



Incorporated: 1718

Franklin County

The Town of Sunderland is a rural-residential community in the southeast corner of Franklin County. Sunderland has a long history of agricultural operations, many of which continue today, including several active dairy farms, tobacco farms, produce farms and maple sugaring businesses. Sunderland is home to Mount Toby State Forest, a favorite hiking, biking and trail-riding spot. The Connecticut River provides the town's border to the west. In the last several years, young families from urban communities to the south have been moving to the town, diversifying the community and requiring new services from the school and town government. One of the first towns in the region to construct a new elementary school, the community is proud of this beautiful building that has received architectural awards and favorable comments. The town's "Buttonball Tree" (over 350 years old) is a majestic presence on North Main Street and a tourist attraction. Main Street (Route 47), intersected by Route 116 in the town's center, is a beautiful stretch of road, notable for its historic homes, wide lawns and maple trees. The historic Town Hall and architecturally significant Graves Memorial Library, sit in the town center and provide a focal point for town activities.

(narrative supplied by community)

Population: 3777 (2000 census)

Total Area: 14.80 square miles +/-

Government: Annual Town Meeting & Board of Selectmen

Tax Rate: \$12.66 (2010)

School Superintendent: 665-1155

Colleges and Universities: none

Public Schools: Sunderland Elementary & Frontier Regional High School

Private Schools: none

Shopping: Local convenience stores; local farm markets; restaurants

Libraries: Graves Memorial Library 665-2642

Recreational Facilities: Mt. Sugarloaf; Mt. Toby State Forest

Utilities:

Gas: No natural gas available

Cable: AT&T Broadband 888-633-4266

Electric: Western Mass Electric Co. 800-286-2000

Telephone: Verizon 800-870-9999

Child Care Providers: 413-582-4218

Child Care Focus

56 Vernon Street

Northampton, MA 01060

--provides a list of licensed childcare facilities

For More Information:

Town hall: 665-1442

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