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Zip Code	Age	Years in Millinocket	How many years have you been visiting Millinocket?	Highest Level of Education	I feel the town is making progress in economic development.	
4103	55-64		25	32 Master's Degree	Neutral	
4401	25-34		1	1 Bachelor's Degree	Neutral	
4462	55-64		3	3 Associate's Degree	Strongly Disagree	
4416	35-44		19	36 Master's Degree	Agree	
4200	45-54		8	8 Doctoral Degree	Agree	
4462	55-64		14	14 Some college	Agree	
4462	35-44		2	10 Master's Degree	Agree	
4462	55-64		20	20 Bachelor's Degree	Neutral	
4462	45-54	Born and raised	All my life	Master's Degree	Neutral	
4462	45-54		2	3 Bachelor's Degree	Neutral	
4462	55-64		50	0 Bachelor's Degree	Agree	
4462	18-24		18	18 Some college	Strongly Disagree	
4462	65-74		69	Live here	High School Diploma/ GED equivalent	Disagree
4462	35-44		2	2 Master's Degree	Strongly Agree	
4462	45-54		17	17 Bachelor's Degree	Agree	
04460 home, 04462 business	35-44		15	38 Master's Degree	Agree	
4462	65-74		4	4 Master's Degree	Neutral	
4462	65-74		14	10 Bachelor's Degree	Strongly Agree	
4462	55-64		55	N/A	Associate's Degree	Agree
4462	55-64		32	33 Master's Degree	Agree	
4414	55-64	Visitor		59 Some college	Agree	
4462	65-74		5	35 Master's Degree	Agree	
4462	55-64		1	3 High School Diploma/ GED equivalent	Agree	
4462	55-64		55	0 Master's Degree	Agree	
2563	35-44		0	30 Doctoral Degree	Agree	
4462	35-44		7	20 Bachelor's Degree	Disagree	
4462	55-64		56	56 Master's Degree	Neutral	
4462	25-34		6	29 Some college	Disagree	
4462	55-64		22	36 Some college	Agree	
4430	25-34		4	4 Some college	Agree	
4462	45-54		53	53 Associate's Degree	Disagree	
4400	45-54	16 years in the region	30 years	Bachelor's Degree	Agree	
4462	35-44		8	35 Some college	Strongly Disagree	
4462	35-44		16	35 Bachelor's Degree	Agree	
4462	25-34		28	I don't visit. I reside.	Bachelor's Degree	Strongly Disagree
4462	25-34		1	2 Associate's Degree	Agree	
4462	55-64		40	40 Some college	Agree	
85374	55-64		63	63 Master's Degree	Agree	
4462	65-74		16	0 Some college	Agree	
4462	35-44		39	44 Bachelor's Degree	Strongly Disagree	
4043	45-54		0	40 Bachelor's Degree	Agree	
4462	55-64		61	61 Some college	Strongly Disagree	
4462	55-64		2	many	Some college	Agree

4462	65-74		1		1	Bachelor's Degree	Agree
4462	25-34		3		0	Master's Degree	Agree
1810	45-54		0		3	Master's Degree	Neutral
4462	45-54		50		50	Associate's Degree	Agree
4462	45-54	LIFETIME		I LIVE HERE		Bachelor's Degree	Strongly Disagree
2184	65-74	18 as a youth		60 off and on		Bachelor's Degree	Agree
4347	45-54		3		3	Doctoral Degree	Agree
4462	45-54		50	I live here		Bachelor's Degree	Agree
4462	under 18		15		15	High School Diploma/ GED equivalent	Neutral
4412	45-54		0		45	Master's Degree	Neutral
4462	55-64		1		30	Associate's Degree	Neutral
4462	45-54	Hubby 6 months, I move here in 2 weeks			3	Some college	Agree
4462	18-24		22		22	Bachelor's Degree	Disagree
3820	45-54		18		34	Master's Degree	Strongly Agree
4462	25-34		2		12	Bachelor's Degree	Strongly Agree
4462	55-64		10		10	Some college	Agree
4462	75-84		2		25	Some college	Disagree
4462	35-44		4	Many		Master's Degree	Agree
4462	45-54		14		50	Bachelor's Degree	Strongly Disagree
4462	45-54		4		11	Associate's Degree	Neutral
4462	35-44		5		8	Bachelor's Degree	Agree
4462	35-44		40		40	Master's Degree	Strongly Agree
4462	45-54		46		1	Associate's Degree	Disagree
4462	35-44		42		0	Associate's Degree	Disagree
4462	25-34		9.5		22	Some college	Neutral
4462	25-34		7		0	Bachelor's Degree	Disagree
4462	55-64		56		1	Associate's Degree	Strongly Disagree
4462	55-64	LIFETIME			56	Bachelor's Degree	Disagree
4462	35-44		3		10	Bachelor's Degree	Disagree
2359	45-54		3		4	Some college	Agree
	under 18					Some High School	Strongly Disagree
4462	under 18		17		0	Some High School	Agree
4462	under 18		8		4	Some High School	Agree
4462	under 18		14		0	Some High School	Agree
4462	under 18		10		0	Some High School	Disagree
4462	under 18		17		0	Some High School	Neutral
4462	18-24		1		2	Some High School	Agree
4462	under 18		1		0	Some High School	Neutral
4462	18-24		1		1	Some High School	Neutral
4462	18-24		17		0	Some High School	Agree
4462	under 18		17		0	Some High School	Agree
4462	under 18		17		0	Some High School	Agree
4462	18-24		19		0	Some High School	Disagree
4462	18-24		18		0	Some High School	Disagree
4462	under 18		17		0	Some High School	Disagree
4462	18-24		17		0	Some High School	Agree
4462	under 18		13		4	Some High School	Neutral
4462	18-24		18		0	Some High School	Neutral
4462	under 18		17		0	Some High School	Agree
4462	under 18		2		0	Some High School	Agree
4462	18-24		10		0	Some High School	Agree
4462	under 18		13		0	Some High School	Agree
4462	18-24		3		0		
4462	18-24		18		0	Some High School	Agree
4462	under 18		4		4	Some High School	Neutral
4462	under 18		17		0		Agree
4462	under 18		17		0		Agree
4462	under 18		5		10	Some High School	Neutral
4462	18-24		18		0	Some High School	Neutral
4462	18-24		18		0	Some High School	Strongly Disagree
4462	under 18		10		0	Some High School	Strongly Disagree
4462	18-24		18		0	Some High School	Agree
4462	under 18		17		0	Some High School	Agree
4462	under 18		17		0	Some High School	Neutral
4462	18-24		18		0	Some High School	Neutral
4462	18-24		5		18	Some High School	Agree
4462	75-84		51		0	Bachelor's Degree	Agree
4462	55-64		1		0	Some college	Agree
4462	55-64		62		0	Some college	Disagree
4462	18-24		1		0	Bachelor's Degree	Agree
4462	65-74		61		0	Bachelor's Degree	Disagree

I would support a southern entrance through Millinocket to the Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument Recreation Area.	I would support taking steps towards becoming an age friendly community.	How important do you feel recreation is to economic development?
Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Very Important
Agree	Strongly Agree	Important
Strongly Agree	Neutral	Important
Strongly Agree	Agree	Very Important
Strongly Agree	Agree	Very Important
Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Very Important
Agree	Agree	Important
Agree	Strongly Agree	Very Important
Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Very Important
Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Very Important
Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Very Important
Strongly Agree	Agree	Important
Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Very Important
Agree	Agree	Very Important
Agree	Strongly Agree	Very Important
Agree	Strongly Agree	Very Important
Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Very Important
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Strongly Disagree	Agree	Very Important
Strongly Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Very Important
Strongly Disagree	Agree	Very Important
Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Very Important
Neutral	Neutral	Somewhat Important
Strongly Agree	Agree	Important
Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Very Important
Strongly Disagree	Agree	Somewhat Important
Agree	Neutral	Very Important
Strongly Disagree	Neutral	Somewhat Important
Neutral	Agree	Very Important

Neutral	Agree	Important
Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Very Important
Agree	Neutral	Important
Strongly Agree	Agree	Very Important
Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Somewhat Important
Agree	Agree	Not Important
Strongly Agree	Agree	Important
Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Very Important
Neutral	Strongly Agree	Very Important
Agree	Neutral	Somewhat Important
Agree	Agree	Very Important
Neutral	Strongly Agree	Very Important
Disagree	Agree	Neutral
Strongly Agree	Agree	Important
Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Very Important
Neutral	Agree	Somewhat Important
Strongly Agree	Strongly Disagree	Very Important
Agree	Strongly Agree	Very Important
Strongly Agree	Agree	Important
Strongly Disagree	Agree	Very Important
Strongly Agree	Agree	Very Important
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Strongly Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Important
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Agree	Agree	Very Important
Agree	Agree	Important
Neutral	Agree	Important
Agree	Agree	Important
Strongly Agree	Agree	Somewhat Important
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Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral
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Strongly Disagree	Agree	Important
Strongly Disagree	Agree	Important
Agree	Strongly Agree	Very Important
Agree	Agree	Very Important
Strongly Agree	Agree	Important
Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Very Important
Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Very Important

How important do you feel industry is to economic development?	How important do you feel beautification is to our town?	How important do you feel are activities such as the sports, arts, and other community programs in our town?	How likely are you to recommend Millinocket as a great place to live, work, or play?
Very Important	Very Important	Very Important	10
Important	Important	Important	8
Somewhat Important	Very Important	Important	5
Very Important	Very Important	Very Important	10
Very Important	Important	Very Important	8
Very Important	Very Important	Very Important	10
Important	Very Important	Very Important	7
Very Important	Important	Very Important	10
Very Important	Very Important	Important	8
Very Important	Very Important	Very Important	10
Very Important	Important	Important	10
Very Important	Very Important	Important	1
Somewhat Important	Very Important	Very Important	5
Very Important	Very Important	Very Important	10
Very Important	Important	Important	10
Very Important	Very Important	Very Important	9
Important	Important	Very Important	6
Somewhat Important	Very Important	Very Important	10
Important	Important	Very Important	10
Very Important	Very Important	Very Important	8
Not Important	Very Important	Very Important	8
Very Important	Very Important	Very Important	6
Very Important	Very Important	Very Important	10
Very Important	Very Important	Very Important	8
Not Important	Important	Not Important	7
Somewhat Important	Very Important	Somewhat Important	8
Very Important	Very Important	Very Important	6
Important	Important	Important	6
Important	Very Important	Important	7
Neutral	Very Important	Very Important	10
Very Important	Very Important	Very Important	10
Very Important	Very Important	Very Important	10
Very Important	Neutral	Neutral	5
Not Important	Very Important	Very Important	10
Very Important	Very Important	Very Important	1
Very Important	Very Important	Very Important	8
Very Important	Neutral	Neutral	10
Important	Important	Not Important	5
Important	Very Important	Very Important	8
Very Important	Not Important	Very Important	3
Important	Very Important	Very Important	10
Very Important	Important	Not Important	10
Very Important	Very Important	Important	8

Not Important	Somewhat Important	Important	7
Very Important	Important	Important	7
Very Important	Somewhat Important	Important	6
Very Important	Important	Very Important	10
Very Important	Not Important	Somewhat Important	7
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Neutral	Very Important	Very Important	4
Very Important	Very Important	Very Important	10
Very Important	Important	Important	7
Important	Important	Important	7
Very Important	Very Important	Important	8
Not Important	Not Important	Not Important	5
Important	Important	Important	5
Very Important	Important	Very Important	8
Important	Important	Very Important	5
Very Important	Neutral	Very Important	4
Important	Neutral	Important	4
Important	Important	Important	10
Somewhat Important	Important	Neutral	6
Important	Very Important	Important	4
Neutral	Very Important	Very Important	4
Important	Very Important	Very Important	9
Neutral	Important	Very Important	10
Very Important	Neutral	Somewhat Important	7
Important	Important	Very Important	9
Important	Important	Very Important	9
Very Important	Important	Very Important	8
Very Important	Somewhat Important	Important	8
Very Important	Important	Important	9
Very Important	Important	Important	5
Very Important	Somewhat Important	Important	7
Very Important	Important	Important	4
Important	Very Important	Important	3
Very Important	Very Important	Very Important	8
Somewhat Important	Somewhat Important	Neutral	9
Neutral	Important	Very Important	7
Very Important	Important	Very Important	9
Neutral	Very Important	Very Important	9
Important	Neutral	Very Important	7
Very Important	Not Important	Neutral	3
Neutral	Neutral	Somewhat Important	6
Neutral	Neutral	Somewhat Important	3
Important	Neutral	Important	5
Somewhat Important	Important	Very Important	5
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Important	Neutral	Neutral	10
Very Important	Important	Important	9
Very Important	Very Important	Important	8
Very Important	Very Important	Very Important	10
Important	Important	Very Important	8
Very Important	Very Important	Very Important	9

What attracts you to want to live here or visit Millinocket?
People - the community, access to all activities enabled by freshwater and the magic of a wild forest.
Great community!
The access to outdoor activities
Family, friends and a near by recreation area
Natural beauty and clean resources, outdoor activity all year round, good places to eat, things to do at night, improving! Love the energy of the trails end festival and the mill marathon!!!
The price of housing first attracted us. Hubby and I are both on Social Security. We tithe and sacrificially give to our church and have a wonderful life financially. We recreate a lot in our beautiful town and surrounding area and Great people, proximity to and access to the out doors and outdoor recreation, with nice amenities, like restaurants, hotels, etc.
I grew up in Millinocket and have moved back to home on South Twin Lake. We love the outdoor activities and access to parks. It is a beautiful area and we hope more friend move back after retirement.
Beauty of the region and the number and variety of outdoor experiences
Low crime. Natural beauty. Friendly people.
It is home. Friendliness. Small town.
None
Parks and Rec
Small town, remote, quiet, beautiful landscape, access to outdoor recreation and outdoor hobbies, great opportunity to be involved in the community and apply unique skills and talents to jobs in the future with people and indid access to outdoor recreational activities; small town; community atmosphere, friendly residents
I love it here. Not a lot of traffic, safe, quiet, friendly, close to nature, family is here, spectacular beauty...freedom is just a short car ride from my office. So much potential here.
natural surroundings
I am primarily here for family reasons. I lived here as a child, graduated from Stearns, and left for education, etc. My 92-year-old mother is here in Katahdin Health Care, my brother, his wife, my nephew, his wife and child, and look around at other areas of the state to see what they are doing that we might do hear. I would love to see more emphasis put on arts and culture, community development, and youth opportunities. There is a kids club in the
We have a very strong group of home crafters here and I would love to see some people step up to organize a co-op to provide a structure for further development of these home industries. Other communities provide this and
As for community development, I recently heard of a microbrewery that provides a community center as part of there business. They provide space for cards, games, etc. to the community. Not sure what else they do. But, it v Safe Town and close to the outdoor Recreation
Recreational opportunities, friendly people, relative easier cost of living.
Millinocket is a great community, I love the little neighborhoods, and the feeling of family. They are working hard to get beyond the mills.
The surroundings, the slower pace of life, the ease of living here.
The people, scenery, stress free.
I like the small town atmosphere where people are friendly and look out for each other. I feel safe here. The beauty of the mountain, area lakes and open spaces are another reason I like living here. I like the local talent, and
Outdoors, Baxter, recreation (lakes, snowmobiling), friendly people
Close community, outdoor recreation, family
Friendly community
Snowmobiling, ice fishing, fishing
Place
The community here is amazing. Oh sure, the gossip flies around but when it comes down to it, if someone has a need, people here care and are willing to help
Small town...very safe
Top 4 seasons recreation.
Natural beauty.
Safe place to live and bring up children.
Snowmobiling hunting fishing and wilderness
quality of life
Everything outside the epitomy of a national monument.
Safe place to raise children.
Free access to fishing / hunting friendly land
Grew up in Millinocket, love the area, forest, and people.
Quiet, natural beauty, caring community, less rural than other towns in the area, large city (Bangor) close enough, hospital in town, active Catholic church, and local police department.
Baxter State Park
Family
1. The people
2. Baxter Park
3. Food and drink in town.
4. A hub when visiting KK&W.
Family here, true four seasons
I have lived here early in the 2000s for several years, and this time 2 years but permanently, great area for recreation and community values. Children friendly community, family oriented, and friendly to newcomers.

Home prices, quality of life, friendliness of people, natural beauty.
My husband's place-based job brought us to Millinocket.
I was initially attracted to visit due to the marathon. I do enjoy the outdoors, and would enjoy the opportunity to visit Baxter state park, hike Mt. Katahdin, and the new national monument.
Nature, small population, family MY HOMETOWN Right now, the natural beauty of the area and the variety of outdoor activities year round.
Natural beauty, Proximity to Baxter and Woods and Waters. The marathon. It's home. Safe community, beautiful area, good schools if you stay involved. Nature I visit Millinocket as an entrance to the Baxter State Park area in the summer and to run the Millinocket marathon and half marathon in December. Affordable housing, small schools and outdoor recreation.
The town, the people have been extremely welcoming. Also looking for a better quality of life. Less work and more time for outside activities and time to be active in the community Baxter State Park
I grew up in Millinocket until I went to college. My parents remained in Millinocket and I eventually sold my childhood home in 2000. My father worked in the mill and he built a camp on Cedar Lake and I have visited camp ever. Cost of living, recreation, family
Away from the big cities and affordable housing cost
The people, the Mountain, the whole area. A great job on the edge of the woods.
I don't this town hates it's citizens and the town office is run by a bunch of criminals. Housing costs, businesses in the area Small town, great people, wonderful community, lots to do Sense of community We need more people who want to work with jobs that can employ them. We need productive members of society. The kids need all opportunities in school with education and extra curricular activities.
School The beauty and people of the area. Outdoor recreation. Hunting, fishing, hiking, camping, atv, snowmobiles, lakes, etc. The natural beauty of the Katahdin region. MY HOME TOWN Narional park and Appalachain Trail
Access to lakes, snowmobile/ATV trails, fishing, boating, hiking and white water rafting...
My parents live here and it's a nice small town. Safety, close-knit community, location, extra curriculars. It is a quiet small town that is pretty peaceful. We have gorgeous woods and natural scenery. Not much else. The lakes and the land around us. Decent for retirement. I absolutely love the sights.
Only Baxter State Park and the National Woods Monument. The people, the scenery, things to do in the summer. The small community, and also the lakes, wildlife The freedom, the woods and all the good hunting, fishing, and trapping. The mountain and lakes. Mountain. Hunting, white water kayaking/rafting, other outdoor activities. The sites and outdoor activities attract people to our town. Quiet. To be able to be in the middle of the woods with only five minutes of driving. Family and Community. Nothing. I wish my parents had never moved here. The beauty of Millinocket, and the "small town feel".
Beautiful environment. The fact that the town is small and most people know each other. Mountain, Community, Family, Park. The Maine Wilderness and sports/performing arts. Location and family. Nature Nothing. It's cold and my parents force me to live in this God for saken place. Snowsledding and being outside. Visit...summer sites at Baxter Park. The mountain and surrounding lakes. Family, mountain, friends, camp, snowmobiling, boating, the lakes. Golden Road People, snow, Golden Road. Money from recreation. Better sled trails for everyone. Outdoor recreation. The price of homes. Low crime, friendly community. How much it's changing and reflecting/recalibrating its vision of progress. Feels like a flexible time to be here. Life-Long Home. Small-Town Quality.

What do you feel is Milinocket's greatest economic need?
Businesses and industries sustainably utilizing the woods.
Jobs
Restaurants, shops, and small businesses on penobscot.
Industry
Young people need to be attracted to come make innovated services available and open businesses. We need industry as well, on the smaller scale perhaps to offer skilled and unskilled jobs.
Jobs for teens and young adults!
Organization and a collective effort at economic development
It needs industries with good jobs and pay that will provide a good standard of living for local people as well as attracting people to move here. With a higher standard of living then more stores will open providing more jobs. T
Lower energy costs
Great the tax lien off the mill site. Develop more organized recreation such as the marathon. Embrace outdoor activities/ events that attract people to come "play" in the woods. This does not require a big outlay of cash or infrastructure. It encourages the develk
Industry.
More jobs
A super sized sports supply store
Town policy (zoning, tax, housing, etc.) that enables and encourages resident ownership in the commercial downtown community and promotes residential economic mobility.
employment for young families
We need to attract businesses to town. Re-development of the mill site is a top priority so we can get some good paying jobs in town. A handful of jobs could make a big impact. Finding a way to get rid of pay off the \$1.4 millio
job opportunities, career ladders, and support for people to be trained in trades job (electrician, plumber, carpenter,etc)
More jobs that pay a decent wage and allow the employee to take pride in a skill. The loss of the mill seems to have dealt more than an economic blow to this town. The whole town seems depressed, like they have lost their i
Sustainable employment
Better recreational opportunities, shopping, services
Getting the IRS lien forgiven or taken care of somehow, so that the mill site can be utilized.
Beauty Penobscot Ave. and fill the shops again.
Bring more businesses for residents to work local
Milinoeket needs a diversified economy that is active year round. We need a solid tax base to keep our essential municipal services in place (and adequately funded) including the schools, recreation and hospital.
More forest- related jobs
A council that is in lock step with what all other volunteer groups are doing
Economic diversification and supporting small businesses as well as the chamber of commerce
jobs
Welcoming community, quality education environment, lower mill rate
I think Milinocket should have more food options when dining out
Industry
Branding & promotion.
Jobs and business
Mill site development
Industry. Period. You cant bring people to a community that lacks industry, and also lacks recreational activities for teens and adults alike.
More options for consumers, like more restaurant choices and more variety in businesses.
Industry
Industry
Businesses of some kind....tourist, manufacturing, leisure, more shops.
Less "grass and parks" more businesses offering job opportunities
The town needs to stop buying buildings to level for grass.
Jobs for young people.
Need industry so we have better wages and year round employment
We need to bring back some type of industry and/or year round attraction which will keep people here and bring our real estate values back.

Broadband and better cell service.
Fiber to the premise broadband network
Hard to say not being from town and what the day to day needs are. But looking at the very long run, ensuring that young people in the region get the kind of educational resources and opportunities they need to be successful.
Good jobs for young people. Not a mill, but some place interesting to work. Brewery, winery, ??
A TOWN COUNCIL THAT KNOWS WHAT THEY'RE DOING.
Need to work on Attracting all types of new businesses...entertainment, tech, small relevant industry...run by people who are really invested in the area.
Eco tourism
businesses that provide year round, liveable wage jobs, high speed broadband should help and businesses that provide activities for young people and tourists. Retail and entertainment as well as the mixed industry
Small business
Business or industry that can provide secure jobs for local residents, or those wishing to make the Millinocket region their home.
Faster internet service, an indoor ice skating area.
Lower electric bills for the locals and businesses. The transfer fees are outrageous. Especially since we produce electricity here. Locals could give more if necessary utilities were lower
Industry
Sustainability
I have seen the ups and downs of Millinocket and I am glad to see things going in the right direction. The non-profit groups and volunteers have given hope and fresh ideas that are starting to really make a difference. I think h
We need more millennials!
manufacturing
Work hard to get the 1.5 million tax lean paid off so that we can use the 5.3 million grant. The town and the Our Katahdin group need to get their heads together to deal with how to pay the IRS!
Downtown planning, and wayfinding.
Everyone in that town office needs to go.
To get more involved with motorized recreation to attract tourism to the area
More jobs
More restaurants and a larger workforce
JOBS
Quality clothing, rec center for kids. Proceeds from Our Katahdin to purchase new uniforms, equipment, fields, dug outs. Allotted money to help repair and update historical buildings on Main St. I could go on and on...
Jobs
Tourism
Jobs
JOBS
Full functioning Chamber and visitor center to coordinate messaging and economic development.
Good paying jobs
Business
Business
Some type of industry to employ citizens.
Need more work.
Money
Millinocket needs to adapt. We can't keep focusing on the past with the mill but instead focus on where we're going now.
A mill or some type of industry
A big company to come in and make a mark like the mill did.
Anything that will give people jobs.
A mall. A mill.
A mall.
A mall.
The west branch brings in a lot of money.
We need a business that will bring in the people and interest the people in town. And we need more big events like the marathon that will bring people in.
Jobs.
Some form of manufacturing. Wood? Granite? Hydro/Wind power?
The greatest economic need is an industry appealing to the younger generation.
They need tourists, there is plenty of history in this town.
I feel Millinocket could use more things to do for both kids and adults. We have stuff that are outdoorsy, but nothing to do on a rainy day. I also feel maybe one or two chain businesses or restaurants. People living here don't a
Something to replace the mill in order to run the town.
Marathon.
I feel as if Millinocket needs everything.
An industry to support growth.
Jobs
Another big business like the Northern - or more tourism.
Money, Great Northern Paper Mill.
Snowmobiling, hiking are huge to development.
Industry that uses wood. The Golden Road comes into the mill yard. Trucks need to be licences. No weight limit.
Attraction to outside visitors.
Industrial jobs at good pay with benefits, more stores.
Diversity! Entrepreneurship.
Some type of manufacturing.

When thinking of Millinocket, what would you like to see more of/less of?
More young creative, entrepreneurial people, arts and crafts events and more trees in town lining the streets. More resources for families More nice restaurants, shops including bakery, coffee shop with cappuccinos & lattes. Less abandoned buildings More small business with room for growth. young people wandering around w/ nothing to do. More areas for people to meet and congregate, both indoors and outdoors... these could be green spaces, cafes, restaurants. Also, trails, sidewalks, etc, that make the area walkable, run-able, bike-able Job opportunities. A revitalized downtown area with updated construction to distatated buildings.
Downtown shopping with unique shops that attract visitors
Less urban blight- although this has greatly improved over the past two years. More walking/ bike paths.
More opportunities for young people to stay and make a decent living.
More jobs
More businesses on Penobscot...Less run down buildings in Penobscot
More local policy that supports/psurs entrepreneurial activity and competition. less marijuana businesses; more industry; more locally owned small business; more direct ties to Baxter Park-signage or resemblances of Park ideas for town street signs, etc Less negativity and bickering "us vs. them". More welcoming of new residents. More collaboration and support of the existing institutions we have. Broadband. More collaboration between the regional school systems. Invest
less empty storefronts and totally run down buildings more places where community members and visitors can gather, do things, recreate more support for small businesses and entrepreneurs to start up and succeed Less crime! It seems like the majority of our young people age 18 and up have nothing to do but get in trouble. That's why I feel we need a strong kids support to train them early that their is more to life than drugs and alcohol
Focus on Education and less drug use More of the above. Less empty store fronts
I think a focus on jobs besides tourism jobs would be ideal. Talk up the hospital. More support for moving forward; less negative critiquing from those who don't get involved. More small businesses, less dependence on big employers. More arts and community fun events, more training for customer service and attitude.
More shopping opportunity
1) I would like to see more communication from the municipality (including the town manager) to the members of the community outside of meetings held in the municipal building. We all need to know what is going on here () 2) I would like to see more housing opportunities for those that either can't afford the costs to maintain a home on a limited budget (minimum wage earners) , or for those that are aging out of maintaining a home but are still ab
More willing to embrace change and move beyond the past More signs, more business that support tourism like restaurants and downtown shops. Less abandoned/uncaared for buildings
Maine Street beautification and renovation of buildings.
Stop advertising that the town is filled with poor people. You guys make it sound like everyone who lives here are bums waiting for the food pantry. Its embarrassing. Less blight. More welcoming down town Actual dis in the area. With our weather and snowstorms, its hard to get to appts in Bangor when seeing a specialist. Sometimes we have to drive several times a week to Bangor for womens health, for braces... Millinocket doc Better internet... that will bring in jobs...I believe that's key to our towns future More cooperation, more promotion. Less in fighting and pessimism. We also need to shed the identity of a poor, beaten former mill town that needs hand outs.
Business baby carriages
More higher paying jobs, less drug dealers and addicts. See previous question. More things to do, like open up some of the closed shops downtown. Maybe an arcade for the kids. Maybe a better gym for people to workout during the harsh Winter months. Less buildings being razed for mini parks
? Less derlick buildings, vacant lots on Main drag. More tourist attractions....after all we are the gateway to Baxter State Park. The town council wasting money on creating parks and walking trails. Put the money to use to bring job creating businesses to the area.
More small business.
Need better jobs to attract and keep young people here to raise families Currently the town is at a standstill when it comes to industry. We need to make the town more visible to outside industries by advertising in national and/or big city newspapers. Also television commercials that portray our way

It would be nice if there were a local taxi sort of service.

A nearby Vet would be good.

More: monthly activities downtown along Penobscot Avenue, and murals and street art

Less: money spent on ambulances and paving.

More:

- healthy eating options (simple quick eats, bakery/cafe, etc.)
- hot food breakfast restaurants
- variety of lodging accommodations for tourists/visitors - could take the form of improved facilities for existing motels, and maybe even more quality lodging listings on sites like airbnb, diverse camping options, etc.
- performing arts venues and entertainment options
- higher education institutions (colleges, universities) in the area.

Less run down buildings, less empty store fronts, the woods cleared out by Central St bridge for a better view of the stream and the mountain, maybe some picnic tables, skatepark, outdoor mini golf, drive in movies, music in

INDUSTRY:

Less abandoned buildings and unkept yards. More options regarding arts, entertainment, food, unique shopping

More events to bring in people and tourist dollars.

Less blight - more working together - we all benefit from municipal, school and businesses community working together

More events that involve the nature/environment

I think the local residents have a better sense of what is needed for year-round use.

Brewery,

More focus on all that Millinocket has to offer. Fishing, kayaking, hunting. Less vacant homes. Incentives for people to buy and restore existing vacant homes. Tearing down of homes that are too far gone to help keep illegal ac

More large industry, less small developments. Town is in need of a major overhaul.

Personally, I would like to see better cell service and internet service. I usually go to Millinocket to escape both of these but I would like to be able to access them when I want to and not have search them out. Keep the library

More seasonal job opportunities, better funding for the schools. Less of the "mill will come back" mentality.

More small businesses... less pot plants!

More enforcement of the open drug problem. This town has a serious drug problem. If it is not taken care of with we will become known a place to get illegal drugs rather than a place to bring your family!

More openness to new ideas, less entitlement.

Less lying from people in the town office. The official town office website LIES to residences about how to register to vote. You have been turned in to the ACLU and the state of Maine AG about this. The town manager can't b

I would like to see more effort put into small businesses and recreation in town: activities for children and families

More jobs, safe things for kids/teens to do to keep them out of trouble!

More businesses in the downtown that would be attractive to tourists

It's hard it is such a sad town now. Drugs everywhere you turn

Less welfare / low income / unemployed people coming to town.

We need more things to do as a family, example, bowling and skating.

More shops, stores, landscaping, activities for kids. Take down more ugly and abandoned buildings.

Bickering amongst the folks

LIBERAL ACTIVITIES

More restaurants

Beautification of the downtown

Something for kids/teenagers to do.

More cooperation between older and younger generations. Less activities geared toward older generations.

Less drug addicts. Less poor people, more things to do.

More younger people, less negativity. ("No jobs")

More things to do.

More jobs, less abandoned buildings.

More openness to the outside world/more openness to families that haven't always lived here. Less people being stuck in old fashion ways.

More people, more places. I'd like to see less buildings torn down.

More young people and less complaining.

More woods, less town.

More fun activities for kids.

Less empty buildings.

Make the spotlight by McDonalds flash all the time.

As a teen in the town, I would like to see something that is good for the kids in town.

Jobs/stuff to do.

More people that are willing to work and less people to that are too lazy to do anything and live off the state.

I would like to see more businesses.

No mill it's dead and gone we need to look towards bringing in people from out of the state that means people need to learn how to be polite and kind.

I think "Green Spaces" is a load of crap. I think we need less of it. We are Millinocket (which has enough nature and woods). We don't need areas of nature in the middle of town, especially in the business area or whatever it

See more supermarket.

I would like more people to come here.

More people and job opportunities.

More people coming and staying.

More people who are with modern times, not close minded.

Less of me in this town.

Dumpy properties we need to clean this place up.

Small form of public transportation.

More business and things to do.

More activities to attract, more businesses that will be successful.

Less bad people, more normal people.

Sted trails.

Less rundown or neglected properties.

Less people getting involved with drugs. All types less people leaving the area.

More gathering places for people (spaces for women), like coffee shops/community centers. Safe loving, inclusive community spaces.

What part of recreation/tourism plays in our plan for economic development?
Major part. From cross country skiing to mountain biking, fishing, hunting, snowmobiling, hiking, etc., they all require equipment and gear. Food and drink and lodging.
A big part
Tourism is a key element for economic development where there are options for things to do at night as well as recreational activities.
A strong part - Millinocket needs to attract people who will stay and spend money in town
Should be high priority
I hope it is a fairly large part. we are a 4 season recreating town! Let's promote that!
Recreation and tourism are an important factor, as they draw in new potential residents and visitors to the area!
With all the outdoor activities in our back yard we need to use them to attract tourists which will bring in money.
A huge part because that's what attracts people to visit and will keep them here to stay.
It is the lynchpin. Millinocket is in a wilderness paradise. It is a rare jewel in the U.S. It is a reason we bought a house here (and low crime). It has a frontier feel that outdoor enthusiasts are looking for. At one time Aspen was in the middle of no-where. Now it is a skiers dream. Moab is in the middle of no-where and is a mountain bikers dream. Tourism is easier money than industrial money.
Important
More jobs
Bike routes
This is huge. People visiting for outdoor recreation are seeking a lifestyle that is more healthy and more happy. We should want them to visit here, spend money here, and want to live here. This beautiful place is rejuvenating it
Major part
See above.
major pillar for moving forward -- a must focus on this
Huge! It's already here, we need to take ultimate advantage of it! That is already being done but there is room for more! We just need the enthusiasm and the financial opportunities.
we have always had recreation/tourism even when the mill was here. Now with the mill gone we need to focus on our strengths.
A very important part. This area can be a 4 season resort area if economical development is allowed to happen that provides access to everyone, not just the mountain climbers, backpackers, and outdoor extremists. They don't
Baxter, the lakes and the monument. What about some trails for extreme mountain biking? Horseback riding trails.
Encourage families with children to come back home.
It's huge...from bringing visitors here to spend money, to offering opportunities for them to move here and open a business, or at least get a job.
Its huge
Recreation/ tourism is one piece of the economic development pie. It's no secret that we have natural assets that we need to capitalize on. We are fortunate to have Baxter State Park, area surrounding waterways, trail systems
Important piece, but not the entire picture. Need long-term forest-based industry
This should be the main driver of economic development - beautification and tourism will ultimately lead to other areas of growth
all of it provides an untapped opportunity
Don't know.
A huge one. Making this area a strong destination will enable many other types of growth.
I think tourism right now is millinocket's honey pot. People come here year round for all of the seasons just to visit, see the mountain, climb the mountain, snowmobile, snow shoeing, all the events like the marathon who bring people
More people visit...more people see how great our town really is
Huge. More visitors lead to more business, more potential residents and more entrepreneurs.
Abv snowmobiling hunting fishing hiking
4 season recreation
See previous question.
No opinion.
Secondary
?
Not sure
There are plenty of hotels, restaurants, and bars in town. How about a bowling alley, movie theater or entertainment for children.
That would be nice to know.
Its a supplement but will never replace industry jobs and make a prosperous community
current recreation is stable, there could be more involvement with the town by adding a tour bus system which people could take to observe wildlife and/or local recreation in its environment.

It would seem to be a major part.

Nice if we could get some sort of industry here.

Connecting trails (both motorized and non-motorized) to downtown and the business corridor. It would be a boost for the restaurants, lodging and retail shops to have people be able to get on trails right in town and then come

It's hard to rank the different components of possible economic development, but recreation/tourism would seem to be an high priority opportunity because it is an existing and enduring strength of Millinocket (natural beauty, pr

Giant part!
ALL OF IT.
Very important. Millinocket needs to become a destination area...like Marathon weekend.

Big part.
It's a large part but with that comes a need for service based businesses to provide needs of tourists and visitors

I think tourism will continue to play a vital role in continued economic development, but I think another business would be beneficial to economic development that is stable and not seasonal.
Millinocket can be a destination recreation area!

Huge part
Baxter State Park

I think eco-tourism is a great draw for the area and this will attract younger people to the area. I personally don't do a whole lot of hiking but I do enjoy going to the Baxter Park surrounding area. It is very beautiful and being at
Rafting.

25% or so, most recreational/tourist locations have a limited season. Our spring/summer hikers are merely passing through boosting retail a few ticks. The winter sledders can only fill hotels but for a month or two.

It is the most important part. Businesses may come and go but the tourist business isn't going anywhere unless we have a major forest fire.-
This makes no sense. I think you may be asking what should be the focus? I think a mix to outdoor rec is good approach.

crooks and criminals run the town office
I think it plays a huge part. Makes people want to visit the area morw

Big, huge
A key factor
It's great but it's not a big money maker

Katahdin
A big one. We are a tourist town almost all year.
Huge.

75%

1/4
Every part.

Millinocket should be a central hub for snowmobilers.

It attracts people here so they will spend money. (ex. the marathon)
Rafting, snowmobiling, hiking. Hold more summer concerts @ the bandstand.

Give money to those who are bringing money, work, people to the town.
Brings in money.

We are a tourism town now. With a state park, a national monument, and a winter marathon, attracting people is what we need to keep doing.

It's going to play a very large part because it is most of it as of now.
Mostly hikers and rafting.

Rafting companies bring in quite a bit of people. Even on a bad year.
Our development plays mostly off the people coming into town for vacation to enjoy our outdoor setting. The hiking, snowsledding, rafting are the main reasons people come here.
Tourism is a big portion of Millinocket's economy because it is one of the few solid income for the town.
Right now it's Rec/Tourism that is the only way of having some sort of business in this town. Business would be much better for economic development.
The part of recreation that plays for economic development is hiking.
Snowmobilers, hikers, runners, vacationers, nature enthusiasts.

It brings more people into a store in town who will spend money.

It plays a great part. Majority of our income is tourists, also the marathon.

Baxter Park.
Better sield trails.
The fact that we have a national monument in the range of town.

Better sield trails.

It's all we have now.
If people visit and find that the town is beautiful to them they may be inclined to buy property.
Some part but it's not the answer for development.
Need to capitalize on monument and work together with neighboring towns. Look at visioning workshop ideas about coordinated signage to start.

Suggest three beautification projects to the Town of Millinocket.

Plant more trees along the streets. Invest in memorial sculptural monuments like other small towns, tear down dilapidated buildings on main street or charge an additional substantial fee for the detriment it causes the community??

Renovations of properties on penobscot to make aesthetically pleasing, plantings or potted plants along penobscot, benches should be painted green not white.

Fill downtown store fronts, clean up the bowling alley lot, Create more summer activities on weekends in the summer

Park / green space as hub center of town where building torn down, looks sooooo much better already! Cafes will sprout and places to eat, arts and other festivities can grow there as well.

Clean river near Michaud Trail, clean up house at corner of Central St, and the road to the high school. That plastic from previous years at windows is horrible looking! More bulbs planted everywhere. Let the community sport Unsure.

We need tax relief from the IRS so business can use the old mill site.

Then we need to attract the business

1. Remove brush and trees on the hills by the field hockey fields and promote for sliding and skiing.

2. Trim trees in strategic places that will reveal better scenic views of the mountain (along Central street and in various places around town.

3. Main Street renewal projects

Clean up Penobscot Ave. High-end appearance (fresh paint, north woods decor) makes people want to spend more money. It is a huge psychological component. You can put a \$300 coat in a Kmart store and no one will touch Waterfront clean-up at Crandell Park- new boat ramp, benches, lighting.

Clean trash/ fires out of the river.

Continue to give Main Street a face lift.

Improve roads and parking areas around town.

Pots or barrels of flowers around town -- downtown, shopping areas, schools -- maybe fill with other seasonal items when needed.

More jobs

More jobs

More jobs

Tear down the Rush buildings on Penobscot

Attractive downtown lighting

Businesses open in evenings

Town policy that discourages (or financially benefits from) non-resident-owned property on Penobscot Ave. (i.e. not being taken care of and deteriorating or remaining vacant due to exorbitant rent price).

unknown

1. Way finding signage

2. Get rid of Rush building

3. Get the Heritage Square set up ASAP, even if it isn't 100%, there should be something there so it doesn't look like an abandoned lot.

New facades - paint - upgrading of the Penobscot businesses, tear down the buildings on Penobscot that are in total disrepair, start creating way finding signs with branding

The town movers and shakers seem to have this under control or are moving in that direction. It's a shame that both on Central St and Main St, we have a number of failed businesses and vacant buildings. That's where we

not sure

Upgrade or tear down the dilapidated stores on Penobscot Ave

Complete the suggested park on the corner of Central Street and Penobscot Ave

Provide bike/walking paths from Millinocket to Baxter Park

Main street! Continue to work on the facades of the buildings.

A community vegetable garden.

Clean up and add flowers, etc. to Penobscot Ave.

Cut down trees and create more access to views of Katahdin and the region.

Help home-owners on Katahdin Ave. to upgrade their home fronts.

Get rid of old buildings that are eyesores or renovate.

Cleanup Hillcrest playground.

Aside from the downtown, all of Central Street as a corridor into town needs to be considered in a comprehensive beautification project. Clearly marked/paved sidewalks for pedestrian travel on both sides of the street, clearly

Peddler's Hill needs attention as another point of interest on a main town corridor. Consider paving the lot, perhaps putting out picnic tables, signage to indicate seasonal vendor use, and a small fencing/privacy screen of some

Central street will determine whether visitors passing through decide to stop and spend time in the town. Penobscot St has come a long way, still needs some love

Code enforcement changes to downtown to require maintenance

Cohesive signage

Grand welcome sign

Maine Street

Northern Shopping Plaza

Further upgrades to the Bardsland Park

Bring the snowmobile museum snowmobiles downtown in that new park on the corner.

Green bell front of mall. Remove Rush building, incentive for continued investment on Penobscot Ave

More flowers and landscaping around business. Maybe one of those fountains that are on the ground and shoot up spickets of water for kids to run through in the downtown area. Those are HUGE in the cities, the children love

Re do the whole rec complex behind Stearns high school. Make downtown appealing to the eye...spruce up the entrance coming into town

Hire firm to suggest renovations and cohesive visual standards for look and feel of downtown. Remove old former coffee shop (Rush buildings), finish out heritage park into a nimble, flexible, four seasons space.

Get rid of eye sore buildings

Get rid of fallen down buildings

Better signs

Buildings on central street look like the ghetto of larger cities. All the vacant lots on main Street should be something other than parks. People dont visit Millinocket to see the sights of Millinocket, people visit for Baxter park, an

Restore downtown shops

1 consolidate

2 the

3 schools

?

Tear down empty, rotting buildings. Paint buildings that are empty but look fairly ok. More flowers at parks

We don't need to spend more money on beautification projects. How about funding the fire department so another house doesn't burn flat!

An arts/performance/movie theater.

3 in 1!

See above.

remove or rebuild old buildings . old Stearns high needs painting

it would be nice if we could bring downtown back to life with some face lifts and/or tear down old dilapidated buildings in the surrounding area that are uninhabitable or deemed not financially sound to restore.

start making advancements in restoring our secondary street systems so that they are safe to drive on, some neighborhoods have incredibly poor road conditions.

give our schools a face lift to make them more pleasing to the public eye.

<p>Beautification doesn't seem to be a good use of money overall. A few more restaurants would be nice.</p>
<p>Sponsor pop-up shops in little wooden sheds for the Holiday season on the old Newberrys Lot.</p> <p>Support Northern Forest Center's Housing Initiative.</p> <p>Get LED street lights.</p> <p>I haven't spent enough time in town to share very specific recommendations.</p>
<p>The bridge clearing/picnic area, the little shack downtown should be gone... Green Park at the corner of downtown should be made, but parking lot should remain</p> <p>QUIT TEARING DOWN BUILDINGS.</p> <p>1) Tear down ALL uninhabitable buildings on Maine Street</p> <p>2) Create green space in empty lots downtown...space can be used for various events (food trucks, beer garden, farmers market)</p> <p>3) Add curbside planters along Main Street (flowers in summer, evergreens in winter)...have people volunteer to keep up a planter.</p> <p>Trails along the river. Greenery in the town square.</p> <p>town needs new sidewalks, playground beautification and follow thru with the plans for downtown</p> <p>I have only spent time in town when it is not summer, so I am a poor judge of what would be most beneficial.</p> <p>Love the downtown corner lot building gone and look forward to what will happen in that spot.</p> <p>Plant trees near tractor supply plaza</p> <p>Improve school sport fields</p>
<p>Clean our waters! Millinocket stream is so full of trash, glass and metal. Plant a community garden. Help people to paint and clean up their homes and yards. Bringing pride back to the town and giving a since of pride and cor</p> <p>Spend</p> <p>Money</p> <p>Elsewhere</p> <p>Continue to renovate older buildings in town whenever possible. Continue to spruce up the parks and recreational areas in town. Continue to invest in the downtown area and give visitors reasons to stop and get out of their c</p> <p>Main Street to Sawmill.</p> <p>Residences</p> <p>And the top of Central street</p> <p>Raze the old donut shop and the little grey building next to it. The town needs a modern Safety building combining Police/Fire/Emt where the old mini golf was.</p> <p>The west end of Wassau st. (coming from Medway rd. looks like a land that time forgot...make it a one way coming from MickeyDee's.</p> <p>Level sidewalks</p> <p>Zoning requirements that specify high standards for building improvement. Severe fines for those who refuse.</p>
<p>taxpayers are sick of paying top dollar to the tods who "work" at the town office</p> <p>Cleaning up properties, welcoming signs.</p> <p>Park downtown, beautification of current parks, artistic opportunities for local artists to showcase their art</p> <p>It would be great if some residences on the major route through town and to the school would take some pride in their homes and work on improving their appearances. Take plastic off windows in the summer does not cost an</p> <p>Fill in all the empty tear down lots with something</p> <p>Get rid of the houses that should be condemned</p> <p>Not sure what else</p> <p>Beautifully decorated Main Street with hanging plants, American Flags.</p> <p>Decorate for the holidays. A new coat of paint on some of the buildings downtown, keeping up with the parks.</p> <p>Take down abandoned buildings, update buildings on main st/entire tractor supply shopping plaza, landscaping.</p> <p>Plant trees and develop green strips along the central street corridor from the town limits and out through the lake road. Plants trees along Katahdin ave.</p> <p>NOTHING</p> <p>-Register for historic district down town.</p> <p>-Require main street propeety owners to fix buildings.</p> <p>Clean up the bowling alley site for starters, tear down abandoned, dilapidated buildings. Create a town bylaw that a homeowner cannot have unregistered vehicles and/or junk all over the property.</p>
<p>Pave the roads.</p> <p>Attract more small business to downtown "Mill". Get a summer group between kids & adults to plant stuff, paint buildings? etc. Sledding & Skiing places.</p> <p>Maintain the mouth of the Golden Road for business that actually helps the town. Build a nice area where Mini Golf used to be. NOT A PARK. Clean up the parking lot that's halfway on top of the big hill.</p>
<p>Adding more stuff to the plaza in main town. Clean up Millinocket Stream of trash and more so that it's safe to swim in. Fix the playground in Little Italy.</p> <p>More holiday decorations around town.</p> <p>Mini golf lot - put a basketball court on it. More keep up on most used streets.</p> <p>Somewhere to work, less parking lots, and closed buildings.</p> <p>Holiday Decorations.</p> <p>Graffiti.</p>
<p>A parking lot where Mini Golf was. Tear down buildings that are falling apart.</p> <p>Mill repair. Library improvement. School improvement.</p> <p>First of all, there are several places downtown that needs to be tom down and either rebuilt or repurposed. The destruction of all abandoned buildings, and the mill turned into a museum to showcase town history.</p> <p>Making the buildings in Millinocket less ugly and rundown looking more "Beautiful".</p>
<p>Removal of unused decrepit housing.</p> <p>Take down dumpy buildings.</p> <p>Snowmobiling, hiking.</p> <p>Skate park in empty lot behind town office. Repainted lines on roads that need them. Tear down buildings that aren't to code.</p> <p>Anything that can be renovated on Main Street.</p> <p>None, let it be.</p> <p>Tear down eye sore. Empty buildings on Penobscot Ave.</p> <p>1. Downtown 2. Town Common 3. Commerce Area on Central Street where vendors set up with food trucks.</p> <p>Painting/Repairing homes. Getting rid of some of the old vacant buildings.</p> <p>A few trees on Penobscot Ave (maybe in planter bases). More public art murals (ideally done in ways that people have stake in).</p> <p>1. Continue re-paving streets that need it. 2. Continue to remove eye-sore empty buildings if they are not feasible to be occupied or updated.</p>

Would you be willing to volunteer in the community? If so, where would you be willing to do it?
Already volunteering in numerous ways but willing to participate in a hands on event.
Not at this time
Not at this time
Yes - whatever is needed
Sure! I can match my strengths to need and availability. Feel free to reach out to me 😊
Yes, anything I can.
Yes. Where depends on the timing and duration of the opportunity relative to my other commitments.
I work from home and travel a lot so I don't have a lot of spare time right now. However, I would be will to volunteer on a limited basis and in a few years when retirement is possible I would like to do more volunteering.
Yes. Anytime for the 3 ideas listed above
Help with cleaning Millinocket stream- we need a couple of organized "clean-up" days this summer.
Can't right now but eventually.
No
Anywhere
Yes! I currently volunteer with the library and participate in some of the economic revitalization focus groups and gatherings. In the future, I may be interested in getting more involved with municipal planning.
yes, and I already do in the school system and church
Yes. Where ever I'm needed.
I do volunteer regularly - every week
I think I have answered that question above. If there is a need for volunteer time, someone just needs to ask me. I have physical limitations but I still have a brain and a heart.
I volunteer when I can
Yes, already involved in several projects.
with the seniors at Sterns or elsewhere in the community.
Yes, and I do.
Yes. Anywhere
Yes, I am willing and I have always volunteered in some capacity as a member of the community. I will continue to do so and be open to new opportunities.
No
Yes. Building maintenance and cleanup. Really whatever is most needed
already do so
yes, truck pulls
Yes, develop new comprehensive plan
I would LOVE to volunteer in my community. I would honestly do anything to serve however if there was an option to be serving or volunteering in the background, that is more comfortable to me. Or maybe projects I can do a/c
No time ...but I would help do projects on our rec area behind stearns
Already do alot.
No time
Yes.
No, I work for a living, which includes 15 hours of travel per week to make enough money to support a family.
No opinion
Yes
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Due to disability unable to do much. Got something I can do sitting down?
I already volunteer.
Baxter/Trails End fest/Marathon
Help Our Katahdin
I have many years of heavy equipment operation and would be happy to help in that way if needed.

I would like to see a list of what is needed.
No time at the moment.
Yes. I would be interested in opportunities to share my career experience in technology (computer science / software). I would also be interested in volunteer opportunities such as helping to stock a food pantry or serve meals.
Unfortunately, I am not often physically present in the community - typically once/year for the marathon event - although I'm looking for opportunities to visit more such as on a vacation. So the most immediate opportunities would be...
I am busy working two jobs and volunteer in a school related group. I personally don't have time right now.
NO
If I lived closer
Don't live there.
I already volunteer a huge amount of time with the schools and with Our Katahdin and various projects
I live an hour away and would not be able to volunteer, but will try to continue to support the region as a "tourist".
I have in the past.
YES!!! Wherever needed. I have many skills and abilities. As I feel so many others here in town do
Youth sport recreation programs.
I have supported My Katahdin from away because I do not get to Millinocket very often. I will continue to donate to support the non-profits and the library!
I already volunteer at the library
Yep...at the park. Drop the Xbox controller and learn how to throw a baseball!
Health permitting I would. right now i am limited but i am working to get better.
Already doing so.
Ya right-- the town office "workers" can do it -- less time calling the police on people who try and pay taxes and more time picking up trash.
I would not be able to commit to volunteering this time
Maybe
Absolutely. I'm game for anything.
Possibly
No. There plenty of people on state aid in town that should do the work and be more useful.
I would be willing to help paint and decorate
Landscaping. Anywhere.
Yes. Planting trees
YES ANYWHERE
Yes
Yes, cleanup trash.
Yes
Yes, I don't really have a preference, just a busy schedule.
At a good cause if I'm not busy.
Yes. Anything. Anytime.
Yes, anywhere. I already volunteer a lot in the community.
Nope.
Yeah, I don't know.
Yes I am willing to volunteer...anything.
Maybe if it involves the outdoors.
Yes, I don't know.
I would be willing to volunteer. I guess I'd be willing to do anywhere.
Yes I volunteer all the time. Usually for Stearns sports events and Performing Arts events.
I would volunteer in the community for for fundraising and beautification ideas.
I will be leaving soon, but my parents are naming their coffee's after areas up here.
Yes, anywhere.
Getting our sports programs back to how they use to be.
Pet day cares, firefighter/EMS departments.
I don't volunteer for myself so no.
Tear down dumps, clean up properties.
Possibly for events like kids day at Jerry Pond.
Yes, arts, sports, marathon.
Yes, dance studio, performing arts.
I volunteered 91 hours Nov 55 hours in Oct.
I cannot - I have back problems.
Yes - anything to help.
Yes! Library. Our Katahdin, Stearns, KAT, Thrive Penobscot. But they will need to work together.
No.

Would you like to see an effort in revitalizing the downtown corridor? If so what would you suggest as an improvement?
Building facade improvement, strategically placed peninsulas with a tree and bench, even a fountain would create a place for repose.
NA
Yes. Subsidize small businesses to open to provide retail shops, nice restaurants and brewerie with decent food options. Cater to tourists.
The stores need to be filled. Create tax incentives for people to move downtown
park area mentioned above and some store fronts falling apart...
open more closed businesses. Support Jane Frost and her idea for a community meal site
Yes., but unsure of approach. Maybe incentives to develop downtown?
Yes, where do I start? This is a big project and will be very expensive. It will take attracting new business. The government needs to help out with making it attractive for new business with tax relief.
Yes. Removing eye-sore buildings and developing a 0% financing on New buildings and facade improvement projects on existing buildings.
See above answers.
Yes. See above.
Yes, more jobs
Yes
Yes! This is critical! Town policy - see above.
empty building. low rent for new businesses
Rename the downtown stretch of Penobscot Ave "Main Street." Do an inauguration of the street...make a community celebration and a big media event out of it.
see above
Continued revival of businesses. There are some that are already on the right track. Unfortunately, they are on the wrong end of the Penobscot Ave business district. We need to bring the renovations up the street to the inter
fix existing buildings instead of tearing them down and fill the empty store fronts and rebuild where other buildings have been torn down.
As above
reviving the outside of the buildings, new lighting, trees, flowers adopt a light pole and be responsible for a flag or a plant...
Hire an events coordinator to set up more festivals, contests, events, etc. to bring people downtown, and to organize volunteer efforts to help clean up and beautify the downtown.
Again. Remove old bldgs like one across from Tanous and Snow.
Yes, the downtown corridor needs attention.
1) The corner lot where mini- golf used to be needs to be more than a park and open space. Consider making it a mini- mall with some vendor/ small local business opportunities. Having that space completely open to the busi
2) We need all buildings to be handicap accessible.
3) There is still at least one building that is a real eyesore downtown that needs to be torn down.
4) We need public restrooms available in the downtown area.
Yes, see above
See above
Maine Street renovations and a new building with shops and a visitors on the corner where the Mini Golf was taken down
more businesses
Yes see above
More foliage and flower pots. Maybe some sidewalk repairs. Maybe some local artists would donate their time or maybe even some of their art. Live music from the gazebo for local artists on Friday and Saturday evenings no l
See above
100%. Remove old buildings, make a skating rink, standardize signage, make outdoor skating rink at former bowling alley
N/a
2 way traffic
Yes, see previous questions.
Yes! Yes! Yes! A better variety of shops
2 way vehicular access on Penobscot Avenue.
Year down the crumbling abandoned buildings
As above....some of the buildings are an eyesore
Stop tearing down buildings and allow businesses to buy those buildings.
Small hotels downtown.
The only place to stay is the seasonal AT Lodge!
Down town is now central street
see beautification project question.

Encouragement for restaurants, interesting stores and perhaps simple entertainment to give the visitors things to do, especially in the evening.

Yes. Two way traffic on Penobscot Avenue, and bump outs into the sidewalk and few parking spaces for outside eating at AT Cafe, Angelos and Scoolic in the summer.

Hard to say not being from the area. I have provided some other ideas in other responses (e.g., bakery/cafe, hot breakfast restaurants, etc.)

What are we doing with the Epstein's building? It would be a good spot for an antique or craft mall.
MORE FLAGS AND BANNERS
 See above

Ease for pedestrians.
 A strong Main Street shows people you have a vibrant community. Business owners have to care about their facades and the message it sends to those passing by - that include the municipal building

A few buildings appear to need a little bit of a facelift with maybe new facades.
 Bathrooms
 Outdoor eating
 Trees
 Music
 Clearing up the store fronts. Painting landscaping
 Business(es) that are sustainable and matter toward the economic development of the town, not small "Nick-nack" (niche) shops.

Yes, keep the area looking good and support businesses that try to make it work. Give those visitors that may just be passing through a reason to stop. I saw they just tore down the corner building that had the mini-golf in it.
 Yes. If the dog waste bags (that are available on the Michaud trail) extended to downtown.

Or just make it a finable offense to leave dog waste
 Continue Penobscot Ave. as a 2 way, correct the diagonal parking into parallel parking. The left side of the road is basically vacant for 3 blocks and needs businesses.

Yes, get the town certified as a business friendly town. Other towns have been designated by the state as business friendly.
 Yes. First, consult professionals to draw plan. Second, make Penobscot ave two way. Third, find retail
 Investor for corner where KTP tore down building.
 Fire the town manager because your town is about to be sued over voter suppression
 More businesses and clearing up the properties
 More art on the exteriors
 Yes and anything would be an improvement
 We need places people will go in stores, shops

No. Revitalizing the old Epsteins building is a joke. The renovations cost is ridiculous. Surrounding business are now infested with the pigeons because of the building has been housing them for years. There is pidgeon crap
 There are so many empty store fronts downtown. Why can't we use them for decorations through out the year. Show the town pride. Put up old school uniforms, trophies, photos of the mill. There are so many memories but mo
 Take down abandoned buildings, update the store fronts so they don't look so crappy. Landscaping.
 Trees and green spaces
LEVEL THE SIDEWALKS
 Yes
 See above.
 Yes, start with the bowling alley site.

Yes, paint them, invite small business owners to view the spaces.
 Yes obviously, the biggest improvement there could be is having businesses fill up the empty buildings. The problem with that is they very well might not be successful.
 Yes. Make it more eye popping.

Move shops.
 Yes. 100%. Stop tearing down buildings. Make the current ones beautiful and bright. Maybe some updates, decorations, so something with bowling alley lot.
 Paint, new windows, just make it nice again.
 New business.
 Yes, updating building instead of tearing them down.

Put in different outdoor oriented stores. I.e gun stores, kayaking, fishing, etc.
 I would like to see a new storefront downtown. Maybe businesses coming in or redo all the run down buildings.

I don't know much that we could do. Tear down the unusable buildings and try to get some sort of manufacturing service where the mill is so we can introduce more downtown businesses for the area.
 I would see an effort in a park.
 Yes, tear down some of the buildings and replace them with store outlets, clothing stores, winter wear maybe? Good eateries and sports store outlets, or bakery?
 Yes.

Better buildings, more lights during Christmas season. More things kids would like.

Don't improve it if you don't have anything to fill the empty slots.

Bring back Millers.
 No not really.
 Yes!...repave road, recreation in downtown.
 Yes.
 Yes.

Areas with walking visitors to sit and enjoy lunch outdoors.
 Trying to fill vacant stores on main street, or tearing them down. 1. Coffee shop 2. Antique Store 3. Rush's building.
 Yes! One idea would be somehow pursuing people who own buildings but are just sitting on them (like the old bank, the old coffee shop, etc.) to do something with them. I also think a farmers market or other indoor spaces w
 Continue removing eye-sore vacant buildings; fill in the empty lots, and make grassy parks of them.

This section is dedicated as an open forum to the Town of Millinocket. Feel free to share any thoughts you have. If you have a question that you would like to be considered for the next survey, please share it here.

Would like to see a more active town manager, one who participates in more than the minimum requirement to perform the job.
NA
None
Help our katahdin with the IRS tax lien
all set
I think the town needs to support the 12 step community in their efforts to help the alcoholics and drug addicts who are trying to get clean.
None at this time.
none
I think a first time home buyers incentive program that provided low/no interest Gap loans for people under the age of 30 would be a great addition to our efforts to attract younger people.
Millinocket is a great place to be. It is easy to see it when you come from somewhere else. Millinocket has huge potential for economic growth. Embrace tourism.
Nothing
I want to see more jobs in this town
Addressed above
I am so proud to live here and be a part of this community.
unknown
Thanks for doing this survey.
please ask more direct questions on issues that matter --- ask questions about interaction with the town council and matters that will be coming before the council in the coming year.
I have pretty much said everything I have to say except for one thing. When I moved here, as a 4th grader attending Katahdin Ave school, I never felt like a real resident of Millinocket. My father didn't work in the mill, he had a
I think this is my second effort to complete this survey. I think I did it some months ago, as well. It would be interesting to see the differences between the two sets of answers. I hope some of this is helpful.
none
While industry can be a part of Millinocket's future, it will never be the sole provider of the economic life of this community as it was in the past. Diversification of economic opportunities is a safeguard against relying on only one
Continue with the sense of community and family.
Involve more families and students and children in your planning...it's their future.
I dont have anything
I've shared my thoughts in the previous sections. Nothing additional to add here. Thank you.
Millinocket is unique and special. It's worth fighting to save
See above
Maybe increase the educational opportunities/offerrings at KATECKRHEC to provide low cost housing to students, such as renovating an apartment building or building a very small dorm facility, this could encourage young pe
more advertising for the winter sports
You've made a good start. Continue to invest in our future. Consider positive suggestions in C2B report!
I really feel like Millinocket needs real doctors and better medical care. More medical professionals in our area and more events to draw in the tourists, although we do have lots already! So wonderful! We moved here 4 years a
We need to be a leader in internet service, I believe companies would come here and set up their businesses if we had a super fast internet available...a business like LL bean probably would if we had a better internet, just thin
Open up views of the mountain
Design great Welcome to Millinocket signs
Create a web portal that details top spots to visit in the region
create a comprehensive (4 seasons) trail sign system
Build access to Monument from Millinocket (Staceyville rd)
N/A
Require all complainers to volunteer to make things better.
N/A
Love it here.
Have state build new road from west side of Lincoln 195 exit straight to Millinocket, funnel all North woods traffic directly and reduce travel/distance time.
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When I married and moved to town in 2002, I had never been here before. I was shocked at the lack of tourist geared businesses. 16 years later, there still aren't any. We need to capitalize on this
Change the form of government. The council has too much control to make decisions that continually hurt this town.
Don't forget the past. Tradition and nostalgia are strong selling points.
Town needs to focus all their energy in helping Our Katahdin be successful its our only hope
We need to find a way to make it more attractive to outside real estate buyers, such as lower taxes for residential. Our housing costs are high here considering the average household income. I realize we have to subsidize the
Helping the local Veterans organizations is also a good start. They are struggling to keep open, lets figure out a way to move these organizations to viable locations or make their current locations less costly. This area would be

I consider broadband and better cell service to be necessary to encourage business to come here.
I know much is being done to try to revitalize the area. Best wishes.

Thanks for providing this opportunity to comment.

I wasn't sure what was meant by an age friendly community (friendly to senior citizens? friendly to youth? young professionals?)

Idea, for more performing arts, entertainment options:
- a mid-size venue that could accommodate performance arts (this is tricky, not sure of economic viability - but imagine a "concert calendar" - touring musicians/bands adding Millinocket to their tours - especially those that might be interested in the area)

Idea: a co-working space for local entrepreneurs and freelance/contractor/digital employees.
(and - imagine extending an open invitation for any visitors to town to share the space - for example those that might need to do a little work, remotely attend business conference calls, etc. while traveling).

Thinking about economic success a bit, I am reminded of the saying "a rising tide lifts all boats". A vibrant national and state economy, and in particular vibrant economy of its geographical neighbors is important to Millinocket (I really believe the town is making progress and people love living here).

N/A

Millinocket seems to be going in the right direction. I'd suggest a great PR firm who would take on town as a pro bono client and get exposure for all the town has to offer (people are looking for this). Attracting active, involved residents is key.

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We must invest in our town. We can't constantly be worried about the mill rate. Do things to increase the value of property and bring in new business and the mill rate will even out as it should. Do not cut essential services and infrastructure.

Thank you to all of the local Millinocket residents for the support of the runners that participated in the Millinocket half and full marathons. We could run it without you.
Please work with midway and east millinocket to become one united front! It is great to see that Katahdin Schools in Patten area are working with midway and east, time for the Katahdin Region to be united as one only then will we be able to attract more tourism to the area.

Can't think of one

How can we pitch (convince) to a large corporation to have them establish a business front location/factory in our town to provide actual sustainable jobs to the region?

I am glad to see that the hope for "another Great Northern" to swoop in and save the day is finally starting to fade. I feel this delayed any chances of the town recovering for many years. I used to get the local paper (before it closed) and I love this town.

We must take immediate action concerning the cost per pupil within our school system. We continue to avoid the white elephant in the room while watching our property taxes rise. Some recent town hiring practices are questionable.

Get a big brown sign like Lincoln has out on I-95 showing all the activities available here!
A downtown plan with facade requirements with teeth is needed. It would show great learning and faith to invite CZB to do it.

I suggest you go to the state of Maine voter registration requirements and change the OFFICIAL millinocket website to the truthful information -- it is against federal law to lie and suppress voter registration. There are several ways to do this. The town needs to attract more tourism to the area.

No thank you

No

Invest in the kids allow the schools to do college classes that help the kids out and hopefully in come back to build businesses

Activities for kids, new uniforms, equipment etc for sports and the performing arts. Decorate the down town beautifully. Cease work on Epstein building and take care of the pigeons that are ruining the fronts of other businesses. It seems like the town has lost its small town feel. No one help any one anymore we all want our town to be the best and portray it as a family friendly town but it is so far from the town I use to visit my grandparents in. Consolidate schools question. The older people in the community need to get their minds out of the gutter and look toward the future, not the past. Stop talking and start doing. It's been far too long since the mills have been gone. Surveys are nice and provide insight but actions speak louder than words.

WHY RELY ON TAX DOLLARS TO FUND A FAILED IDEA?
Thanks

I've seen many improvements in the short time that I have been here, but there is still much to do. I'm confident that the town is moving in the right direction. Keep up the good work. Millinocket is making a comeback!

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I want this town to survive, and although it is looking better, it is not looking great. We need some type of industry to support this town, but I don't know what we could do.
I think the town needs to invest in the first mile or two of the Golden Road. There is multiple businesses on that road. One of them brings in brand new trucks to get service bodies, dump truck bodies, trailers, etc. It is just sad that they don't stay in town.

N/A

I really just wish that this town would go back to how it was back in the day.
Give tax breaks and help build a business to get people working. Stop diverting funds to things like the marathon which only gives us a bump in our income. We need something steady and relatively constant.

Modernize McDonalds. Remove stop signs on Morgan and Kelly Lane. (At least four)

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This town is filled with people clinging to the fact that their locals. Any people from the outside are seen as the enemy. My family has been here for ten years and we're still seen as the "outsiders" and if they're not careful those outsiders will ruin the town. I believe that the Marathon is the best thing for this town. I truly believe that someone should coordinate the weekend and have some sort of set schedule and make the whole weekend of it. Have more activities! Have more things to do!

Make the marathon a whole week thing or maybe even half a week. Have tons of activities such as maybe taking a bus up to see the mountain at Abol. Start doing kids activities during the marathon and try to make kids want to go. Our school needs to be more spirited with the bands and student sections. Friendly competition isn't a bad thing. Have tourists come to different restaurants and not just the scootie. Your plow truck drivers could clear the roads better.

Get some new cutting edges for your town plow truck.
Tear down the dumpy buildings.

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Shared Thoughts: Publicize/Advertise in New England: Come to area: Purchase low cost housing. Job Telecommuting and enjoy recreation. Change (State) rules on abandon houses so pipes can be drained in the fall to prevent freezing.

Would it be possible to try and get a clothing store. Men, Women, Children, a shoe store. Maybe a new gas station.

I think the town should fully fund the library as it once did. The library is about so much more than books. It's currently functioning as one of the few community spaces we have - a space where you don't have to pay to exist, we need more of these spaces.