

Braintree Master Plan Community Survey

Thank you for your interest in participating in the Braintree Master Plan project! The Master Plan will be a 10-year vision and roadmap for Braintree's future and will be the foundational policy document for the Town - guiding local decisions to help shape the future of the community.

Your responses to this survey will help the project team create a community vision and identify goals to incorporate in the Master Plan as part of Phase II - Braintree Tomorrow. This phase of the Master Plan process helps us discover what the community values about Braintree, identify common hopes and aspirations, and learn what matters most to you.

This survey takes an average of 10-15 minutes. While we welcome your feedback on every topic, you are free to skip any questions that are not required questions.

Check out the Braintree Master Plan [project website](#) to find out more.

* Are you currently a Braintree resident? (This question is required)

Yes

No

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How are you affiliated with Braintree?

- Business Owner
- Property Owner (not your primary residence)
- Place of Employment
- Friends or Family Live Here
- Other (please specify)

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Which neighborhood of Braintree do you live in?

Do you serve on a Braintree town board, committee, or commission?

- Yes, I currently serve on a town board, committee, or commission
- No, but I have in the past
- No, I have not yet served

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* Choose three adjectives from the list below that you feel best describe qualities that you love about Braintree (Note: this question is mandatory)

- | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community | <input type="checkbox"/> Small |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Convenient | <input type="checkbox"/> Supportive |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walkable | <input type="checkbox"/> Welcoming |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clean | <input type="checkbox"/> Diverse |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Accessible | <input type="checkbox"/> Natural |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Quiet | <input type="checkbox"/> Historic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Residential | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | |

- None of the above

Considering things that work well in Braintree, complete the sentence: "Braintree is a community that _____."

Considering things that could be improved about Braintree, complete the sentence: "Braintree is a community that should _____."

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The Draft Phase I Existing Conditions report contains preliminary findings on the various elements to be included in the Master Plan. You'll find brief blurbs about the draft findings for each element in this survey.

Historic and Cultural Resources: There are 780 historic resource properties inventoried in Braintree, but there are many more historic resources that have not been inventoried. Cultural resources like public art, festivals, art and theater classes, cultural organizations, and more are seen to enrich Braintree. Finally, the demographic makeup of Braintree is changing, and the Town has a greater diversity of people from various cultures.

Which of the following historic/cultural initiatives or facilities would you like to see in Braintree in the next ten years?

	Very Interested	Interested	Neutral	Not at all interested
Community center	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Expanded or improved Library	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Expanded or improved local historic exhibit space	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Greater support for preservation and rehabilitation of historic buildings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
More arts and cultural events	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
More language accessibility (translated documents and materials from the Town)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public art or gallery space	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Stronger protections for privately-owned historic properties	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

Please explain your choices:

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Open Space, Natural Resources, and Recreation: About 22% of Braintree is protected open space and 45% of the Town has tree canopy coverage. The Open Space & Recreation Plan calls for improvements to existing parks, playgrounds, and athletic fields. There is currently limited access to the Monatiquot River, and many points along the river have commercial uses. There are currently plans in place to expand river access through walking trails.

Within the next decade, how interested would you be in the following initiatives related to natural resources?

	Very Interested	Interested	Neutral	Not at all interested
Increase tree canopy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Limit impervious surfaces for new development/redevelopment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lower water consumption and reduce wastewater generation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Preserve and restore natural habitats	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Restore vegetation buffers to waterbodies to filter pollutants and improve water quality	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

Please explain your choices:

What kinds of open space and recreation resources would you like to see for community use and enjoyment in the next decade?

	Very Interested	Interested	Neutral	Not at all interested
Acquire more conservation land for public enjoyment of nature	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Create more recreation facilities for older adults	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Create more recreation facilities for youth	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Create off-road bike paths	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Expand and/or connect hiking trails	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Expand river access and river walk along the Monaquot River	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improve cleaning and regular maintenance of existing recreation facilities (e.g., parks, playgrounds, and open spaces)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improve existing recreation facilities (e.g., parks and playgrounds)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improve the quality of waterbodies for swimming	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

Please explain your choices:

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Demographics & Housing: Since 2010, the population in Braintree has grown faster than housing units, which puts pressure on housing prices and rents. Most households living in Braintree would not be able to afford to buy a home in Braintree at today's prices. Braintree's population of older adults (over the age of 65) is projected to grow in the coming decades and younger adults (20-34) are projected to decline. Housing needs can change at different life stages.

As Braintree's population changes, what types of housing choices would you like to see more of, if any, in the next ten years?

	Very Interested	Interested	Neutral	Not at All Interested
Accessible homes for individuals with disabilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Age restrictive housing (for residents over 55 years old)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Attached single-family/townhouses	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cooperative living arrangements (with friends, family, home care provider, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Flexible or Cluster Development	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lower-priced homes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Multi-family complex with amenities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Service-enriched (services such as helping older adults age-in the community and others with special needs)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Small apartments on existing single-family properties (i.e., Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs))	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Single-family homes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Smaller, cottage-style or tiny homes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Two-family homes/duplexes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

Please explain your choices:

Economic Development: Braintree is in an excellent position to take advantage of regional market trends including the growth of the life sciences sector, while also supporting a strong small business environment. Though the number of jobs in town decreased slightly over the last decade, some important industries and subsectors have grown, including Administration & Support, Health Care, Construction, and Pharmaceutical manufacturing. Furthermore, there could be real estate development opportunities throughout Braintree that support future business growth, especially for adaptive reuse of existing buildings, redevelopment of sites that are vacant or no longer serve their best use, and for infill in places that are already more thoroughly developed.

Which, if any, of the following business types would you like to see more of in Braintree?

	Very Interested	Interested	Neutral	Not at all Interested
Business-to-Business Services (sales, design, consulting, finance, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Business-to-Consumer Services (accounting, legal services, insurance, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Culture and entertainment (theaters, music venues, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Entrepreneurship	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Health Care & Social Assistance (doctors, dentists, home health aides, human services, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hotels and hospitality	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Production & Light Manufacturing (food production/processing, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Research and Development/Advanced Manufacturing (life sciences laboratories, pharmaceutical manufacturing, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Restaurants (chains)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Restaurants (local)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Retail (chains)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Retail (local)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Warehousing and Distribution	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

Please explain your choices:

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Transportation: Many of Braintree’s roads carry high volumes of local and cut-through traffic which has resulted in traffic congestion, speeding, and other related safety issues in some neighborhoods. Braintree is well-served by public transit routes, but some locations lack safe or complete connections to transit stops. In Braintree’s local business districts, parking access is important for business viability. In many ways, the Town encourages and supports walking and biking, but there are some critical gaps in the bicycle and pedestrian network.

What types of transportation infrastructure or services would you like to see in Braintree in the next decade?

	Very Interested	Interested	Neutral	Not at all interested
Expand bicycling infrastructure (bike paths, bike lanes, parking stations, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Expand transportation options for older adult residents	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improve access and availability of public parking in local business districts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improve and expand sidewalk network	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improve connectivity for bicyclists and pedestrians to transit stops	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improve roads to reduce crashes and increase safety	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increase public transportation within Braintree	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Make improvements to reduce traffic congestion	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

Please explain your choices:

Public Facilities and Services: Braintree's public buildings including school facilities are old and require major improvements and continued maintenance. Some departments have positions to fill but the hiring freeze paused hiring activity. Finally, Braintree's demographics have changed. The Town's population is changing - it has become more racially and ethnically diverse, and is projected to become older.

What types of capital improvements projects would you like to see Braintree implement in the next decade?

	Very Interested	Interested	Neutral	Not at all interested
Construct a new police headquarters to replace the current facility	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Construct a new facility for the Department of Public Works to replace the current facility	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Continue to invest in the modernization and/or reconstruction of public school buildings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ensure the Town's water and sewer infrastructure is adequate to serve the community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ensure the Town's stormwater system can continue to meet the needs as storm events increase with longer durations and more intensity	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Modernize and expand the Senior Center which could also support a new office for Veteran's Affairs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

Please explain your choices:

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Sustainability & Resilience: Braintree is experiencing effects of climate change including higher temperatures, sea level rise, and increased flooding. Urban heat islands and pollution are disproportionately impacting low income, Black Indigenous People of Color (BIPOC), and English as Second Language populations in Braintree. Braintree has several initiatives and plans focused on hazard mitigation, climate change, and resilience which will require investment for successful implementation.

What types of sustainability and resilience approaches and initiatives would you like to see Braintree take in the next decade?

	Very Interested	Interested	Neutral	Not at all interested
Develop wellness programs that address the illnesses and conditions forecast to be exacerbated by climate changes and the populations forecast to be disproportionately affected	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Encourage future development and redevelopment in areas that are not prone to natural hazards.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Identify gaps in services and develop strategies to address them	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increase walking and biking infrastructure to reduce dependency on single occupancy vehicles	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Produce more renewable energy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reduce solid waste through reuse, recycling, and composting	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Strategically plant trees to reduce urban heat islands	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Upgrade infrastructure and providing resources for hazard resilience	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

Please explain your choices:

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What is your age?

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> 17 or younger | <input type="radio"/> 55-64 |
| <input type="radio"/> 18-24 | <input type="radio"/> 65-74 |
| <input type="radio"/> 25-34 | <input type="radio"/> 75-84 |
| <input type="radio"/> 35-44 | <input type="radio"/> 85 or older |
| <input type="radio"/> 45-54 | |

Gender: How do you identify?

- Female
- Non-binary
- Male
- Prefer to self-describe, below

Self-describe:

What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received?

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Less than high school degree | <input type="radio"/> Associate degree |
| <input type="radio"/> High school degree or equivalent (e.g., GED) | <input type="radio"/> Bachelor degree |
| <input type="radio"/> Some college but no degree | <input type="radio"/> Graduate degree |

Which of the following categories best describes your employment status?

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Employed, working 35 or more hours per week | <input type="radio"/> Retired |
| <input type="radio"/> Employed, working less than 35 hours per week | <input type="radio"/> Disabled, not able to work |
| <input type="radio"/> Not employed, looking for work | <input type="radio"/> Full-Time Student |
| <input type="radio"/> Not employed, NOT looking for work | |

How much total combined income did all members of your HOUSEHOLD earn last year (including all income sources)?

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="radio"/> \$0 to \$9,999 | <input type="radio"/> \$125,000 to \$149,999 |
| <input type="radio"/> \$10,000 to \$24,999 | <input type="radio"/> \$150,000 to \$174,999 |
| <input type="radio"/> \$25,000 to \$49,999 | <input type="radio"/> \$175,000 to \$199,999 |
| <input type="radio"/> \$50,000 to \$74,999 | <input type="radio"/> \$200,000 and up |
| <input type="radio"/> \$75,000 to \$99,999 | <input type="radio"/> Prefer not to answer |
| <input type="radio"/> \$100,000 to \$124,999 | |

How would you describe your racial identity? Select all that apply.

- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- White
- Two or more races
- Prefer not to answer
- Prefer to self-describe:

Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin? Select all that apply.

- No, not Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish
- Yes, Mexican, Mexican-American
- Yes, Puerto Rican
- Yes, Cuban, Cuban-American
- Some other Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish group, please specify:

How long have you been associated with Braintree (either as a resident, employee, property or business owner, or other associations)?

- Less than 1 year
- 1-5 years
- 6-10 years
- 11-20 years
- 21-30 years
- 31-40 years
- 41-50 years
- Over 50 years

If you currently live in Braintree, do you anticipate moving elsewhere in the next five years?

- Yes
- No
- I do not live in Braintree

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Which of the following best describes your current housing situation?

- Homeowner
- Renter
- Living with others but not paying rent or mortgage
- Living with others and assisting with paying rent or mortgage
- Other (please specify)

Including yourself, how many people currently live in your household?

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- More than 4

How many of your household members are age 18 or under?

- None
- 1
- 2
- 3
- More than 3

How many of your household members are age 65 or over?

- None
- 1
- 2
- 3
- More than 3

Have any of your household's characteristics or income levels changed due to the COVID-19 pandemic?

- Yes
- No

If so, please describe:

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Have you already participated in a Braintree Master Plan engagement event (such as a focus group, Community Forum, Meeting in a Box group, or visited our table at a summer event)?

- Yes
- No
- I'm not sure

What other ideas or suggestions do you have about your vision for the future of Braintree?