Teen Voice: 
Summary of Visioning for the Comprehensive Plan

Approximately 45 teens participated in a visioning session at Traip Academy on May 20, 2016. These are their responses.

#1

**Favorite Things about Kittery:**
- Historical Sites (Forts, etc.)****
- Beaches*
- Small Community*
- Accepting Local People*
- Clean Environment*
- Forests and scenic beauty**
- Not Too urban
- Shipyard
- Food
- Kittery Block Party
- “Wood Island”
- Outlets
- Open Space to Build on
- Small School
Least Favorite Things about Kittery:

• Not “Green”/Pollution*
• Culture of community
• Motels on by pass (Attracting drug dealers and crime)
• Poor Maintenance @ Athletic Fields (Need Improvements)
• Lack of athletic fields/space. (Need Expansion)**
• Shipyard/236 Traffic***
• Road conditions*
• Town Council
• Tourist Attractions
• Wasting land that is for animals
• No “Teen” places

#2/3 What do we want to add/change in Kittery?

• Small Local business
• Parking Garage**
  • In Foreside
• Bike Racks
• Bike Friendly Roads***
• Electric Charger for Cars
• Malls
  • Challenge: Balance between Pedestrians and traffic
  • Attract online businesses (i.e, Ebay Store)
• Companies that will employ teenagers
• Clean up abandoned building on Route 1*
  • “Hive” for bad things
  • Turn into Place for Teens
• Community Health Center
  • Help drug problem
• Parking***
• Expanding housing
• Creating policies and codes
• Bring more business
  • Challenge: Need Land, Need housing
• Additions to Foreside*
• Sports Fields**
• More attractions (Make Kittery known for something besides the outlets)
• Add more to our Parks
  • Ice Cream stands
  • Floats sales
• Housing
• Don't impede on Nature
• Don't Expand too much commercialization
• Development near the outlets
• Bridges across Route 1
• “De-Franchise”
• Public Transportation**
  • Shuttles
• Sidewalks
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- Hotels (not Motels)
  - A "Maine Style Motel"
- Tours
  - Given by Traip Students
- Places for Teens**
  - Skate Parks
  - Public Pools
- Music Venues
- Nature Trails Connecting Parts of Kittery
- Soup Kitchen*
  - Being more efficient/"Green"
    - Mandatory Compost
    - Preserving Land
  
Library:
  - Keeping it where it is
    - Beautiful, Sound building
    - Centralized
    - One less thing to worry about if remains in current location*
    - Consolidate building in the Rice Building*
  - Moving it to the KCC
    - Would be accessible from the Rec
    - Closer to neighborhoods
    - An unnecessary project to move it to the KCC
    - Without eliminating playing field
  - Sell The newer building*
    - Attract a new business in its place
  - During the summer put library in Star Theatre, move Star Theatre outside

Hunting in Town Forest:
  - Town Forest Needs to be preserved, No Hunting
  - Scheduled Hunting Times*
  - Signedge
  - Eliminate all Hunting in Town Forrest*

Dogs:
  - Leash Law must be enforced
  - Dogs should be allowed in public areas
  - Dog poop control
    - More trash cans
    - Compost bins for dog poop

School:
  - Create more Options
  - Take advantage of Location*
    - Water/Dock
  - Put better use to space
  - Build relationship with Navy Yard
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- Fundraising through Tourists
  - “School Store”
  - Sell School merchandise (Student Art, Athletic Gear, etc.)
  - Teach kids a class through the store, learning how to manage money, etc.

#4
If you could do One Thing to make Kittery a better place what would it be?:
- Teen Center/Activities*
- Connect the different aspects of town
- Athletic Fields
- Making Kittery “Green”
- Connect school to community**
- Small Local Business