

## Survey Questionnaire for Residents

*The purpose of this questionnaire is to collect comprehensive feedback from community members regarding heat exposure experiences, infrastructure conditions, and opportunities for a future heat-resilient Portsmouth.*

1. Do you live in Portsmouth?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

2. If you live in Portsmouth, which neighborhood do you live in? (If you are unsure of which neighborhood, please consult the attached neighborhood map of Portsmouth at the end of this survey)

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3. What is your age?

- 18-24
- 24-30
- 30-39
- 40-49
- 50-59
- 60-69
- 70-79
- 80+

4. Do you live alone?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

5. Are you able to meet your basic monthly expenses comfortably?

- All the time
- Most of the time

- Sometimes
  - Rarely
  - Prefer not to answer
6. Do you have a cool place in your home you can use during periods of extreme heat (90°F +)?
- Yes
  - No
  - Prefer not to say
7. Do you use air conditioning at home?
- a. Yes
  - b. No
  - c. Prefer not to say
8. Is utility cost a barrier to using your cooling systems at home?
- Yes
  - No
  - Prefer not to say
9. Have you ever experienced a heat-triggered or exacerbated medical event?
- a. Yes
  - b. No
  - c. Prefer not to say
10. Do you know what to do if you or someone you know shows signs of heat exhaustion or heat stroke?
- Yes
  - No
  - Prefer not to say
11. Do you know where the nearest cooling center is that you can access during an extreme heat event?
- Yes
  - No
  - Prefer not to say
12. What method(s) do you currently use the most to cool off? (Select all that apply)

- Utilizing greenspaces and tree cover
- Air conditioning at the Portsmouth Public Library
- Local pool
- Shaded structures (e.g. pavilions, roof overhangs, umbrellas)
- Public water fountains
- Air conditioning/fans at home
- None of the above
- Other (explain below)

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- Prefer not to say

13. How do you usually find out about upcoming extreme heat events?

- Phone alerts
- Word of mouth
- Weather websites
- City website
- State website
- Local television/radio
- Other (explain below)

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- Prefer not to say

14. Are extreme heat warnings clear and timely enough for you to prepare?

- Yes
- No
- Other (explain below)

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- Prefer not to say

15. Are there places you avoid and/or activities you avoid doing during an extreme heat event? Please explain (this could include areas within your home or city)

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16. Would any of these options be helpful to you during a prolonged extreme heat event in your neighborhood?

- Pool access
- Transportation access to a cool space
- Splash pad
- Park access
- Increased greenspace
- A dedicated cooling center
- Access to a water fountain/hydration station
- Other (explain below)

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- Prefer not to say

17. Based on your experiences during an extreme heat event, what services could the city provide to increase your resiliency to heat? If you prefer not to say, please put 'NA' in the space below.

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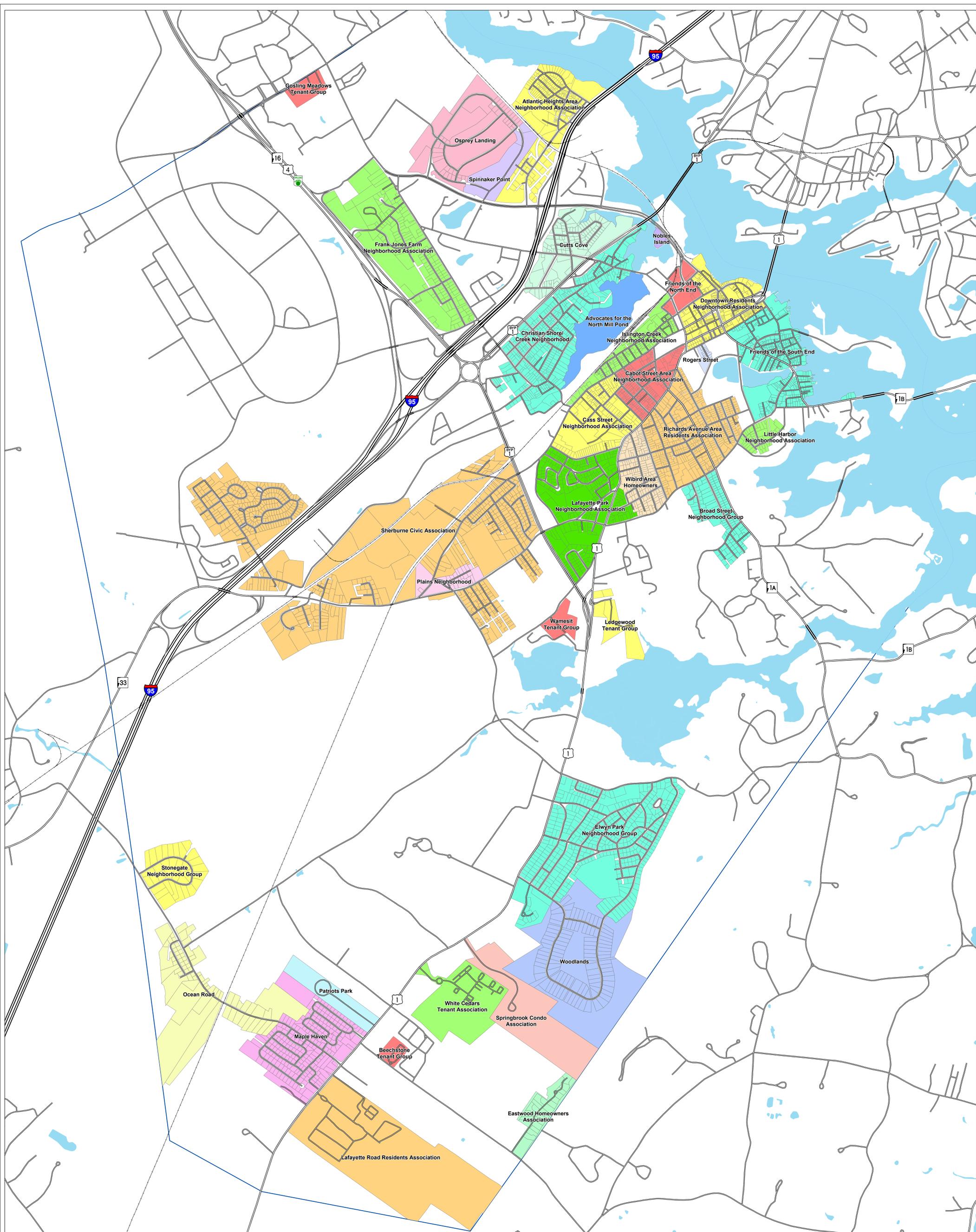
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18. Is there anything else you'd like to share related to heat events that we did not ask about? If you prefer not to say, please put 'NA' in the space below

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**Neighborhood Associations  
Portsmouth, New Hampshire**

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