

Brentwood's 2023 Housing Survey

What We Heard from You



In **2023**, the Town of Brentwood launched a **comprehensive Housing Survey** to gather input directly from residents. **The survey was one of several initiatives funded through a Grant**, which also supported the updating of the **Housing Chapter of the Master Plan** and a review of **local land use regulations**.

The Goal:

To engage with residents, better understand **Brentwood's housing needs**, and ensure that **future housing decisions** reflect **community values and priorities**.

What Brentwood Residents Value Most:

1. Protecting the Town's Rural Character

Community support for:

- Preserving open space and farmland
- Maintaining small-town feel and scenic beauty
- Avoiding large-scale housing

2. Keeping Taxes and Services in Balance

Concern about tax increases from:

- New housing developments
- School enrollment impacts
- Cost of expanded services

3. Providing Diverse Housing Options

Community wants:

- Smaller homes, duplexes, and ADUs
- Options for first-time buyers and aging residents
- Housing that fits different life stages

4. Preserving Natural Resources

Concerns about:

- Water supply and quality
- Wetlands and open space impacts
- Increased flooding risk

5. Addressing Affordability Challenges

Rising home prices and rents:

- Make it hard for younger families to buy
- Limit opportunities for long-time residents to stay
- Lead to concern about long-term community composition

Feedback ranged from:

“Overdevelopment will take away Brentwood’s **charm and quiet nature.**”

to:

“There are not enough **smaller or more affordable homes** for people who are downsizing, starting out, or looking to stay in **Brentwood.**”