

## What makes New Bern special, and different from other communities in North Carolina?

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## 1. What makes New Bern special, and different from other communities in North

### Response Text

1	It's people, heritage, history, natural resources and location.	Dec 9, 2010 1:02 PM
2	NB is one of the first established cities in North Carolina. It has 300 years of history	Dec 9, 2010 3:17 PM
3	Large number of restored structures Scenic water vistas Quaint downtown	Dec 9, 2010 8:52 PM
4	Tryon Palace, Union Point Park, the new NC Education Center, Visitor's Center are a few	Dec 9, 2010 11:43 PM
5	The emphasis on history and the beautiful water view(s), second only to Edenton in my opinion.	Dec 10, 2010 11:58 AM
6	It was the first capital of NC and the home of Pepsi, I think that is pretty special	Dec 10, 2010 12:06 PM
7	History Diversity High ratio of retirees	Dec 10, 2010 2:43 PM
8	It's not by the beach	Dec 10, 2010 2:44 PM
9	New Bern lacks the vision to maintain the "historic" quality and still become a thriving 21st century community. The historic tag line is used by long time residents to justify maintaining the status quo.	Dec 10, 2010 4:46 PM
10	Small town charm historic district	Dec 10, 2010 9:51 PM
11	History	Dec 10, 2010 9:55 PM
12	Tryon Palace, Waterfront, Union Point, Lawson Creek, Historical District,	Dec 10, 2010 9:55 PM
13	Its historic assets, its can do attitude, mix of peoples/cultures, natural resources	Dec 10, 2010 9:56 PM
14	Preserving the past but looking forward to the future.	Dec 10, 2010 10:07 PM
15	New Bern is a melting pot of people from different areas all over the country who love the history and charm of our town. It is a small town, but is big on culture, history, events, and fun things to do.	Dec 10, 2010 10:09 PM
16	The rivers...especially the river views; the vibrant shopping; the architecture and the lovely old restored homes and churches.	Dec 10, 2010 10:35 PM
17	Tryon Palace	Dec 10, 2010 10:46 PM

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18	The viewscapes of the rivers at the ends of streets The unobstructed view of the church spires and turrets, domes and cupolas atop buildings in the downtown. the very intact residential areas in the downtown historic district.	Dec 10, 2010 11:09 PM
19	Friendly town, residents and business owners get involved in community activities, Historic Downtown Residents Association promotes a close neighborhood.	Dec 11, 2010 12:33 AM
20	The history, the town center, the hospitality toward visitors and the ability to walk to various attractions.	Dec 11, 2010 12:48 AM
21	It's size, historic imprint, neatness, artistic use of buildings and areas around the city. It's unique shops, close to water. Marinas. Yet a touch of class with the Hilton. It's strict code as to no high buildings so you can see the entire city. want me to go on?	Dec 11, 2010 12:55 AM
22	Nothing	Dec 11, 2010 12:58 AM
23	Near water, history, small town	Dec 11, 2010 2:59 AM
24	friendly involved people, spacious waterfront	Dec 11, 2010 10:34 AM
25	The people. It's history. It's place among other NC places and points of interest.	Dec 11, 2010 1:52 PM
26	Rich History	Dec 11, 2010 1:53 PM
27	A pronounced effort to be "historical" even when it involves eliminating progress from 50 years ago. Example: The reduction of Broad Street into Narrow Alley - may be great to tickle the tourists, but LOUSY for people who have to travel in that manner.	Dec 11, 2010 2:47 PM
28	It's continued "small town" charm: warmth & friendliness of the citizens; cleanliness of the downtown and surrounding communities; thriving downtown mercantile; cultural and family activities.	Dec 11, 2010 2:48 PM
29	historic environment, friendly, welcoming citizens, proximity to a very desirable/navigable body of water,	Dec 11, 2010 3:11 PM
30	The amount of historic preservation, due to it having been discovered pretty early-on by Northern Retirees with the money to put into salvaging the Downtown Buildings.	Dec 11, 2010 3:53 PM
31	The influx of new people and the actions taken years ago to save and renovate the old buildings, etc.	Dec 11, 2010 3:59 PM
32	New Bern is a city that has people who drive it in the correct direction, blending economic growth with preservation. New Bern is an alive city and community where people come together to improve it.	Dec 11, 2010 4:09 PM
33	Character of town Location at the fork of two rivers people architecture	Dec 11, 2010 4:44 PM
34	The people	Dec 11, 2010 5:02 PM
35	location and smalltown appeal	Dec 11, 2010 5:08 PM
36	history New Bern is the second oldest town in NC. New Bern was my home and birthplace, also my father was born in NB, My grandfather came to NB as a young man and started his business there.	Dec 11, 2010 5:58 PM
37	The downtown area	Dec 11, 2010 6:09 PM
38	Small town feel with big city accommodations. Safe to walk about and much to see as you are doing so. Good dining options. Close to the beach. Tryon Palace and the History Center. Historic homes and friendly people.	Dec 11, 2010 6:18 PM
39	Quaint downtown. The water!!!	Dec 11, 2010 7:06 PM



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40	Its preservation of its history, while acknowledging that a vibrant community must always look to the future.	Dec 11, 2010 8:44 PM
41	The confluence of the two rivers. The historical aspect and it's welcome of diverse lifestyles.	Dec 11, 2010 9:29 PM
42	Historic downtown and the rivers.	Dec 12, 2010 4:16 AM
43	It's historic nature.	Dec 12, 2010 4:26 AM
44	Our history and the preservation of so much architecture form a broad range of periods. Mostly our people who are generous and welcoming.	Dec 12, 2010 5:47 AM
45	Small town charm, no traffic, historic downtown, you get to appreciate waterfront views everywhere you look even if you don't live on the water, our skyline, OUR TREES, architecture, friendly downtown merchants, just the right mix of local, fun retirees, military, and first time home buyers. Entrepreneurs. Tryon Palace, Full time community, artsy types, small enough to make a difference.	Dec 12, 2010 10:31 AM
46	its historic appeal adn lication	Dec 12, 2010 3:40 PM
47	Concentration of 18th, 19th, and 20th century homes in downtown hx. district, including a number of smaller structures, surrounding a vibrant and historic commercial district, and bounded by 2 rivers. Also, the proximity of three 20th century hx. districts to the downtown district and beginning preservation activities within each. Additionally, the existance of several non-profit history/preservation groups. And of course, the centerpiece and grandparent of our historic resources -- Tryon Palace and the Hx. Center.	Dec 12, 2010 5:12 PM
48	The sennse of caring and strong sense of community and the pride of those who live here.	Dec 13, 2010 12:40 AM
49	New Bern's waterfront location, colonial capital status and Civil War History are unique and that sets it apart from other communities. Citizens chose to keep business building heights low and make the views from the waterfront of steeples and clocks, and of rooflines of historic buildings and restored southern mansions picture perfect images that captivates visitors. The people are charming and seem much friendlier that in many historic communities.	Dec 13, 2010 2:31 AM
50	Its nice people, warm climate and smallness.- bldgs are more human scale and I feel safe walking its streets	Dec 13, 2010 12:17 PM
51	Water and history	Dec 13, 2010 1:01 PM
52	nothing is special, but we are different. We don't whant to move on we still think it is 1710.	Dec 13, 2010 1:44 PM
53	People Places Businesses	Dec 13, 2010 1:47 PM
54	The beautiful waterfront, remarkable historic homes, quaint atmosphere. It feels like "home" and good place to live and raise a family.	Dec 13, 2010 2:48 PM
55	The abundance of waterfront & the History.	Dec 13, 2010 2:48 PM
56	New Bern - as in the past - is a melting pot city. People are drawn to it by its rich history, and some stay because it is a new town in the making. Great to be a part of that.	Dec 13, 2010 3:19 PM
57	Aesthetic quality is invaluable. New Bern has preserved historic architecture and worked for a transition to current and functional new structures.	Dec 13, 2010 4:19 PM
58	Historic past, size, people	Dec 13, 2010 5:22 PM
59	The uniqness of the people, shops, the arts and the small town welcome.	Dec 13, 2010 6:50 PM
60	Small town with historic attraction and friendly people. Many different things to get involved with.	Dec 13, 2010 10:13 PM

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61	Downtown Downtown at night	Dec 14, 2010 1:54 PM
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63	The two rivers, the small community, friendly neighbors and entertaining and educational events ..	Dec 17, 2010 9:49 PM
64	The city's special relationship with the military Colonial capital of NC Good retirement area Quality of life Proximity to the ocean.....Neuse and Trent rivers	Dec 17, 2010 10:56 PM
65	an alive downtown with wonderful restored houses	Dec 20, 2010 5:49 AM
66	Historic Downtown, location on two rivers,large group of retirees.	Dec 24, 2010 7:56 PM
67	the quaintness of the town and the historical look it has	Jan 5, 2011 10:34 PM
68	Everyone cares what happens to this town. People who move here adopt it just like a child. They love it and it becomes "their" town no matter how short a time they are here.	Jan 10, 2011 4:46 PM
69	its sense of place, its people and its historic fiber!	Jan 10, 2011 5:57 PM
70	Location, charm, ah history	Jan 10, 2011 6:39 PM
71	colonial capital Tryon's Palace and History Center walkable downtown with friendly business owners some of which allow dogs in the stores	Jan 11, 2011 6:16 AM
72	Thye people in New Bern are very friendly, warm and considerate. The historic atmosphere and history makes for an enjoyable place to live. Additionally, the town is alive and envolved. These characteristics ,i think set New Bern apart from many other towns.	Jan 11, 2011 9:11 PM
73	unique history	Jan 12, 2011 3:05 PM
74	Smalltown, friendly---know everyone on a first name basis.---airport proximity, flights available	Jan 12, 2011 6:32 PM
75	The "Hometown" Feel	Jan 12, 2011 8:20 PM
76	geography and history	Jan 12, 2011 8:58 PM
77	its historical importance and ever improving state of preservation	Jan 12, 2011 9:05 PM
78	It's rich history.	Jan 13, 2011 2:36 AM
79	New Bern has a 300+ year history, encompassing a multitude of themes--diverse 18th century population, geography, colonial government, maritime and riverine commerce, the Civil War era, and military history beginning with the 1940s establishment of Cherry Point and Camp Lejeune. All of this is tangible, thanks to the many buildings of many periods that remain downtown and in the greater New Bern area.	Jan 13, 2011 5:41 PM
80	Few places to shop or entertain is great because you always see someone you know when you go out.	Jan 16, 2011 3:35 AM
81	Small town with class atmosphere, 2 rivers, Historic residential and business section, Our history, it is the important historic foundation for the entire state of NC. Battleground -the site of the battle of NB. The depot,and its importance to the local economy. Water views, water front parks, good parking, Tryon Palace complex, events like the many parades, summer music programs. Our historic cemeteries.	Jan 20, 2011 2:54 AM

Are there important resources that you fear losing?

		Response Percent	Response Count
yes		82.9%	68
no		17.1%	14
answered question			82
skipped question			1

If so, what are they? Why are they threatened?

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### 3. If so, what are they? Why are they threatened?

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1	Waterfront-limited amount.	Dec 9, 2010 1:02 PM
2	The traditional african-american communities are slowly losing the houses and structures that can tell a story about their heritage and history	Dec 9, 2010 3:17 PM
3	Viewscales of the water. Historic black neighborhoods.	Dec 9, 2010 8:52 PM
4	Being able to walk (and bike) safely throughout the city (we could use more bike racks downtown -- it will help with the parking problem too -- private development or lack of careful planning can cause these.	Dec 10, 2010 11:58 AM
5	greedy greedy people and welfare housing downtown	Dec 10, 2010 12:06 PM
6	Youth activities. Threatened by retirees who don't value them and budget cuts	Dec 10, 2010 2:43 PM
7	Green space and community waterfront accessibility	Dec 10, 2010 9:51 PM
8	Historic Fabric - Threatened by progress, development, material life cycles, ignorance, etc.	Dec 10, 2010 9:55 PM
9	Downtown area because of the migration of resources westward within the city and county	Dec 10, 2010 9:55 PM
10	unique character--pressure to homogenize and dumb down design	Dec 10, 2010 9:56 PM
11	Rich Christina heritage that is being threatened by today secularism	Dec 10, 2010 10:07 PM
12	river views and the quaintness with the new construction on S. Front St.	Dec 10, 2010 10:35 PM
13	clean water	Dec 10, 2010 10:46 PM
14	tree-lined streets/ the city is planting only trees that do not interfere with overhead power lines.	Dec 10, 2010 11:09 PM
15	not sure	Dec 11, 2010 12:33 AM
16	The ability to walk and bicycle in the downtown area are threatened by the automobile.	Dec 11, 2010 12:48 AM
17	That greed will cause compromises to what we have. That we will grow too big and spread out like many small towns that didn't limit themselves.	Dec 11, 2010 12:55 AM
18	encroachment of public housing. Invites crime, lowers property values.	Dec 11, 2010 2:59 AM
19	view of Neuse from downtown	Dec 11, 2010 10:34 AM
20	The waterfront. Easy parking.	Dec 11, 2010 1:52 PM
21	Individuality, prosperity - the ability to do (within some limits) what one wants with one's own property.	Dec 11, 2010 2:47 PM

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22	Infrastructure & road maintenance and improvements due to shortage of funds.	Dec 11, 2010 2:48 PM
23	the quality of and access to The Neuse River	Dec 11, 2010 3:11 PM
24	Parking, traffic jams, Historic District ringed by condos causing the first two. Eventual destruction of the very things that make this an attractive tourist town. I've seen it happen other places. Greed	Dec 11, 2010 3:53 PM
25	access to the waterfront	Dec 11, 2010 4:09 PM
26	Purity of river due to pollution	Dec 11, 2010 4:44 PM
27	Waterfront access, access to businesses along hwy 70 has already been curtailed	Dec 11, 2010 5:02 PM
28	water and air quality	Dec 11, 2010 5:08 PM
29	water front, Large businesses are taking over the waterfront.	Dec 11, 2010 5:58 PM
30	Because the city is against growth and positive change. We could have had a big box store downtown to draw customers, a parking deck so more people could get downtown, and now they are putting public bathrooms on one of the best commercial spots in the whole area. There are nice public bathrooms 2.5 blocks away at union point.	Dec 11, 2010 6:09 PM
31	The shops downtown. There seem to be more and more private offices and less diversity in the shops to visit. Prices at the Hilton are not in balance with others.	Dec 11, 2010 6:18 PM
32	Need efforts to protect the cleanliness of the Neuse River	Dec 11, 2010 7:06 PM
33	The small town feel, along with entertainment opportunities.	Dec 11, 2010 8:44 PM
34	I love the historical but they can get a little crazy and politically correct about it. And downtown is not the end all.	Dec 11, 2010 9:29 PM
35	Years ago I would have said buildings	Dec 12, 2010 4:16 AM
36	Historic buildings. They are threatened by lack of maintenance most likely because the owners may not be financially able to maintain them.	Dec 12, 2010 4:26 AM
37	I don't want New Bern to grow too fast and become a "franchise" place that looks like every other small city in America.	Dec 12, 2010 5:47 AM
38	Trees, what a loss when these are cut down anywhere but especially downtown. Old buildings need to stay.	Dec 12, 2010 10:31 AM
39	cleanliness of river	Dec 12, 2010 3:40 PM
40	Vista of waterfront, e.g. the 25 ac. parcel of Neuse River front property on N. Craven St. that is for sale. Also, the brick pavers that are covered by asphalt on many downtown and Riverside streets and the older trees that are removed, occasionally illegally. ( We need a better, empowered oversight group, as well as a replanting and tree pruning program.)	Dec 12, 2010 5:12 PM
41	Our natural resources and the reluctance of the city to allow energy efficiency and recycling progress to move forward.	Dec 13, 2010 12:40 AM
42	Older neglected homes in outer-lying historic neighborhoods are in danger of being demolished and the historic value and charm lost. Lack of jobs, especially high paying job industries keeps young professionals and couples away and drives native New Bernians to larger cities. More businesses are not as attracted downtown due to space constraints and infrastructure issues. The vitality of the city's financial growth and health may be threatened significantly over time if downtown business tax dollars, home property tax dollars and an aging population can not sustain the costs.	Dec 13, 2010 2:31 AM
43	natural areas esp along the river. loss of small town feeling	Dec 13, 2010 12:17 PM
44	The cleanliness of the water	Dec 13, 2010 1:01 PM
45	African American historic sites; sense of place	Dec 13, 2010 1:47 PM



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46	Some of the new construction downtown does not fit in with the feeling of the city. I'm all for improvement and growth, but it should be done within the parameters of the city's atmosphere. Jan Franceour's house for example is way too modern for the downtown area.	Dec 13, 2010 2:48 PM
47	Access to the water.	Dec 13, 2010 2:48 PM
48	The people who have personally invested in re-building the historic district. I don't know that the threat is imminent, but a continued PUBLIC effort at preserving and improving New Bern's legacy will help to retain those who continue to give.	Dec 13, 2010 3:19 PM
49	Development will always presure historic and water resources.	Dec 13, 2010 4:19 PM
50	Historic Contributions by African Americans	Dec 13, 2010 5:22 PM
51	Too few realize the importance of preserving the historical areas. BUT please respect the owners and the limits of their purses i.e. round vs square gutters, storm windows vs plexi-glass. We need to be vigilant of conserving energy in the these old homes. An issue on National Ave. the constant thieves and concern about safety is because of the small mini-mart and the homeless shelter. Please find a way to move the shelter and to encourage those at the mini-mart to move. There is a constant, and I mean constant parade of people willing to steal and hurt going to and from the mini-mart and generally looking for drugs from vendors on the side streets. Stop it before an historical area is destroyed because of its ill-gained reputation.	Dec 13, 2010 6:50 PM
52	Wooded areas to development.	Dec 13, 2010 10:13 PM
53	water losses caused by the poor infrastructure and the poor response by City workers.	Dec 17, 2010 9:49 PM
54	The historical significance of the Five Points and James City areas. Threatened because of neglect and general view of being unimportant..	Dec 17, 2010 10:56 PM
55	the waterfront. developers and poor planning	Dec 20, 2010 5:49 AM
56	Infill development not required to be in keeping with existing character of City. Loss of water views.	Dec 24, 2010 7:56 PM
57	historical look. To much modern looking growth and displays that do not blend in.	Jan 5, 2011 10:34 PM
58	Quaintness of downtown. I wish I knew why someone would want that to happen. I am told it has to do with money or quid pro quo which is another way of saying money.	Jan 10, 2011 4:46 PM
59	I want infill new construction that compliments and enhances our existing historic resources, They are threatened by the high cost of the land or structure therefore causing developers to build higher, also many developers do not understand historic districts and design a build structures not suited for the area which causes bad feelings when being reviewed by local HPC and having to obtain CUP's to build.	Jan 10, 2011 5:57 PM
60	The small business -- Moms abd Pops -- Lack of support	Jan 10, 2011 6:39 PM
61	local historical building, some of which have already been torn down--the city letting buidlings being built that are inappropriate in size and height for the area	Jan 11, 2011 6:16 AM
62	Planning for growth while sustaining the historic culture requires a delicate balance. Especially with the tight economic conditions, it is easy for the city and county to accept maney making projects jeopardizing the historic make-up of the city.	Jan 11, 2011 9:11 PM
63	small shops, downtown restaurants becuz parking limitations	Jan 12, 2011 6:32 PM
64	Resources	Jan 12, 2011 8:20 PM
65	some pieces of our history are already gone--our society wants/needs modernization/convenience/comfort (on the inside) but that doesn't mean we can't preserve the outsides	Jan 12, 2011 8:58 PM



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66	any of the remaing older structures, particularly the rr depot	Jan 12, 2011 9:05 PM
67	History, historical places etc.	Jan 13, 2011 2:36 AM
68	I think that special attention needs to be given to preserving a sense of place downtown. There was a relatively recent demolition on the corner of Pollock and Middle streets that resulted in a church garden...but other infill might not be as sympathetic, such as the recent push to build on Craven Street and install a Talbot's there. I've lived in other "older" cities where there was an effort to put upscale chain businesses in the older commerical areas, and it doesn't always translate so well (one example being some of the stores on Duke of Gloucester Street in Williamsburg).	Jan 13, 2011 5:41 PM
69	water rights to land that perks, horse riding, fresh produce from land that is over taxed. Over taxed for the purpose of making prouct available to realtors, bankers, and the construction industry- which is finite econonics anyway.	Jan 16, 2011 3:35 AM
70	The train station, our water front parks and Water-views we have lost a pristine waterfront due to greed on the part of the city. By there selling out to outside interest for hotels and condos( these are an eyesore.)The many historic cementerys are not being maintained in a careful manner. poor mowing , damage being done to the headstones etc.	Jan 20, 2011 2:54 AM

## 3. Are there resources in your community that are significant that might not be obvious to an “Outsider”?

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yes		81.9%	59
no		18.1%	13
		answered question	72
		skipped question	11

If so, what are they?

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## 5. If so, what are they?

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1	Our natural surroundings. Rivers, Nature, forests, fish, and wildlife.	Dec 9, 2010 1:02 PM
2	Look at Dryborough and Sunnyside.	Dec 9, 2010 3:17 PM
3	Dryborough 5 Points Union Depot	Dec 9, 2010 8:52 PM
4	Interesting question. In my experience we have well-run city services -- police, fire, city workers. and many volunteers who are willing to give their time to help others. Both contribute mightily to the quality of life in small city.	Dec 10, 2010 11:58 AM
5	Park at the waterfront of King St.	Dec 10, 2010 2:43 PM
6	Parks and areas for people	Dec 10, 2010 9:51 PM
7	Historic Fabric - Not just the buildings and the streets, but the fabric created by all of the individual historic elements.	Dec 10, 2010 9:55 PM
8	natural resources	Dec 10, 2010 9:56 PM
9	The amazing variety of people here.	Dec 10, 2010 10:07 PM
10	People	Dec 10, 2010 10:46 PM
11	The remarkably intact residential areas in the downtown historic district are continually treasured by proposed parking lots, church expansions, etc.	Dec 10, 2010 11:09 PM
12	not sure	Dec 11, 2010 12:33 AM
13	All the ones mentioned in question 1.	Dec 11, 2010 12:55 AM
14	friendliness of neighbors, colorful history of old New Bernians	Dec 11, 2010 10:34 AM
15	"small town feel", security, friendliness, familiarity... thinks like that.	Dec 11, 2010 1:52 PM
16	detailed history of small things such as the upside down cannon at the corner of Pollock and Middle Streets.	Dec 11, 2010 1:53 PM
17	An infrastructure that was progressive right through the time between the 1940's and 1970's - before the so-called Historical Society became powerful enough to obstruct progress.	Dec 11, 2010 2:47 PM
18	Our strong neighborhood association and comradery of the neighborhood.	Dec 11, 2010 2:48 PM
19	quality of life, access to health care.	Dec 11, 2010 3:11 PM
20	Numerous. Too many factions, websites, different lists of resources and events. The public websites are a mess.	Dec 11, 2010 3:53 PM

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21	old buildings that need renovation or demolition	Dec 11, 2010 3:59 PM
22	the ability of different groups to work together for economic development and maintain our uniqueness.	Dec 11, 2010 4:09 PM
23	Strong African American Community	Dec 11, 2010 4:44 PM
24	Less is more. The simplicity is what attracts people here. We don't need to change that.	Dec 11, 2010 5:02 PM
25	events are aimed at target groups	Dec 11, 2010 5:08 PM
26	Mom and pop restaurants and stores	Dec 11, 2010 6:09 PM
27	History center and Tryon Palace. Many people do not seem to realize it exists. Entertainment at Trent River Coffee House is great and inexpensive. New Bern Civic Theater, Ratio Theatre productions...etc. Need more promotion.	Dec 11, 2010 6:18 PM
28	The innate friendliness of the people...once that we are comfortable that the "outsider" does not want to force his/her ideas on us.	Dec 11, 2010 8:44 PM
29	Someone needs to get their hands on the old photos that the former photographer who used be on Middle Street took for 50 years from the 1940s-1980s. When his son sold the business to some outsiders all the photos went with them. The son showed me a lot of them ranging from Babe Ruth doing an exhibition at the old Kafer Baseball Park to a President visiting (Truman?) and a KKK rally.	Dec 11, 2010 9:29 PM
30	I'm sure there are. They are the support system for the things the do see.	Dec 12, 2010 4:16 AM
31	Craven Community College.	Dec 12, 2010 4:26 AM
32	Not sure what they are, but I believe we have resources that can make almost anything happen here.	Dec 12, 2010 5:47 AM
33	Young people chamber, need more resources for the 25-35 age group to attract them.	Dec 12, 2010 10:31 AM
34	The beauty and history of Cedar Grove Cemetery and the National Cemetery are often missed by "outsiders" as well as "insiders". Good signage to mark or direct tourists to these as well as various areas of our historic districts and points of interest has not been achieved since it was identified as a priority in the early 1980s.	Dec 12, 2010 5:12 PM
35	Yes, the black community was and still is a resource to the city. During the post Civil War, Antebellum New Bern period, there were thriving black residential and business centers. The Five Points area had predominately black owned business. There were doctors, lawyers, dentist, etc. That part of the city's history and the buildings (now mostly gone) were also historic. The memory of the people; the buildings and the contributions of the black citizens during that period needs to be identified further and presented in visible, well maintained-permanent structures or commemorative park areas. It also must be included more specifically in the history taught and celebrated. The preservation efforts should be joint efforts by both the white and black communities in order to bring the two communities together. This and other initiatives such as this tap into a "human resource" that encourages better upkeep of homes in an ongoing basis, and educates tourists and the public about the common everyday contributions of black people to provide for their own needs. Efforts such as this are more current, yet very historic and may encourage more healing and togetherness than celebrations of Juneteenth and Jonkanu have. They are still relevant but, there are still two separate New Berns. Any joint preservation initiatives that instill pride and/or inspire education and business entrepreneurships, will be fruitful for the city-at- large over time. Seniorly people with memory of Five Points time contributed to the Oral History Project. Hopefully, that project and other projects can bring the history back to life in a positive peaceful, healing, celebratory and lasting manner by letting the past be a bridge to a brighter future for everyone.	Dec 13, 2010 2:31 AM

## 5. If so, what are they?

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36	people, small town atmosphere, people looking out for each other - being able to stop and talk in the streets rather than sit in traffic	Dec 13, 2010 12:17 PM
37	Activities going on in and around the community Collaborative efforts Nonprofit Resources Volunteer opportunities	Dec 13, 2010 1:47 PM
38	The waterfront - particularly off of E. Broad Street and points North is an under-utilized resource. I think most would agree that this area needs developed. Outsiders might assume it is being utilized.	Dec 13, 2010 3:19 PM
39	New Bern may be considered a gateway community to Eastern NC with all its unique and fantastic natural resources. Many individuals see structures (old water front) and remain unaware of how these natural resources built the city.	Dec 13, 2010 4:19 PM
40	See 3 above. In just about every category, African Americans have made a contribution, however, records were not maintained, history is too hard to find.	Dec 13, 2010 5:22 PM
41	There is a tremendous amount of internal networking for the good of others, history, and general well-being of residents.	Dec 13, 2010 6:50 PM
42	Great Home Owners Association	Dec 13, 2010 10:13 PM
43	The concern that much of the downtown population has to preserve the vistas, the small town feel, the convenience in securing services and the many planned events which provide entertainment, cultural experiences and educational opportunities.	Dec 17, 2010 9:49 PM
44	See #3	Dec 17, 2010 10:56 PM
45	Extensive black historic districts not so designated at this time.	Dec 24, 2010 7:56 PM
46	preserving our rivers and wildlife.	Jan 5, 2011 10:34 PM
47	Yes and no. It doesn't take being in town very long before the resources become obvious. People who have never visited cannot conceive of the pride residents have and the friendliness of the residents. Once they are here they believe what they have been told.	Jan 10, 2011 4:46 PM
48	Many of our existing structures tell a story about a time in our history and to the outsider it may be just another brick building which could be replaced or built next to by their idea of "historic" The need to educate realtors and developers about Historic Districts is critical!	Jan 10, 2011 5:57 PM
49	The outstanding opportunities at the Community College.	Jan 10, 2011 6:39 PM
50	if a person just drives by they will miss much we have older buildings to look at, Tryon's Palace, many parks related to the water a river walk is in the works	Jan 11, 2011 6:16 AM
51	The many non-profit groups such as the Preservation Foundation, Historic Society, PLAT and other such agencies that contribute to the town.	Jan 11, 2011 9:11 PM
52	written historic documents, records	Jan 12, 2011 3:05 PM
53	community college, medical facilities, some clean industry(Bosch) shopping mall	Jan 12, 2011 6:32 PM
54	Community Partners	Jan 12, 2011 8:20 PM
55	community organization including Pres. Society	Jan 12, 2011 8:58 PM
56	the variety and background of people living here many retirees-including me	Jan 12, 2011 9:05 PM
57	I think the African American communities in town along the Trent River and off of Broad Street have unique neighborhoods (most of which I believe are part of historic districts) that are very evocative of a sense of place.	Jan 13, 2011 5:41 PM
58	Groups of musicians, a quarters guils, train tracks, a lot of soldiers with advanced industrial skills, such as NO enterprises on 17 in Rhem. In town- the court house and it's brick entrance papers	Jan 16, 2011 3:35 AM

## 5. If so, what are they?

### Response Text

59	Our precious volunteers, Historical Society, Preservation Foundation, HPC, History resource centers,-library, museums, arts, Historic Downtown Residents Association, civic organizations	Jan 20, 2011 2:54 AM
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What do you think are the biggest issues/challenges New Bern faces in terms of preserving its history?

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## 6. What do you think are the biggest issues/challenges New Bern faces in terms

### Response Text

1	Defining allowable development.	Dec 9, 2010 1:02 PM
2	Properly managing new development and in-fill in a way that compliments NB's historic fabric.	Dec 9, 2010 3:17 PM
3	Convincing residents that preservation is an economic engine that will 1) increase property values (and tax revenue) without concurrent increases in city infrastructure, 2) create the need for skilled workers within the community, 3) increase tourism.	Dec 9, 2010 8:52 PM
4	Money and development	Dec 9, 2010 11:43 PM
5	I think New Bern sometimes confuses preservation with conservation. Saving every scrap of something old for its own sake is important in some contexts of historical research but for many homes, we should be looking for ways to incorporate green technologies without destroying the look of a building. Energy efficient windows that fit in appearance with an historic building, or vinyl siding that is virtually indistinguishable from wood are examples. Another example of devotion to history overtaking a bit is the old grocery store on N. Craven near Don Miller Park. It has a rich history and would have made a neat restoration but is in such disrepair as to be dangerous. Do we need different ordinances or better enforcement of existing ones? Not sure, but in this case preservation seems to have overtaken a concern for the safety and well-being of those living near by. Thinking productively about 'green-ness' and safety while we think about preservation seems to me to be major challenge.	Dec 10, 2010 11:58 AM
6	getting rid of the welfare housing downtown	Dec 10, 2010 12:06 PM
7	Perception that preservation is the opposite of progress	Dec 10, 2010 2:43 PM
8	Its hard to attract visitors and investors to a historic district that is bordered by two crime ridden public housing projects. Trent Court and craven terrace need to go! The Five Points community is in shambles	Dec 10, 2010 4:46 PM
9	Finding a balance of offering conveniences while maintaining the historic look and feel	Dec 10, 2010 9:51 PM
10	Public awareness and acceptance.	Dec 10, 2010 9:55 PM
11	Progress	Dec 10, 2010 9:55 PM
12	pressure to dive to the bottom line--bottom fishing, let the person build what they want regardless of its appropriateness--loosing sense of place	Dec 10, 2010 9:56 PM
13	Not abandoning its Christian heritage.	Dec 10, 2010 10:07 PM



## 6. What do you think are the biggest issues/challenges New Bern faces in terms

	Response Text	
14	Preserving our history and at the same time growing and flourishing. New buildings need to be in harmony, but the "harmony" should not be dictated by a few people who really don't want to see growth and change.	Dec 10, 2010 10:09 PM
15	No deals with new and huge construction projects that take away from the views, charm and uniqueness	Dec 10, 2010 10:35 PM
16	Balancing preservation with growth and economic development	Dec 10, 2010 10:46 PM
17	Controlling development and finding appropriate infill	Dec 10, 2010 11:09 PM
18	Funding	Dec 11, 2010 12:33 AM
19	Proving access for cars (such as parking in the downtown area) and still provide a safe enviroment for walking and bicycle riding.	Dec 11, 2010 12:48 AM
20	A few that think they need to grow, grow, grow. Then the area will be lost in the shuffle. Those folks need to move to Wilmington, Charlotte, Raliegh etc.	Dec 11, 2010 12:55 AM
21	no interest	Dec 11, 2010 12:58 AM
22	Lack of vision...need more parking. Start enforcing rules and regs in public housing. Clean up area between corner of First Street to Days Inn.	Dec 11, 2010 2:59 AM
23	cost of maintenance of old, wood houses.	Dec 11, 2010 10:34 AM
24	Overcoming the short-sightedness of local citizens and local government. Obtaining funding: local, county and state. Gaining local acceptance of preservation and restoration efforts.	Dec 11, 2010 1:52 PM
25	We perserve a little too much. The city should invite more businesses of all types to all areas.	Dec 11, 2010 1:53 PM
26	Deciding a proper balance between what should be preserved, and what should be allowed to change - change is not always harmful, but is frequently beneficial. I doubt seriously that most in this area would want to return to TRUE 1700's standards of lighting, cleanliness, and health.	Dec 11, 2010 2:47 PM
27	Funding, funding, funding/	Dec 11, 2010 2:48 PM
28	The razing of commercial as well as residential historic properties.	Dec 11, 2010 3:11 PM
29	Greed on the part of developers, see above condo rings, which is what I have primarily seen happen other places. Destroys traffic, ambiance, destroys what made it attractive to begin with.	Dec 11, 2010 3:53 PM
30	The "stagnant" attitude of many	Dec 11, 2010 3:59 PM
31	We need to look at all of New Bern for preserving history--not just the historical area. 5 Points, the Pollock St corridor, etc need to be developed. People come to New Bern because they like what they see and feel. It is unfortunate that this same group, once here, wants to start imposing rules and ideas to make it like from where they came.	Dec 11, 2010 4:09 PM
32	Again, ensuring appropriate inclusion of African American contributions to New Bern (not just slave history or Junkeneau)  Of course there are the usual political issues to deal with as well. Not in my backyard etc. How to make good quality decisions that take in all factors, but allow things to move forward crisply. This process would be a good example.	Dec 11, 2010 4:44 PM
33	Over zealous people causing a back lash. i.e. Removing the trees in front of Tryon Palace...Reconstruction of Broad Street. Intentions may be good, but folks are still shaking their heads.	Dec 11, 2010 5:02 PM
34	blending growth and development. having money avabile to maintain historical points of interest	Dec 11, 2010 5:08 PM
35	long term planning	Dec 11, 2010 5:58 PM
36	The people in charge and making decisions. New Bern isn't what is important. It is the politics and money that win at the end of the day.	Dec 11, 2010 6:09 PM

## 6. What do you think are the biggest issues/challenges New Bern faces in terms

	Response Text	
37	Carrying it beyond the main downtown district. Need to clean up projects, and promote 5 Points area history and preservation. Riverside district also needs some work to make it more approachable.	Dec 11, 2010 6:18 PM
38	Cost of energy - old houses are expensive to heat and AC. The costs here are too high.	Dec 11, 2010 7:06 PM
39	Money.	Dec 11, 2010 8:44 PM
40	Gettting to serious on it's self. Take a good look at what other communities are doing that are working in eastern NC (Greenville, Washington, Wilmington and even out of state). They really need a parking deck in downtown if they want to keep people coming to it.	Dec 11, 2010 9:29 PM
41	Rolling back the land scares of the last 60+ years while connecting the city to future technology.	Dec 12, 2010 4:16 AM
42	How to grow and continue to be economically viable without losing the historic charm. That historic nature, or charm if you will, is our main attraction here in my opinion.	Dec 12, 2010 4:26 AM
43	I think there is a fine line between responsible preservation and being so restrictive that you inhibit growth and progress. Not all things are worth preserving..... and the rule need to favor those who want to preserve and improve.	Dec 12, 2010 5:47 AM
44	As merchants get "hungry" during this economy they may give in to the big guys coming in. Our small town charm is dependent on small town unique shops and restaurants. Keep the growth at a controlled pace.	Dec 12, 2010 10:31 AM
45	There have been big businesses that could have brought in an enormous amount of revenue that have avoided our down town district because of our unwillingness to compromise. Where would New York be if they set hieght restriction on there buildings?	Dec 12, 2010 1:24 PM
46	bringing businesses downtown	Dec 12, 2010 3:40 PM
47	Finding a realistic and economical solution to preserving and using the Union Station remains an enormous challenge, yet this property is a key component in the City's Riverstation plan. Also, while N.B. has several organizations concerned to some degree with hx. preservation, the main organization (N.B.Preservation Found.) seems to have lost much of its focus. This will probably impact the development of our newer hx. districts in the futhre.	Dec 12, 2010 5:12 PM
48	1. New Bern needs a clear vision of what kind of city it will be 10, 20, 30 years from now and that is not clear at this point in time. 2. Preservations efforts so far are good but there appears to be friction between historic downtown and historic residential district people. 3. Insurance issues and high costs may threaten further ownerships and renovations of historic homes. 4. Dealing with unpleasant events in the city's history and potential conflicts among people as the history is discussed, challenges and threatens full disclosure and preservation regardless of how good or unfortunate it was - such as homes lost and people's lives destroyed from the fire of 1922.	Dec 13, 2010 2:31 AM
49	push for condo type bldgs , loss of water front to devlopment and small town atmosphere, traffic	Dec 13, 2010 12:17 PM
50	dealing with the people who are not ale for one reason or another to take care of their Historic Homes. Dilapitated homes sitting next to newly renovated homes bring down the value.	Dec 13, 2010 1:01 PM
51	money	Dec 13, 2010 1:44 PM
52	Lack of understanding of preserving history	Dec 13, 2010 1:47 PM
53	There are a lot of historic homes that are sitting in dispair which need attention. Is the city doing anything to offer help to the owners?	Dec 13, 2010 2:48 PM










## 6. What do you think are the biggest issues/challenges New Bern faces in terms

Response Text		
54	Parking in the downtown area. If you can't park, you can't spend any money.	Dec 13, 2010 2:48 PM
55	It is a hard pill to swallow, but there are some who would rather see more parking lots and shopping complexes built, and would like public money dedicated to that. I don't disagree, but I would rather see a monumental clean-up effort begun, retaining and preserving historic properties, while clearing out unattractive areas, making room for commercial property that retains an historical appearance. Expand the downtown, but not with more trashy strip malls.	Dec 13, 2010 3:19 PM
56	Development with out damaging character.	Dec 13, 2010 4:19 PM
57	Education of those who don't realize what they have in the way of history. What is important to one, is junk to others. A fierce marketing/education needs to take place, i. e. importance, tax advantage, etcc.	Dec 13, 2010 5:22 PM
58	Too few realize the importance of preserving the historical areas. BUT please respect the owners and the limits of their purses i.e. round vs square gutters, storm windows vs plexi-glass. We need to be vigilant of conserving energy in the these old homes. An issue on National Ave. the constant thieves and concern about safety is because of the small mini-mart and the homeless shelter. Please find a way to move the shelter and to encourage those at the mini-mart to move. There is a constant, and I mean constant parade of people willing to steal and hurt going to and from the mini-mart and generally looking for drugs from vendors on the side streets. Stop it before an historical area is destroyed because of its ill-gained reputation. People of standing and who can afford these old homes will not purchase in our districts unless these districts are more protected from those I have identified.	Dec 13, 2010 6:50 PM
59	Keeping development at a pace that allows for proper road, water and sewer installation	Dec 13, 2010 10:13 PM
60	Having to guard against ever present "Developers" who would like to turn New Bern into another Myrtle Beach seeking personal gain and in essence "killing the golden goosed", destroying the very thing that made New Bern desirable in the first place..	Dec 17, 2010 9:49 PM
61	Balancing preservation with need to improve the financial health of the city. Commercial growth may be part of the answer for improving financial health.	Dec 17, 2010 10:56 PM
62	a weak board of aldermen and lack of leadership once development of the historic district is allowed it will be too late.	Dec 20, 2010 5:49 AM
63	Lack of planned development in the City as well as in Craven County.	Dec 24, 2010 7:56 PM
64	to have growth that blends in while preserving the old.Preserving our vista to see the waterfront is very important.	Jan 5, 2011 10:34 PM
65	Keeping the appearance as close to consistent as possible and still accommodating visitors and attracting business. Other towns have done it. The best example is small business signs and parking garages that you don't really notice, but people manage to find them.	Jan 10, 2011 4:46 PM
66	How to integrate new construction within our already existing Historic area	Jan 10, 2011 5:57 PM
67	inclusiveness ----- The whole New Bern.	Jan 10, 2011 6:39 PM
68	city letting building being torn down city letting buildings being build that are not in size and height to code	Jan 11, 2011 6:16 AM
69	Maintaining the balance of city growth with the city's historic History Museumcharacter.	Jan 11, 2011 9:11 PM
70	written history primary sources are scattered, with no single site willing to conserve , or accept, old documents.	Jan 12, 2011 3:05 PM
71	Regs should be very strict re maintaining facades, and supporting multiple historic areas	Jan 12, 2011 6:32 PM
72	Migration of Families	Jan 12, 2011 8:20 PM



## 6. What do you think are the biggest issues/challenges New Bern faces in terms

Response Text		
73	meeting the demands of a contemp. society and TOURISM while keeping intact the charm that the tourists want to come to see	Jan 12, 2011 8:58 PM
74	strong city govt support, funding, getting developers on board	Jan 12, 2011 9:05 PM
75	The tricky part of New Bern is yes, it is historic, but it is also a town and being a town, certain pragmatic issues--new business, development--are always going to weigh in. New Bern's challenge is to continue to grow and thrive without further compromising its historic cityscape and buildings--I think what happened on the riverfront with the convention center, the Sheraton and Comfort Inn and, to a degree, with the condos on the Trent (although they turned out better than I thought they would) is a real issue--we lost the historic riverfront. And I hate to say it, but to a degree, Barbour Boatworks loss is part of this as well; it'll be up to the NCHC to mitigate the loss, and I imagine they'll do it.	Jan 13, 2011 5:41 PM
76	County taxation. Narrow interpolation of period architectur, deco being one that exists. Harbor towns not represented either. The French quarter in NewOrline or underground Atlanta should have similarities here.	Jan 16, 2011 3:35 AM
77	<p>Maintaining our Eastern NC Southern Mystique, Staying true to what we are and who we are. This is what brings the tourist here.</p> <p>The property at the end of Broad street to the left of the round about is in danger of being developed should the Shriners sell it. The city of NB needs to start planning now to reclaim that for public park site- never to be built on. This would protect the large open view of the Neuse River that is so much a critical part of New Bern. We are loosing this and it is always to new structures that are not always well designed. Just look at what is on the Trent. The citizens of NB hate it. It is our shame and a terrible eyesore that should never have happened.</p> <p>That rules are in place to protect the historic districts and that they are enforced. We neede to be aware of height rules especially in the historic core downtown and mainly the waterfront. Nothing taller than the clock face on the city hall building. Nothing "newly" build should be allowed to block this view. Should be a 100 ft set back of anything on the waterfront in the city limits. and no taller than 3 stories.</p> <p>The height ( Number of stories) could be higher the further inland one goes away from the rivers. 1 mile -2 miles etc so that out at the mall one could have 7 and 9 story buildings but never in the historic districts.</p> <p>Also need to be very carefull of INFILL</p> <p>The style and use of the building materials of the buildings need to blend in and not take away from the look and feel of the neighborhood. Need to be sensitive to the needs of the neighborhoods as to the type of businesses, shops resturants, parks, parking, sidewalks, playgrounds that are needed. Plans for set back and space for large trees. Avenues of tree lined streets</p> <p>This is what NB was noted for in the 1800's</p> <p>Even the yankee soldiers wrote home telling their families how lovely New Bern was.- the Athens of the South. ---This is what we need to reclaim!</p>	Jan 20, 2011 2:54 AM

On a scale of 1 to 10 (1 being poor, 10 being fantastic), how would you rate the level of preservation success your community has achieved?

		Response Percent	Response Count
1		1.2%	1
2		0.0%	0
3		8.5%	7
4		3.7%	3
5		6.1%	5
6		14.6%	12
7		11.0%	9
8		36.6%	30
9		13.4%	11
10		4.9%	4
answered question			82
skipped question			1

## 6. Are there negative perceptions about preservation in the community?

		Response Percent	Response Count
yes		84.2%	64
no		15.8%	12
		answered question	76
		skipped question	7

If so, what are they?

Response  
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66

answered question

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## 9. If so, what are they?

## Response Text

1	The view of both "CAVE" people Citizens against virtually everything) as well as the person who has no respect for historic areas. It is the extremists of our communities (less than 1%) that have the loudest voices that tend to disrupt good growth.	Dec 9, 2010 1:02 PM
2	Some property owners see things like historic guidelines as intrusive and do not agree with the whole concept of historic preservation.	Dec 9, 2010 3:17 PM
3	Some (many?) believe newer is better and that old structures should be replaced. Some believe preservation ordinances are too restrictive ("I don't want somebody telling me what I can't do").	Dec 9, 2010 8:52 PM
4	That preservation inhibits economic development. When taken to 'extremes' I sometimes agree with this viewpoint, but it is fundamentally a misconception.	Dec 10, 2010 11:58 AM
5	perception of personal freedoms	Dec 10, 2010 2:43 PM
6	property owners hate a government that limits what they want to do with their own property. And there are run down buildings in downtown NB that can not be sold or renovated due to the astronomical cost of bringing the dump up to code.. They are an eyesore and blight on the planners and government in NB. Those buildings need to be razed and new safe, sprinkler type buildings erected. Im sick of the back alley deals skirting the law, to make a restaurant out of a dilapidated old unsafe building.	Dec 10, 2010 2:44 PM
7	Intrusive historic preservation committee. Tasteful modern improvements should be allowed and encouraged to protect the value of a homeowner's investment.	Dec 10, 2010 4:46 PM
8	Nicknames "Hysterical" Society reflect a few misguided fanatics who are not able to encourage community good will.	Dec 10, 2010 9:51 PM
9	People don't like being told what they can/can't do to their buildings. HPC is sometimes viewed as inconsistent in their findings and often portrayed as the "historic police".	Dec 10, 2010 9:55 PM
10	Not safe because the projects are downtown	Dec 10, 2010 9:55 PM
11	the "hysterical society"--they won't let you do things to your house--its old and inefficient why not replace it	Dec 10, 2010 9:56 PM
12	Sometimes binds people on what they can do to their property.	Dec 10, 2010 10:07 PM
13	there are a lot of misconceptions about what changes can be made to historical buildings and who oversees those changes, and/or makes the rules	Dec 10, 2010 10:09 PM



## 9. If so, what are they?

Response Text		
14	Too much control by groups	Dec 10, 2010 10:46 PM
15	Same old, same old property-rights issues. Preservation education can help residents understand that our architectural history is important	Dec 10, 2010 11:09 PM
16	don't know	Dec 11, 2010 12:33 AM
17	Old people who moved here and are trying to change or preserve things that are not real	Dec 11, 2010 12:58 AM
18	The adherence to the strictest design that people cannot afford the materials to do a renovation. Especially downtown. I live in one of the four historic districts that isn't so strict and the people that live there aren't in the Fortune 500, but keep their homes up and energy efficient. (new windows, doors, etc)	Dec 11, 2010 2:59 AM
19	hostile HPC board	Dec 11, 2010 10:34 AM
20	Short-sightedness. Many citizens are quick to complain about funding, and about lost business, during construction projects, and the like. They are the same ones that speak with pride once the project is complete. Middle Street, Craven Street, Broad Street, Union Point, to name a few.	Dec 11, 2010 1:52 PM
21	We preserve a little too much. The city should invite more businesses of all types to all areas.	Dec 11, 2010 1:53 PM
22	Too many people imposing their will on others. I deliberately did not buy inside New Bern when I returned to the area - primarily because of the added expense and reduced freedom of any area I chose becoming part of a future Historical District.	Dec 11, 2010 2:47 PM
23	Some folks feel it is too constricting, relative to exterior improvements in the area of energy conservation (energy efficient replacement windows, etc.)	Dec 11, 2010 2:48 PM
24	As a newcomer, I have heard many stories about the infighting of various organizations and factions which all want their own way, usually for monetary gain. There are also stories of historic buildings being allowed to burn down while, the fire department stood and watched, that sort of thing. GREED.	Dec 11, 2010 3:53 PM
25	The interference of "authority" on people's lives in a negative manner	Dec 11, 2010 3:59 PM
26	as stated before, people coming here to impose their views which come from a different lifestyle--which in many cases is what they came here to get away from in the beginning. also some feel the Preservation Police go to far with their rules and this hampers economic development.	Dec 11, 2010 4:09 PM
27	Some may have a fear that preservation efforts will raise their taxes or make it unaffordable to live near downtown etc.	Dec 11, 2010 4:44 PM
28	Sometimes it appears that the interest in preservation outweighs common sense. Money has been spent needlessly on the reconstruction of broad street and removing the trees from the front of Tryon Palace.	Dec 11, 2010 5:02 PM
29	some feel the preservation gets in the way of progress	Dec 11, 2010 5:08 PM
30	You can paint your house whatever color of the rainbow, but you have to ask permission to change your mailbox or light fixture just to get rejected.	Dec 11, 2010 6:09 PM
31	Many in the community feel they are excluded from the planning. Also, they do not realize the benefits that they receive, or could receive, by adding their neighborhood to the clean-up and preservation. Too many projects discussed in media that never come to pass. (Railroad Station, Queen Street, Riverwalk extension to Lawson's Creek, etc.)	Dec 11, 2010 6:18 PM
32	The approval "process" is not as fluid as it should be. It is labor intensive and too time consuming. NB should look to other communities to improve.	Dec 11, 2010 7:06 PM
33	Some people don't care about preservation and would bulldoze anything to put in a new mall or housing development. Those people don't belong here.	Dec 11, 2010 8:44 PM
34	Over doing it and getting too politically correct. Be real.	Dec 11, 2010 9:29 PM

## 9. If so, what are they?

Response Text		
35	I think we are a bit inflexible ,given economic realitiy, when governing home owner renovations.	Dec 12, 2010 4:16 AM
36	Inability to use modern building materials that immitate older materials.	Dec 12, 2010 4:26 AM
37	I believe that a small group of activists can impede real open discussion and decisions that benefit the city as a whole.	Dec 12, 2010 5:47 AM
38	Trees, parking, everyone wants Sky Sail to succeed and be a vibrant contributor to downtown. Now that it is here we can't make it go away so we need to embrace what would be the best use for it. Assisted living has come up several times. We do not need this to be an albatross in downtown New Bern. We need to get behind it's future.	Dec 12, 2010 10:31 AM
39	There is nothing wrong with preserving our history and we should strive to do so. It seems our problem is preservation has slowed our city's growth to practically nothing in those areas.	Dec 12, 2010 1:24 PM
40	cleaning up some of the less desirable neighborhoods	Dec 12, 2010 3:40 PM
41	As other cities have experienced, N.B. has affordability/gentrification issues, but there are some exceptions (e.g. on Pollock and Queen Streets). And there is confusion in the general population about what the several hx./preservation groups do and why N.B. has so many.	Dec 12, 2010 5:12 PM
42	That only the wealthy areas are worth preserving. I think it is a valid perception.	Dec 13, 2010 12:40 AM
43	Many people do not realize that saving something that is old does not hinder moving forward. They may not understand or see the beauty in past buildings or structures as worth saving. If people hold on to past, negative attitudes and link them to building structures, then you will have problems. People also may be hurt if structures, they once cherished were demolished while other structures in differet parts of town were preserved.	Dec 13, 2010 2:31 AM
44	only from those who dont want to pay the cost to maintain historic structures	Dec 13, 2010 12:17 PM
45	There are always negative perceptions when people dont have control of their own property. Unenforceable rules like the \$50 a day fine which is a joke and everyone knows it. it would be nice to actually be able to have a plan to turn over the homes that can not be cared for.	Dec 13, 2010 1:01 PM
46	preservation sometimes stops growth in New Bern	Dec 13, 2010 1:44 PM
47	customer service length of process lack of understanding about the process what does it really matter	Dec 13, 2010 1:47 PM
48	Some folks are against any change, while others recognize change comes. That change can take place and still keep the charm of the city. Set guidelines for the growth and have those guidelines within the feel of the historic air of the city.	Dec 13, 2010 2:48 PM
49	Again, people who have lived here all of there life probably overlook what a newcomer sees. Many would rather see a bigger Wal-Mart, or access to consumer America. Again, that is favorable, but not at the expense of preservation and downtown improvement. New Bern has far too many trashy areas where businesses (and homes) have come and gone. A continued/concerted effort must be made to preserve what is GOOD and what is WORKING in New Bern. If we cannot continue what is a "good start", the money (personal investments) will leave and go to a place that is committed to re-building the charm that once was the great American Southern Town.	Dec 13, 2010 3:19 PM
50	The average individual believes preservation is expensive and is not willing to share in the cost.	Dec 13, 2010 4:19 PM
51	That if you are "historic" you can't control your property. Historic is seen as a negative, rather than positive.	Dec 13, 2010 5:22 PM

## 9. If so, what are they?

Response Text		
52	Rumors are that the perservation committee will not sometimes listen to owners about their financial limits I.e. gutters/windows.	Dec 13, 2010 6:50 PM
53	Developers, when required to dismiss plans to build high rises and buildings that are not in keeping with the current building designs most certainly have a negative perception of preservation..	Dec 17, 2010 9:49 PM
54	Preservation is an elitist activity. Olnty benefits those who have the financial resources to buy and restore certain properties.	Dec 17, 2010 10:56 PM
55	people do not understand what each of the preservations do and fear they will be forced to follow guidelines when restoring their houses	Dec 20, 2010 5:49 AM
56	Government telling people what they can do with their property	Dec 24, 2010 7:56 PM
57	some see preservationists as obstructionists	Jan 5, 2011 10:34 PM
58	Perception is that preservation is tough here. The general public doesn't stop to think that being tough up front will pay them back in the future.	Jan 10, 2011 4:46 PM
59	That preservation stops growth and development	Jan 10, 2011 5:57 PM
60	Certain people do not have anything worth preserving.	Jan 10, 2011 6:39 PM
61	some have no interest in it some have on idea what is going on with the preservation committee and what they let happen to building the historic district	Jan 11, 2011 6:16 AM
62	Some individuals enjoy the results that the preservationists have accomplished but are not willing to put forth the time and effort it takes to achieve these results.	Jan 11, 2011 9:11 PM
63	elitisim (can't be helped) (only those with \$ for such can attempt preservation)	Jan 12, 2011 8:58 PM
64	some, mostly from those who do not live "downtown" or "riverside"	Jan 12, 2011 9:05 PM
65	To limited in scope on what is acceptable	Jan 16, 2011 3:35 AM
66	people are afraid they cannot afford to repair and maintain their homes because of the HPC rules. The rules would prevent them from being able to renovate as they would like. City fathers and government do not always seem to appreciate the economic empact historic homes have to the tourist economy . They provide the charm that brings the tourist here and many of these tourist choose to stay and never leave because of the charm and the friendly natives.	Jan 20, 2011 2:54 AM

## What historic and/or cultural resources do you value most?

	Response Count
	75
answered question	75
skipped question	8

## 10. What historic and/or cultural resources do you value most?

	Response Text	
1	Our contributing structures and common areas in the historic districts.	Dec 9, 2010 1:02 PM
2	The historic fabric of the city's older sections; maintaining the small town character.	Dec 9, 2010 3:17 PM
3	Tryon Palace Downtown commercial district	Dec 9, 2010 8:52 PM
4	What I listed in question 1	Dec 9, 2010 11:43 PM
5	The new Tryon Palace History Center is a wonderful resource (tickets are too expensive.....) We have a number of lovely parks (not necessarily historic or cultural but they are important). I am white but our highlighting of African American history (including recent efforts around the Great Fire) have been fantastic. I have attended a number of these events and they have greatly increased my appreciation of our history. I suspect we have further not-fully-explored history in our city as well. For example, we have a synogogue and a Jewish cemetery -- these bespeak a community. Our BB&T bulding downtown essentially replicates the original Bank of New Bern on a different site. We may be able to echo other historic aspects of our city without adhering to the strictest preservation standards. OK, I'm rambling now -- time to stop.	Dec 10, 2010 11:58 AM
6	downtown buildings and waterfront	Dec 10, 2010 12:06 PM
7	Arts Theater Historical homes	Dec 10, 2010 2:43 PM
8	If it was valuable, it would be vital. There is no reason to not look ahead, to resist change, to stifle the imagination, to tell people what not to do with their property.	Dec 10, 2010 2:44 PM
9	None. Attracting morden national brands to this town is needed. Morehead City is quickly surpassing New Bern as the most attractive area to shop and recreate.	Dec 10, 2010 4:46 PM
10	Homes	Dec 10, 2010 9:51 PM
11	Revolutionary war related resources up to the civil war periods	Dec 10, 2010 9:55 PM
12	the homes and the street patterns	Dec 10, 2010 9:56 PM
13	The rich Christain heritage of the people.	Dec 10, 2010 10:07 PM
14	The history of this town, the buildings, and the waterfront	Dec 10, 2010 10:09 PM
15	the charm, the old homes and downtown shops and the peacefulness provided by the rivers.	Dec 10, 2010 10:35 PM

## 10. What historic and/or cultural resources do you value most?

Response Text		
16	Historical architecture, restored landscaping and gardens, vast support of all the arts.	Dec 10, 2010 11:09 PM
17	Union Point, Tryon Palace, NC History Center, ADA MAE, old buildings, brick streets/walks	Dec 11, 2010 12:33 AM
18	Maintaining a downtown area that is historic and accessible.	Dec 11, 2010 12:48 AM
19	The entire area.	Dec 11, 2010 12:55 AM
20	George St	Dec 11, 2010 12:58 AM
21	The houses were better built back then.	Dec 11, 2010 2:59 AM
22	Palace, Bank of Arts	Dec 11, 2010 10:34 AM
23	The downtown business area, the downtown residential area, the cemeteries, the black community, Tryon Palace and Gardens.	Dec 11, 2010 1:52 PM
24	Tryon Palace, Masonic Theater, and a few downtown buildings.	Dec 11, 2010 1:53 PM
25	Churches, forested land.	Dec 11, 2010 2:47 PM
26	Tryon Palace; History Center; Bank of the Arts; all artistic activities; beauty of the Historic Districts and the efforts by owners to maintain this beauty.	Dec 11, 2010 2:48 PM
27	Bank of the Arts	Dec 11, 2010 3:11 PM
28	I value an integration of historic, neighborhood, and cultural/artistic resources, with conversation and cooperation between them. I don't see that here. I see a lot of back-biting, back-stabbing, people and organizations, of whom 3 out of four don't talk to each other. It's one of the most personally unpleasant places I've ever lived. I feel sure however, if I were a corporate retiree from the North it would seem like heaven.	Dec 11, 2010 3:53 PM
29	The parks and such things as Tryon Palace	Dec 11, 2010 3:59 PM
30	Tryon Palace, the unsung history of the 5 Points area, Christ Church and other churches, the history of the sea faring activities.	Dec 11, 2010 4:09 PM
31	New History Education center is nice. I happen to think Skysail is a lovely addition to downtown.  Also appreciate the waterfront and nearby boat launches and marina. The hotels and convention center are also very nice.  More restaurants would be welcome.	Dec 11, 2010 4:44 PM
32	Historic homes, businesses and the waterfront.	Dec 11, 2010 5:02 PM
33	the homes and the general history in the city,	Dec 11, 2010 5:08 PM
34	the water front	Dec 11, 2010 5:58 PM
35	A thriving downtown	Dec 11, 2010 6:09 PM
36	Tryon Palace and History Center. The Disosway Library, The homes that have not been extensively updated and moved several times. Need to change the Trolley Tour. Stop discussing where it Was, and just discuss where it Is - the current tour leads to much confusion and many feel detracts from, not adds to New Bern history.	Dec 11, 2010 6:18 PM
37	Downtown walking areas. The river. Old homes	Dec 11, 2010 7:06 PM
38	Southern culture and language.	Dec 11, 2010 8:44 PM
39	The Library even though it has an awful location right in a residential area.	Dec 11, 2010 9:29 PM
40	The churches & their bells. City hall. (can we get the sat. Dish off the roof?) The clear sight to water at the end of each street.	Dec 12, 2010 4:16 AM
41	Downtown, Tryon Palace.	Dec 12, 2010 4:26 AM

## 10. What historic and/or cultural resources do you value most?

Response Text		
42	I love the character of downtown New Bern. I value Tryon Palace and the History center for what they bring to our city. I value the organizations that promote the arts and believe we really need a performing arts center that will serve a variety of groups.	Dec 12, 2010 5:47 AM
43	Our natural resources first, preservation of our water and trees. Our skyline second. Tryon Palace and our architecture especially our Clock Tower.	Dec 12, 2010 10:31 AM
44	history center, civic theatre, tryon Palace	Dec 12, 2010 3:40 PM
45	The smaller hx. homes, primarily those of the trades people or of those employed by industries. The large, older trees that line some of our streets. The number of historical programs/events offered to the public throughout the year	Dec 12, 2010 5:12 PM
46	The increase in the arts and despite all the outcry for new stores, the simple way of life here. We do not want to be another city with mega malls. I would rther drive 30 minutes away than have all of the issues that more stores, unless they are small and locally owned can bring	Dec 13, 2010 12:40 AM
47	The waterfront views and open public spaces where current celebrations and/or recreations of historic events are extremely valuable. Also, preservation of historic, southern homes and gardens and the European inspired homes, such as in the ghent district, must be preserved. The old train depot area with views and access to the water is a very valuable area to be developed, restored and preserved.	Dec 13, 2010 2:31 AM
48	southern hospitality, social ability to stop and talk i the streets, shops everyone knowing each other. The amercian history of the palace and other sites - battle sites etc	Dec 13, 2010 12:17 PM
49	Tryon Palace Broad Street JT Barber Elementary School Grover C. Fields Middle School Waterfront	Dec 13, 2010 1:47 PM
50	The waterfront. The beautiful older homes. Tree lined streets.	Dec 13, 2010 2:48 PM
51	The maritime history of New Bern should be exposed.	Dec 13, 2010 2:48 PM
52	I am extremely please with the Palace, and the new Center. But I am even more pleased with those who volunteer their time - or financially contribute - to attract tourists. These people are in love with New Bern's history, and play a big part in bringing New Bern's real income through tourism.	Dec 13, 2010 3:19 PM
53	All are invaluable!	Dec 13, 2010 4:19 PM
54	Value all, however am concerned with the Great Fire of 1922,(completing) Greenwood Cemetery, homes of prominent Blacks that are not viewed as historic - Dryborough - the first settlement after the Great Fire is of concern. Why are these not "Historic"	Dec 13, 2010 5:22 PM
55	The Riverside Association and the newsletters informing residents of current issues.....alerts on thieves.	Dec 13, 2010 6:50 PM
56	Tryon Palace and downtown	Dec 13, 2010 10:13 PM
57	The availability of Craven Community College for educational enrichment, educational advancement and entertainment.	Dec 17, 2010 9:49 PM
58	African american and native american contributions to the development and growth of the city/area.	Dec 17, 2010 10:56 PM
59	our precious churches, restored houses and skyline.	Dec 20, 2010 5:49 AM
60	Downtown district, Tryon Palace, Civic Theater. Civil War Batattlefield.	Dec 24, 2010 7:56 PM
61	our buildings and history as the colonial capital of N.C.and the resources of the river, forest, and wildlife around us.	Jan 5, 2011 10:34 PM



## 10. What historic and/or cultural resources do you value most?

Response Text		
62	Buildings in general, New Bern Academy for a quick overview of New Bern's History (something those who really didn't want to get into history too much) and Tryon Palace and the history education center for in depth picture.	Jan 10, 2011 4:46 PM
63	Palace, Preservation Foundation, PLAT and the many volunteers that have worked to preserve and protect our historic resources	Jan 10, 2011 5:57 PM
64	Neighborhoods--history ( homes, churches, shops, people) Should we just let history die, and bring on the new?	Jan 10, 2011 6:39 PM
65	buildings and land use	Jan 11, 2011 6:16 AM
66	The history and archetecture of the commercial and residential buildings msut be preserved. IN New Bern, many groups work on the varied aspects needed to maintain this history. All these groups are a tremendous cultural resource to our town.	Jan 11, 2011 9:11 PM
67	Historic buildings	Jan 12, 2011 3:05 PM
68	Palace and new history center, churches	Jan 12, 2011 6:32 PM
69	Tryon Palace	Jan 12, 2011 8:20 PM
70	research, knowledge preservation of examples--not nec every structure	Jan 12, 2011 8:58 PM
71	all the restored historic houses and the Tryon Palace complex	Jan 12, 2011 9:05 PM
72	African American History	Jan 13, 2011 2:36 AM
73	I value the sense of place wherever it's present in the downtown commercial district, and in the in-town suburbs of Ghent and Riverside. I value walking along the Neuse River in the riverfront neighborhoods. I value what Tryon Palace is trying to do, in terms of continuing to maintain and use the historic buildings it owns.	Jan 13, 2011 5:41 PM
74	Square dancing, horse back riding, Indian brave skills - archery, canoeing,etc. The library.	Jan 16, 2011 3:35 AM
75	The historic downtown district, Our historic Churches, Tryon palace, Attmore Oliver House, Firemans museum, gardens and maintained public parks all over the town. Kellenburger room at the Library. The arts that are such an important part of our town happenings.	Jan 20, 2011 2:54 AM



## What would you like this plan to accomplish?

	Response Count
	74
answered question	74
skipped question	9

## 11. What would you like this plan to accomplish?

	Response Text	
1	To allow for complimentary development to our historic districts.	Dec 9, 2010 1:02 PM
2	Provide a path and some guidelines for managing in-fill and new development in and around the historic areas; provide some processes to follow to get there	Dec 9, 2010 3:17 PM
3	Educate residents to the economic benefits to the city and to them (individually). Expand the number of historic areas or size of existing areas.	Dec 9, 2010 8:52 PM
4	Preserve/renovate the old buildings, continue pushing New Bern's identity as the original capitol of North Carolina and the history of the area	Dec 9, 2010 11:43 PM
5	A strong commitment to preservation that includes green technology and a plan the fully incorporates the rich history of African Americans in New Bern. We have a deep respect for history in New Bern -- there is no reason we cannot lead in the area of preservation of black history among smaller cities in NC.	Dec 10, 2010 11:58 AM
6	get rid of welfare housing downtown	Dec 10, 2010 12:06 PM
7	Incorporate youth	Dec 10, 2010 2:43 PM
8	This plan should back away from this plan and find something useful. The plan should allow for a free market economy, Just like the one that created New Bern	Dec 10, 2010 2:44 PM
9	Clean up the down town area! The Days Hotel, Five Points and the housing projects are a brick around the neck of a drowning city.	Dec 10, 2010 4:46 PM
10	Strike a balance between the look and feel of the neighborhoods and livability of the area	Dec 10, 2010 9:51 PM
11	Foster a better public awareness of what preservation means and why it's important while addressing and accommodating the needs of property owners in a more cooperative way.	Dec 10, 2010 9:55 PM
12	Better design plans for the existing areas such as the projects and substandard housing being allowed to continue in the same manner that it has been.	Dec 10, 2010 9:55 PM
13	set a vision and provide guidance to citizens, elected officials and builders	Dec 10, 2010 9:56 PM
14	The roots of why these people came here for-to be able to live their Christian faith.	Dec 10, 2010 10:07 PM

## 11. What would you like this plan to accomplish?

	Response Text	
15	I would like to see the downtown grow and take advantage of our waterfront. Visitors seem dissapointed that we don't have more waterfront restaurants and walkways. I would also like to see downtown property owners have some assistance in preserving their houses and buildings. It is very costly and owners who do renovations are investing in downtown. They should receive a tax credit or be able to apply for a grant or recieve some kind of assistance to maintain their properties. Property sales are down, and home buyers are not interested in downtown properties because of the expense involved of maintaining a historic building.	Dec 10, 2010 10:09 PM
16	No more big new construction,,,that takes away from the charm and uniqueness. It is that simple !	Dec 10, 2010 10:35 PM
17	Preserve our historic assets. Providing an area for "high rise" development would take the pressure for "big box" buildings off the downtown historic district.	Dec 10, 2010 11:09 PM
18	Encourage building/home owners to keep historic buildings in good shape.	Dec 11, 2010 12:33 AM
19	Maintain historic town center.	Dec 11, 2010 12:48 AM
20	Get the railroad station saved into something appropriate and the waterfront into a park. For too many years it's sat there waiting for inspiration.	Dec 11, 2010 12:55 AM
21	Preserve things that are real a let the rest go, if peopl can not get in to see it then it is not worth it.	Dec 11, 2010 12:58 AM
22	No more commercial development on Trent Road. No more low income cluster housing within the city limits. My neighborhood (historic) is now surrounded by 3 of them. Bad idea to build a housing project on Trent Road.	Dec 11, 2010 2:59 AM
23	set goals	Dec 11, 2010 10:34 AM
24	We need to encourage growth to a point where the city's infrastructure is properly sustained, and at the same time, our security needs to be maintained at an adequate level. It is a balance for sure, but necessary to ensure our "quality of life". To do this we need additional revenue, and the best way to increase revenue is to continue our endeavors to establish the city of New Bern, as a destination point for visitors/vacationers. As the tourism people say: "we need "heads on beds" in our hotels and B&B's."	Dec 11, 2010 1:52 PM
25	pick a few items to protect and promote business for all the rest of the areas.	Dec 11, 2010 1:53 PM
26	I would like for this plan to have a proper balance between liberty of the citizens and the desire of a minority (some of which use Historic as their primary means of making money), to impose their will on others.	Dec 11, 2010 2:47 PM
27	Provide more resources for continued upkeep and expansion of Hlstric structures in New Bern.	Dec 11, 2010 2:48 PM
28	emphasize even more the aesthetic/historical importance of New Bern and restrict downtown architecture that runs counter to it	Dec 11, 2010 3:11 PM
29	You would not be involved, I don't think in the problems that I see above. I have also been told, however, that the Historic Preservation Society, which used to be very active in saving buildings, does very little anymore. I don't know how your program would integrate with that.	Dec 11, 2010 3:53 PM
30	Preservation of the good, demolition of the "junk". Minimize interference of government on our lives.	Dec 11, 2010 3:59 PM
31	to incorporate all of New Bern to upgrade and make more presentable certain areas of our town.	Dec 11, 2010 4:09 PM
32	Become a good foundation plan for the future and a guidepost to those who follow in our footsteps. Something to point to when folks say "what's the plan".	Dec 11, 2010 4:44 PM
33	Keep New Bern a simply beautiful town. Don't overdo it.	Dec 11, 2010 5:02 PM
34	to perserve our historic integraty with allowing growth	Dec 11, 2010 5:08 PM

## 11. What would you like this plan to accomplish?

Response Text		
35	Keep the bridge open! I'm sorry someone made a terrible decision in complicating the new bridge, shutting down Broad and Pollock at the same time and almost suffocating the life out of downtown. But enough is enough. Make downtown accessible and desirable. A real destination spot in New Bern	Dec 11, 2010 6:09 PM
36	A growing awareness and pride in our community. Progress using our past to promote our present and future. An appreciation of what we have, and do contribute to North Carolina as a whole.	Dec 11, 2010 6:18 PM
37	To move forward with preservation/revitalization without stifling progress. And to make New Bern a place youg, professional people would like to live.	Dec 11, 2010 8:44 PM
38	Build a few TALLER buildings and not in downtown. Make New Bern expand/. FYI: I was born in New Bern moved away to NJ/NYC and returned 30 years ago.	Dec 11, 2010 9:29 PM
39	Maintain growth while focusing on technology in planing and preservation of our history and historic structures.	Dec 12, 2010 4:16 AM
40	Grow New Bern as a charming, historic, tourist attraction and an economic engine worthy of making home residents, potential residents, and businesses.	Dec 12, 2010 4:26 AM
41	Considered preservation and growth without being controlled by a few with limited vision.	Dec 12, 2010 5:47 AM
42	To make New Bern unique by preserving its natural history. More intergration with area Realtors so we can help guide what happens with the real estate we sell, especially downtown. Realtors have a huge influence over what happens after the sale as they are always asking us "What does New Bern NEED?"	Dec 12, 2010 10:31 AM
43	I dont know what this "plan" is...	Dec 12, 2010 1:24 PM
44	refurbish the theatre	Dec 12, 2010 3:40 PM
45	Help elected officials and community leaders to remain aware of the importance of our historic resources to the growth and progress of the City and County.	Dec 12, 2010 5:12 PM
46	The plan should present a crystal clear vision of New Bern now and for the future and blueprint of how to achieve the vision - what kind of city it is (tourist destination, bedroom community, hi-style urban living, southern comfort-easy living, etc), how it should look, what it cherishes, and how to drive the future in the direction it wants. It should contain goals, objectives, buy-in endorsements from all major stake holders and links to all city functional areas that need to address aspects of the plan. Preservation guidelines for houses, neighborhoods business structures and for preserving the lifestyle of the citizens must be clearly identified and/or linked to acceptable existing information. The plan should have timelines for designing detailed implementation plans. Any obstacles or constraints to completing the vision should be identified so that options and/or alternatives may be explored in a timely, responsible manner.	Dec 13, 2010 2:31 AM
47	preserve what makes NB - NB - its small town feel and human scaled bldgs - not large cold condos ltd to just a few - but areas for everyone to feel comfortable.	Dec 13, 2010 12:17 PM
48	Again- consistency with all policies concerning care of homes. Having a plan that gives someone the opportunity to have their house fixed up or they have to go so that someone else can do it.	Dec 13, 2010 1:01 PM
49	parking in downtown. If there is no where to park or its hard to find parking, then we will not have tourest to come back nor will they recommend to the friends to come see us.	Dec 13, 2010 1:44 PM
50	A preservation plan for all of New Bern Seek out places fo historic value and what makes it valuable to our community; educational component	Dec 13, 2010 1:47 PM
51	Restoration and protection of the historic area and the waterfront, which is the true charm of this city.	Dec 13, 2010 2:48 PM

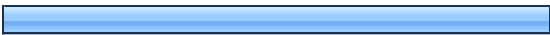

## 11. What would you like this plan to accomplish?

	Response Text	
52	I would like for New Bern to become a haven for boaters traveling up and down the coast.	Dec 13, 2010 2:48 PM
53	Continuation through a disciplined and fully committed effort. We are on the threshold of becoming a better city, but we should set our site on becoming a great city. That only comes through people working together and understanding New Bern's most valuable commodity. We are not on the beaten path, so we better make it so people beat down the doors to get here!	Dec 13, 2010 3:19 PM
54	Maintain the old and blend with the new.	Dec 13, 2010 4:19 PM
55	Specific plans to include historic people, places and things regardless - Include Diversity	Dec 13, 2010 5:22 PM
56	To reevaluate where they place vendors such as the homeless shelter. That was a critical, critical, critical mistake for the residents of Riverside. Owners must be more vigilant about who they rent to...please not drug suppliers and yes they are all over Blades and all the way past Riverside Hardware. Please be vigilant of renters and activities on their properties. This endangers every single person and especially on National Avenue. Being mugged any day or night of the week is very, very possible and more likely there than in the downtown historical area.	Dec 13, 2010 6:50 PM
57	Preserve the city's identity and pay attention to the poorer neighborhood and give priority to redevelopment of such areas.	Dec 13, 2010 10:13 PM
58	If possible to establish rules/laws that establish solid boundaries to protect New Bern from the constant onslaught of development which would take away from the very heart of this small town.	Dec 17, 2010 9:49 PM
59	Hopeful for a broad focus policy/plan the outlines how the city can continue to protect and add to its layers of history for new generations. Ensure housing affordability. Ensure responsibility for the city's environment, both built and natural.	Dec 17, 2010 10:56 PM
60	development in keeping with it's surroundings. compliance with existing rules on keeping us free of inappropriate development (sky line example)	Dec 20, 2010 5:49 AM
61	Engage the City and County population in understanding the economic value of Historic Preservation.	Dec 24, 2010 7:56 PM
62	limit the number of boat docks, and preserve some of the natural land around us.also not to build and display very modern high buildings. One example is Broad St. Nice but way to modern.	Jan 5, 2011 10:34 PM
63	Continue along the same path while making growth possible. That must include a parking garage. The mall has finally improved which will present a challenge for downtown merchants. We do not need closed shops in downtown.	Jan 10, 2011 4:46 PM
64	better guidelines on how to mesh new development and growth within our Historic District without compromising the integrity of our Historic framework	Jan 10, 2011 5:57 PM
65	Education, beautification and inclusiveness of the city.	Jan 10, 2011 6:39 PM
66	create a plan where our building and land will not be used for inappropriate purposes building be kept within the present code new buildings be appropriate in height and scale	Jan 11, 2011 6:16 AM
67	I would like to see more residents educated in our history and would like to see additional areas more involved as "Historic Areas".	Jan 11, 2011 9:11 PM
68	Cultural Identity	Jan 12, 2011 8:20 PM
69	see #4	Jan 12, 2011 8:58 PM
70	strengthen the guidelines for historic preservation and education of the public	Jan 12, 2011 9:05 PM
71	Talking about it thru the town, markers so people can read the important places, people and things.	Jan 13, 2011 2:36 AM



## 11. What would you like this plan to accomplish?

Response Text		
72	I'd like this plan to accomplish further sensitivity to New Bern's architectural and historic resources amongst longtime residents--and education and enlightenment to the newcomers, who might not understand what this town is, other than that it's pretty and on the river.	Jan 13, 2011 5:41 PM
73	Provide a traffic grid with one way steets, pedestrian access, a livery stable with city generated revenue they can use to lower taxes. Ok, like an epcot center.	Jan 16, 2011 3:35 AM
74	Provide a coming together of all of the historic districts so that they flow together connected by open public parks of different sorts. strive to keep the Eastern NC feel to our town. Open grassy ares and LARGE SHADE TREES--- THIS IS THE SOUTH. We do not want an urban look in the landscaping. bring in some new TALENT- we are tired of the allison plat look.	Jan 20, 2011 2:54 AM

Are you a New Bern resident?

		Response Percent	Response Count
yes		83.1%	69
no		16.9%	14
answered question			83
skipped question			0

Do you own property in New Bern?

		Response Percent	Response Count
yes		81.9%	68
no		18.1%	15
		answered question	83
		skipped question	0