



Community Conversations

What our community had to say...

The NorthEast-Millerton Library's Community Conversations were held in late spring and summer of 2021 to see where we were as a community and where we wanted to go.

Who participated in our conversations?

These conversations were conducted with the promise that participants would remain anonymous.

What we can share with you is that over eighty individuals participated in either the group conversations or one-on-one.

*Percentage of individuals who registered.
Not all participants chose to fill out the survey.

- 75% of participants answered that they live (either full time or part time) in the Village of Millerton or Town of North East. *
- 19% of participants visit the area for shopping, dining, entertainment, etc. *
- 18% of participants answered that they work in the Village of Millerton or Town of North East. *

Aspirations

- People want this community to feel like their *hometown*, not just a small town.
- A school that is active in our community.
- Diverse community of backgrounds, incomes, and beliefs.

Main Concerns

There is a lack of:

- Communication
- Working Together
- Community Inclusivity

Specific Issues/Concerns

Communication

- Local government websites not up to date or clear.
- Local government and community groups' websites are only in English.
- No way to contact some community groups.
- Hard to find out what is going on in the community.
- Where are the volunteer opportunities?

Working Together

- Town/Village organizations should work together more for a common goal.
- Provide better services rather than multiple groups duplicating services.

Community Inclusivity

- Many are being priced out of local shops.
- Most area housing is unattainable for renters and individuals who would like to own.
- General amenities are lacking in our area, including access to public transportation, internet, groceries.
- There's a divide between newcomers and the rest of the community.

Other

- Municipal Sewer

Actions that Would Make a Difference

- Community Liaison.
- A place in the community where you can find information about events.
- Community Festivals that are not (or not only) centered around shopping.