

Answers to open-ended questions (13, 24, 42, 44, 48)

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13. How could the Town improve quality of life? - 406/512 responses

- MORE BARS and DANCE Halls
- better parking space
- More protected open space for parks, low impact activities
- stop the increasing development of land, there are many empty buildings and yet there are more being built. we are destroying our open space. we can't fill the buildings we have now why do we keep selling off our land for more buildings
- Stop focusing so many resources on Thompsonville. There ARE other areas of town.
- Eliminate politics from zoning and planning commissions and others where it doesn't belong. Officials need to be held accountable for carrying g out the wishes of the people they represent, rather than their own agendas.
- More event. Plays? We have a college in town that doesn't seem to have many events. Perhaps an art exhibit? Or, how about opening up the planetarium to view the stars at the Annex (if it still works)
- More business friendly, more local activities for families, a public transportation system, better use of river front
- Less government. Less regulations. More expedient and helpful services to town businesses, especially removing barriers to new businesses.
- More green, less pavement.
- More access to the riverfronts not enough park for the Scanitic River park
- Community park or ymca type
- more arts programs, music, exhibits, etc.
- address blighted properties
- Be business friendly, improve streetscapes(route 5 starting at MA line to Historic District),be more open to citizens input
- Lower taxes for homeowners that occupy their homes. Make sure in law apartments are for in-laws and not rented out to everyone else. Start looking at the Starbucks and chic fill a traffic.
- Be honest with the residents. Let them know because of years and years of poor management their towns infrastructure is crumbling and there is no solid plan to rectify this.
- Better parks and recreational areas
- Get rid of attitudes in social services (some are clearly burned out). Staff say directly to the residents of Enfield that don't care and laugh. Sensitivity, professionalism and customer service training is needed by all. Residents can't get the services they need, qualify for and deserve because they all filters thru a few staff that are extremely inappropriate and unprofessional. Nobody can seem to get this to anyone that can fix this problem. We have been trying for years.
- Make Enfield affordable
- Better education. Develop parks Develop multiuse complexes.
- Lower taxes

- Reevaluating the central business district around the Enfield Square mall
- Click-fix application has not been fully utilized - the past year the responses from Town officials has been below average.
- more things to do , more family things , less McDonald's and Starbucks ... get town employees more passionate about their place of work , more community things
- LOWER TAXES
- More communication from the town and less infighting within commissions and councils.
- engage in smart city initiatives to allow for remote working and reduction of carbon footprint
- Less interest in what the neighbor is doing= get rid of See Click fix. Less bi laws. Let kids enjoy open space even with ATV' s. Schools seem to have all the \$\$, Disproportionately high rate of pay for BOe Staff. . s
- Lower taxes
- Use the retail space you have instead of building more.
- more recreational programs for adults in the evening through the town's recreational dept.
- Be more representative of all diverse families that live in Enfield. Honor differences, culture, traditions in a public way.
- CLEAN UP ADVERSE AREAS
- Town officials should spend money frugally. Stop buying more and more buildings that are not needed. Use the empty school buildings for town offices, etc.
- rebuild Thompsonville
- more cultural activities
- Outdoor recreation: continue rail trail from E Longmeadow, community pool in central location, state park resources more accessible, access river for boating, teen center for weekend day/night activities, stricter rules/fines for blight, take more interest in common area curb appeal. Weeds sprouting from cracks in curbs, buildings, playscapes, add plantings to parks. Benches/tables/trash receptors in open spaces.
- Too many vacant businesses that are in extreme disrepair. Many blighted homes. There doesn't see to be a pride of ownership and too many non owner occupied rentals that are very poor condition.
- Better tax rate
- By doing a better job maintaining present parks and buildings. The money needs to be an important part of our budget. I think that our building and ground dept does a good job with their limited budget.
- Town committees being more open to residents and more respectful to the residents
- Hold landlords responsible for the conditions of their properties.
- More recreation in places other than Thompsonville
- Updated library and additional recreational offerings
- Improve parks and try to buy more land for parks and outdoor recreation.
- Less government interference
- Bring businesses in and get more high paying jobs to get more money into the town.
- More walking paths
- Address speeding issues on Moody Rd
- More low income housing, reduce parking standards, allow more outdoor dining

- Lower the taxes
- Improve retail corridors and Thompsonville. Create better marketing of Town services
- Increase recreational options. Increase shopping options
- More accessible open spaces, indoors and out
- Enfield needs some night clubs, bars , rebuild Enfield square, bike paths, walking paths ,
- More sidewalks! Make sidewalks connect, make sure crosswalks have proper markings and signals work.
- Lower taxes
- Better care for infrastructure- schools, libraries, roads in a smart financial way.
- provide more activities for the young adults in town.
- community center for older kids
- more walking trails, fix sidewalks, expand library activities for children
- Property taxes need to be reevaluated, they are way too high!
- Better access, safety and knowledge of walking trails/paths
- Lower taxes
- finishing the work being done on the bridge
- A vibrant downtown with local shops and restaurants,
- We need more services, activities and housing that reflects the way people live. The mall needs to be repurposed into maybe affordable housing , entertainment and other avenues down that line.
- Not sure that's something town govt can do
- Better education
- improve schools, bring back leaf pick up, lower taxes, better Board of Education, increase funding in Social Services and Enfield school, reduction in racism in schools & on the Town Council
- More recreational things to do, less chain stores and restaurants
- Better street safety ,i.e. traffic and individuals
- Either lower taxes to the level of service we currently have, or raise the quality of service.
- Lower taxes, more community events, unite different neighborhoods
- More town wide events
- town could offer large pick up of items 3 times a year at least-with no charge
- Better education system, better services, transparency in town government, less fees/taxes (I don't mind paying fees and taxes, but I don't see anything improving while I continue to pay more to live here).
- Our town needs a HEART, revitalize Thompsonville! (example: downtown Northampton) a place town's people can gather for a meal, show, shop, etc.
- Higher a workforce that looks like our actual community. Actually have POC occupy elected positions.
- Invest more in keeping businesses going, revamp the mall
- Less fast food, more family friendly activities, huge park.
- Enforce blight laws, have parks with ample parking
- I don't actually take advantage of all the amenities. And COVID certainly hasn't helped in the recent months. But I would love to see the transportation Center be built at the old coffin

factory. That would be a huge boon to Thompsonville. Could gentrify the whole area.

Disclosure: I represent Enfield as a Director for the Greater Hartford Transit District.

- Offer more gathering places. Mall, community rooms, parks with pavilions
- Lower taxes
- More inclusive.
- Do something with the mall. Quit making more buildings when so many others stand empty. Affordable housing for low income families and improving safety in areas like Thompsonville need to be a priority.
- Reduce taxes
- More eco-friendly, turn empty lots into permaculture gardens for town wide use, teach gardening in schools, I loved the Earth day fair, the farmers market is awesome!!! Splash pad, art installation and cultural space would be a good add too
- Better school system
- More open space for recreation such as walking, hiking, bike riding etc. Fewer chain restaurants and stores, more locally owned businesses.
- Maintain the open space we have - would rather see a picnic area than paddle boats on the pond
- Keep costs in check
- Lower taxes
- stop development of our farmlands and woodlands, we need open space
- Less taxes, better financial responsibility. More community programs
- Continue on redeveloping Thompsonville
- More transportation, better communication
- Focus on our children, their activities and education as well as small businesses. The town is watching business shutter due to political stances
- bike and walking paths, fishing, bars, night clubs,
- Stop raising taxes, cannot afford.
- Invest in things that benefit the majority of residents, especially families.
- More town events / contests - the farmers market was great
- It seems Enfield is acquiring more homeless people and with the soup kitchen moving to the center of Thompsonville Village this will set back the revival of the area. Totally gives the wrong impression for our town. Makes Enfield look more city than suburb.
- Hold property owners accountable for upkeep in Thompsonville.
- better parks and park amenities; family oriented town activities
- More programming in Hazardville
- update the park at the end of Hartford Ave.
- Lower property taxes
- Less taxes
- Lower taxes, more small business

- More things for kids to do
- Improvement of our downtown/Thompsonville... look to models like Windsor for an example.
- Realign fire tax structure, lower property taxes, more help to small businesses and most important LISTEN TO THE COMMUNITY
- lower taxes
- Improve the school system, with particular emphasis on special education, diversity appreciation and visibility, and guidance department culture; additional recreational opportunities, town-provided and generally available (e.g., complete streets for runners, walkers and cyclists); a greater emphasis on the arts and culture; a walkable safe town center with shops and restaurants with easy multimodal access; Enfield needs to leverage the surrounding areas (businesses, resources, amenities, etc.); Enfield needs a culture shift - racism is an issue and it is ignored by all of the people who have the power to do something about it.
- They could concentrate more on education and not deny issues such as racism, sexism and bigotry in the school systems
- raise taxes, spend more on quality of life needs
- Call/stop by to talk to folks when a community member files a complaint....don't send registered letters. Be present with the communities. 2. Drive around and make people get rid of cars & junk on their properties so neighbors don't have to complain. 3. Make sure each street corner has a street/cross-street sign. 4. Publish a community newsletter online, notifying folks with tax bills perhaps. 5. Stop those pesky JI papers that are thrown at the end of our driveways. We get them in the mail too...same exact ones. I've tried to no avail. 6. Get rid of restaurants that have real bad service/food and allow more diverse restaurants. If the parking lot is empty...there's something wrong.
- Get rid of car taxes
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- Create connecting walk/bike trails. Green space along River front
- Lower taxes, more for elderly to do
- Improve some of the town buildings in town
- improve school system, engage kids
- Don't know if it is possible but crime in the Thompsonville section is a problem.
- We truly need to improve our educational system and its reputation.
- Can't answer this until Covid is not a threat anymore.
- More police patrols in the neighborhoods
- Lower taxes
- Add outdoor recreation areas like trails
- Lower taxes
- Fill empty buildings, follow zoning laws, lower taxes.
- Create and clearly communicate zoning, improvement, and infrastructure plans for growth and development of the town
- Cleaning, maintenance, affordability, attract small business
- Reduce spending in budget. Increase business base.
- Accept the gay community. Let the residents have a say in the political decisions.
- Stop raising all the taxes.

- Fix schools and library so out dated
- I don't have 12 hours to type what's wrong with this town. But a big thing is invest in the town itself and stop trying to revitalize just thompsonville
- Lower taxes
- Have more parks for town residents.
- School Board needs major improvement.
- More community events, things to attract families
- Keep taxes down.
- Lower taxes
- Continue to invest in schools
- Enforcement of existing laws concerning traffic.
- Splash pad, more things for families
- vibrancy
- Lower property taxes
- Invest in infrastructure (roads / facilities)
- Do a better job of connecting with the residents.
- More sense of community- Enfield is a good town but there seems to be a division between Enfield and Tville
- More family activities
- Create more parks for families to enjoy together, BBQ's, outdoor concerts, activities for elderly, walking trails.
- By preserving open space and protecting residential neighborhoods from developers who do not have any interest in the quality of life in neighborhoods.
- Work on the quality of the education system; improve public spaces, including the town green, libraries, parks and playgrounds.
- Lower taxes and/or fix the roads, vs throw loose gravel into holes, month after month, year after year. Make it affordable to live. Take back the Scantic from the hoards of trash each summer.
- Need another recreational area{like Brainard Park] in the southern end of town to link the bike trail on Town Farm Rd and the Scantic River. To much effort put into Thompsonville all the time nobody wants to go down there and you will never be able to fully change its reputation.
- Invest more in community
- We don't need another Starbucks.
- Better transportation access and encourage small business.
- Making sure that we are safe, and lowering our taxes
- Provide more recreation. And more police presence in Tville.
- clean it up, going down hill quickly.
- Stop the constant additions to water, sewer and garbage fees
- Parks and recreation
- Teach some Diversity. Really do something about the racial issues
- More activities and family friendly places
- I don't have any suggestions.
- Crime rate
- Lower property taxes.

- lower taxes
- better in town travel options, more family friendly activities
- Enfield could use some walking trails, maybe at Fermi, or along the river. Senior Center trail popular but too short.
- It would be nice to not have tax increases ever time we turn around.
- More recreation spots for adults. Indoor area to walk that includes bathrooms and places to sit all along the way and open mornings (mall doesn't open til 11)
- work on communities other the just Thompsonville
- Stop buying new unnecessary things, more swimming pools for public, update library, internet, better town dump more Sr Ctr classes and entertainment
- Better facility for the EMS department
- Improve the school system so we feel comfortable sending our kids to public schools
- the town government and money is influenced too by the town council. I agree the council should make sure we spend money wisely, but to spend \$50,000.00 o paddle boats when are schools are falling a part, parking lots and driveways haven't been repaved in years, sidewalks thru-out the town need replacing, the sewer system needs updating, and there are multiple other projects, town departments, school projects that need work.
- Continue to bring in businesses and be business friendly. Combine all fire districts to lower taxes.
- By offering more green space and offering more programs for all citizens
- Teen center, activities for all ages, perhaps have planned events like hiking, outings in a park (you'd have to clean up/build up Brainard park), etc..
- Fill open commercial space, Revitalize Thompsonville, Improvement Access for Outdoor Activities (trails, bike paths, etc.)
- More outdoor activities. Need more walking trails, bike paths, river access
- Less vacant buildings, fix roads and sidewalks, more open spaces, lower property taxes
- Community fairs, repairs and upgrading Library
- More creative participation across the spectrum - see "How to Turn a Place Around" by Project for Public Spaces www.pps.org. I will put more thoughts in writing separately.
- Manage increasing traffic load on roads and modernize schools
- More bike and hike opportunities. Leverage CT & Scantic river access. Rails with trails. Fishing spots.
- Get rid of the sewer tax , bring more business and housing into the town .
- Stop building new structures and put to use all the existing vacant ones first.
- better communication
- Improve education and school system, promote diversity and inclusion,
- Better recreation and community centers, support and make it easier for small businesses
- Increase number is walking trails, bike lanes
- Better upkeep of parks, beautification
- lower tax's
- Enforcement of laws, business regulations, town ordinances etc.
- Embrace culture and the arts. Invest more in schools and education. Fight racism.
- More outdoor recreational areas, bike/walking paths, etc.

- Be more friendly and accommodating to pedestrians and cyclists and allowing higher density housing to encourage closer and less car dependent communities
- Make more engaging events, focus on improving town pride
- Lower taxes
- We need different political leadership. They have made no positive investment to the town of ENFIELD
- More walkways similar to the ones on Town Farm RD
- More walk ways
- Offer more recreation
- More activities for children
- Having more affordable homes. So middle income people could afford a new home
- More gatherings for Enfield citizens.
- Expand the library...Use the annex for library use, pickleball, basketball, etc.
- The town could be more tax and entertainment friendly.
- Continue with the community services already being provided.
- Focusing more on residents and less on businesses...
- Merge the Fire Departments so my taxes can be better used or lowered.
- Better school system, and better businesses
- Control speeding
- Change the political structure. The Mayoral/council system is not working. Too divisive.
- too many empty buildings, ex. closed schools
- More recreation and public land use, walking and bike paths, parks and less industrial parks
- do something with the Thompsonville section of town. Crime, overall appearance of homes and buildings
- Na
- LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE/TAXPAYERS, and don't make us feel like we are Lower than the Council people, as it does show !!!
- Prohibit the construction of giant warehouses or other structures, especially near residential areas. Prohibit any new trucking operations which have already degraded the quality of life for many residents, and continue to damage our roads. Maintain farm lands and open spaces.
- Reduce traffic on the main east/west arteries (Hazard Ave, Elm St.).
- Attract more industry to keep the mil rate steady
- clean out tville
- Senior housing/living, not necessarily low income. However better income based housing is needed. Walking and hiking trails for exercise and community interaction.
- More bike lanes, white water play park on the Scantic river or Barnes boat launch area of Ct River
- Improve Education, BOE members need to fit some criteria, more offered for kids, stop giving tax incentives to business who move out once it is over. Merge the firehouses, it is ridiculous there are six in town. We don't need six. If we had merged we would not be buying a million dollar firetruck
- Develop more open space for recreation, repair sidewalks, more affordable housing for handicapped and seniors

- Decrease drugs/crime in certain areas
- Cleaning up after homeless who don't get any fines for begging for money.
- It seems over the last 5-10 years, Enfield has been putting large amounts of money into developments that aren't necessary or, at least could have been done much cheaper. School spending seemed to have gone way over board as well as Fire stations were a focus when there are much more important such as community. I think town spending and asset management need to be improved greatly. Enfield also seems to keep allowing businesses to build new buildings while we have so many vacant buildings. Possibly create incentives for business to renovate current buildings rather than build new buildings. In summary, I think community and businesses are what Enfield should be focusing on, not trying to have high end schools or flashing fire houses.
- Lower taxes. I am all about supporting the police and fire department but there are way too many on the payroll for such a small town.
- We need things to do for all age groups.
- Better communication meet and greet town officials.
- Revise zoning areas to eliminate industrial zones adjacent to residential zones. Need commercial/retail zone adjacent to residential
- bike paths; downtown shops; small businesses
- Consolidated buildings in one central area such as senior center, library, town hall and community center. Encourage more senior assisted living facilities. Also since business is developing in scitico section such brewery it would be nice if sidewalk created on broad brook road linking presidential neighborhood in addition to sidewalk on abbe road linking presidential section to the walking trail on town farm road. Do not allow Jarmoc farms to develop anymore solar on property. Keep it farmland.
- Lower tax
- There are some places in town that could use sidewalks. I also think we could use better mental health resources for our residents. There are quite a few homeless people who clearly need resources that they aren't getting.
- Do something with the land around the mall. Bring in fewer chain restaurants and try to promote local businesses that appeal to Enfield residents as well as others from out of town.
- More community areas, safe family outings
- More public transportation, more places for fun [kids&adults] skating rink or roller rink, polling/voting station in tville., theatre/comedy/music venue.
- Do something with the dead mall. I personally think escape rooms or laser tag would be a good fit in there
- More business/activities for young adults, more programs for kids.
- More communication and thoughtfulness toward tax payers. Taxes and fees are a concern.
- Less taxes
- Better control of town budget
- Lower property taxes
- Not sure...would like to see(1) increased outreach by elected officials and w. easier access to medical centers or out patient clinics.
- More recreational / social / diversity activities for young adults. More outdoor / bike trails.

- more community spaces or events maybe more rec areas
- Landlords in thompsonville need to take more responsibility for their properties, we need to stop building new plazas and strip malls when we already have so many vacant storefronts all over town
- More outdoor areas for walking, parks, outdoor dining, social areas scattered throughout the town w/o the constant strip malls everywhere
- Fix the fire dept problem
- More parks
- Returning to leaf removal from berm.
- i think we should make Enfield more of a city place, less strip malls and more of 1 centralized hub, get the train station in Thompsonville, clean up the place and bam
- Preserve land
- Lower taxes and fees
- fix the roads. Police need to crack down on the speeders. Do something about the drug dealers. Stop building new buildings when there are plenty of already vacant buildings
- Reduce crime
- Less tax
- Long term planning
- Listening to the residents, and not just the people sitting on the board next to you
- offer more places for family fun, fill the empty stores before building more, less fast food places.
- More items keep getting added to our cost of living here: sewer fees, garbage fees, etc. Also, the mill rate (which tends to equate to how nice a town is) keeps going up, affecting taxes. Town is just getting more and more expensive.
- Listen to EVERYONE in town.
- Lower taxes
- Lower taxes and take care of town buildings and roads. Provide sponsored activities to families.
- Stop development near upper end neighborhoods
- Lower taxes bring businesses in
- Put more money into education, stop new construction and put money into existing structures, Lower or stop raising taxes.
- More community events, spaces
- Recognize that Enfield has homeless people that need help/shelter.
- Stop the development of commercial business adjacent to residential homes
- Create more walkable neighborhoods, expand bus service, more cultural events
- Create residential and retail mix development along entire I-91 corridor
- Make absentee landlords upkeep their properties
- Reduce Property and Real Estate taxes, offer incentives to move in and or stay in town.
- Lower taxes
- Stop spending as much money the plan to spend \$3,000,000 on tearing down the youth center building hasn't been thought out in my opinion You talk about revitalizing Thompsonville and you shut down and knock down the nicest building on the street to create a lot worth very little the building could be sold for a lot more than the lot it will cost more to raze the building tearing

down the Strand makes sense as parking in the area has been a problem combine it with the youth center building

- Improve schools, better zoning. There are manufacturing facilities in neighborhoods.
- Lower taxes; better government
- More small business less national retail
- More local restaurants, demolish the mall, have town solar fields, town utilities, open a Stew Leonard's
- More family orientated, and offer out door activities for children other than Library
- Lower taxes. Fix the timing of traffic lights.
- Lower taxes , better services
- No comment
- keep property and car taxes low so people can keep more of their salary for their family expenses.
- Do something positive with Enfield Square. It needs to be utilized.
- Fix the fire departments. Not that they do a bad job but it is absolutely ridiculous that one district is in debt while other districts have excess.
- Poor planning in the past has now allowed industrial zones and residential zones to be next to each other- this issue has not been adequately addressed. It actually seems that the town is actively soliciting large scale industrial development on what has been farmland near areas that are residential with almost no consideration given to the impact on the community.
- better roads
- More opportunity for independent businesses, revitalize Thompsonville
- By listening to community residents including them in what is actually going on in our town (transparency) is needed.
- stop spending money we do not have
- Get rid of eyesores in town...residential taxes could be more affordable...spend some money on landscaping in town like the Library
- have less appointed positions and more elected officials
- More town positions should be elected vs appointed and provide more transparency.
- Separate residences from businesses when not disruptive to both parties.
- A vibrant downtown with stores and restaurants. Safe trails and walking paths.
- Improve blight in neighborhoods
- There seems to be a surge of development in Enfield, the question is why? Town has 2 main roads, where will traffic go? There should be a joint committee to approve new projects, citizens and the town zoning. The town needs open space not huge warehouses, what is reason for new development? More money? You are ruining a once nice town which is fast becoming a horrible place to live. and
- better laid out streets ,more places to eat, outdoor concert venue
- lower taxes
- Keep major industrial complexes away from residential areas. Segregate the two better.
- Availability of more affordable housing for families and seniors
- I live in the Thompsonville section of Enfield, and each year the neighborhood gets worse. There are people hanging around outside of the business until all hours of the night -- and,

frankly, I am tired of it. I don't know what happened to the revitalize Thompsonville plans, but they seem to have disappeared. Pearl Street from St Patrick's to New Street is always filled with trash. It would be nice to make this a little walking village with stores -- maybe a Trader Joe's in one of the soon to be empty spaces in.

- Rezone the town. No industrial development abutting residential neighborhoods. Industrial zones should abut commercial zones only.
- Recreational. Bike paths.
- Stop letting outsiders that don't give a crap about this town, influence this town!, Fix the roads, get on the State to fix there roads in Enfield! Fill in all the empty buildings town! Stop allowing the building owners to just leave buildings vacant just to use them as a Tax write-off, and not maintaining them! (Building on corner of Elm and Enfield Street) (Control Module's building on Brainard Rd.)
- Activities for teens and families, Amtrak stop.
- Community events
- continue to clean up thompsonville
- Lower taxes and reduce commercial zoning near neighborhoods
- More walkable, pedestrian friendly; multiple floors at mall to include condos, apartments, add a club, health club, restaurants, perhaps grocery such as Whole Foods; a public park that is not an athletic field such as improvements to grounds around Fermi
- I liked the "Farmer's Market" at the Enfield Mall
- More paths for biking/walking. More arts.
- Demolish empty buildings that aren't renting or selling. Update elementary schools. Make landlords clean up their houses in Thompsonville or fine them.
- Lower taxes less government
- Limit development.
- Get that sewer plant up to speed and lose the sewer tax bill!
- What do you mean by "quality of life?" Question not clear
- What happened to the idea of a park along the river? Why is there so few parks and places for families? There should be a park across from Town Hall going down between those houses to I-91. And, who plans sidewalks? Sidewalks continually just end - for example on Washington Road. Why not connect Hazardville with more parts of town via sidewalks - down 190, for example. Where is the plan for "quality of life"? We, have already had older friends who lived in Enfield their entire life move to other towns because they are more pedestrian friendly, more bike friendly, and have MUCH better parks.
- More community engagement, better supports for lower income individuals, improved infrastructure, more art as well as more community green space
- Fixing the roads, sidewalks and better budget for schools
- Too many issues for this limited space.
- Fix the tennis courts at the Annex
- Draw businesses into the mall and - this is important - STOP DEVELOPING OUR OPEN SPACES!! There are permits for new commercial properties that devalue my home, create noise and traffic, and detract from the quality of my life in Enfield.

- Reinststate leaf pickup, road repair and maintenance, building maintenance inside and out. I feel like Enfield doesn't have curb appeal and if I didn't grow up in town I wouldn't have looked to move here.
- Put more money into the schools
- More neighborhood programs and shopping areas
- Maintain recreation facilities better- Parks, playgrounds, courts
- less restaurants more smaller businesses
- Increase community recreation
- Follow the lead of other communities, get a evergreen walk or Blue Back Square approach instead of keep investing in the low income rental area of the town. The people that live it that area are not the tax payers, how about some focus on the tax payer portion of the town instead. We are not business friendly, our restaurants are chain restaurants, our stores are not nice, when Target is the nicest in town you can see there is a problem. Clean out the homeless beggars on the street corners, how can someone have a tent up next to Shoprite, pretty sure they don't own that land. can someone help me understand why the NE tractor Trailer schools spends the day driving around and around in our town slowing traffic etc. The pay taxes in Somers, how about we let them drive around Somers instead. Can the police start stopping them for road hazard as they are always causing delays and issues on the roads.
- Nicer affordable housing. Detached so you're not packed like sardines. Washers & dryers IN apartments. LESS THAN \$900/month rent.
- Traffic
- Maintain and enhance parks
- Better over 55 single floor 2 bed room apartments - no federal subsidy that allows drug addicts or alcoholics.
- We lost the swimming pool at Hale School. Not sure about Lamagne. Yet we are unable to use pools at JFK and Fermi. How about another pool somewhere.
- Return the library hours to what they were, better pools, soccer fields, replace the tennis courts that have been taken away (JFK, Mark Twain, Fermi in disrepair). We also hope the movie theater can stay open.
- stop drug trafficking
- Many segmented sidewalks should be connected for safety of people walking for exercise.
- Lower property taxes
- Stop pushing appearances. It doesn't fool anyone who pays attention. There's no more "back roads" in town, all the roads that used to offer pleasant rides in peaceful settings are now busy traffic wise and most of those drivers are rushing and speeding and make the rides very unpleasant. Property taxes are ridiculously high and don't offer much in return. You're basically thieves with the law on your side and it's extremely unfair.
- Not so much for me, but more things for kids.....skating rinks (indoor) , bowling alleys, arcades....anything to keep them off the streets and from just hanging around
- Open the senior ctr to more help for seniors like it was when it first opened. That's when a senior with any problem could get help
- I would like to see the train station project and Thompsonville revitalized. I would like to see the town get tougher on blight and poorly maintained residences. My experience has been that

ordinances designed to protect neighbors are bypassed by the town issuing variances when no true hardship exists especially in the cases of RVs. Ordinances are designed to protect. This town does not enforce.

- Ensure parks and playgrounds at the closed schools are safe and usable, or remove them all together. The playground at Alcorn is very looks like it has been vandalized. Create a thriving teen center. A park overlooking the CT river would be amazing.
- More outdoor activities such longer/more accessible swimming areas/hiking trails/bike trails.
- Once Covid is over better rec programs, more swimming lessons and better communication about the programs
- Better public transportation (Train), big companies, university nearby
- Clean up thompsonville, improve traffic situation in Mall area, create more of a community with offerings, bring in less chain businesses and more local.
- Keep industry out of residential areas.
- Revive mall area, close down crime around chico's store
- Provide grants for small business
- bring back department stores to Enfield square
- Bring more businesses to town
- We are over taxed and have nothing to show for it. The town just spends money without any clear laid out plans.
- Lower taxes
- I would love to see more community events and more community involvement. I would also love to see more entertainment options in town especially for families.
- More businesses to offset taxes
- stop the project being built by Winstanley across from Enfield Annex; preserve open space in general
- provide more options for teens; a better town pool; bring back summer concerts; a town newsletter including events & activities
- Less development
- Would love to have the town focus more on residents then development of commercial properties.
- Get more public pools ,spaces , activities arts
- stop the fighting on the town council.
- Embrace the true nature of the community. We are NOT Glastonbury or Longmeadow, Stop trying the regulate the town into such a place. Get rid of Blight enforcement, replace with social service officer who works with non profits to help residents who cannot maintain their homes especially our growing elderly population. Focus on attainable and useful family resources. Examples: No more sports fields, there is more to life and community than soccer and baseball, open space with associated amenities, look at Northwest Park in Windsor. Splash pads not more pools. Splash pads are much cheaper to maintain, less insurance cost, no need for staff i.e. lifeguards, all walks of life and age can use one. Think of bringing different groups in the community together. More time and effort into Enfield events, Pumpkin fest, not July 4th, Winter Parade and associated community events, think Moonlight Magic Shelburne Falls Mass.

Stop putting all eggs in the basket of "development" and future, spend more time on where and who we are now. We seem to have a grass is greener only "if" attitude in town.

- Attract non-chain restaurants
- train station, more walking trails, more parks
- More recreation, pool, parks and bike paths
- By having more family oriented events
- Stop tearing down public buildings; they add history and character to the town; we're left with vacant lots where there should be vibrant buildings with lights on at night and activity. Alcorn is a positive example: Save our history, don't destroy it. Minimize parking lots; use on street parking when bearable
- Keep the outdoor recreation areas clean and well maintained for residents to use. For example, the tennis courts at Fermi needs some repairs and it would be nice to have the nets changed. A lot of people go there to play, and it is in disrepair.
- Parks & Rec, responsible tax & spend, reuse/rehab instead of building new
- Town is highly dependent on automobile usage. Expansion of Magic Carpet would be good.
- Lower taxes
- Resurface roads
- Ban Enfield Open Forums on Facebook
- Encourage upscale commerce, more child/teen focused programs
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- Improve housing availability
- Clean up the empty buildings by renting.
- allow for better signage for local small businesses to be seen and compete against larger businesses
- Improved schools, splash pad or other recreation for children/families
- Help lower utility costs
- Better recreation options. More charm and character to shopping areas, less big box stores. Most importantly, do not let industrial business growth affect the quality of residents and there properties. Don't put large distribution centers in residents backyards.
- attract entertainment and recreation venues (Bike Path like "rail trail" etc.)
- rebuild Enfield square , night clubs, bar, kid events, sporting events ,LOWER TAX BILL
- Improve communication with residents & Improve services for seniors in
- In addition to the bus that circles through Thompsonville up Elm St, past Fermin HS, over to Hazard and back to Thompsonville, it would be nice to have a bus that only goes up and down Elm St and one that goes up and down Hazard Ave.
- I am not sure, people will always find something to bring it down.
- Lower taxes for seniors
- To keep taking care of the city in general

24. Please add any additional comments you may have regarding community engagement in Enfield. – 182/512 responses

- Serve food and beverages. They will come!
- Development on Enfield has removed what little is left of it's character and history. Repurposing existing structures should be paramount, not constricting new buildings on open space.
- When we moved here Enfield was an All American City. What happen ?
- As a town Enfield does not seem to do anything with the open space they have. Have they approached farmers to lease some of the land? Have they considered guided walks for citizens to learn about the value of open space?
- more transparency in town government to public access of information
- Work with AMTRAK to create a quiet zone in areas where the crossings meet the requirements set by AMTRAK (which they seem to based on what safety equipment is in place and the distance between the two crossings at Parsons Rd and Bridge Ln). This would benefit a lot of residents along the train route re pollution-both air and especially noise. These train horns are very loud and blast 5 times for EACH train at EACH crossing.
- The council and town manager need to wake Enfield resident up. Be brutally honest and let them know that unless they wake up and allow business such as the proposed business adjacent to Winter Way they can be assured that their taxes will increase because Enfield's status as the town whose residents do nothing but whine and complain is well known across the state. I have lived in Enfield my whole life and have watched it crumble because of plain ignorance. Wake up Enfield every town in the state is competing with you for what little business is out there!
- Putting warehouses/manufacturing in residents (taxpayers) backyards is not appropriate or safe. Putting people not in vehicles on the roads to share space with speeding traffic is not safe. Make actual bus stop space/platforms/enclosures, not just put a sign. Bus stops are currently in mud on in snow piles (making/forcing people to stand on busy roads) and there are no lights. Do not let the closed schools and nursing homes sit empty.
- Make Enfield a place we want to be and can afford
- Leveraging Enfield Police Department for community engagement where they can is prudent.
- create attractions around the riverfront and town green
- Much time and resources are spent on Thompsonville at the expense of the rest of the town. Reversing that will be well received.
- Use what you have instead of building more.
- Brainard Park is under utilized by the town. IT would be a great place for a splash park, walking trails, picnic areas etc.
- Stop the relentless focus on the train station.
- rebuild THOMPSONVILLE
- Get the train station
- The town should have more leisure areas, i.e. walking trails, rails to trails, parks.
- There are better ways to spend our tax dollars -maintaining what we have already.
- I feel that we should keep pushing to develop our riverfront which is beautiful and could be a wonderful asset for our town.

- The town talks about open space and preserving farmland yet, P&Z fast tracked a 500,000 sq warehouse in a largely residential area with no input from surrounding residents that are impacted. Money talked on this deal.
- Update library. Take better care of buildings.
- Sidewalks/ bike path full length of Abbe and town farm roads
- Let businesses build and expand.
- The town is missing out. The riverfront property should be the jewel downtown
- Safe walking paths. Access to the river, sit for lunch, sit and relax. River is a huge asset that we do not use
- Facebook does not seem to be updated that regularly and the town website is a maze to navigate
- If there are large fields being unused you could make them into sports fields for tournaments
- Kings Island Overlook should be a public park
- Improve schools by increasing funding to the schools for student services, increase services for Special Ed. Find value in the children in Enfield. Improve our schools and more young families who want to raise their children in Enfield, things will turn around for this town. Get rid of buildings that are empty, bring new and exciting business to the mall. business
- elected officials DO NOT LISTEN nor act to help and benefit those in their community. They are too busy talking and not working.
- We need a "Downtown" area for people to gather & take pride in, to give our town an identity - our community suffers from "sprawl", which creates an appearance & feeling of separation.
- This town needs to invest more in softball/ baseball. Our fields are horrible.
- I hail from Rocky Hill where the river and boat launch and outdoor restaurant are well loved and respected. Sad that we have no nice river area here. It's actually a scary place.
- Town should really put some effort into having an active town center near the town hall. The pond is great but there should be events all the time in that area!
- The Scantic River Park is a failed experiment. It was a nice idea, but people have ruined it. Giving the public more access to areas that need to be conserved will just create more pollution. Approving Agrimark's new facilities has also approved the destruction of open land in town and will increase traffic and create a mess.
- You have made lots of positive strides in town. I think when the pandemic is over we need more cultural events that are family friendly. I love the ones we have and have added. Maybe add an outdoor music area (xylophone, drums, chimes) to the swing area at the town hall. Sewer taxes keep rising, I dislike that very much. We do have high taxes, perhaps add more things to do that won't cost us money. Also give a town wide thank you to the entire educational system, medics, police, and the rest of the essential workers. Maybe each school(and homeschooling kid if the parents want to participate) could do small paintings to combine into a large mural we can install on the green. Artwork is something we can all smile at right now.
- We have open space but we don't have anywhere to have a picnic we don't do a good job of maintaining what we have
- I feel Enfield making this a priority above our other fixable issues is a shame and very discouraging as a resident and business owner
- Enfield has a lot of wasted potential.

- Take back the Scantic River parks from the state; especially the rapids.
- Wasting money on fresh water pond
- I see a lot of opportunities in town for seniors, children and for families with children. I think we could do a better job engaging younger adults and adults without children. Having a multi use town center would be one way to attend to this.
- N/A
- Looking for open space or having it for what? Not opposed, but just to have....no. For future development, ok. For more recreation for children and community, ok. Not much has changed over the 25 years I've been gone. Still a quiet community to live in, Good shopping, but not great.
- Enfield has a lot of potential. Love to see Thompsonville and Hazardville developed with more unique shops, restaurants, art shops/museums. Create a welcoming walking community
- we have so many empty unused spaces that are eyesores in town like old businesses that have closed or schools that have closed. use some of that space
- Enfield should be offering incentives for businesses to occupy empty existing buildings instead of allowing new construction. The town also needs to focus more on middle class residents, stop trying to "beautify" Thompsonville when there are sidewalks and roads that need repairs throughout the rest of the town.
- Please do something about the empty mall.
- A proper geodetic survey is required, to ensure that as little land as possible is untaxed while still being maintained by adjacent private landowners. Realignment of property lines with the actual Street Lines, while still retaining a Right of Way could provide a natural increase to the property values while also increasing tax revenue. A net benefit to the homeowners is reduced complexity of the zoning regulations that comes with increase lot and frontage sizes. Also, having a budget that that doesn't clearly delineate School expenses that the Town is burdened with makes for difficult analysis.
- Town committee collaboration/shared goals
- I believe all new developments should include open space on that property.
- Stop raising taxes
- The preservation of farmland is the states preview. Opening the CT river to recreation is a novel idea but should be done by private enterprise. The old park and Rec. programs that were based in the neighborhoods should be revised as in my opinion the parks and open spaces in town including the state park are predominantly used by out of towners / out of staters.
- Community conversations are great for input
- more is good
- Watching E-TV show the bias & gang mentality of the members. Implement a system where voting is anonymous so it's fair; it's obvious no one is willing to go against the group except Ken Nelson.
- The leadership in town needs to do a better job of connecting with the tax payers of this town on a monthly or quarterly basis and actually react to concerns. They also need to do a better job of communicating plans and intentions of development in the town.
- We have been in town for 30+ years. Overall Enfield has served us well. I would like to see Enfield get more aggressive on its awesome position between Hartford and Springfield

- Like to see the town do more for its people without, I repeat, without taxing us anymore.
- Many decisions are made before residents have any information. That is not transparent governing. There should be opportunities for public input that are not limited to the Mayor's time limit and topic.
- Taxes are terribly high for what the town provides, if it wasn't for my elderly father I would move back to New Jersey, or anywhere else.
- You should poll every 5yrs each Enfield Neighborhood to see what they would like / or could improve in there area for quality of life issues then prioritize what is feasible thru out the Town
- Stop putting business on parking lots. Do you see how the line a ChikFil-A ruined that shopping plaza. Traffic backs up was past Red Robin. Leave open parking lots alone instead is cramming more and more businesses into tiny places.
- not good planning...town is becoming known as going down hill...
- Enfield ECC (dispatch) needs better oversight. Current supervisor does everything EXCEPT supervise. Emergency calls hold for excessive amounts of time. Proper and Correct agencies not sent to emergency calls they are supposed to. Management either disregards complaints or makes excuses. Public safety is not as safe as the Town makes it out to be.
- Town residents should be made more aware of kind/location of open space available for resident use.
- Need to bring stores that the people really need not want into Enfield. Do more for the teens and young adults. We need a community center not just a teen center!!!!
- Make the scantic for Enfield residents only !!
- I am a wetlands commissioner and the town needs to utilize the waterfront on the river in a more family and community friendly manner, better security (less criminal aspect--see too many drug deals at boat launch), better public transportation to river areas
- We have a special senior center, but it's not being used to its potential.
- If open/farm space is not being utilized as such, then it's time to move on and utilize it in a way that benefits all of Enfield. Whether it's through commercial development or housing. But, There is no need for housing if there are no private industry career opportunities in town.
- Have a council that is not in it for themselves and actually listens to it tax payers and also the town employees
- The town would be better with improved school systems and more safe areas for families to walk/hike as there are few sidewalks throughout town.
- Seems like you want to increase taxes to do what you should be doing already
- Upgrade Library and utilize pool at old Fermi building
- It is going to take some work to engage people but it's worth it. When the pandemic is over, in-person focus groups? Or Zooms sooner - could be productive. I hope you will be asking questions not just about people's comforts and immediate wants for themselves, but how to create a stronger fabric of community and deal with existential threats like climate change.
- More connected streets, make Enfield more walkable. Enable zoning that supports arts and entertainment.
- The town should use the open space they have to put in housing or business/ housing building it will give people a nice play to live and it'll draw people to come shop
- LOWER TAXS

- More bike paths, trails and parks.
- Should have more towns people celebrations... the 4th of July celebration on the town green only attracts outsiders, and cost the town money, and problems We should have town fairs for local people.
- Connect railroad to greenways in CT and provide more bike trails.
- Enfield needs to be more engaged with its community with forms of entertainment for children and especially for the adults which happen to be the primary tax base in town.
- Help do something about the Enfield Square.
- Too many chiefs and not enough Indians... Each Dept seems to have the power to make decisions until they get it their way...
- The CT river should be utilized better (bike path)
- We need to change. We are falling behind surrounding towns that provide better quality of life for their constituents.
- Just as an example in order to walk the business district on rte 5 you have to keep switching sides of the street if you want a sidewalk
- I honestly think the Town Council and other Boards Look DOWN on us taxpayers, belittling most at town meetings, making us feel like we DONT count. A nice little Clicke !! ex>> when the council has a taxpayer making a statement, they still talk amongst themselves, like we are wasting their time.
- The Town needs to be more transparent and prompt about notifying all residents when there is any intent or plan to significantly alter property or land use in Enfield. The Town must place the quality of life of its residents over any gain(monetary, political, etc.) benefiting town officials, landowners, businesses or developers.
- Grow the industrial base
- should open spaces, access to the river or farm land really be our greatest concerns?
- I think it would be possible to provide a white water kayaking feature on the Ct River or Scantic River that would draw responsible people, it also provides entertainment.
- The Bike Paths on Raffia Road is a joke. How many signs had to be put up. That is not a bike path.
- utilize industrial park land, Nathan Hale, and Fermi
- boat launches need repair, areas need to be kept clean and monitored
- I feel Enfield Council and leaders are missing the point of what makes a town great. Enfield needs to focus on community(How to allow the residents and businesses to connect to each other like we used to) We also need to make Enfield a place to be proud of. This would mean stop focusing on money, taxes, how the town does on certain statistics, so that we can start focusing on its residents,
- The town needs to stop with this whole "if you don't use it, you lose it" mindset in regards to budgets. You don't need 4 firetrucks because somebody fell in a store. That is 100% absurd. I don't even know why I'm doing this survey because it will only fall on deaf ears.
- Town needs to have easy access for all residents to areas other than tville. Ordinary people will not go over there for recreation.
- Clean up and revitalize the old water dept on Route 5 in North Thompsonville.

- Residents need an open communication path with the PZC to discuss proposed development plans with developer in an open forum.
- Link a bike trail from town farm through abbe to Collins creamery or up to scoot via broad brook road. Perhaps the old railroad track on broad brook. However that seems to be starting some new work. I live in that area and can't find out any info as to what is going on. The scitico section of Enfield can use sprucing up. Prohibit more devastation caused by solar arrays put in at Jarmocs. It's an eyesore. And the destruction of tree line on abbe and taft is despicable. Residents who live nearby should be made aware as to what is going on. Preserved farmland is not really preserved after the trees are ripped down.
- Fewer MLMs at the farmer's market. My wife and I go to the Ellington farmers market because the Enfield one is trash.
- More communication
- I would like to see a walking/ Bike path/ bridge crossing the CT river on Main St. going over to Suffield.
- We should have walking access to the Ct river. More pathways to walk along the water without having to go over the Bridge to Suffield. Making walking areas closer around town for seniors. They don't want us driving after a certain age for safety so why not have walk areas in different areas. And shady areas! No shade on the senior center pathway, town green during the events. Check out Ellington Park by the town hall. Absolutely wonderful place for walking. Shade, sitting. We have nothing like this in Enfield for Seniors. Focus on more senior events to get them out. Just not always at the senior center. It may start small at first but it will grow as more and more feel they are apart of the community. Not everything should be focused on the young families. The senior center can feel so separated at times to functions in the town, if there were more shady areas for walking, sitting, talking, interaction with the functions of the town. Walking on grass is not always the most stable for seniors. Start thinking outside the box for all ages to participate in town functions. We pay taxes also
- Better transportation
- I would like Enfield to be more pedestrian friendly (Enfield center)/have more walking trails everywhere.
- make it safer for people to bike ride around town. Police need to do more. Town needs to step up and fix flow of traffic problems, Enfield high is one major one.
- I'm really disappointed that the town has enough courage to ask the residents during a "pandemic" if they pretty much should raise out taxes by \$100. If Enfield is probably one of the select few in Hartford County that raises taxes every year, or opportunity they get, then I think we should really think about how we spend our money. It's pitiful the amount of car taxes, property taxes, sewer fees, and whatever else you want to say, and the fact that we will need to adjust out garbage cans soon enough because garbage MEN are no longer wanting to work to the full potential, maybe you should hire some women to throw out the garbage. We do 24/7 at home mine as well get paid for it! No don't raise our taxes, because when no one pays them you will dump our money into another attorney to come collect them EVEN during a pandemic. Absolutely ashamed for you all to ask this question.
- Enfield is an eye sore with all the solar panels and the dump (Scantic river park), is now a joke.
- Town needs to be more transparent with spending and making deals without public input.
- Stop spending money on stupid things and raising taxes

- I would like to see regular maintenance on the volleyball court at Brainerd Park. We appreciate it being built however, the net is left up all winter instead of being taken down and it's beginning to rust & sag.
- Development of businesses in Town should be easier and predictable process. Time involved to apply for a Special Permit to construction completion is too long and complex
- The town needs to stop putting in new stores and shopping centers. Reuse the empty spaces that are available and leave the rest alone! We don't need to become the next Manchester!
- Work on a Bike Trail/Rail to Trail.
- Have a outdoor pancake breakfast for the whole town
- No comment
- The property and vehicle taxes increase yearly as well as the sewer fees. There seems to be constant increases but salaries are not increasing at the same amount.
- Would like to see a place or shed at the town dump where things that were still good could be held for 30 days & then if no one claim took them, then they could be thrown away. Other towns close by have this service & people love it. You could put a tag with the date on the item so you would know when the 30 days were up. Something to consider.
- I would consider paying the extra \$100 per year if the fire department was fixed. It just says to me that the town is mismanaged if the fire department continues to operate the way it does. It may be the reason I move out of town. We must also figure out a long term plan for our dying mall and shopping area.
- My impression is the town government/management in truth does not want community engagement. It almost seems like the only time the public is engaged is when the town is legally obligated to make something public and then sometimes it is still hard to find information about what transpired. There are no real open forums for discussing important general matters in advance and when we do hear about something, it is pretty much a done deal. I don't believe that the Town Government and Management even care about the results of this survey if it does not fit the way they are used to doing business.
- bike and walking rail trail
- For the amount of taxes we pay in this town/state we should have a more transparent 5, 10,15 year plan for our town and community. I feel that our town jumps to decisions that will bring in town revenue without looking at the affects it has the community the people, children living in it
- Town Officials need to share information with town residents better before decision are made. need to know from the start
- There is not enough proactive communications at the onset of projects/activities.
- Installing walking trails would benefit the community
- Why should we make "open spaces"? They already exist, stop approving buildings and businesses that do not create any worth to our town. Approvals seem to be done without residents input when the changes will effect their lives. Enfield used to be a nice town and you are ruining it.
- riverfront development -unfortunately this town has no one to think outside the box to get it done
- For major items such as distribution centers, the town needs to email, text, call (recording) or do mailers to residents so they know to engage and provide their feedback and concerns to their neighborhoods.

- Again, I feel like Thompsonville is some left over part of Enfield that no one really wants to deal with. Last summer, Spring and Summer were terrible in this neighborhood, and I did complain to the mayor and the town manager -- seems nothing can be done.
- Planning & Zoning Commission officials should be elected, not appointed. Neighborhoods abutting proposed developments should be notified of any proposals & Town Council meetings should be open to residents regardless of a special permit being needed or not for the development. Town should be completely rezoned there should be NO industrial development abutting residential neighborhoods, it should abut commercial development only. Planning & Zoning Commission should NOT be combined with Inland Wetlands Commission.
- If you want more open space, knock down some of these empty buildings, and put something nice or useful in it's place!
- More should be done to deter pan handlers and the garbage they leave behind.
- access to shops restaurants a plus but traffic in/around hazard ave increasing esp weekends and nights
- Central library is a great resource for creating community, is active and there's potential for more. Sports generate community. Seems to be little impetus for creating a town center where people live and congregate, emphasis seems to be on living far away from each other, getting into one's car to drive to shopping and other business instead of having neighbors and business nearby and interacting with each other.
- I would like to see Enfield develop a beach/swimming site along the Connecticut River.
- Some of these questions make no sense and are not easily answered. Whoever developed this survey didn't take into consideration people have different educational backgrounds other than college...what about tech schools, trades, apprentice, etc.
- Enfield town leaders act as if the Connecticut River was not here - and it is BEAUTIFUL. And, the Scantic? Why not use it! How about the many brooks in town?
- I'm retired, used the senior center a bit, but I'm mostly interested in the town working towards making itself welcoming to younger families moving in.
- Please fix the tennis courts at the Enfield Annex
- This town is polarized and partisan. We should have an elected mayor and our council, school board and P&Z should have equal members of parties that act in the interest of the town, and not how much money they can put in their pockets because of their connections to development/cuts to education, etc...
- Why aren't we connecting the bike path to Longmeadow, our bike path to nowhere walks by a shooting range and a dump, seriously??? Beautification efforts of Thompsonville, the people that live there are mainly renters and aren't the tax payers, how about focusing on tax payer parts of town instead, put paddle boats on the mill pond , really? Is that a joke??
- The Enfield Square Mall should be converted into a 7 days/wk farmers market with grocery store hours, like Boston Public Market. It should be open late for off shift workers like me..
- Do not allow distribution centers close to neighborhoods
- Especially with COVID, we have been really disappointed to see the town's tennis courts disappear, since it is such a safe sport during the pandemic. We would love more bike paths and walking areas near the river. We wish there were some way to keep Springfield from polluting the Connecticut River.
- Better support from citizens in volunteer activities and organizations

- Need more outdoor recreational opportunities
- During the Covid pandemic, libraries & town offices were closed with minimal services for months, even though my property taxes went up
- If it wasn't for the insanely high property taxes you already force us to pay through manipulation of our natural rights I'd gladly pay an extra \$100 each year to preserve more open space.
- would like to see a bike path, the rail system get finished and available, use available empty spaces instead of constructing new buildings for stores
- I was happy to read about the consolidation efforts in regard to the town properties. I would like to see the town set some standards of design and appearance for any buildings being built to replace the structures being demolished. I would like to see an active revitalization push similar to what Windsor Locks is doing.
- Love all of the children's programs the town offers! FRC, library programs, easter egg hunt, jack o lantern festival, summer kids concerts, parades, etc.
- As someone who just moved into the area, i am not sure how to find out this information. I thankfully had this passed on to me by someone else.
- More public walking paths and updated park equipment
- The town should keep the Senior Center for the seniors & not make it into a 'community' center.
- I would like to see a gas station on post office road
- nothing left of the malls, good shopping gone, good eateries gone... no longer small town feel or relaxed pace.
- There is nothing for the youth of this town to do outside of sports hence the big drug problems that we have in this town. Overly taxed and nothing to show for it but a bunch of stores/restaurants.
- I hear a lot of complaints about the town but I see the same small groups of people working to improve things. I understand that we pay taxes but communities that really thrive have a lot of community involvement.
- Planning and zoning should be more open and receptive to residents.
- Consider greater use of current communication's available (i.e. facebook, town website, etc...) to better inform residents of plans for development. Allowing residents to support and provide input. Provide residents information sessions on current P&Z policy and procedures.
- Question 20 I would pay \$200 or more in taxes each year if ENFIELD would simply properly utilize the open space we already have. We don't need more, we need better quality of what we have. Question 23, yes for farmland that is reflective of the character of the community, not another big business revenue source. The family farm such as Collins & Smyths, not large corporate farms. The small farms, i.e. Easy Pickin's CSA etc. While I appreciate the work of Jarmoc, this is not the type of agriculture model to support in town.
- I feel that the town needs some sprucing up. If people can't afford to fix- up their homes, the town should offer a low interest loan to help them do so. I would like to see a proposal to pick up garbage on only one side of the road. Saving money and truck wear and tare. Even side in even years odd side in odd years - only on street that would permit it.
- No more solar panel "farms"!!! consider putting paths in the industrial parks, not black top or gravel. Extend rail trail from East Longmeadow into Enfield and continue south (black top ok for bikes). Involve the dynamic family and other outdoor involve people for ideas and involvement. Consider pedestrian islands at intersections of Rt.5/ Enfield St and Elm St. Enfield biggest

problem is that there is no sidewalks and eat in restaurants and mingle with neighbors. Much of Enfield st is an eye sore at least make all effort to "beautify" that area. Add tennis and basketball courts and maintain them. Maintain the grounds of all schools during summer perhaps we make team of students with an adult who rotate from school to school. Fermi annex needs a better name - its not our annex to anything perhaps Fermi Community Center, Enfield Community Center. Walking trails along Freshwater Brook. Refrain from displaying busy colorful signs like at library and schools - have something classier and more traditional. Use existing buildings rather than build. The magnet school should have gone into fermi.

- The Connecticut River access should be the State's matter, not the tax payers issue. A lot of out of State people visit the Power Hollow River; they trash it all the time! how can this be privatized for residents only, or close to the public for bathing or BBQing? Its a complete mess there.
- Instead of additional taxes for open space, find a responsible way to tax & spend
- Enfield should work toward preserving historic features, buildings, etc. and not just open space.
- Preservation is a great idea but taxes are too high already. Find another way!
- Fix times at traffic lights
- Safe, handicap accessible walking trails or paths could bring awareness of conservation areas
- No more solar panel "farms"!!! consider putting paths in the industrial parks, not black top or gravel. Extend rail trail from East Longmeadow into Enfield and continue south (black top ok for bikes). Involve the dynamic family and other outdoor involve people for ideas and involvement. Consider pedestrian islands at intersections of Rt.5/ Enfield St and Elm St. Enfield biggest problem is that there is no sidewalks and eat in restaurants and mingle with neighbors. Much of Enfield st is an eye sore at least make all effort to "beautify" that area. Add tennis and basketball courts and maintain them. Maintain the grounds of all schools during summer perhaps we make team of students with an adult who rotate from school to school. Fermi annex needs a better name - its not our annex to anything perhaps Fermi Community Center, Enfield Community Center. Walking trails along Freshwater Brook. Refrain from displaying busy colorful signs like at library and schools - have something classier and more traditional. Use existing buildings rather than build. The magnet school should have gone into fermi.
- Create a bicycle path in town
- I think bringing more local businesses back after Covid will help Enfield be unique. Allowing incentives to small businesses is helpful and better signage for street side advertising is helpful too.
- The current town environment is ideal
- Community engagement is not sought if it differs from what town officials want to happen. When this town thinks it is ok to put a distribution center next to a residential area we are not the community reflected in the word art at the top of this page. The community engagement I see in Enfield is with big business.
- Open homeless shelters
- Put together a master plan, long term
- OPEN SPACE CT RIVER, LOWER MY TAX BILL
- Public access to CT river should be a priority but not a "top" priority. Farmland should be protected - but so should woodland, currently farmer in town is clearing acres on acres of

woodland to make up the land loss from the solar array they installed on their farmland- Were is all that wildlife going? Town has done a good job preserving its open spaces.

42. What adaptive re-use ideas do you have for the 66-acre Mass Mutual campus at 100 Bright Meadow Boulevard? – 316/512 responses

- A new amusement park with housing, casino and brewery
- Affordable housing
- Senior assisted living
- It's too big to do much with except look for another large tenant.
- Another business
- Mixed use esp. high end apartment owner occupied
- Mixed use residential and retail with generous public space such as parks pavilions playgrounds
- Sports and entertainment, multi-use, complex - similar to what East Windsor managed to do recently.
- Residential Apartments / shopping
- Prime location for industrial development, close to interstate, has private entry
- none, that's your job
- Expand Brainard park and turn the office into mixed use apartments with shopping on the first floor for all of the tenants or divide the office building into smaller offices for startups and add a cafe and a gym on the first floor
- Condominiums
- I would love to see the creation of a museum and art gallery in one of the vacant buildings.
- Invite some Hartford based insurance coming to come to Enfield- they sure can downsize now
- It is not ours to market. If Mass Mutual has a buyer then the town's on the business re zoning would be required.
- Housing and help for the residents that need it...with no or little questions asked...most people only go for help because they desperately need it.
- Affordable housing. Services for residents that everyone qualified for. No income limits since most are unrealistic.
- Research and development. Incorporate part to Brainard Park.
- Housing and mixed use
- Attraction of large employer like MM
- Get another company in there ASAP
- park, splash pad , dog park , recreation , commuter lot ,
- ATTRACT A CORPORATE OFFICE OR A DISTRIBUTION CENTER
- There aren't generally requirements for such large campuses any longer, so this needs to be subdivided or converted towards industrial.
- sports entertainment venue including local hotels/restaurants with access to highway/railway/airport
- Let the new owners come up with ideas. We should not take possession.
- we need to find a new tenant or tenants to occupy the space to provide tax money for the town.
- Apartments, subsidized housing for low income families, venue spaces for event rentals-too few of those.
- Subdivide the property for multiple commercial uses. Let the private sector decide the best uses.
- MEDICAL FIELD

- Affordable apartments and or entertainment
- Since all business seem to allow work from home and the new professional rental office space is full on South Road It should become a space where anyone can rent offices space from 1 office to 20 etc sharing in overhead.
- This is why I am neutral on tax abatements for businesses. We provided one for Mass Mutual and they did not stay. What ever we decide for reuse, I feel that it should be commercial and not nonprofit because we need the tax revenue.
- Housing, apartments, etc.
- Areas for town groups to meet
- Hospital
- Warehouse or light industry
- Luxury apartments.
- Convert to condos and business rentals
- Housing/ anything to get tax money going on it.
- Affordable housing
- Love entertainment venue
- Multi business park with shared workspace, housing ..live /work development
- Apartments, affordable housing
- Multiple business office complex. Doesn't need to be one large company
- over 55 apartments
- Mixed use retail/residential
- Condos
- I didn't know it was empty
- Whole Foods or trader joes. there are far, far too many unused business building in Enfield and for some reason, businesses build new rather than renovate, leaving empty storefronts. Reuse these and do not build anything further.
- Manufacturing/Distribution
- Affordable housing
- make it into sports fields for tournaments that the town could profit from
- Combination mixed income apartments and businesses that residents could use
- Sell it
- Outlet stores
- college or draw a large company to fill the space with tax incentives
- Educational. Condo/apartments with small business
- Market it as it was built, but have the Town FINALLY become business friendly and partner with the tenant.
- Retail, or attract large corporate business
- Housing
- You should be going after Amazon and we should have let the Casino take over the mall we should attempt to tie Enfield to the basketball hall of fame and Springfield museums to Enfield somehow.
- Apartments
- Large park, food, carousel. Attract more families.

- That's a good one. What about vacancy at the mall. These a huge private sector problems.
- Sports complex - volleyball!!!
- Affordable housing. My son is struggling to find affordable rental housing in the area. There is a long waiting list.
- Indoor entertainment area. Trampoline Park, splash pad, art center, interactive music and video for kids, make our own cultural center. Add shops for small businesses and local ct artisans. Host live music and shows. These would bring people to Enfield.
- Anything but a casino.
- Those buildings can be sub divided into professional or medical offices.
- Trade school
- not sure, apartments? After COVID, unlikely a large business would move in
- Outlet stores.
- Not sure
- This building should not be reused by Enfield. We are stripped to our bones financially, our residents are taxed to their core. We need to have another big business there or sell off the land and again refocus on what counts.
- nursing home
- Theme park with onsite guest accommodations and other amenities.
- Mixed use condo/apartments, retail, business offices, etc
- Lease to several smaller businesses, business incubator ?
- Not totally familiar with the campus and layout of the property. Could it be marketed as a mixed use campus with residential, shops, entertainment, and offices?
- I don't know
- mixed use apartments, retail and restaurants
- Walking and dog park
- New entertainment
- Casino
- I'd love to see a college locate there!
- A community hospital/medical center would be nice.
- office space
- Bring another large non-manufacturing employer to town
- I would love to see a trader Joe's somewhere in town. I do NOT want a casino anywhere and would move if one came to town. Maybe an outdoor mall with outdoor performance space, cafe's, performance art etc.
- Warehouses or Reasonable rate hotels
- Upscale shopping similar to Evergreen or Blue Back Square
- Upscale shopping, restaurant, small business center
- Not sure
- sports facility
- Could the building be subdivided and turned into small business and affordable apartments.
- Apartments/condos
- maybe apartments
- Casino

- Indoor sports complex
- housing
- Sell
- Condos
- Something that will pay taxes. No more churches
- Unless it's owned by the town, that's not the town's problem. If the complex attracts business, it need only comply with local, state, and Federal law. Butt out or help out.
- Make into apartments
- The building can be turned into apartments and shops the large parking lot can be built up for shops and restaurants
- I don't know
- Sell it. Don't waste tax money on maintenance
- Apartments that one person can afford
- Sell it to whoever will pay the most in tax revenue.
- Tough one, after COVID , office space like that may never be a need for businesses of that size.
- Another tax producing business.
- Unsure
- think outside the box
- Affordable or senior housing
- Need to draw in another major business brand
- Some kind of convention center or something that would bring in outside people
- Condo complex
- While Enfield struggles to fill these large vacated business properties, we are allowing Winstanley to over develop prime areas of town.
- Sublet - office space
- Try to attract some type of High Tech Company to reuse the whole campus
- Knock it down. Keep it open space. Or you build the towns 109999th hotel.
- Distribution center (Amazon, Aldi, etc)
- Whole Foods, arcade, or roller skating, or bowling. We need more for our children to have an outlet and fun safe family activities to go do. We have nothing for our children to do.
- Family recreation
- Enfield missed the boat...so many thing went to other towns
- professional offices
- Town recreation area for all to enjoy. Open parks, area to walk safely, town pool - bring families together. Low cost membership to enjoy pool fitness club. Offer services at night including movie night, family game nights
- Family friendly/activities bowling alley drive in movie
- Professionals' offices, 2. Housing for elderly, 3. a 2nd Junior High School, 4. Mixed income apartments, 5. Distribution center/warehouse
- Whatever project produces the most revenue for Town of Enfield.
- we could use it to house homeless veterans and help them with mental and physical disabilities and help them get back on their feet.
- residential, commercial, community mixed use

- Higher education? Maybe some small college or a branch of a large one.
- this property should be marketed to all large office companies through out New England, it's a great property right off the highway
- I have not been on the property so I am unfamiliar with what is there. However, assuming it is an office space, the corporate business environment in CT is very unfriendly to business wanting to say in CT and wanting to move to CT. It may be better served to convert it to condominiums.
- Low income housing for single adults
- entertainment center
- Move Asnuntuck
- Residential housing
- Apartments
- Hospital
- Get a business who has long term status and will stay in town.
- Maybe a big park like Wickham Park. Pavilions, volleyball, tennis, etc.. bike paths, walking paths some place the town people can go. I'd be willing to pay an annual fee if it was clean. Maybe a pool if no toddlers nor babies.
- Multi use. Luxury apartments, Smaller offices, Daycare,
- Maybe mixed use some high tech businesses and maybe a nice restaurant
- I do not know
- Community center
- Mixed use including adult/ continuing/ advanced education, artist and young professional living, recreation and cultural. See www.thegoggleworks.org for a moment of inspiration (not literally a model but example of out of the box possibility)
- Small business incubator cluster
- Not a casino or warehouse, leave as office park
- Hospital
- Do something to attract another large business to fill it.
- Medical offices, law offices, business park, cafeteria of restaurants on lower level, space for small businesses
- Outlet mall shopping center, blue back style development focused on small business
- Walking, running trails, bike paths, community gardens
- MEDICAL BUILDING
- The town should keep it a corporate headquarters and solicit a company that could fill the space
- Small business zone
- Reading the paper, I believe that decision has already been made.
- Apartment with light retail
- a civic center
- none
- If the building is torn down, an indoor water/ski/go-cart park with outdoor attractions as well.
- Apartments or condos with a nice restaurant.
- Multi generation housing... some for elderly, some for working folks, some for subsidized.... Like a community within a complex...
- Public parks or housing.

- Distribution center
- Not sure at this time. Perhaps an RFP issued for a Consulting Firm to investigate viability of a Private Public Partnership (3P)
- something aimed for kids, 10 yrs. old and up
- Don't know right now
- What caused Mass Mutual to leave the Town of Enfield, too much crap going on ?
- Maintain as office space. Attract another corporate office.
- Establish multiple businesses on the site
- Self contained "village"
- More remote work in the future no business will want. Turn it into housing
- Park/rec area, rec building, open space, wildlife area, walking/biking paths, NOT APARTMENTS
- I believe there's potential for apartment/condos at a sub-luxury level, something in the \$1300-\$2000 range. Hospital. Museum. Entertainment complex whether its sports, bowling, theater, sports training etc. Lastly demo the buildings and make it a nice park with possibly fishing, ice skating, nature walking etc.
- Multi-activity center for ALL ages.
- Make park area, put in shops like an upscale outlet area, things where people could meet and do things
- mixed use facility
- Technical college, business school, and convention center that would attract users from Massachusetts and surrounding areas.
- Colorado based Empower is acquiring campus and 1700 employees. Focus on mall area
- mixed use commercial and residential;
- Senior housing for baby boomers or apartments for young professionals as close proximity to highway.
- Recreational space, gym space, family-friendly activities
- Financial office
- A four year university, preferably a private school so more money goes into the town. As a student at Asnuntuck, I am realizing I have to travel over 30 minutes to finish my bachelor's degree as a Communications/Journalism major. Many students are heartbroken that Asnuntuck isn't a four year school.
- Work work colleges in Western Massachusetts to setup a think tank or startup business incubator.
- Manufacturing company maybe, unsure.
- Not sure, maybe space for small businesses or affordable apartments
- Maybe try to turn it into low income housing. Or trying to get an indoor theme park to move in?
- Scientific research data research
- Live in care facility for the Elderly.
- Entice a company to move into it.
- would need to have further info into what campus already has
- Farm / green recreational area for all ages / park
- move the main asnuntuck campus to that and keep the manufacturing part at the current location

- Satellite hospital - partner with a group like Baystate or Trinity
- Why are you asking this question? I thought it was already sold. If an idea maybe a small medical facility, a remote Uconn campus
- Don't know...BIG property
- Another insurance company
- make it a mall, not like the Enfield Square, think Westfarms
- Not office space when companies are moving towards saving money with working from home. Studio apartments, short term Rental's perhaps
- Similar business
- Well since not everyone likes to do recreational activities in Thompsonville , the town should have just destroyed both those centers and put everything they are locating to 100 different places and locate them all there. Summer camp, a new pool, splash pad, community gym/ rec area, sell that bank generate money off of it, move that little drive through over there somehow so there is a another location somewhere other than RIGHT next to the town hall. Umm all building and ground trucks from Prospect St will fit perfectly fine there. The conference room they will make at the senior center which I don't get why we need to take their space will fit perfectly in that big old building. The list goes on but most importantly stop hoarding the money to revamp Thompsonville if you effortlessly tried numerous times and failed on many occasions, and that skate park?!? Who maintains it, did we forget to weed it because that's just awful for children who really use it but again show up to a dump to ride!
- a senior housing complex with individual apartments, their own store/drug store/theater and lovely grounds to walk around. Houses for seniors are way too expensive, they need a complex that they can afford, feel safe and enjoy their remaining years.
- Encourage another big company to come to town that can utilize the building, it's entirety.
- Good luck after CT driving all the business out of the state.
- Elderly housing
- Housing
- Whatever the owner wants to do is his right
- Park
- Community center
- Get Empower to purchase it! The employees that work there want an office to go to.
- Mixed-use development with housing and retail
- Mixed residential apartments, retail, entertainment and health club facility
- Industrial or Commercial
- Offices...no manufacturing or warehousing
- College or combine with Brainard park and create a planned recreation area
- Use to attract businesses for tax purposes
- College campus
- Demolish
- Make this property your Multi-family residential housing rather Enfield Square which is right in the center of town.
- Does the town own this? I thought MassMutual owned it. It would need total redevelopment at a high cost so I'm not sure

- Casino
- Affordable housing ect.
- No comment
- a new business to occupy the space or 2-create condos with the space
- Housing
- Give it to me for free
- This seems to be solved
- none
- luxury apartment building
- A park
- condominiums / assisted living for the elderly
- amazon. Windsor has better tax bases and two huge amazon warehouses...a similar type of business
- Marijuana dispensary/cultivation once state legalizes recreational use in next session. Possibly sports betting parlor also once state legalizes that as well.
- Business that would pay property taxes, not non-profit organizations
- This property should be a revenue generating business and not used as a not for profit organization.
- Someone is already interested in using this campus, I think
- Sr center, park
- Not sure
- move the passport and immigration from pease airbases\ portsmouth nh to enfield Move national weather service from taunton ma.
- school or housing
- Wonderful place for a big park
- I do not know.
- Break it up and expand small business! Small high end shops. It would be nice to see something like Evergreen Walk in South Windsor!
- Affordable housing.
- Housing
- no idea
- By some estimates Hartford is #10 city for technology; perhaps a related business--research, IT, medical, academic, other--that would coordinate and grow technology business and workforce in the Hartford-Enfield-Springfield corridor. We're in the middle, should be a focal point for some type of specialized business that expands here, and supports well-paying jobs and attractive housing for the area and an expanded tax base for the town.
- I would love to see an emergency care associated with a hospital.
- Another company/ies using the space.
- A park like Forest Park.
- Community center
- Unknown
- Elderly housing?

- Possibly re-purpose for distribution or industrial usage because of accessibility to the interstate. Also by doing so it would alleviate the need of developers to buy up what remaining open space/farmland there is left in town to build these types of businesses.
- Business Incubator. Multiuse: Residential, office, retail, restaurants, a library, and a hotel (you would need to find a buyer who has the same idea) a medical facility - x ray, massage, chiropractor, a hotel for overnight stay for a procedure, living/office condos, if a medical facility is possible, add more retail such as pharmacy, medical supply store, blood work.
- Combo housing, offices, small business
- Another large company to bring in more higher paying job opportunities outside of fast food and retail
- Big park for kids or mall
- Develop that as rentable office space instead of developing land.
- Office space, professional space, assisted living
- Indoor Sports bubble
- Park facility- with rental space for gatherings, large venue rental space for graduations
- small business professional office space
- town owned golf course
- Permanent 7 days/week farmers' market with grocery store hours, like Boston Public Market. Include late hours for shift workers like me. (2) Affordable, luxury 62+ senior housing like The Villages FL.
- Condo, affordable apartments
- Elderly housing
- Other like business or site for all K-5 grades
- Having Empower there is good.
- Tear it down and return it to nature.
- Maybe multi-use.....residential for lower income (with strict guidelines for maintenance in place), apartments for median income retirees, a dog park and an area for children
- Consolidate some or all the different medical facilities onto one convenient campus. We have so many in this town and they are all over the place. Split it into mixed use residential and commercial space. It's a better location for that than the mall.
- New housing, possibly over 55 housing
- hard to say, it is kind of out of the way. maybe use it to make affordable housing for individuals.
- Walking trails/wildlife refuge
- Attract millennials
- N/A
- A commercial business or mixed housing & retail.
- Medical/ multi use/ mixed retail
- not a clue.... something that wont cost the taxpayers to renovate, that will bring in employment cut keep the small town feel we used to have... this is a tough one.
- Apartments
- Housing
- I haven't been on the campus so I'm not sure what exactly it looks like. I do think that it would be great to have something similar there that will bring in jobs.

- not sure
- apartments
- Potential industrial park and/or distribution center.
- Park walking trails
- none
- business
- start -up businesses for professions I.e doctors, lawyers, engineers, accountants, consultants, commercial artist, school campus. Apartment complex
- Retail/Commercial mixed use; I can see units used for service use such as yoga shop, painting shop, bakeries, salons, consulting services, and even some residential units on top 3 to five levels! Would be great!
- Reduce the parking/garage area and return it to nature, walking paths, etc. The buildings could accommodate either one larger employer, or lease to several smaller employers. Residential apartments are an option too.
- This parcel is isolated from the roadway network, and would not be a good site for retail development. It could be developed as new office development, although the single large building might be better removed and changed into an office campus. Potentially, it could be a mixed-use zone with a mix of corporate office, small office condominium and support services, and even some residential "work-at-home" development that could access Brainard Road.
- Hospital campus with ER and medical offices
- Dmv, deep, safety complex
- Professional office spaces
- Does Enfield own that? Would like substantial company to take it over
- Start-up businesses for professionals i.e. doctors, lawyers, engineers, accountants, consultants. School campus. Apartment complex. Need to spruce up that area.
- Create apartments for elderly
- Enfield Mall should be senior housing exclusive to elderly for boomer, etc. age group generation getting on in age 1 floor so safe for them and handicap accessible. The Mass Mutual building should be used as higher end housing complex unit with mini grocery store inside building, restaurant and fun space like they do in D.C. apartment buildings to bring more business execs to area in search of commercial jobs and bring back insurance companies to the area.. Create an outdoor fitness design walking paths, running tennis, etc. on site for residents make it attractive for higher end execs from Hartford, Springfield etc. and get tax revenue from those units Be unique. I have lots of ideas for the right building design
- Mix of Condos and Retail to draw in business with minimal town disruption
- Possible education facility or job training center
- Shelter and community center
- Not sure specifically but it would be nice to see more vacant space reused instead of building more
- Education Higher Lever
- OPEN SPACE
- Open space, affordable rentals for Seniors, public transportation to downtown Enfield and the Senior Center.

- It is still on the market? I thought Empower now lease the building from MM when they bought retirement division? I would make it a electric indoor/outdoor go kart track.
- Do not know

44. Please add any additional comments you may have regarding economic development in Enfield. – 192/512 responses

- WE should have it
- Too much
- Currently not well thought out, no overall focus, too many redundant cookies cutter businesses, destroying Enfield's character.
- There are too many empty buildings in this town.
- Stop approving large distribution centers that result in very few jobs and a ton of truck traffic. Try to do something with the useless “industrial park” between Hazard Ave & South Rd.
- The mall should be turned into an elderly community or similar. Perhaps like a Masonicare campus.
- tax incentives for more manufacturing jobs
- Remove obstacles for developers looking to invest in Enfield. They are the experts in matching commercial opportunities with a community's or town's demographics and characters, and what will and won't work. The town should focus on limited activities like, police, fire, roads and schools.
- Regarding 43 - my opinion would be higher if there was traffic control. Elm street is already a mess
- Go after commercial and residential landlords with commercial and residential blighted properties and clean them up people will be more likely to invest
- Too many empty storefronts. Enfield keeps building more plazas but with so many empty storefronts within plazas, I don't see how it makes sense. I think turning the Enfield square into housing would be perfect.
- I made a comment under the community involvement portion.
- Mall should be a mall or left empty
- Why do you keep asking about the Mall? If multi-family (not low income) is proposed by the owners, then yes the town should look at the proposal, until then we have no say!
- Help the residents in Enfield appropriately before bringing in more people. Stop overtaxing, we can't afford what we have which really isn't anything more then what we need. Most residents of Enfield are considered to fall within A.L.I.C.E guidelines. We are the working poor who need help but simply can't get it here in Enfield. Yet we get up faithfully ever workday, snow (yet the streets aren't properly plowed), power outages etc to go to work to make sure others get the help their need. Show you care about Enfield residents!!
- Don't leave the unused schools, nursing homes and buildings empty/unused
- Adding too many multi-family residential housing units may change Enfield from a town to city, so need to be cognizant of that.
- too many vacant buildings and trying to build more. fill up vacant buildings
- While the strip malls seem to be fully populated there's been minimal communication from the town on new economic development incentives outside of the TIF. This includes the plan to tear down the Strand and Lamagna center - will these be more vacant plots around town akin to the 70s 'revitalization'?
- look to add local shopping/market atmosphere with the housing at the Enfield Square - create a sustainable community

- More residents means more services. We already offer too much services.
- Use mall as both housing and small businesses by renovating, not adding to
- from new small business owners in town i have heard that the process, especially through the building dept. is lengthy and frustrating
- Revitalizing Thompsonville
- Town officials, boards and commissions should be more receptive to new businesses. Encourage private sector development of the Thompsonville area.
- YES ENFIELD SQUARE NEEDS APARTMENTS 3, 10 STORY APARTMENT BUILDINGS .
- Would like to see family run businesses instead of more chain restaurants.
- If the multi family housing was NOT low income and if it was for average people I think it would be fine otherwise NO.
- I thought that we did not have any input into mall development?
- P&Z deters many businesses.
- I don't want Enfield to become North Manchester
- Similar set up to an Evergreen or Blue Back Square
- Get businesses in these vacancies to get tax money going. Too many town own property
- Zoning Regulations should be made simple to read , with many as of right applications,
- strongly agree enfield square needs apartments, medical use,
- More fixed bus routes that expand to parts of Town that are not covered
- if the Strand is to be demolished, what happens to the funds that were raised when people bought seats for the Strand when it was going to be redone years ago?
- Farming should be considered a part of economic development.
- Sell or demolish Fermi - no one has a sustainable idea what to do With it
- We need a Christmas Tree Shop and a good mall
- maintain commercial separate from residential
- bring back THOMPSONVILLE.
- The need for tax revenue from economic development should not over-ride the need to keep our town a beautiful place to live that is not clogged with traffic & industrial buildings, but instead with plenty of open spaces, parks & gathering areas.
- Less fast food, coffee shops.
- I think affordable housing would be a good fix for the mall. I'd do housing for the big stores (Macy's etc.) in the small stores do things that would be helpful to those people living there. Laundry mat, a couple of small take out restaurants. Bring back the seating (the large square benches with plants in the middle), I would also replant the trees that were ripped out. I'd add an indoor playground too. Common room for parties that could be rented out.
- question 43 - what kind of housing affordable?
- We pay someone to do this job, and they do a poor job with retention and attraction. Too many empty buildings.
- I think this survey strongly reflects Enfield lack of prioritizing our true problems and failures.
- residential housing at the enfield square would be very good .
- The Enfield Square Mall property should be used for a large overnight truck stop, complete with a 24 hour diner, and a bus stop for the Enfield public transit system.
- more small business and restaurants - less chains!

- Enfield Mall would be the perfect spot for mixed use. We need this in Enfield. Housing, medical, retail, entertainment, all under one roof. The blacktop could be ripped up creating green space.
- we have lots of commercial. New development should be attractive, a good long-term investment for the town, and protect nearby residential neighborhoods. Seems like larger and better buffers are required to be better neighbors. What are we doing in Thompsonville? That is where incentives should be used.
- Build up business, not residential
- Retail/shopping/dining is so convenient in town! However, I very often choose to shop, dine or socialize outside of town because we do not have enough variety when it comes to dining options (way too many chains, way too few independently owned options shopping options (again, so much of the same! Whole Foods or Trader Joe's would be great) walkable shopping/dining/entertainment is also lacking here.
- LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE!
- Attract Retail stores with online presences for the Enfield Square Mall.
- More small business
- Enfield Square Mall should become multi-purpose use property. Housing, restaurants, family entertainment, small shops/antique mall
- I think you should get more input from the public. I think the economic development committee is sketchy. Too many connections to other boards and members.
- Create incentives for re-use of existing buildings instead of new construction
- Need more but spread out
- For the mall a nice living facility with stores or outlets
- Stop overburdening development with "Look" and "Character". Unless the town owns the property, or has re-zoned the land to a different use, butt out. Not liking something is an inadequate argument for a proper and legal use.
- If we don't have more commercial/ business development we will be taxed out of our houses worth and have to move.
- Stop taxing us so high and we won't move out
- Do ANYTHING with the mall
- Concerned about all the empty buildings in Enfield and new proposed building adjacent to residential neighborhoods
- The ship sailed in the 80's when all the development was allowed to progress down Elm st and Hazard ave. Either stick to the outline that was established in the 70's for light industrial for the east end of town or try to get the "memorial " industrial park to it's capacity. It may be there now since most of it is under water and the remainder is supposed to be a golf course.
- We need to bring in more tax producing businesses for jobs and tax revenue
- more is good
- Attract business which generates tax revenue to lessen the burden to homeowners
- Overall we are proud to say we are from Enfield. We need to bring the brand of Enfield up a few notches and we can be the pride of CT
- The mall should be converted to an outdoor mall with street level restaurants etc and housing above. Like blue back square.

- Enfield does a very poor job of economic development planning. Our Town Council is too focused on revenue and not focused enough on quality of life and open space. Additionally, they do not follow through on their stated plans. I.e. Fermi - wasn't it supposed to be. Community Center? It's a warehouse now.
- PZC and additional boards seem to be too stringent / critical in new business start ups, loosen up stop being so picky !
- Food halls are becoming increasingly popular in urban areas
- We need more for the children of Enfield
- poor poor planning
- Need more low income housing
- The mall should go back to being retail.
- I have publicly stated, many times. That Enfield needs a 4 year commutable college option. The Enfield Square, or now that I think of it, the Mass Mutual property, are just the kind of places to do it. We have Central, Southern, Eastern, and Main Campus, why don't we have Northern CT State University?
- idk
- Efficient Local approval, permitting, and zoning processes and ordinances to attract and expedite development. Research potential options and weigh the pros and cons to our community upfront rather than when an investor is looking to move ahead.
- Build on local assets and strengthen locally controlled business & value chain wherever possible. There is a lot of good work underway in creating local investment vehicles to support small businesses, e.g. in Montgomery County Maryland. See Michael Shuman's Put Your Money Where Your Life Is and the model of the VT Sustainable Jobs Fund for nurturing existing industry clusters and promoting a circular (reuse and recycling based) economy. Create a think group on realistic innovation over a 3 - 5 year period. The mall - as you probably know - is an asset awaiting creative repurposing. Open space and tree cover have economic as well as environmental value.
- Create the environment to attract business, less red tape but selectively. What are the critical regulations that actually matter? Make the rest goals not restrictions, possibly in exchange for higher fees/taxes or other creative offsets rather than rejection. Become an enabling partner while still representing the interests of the people that live and pay taxes here.
- The mall needs to be like a blue back square with housing over businesses. There needs to be new large housing complexes built in Thompsonville, once new building starts down in the Thompsonville area it will draw other investors in especially with the train station coming.
- Again, something needs to be done with all the vacant commercial buildings. Repurpose or tear down, but don't just leave them there empty.
- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WILL LOWER TAXES.
- Regarding 43 - it should be high quality targeting both young singles and older mobile citizens
- You can't just add housing to the mall and call it a day. It's a good opportunity but the 190/220 area needs to be made more pedestrian friendly
- #43 hard to give an opinion when the public has not any proposal regarding the property. What vision do the developers have for the property and how will it effect the character of the Town.
- Reuse the existing building.

- town should be proactive in attracting businesses. Give large tax incentives
- Should be planned carefully - so we are not left with a lot of unoccupied buildings. Also a nice park with gardens and paths would be nice.
- I believe that the Enfield Square mall should be torn down and an Evergreen walk style plaza that is covered, but still open air should go in its location with the backside of the mall area where the trees are located being taken down and a nice walkway established along freshwater stream with a walkway that is lit and connected to the plaza behind the mall. As well as having some kind of shuttle that would run between all those plazas in a constant loop so that people would only have to park at one location yet shop at all the plazas.
- Do something with the Enfield Square and the Mass Mutual Campus
- Too many folks from MA work in CT businesses. A good amount of CT \$\$\$ - that includes tax allowances to have more jobs- the money ends up being spent back in MA...
- The town should do more to help Hazardville, the Car wash property needs to be torn down and turned into something good for the community.
- More consideration of, marketing of and cooperation with Small Business. Town has a reputation for being difficult to work with. Experienced that first hand.
- stop zoning for new land that will need to be cleared. There is plenty of areas that have old buildings that could be used. Companies just don't want to foot the bill to clear out any contaminates etc.
- The Town should get their thoughts together, LISTENING to the taxpayers for a change.
- Enfield square should remain retail. Find a developer to demolish the mall and create something similar to Evergreen Walk in So. Windsor. This is a horrible spot for residential with the constant drone of I-91 highway traffic and busy rt-190..
- I see mixed use at the Mall. Residence and business
- Obviously something needs to change because it seems right now we're doing a terrible job of it. I'm sure the state has something to do with it.
- Develop industrial park save the farm land
- Bring in quality restaurants and stores not fast food and dollar stores. bring in real jobs not minimum wage parttime
- I think the Enfield Mall needs to be a big focus in Enfield economic development. There is such potential to turn this into a great building again. Make a portion of this a condos/apartments but also keep some stores there, maybe put in a indoor water park/entertainment, or even make this some type of resort. But I think the key is to create something that would utilize its structure without adding or rebuilding too much of it. The citizens 30+ years of age miss the Enfield mall while the younger generations can benefit for a revitalized building.
- Lower lease rates for the mall so small businesses can thrive. When they go out of business, unemployment goes up.
- In my opinion the town needs to redevelop the mall area with meaningful stores and keep restaurants and grocery stores to what we have. The town should try to bring in activity spaces for free and encourage businesses that provide free safe fun for all ages
- The Enfield Square should be prime real estate not residential. The colleges, convention center could go there and we need another hotel that could be 5 star so we could have media and main events.

- Enfield Square Mall area should be considered for distribution to reduce in town truck traffic being close to highway
- Less big box and no more chains.
- Encourage more small businesses to go into hazardville area and keep character of homes. Putting a subway and nail salon next to historic buildings using a different facade that is more contemporary was not well planned.
- Please don't add housing to the mall. I will move out.
- Offer incentives for small businesses. Already super wealthy corporations don't need it and tend to pay their workers crap
- Make the Enfield Square into an Entertainment center. Something like they did with Bradley Bowl.
- We do not need housing in the mall area. Why can there not be a place for outdoor walking, eating outside, some like Evergreen walk where families can enjoy shopping but also be able to enjoy a place to sit and interact with each other. Great place for all ages. We do not need tall unsightly apartment buildings in the middle of town. We are NOT a city!
- Find a use for all the vacant ones
- Keep Enfield Beautiful
- Enfield mall is an eye sore! Fill these empty stores around town
- The mall should definitely think about opening some kind of diner and maybe a wash area/ gas station for trucking before they hit Mass, or before they leave out distribution areas and get on the highway.
- We need to encourage new companies/businesses, however, if we are offering incentives they cannot keep raising cost of living for residents. If bigger companies come in, raising more taxes, residents NEED to feel that relief in their taxes, since there will be some inconvenience to deal with, with more traffic.
- Enfield looks like a low income town now.
- Get people with common sense into planning and zoning and stop being rude to businesses trying to come to Enfield
- There are many empty buildings in and around town. I would hope those would be considered before new establishments are erected.
- We need to be open to nontraditional businesses, and worry less about the "character" of the town. An example: the truck stop plaza proposed some time ago.
- Attract new and retain existing businesses; use existing land and tax resources more efficiently.
- Focus on non-service oriented business development - we have a disproportionate number of service businesses
- Mall is a problem anything to get it functioning would be nice
- Only if made into condos...not subsidized housing.
- Please stop adding multifamily in Thompsonville, create more space between houses there, better quality storefronts/small businesses in Thompsonville and no more liquor stores within walkable distance to Thompsonville. The town is only as good as it's weakest section and this area of town has been neglected.
- Entice retail merchants to fill vacant Enfield mall and lessen fast food businesses which are on all corners

- Demolish the mall to put a Stew Leonard's and Lowe's.
- No comment
- Property ownership will benefit this town.
- Please don't add any additional multi family housing to Enfield. If you look at our town and most other towns the bad section of town is where the multi family houses are. Don't add more. Take them away if possible.
- Enfield has to decide what kind of town it wants to be and be honest and up front about it. Does it want to be the kind of place with good housing options and services so people want to move and live here? Does it want to be a retail hub? Does it want to be a warehouse and distribution center? Not all these things can coexist in a jumbled mess. In Enfield, a lot of our development efforts have not turned out well- we have unused industrial park land while pushing development on what was traditionally farmland, we have too many empty/underused buildings that we don't know what to do with. We have no information as to what types of businesses the town is actively trying to attract and what Enfield is "willing" to do to attract them. Town officials don't seem to even want to talk about these big issues up front.
- no tax abatements. they come stay till abatement is over and move on. no more. use existing buildings.
- residents should be made aware of tax incentives before they are offered, there needs to be more transparency
- I agree that we should offer reasonable incentives and/or tax abatements for new businesses but not a free ride for the duration of their lease. Town officials should be open and honest and communicate up front to its' existing residents and businesses what incentives are being considered. Furthermore, I am for attracting manufacturing and distribution facilities as long as they are "IN HARMONY WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD".
- Enfield Square should either become similar to Blue back square, or an Outlet mall that gets a lot of traffic the restaurant's and the local shops would get more traffic
- More economic development equals turning the town into a trash dump. People want a place to raise family not creating an overcrowded town
- its too little to late , this town looks like just like all the rest of these small rundown towns in new england. get off the idea to create housing we don't need
- Please consider the quality of life to all town residents when approving new developments, Mega warehouse, distribution, industrial developments do not benefit residents if & when they increase traffic, pollution, imperil safety and quality of life when put near schools and residential neighborhoods. In addition they are of no help to the town when they are given tax abatements & when they do not offer jobs to town residents, or only offer a small quantity net gain of jobs. If the mega industrial sites are allowed to keep increasing in town they will destroy the character of the town and make it a very undesirable place for people to live. Do we want to attract new residents and keep the existing residents or become a warehouse/trucking depot town.
- Tville needs to be totally revamped! Your spending money on a new train station, to bring more people and business into Enfield! Do you want Tville the way it looks now to be the first thing people see coming into this town????
- No more construction! Lets fill pre-existing buildings, rip down blighted properties.
- no further low income housing as crime increases reduces the value of our homes

- No stadiums or casinos, please; consider debacles in Hartford over the years--Jai Lai, civic center--all those things that were going to create jobs but ended up benefitting developers and doing little to create jobs for the people who live there. Emphasize businesses that require a skilled workforce, including union-apprenticed tradespeople; if things go well you'll need plenty of them to service people in the area.
- I would like to see a sports facility for bowling, etc. Possibly a facility where the town could offer dances and similar celebrations and also rent it out to non residents but nothing to do with gambling.
- Turn the Enfield Square mall into a shopping center like Evergreen Walk in South Windsor. Bring in a store like Whole Foods and I think you would pull more people in from Suffield, Somers and Longmeadow.
- We need to have our commissions (pnz, zba, etc.) be more professional in their when working with applicants. I think our planning staff has worked very hard for our town to get stonewalled on occasion by these commissions.
- As a lifetime resident of Enfield I have seen a rural farming town become inundated with malls/strip malls, distribution centers, fast food restaurants, huge apartment complexes, medical complexes, pharmacies, etc. The town has very little open space/farmland left, mostly east of Hazardville and Town Farm Rd. If left unchecked this town will turn into another Manchester Buckland Hills area. There seems to be very little planning and zoning does (or can do) to stop the spread of industrial operations to the remaining pastoral areas of town. Developers seem to have the upper hand when it comes to introducing their projects before the town and, together with liberal tax abatement's, appear to have "open season" on anything thing they propose. There needs to be a pause and reflection on just what the citizens of this town want, not what the town council & planning and zoning think they want. Let's save what's left in town that reflects the quiet community we once were. We have enough industry and retail in here. Open spaces need to be protected from development by changing their zoning classifications. While everyone wants their taxes to decrease and services provided by the town to increase, property tax dollars collected should be spent more wisely. The town seems to have no problem handing out tax abatements to developers like candy hoping that the incentive will lure them into building their projects here much to the detriment of the residents. They build their projects then move on not caring about the damage they've left behind years down the road. The town is then left holding the bag when it comes to infrastructure maintenance such as roads that require tax increases that are again laid at the feet of the town's residents. I would suggest the town look into options that might allow the state to purchase more farmland in order to preserve it. Do Enfield right by stopping the commercial creep we have experienced over the years, we need to preserve what's left!
- If you are saying, "mixed use" at square - I'm with you...If you are saying apartments only - NO! Enfield already made that mistake when they put "housing" around the pond and near the pond in the year of "urban renewal"...not a very forward thinking idea then really bad idea now..
- WE have no economic development plan. The CT River is a key, and what do we do with it.
- What economic development? Drive through South Windsor to see what real economic development looks like.
- Can you offer free or reduced rent for a year for major retailers that sign a multi-year lease at the Square? Since there is currently no income, you could possibly entice retailers (clothing,

shoes, etc...) to open /re-open in Enfield, especially considering the heavy retail traffic in town at present.

- I feel like the town should try to recycle properties instead of new construction
- You need to give people that live here a break with taxes. Not businesses
- The mall should be a shopping area
- No more low-income housing, utilize structure already built. Bring in QUALITY companies/brands that will also bring in buyers from surrounding towns...Trader Joe, Whole Foods
- New England version of The Villages FL retirement community, (2) Enfield version of Boston Public Market.
- Attract a Trader Joe's, Whole Foods s as bd Christmas Tree Shops
- NA
- Too many empty store fronts, these should be used before building any new ones.
- I was happy to see the town propose for the Amazon center. I encourage more of that kind of proactive approach rather than a wait and see. We need to attract or create something that make Enfield more of a destination. It's become something of a pass through town. I would like to see Thompsonville regain the character of a small New England town again.
- Absolutely love the large variety of business and shopping destinations we have in town.
- The mall needs revitalization. Could it be mixed space - retail and housing?
- Enfield square mall property should be used for community activities/shopping, something to draw in visitors
- Something needs to be done about the mall, it's sad. Trader Joe's would be perfect in one if the large empty spaces
- Keep residential areas residential. Keep industry in industrial parks. Preserve open space.
- Assist with small business grants to diversify Enfield, and generate more traffic to certain areas.
- we don't need more housing complexes if we don't have the people employed to house in them. Jobs that actually make something instead of business that tell us how to spend our money ie; investment services , banks etc
- It doesn't matter what this town tries to develop if it is choking its residents with exorbitant taxes.
- You can eat and shop in Enfield but there's not a lot of entertainment options.
- We need to use buildings and store fronts that already exist. Stop letting developers build new spaces. An example is the new Chase bank next to Men's Warehouse. A good example is how the old restaurant next to Olive Garden is being redesigned/remodeled to host new businesses.
- bring in a Trader Joe's or Whole Foods
- Establish a better long term plan using resident input.
- I think that industrial areas that abut residential areas should be closely looked and regulations/zoning should be adjusted to allow for buffer areas between the two. As I eluded to with other answers. Town residents should be allowed the ability to provide comment on these areas and share concerns/recommendations.
- more apartment in Thompsonville, apartments Enfield square.
- I feel that a community should be ashamed of itself for not a homeless shelter, even if was reginal.

- Bring back a nice theater to the Enfield Square Mall! or demolish the existing building and rebuild it with an outdoor mall. Keep the commercial use! do not bring housing to the area.
- Reuse/rehab existing buildings/lots. Hold property owners accountable for taxes, maintenance, etc.
- Enfield Square is separated from other residential uses by I-91, and there are no adjacent residential uses to the north, south or east. Multi-family residential could be placed on the far west end of the property, but a mixed entertainment, commercial district would be a better fit - perhaps development with retail/restaurant/entertainment on the ground floor and residential above would be an appropriate transition from the residential across the highway to the retail on the east. Made to fit,
- “Affordable housing” should be added
- Tax incentives
- Make Enfield more appealing to businesses, reach out
- Enfield mall - bring in small businesses and possibly recreational.
- Love to talk more about making Enfield step out ahead of other communities to make it more sought after.
- Bringing in industries that will change the everyday quality of life in Enfield, will not make Enfield a desirable place to live. The noise, traffic, destruction to the roads and visual effect to area, are all impacted negatively. Large warehouses belong in areas that do not impact residential quality of life. How can Enfield not see this?
- ADD 4, 10 STORY APARTMENT BUILDINGS TO ENFIELD SQUARE.
- affordable small senior apartments

48. Please add any additional comments you may have regarding municipal infrastructure and services in Enfield. – 141/512 responses

- Lets get the train station!!!
- more access to the public and inviting public participation
- it would be nice if upkeep were a priority for our municipal buildings instead of letting everything go until we need to spend millions of dollars on construction ie JFK middle school. The town needs to be more proactive then reactive.
- We need to make Enfield attractive to the young singles and families. Enfield tends to cater to the older residents. I'm 69 so not bias.
- What community center? You all should be ashamed of how the seniors are treated in ENFIELD. Closed the day center. No services or caring Town staff helping this population. These residents have paid the taxes the longest in Enfield. We are all getting to be of this age. If Enfield continues to treat the residents this poorly you are setting us all up for failure...including yourself!
- Plan for the future, aging/older residents
- consolidate fire departments and put under town
- need more and increased walking, biking and outdoor activities for people, pets, and community events
- The Town owns too many properties. DPW is poor condition and undersized but, not listed in survey. Should consolidate 5 fire departments
- the library needs to be a priority. it is shameful that our public library has not been renovated since it was built 50 years ago. outdoor recreation for all needs to be a priority and not just in the down town area. Whatever happened to the recreation study done years ago or the library study. We pay for these study and then abandon them.
- Why are fire stations on the list? They are not owner by the Town! Fix up the Lamagna Center, never mind buying more property near the Town Hall.
- ENFIELD SHOULD ONLY HAVE 1 FIRE DEPARTMENT.
- The website needs work. Not user friendly at all. Old information is ever removed. It takes an extremely long time and great tenacity to find the information you are looking for.
- Enfield should not compromise the years of following regulations and serving the public's best interest just to get a big business in this town. It seems like lately they have gone the opposite that the town has been for years. The middle of the road is better than what has been happening.
- Maintenance of schools needs to be better, especially with the recent investment in the middle and high schools
- Fire departments are independent entities. The town should have no control of the upkeep on the fire stations.
- We have committed to the High School and Middle School. These are top line, we now need to concentrate on family activities outside of school; Safe walking/hiking activities, community center. Town Annex is perfect, Could "rent" the classrooms to community groups, base the rental on the group's capabilities. Children could be at Scouting meeting, while the parent is attending an adult club meeting. So many possibilities!!
- fire departments should run enfield EMS .

- A transportation center that would connect the Town with the train.
- Recent Town Council meetings indicate that the town is moving all services out of Thompsonville, which is shameful. The Lamagna Center and Neighborhood Services are an essential part of the community in their current form. I hate to see these lost because some individuals claim moving/downsizing them will save money, which is unlikely. This looks like Enfield does not care about these residents and the essential services provided by social services. The loss of the pool at Lamagna would impact hundreds of children in the summer. Alcorn and Fermi are not a suitable replacement for the existing infrastructure. If these choices went to referendum, I believe you would see pushback from the community.
- Cut spending
- We do not need 5 fire stations. It's a waste of funds.
- There is a strong lack of resident safety in this town!
- Some of the above mentioned buildings are either fairly new, or recently renovated & quite nice already - the town should focus on MAINTENANCE of these facilities!
- Intermodal Transportation Center. Get it moving!!
- I do not think that we need new facilities. We need to improve the ones we have. We already lost a Planetarium due to lack of knowhow and simply asking for a lesson so another person could take over. Let's not lose anything else. That was a highlight as a kid, now it's only a memory.
- question 45 - do we have a community center? We don't need new buildings we need to maintain the ones we have
- Our Planning and zoning is a DISASTER. These should be elected roles.
- So focused on new new new. We need to focus on truly forming a plan to maintain what we have and upgrade when needed. This community loves to run buildings into the ground, ignore maintenance and then tax the hell out of our great residence to get brand new.
- 1 fire department with ems
- There is a lot of room for consolidation in Enfield, and more cost effective ways to provide services.
- Not sure why you listed fire stations as they are not town owned buildings, mistake like that makes me question the validity of this survey
- We've got great folks and services supporting us in town. I do think there are opportunities to be efficient/cost-effective and creative.
- N/A
- move Probate out of Town Hall
- No comments
- term limits
- Boards and commissions need to be user-friendly and supportive, rather than difficult to work with.
- We need to be more business friendly
- Too large a focus is made on Thompsonville at the detriment of the whole of the town. The plans for expansion of the Moody Road complex and Fermi Annex are in the best interest and use of the town. The Town has no business worrying or supporting the Fire Districts until such

time as they are managed under the taxing authority of the Town. Until then, it is to the District residents to deal with.

- All 5 fire districts are separately taxes and are not part of the town municipalities.
- The fire stations do not belong to the town of Enfield, they belong to the taxpayers in the fire district's. Should not be included in the survey
- The building on 110 high street is very new to be demolished
- The town does a good job.
- Focus on repurposing existing buildings
- Town residents should have access to all documents relating to the current status of every municipal building and it's current health status with regards to needed improvements.
- Need to get middle class young people to want to live and stay here. Cant cater to all the old people with no kids.
- The Fire Stations are not maintained by the town. Not sure why they are included.
- New Police Station needed or added onto as building is full up. Firehouses about right for square miles of Town covered.
- Why don't we have more for the children? We want to have an outlet for them to go have fun, and stay off of the streets
- poor poor planning
- Definitely need to do something with all the empty buildings in town and help people rent spaces to start their own businesses.
- I have lived in Enfield 64 of my 69 years, and don't plan on leaving anytime soon...
- I see that Enfield has many nice municipal buildings. The Lamagna center and pool are run down and should be replaced, but other than that, I think we are doing a great job with what we have.
- completely wipe out planning and zoning, these people have made a mockery of this town
- New EMS headquarters
- JP
- I serve on the Joint Facilities Committee and give the committee + DPW a lot of credit for tackling tough issues methodically & in a technically well informed way.
- Fully leverage federal and state aid on all projects to get most bang for the buck
- Planning and zoning makes it extremely tough for people to do things in the town , we needs to be more like south Windsor and welcome businesses and projects with open arms and not turn them away . The town of enfield is no longer a farming town we need to get with the program .
- Consider splash pads and youth rec center with free programs for youth
- Keep what you have, we don't need new buildings.
- LOWER TAXS
- Maintenance of (not necessarily improving) existing buildings and grounds and other town owned properties should be a priority.
- Walkability and bikability need to be seriously addressed. Often low cost improvements that importantly and significantly improve livability and community. The image the town projects is that walking is for poor, underserved, and lesser people. Look at lack of sidewalks, single side of the street sidewalks, poor sidewalk clearing in winter. And the one cycling/multiuse trail on Farm Town Rd is just shameful and the saddest excuse for a bike path

- #1 Priority should be to have a facilities plan for maintenance, updating, technology, safety, etc. eg roofs, infrastructure, etc. currently, This would inform the public of the ongoing needs of the community and allow us to stay current with those needs.
- We have enough schools, senior center, and fire departments
- Again - too many chiefs...
- WHY IS THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS EVEN MENTIONED IN THIS QUESTIONARE, WHEN THEY ARE SEPARATE ENTITIES ? AS THEY SET THEIR OWN TAX RATES, NOTHING TO DO WITH THE TOWN OF ENFIELD !!
- Quality of life for all Enfield residents must be the main priority of all town employees and officials. Allowing a land developer to construct a monstrous ugly warehouse on farm land next to a nice residential neighborhood (No. Maple & Moody) and unleashing a horrid amount of endless truck traffic in the area is about the worst example of recklessness, irresponsibility and abuse of power I've ever seen in Enfield. And I don't give a damn if "it's legal"!!
- Enfield is undergoing a slow process of being absorbed by Hartford and Springfield, e.g. crime and gangs. If folks from these areas want to move here, let them earn the privilege. Enfield needs to avoid big, state sponsored housing projects.
- All of the Fire Stations need to be combined under one administration.
- ETV is great
- Bike , walking lane, also a plan for electric low speed vehicles around town
- Town does a poor job of maintaining buildings. Roads project should not be on hold.
- I believe the municipal infrastructure is the last thing we need to do. The town hall is beautiful and adequate for what is required so that doesn't need any money put into it. With the recent over spending of money on our schools they are beyond necessity, so we do not need to spend more on them. We should get rid of the pearl St library, to only have one main library. Fire houses we have recently used more money than needed for the Thompsonville fire house, we do not need any more spending on them, we may even require one less fire house. I think some focus on senior living would be much appreciated by the older generations. Rec centers I think in today's day and age would be difficult to attract the younger crowds as the majority wouldn't go to them even if they were stat of the art, unless there was a high focus on coaching, teachers, guidance personnel. The police station I think could use some money to help update and possibly renovate to allow for advancement in technology as well has a sense of pride in local law inforcement.t.
- Enfield doesn't need new buildings. Utilize what it has.
- We have amazing services for seniors and the poor. Please focus on those who pay for these things with providing a town in an upward motion, not a town that looks shabby and overwhelmed. The roads are desperate for repair in the Presidential section and along major side streets.
- Because we are a border town the door is open as to what Enfield can do. First we have to establish ourselves and hire talented individuals to complete our industrial park. This survey probably will have a poor response but may be helpful. The town council will have to prior the direction, But please do not put residential housing on prime commercial real estate of the Enfield Square. Down town Thompsonville should be developed with a rail station, and taxi service. We should have a convention/entertainment center and hotel.

- Believe the town has enough municipal buildings but needs to finish upgrade on schools and improve libraries
- Pool is needed centrally located - mini kids pool and adult pool.
- Please have foresight to plan for future. We invest in buildings to only have them close or need to be upgraded again and again. Senior center and police station have been updated. Why put more into?
- We do not need to put more money to the police.
- We have plenty of services for elderly, but only one place for the youths to go. We need to do better for the kids in our community.
- why are we not focusing on out town library. Again everything is toward the younger families. They will be elderly one of these days. Take a look at the Windsor Library. They thought of every age group. And have any of you walked the trails across from Barts restaurant. In Windsor. Why does no one in this town think outside the box. Look at the shady wooded area on Brainerd Rd where the park is. What a waste. With a nice hardtop trail that would be great for any age to walk. Too bad the property by Freshwater had not been considered for an area such as this. It would have brought a lively addition to nothing but paved business areas. This town needs space for all ages to get out and walk, enjoy the fresh air, etc. With this Corvid virus people need that even more just to forget the constant negative in what is going on in our country. Don't be so focused on building but giving to us all for a better community. Thank you. I hope this will be looked at with new insights for a better town community.
- Break up some of the high tax stuff. Fire Dept.....EMS...sell ALL town stuff not being use. FILL the Fermi building with other town stuff. Use town stuff to get revenue when possible. Hire the town out for leaf collection ..tree work.
- Many schools are over 50 years old, Police, Senior ctr, A couple Fire Dept buildings are not very old. Town Hall in good shape, interior recently remodeled
- Maintain roads
- I wrote on the mass mutual building , now that you ask about fire departments and police stations, you could always add a town police agency there and a mini fire department. I would include lockup there but maybe a second command center for services from the police department as far as prescription drop off, toy drive registration, fingerprints, etc. kind of like we have that second mini town hall for.
- You schools have all been upgraded over years. Sell all the vacant town properties and stop spending money on moving town offices to other buildings to make conference rooms
- Services have been more user friendly lately, so continue the process
- none
- Potholes by design, sunk manhole covers
- I would like to see something like northwest park, Bliss Park, Look Park, Forest or any other park that has many activities, trails, places to picnic/BBQ. The town has space at Brainerd park and other parks.
- No comment
- Do what's needed
- It would be a nice to know how the Town Government itself currently stands on items 45 and 46- The public really has no information about the direction the Town Government wants to

take Enfield. They seem to make poorly planned and poorly informed decisions that years later have serious negative consequences.

- senior center is fine, some schools could use help, roads need improvement
- use your existing buildings rehab them
- Town Government is not transparent enough. Tax payers are not informed from the start, only at the end when it can be too difficult to correct a bad decision
- I feel all our facilities are in decent shape.
- Thanks for your consideration of my opinion.
- Buildings seem new, what's the problem? Why don't you reduce taxes rather than build unnecessary structures.
- roads are shot. full of potholes
- taxes are high as compared to surrounding towns ie Somers- Suffield- crime is also much lower in those areas
- Minutes of meetings could be published more timely
- There is a lot of duplication. I do not believe we need 5 fire stations but I think an added police center near Thompsonville would be helpful. Also a smaller Senior Activity Center run in conjunction with the current one that would be located near the Town Hall Area, would be more accessible.
- Top priority should be the fixing of the elementary schools. The original parts really need a lot of work. As for new, a community center is a fabulous idea. It could be at the Mass Mutual building and the rest of the acres could encompass new fields, bike, walking trails, sprinkler park and/or a concert outdoor amphitheater.
- No questions on our EMS facility. I have been inside that building. It's very small. Without spending significant money we could keep administration and small staff at this location. We should make an agreement with our fire districts and run an ambulance from one or two fire stations. Free up space and spread out our services.
- Get the school roofs DONE. Get our roads back on referendum. Put in a splash part at the "higgins park". get access to the river, walking, sitting, restaurants, cafes, fishing, boating. Get rid or demo the water thing up on Enfield street near the Eagle Bank - make open space. Put in sidewalks EVERYWHERE. I would like to see Weymouth Road sidewalks connected where the "S" curves use to be...get them connected (I am sure there are other places - one side is fine)
- Politicians in Enfield pay too much attention to their party. Who cares if it is a Democratic or Republican idea? And, why is the Town Chairman so important in making decisions?
- They need listen to the residents about issues such fixing roads and pay attention to drivers. I think the police need to be more strong about giving tickers to drivers. I have seen cars park on no parking signs, pass the red light. I almost had an accident because I car passed a red light. I think we need to add more traffic cameras.
- Enfield services suck. Money wasted on useless infrastructure, or poorly designed roads, or 4th of July celebrations for (mostly) out of towners.
- The town really does not seem to care about education, other than cutting costs. It's appalling that all the neighborhood schools were closed, and that for so many years our middle school students and teachers have had to manage in such terrible conditions. Elementary schools are dangerously filthy. We have wonderful teachers, but the town clearly does not value education

as it did when I moved here 25 years ago. I would not move here again if I had school aged children.

- Try to recycle some of the buildings we have in town before building new, but have a long-term plan in place before starting these projects
- Please reuse abandoned buildings before letting people build new
- The parking lots at most of the Elementary schools and Fermi High are awful as are many roads in town.
- Seniors with a specific income level should be given a tax discount on personal property, cars, homes..
- We need tennis courts! (The ones at Fermi are cracked and dangerous to play on.) Also, we could use better soccer facilities (the outdoor fields are swampy and prone to flooding).
- NA
- Enfield has a lot to offer but we need to make it look more appealing to the outsider. An empty mall right off 91 says we are not prosperous and any store that moves in has a short life, no real activities for kids not in school says we do not care about our youth but only our adults..(just look at how many bars and restaurants there are in town), no bike/walking trails say we do not care about our citizens health but only care about. again, the number of bars.....too many fast food restaurants and far too many medical facilities says we are a very unhealthy town.....all of this is just my observation paths say
- Enfield has focused a lot on Schools and kids and seniors. I would like to see more focus on services that benefit everyone.
- I have children who attend the elementary schools. They need updates. Both schools my kids attend have issues with leaking roofs. There is no AC, the heating is either super hot or nonexistent. And the school buildings need to be updated for 21st century security standards.
- Equitable approach - who needs the services and support, how do we know that, what do they need, and can we efficiently get them what they need.
- The schools are subpar so I had to opt for Crec schools for all of my children once they reached 6th grade.
- I think that we have enough schools and fire stations. I remember the days when the town hall held the police station and public works. We've come a long way since then. Some of our buildings may need some work but if I had to say what we need the most I it would be a community center.
- Worked with the building dept once and was told no permit needed; I wished they had also told us to check with zoning because we went ahead with someone that zoning then knocked down
- improving schools should be top priority
- Thank you very much for hosting this survey. I think it is a great way to get feedback from the residents and hopeful you take this input into consideration as we move the town forward together.
- we should only have 1 fire dept in Enfield
- It seems to me that when a subject is brought up it has already been decided.
- Three towns in the area are impressive in their on going development of town resources. Manchester is abundant with hiking trails and continue to build new ones. We drive there to hike on them. They have added trees and flowers to balance all the commercialism. Promote their rich history. Suffield is making their town-center more pedestrian friendly with good

results they had walking history tours of Suffield. Somers has bought the YMCA Camp with pond for resident to enjoy and they are taking our family farms for hiking. We hiked to those places. Also Enfield would learn a lot from those towns. Our rich history should be made more. not just a trip to the Enfield museum in the summer. Far too much emphasis is put on Thompsonville. I like to see plaques and signs put on all the learning school houses in Enfield. Elm St, Broad Brook Rd and former properties where school were once built. A solid Enfield geography and history program should be taught in grade school. An annual bus tour of all Enfield's important sights would be meaningful. How about and outdoor ice skiing rink as Suffield is providing this winter?

- More community outreach should be implemented. A partnership between Police, Fire, and Town Government Offices with the community would be nice. Monthly community meetings to discuss the community in general. Issues, or even updates on safety, health, and welfare. It would be a good way to stay connected.
- Take care of what we have. Responsible tax & spend.
- I believe that, in general, the Town does a good job of striking a balance between taxes and service, and generally recognizes the need to develop land use plans that will support economic growth, while still pro-actively maintaining open space and agricultural land. This is not to say that I agree with every decision, but I think the overall attitude is fair. I do believe that the Town is not as pro-active as it should be in protecting the historic assets of the town. We lose historic structures a few at a time, but it is a continuous loss. The decision to keep and repurpose the Casket building as part of a transportation center development is a good one, but it, too is fragile, and could run into hurdles. At the other end of the spectrum, the decision to demolish the Strand is one that was destruction by neglect. Thank you for the opportunity to respond to this survey.
- Not raising taxes should always be kept in mind
- The dmV is an abysmal process
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- Would like to see the possibility of mayoral form instead of town manager
- I think Enfield needs to grow outside the typical box because CT has such high taxes and businesses/people are moving out at an alarming rate. Make it attractive and create more of a bigger city feel with small town benefit right here drawing in higher income individuals to pay property taxes to travel just 20 miles from the city and experience all the amenities that popular

city apartment units provide. Convenience of post office services, shopping, entertainment space, health and fitness spaces, dog park/walk apace, possible pool and other conveniences for upscale living.

- LOWER MY TAX BILL