

CALAIS COMMUNITY SURVEY
BUILDOUT ANALYSIS – TOWN PLAN – LAND USE REGULATIONS
Community Meetings Held February – April 2008

1. Increasing the minimum lot size in the rural residential district is a good idea.

	<u>School</u>	<u>Adamant</u>	<u>Town Meeting</u>	<u>Maple Corner</u>	<u>E. Calais</u>	<u>Total</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	3	3	13	8	4	31
<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	1	0	13	8	3	25
<input type="checkbox"/> Not sure	2	1	8	5	5	21

2. Development on Class IV roads should be limited by zoning.

	<u>School</u>	<u>Adamant</u>	<u>Town Meeting</u>	<u>Maple Corner</u>	<u>E. Calais</u>	<u>Total</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	6	3	21	13	6	49
<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	0	0	10	5	1	16
<input type="checkbox"/> Not sure	0	1	3	1	4	9

3. A new Village District near the school is a good idea.

	<u>School</u>	<u>Adamant</u>	<u>Town Meeting</u>	<u>Maple Corner</u>	<u>E. Calais</u>	<u>Total</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	4	4	14	12	10	44
<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	0	0	8	5	1	14
<input type="checkbox"/> Not sure	2	0	11	4	1	18

4. The most important resources to protect with our land use regulations in Calais are (pick 5):

	<u>School</u>	<u>Adamant</u>	<u>Town Meeting</u>	<u>Maple Corner</u>	<u>E. Calais</u>	<u>Total</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Ag. land	6	3	25	18	8	60
<input type="checkbox"/> Core forests	6	2	22	17	7	54
<input type="checkbox"/> E. Calais aquifer	2	3	22	4	8	39
<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife corridors	3	3	25	12	8	51
<input type="checkbox"/> Steep slopes	1	0	4	2	2	9
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic District	2	1	16	5	4	28
<input type="checkbox"/> Lakes and ponds	5	2	24	13	8	52
<input type="checkbox"/> Floodplain	2	0	5	1	1	9
<input type="checkbox"/> Wetlands	6	3	23	9	5	46
<input type="checkbox"/> Streams	3	3	16	10	5	35
<input type="checkbox"/> Scenic Areas	1	0	0	0	0	1

5. "Clustered" development allows new development on smaller lots to preserve open spaces. Would you choose to live in this type of development/neighborhood?

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<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	5	2	17	10	6	40
<input type="checkbox"/> No	1	0	12	7	4	24
<input type="checkbox"/> Not sure	0	2	7	4	3	16

6. If new homes were built in your neighborhood, what type of development would you prefer?

	<u>School</u>	<u>Adamant</u>	<u>Town Meeting</u>	<u>Maple Corner</u>	<u>E. Calais</u>	<u>Total</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Clustered homes on smaller lots with shared open areas	3	3	18	12	8	44
<input type="checkbox"/> Traditional 3 –10 acre lots	2	0	12	6	2	22
<input type="checkbox"/> Don't care	0	0	1	0	2	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Not sure	0	1	2	1	1	5
<input type="checkbox"/> Don't want any	0	0	3	0	1	4

7. What other development would you like Calais to consider and plan for?

	<u>School</u>	<u>Adamant</u>	<u>Town Meeting</u>	<u>Maple Corner</u>	<u>E. Calais</u>	<u>Total</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Elderly/assisted care	5	3	22	12	11	53
<input type="checkbox"/> Rental housing	0	0	6	6	2	14
<input type="checkbox"/> Recreation	1	2	9	3	5	20
<input type="checkbox"/> Commuter parking areas	0	1	9	9	3	22
<input type="checkbox"/> Early child care/educ.	0	0	2	1	3	6
<input type="checkbox"/> Mfd. Home Park	0	0	1	1	1	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Coop housing	1	2	16	4	6	29
<input type="checkbox"/> Businesses w/employment opportunities	4	2	12	9	9	36
<input type="checkbox"/> Working Farms	0	0	1	0	0	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Public Transportation	0	0	1	1	0	2

__ Good low income housing	0	0	1	0	0	1
__ Village septic	0	0	0	1	0	1
__ Food production	0	0	0	1	1	2
__ Renewable energy	0	0	0	3	0	3
__ Ice house	0	0	0	1	0	1
__ Farmers Market	0	0	0	0	1	1
__ Community gardens	0	0	0	0	1	1

8. I currently reside in:

	<u>School</u>	<u>Adamant</u>	<u>Town Meeting</u>	<u>Maple Corner</u>	<u>E. Calais</u>	<u>Total</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Rur. res. district	5	4	29	11	7	56
<input type="checkbox"/> Village district	0	0	7	5	6	18
<input type="checkbox"/> Resource rec. district	0	0	0	2	0	2
<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know	0	0	0	1	0	1

9. I plan to live in Calais:

	<u>School</u>	<u>Adamant</u>	<u>Town Meeting</u>	<u>Maple Corner</u>	<u>E. Calais</u>	<u>Total</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> less than 1 year	0	0	0	0	0	0
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 – 5 years	1	0	1	1	1	3
<input type="checkbox"/> 5-10 years	0	0	1	1	1	3
<input type="checkbox"/> 10+ years	4	3	32	15	9	63
<input type="checkbox"/> Not sure	0	1	2	2	2	7
__ As long as able	0	0	1	0	0	1

10. The Calais Town Plan states the Town's ideal land use pattern as "residential development in or near existing settlements which harmonizes with the physical constraints of land forms and preserves agricultural soils and open space." Do you agree with this statement?

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<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	5	4	31	13	11	64
<input type="checkbox"/> No	0	0	5	4	1	10
<input type="checkbox"/> Not sure	0	0	1	1	1	3

11. Are there other issues would you like addressed by the Planning Commission as we update the Town Plan and/or the Zoning Regulations?

Written Comments

Are there other issues you would like addressed by the Planning Commission as we update the Town Plan and/or the Zoning Regulations?

From East Calais Meeting Surveys:

- Enforcement
- Preserving local distinctiveness
- Incubating local creativity, self-reliance and community
- A protected zone on which there would be a hiking path that can completely circumnavigate the border of the town
- Protecting existing ag land from encroachment by gravel pit expansion
- Encourage local agriculture
- Can the Planning Commission create categories or sub-groups which will help citizens of Calais organize to carry out this work. I'm thinking of groups which will look at the big picture or vision to make Calais more independent and local. For example, some categories could be: agriculture, natural resources, housing, business, transportation.

From Maple Corner Meeting Surveys:

- Emphasize affordable housing in high density village districts
- Try to design communities so that Calais is less of a bedroom town for Montpelier
- Use planning to promote small-scale commerce
- Ways to provide incentives for growing the villages and support for projects like village sewer and food production
- Coordinated transportation
- Pass an ordinance – NO NAIS (National Animal Identification System)
- List of goods and services
- Local farmers market, town root cellar, wind and solar energy
- Also, let's consider a central green space/common area for Maple Corner Village.

From Adamant Meeting Surveys:

- Ways to nurture village life/housing alternatives
- Does the town want to sacrifice prime agricultural land for mining operations (eg gravel pit), which would also aesthetically and financially sacrifice one neighborhood in town for the short term financial benefit of the rest of the town.

From the Elementary School Meeting Surveys:

- Address need for in-town senior housing, small scale municipal sewage treatment facilities, model PRDs/PUD w/townhouses and coop housing
- Need public transportation to reduce the use of cars
- Scenic areas and corridors

From Town Meeting Surveys:

- **Growing our own food year round**
- **Wildlife corridors**
- **Planning for sustainable energy**
- **Preserved clean water supply owned by all**
- **Preservation of wild pristine lands important**
- **I favor using aggressive strategies to reduce new house building to the absolute minimum**
- **I don't think we need any more restrictions on town residences as far as zoning regulations and town planning**
- **The possibility of encouraging renovation of existing structures, especially in existing villages (E. Calais, N Calais . . .) making them a more attractive alternative than urban sprawl. Maple Corner and Adamant would be models for this approach.**
- **Compliance with zoning**