



# Place Audit

## New Hampshire Department of Transportation in Meredith

This exercise is intended to be used as a tool to evaluate how well streets and adjacent land uses are performing as Places, and identify opportunities for enhancing them in the future.



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**LOCATION (SITE#2): Overseers Row – Union Mill**

**A EVALUATE THE PLACE**

Evaluate how well this site performs as a place.

<b>ACCESS, LINKAGES &amp; INFORMATION</b>	<b>DISAGREE</b>			<b>AGREE</b>
Pedestrians can easily walk to and through the place.	1	2	<u>3</u>	4
Pedestrian access is safe and convenient				
- Sidewalks connect to adjacent areas;	<u>1</u>	2	3	4
- Crosswalks are well marked;	<u>1</u>	2	3	4
- Crossing distances are minimal.	1	2	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
Taking transit is easy:				
- Stops and stations are easy to find;	1	2	3	4
- Stops and stations are easy to get to on foot;	1	2	3	4
- Maps and schedules are readily available.	1	2	3	4
Bicycling is easy:				
- Routes are safe and convenient;	<u>1</u>	2	3	4
- Routes are well marked;	<u>1</u>	2	3	4
- Storage is adequate.	<u>1</u>	2	3	4
Automobiles do not detract from the pedestrian experience.	<u>1</u>	2	3	4
There is adequate directional signage, maps and location information.	1	<u>2</u>	3	4
Autos are able to use the facility safely and efficiently.	1	2	3	<u>4</u>
<b>SUM of ANSWERS =</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4.75</b>	<b>5.75</b>
<b>AVERAGE ANSWER (Total: 18.5/10) =</b>				<b>1.85</b>

<b>USES AND ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>DISAGREE</b>		<b>AGREE</b>	
There are opportunities to use the place for active recreational experiences (e.g., walking, shopping, access to boating, fishing, hiking).	1	<u>2</u>	3	4
Uses are easily visible and inviting for drivers and pedestrians.	1	<u>2</u>	3	4
Populated areas (a commercial street or residential area) have many different activities occurring.	1	2	<u>3</u>	4
The road enhances the setting of and access to local businesses and cultural institutions.	1	<u>2</u>	3	4
Continuity of street-level uses makes for a pleasant walking experience.	1	2	<u>3</u>	4
<b>SUM of ANSWERS =</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	
<b>AVERAGE ANSWER (Total: 12/5) =</b>				<b>2.4</b>

<b>COMFORT &amp; IMAGE</b>	<b>DISAGREE</b>		<b>AGREE</b>	
The road is attractive and fits its surroundings.	1	<u>2</u>	3	4
Amenities are operable, well located, and consistent in design:				
- Seating;	<u>1</u>	2	3	4
- Telephones;	<u>1</u>	2	3	4
- Waste receptacles;	<u>1</u>	2	3	4
- Lighting fixtures;	1	<u>2</u>	3	4
- Restrooms.	<u>1</u>	2	3	4
It respects and highlights important natural and scenic features (parks, rivers, wetlands, agricultural land, forests, mountains, etc.).	1	<u>2</u>	3	4
It respects and highlights important community features (skylines, boulevards, historic places, etc.).	1	<u>2</u>	3	4
It feels safe and well cared for.	<u>1</u>	2	3	4
<b>SUM of ANSWERS =</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	
<b>AVERAGE ANSWER (Total: 13/9) =</b>				<b>1.44</b>

<b>SOCIABILITY</b>	<b>DISAGREE</b>			<b>AGREE</b>
People use the place regularly by choice.	1	2	3	<u>4</u>
There are places to gather/there is evidence of people in groups.	1	2	3	<u>4</u>
Strangers make eye contact; people smile and display affection.	1	2	3	<u>4</u>
Chance encounters happen frequently, as people tend to run into someone they know.	1	2	3	<u>4</u>
There is a mix of ages, sexes and ethnic groups which generally reflects the community at large.	1	2	3	<u>4</u>
People bring their friends and relatives to see the Place or they point to key elements with pride.	1	2	3	<u>4</u>

**SUM of ANSWERS = 24**

**AVERAGE ANSWER (Total: 24/6) = 4**

## AVERAGE ANSWER OF ALL AREAS

AVERAGE ACCESS, LINKAGES & INFO	1.85
AVERAGE USES & ACTIVITIES	2.4
AVERAGE COMFORT & IMAGE	1.44
AVERAGE SOCIABILITY	4.0
<b>SUM of ANSWERS</b>	<b>9.69</b>
<b>AVERAGE of ALL (9.69/4) =</b>	<b>2.42</b>