
- Farmer's Market outside of working hours
- Farmers market with more open hours.
- Financial support for local farmers. It is a tough way to make a living but a community asset
- Food coop in center of town (a 5 day/Week Farmers Market)
- Fresh beef and pork are not easy to find unless you know someone, more and more people are seeking organic.
- Good access exists.
- Have a farm stand section at Marty's. Or in the old bank building.
- Have farmers market on weekends, not wed.
- having farmers market later in the day
- Having the Farmers Market more reasonably priced and more often
- I feel it already is very accessible though CSAs and local farmer,s markets.
- I grow my own.
- I know there is a weekly farmers mkt on the Green. maybe having a designated Mkt site where vendors can sell anytime. This would also limit wear on the Green.

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- It is already quite readily available.
- it real good now
- It's quite accessible, now. There are year-round farmers markets, farm stands and farm stores all around NEK, and some grocers also offer local items. I do hear concerns about the cost of it from some people, but if they don't qualify for food stamps, then I think it's really about priorities.
- Larger farmers market, Local organic grocer
- Locally grown food needs to be less expensive.
- Longer farmer markets would benefit working people esp All the hard work to set up also I think would benefit the farmers
- Marty's if he specifically markets local foods or sponsors a local CSA with a pick up location at the store. Perhaps community garden space.
- Maybe have Farmers Market in town after work hours. Better advertisement of local providers, maybe through Chamber page or seasonal flyers.
- More accessible farmers market. Currently the farmers market is at an inconvenient time for working residents. Having the farmer market on the weekend with make local food and art more available
- More farm based retail stores.
- more farms
- more frequency of farmers markets?
- More options within the community. Possibly having more farmers markets. Our community is more than the town of Danville so I think working with surrounding towns on this would be valuable.
- More support to farmers market.
- Move farmers market time to later in day when people are coming home from work.
- Not important to me
- Not much . We have 47 acres with a green house. Having the Caledonia farmers market on the green weekly is great.
- Not really a problem for me & my family. The local farmers' markets & farm stands are a great supplement to our own garden. Local stores are also doing a better and better job of carrying local foods. Maybe encourage more opportunities for growers / farmers to partner with local businesses to sell their foods? Promote more wintertime opportunities to get locally-grown food?
- Nothing else you could do. Maybe have the farmers market on a weekend when folks could get there who work but St. J's is on the weekend so I doubt that can happen.
- NOTHING. THEY ARE ACCESSIBLE.
- price
- Promoting the farmers market. Making foods more available in local stores. Finding a way to make fresh produce more available through food shelf -- Open Door.
- Publicize more local farms
- Roadside stands.
- Support for the farmer's market and farm stands make this possible.
- Support of the farmers market, directory on what is available.
- Tax incentives for things like greenhouses
- The current farmers market serves the community well. A centrally located farm stand could also be added.
- the Danville farmers market should shift to the late afternoon/early evening (like most weekday markets) instead of morning - I can never go to it because I'm at work!
- The farmers market might want to investigate the need for a full-time farmers market stand to be open during the week.
- Timing of the farmers market.
- uh, people growing them and selling on the Green
- We already have the ability to grow our own. There is a farmers market in the center of town , weekly, already.
- We like to support farm stands and will support other locally grown foods.
- Year round farmers market

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- A lust of what is available and when they are open locally
- Afternoon hours for the farmers market
- Another stand in town, Marty's does an adequate job, but his emphasis is not on local likely due to pricing.
- BETTER FARMERS MARKET LOCATION, THE GREEN IS TOO CONGESTED. THE USE OF THE FIELD OWNED BY HUDSON WOULD BE BETTER
- Between the farmers market, Marty's use of local products and the Farmstand there is a lot to choose from. Maybe a co-op could provide more year round and processed local foods and crafts.
- Carry them at Marty's First Stop.
- Central place to share produce. Group canning times.
- Encouraging the farmer's market again, it kind of decreased after the route 2 mess.
- Expand farmers' market
- farmers market in the weekends
- Farmers market is very convenient having in on the green
- Farmer's Market is wonderful, though hours are limited, and people who work during those hours are left out. What partnerships might be forged with, for example, Marty's, to market more locally grown food?
- Farmers market on the green open hours that working people can get to. Open late evenings or late Saturday afternoons
- Farmers Market on the weekend, not during the week when most of us are working out of town.
- Farmer's market open later in the day.
- Having a farmer's market on the weekend not in the middle of the week when everyone is at work
- Having the farmer's market on a weekend day, not a work day.
- Having them available at the stores we shop at. Again an issue that should not be funded by taxes.
- I appreciate the farmer's market
- it is very accessible to me, I have a large garden and maybe to make local foods accessible to others courses on raising a garden and putting extra away for winter
- know they were available
- Larger Farmer's Market perhaps running through the winter on a limited schedule.
- Less expensive, winter farmers market
- Local Organic milk sold in stores
- Love the farmers market
- Mobile transportation of goods.
- More vendors at farmers market
- N/a
- Not a concern
- Nothing I grow my own
- Price and availability
- Price, Make the foods true organic and not just a labeling gimmick. That place in North Danville on Morrell road who claims to be organic uses farm machinery and petroleum products on his property and then gouges the public with labeling gimmick and misrepresentation of the products. He doesn't spray the fields with pesticides just diesel fumes.
- Providing more days or changing the day of the offerings on the green.
- They are pretty accessible now.
- We have a garden.
- Website showing local farms and what they have available each week.
- Weekend or evening farmers market. It's difficult for working families to access weekday options
- Year round farmers market in school or town hall in winter
- yes

8 - Should the town develop protection and development standards for our prime agricultural lands? 144 answers

Yes: 111

No: 33

9 - Should the town develop specific standards for siting, and maps for most and least favorable locations, for wind, solar, hydro, and/or biomass energy sources? (Please comment as desired.) 126 answers

- 47 x Yes (or absolutely, definitely, etc)
- 10 x No
- Absolutely. Look at the array of solar panels just east of Groton Village on US 302. Compare that with the inconspicuous set up behind Charter Communications. There must be all kinds of space in Danville where they can be installed without changing our beautiful views to and from our most popular places.
- An analyses should be done that shows where renewable energy generation would be most efficient and productive. A separate analysis should be done that delineates important wildlife corridors, scenic vistas and agricultural lands important to the town that a variety of development would impact. Then, once both analyses are complete, the two maps should be overlain to determine where the most and least favorable sites are for development of any kind as well as renewable energy.
- Any standards should be based on good science that considers 1) where you get the greatest efficiency (e.g., "good southern exposure" or "consistently windy", close to existing grid infrastructure, etc.), 2) avoiding potential impacts to wildlife, local water & air quality, human health, etc. Such standards shouldn't apply only to renewable energy projects, but should also apply to any proposed development that is likely to have disproportionately large impacts (whether beneficial or detrimental) on Danville.
- as we seek to become more green, energy options will need to be explored. if remapping is being done why not integrate this into it for efficiency.
- Definitely! Solar/wind should not be sited on land near main roads, impacting the rural feel of our town, or where neighbors object to their view/quality of life being impacted.
- Depends on who is developing. Minimal standards for PERSONAL use on HOMESTEAD. Greater oversight/regulation for larger scale speculative/commercial projects, including farms. Larger scale projects should also require consideration of impact on neighbors/neighborhood quality of life.
- I am very pro renewable energy, and think that we should make it easy for our town to develop these resources, while setting standards to keep our open space accessible.
- I definitely think the town should have more input on the siting of alternative energy facilities, rather than the public service board having most of the control. I think standards would be good. Not sure about good and bad site maps.
- I like individual land owners having incentives for doing this as long as it does not impact others. I do believe views and wildlife need to be considered with these types of projects.
- I think the town should develop standards for siting these facilities but need to take into consideration what the State requires already because whatever you develop may be a waste of time.
- I think we all know we need alternative energy in this world. But wind towers all always fine as long they are not in your back yard. This should be an up or down town vote. Not just OK for a few!
- In order to maintain the quiet beauty that has always been VT we need to proceed with caution. We must protect our Natural Resources.
- Maybe, but be cautious about too many restrictions and government control.
- Only very general standards, but with approval by the voters.

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- Planning is always proactive. To identify optimum locations with least impact on views and neighbors is always advantageous.
- PLEASE keep wind turbines out of Danville and away from our surrounding hills. They are noisy, unsightly and largely unreliable as a power source.
- should be accessed on a case by case basis
- Siting should consider impacts to view sheds and prime ag lands.
- Standards to protect wildlife also to protect the beauty of nature
- The town has the right to include solar screen (for ground mounted) in its bylaws. This should be given priority consideration. Also consideration should be given to siting ground mounted in prime ag soils.
- The town should have a voice in siting any large-scale energy projects.
- This is the future direction and we should be systematic about setting up any large scale operations.
- Town should adopt a policy of NO Wind turbines on our hills! No Solar farms within view of Rt#2
- Yes - should allow for some and clearly designate places where they might go (and not go) so that any future energy developments are not surprises to residents or landowners
- yes , keep our countryside farm country not over developed
- Yes but I am generally in favor of such projects
- yes its our future and lets lead the way and do what Madison ,maine did
- yes mainly to protect the intrusion of thing that would effect the landscapes.
- yes standards should be set by Danville, and other towns according to what the community wants..
- Yes! Towns with flat topography can hide solar array farms behind evergreen hedges. Danville consists of hilly topography that forms its views. Yet there are southern facing hills that do not impede current scenic views from residences and may be appropriate for large solar installations. Horizontal axis wind generators are not compatible with Danville's Town Plan. The Europeans are racing to develop vertical axis wind generators that require less height and are smaller. I would recommend consideration of them when they are on the market. With its vertical drop in topography and abundant hydrological resources, hydro power that does not destroy natural habitats should be investigated.
- Yes, and with conscious regard to solar being the cleanest energy source.
- Yes, but I'm a HUGE fan of alternative energy sources and I personally think solar arrays look nice so I would support those even from Rt. 2 views. I'm not a fan of giant wind projects but I love smaller wind generation and would support more of those. I don't think small wind towers impair the scenic views.
- Yes, energy sources need to be planned so that they do not interested with Danvilles natural beauty
- Yes, especially for large and commercial energy facilities.
- Yes, please, Danville is overdue for a wind power installation.
- yes, standards as neighbors are getting solar thru an organization but not available to me I am told
- Yes, the town residents need to be forewarned of any plans to site these power projects and be allowed to weigh in on decisions.
- Yes, there are to many areas in other parts of VT that have been spoiled by poor decisions from people that are not residents of the local affected community..
- Yes, to minimize negative impact on rural nature of town, aesthetic implications, and with recognition of the multiple generations that may be impacted
- Yes, with attention paid to the most efficient and cost-effective energy sources, such as solar and bio-mass.
- Yes. Adjoining property owners should be protected from adverse effects such as obstructed views, noise and /or loss in property value.
- Yes. I am in favor of wind, solar, etc., but setting standards makes sense.
- Yes. I am very concerned about all of these facilities, especially the aesthic/visual impact of solar and wind energy sources.

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- Yes. No large solar or wind projects in prime soils or scenic vistas
- Yes. Protect the views and rural nature.
- Yes. The involvement of Town officials in protecting our bucolic and rural landscape and quality of life is critical.
- YES. THERE'S SPACE TO GO SOLAR, THERE'S WIND TO GO HYDRO.
- Yes. These should be in areas where they are not seen as part of our scenic views.
- Yes. We cannot let the state control how our beautiful land is used. Leading by example does not mean ruin scenic beauty, and I think we should follow suit like St. Johnsbury and prohibit building of wind towers and possibly solar panels as well. The day will come when large-scale investors combined with the state have too much pull and we need to be ready for that.
- Yes. We need to encourage renewable energy and energy conservation in our plan and zoning bylaws. However, we also need to protect our rural character and ensure commercial energy development is done in areas that do not impact our natural beauty.
- Absolutely NOT! Let people develop in the ways they wish.
- Alternative energy sources should be reviewed.
- Didn't think it would be necessary until now, but yes.
- I do think that the town should have a role in this. Private business (energy developers) and landowners should not be the the only ones with a voice. I say this even as someone committed to environmental issues.
- no the public service board already handles this with great proficiency and solar is the power of the future.
- Since the plan can change every 5 years, it should simply be noted that any of these alternative energy sources should be put forth to a town vote before any money is spent on the project or land approved for the project since each project will have its own unique situation it is impossible to make one plan now and hope it covers everything.
- there should be standards within the town district, it would be bad to have solar panels lining the roads throughout the village
- Unsure.
- We should certainly begin work on these energy concerns.
- yes - no large developments for solar or wind
- Yes and have a disposal/replacement program requirement for aged solar etc
- Yes as they may come into the community and the natural beauty should be protected. Danville is mostly a bedroom community that people choose for peace and community
- Yes so they just don't get stuck up everywhere and anywhere.
- YES! We want our tourism folks to return year after year....Do we really want Danville to look like every other town that sites solar panels in every open field??? A grey area ..getting harder and harder every year for citizens to pay land taxes...what resources are left for the land owner if he wishes to keep the land but not develop it ????
- Yes, but for industrial use, not individual use
- Yes, but proactive and negotiable for best mutual benefit
- you should be able to do more with the land you pay top taxes on

10 - Please let us know if you have any other comments or concerns you think we should address in the 2016 Danville Town Plan. Thank you for your participation!
88 answers

Comment Highlights:

- ATV concerns - 38
- Preserve rural atmosphere / quality of life - 12
- School choice/opportunities - 6
- Road maintenance/improvements - 5

Comments:

- #8 I'm interested to learn more about this. Does the state have standards? What are the land owner's rights? This seems like a huge undertaking.
- 1. Law enforcement for renegade ATVs
- Addressing the invasion of ATV's on our town. Also, public events including them which do not enhance our community. More affordable housing for seniors.
- Addressing the use of ATVs on town roads. Perhaps also looking into winter maintenance on roads where there are elderly people now living year round. For instance, more people living around the pond now are older and the ability of emergency vehicles getting to them in winter is becoming more urgent. Perhaps the town planners could mark out where there are congregations of year round people on class 3 or 4 roads. Many of these people are on fixed incomes and have to pay not only to clear driveways and walkways but have to pay for plows to clear their roads so they can get in and out of their homes.
- and what is this plan your talking about?
- As recycling efforts expand to somewhere larger and more accessible, the train station should be a rec services hub as it is on the railroad trail.
- ATV routes that are being purposed from what I have seen is an issue. I really feel this will be an on going issue in this town. As the rest of the residence see this more and more on their roads there will be more opposed to it. Real estate price will drop and the town will lose out on its tax base. The town is looking at this in the wrong light they should be looking at how many ATV's are really registered in the town not how many members in the local club most are not Danville residence I would think. I'm not on ether side here but the select board is going to hurt our property values and tax base. This is no longer a nice quiet town !
- Atv use on public roads. Please limit this. It has changed the rural character and quiet lifestyle many of us have come here for. Since the connectors have been opened up the atv traffic had increased tremendously. With no curfews or days off, it is continuous noise for some of us. People that come here to visit cannot believe it is allowed. And they cannot believe how annoying it is.
- ATV use should be addressed. They should not be allowed to influence (negatively) the quality of life of so many residents. Danville is known for it's small-town life style - who wants to see or hear ATV's on our roads, other than those riding them (mostly from other towns)? Not what Danville should become known for.
- ATV/utv keep them off our roads, and stop encouraging other towns to come to Danville to ride.
- clarity re: ATV use on public roads is needed. Not just that they are allowed on all town roads - but actual standards and requirements if they are - like curfew, signage and mapping, avenues for complaints and remediation, etc. I think it is ironic that almost every other student in Caledonia County has high school choice EXCEPT Danville. I love our small school but our children do not get the same opportunities as all our neighboring towns.
- combine Historical Society agenda with clean up of the historic graveyards -- the latter are in poor condition, yet the HS operates w/ a budget that is passive in its presentation and outward activities - perhaps by cleaning up and then highlighting those cemeteries, under Historical Society auspices, both would reap greater visitation and appreciation
- Creating a vibrant, but small, town center. Another restaurant and a few shops would be nice.
- Danville has recently become a magnet for ATV tours, using existing residential roads for travels. Surrounding towns (Cabot and Walden) do not allow ATV travel on maintained roads. Danville should do the same. Large groups are a nuisance and possible hazard. Existing regulations for ATV use are not enforceable as well. Underage ATV riders are traveling the roads, unsupervised in vehicles that are not always registered.
- Danville is a Beautiful Country Town I am retired & my Hope is for the young people to be able to Enjoy not only the Beauty but the peacefulness of a unique village ??
- Danville Planning Commission, VT
- Danville should not be a regional destination for ATV use and the current policy should be phased out.

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- Don't block solar -- it's an asset to our community. And as much as we can support alternative energy generation within reasonable limitations, I think it's important for our community, our State and our children's future. And last, but not least, thank you for doing this survey. It's nice to have an accessible way to provide input into the community. I think Danville should do more surveys.
- Four wheeler travel
- Four wheelers on town roads. There are multiple disturbances made by small motor vehicles, especially four wheelers on these small dirt roads. Annoyance to residents and danger to pets, wildlife and people. Not only is it dangerous for pedestrians, but it's a risk to the ATV drivers as well.
- Group (3 or more) ATV usage of public or town roads and lands should be stopped. ATV's should have limited access to class 4 roads. I think ATV's are disruptive to peace and quiet and are destructive to land. There should also be hours of operation limits.
- High school should consider school choice. Too many better options nearby and enrollment is declining.
- I don't want to see large scale solar and wind turbine facilities. I am especially concerned about the two proposed solar farms along Rte. 2 just east and west of the village. I will be even more concerned should any commercial, large wind turbine facilities be allowed anywhere in the Town of Danville or surrounding towns.
- I feel strongly that ATV use has negatively impacted my quality of life, and would like to work towards banning use by non town residents on our roads. Push school board to revisit school choice. Work to increase healthy active recreational opportunities. Continue to support community events
- I had the fortune to grow up in a rural farming community and I hope my grandchildren have the same option. I do not believe Danville should allow ATV's on any of its roads including class 3 and 4 roads. We should not become the mecca for outsiders looking to travel thru the country side on our roads. We chose to live on a dirt road for the quite and privacy this type of road has traditionally provided and having numerous noisy ATV's going by on a regular basis turns the dirt road into a noisy highway without the benefits of pavement in avoiding mud season. I would like to see more non motorized means of recreation emphasized for Danville. I believe Danville should be a town where the quality of life promotes a healthy well balanced rural community focused on its residents and not outsiders.
- I have great concerns that growth and certain activities are having a negative impact on our community. Zoning bylaws do not seem to be respected. The growth of high traffic businesses on rural roads should be mitigated while still encouraging home businesses. The use of our roads as ATV recreational trails is not compatible with our quiet rural character of our town and should be stopped.
- I moved to Danville cause I love the town....friendly , warm people...hope it never changes...
- I think we should continue to preserve our rural character. I see towns like Irasburg with and absolute nightmare on their hands. The illusion of local control is just that when the DRB says so. We need to put specific provisions in the town plan outlining what we do when big money green power comes knocking. We can be an example by having a provision prohibiting this type of development or we will fall victim. We can support green energy without having it invade our lives and character that makes our town special. The town has done a good job of this thus far, as well as doing so in regards to development outside of town and maintaining our village boundary.
- I view the Town Plan as a vision for the future of the town, a vision that aims to put the town in a tactical position that will allow it to embrace new opportunities that will result in enhancement of the overall vision while protecting the vision from new and unexpected challenges in conflict with the vision. While the plan talks about scenic vistas and the rural character of the town, those are the visual characteristics looking to be protected. Peace and quiet is another characteristic folks value and many types of activities and land uses directly impact this. I'd like to see the Town Plan direct future planning efforts to consider the impact certain types of development and uses have on noise within the town. When ATV traffic increased on some roads as a result of VASA signing roads as trails and distributing maps and a business operating an ATV touring service in town, the increased noise became a primary complaint. There are a number of other businesses and uses which may at some point become proposed in Danville that would increase noise as well

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(i.e. drones, motorized dirt tracts, shooting ranges, etc) and our Town Plan should better articulate how peace and quiet needs to be weighed in the evaluation of the siting of such uses.

- I would like to see ATV use more regulated. I love the bike path and would like to be sure that stays
- In the summer months with the increase of vehicles on Rte 2, crossing Rte 2 to get to Abby's ice cream can be challenging either on foot or in ATV's. Another issue is that vehicles and trailers that back up waiting to get into Sugar Ridge, especially if you are headed east and can't see them over the rise, have caused some near misses. Also, if you are headed west on Rte 2 during the heavy traffic season, as you crest over the top of Rte 2 and wait to turn left onto Penny Lane, you often pray that the double line of traffic coming up from behind sees your left blinker and compensates for that. Not sure what can be done about this, just wanted to bring it to your attention.
- Keep green spaces. Try to attract more businesses in the center of town, and keep the existing ones going. Think about attracting entrepreneurs when the Beattie family retires!
- Make Walden Hill.Rd a class 2 road. . It has increased in the number of cars, trucks,etc . Forbid all ATVs on Danville roads
- Need to get nonresident ATVs off town roads!
- Not an ATV user, I am quite okay with limitations on their use.
- Open land that isn't income producing should be tax free or at a very, very low rate. The house, barns and ten acres should be the only taxable base. Please encourage the elimination of visiting ATV riders. They bring no trade value, but steal privacy and calm.
- Our Select Board has caused several problems with various issues because of their indecisiveness and failure to make decisions in an appropriate time. This has cause several problems within the town and the quality of life that Danville is known for. I would like the town plan to reflect this quality of life that many move here for.
- Please limit use of ATV's on class four roads and post class four roads during mud season to limit overweight trucks
- Privacy and peace and quiet are among Danville's strengths, and those qualities should be stressed in a town plan. One of the most serious threats to Danville's wonderful quality of life is the growing use of ATVs for recreation in our town. Private clubs are developing ATV corridors on town roads without the consent of affected property owners and, along with private businesses, are attempting to turn Danville into an ATV mecca, where enthusiasts from other towns and states could pursue their passion at the expense of our residents, many of whom live here to get away from traffic and noise. Property values will certainly be driven down along any corridors. Danville is one of very few towns in Vermont that allow ATVS on Class III and IV roads. That decision should be reconsidered. At the very least, consent of affected landowners on individual roads should be required before allowing ATVs on them.
- Recreational vehicle use on public roads. I feel like if this is allowed it should be open to All town roads not a limited few!
- Rural residents peace and quiet has been lost to atv traffic.
- See above. Thanks for allowing us to send in suggestions. I would appreciate if a summary of these survey results could be made available for picking up at the Town Hall or Library.
- Thank you!
- Thanks for all your hard work!
- Thanks for your hard work and thanks for offering this survey.
- The atv issue affecting several residents. It's just plain unbearable in the summer on the town roads. On a nice sunny Saturday no less than 40-50 will go by in both directions. That is 100% the truth.
- The ATV issue on public roads. ATVs were designed for use off road. Why are many of Danvilles town roads designated as ATV trails/routes? Seems very unsafe for motor vehicles and ATVs to be sharing roadways. I've had to swerve or stop quickly to avoid ATV riders on my road several times.
- The ATV situation and mutual respect of the wonderful rail trail we have. NO ATVs on the RAIL TRAIL

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- The education at Danville school could be improved upon by giving students more opportunities for classes and sports. More opportunities could be provided for the more advanced students who wish to excel in their studies.
- The issue of ATV use on town roads must be resolved. Our town has become a prime destination for ATV traffic from outside Danville and town authorities need to take leadership in protecting Danville citizens and their rights and property values.
- THE NORTH DANVILLE ROAD FROM NORTH DANVILLE TO DANVILLE IS GETTING TO BE IN PRETTY LOUSY SHAPE. SOME OF THE FLOWER BEDS IN THE TOWN GREEN HAVE THISTLE IN THEM. IT'S PRETTY, BUT MAN IT HAS A LOT OF STICKERS. IT GOT ME BAD DURING LAST YEAR'S CARNIVAL. MAYBE GET SOMEBODY TO YANK THAT OUT, PUT IN SOME LUPINS OR SOMETHING ELSE THAT DOESN'T HAVE STICKERS. KEEP LOG TRUCKS OFF OF JAMIESON ROAD DURING MUD SEASON. ALSO, WE NEED NEW DITCHES CUT ON THE NORTH DANVILLE SIDE OF JAMIESON ROAD. IT'S ON THE TO-DO LIST FOR THE ROAD MAINTENANCE TEAM, BUT THEY DO NEED TO BE DONE. WE'VE GOT 6 FOOT TALL SHRUBS GROWING IN THEM. THIS DOESN'T SEEM POSSIBLE, BUT YOU NEED TO GET A BLITZ CAMERA OR SOMETHING TO CATCH AND TICKET PEOPLE FOR TEXTING WHILE DRIVING. UP AND DOWN ROUTE 2 AND THE NORTH DANVILLE ROAD PEOPLE JUST TEXT, READ TEXTS, AND ETC WHILE DRIVING. ANY POSSIBLE DETERRENT WOULD BE GOOD. A LOT OF IT IS HIGH SCHOOL KIDS, AND YOUNG PEOPLE, BUT NOT ALL. SCHOOL CHOICE. IT'S THE ONLY REASONABLE ANSWER FOR THAT PROBLEM. THE SCHOOL BOARD IS BEING GOVERNED IN SUCH A WAY THAT SCHOOL CHOICE HAS COME OFF THE TABLE AS AN OPTION.
- The scenic, peaceful, rural character of Danville is a genuine treasure, one that we could easily squander with unwise planning and decisions that don't appropriately consider what's in the best interests of all Danville taxpayers & residents. I'd flag the current issue of the organized use of our town roads by the ATV club & by a commercial ATV tour group as an issue that has demonstrated a real incompatibility with protecting the rights of landowners & taxpayers, and the peaceful life in a town like Danville (peace & quiet is every bit as important as the scenic views for our rural town). For the 2016 Plan to succeed, it will need to address issues like these in a way that is acceptable to a majority of Danville taxpayers & residents, and doesn't negatively impact the overall shared "vision" & values we collectively agree upon for our town. The Town's planning, decisions & activities must continue to work to engage all townspeople to make Danville a place that's compatible with the wants and needs of the majority of people that call Danville "home". Sincere thanks for your important volunteer efforts on the Planning Commission, and for working with us all to keep Danville a great place to live!
- The school road needs to be addressed. The school doesn't own it, it has a right of way. There are days when vehicles feel like they are being thrown at one another due to the ruts. I understand the weather is a huge factor, but it is dangerous as some families are walking up the road in the mornings/afternoons.
- The town plan should guide the course and not be overly restrictive.
- The Zoning Bylaws should be revised to better reflect any updated Town Plan. Something needs to be done about eyesores that devalue the Danville Green, such as Melody Hill at the corner of the Green and Route 2, possibly add a surcharge to property taxes that would, in part, compensate the Town for helping the owner clean up the mess.
- There should be some monies set aside for the policing of class four roads being destroyed by a handful of disrespectful people and their lifted trucks with over-sized tires. Some of these vehicles are not registered or inspected and the drivers wait until after 11:00 pm to go out and destroy the roads.
- We love Danville. It took us 7 months to find the location that provided us with all that we were looking for. I have a 45 minute commute and would not trade living in Danville to move closer to my work.
- We need better regulation of atv traffic on our roads
- While being eco-friendly is very important - Danville's biggest asset is its scenic location, we shouldn't compromise our only real asset. Property TAX reduction.
- You missed an age bracket 65-74!

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- You need to address the atv situation. They should not be allowed on public roads . Possible exceptions might be work or agriculture related. The manufacturer specifications say they should not be ridden on roads. I believe Vt state law bans them from public roads. As a town you have tried to allow it and are now embroiled in a major controversy that is pitting neighbor against neighbor. The parts of town which gives them a corridor to Barnet are swarming with them. The machines are noisy. The large groups of riders are frequently rude and sometimes threatening. My family can no longer enjoy just taking the dog for a walk or riding the horses without worrying about atv groups. If I want to ride my horse in a place other than near my house, I put him in a trailer and take him there. If people Want to ride in Barnet they can trailer their machine or put it in a truck and take it there. Those of us who live on their major corridors should not have to dread nice weather because our choice of recreation differs from theirs. Get them off the roads. State law says it is illegal for them to be there.
- Would like to see the ATV issue resolved and get them off ALL roads...its disruptive, noisy and dangerous not a characteristic I'd like to see Danville represent.....If we have to can trails be made thru state forest on old logging roads? It's gotten out of hand ...it's not just the locals anymore. What is Danville gaining from the leisurely riding ATVer's? Noise and lots of it. Let them go to NH/Maine to ride...they seem to have a better system worked out.
- ATV use should be prohibited as it conflicts with the culture, peace and quiet of the environment.
- Been living and or renting in Danville for 28 years Beautiful community ?????
- Danville needs to do more to attract a variety of students and programs to its school. Our enrollment is being lost to bigger schools that offer a wider curriculum of studies. We are a small school, and it should be kept that way, but we need to look beyond the basics and offer more specialized education.
- Danville should follow Vermont State Law and ban ATVs from Town Roads.
- Don't over govern this plan do the K.I.S plan Keep it simple,and stop the foolishness of micro managing someone land that the pay dearly for to live in Danville
- Don't try to control what people do on their own land. If it doesn't bother immediate neighbors the town should stay out of it.
- how about we think about generation to come and stop being so selfish our town roads are an asset that belong to all
- I believe that is is critically important that the Planning Commission take a strong stand against ATVs on public roads, and do so in a way that conveys the benefit to the entire town of doing so. It seems neither right, just, or legal that a small group of people could be able to cause such distress to entire neighborhoods of residents and landowners. The recreational interests of a few should NOT be allowed to trample on the quality of life, property rights, and well-being of so many residents. Increasing ATV traffic has been ruining the quality of life for those on the most-travelled roads. It also threatens the character and quality of life in the town as a whole, though. We need to guard against becoming an ATV destination. The suggestion that ATV traffic is good for local businesses can't be proven in a meaningful way. Meanwhile, ATV presence might drive away many who would otherwise be attracted to our rural, quiet town--for example, local bed and breakfasts will likely begin to lose business if their locations are disrupted by the noise and disruption of ATVs. Property values for all of us could fall, if the town were to become known as a noisy, unpleasant place to live. The Select Board has stepped back from this issue for too long. In their apparent desire not to irritate either "side," they have allowed ATVs to literally trample the roads, landowners' property rights, and the sense of community that so many of us treasure. I urge the Commission to convey to the Select Board that it certainly is within their power to act on this matter; it is also within their responsibility to the short- and long-term well being of our cherished town and community.
- I wonder why the Town no longer requires setbacks, etc., for building.
- left hand turn signals at the traffic light and more sidewalks in town and around town
- limit ATV use on back roads. I chose my place to ilve with the idea of having a quiet space.
- More exposure regarding education, the highest tax element, re sustainable goals, accountability-outcomes against board set goals on graduation rates, matriculation goals that give the greatest choices for graduates.

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- PLEASE PROVIDE A PLAN THAT ALLOWS A COMMON SENSE APPROACH TO PLANNING. THAT WILL CONTINUE TO ALLOW DANVILLE TO REMAIN THE RURAL HOME OF THE FUTURE GENERATIONS.
- Probably should have put my complaint about the school driveway here instead of where I did... Sorry.
- Ques 8 is far too complex for a simplistic yes no answer. Please don't quote the aggregate responses as indicating the community's wish for a particular direction or outcome. The survey would need to be more scientifically constructed.
- Re: the proposed four wheeler corridors through Danville I ask that residents whom would be on the planned corridors for four wheeler use be asked if they are OK with the corridor going through their road. If the majority are in disagreement, it would be unfair to impose such a noise disturbance upon them. Please create an ordinance that would be respectful to residents of Danville and not infringe on their rights to quiet enjoyment.
- Recreation for ATV should be returned to state statute level - nothing on the roads.... People need and should have the peace and quiet they purchased their home location for. ATV's should be required to transport their rigs to trail heads open to them. Regardless of the fact that they would like connector roads (100 to 200 feet with permission of abutting land owner in order to connect a trail is the only concession that should be made). No access roads to hold people hostage in their homes to unacceptable crowd and noise levels - regardless of road monitoring, The noise is unacceptable.
- Regarding Question #8: It is easy/nice to say yes, but the reality is that aside from buying land, you cannot regulate how someone decides how best to use their land. Considering how difficult it is to run a business in Vermont and how poorly (or how expensive) farming has become, if a farmer chooses to sell housing lots, that is his choice unless someone can make it worth his while to not. Living beside a beautiful green field is nice for someone who does not pay taxes on it. So, open to hearing ideas about exactly what this would mean, but no. As to the Peace & quiet and rural nature of Danville: It has been our experience over the past 18 years living and working right beside one of the main dirt roads in the area, we have definitely noticed better use of the roads by the ATV's since the formation of the club. While I do not own an ATV nor do I understand the desire to cruise around on an ATV, 18 years ago it was common to have people racing down the roads without helmets and being stupid. But since formation of the club there has been better signage, cleaner roads and much more respectful ATV riders. I would rather come upon considerate ATV riders while driving my car than horse riders who angrily tell me to slow down by crawling by them. Also while I am not completely against keeping ATV's off the bike trail, I would rather see ATV's rather than horses use the bike trail. The numerous piles of manure left by the horses on the fresh staymat will in time become mounds of grass and are a nuisance to walk/run/bike around.
- standards for siting business growth
- Stop abuse of ATVs on back roads! Don't want the noise and disruption! Have horses and want to be able to ride and drive on the roads and can't when ATVs are out in gangs.
- The 3 to 5yr plan to improve the school, has lasted 3yrs already but is still considered a 3 to 5 yr plan. This makes it an 8yr plan. I see no improvement. In fact, I see a drop in the quality of education. The move away from combined classrooms is killing diversity with our already limited population. Upper class-men are slobs. There is too much familiarity for students for too many years and it shows in the demeanor of students. A clear separation between grade school and upper classes needs to exist to instill clearly defined higher expectations from our high school students.
- The community of Danville is absolutely special with a wonderful mix of neighbors, farms, shops, and rolling farmland. I would hate to see it become a destination for ATV riders from across the state.
- The school is excellent.
- The school system needs lots of work. From the top, especially. Very lax and inadequate.
- Total ban on the excessive use of ATV clubs on all class 3 roads. Walden has done well with it and is surviving. Using our back roads as a playground for these groups can be degrading to the value of personal property values. If I wanted to live near a race track I would purchase near one.

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- We should all remember what we find important may not be important to another but no less important. If one finds enjoyment from bird watching and another finds enjoyment from riding ATV's or horses they are all equally important and I hope the town supports all of these recreational opportunities. I don't want to see Danville a town where only retirees stay or move to. I want to see young people having fun, the elderly people in our community were young once as well and shouldn't prevent others from enjoying that young and free heartedness they were able to enjoy. Don't become a town of old crusty miserable people who yell every time a kid rides their bike across their lawn, don't be that person. Remember what brought you to Danville and not what made you leave the place you came from.