

Questions for Open Space and Farmland Preservation Informational Meeting 3/18/08

How important is it to you that The Town of Newstead maintains its rural character?
Very important, important, neutral, not important

Do you believe the Town of Newstead should be actively involved in open space and farmland preservation?
Yes No

Do you believe that preserving open space and farmland will increase the value of your home? Yes No

Of the approximately 20,000 acres available for development, how many acres would you like to see preserved as open space? _____ Acres

Should most all property be eligible for protection or should specific criteria be developed and used for the determination of what open space or farmland should be protected?
_____ all property _____ specific criteria

Studies have shown that in the presence of pressure from residential development, carefully preserving open space and farmland can actually help reduce property tax increases. True False

How much would you be willing to spend per year in additional property taxes in order to preserve open space and farmland?
\$0 \$30 \$60 \$90 \$100 \$150 \$200 greater than \$200

Please rank the “tools” and techniques presented here tonight starting with the most desirable (1) to the least desirable (10).

- Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) _____,
- Conservation Easements (CE) _____,
- Agricultural Conservation Easements (ACE) _____,
- Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) _____,
- Lease or Term Conservation Easements (LCE) _____,
- Green Printing-Master Planning _____,
- Zoning Ordinances _____,
- Subdivision Ordinances _____,
- Town Should Purchase Open space _____,
- Others? _____

If you are a property owner, are you already receiving an agricultural assessment?
Yes No Don't Know

If you are a property owner, how likely is it that you would consider participating in an open space or farmland preservation program?
Yes Maybe No

Were most of the terms and techniques discussed this evening explained to your satisfaction? Yes No

Were most of your questions answered by tonight's informational meeting to your satisfaction?
Yes No

What question (s) was not answered to your satisfaction? Please include address if you wish a specific answer.