

**Town of New Milford**  
**Bike and Trail Committee**  
**River Trail Survey**

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Your valued input on this survey is critical to understanding the needs of our community. The information gathered will not be used to identify you individually. All data will be kept confidential and will be aggregated for analysis.

This survey is also available on-line at  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NewMilfordTrailSurvey>

1. What would be your uses of the trail? (Circle all that apply)
  - a. Walking
  - b. Running/Jogging
  - c. Bicycling
  - d. Walking with a stroller or wheelchair
  - e. Walking a pet
  - f. Travel to other sections of town
  - g. Sitting and enjoying nature
  - h. To learn about the town's history
  - i. To have a place to fish
  - j. To have a place to launch a boat/kayak/canoe/paddleboard
  - k. In-line skate
  - l. Transportation to school or work
  - m. None, I would not use a trail
2. How often do you currently use a trail?
  - a. Never
  - b. 1-2 times/year
  - c. 2-4 times/month
  - d. 1-2 times/week
  - e. 3-5 times/week
  - f. Daily
3. Which trail or park do you currently use? (check all that apply)
  - a. Sega Meadow
  - b. Still River Greenway
  - c. Lover's Leap
  - d. Harrybrooke Park
  - e. Other (please specify)
  - f. None

If you answered Never and None to the last two questions, please skip to Question 13.

4. How long do you typically walk/run/bike on a given visit to a trail?
  - a. Less than one mile
  - b. Between one and 3 miles (5K)
  - c. Between 3 miles and 6 miles (10K)
  - d. Between 6 and 13 miles
  - e. More than 13 miles

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5. What is your favorite thing about the trail(s) you use? (Pick up to three)
  - a. Paved
  - b. Beauty
  - c. Dog Friendly
  - d. Nature
  - e. Clean
  - f. Safe
  - g. Plenty of parking
  - h. Convenient to where I live
  - i. Convenient to my commuting route to and from work
6. When do you use a trail or park (check all that apply):
  - a. Spring
  - b. Summer
  - c. Fall
  - d. Winter
7. If you do not reside in New Milford, would you travel to New Milford for a riverside trail?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No
8. How far do you currently travel to access a trail?
  - a. Less than 1 mile
  - b. 1 to 5 miles
  - c. 5 to 10 miles
  - d. 10 to 25 miles
  - e. Over 25 miles
9. How do you currently travel to trails?
  - a. Car
  - b. Motorcycle
  - c. Walk or jog
  - d. Bike
10. Do you spend money in any of the following categories when you visit trails (Check all that apply)?
  - a. Meals
  - b. Gas
  - c. Beverages
  - d. Retail
  - e. Nearby activities
  - f. Other
11. On average, how much do you spend when you visit trails?
  - a. \$5 or less
  - b. \$10 to \$5
  - c. \$20 to \$10
  - d. Over \$20

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12. What is your current primary use of trails?

- a. Exercise
- b. Relaxation
- c. Recreation
- d. Dog walking
- e. Tourism
- f. Other

Resume here if you skipped from question 3.

13. Circle the one that best describes your opinion:

- a. Our town does not need a trail because I am willing to travel to use one elsewhere
- b. Our town needs a trail that provides safety for walkers, runners and hikers, and families with strollers.
- c. Our town needs a trail that provides safety for cyclists.
- d. Our town doesn't need another trail, we already have trails that meet my needs.
- e. Our town needs a trail that accesses the serenity and beauty of our riverfront.
- f. Our town needs a trail that will attract others to our town for tourism.

14. How familiar are you with the design of the proposed design of the New Milford Bike and River Trail?

- a. Extremely familiar – I have reviewed the designs, attended presentations and public outreach sessions.
- b. Very Familiar – I have reviewed the design or attended a presentation/outreach session.
- c. Somewhat Familiar – I have read articles online and in print about the proposed trail.
- d. Not at all Familiar – I have not reviewed the design, attended any presentations, or read about the proposed trail.

15. If sections of the trail could not be paved due to environmental, permitting or cost factors, which would be your preferred alternative surface? (Rank with 1 being your most preferable alternative and 7 being your least preferable alternative.)

- a. Boardwalks
- b. Crushed stone/stone dust
- c. Along a roadway with a barrier from cars
- d. Along a roadway in the shoulder
- e. Sidewalks
- f. Dirt
- g. Paved

16. Which best describes you: If the trail could not follow the river in certain sections due to environmental, permitting or cost factors, I would:

- a. Still use the trail, because any trail is better than none
- b. Still use the trail, because diverse scenery is more interesting
- c. Only use those sections with a view of the river
- d. Only use those sections that were off-road

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17. How would you prioritize sections for completion? (Rate 1 as your highest priority, 2 your second highest priority, etc.):
- a. Connecting Young's Field to the downtown historic Village green
  - b. Connecting the northern section of trail at Sega Meadows (by Boardman Bridge) to Young's Field and downtown
  - c. Connecting the Young's Field riverfront and downtown area south down West Street through Hidden Treasures Park
  - d. Connecting Hidden Treasures Park to Pettibone
  - e. Connecting Pettibone to Harrybrooke Park
  - f. Building a segment south of Harrybrooke Park towards Brookfield's Still River Greenway
18. Funding for the trail is expected to come from various sources including Federal and State grants, business grants, Foundations and private investments. Typically, grants require some matching funds from the Town. Which of the following best describes your opinion?
- a. I would support the trail only if it did not impact my taxes or the Town budget.
  - b. I would support the trail and use of Landfill Settlement Fund for matching monies.
  - c. I would support the trail if the impact to my taxes is minimal: \$10.00 or less per year.
  - d. I would support the trail if the impact to my taxes is moderate: \$50.00 or less per year.
  - e. I would support the trail if the impact to my taxes is significant: \$100.00 or less per year.
19. One of the challenges of a river trail is seasonal flooding. Which of the following best describes your opinion?
- a. I do not want the trail to follow the river where it may flood – I want access all the time and am willing to have the trail adjacent to roads and sidewalks in certain sections to make this possible.
  - b. I am willing to have small portions of the trail closed due to flooding but would also support moving portions away from the river to reduce the impact.
  - c. I want the trail to follow the river as it is currently designed, as its natural beauty is worth the risk of sections being closed for flooding.
20. What is your home zip code? \_\_\_\_\_
21. If you are a New Milford resident, how long have you lived in New Milford?
- a. Less than 1 year
  - b. 1 to 5 years
  - c. 5 to 10 years
  - d. 10 to 15 years
  - e. 15 years or more
22. Do you own or rent your current residence?
- a. Own
  - b. Rent
23. How many people are in your household?
- a. 1
  - b. 2
  - c. 3
  - d. 4 or more

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24. What is your age?
- a. Under 20 years old
  - b. 20-24 years old
  - c. 25-34 years old
  - d. 35-44 years old
  - e. 45-54 years old
  - f. 55-64 years old
  - g. 65-74 years old
  - h. 75 or over
25. What is your gender?
- a. Male
  - b. Female
26. Do you have children?
- a. Yes
  - b. No
27. If you have children, what are their age(s) (check all that apply)
- a. 0-2 years old
  - b. 3-8 years old
  - c. 9-12 years old
  - d. 13-18 years old
  - e. 18 and older
28. Please describe your total household income before taxes:
- a. Under \$25,000
  - b. \$25,000 to \$49,999
  - c. \$50,000 to \$99,999
  - d. \$100,000 to \$199,000
  - e. Over \$200,000