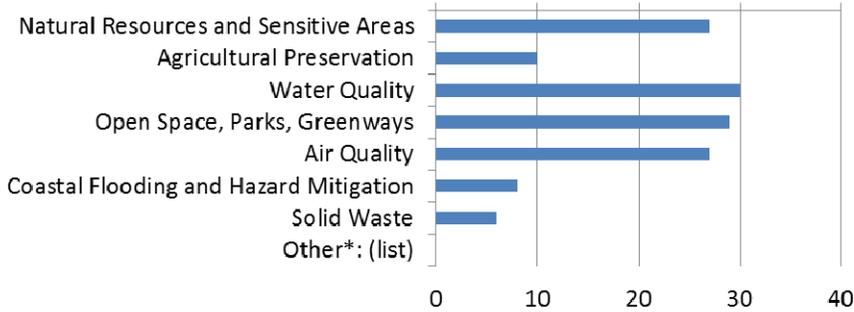


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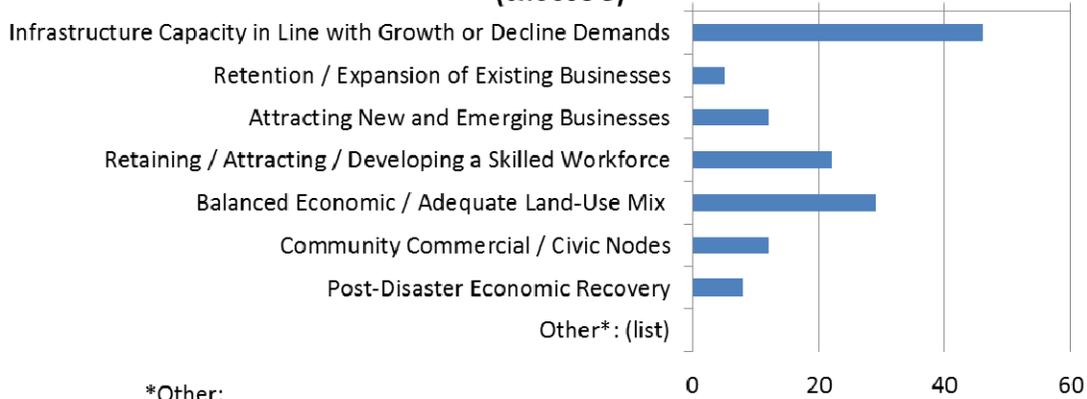
Planning for the Natural Environment
(choose 3)



*Other:

- Respecting Small Area Plans as important to maintaining quality of life for our communities
- Preserving and respecting the environment and environmental impacts
- Recycling - composting

Planning for the Healthy Economy
(choose 3)

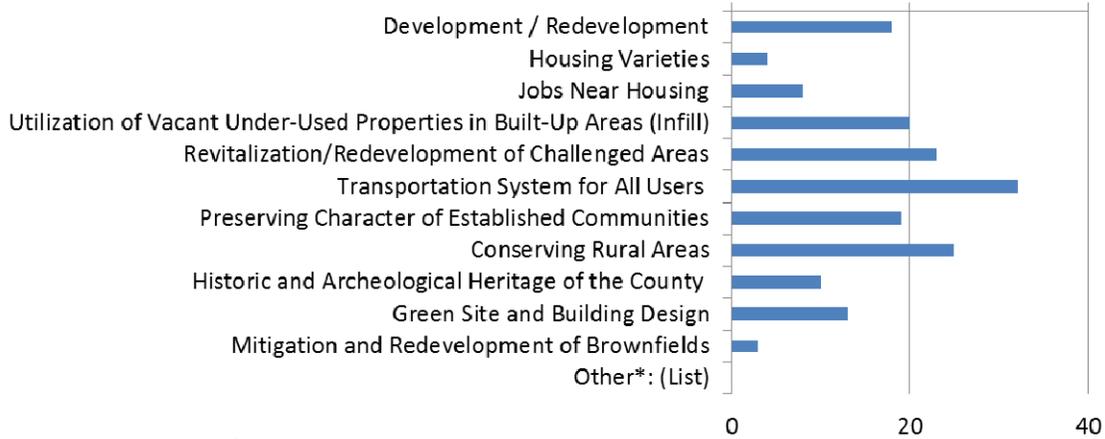


*Other:

- It would seem supply and demand would support the retention/expansion of existing businesses as well as attractin new and emerging businesses so retaining and developing a skilled workforce is key. Since I only had 1 dot left I had to use it to span the 3 topics! (1 vote)
- Top notch education = healthy economy (1 vote)
- stop development (1 vote)

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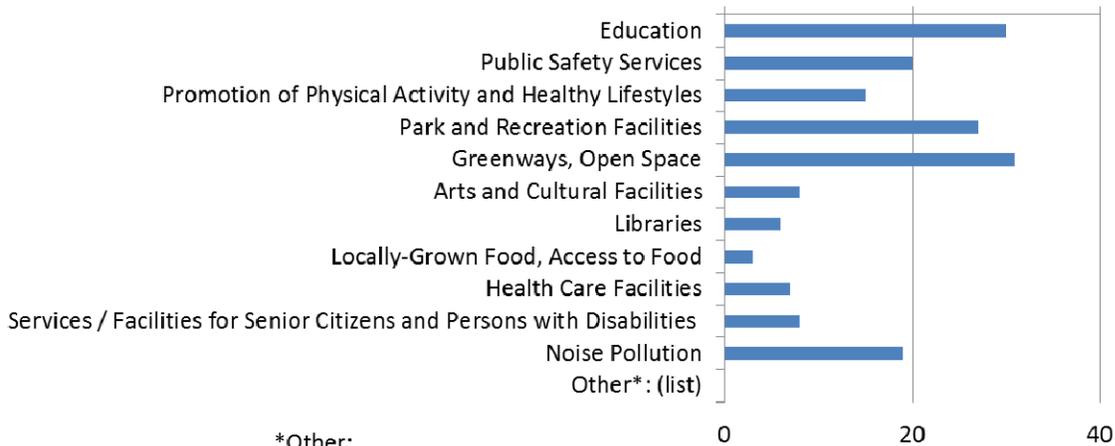
**Planning for the Built Environment
 (choose 4)**



*Other:

- overdevelopment and infrastructure (1 vote)
- 1. Holding development responsible for any negative impacts that may occur as a result, even in the future; 2. Closing of "loopholes" used to develop in a irresponsible manner; 3. Looking at effects of numerous individual modifications, i.e. cumulative effects/affects (1 vote)
- following Small Area Plans (1 vote)
- Public transportation South County (4 votes)

**Planning for Healthy Communities
 (choose 4)**



*Other:

- Bike lanes (1 vote)
- Opioid treatment services (3 votes)

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Values Survey Results

What do you like about Anne Arundel County (what are our strengths, opportunities, the things to preserve and enhance)?

- Anne Arundel County offers many wonders and qualities that make it a great place to live. Our shorelines and waters, our wooded and open spaces, our high quality of education, our natural resources and the quality opportunities AACo residents can experience.
- Proximity to the Chesapeake Bay, open space, farm land nearby
- Close to cultural centers – Baltimore and Washington D. C.
- Great education – Pre-K–12 and super community college
- Music, theater, and arts
- Natural areas – swimming, fishing boating, hiking, bicycling
- Recreation variety – rowing, sailing, bowling, tennis, pickle ball, basketball
- Strengths - low taxes, excellent location, fiscal responsibility
- Opportunities - build more schools, improve traffic flows, improve education system, reduce traffic congestion by improving infrastructure, attract businesses to provide quality jobs, limit overdevelopment of new residential communities
- Preserve/enhance - fiscal responsibility
- In recent Years County seems to be more attentive and responsive to local population needs
- County offers a wide variety of general services, human health services
- Closeness to stores and restaurants
- Good police and emergency services coverage
- Parks and recreational facilities
- Things are quiet, open spaces, history of the area
- Mix of urban, suburban, and rural
- Mix of economic opportunities
- An opportunity to get away from bustle of Baltimore and DC
- History of the area
- Higher education and health care
- I've lived here all my life; unfortunately traffic has gotten much worse! Sidewalks and safe places to walk should coincide with roadway development
- Litter has also become problematic. I applaud the aggressive recycling initiatives. How do we convince people to not create the waste to begin with
- Preserve our rivers, waterways, and Bay
- Eliminate pollution – air, water, and landscape pollution
- I like the diversity of the residents and the quality of the amenities and services offered by local government and businesses
- Strengths: State Capital, water privileges, proximity to DC and Baltimore
- Opportunities: attract millennials as they age and no longer want to live in a major city
- Rivers/Bay

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- Airport areas as economic engine
- Schools are excellent but getting too large too quickly because of overdevelopment
- County parks etc. are beautiful and well-kept and there are wonderful recreational areas
Traffic is also getting out of hand, whereas it used to be pleasant
- The beauty of the County is the neighborhoods nestled within the trees, not the other way around
- Beautiful location with access to many resources: Transportation, Medical, Education, Jobs
- Wonderful Natural Resources
- All in all a great place to live and raise a family
- Strength – water
- Preserve - Trees, People (diversity), Educational levels, Open Space
- A 30 year resident, I appreciate the diversity of the County's Land Use. Towns like Glen Burnie, Crofton, Severna Park, and rural areas are a great balance. Suburban residential areas have adequate commercial areas and do not need more. We need to preserve more green space and rein in development a bit, controlling density creep.
- The beauty of Anne Arundel County needs to be improved. We are blessed by many miles of shoreline. We have good schools and good library system.
- Plenty of waterfront/shore
- Relative low level of crime
- Access to airport
- Entertainment in County, DC and Baltimore
- Relatively low taxes
- More welcome areas
- Need to preserve rural areas
- Beautiful nature, good recreational opportunities
- Rural
- Not too crowded
- Historical heritage
- I love its beauty, its open spaces, forests, rivers, and Bay. I like its historical heritage both maritime and agricultural. We can become a wonderful place to live without becoming densely developed
- Beautiful land and water access
- Proximity to DC and Baltimore
- Our diversity
- Low income and property taxes
- Access to water for recreation
- Easy access to Baltimore and DC
- AMTRAK and BWI close by
- The history of Annapolis, culture and restaurants
- We should keep wooded areas instead of tearing them down to build buildings
- No more building houses already there is too much traffic
- Education services

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- Roads
- I like the schools here well at least my school
- Like how many shopping centers there are and restaurants
- Funded well
- Strengths: Lots of schools, Lots of health care facilities, Lots of easy access and successful business, Waugh Chapel shopping Center
- Opportunities: Could conserve natural areas (use run-down areas), Protect wildlife, Less of some businesses, like McDonalds or Dunkin Donuts (spread them out)
- Strengths: Available school programs, libraries, restaurants
- The parks around the County, shopping centers, the Bay, schools, libraries.
- The Waugh Chapel shopping center
- Close to DC
- Lots of name brand businesses
- Near the Bay
- Many job places
- Education system
- Parks
- Amount if shopping centers
- Strengths: easy access to a lot of different helpful places to eat, shop, work, etc.
- Opportunities: create an eco-friendly environment
- Preserve and Enhance: Helpful and friendly workforce
- Centrally located (DC, Balt./Annap.)
- Great schools
- Airport (easy Access), Rail, and Comm. Bus
- Chesapeake Bay
- USNA
- Strengths – good schools, low crime
- Opportunities – jobs, housing, athletics
- Preserve Open Space
- Natural Beauty
- Waterfront
- History and heritage
- Education
- Quality of life
- Nature
- Parks
- Great schools
- Green land/natural parks
- Good school system
- Agricultural areas
- Great job choices
- Love the B&A trail around airport and down to Annapolis
- Potential for Greenways/trail along the Patapsco Park if County is willing

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What needs to be improved (what are our weaknesses to overcome, what are the negative trends?)

- We need to control developmental sprawl and the effects of growth without adequate infrastructure in place
- Air pollution
- Over development - too many people, too much traffic
- Extend Metro to Annapolis
- Make it easier for kids to walk or bike to school, require developers to put in bike lanes in any new roads
- Traffic is getting out of hand - kids are afraid to get a driver's license, but walking or bicycling is also dangerous
- Abandoned malls or other commercial areas need to be redeveloped with apartments for working people and easy reliable public transit to businesses
- Parking lots and flat roofs need to have solar panels to cut dependency on coal or petroleum power
- Negative trends - increased crime do to casinos, increased traffic jams due to lack of infrastructure development to keep pace with residential development
- Weaknesses: mediocre education system, overcrowding in classrooms
- Consider quality of life when building communities and business parks
- Infrastructure does not seem to keep pace with development, schools, parks, and services
- Over population
- Better planning of housing developments - preventing too much density and not providing infrastructure such as roads and traffic lights
- Crimes, threats to the environment, and cleaner schools
- Infrastructure not keeping up with growth especially roads, sewer, and schools
- Many of the Small Area Plans from last Comprehensive Planning still not implemented; many missed opportunities
- Building inspection/inspectors need to be adequately resourced to keep up with demand, quality of new homes dependent upon adequate inspections
- Traffic congestion, litter, overdevelopment, graffiti, vandalism, crime (eliminate)
- Consistent quality of education across school feeder systems
- Road capacity
- Public transportation
- Water quality is poor
- Permitting process seems skewed to people with "Access" getting special treatment
- **TOO MUCH DEVELOPMENT!!! SLOW IT DOWN!**
- We need more quality and less quantity
- Focus on improving existing systems, replacing county pipes if need be and less appeasing greedy developers
- Preserve more trees, make builders work around them. **DO NOT LET THEM PAY THEIR WAY OUT OF IT!!** That is ridiculous

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- Use of resources and funds to plan for and fund roads and schools
- Improve business friendly use environment
- Directing growth to the right locations, and ease the process to encourage it in these locations
- Traffic
- Lack of stopping growth
- Lack of concern for the present cluster building
- We don't have enough park land and do not have enough recreation centers
- Schools are years behind in renovations, yet increasing population in other areas drive expenditures in the direction of increasing capacity rather than updating increasing capacity rather than updating and improving aging schools
- Cleaner water for recreation
- Traffic
- Increasing drugs and gangs
- Transit
- No Public Transportation in South County
- Stop converting rural/natural areas into developable areas
- Some public transportation would be great especially to connect big cities
- Developers and special interest have much too much influence in the County Government
- There needs to be more local control over land use and development
- Increased traffic
- Overcrowded schools
- Poor roads
- We are a very segregated County, ethnically and socio-economically
- Our traffic is horrible especially on Route 32 (near Route 198) and Route 100 (near Arundel Mills Mall) and Route 175 (Fort Meade). It used to take me 20 minutes to get to work and now it is an hour each way
- Our schools are overcrowded in places and in need of updating
- Lack of affordable housing for our overpaid public servants (fire, police, teachers, etc.)
- Sports fields
- Public school transit
- Later school start times
- Too many houses
- I personally think that the traffic can be prevented in multiple areas by adding more roads, but they still have access to the important buildings (Drew drawing of store in between two roads)
- Anne Arundel County needs to have more STEM opportunities available, career wise and education wise, Also STEM needs more funding. (P.S. Transportation needs to be improved.)
- Sport fields
- Amount of maintenance on roads and sewers
- School Board is too biased toward Severna Park

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- Shorter bus times, my ride to school is 35 minutes
- Later school start times
- Take better care of the Bay
- Stop more and more drug addictions
- Stop air/land pollution
- Sports fields
- Public Transit
- Faster disaster/blackout internet recovery
- Too much fast food, which I see too much litter from
- Pretty large –schools are sparse, build more
- Population (growth) need to expand roads to reduce congestion
- Negative trend is too much building, our schools are already overcrowded and neighborhoods keep popping up, our roads are becoming AWFUL because too many people need to get to and from
- Infrastructure – Roads, bridges, water treatment, etc.
- Public Access to water – boat ramps, swimming pools or areas
- Cultural access again public/free (supports) arts and community centers
- Air traffic control
- Clean air and water in industrial areas
- Balance between higher priced property access and lower
- Traffic is getting terrible
- Use of already developed land
- Building/maintaining of roadways
- Over development along Route 3 Corridor, traffic is a serious issue already yet new construction continues
- I have personally observed the corruption in County government - developers own the County Executive and some of the Council
- Traffic
- Noise Pollution
- Our rivers and creeks are being devastated by overdevelopment
- Our transportation relies on cars; our bus stops have no benches or shelters to encourage the use of busses; traffic is terrible and is becoming more and more a problem - should not take a half hour to go 5 miles

What is **MOST** important to you as you look to the future of Anne Arundel?

- Conservation of environment – open space, reforestation, water and air quality
- People before political favors
- Improving education, fiscal responsibility, traffic congestion solutions, high quality of jobs for residents
- Controlled development, Additional schools to less the overcrowding of classes, Spend budget item money for its designated purpose
- More jobs, less crime

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- Planning growth to ensure balance and distribution across the County
- Education must be top priority to develop leaders of the future who will implement best practices to improve all previous things mentioned
- Maintaining the stability of our communities and the government, allowing for development to take place, but ensuring that long term impacts on our communities will be positive
- Growth of job opportunities, Making sure that focus on economic growth doesn't come at the expense of quality of life issues (traffic, water/air quality, over development)
- Keep quality and slow down quantity, at this rate there will be no room to grow; things (developments) are not carefully thought out but are thrown up left and right without care; development needs to stop and current buildings, roads; infrastructure, etc should be focused on and improved
- Quality of life for me and my children, which includes many things non independent of each other: jobs, schools, traffic, environment, medical and shopping
- Preserving open space, holding the line on up-zoning and keeping density at a livable level
- Preserving open spaces, forests and bedroom communities staying as they are; stopping overdevelopment with increased traffic would be great
- Economic opportunity (jobs), better education
- Don't want too much growth
- Keep it rural, less development, more access to shoreline on the bay (public beaches), better public transportation
- Growing better not bigger, stop overdevelopment, preserve open space and farms
- I am concerned about the increased development that happens in AAC, specifically in Crofton (my current residence), our schools cannot handle the increased student population that this new development brings
- Education
- Improving our infrastructure (roads, bridges, sidewalks, bike lanes, public transportation, costal flood mitigation)
- The education services improving
- I hope that there will more natural area and conserved land - this is important because it prevents more pollution, protects wildlife and strengthens air quality
- STEM needs to be funded very well
- Education, development into more urban areas, preserving natural resources
- To clean the Chesapeake Bay because of trash and pollution
- The parks and outdoor spaces
- Safe environments during night time in shopping centers
- Sustain high education quality teachers in high schools, expand roads to reduce congestion
- That residents can enjoy a good quality of life, with minimal impact that overcrowded schools and roads bring
- Keeping clean the natural resources- air/water
- Continue to preserve open space, build a nature center in a central location

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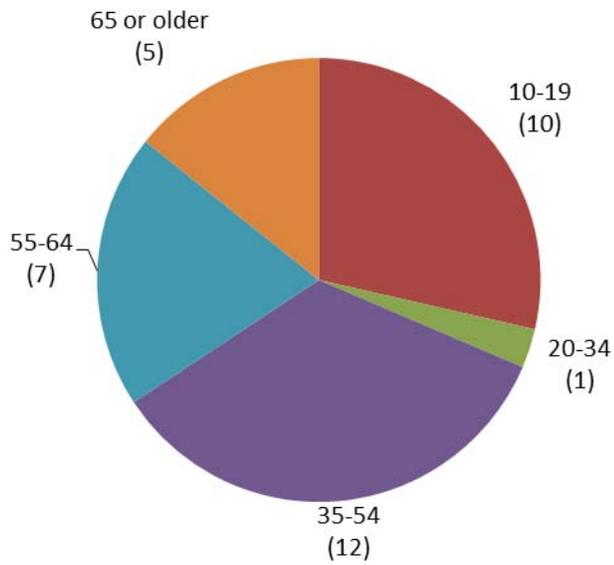
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- In schools, more skill-based learning i.e. carpentry, metal working and car work
- Controlling new business development
- Clean water (stormwater control on construction sites and post development); clean air (preserve tree cover and forests, make sure business are not putting too much pollutants in the air); everyone has a place in nature within walking distance to have fun and relax; people leave cars at home and use other means to get places (even a few miles away)

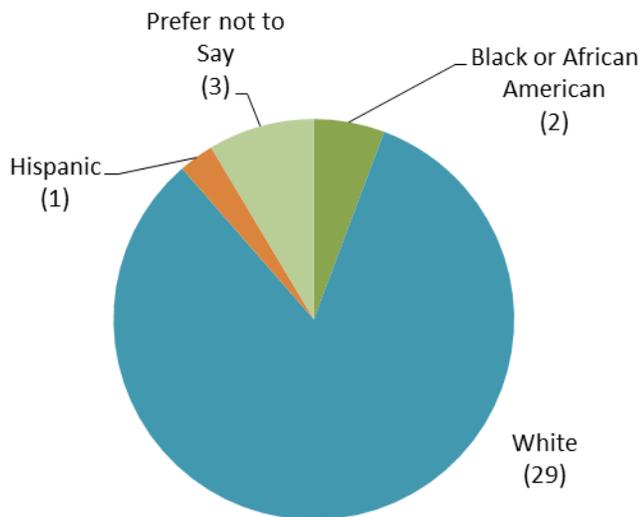
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Demographics of Respondents

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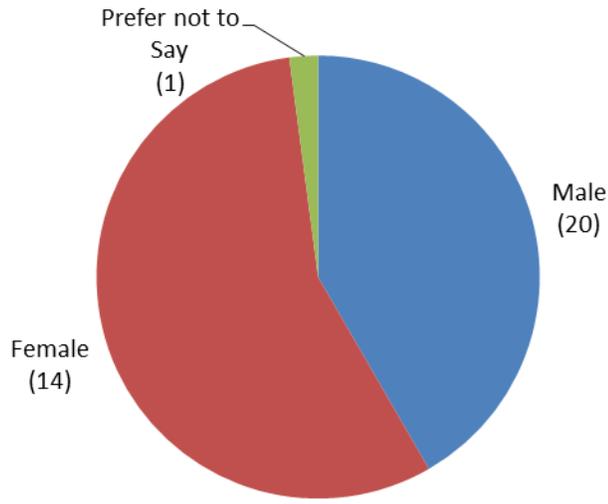


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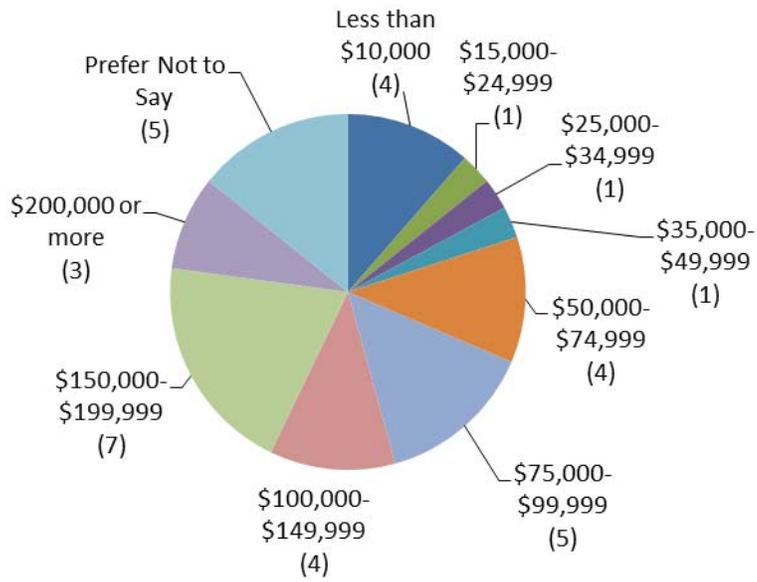


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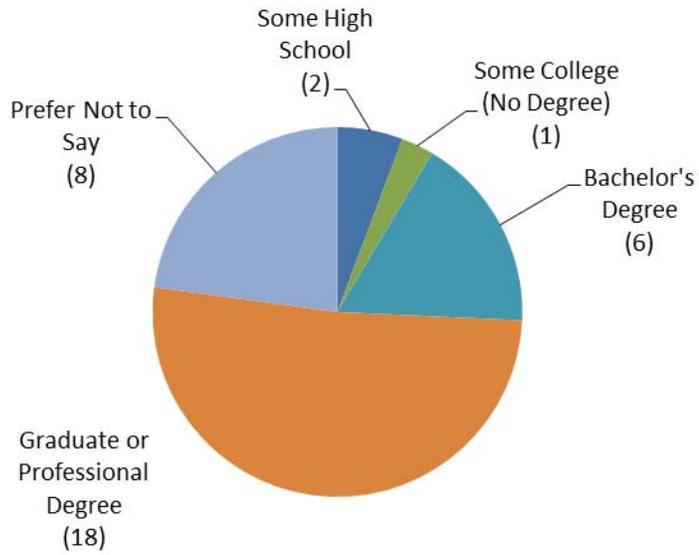


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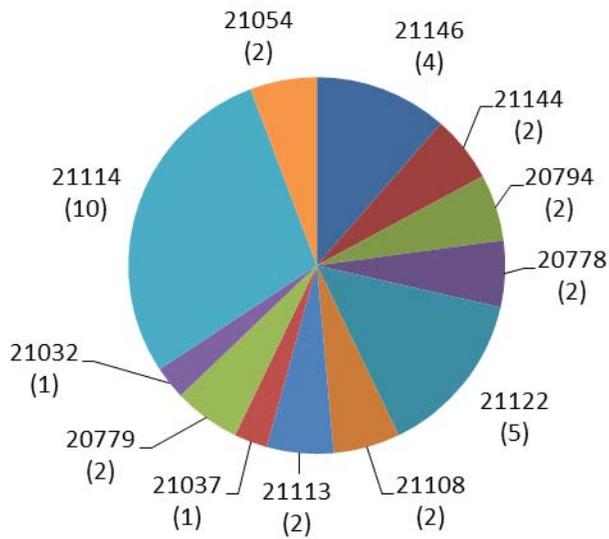


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Educational Attainment:



Zip Code:



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- OPZ needs to continue this type of engagement with the general population through the planning process. We need more people from all sectors of the County involved in the process.
- We need to revisit the Small Area Plans. Review the intent and goals for how they can inform the GDP, and amend where necessary.
- Consider the Small Area Plans and how they can fit into this process.
- There is diversity in our County that presents a challenge in pulling together one overall Plan for the County.
- Continue a strong engagement process with the public.
- Consider how to protect the character of the County's communities.
- We need all the elements of the Topics survey coming together for a good plan and quality place to live.
- We all want the same things. Ignoring development or stopping growth is difficult. We need to plan for it and manage growth, while improving quality of life.
- There are issues with a lack of public access to parks and facilities. There are more facilities in Montgomery County that are free to residents. Parks in Anne Arundel County require a fee, excluding those who cannot afford to pay. We all need access to natural resources.
- There are concerns with environmental pollution; we need to take care of natural resources – it's why we live here.
- Current levels of development are scary. For example, the amount of traffic on Benfield Boulevard impacts the charm of the community. We need developers to pay attention to the context they are developing in, and focus on quality more than quantity of development. We must also enforce development regulations – there are concerns with the amount of modifications.