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**Follow this link to enter your survey responses**  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DPDMQMT>

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1. Please indicate your affiliation with the town (optional):

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2. The following question is to evaluate how Rye's Master Plan is useful in your work. Check all that apply.

- ☐ Accessible either online or at Town Hall
- ☐ User friendly(easy to find information in the document)
- ☐ Not easy to find information. If not why?
- ☐ Contains relevant content
- ☐ Is the Master Plan Vision clearly defined?
- ☐ Does the Master Plan provide a clear plan to implement its recommendations?
- ☐ Does the Master Plan convey recommended actions that are useful in your work?

If yes, how? Or if not, why not?

**Question Title**

3. What if any additional tools, forms and types of data, or other specific information would be useful in your work and service to the community? Select all that apply.

- ☐ Statistical data
- ☐ Narrative informational summaries
- ☐ Research or technical studies

- ☐ Demographics
- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Data resources
- ☐ Historical information
- ☐ Current and projected climate change data

Other (please specify)

### Question Title

4. What methods of communication do you employ with the public to distribute vital information (for example, residents, businesses, property owners, visitors)?

- ☐ Town website
- ☐ Town Email lists
- ☐ Community Based Groups, publications and email lists
- ☐ Rye Civic League "Rye's Citizens Handbook"
- ☐ Personal Email lists
- ☐ Town Newsletter
- ☐ Rye Magazine
- ☐ Direct Mailings
- ☐ Community Flyers or Other Printed Informational Materials
- ☐ Rye Civic League Newsletter

Other (please specify)

### Question Title

5. If these existing communication methods are not sufficient to perform your work, service or accomplish your mission, what changes would you recommend to improve communications to residents, businesses, property owners, renters and visitors?

### Question Title

6. When engaging with the public (e.g. residents, business owners, property owners, renters, visitors) and community stakeholder groups, what are the top 3-5 issues that come up repeatedly?

**Question Title**

7. What is your greatest challenge(s) to providing services to the town?  
Check all that apply.

- ☐ Public interactions
- ☐ Social media communication methods
- ☐ Staff and capacity
- ☐ Municipal facilities
- ☐ Operational space
- ☐ Technology, equipment, communications
- ☐ Infrastructure
- ☐ Funding
- ☐ Audience

Other (please specify)

**Question Title**

8. Would increased community engagement and communication improve your level of service or response? If yes, please explain how in the comment box below.

**Question Title**

9. Has climate change impacted your department, board, commission or committee or informed your work and town services? If yes, select all that apply.

- ☐ Drought, water supply and demand
- ☐ Water quality
- ☐ Extreme temperature
- ☐ Air quality
- ☐ Natural resources and ecosystems
- ☐ Surface waters and their buffers
- ☐ Invasive species

- ☐ Coastal flooding
- ☐ Stormwater management and drainage
- ☐ Road closures and damage
- ☐ Fire risks
- ☐ Utility supply and demand
- ☐ Coastal property
- ☐ Municipal services
- ☐ Infrastructure
- ☐ Coastal storm and sea-level rise flooding
- ☐ Water and sewer service
- ☐ Workforce and labor
- ☐ Budget and expenditures
- ☐ Greenhouse gas emissions

**Question Title**

10. If yes to question #9, what is your greatest challenge with respect to being better prepared to implement climate change adaptation actions and be more resilient to climate change impacts?

**Question Title**

11. Briefly describe successes you've implemented toward climate change preparedness, adaptation and community resilience.

**Question Title**

12. What area, topic or service would benefit most from increased funding?

**Please press the "Done" button below to submit your responses. Thank you for your participation in this survey!**

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