

Anne Arundel County Government in Transition

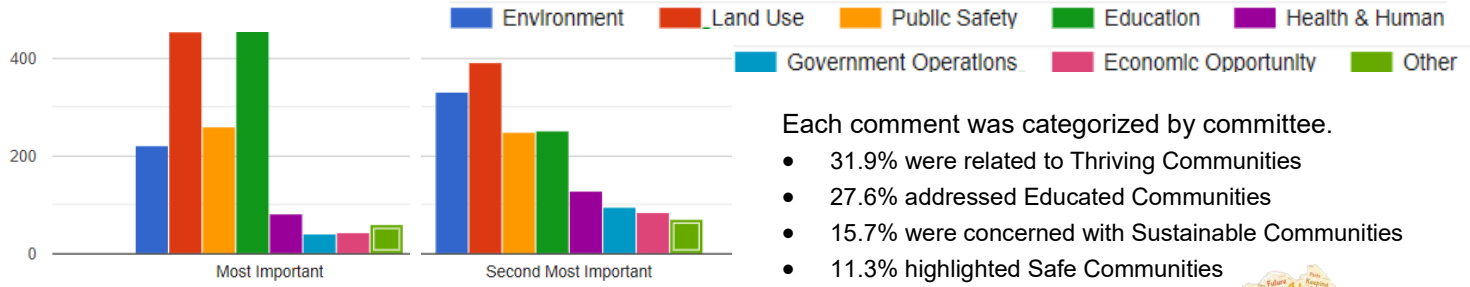
COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

Data collected in November 2018

Stuart Pittman was sworn in as Anne Arundel County Executive on December 3, 2018. Prior to inauguration, he asked the citizens to share their thoughts about the most pressing needs in the county. This report summarizes the results. All comments were forwarded to the Transition Committees and will be used to inform their recommendations to improve government. The administration is committed to increasing community engagement and will continue to request input from citizens.

1480 responses **70** pages of comments **150** citizens on **7** Transition Committees

Summary: Almost 1500 residents, representing all 16 small areas, responded to the survey. Each was asked to identify the two most important issues to address FIRST, then to describe why they chose their answers. Respondents were also given the opportunity to write a personal message to the County Executive. Education was identified as the top area of concern (n=465) with land use a very close second (n=454). Land use and environment were listed as the second most important concerns by 391 and 330 people, respectively.



Each comment was categorized by committee.

- 31.9% were related to Thriving Communities
- 27.6% addressed Educated Communities
- 15.7% were concerned with Sustainable Communities
- 11.3% highlighted Safe Communities

Categories were then further broken down by topic. In Healthy Communities, for example, 47% of respondents commented about addiction/ opioids, 21% mentioned mental health, 16% discussed recreational opportunities, and the remainder brought up issues such as suicide, homelessness, marijuana, or health insurance. Each of the seven categories was as varied.

The results also highlighted distinct differences among the small areas. The images to the right represent the comments provided by residents of Broadneck (left) and Crofton (right). Residents of Edgewater and the Mayo Peninsula focused more on environment, whereas respondents from Glen Burnie were most concerned about public safety.



Anne Arundel County is comprised of many unique communities with very different needs. The Pittman administration recognizes the challenge of identifying priorities to meet those needs and is committed to using every resource possible to research the issues and find solutions to the most pressing problems, both county-wide and within each community.

Transition Committee Chairs:
 Empowered Communities: *Peter Smith*
 Education Communities: *Stacy Korbela*
 Healthy Communities: *Lisa Hillman*

Thriving Communities: *Christina Pompa*
 Safe Communities: *Ed Bergin/Rook Rogers*
 Sustainable Communities: *Kate Fritz*
 Responsive Government: *Jerry Walker*

