

## Downtown Revitalization: Feedback from the Topsfield Schools Students

### Downtown Revitalization Driving Question:

How can we improve downtown Topsfield in order to attract local residents and visitors?

### Process for Gathering Information:

Sixth grade students worked in small groups to develop a plan for gathering feedback from students at Proctor and Steward. Sixth graders then surveyed children in grades 2-5 either in person or via Google Hangouts. They synthesized the feedback into an overall list of recommendations.

Grade 2-6

	Recommendations
Dining/Food	Casual dining restaurant Ice cream shop Starbucks Candy shop Smoothie shop Frozen yogurt shop Outdoor seating at restaurants
Public Space	Flower pots More crosswalks More sidewalks Bike lanes Flowers on telephone poles Decorative street lamps Banners for events Fill in cracks on sidewalks More public seating, benches More bike racks More trash cans - closed tops to prevent bees Outdoor study areas Place for picnics Rentable scooters Community garden Plant more trees Signs for the rail trail Repave roads Koi pond Hanging lights
Retail	Clothing store Sporting equipment store Comic book store School supply store Grocery store

	<p>Gift shop  Outdoor shopping, farmers market  Doggie daycare  Paint bar  More colorful buildings - coordinate paint colors  Better signs on storefronts  Bookstore</p>
Housing	<p>Tiny homes  Apartments above businesses  An inn</p>
Recreation	<p>Dog park  Rec center  Community swimming pool  BMX/skate park  Hockey rink  Mountain biking trails  Mini golf  Basketball courts  Arcade  Trampoline park  Playground  Bowling alley  Gym  Field with turf  Bridge on rail trail  New nets on fields  Retirement center  Giant backyard games near gazebo (checkers, chess, volleyball, etc.)  Community basketball courts</p>
Community Events	<p>Road races  Community athletic events  Holiday activities  Festivals</p>