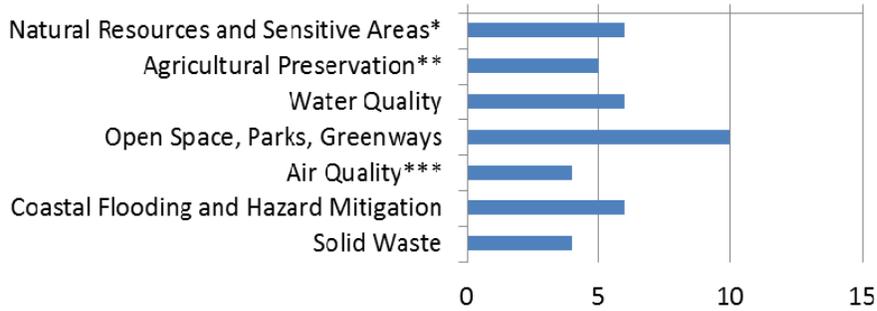


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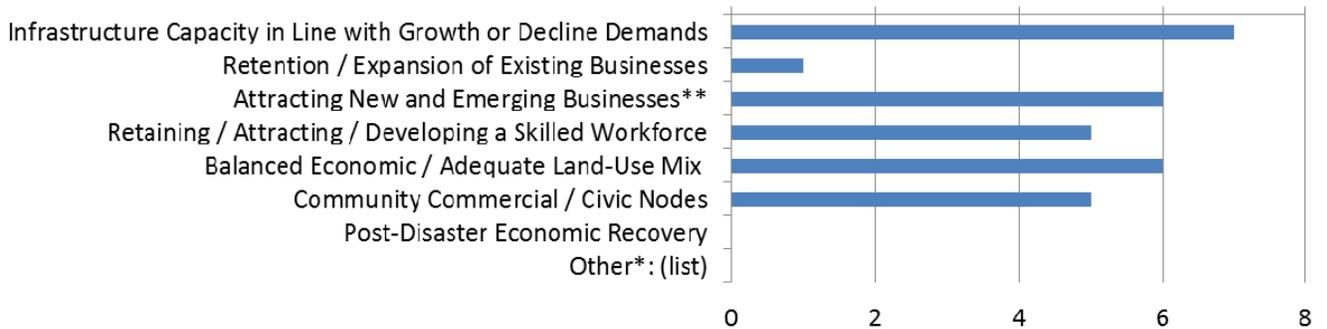
**Topics Survey Results**

**Planning for the Natural Environment**  
**(choose 3)**



- \* Note: Boat Ramps, parks, and fishing parks are specified
- \*\* Note: Keep farms is specified
- \*\*\* Note: Statement made "Stop allowing medical waste and pollution"

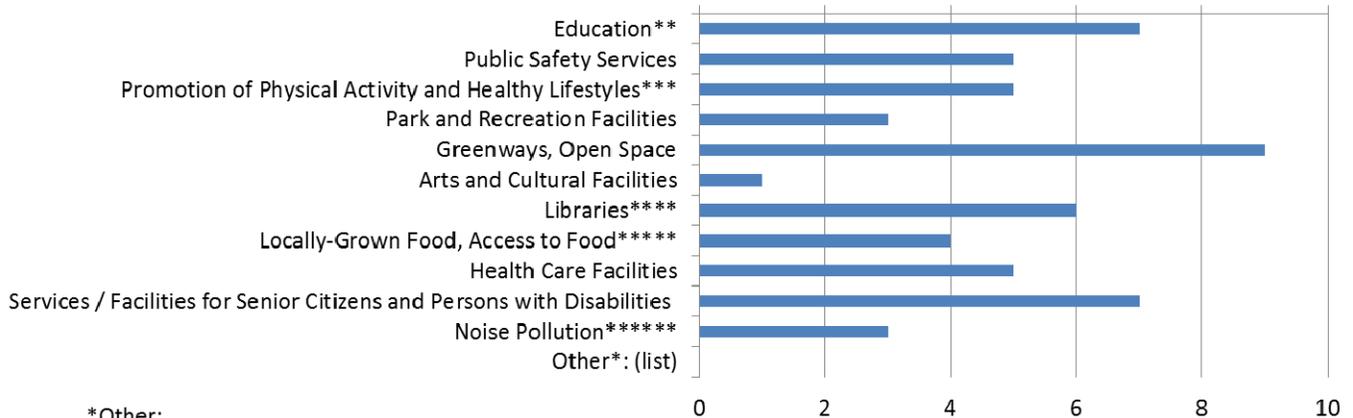
**Planning for a Healthy Economy**  
**(choose 3)**



- \*Other:
  - One vote but nothing specified
- \*\* Note: Statement made: "Banks, no banks in Brooklyn Heights"

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



\*Other:

- Places for children to be supervised and stay out of trouble (1 vote)

\*\* Note: College classes in Brooklyn Heights specified

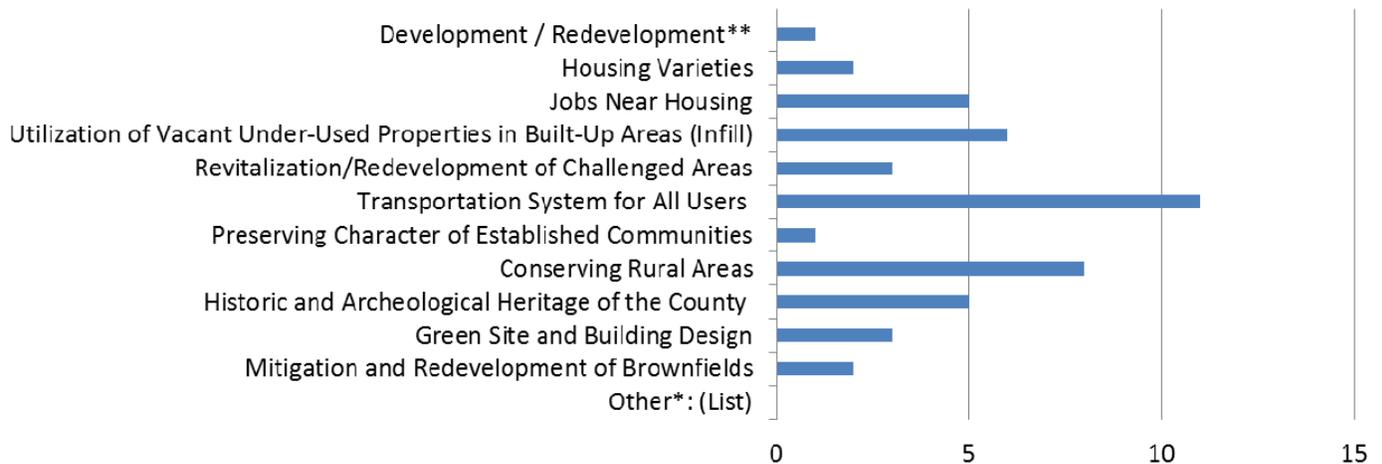
\*\*\* Note: Gyms in Brooklyn Heights specified

\*\*\*\* Note: More libraries / larger library specified

\*\*\*\*\* Note: More farms for produce specified

\*\*\*\*\* Note: Airport noise, tractor trailer jake brakes, excessive horn blowing, gun shots specified

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



\*Other:

- Mixed Use, Transit Oriented Zoning allowing for higher density and eliminate parking minimums (1 vote)
- Traffic planning for all people moving into AACo (5 votes)
- Congested Roads (2 votes)

\*\* Note: Redevelopment is specified

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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)?**

- Potential
- We are Central between DC and Baltimore and Eastern Shore, we have miles of waterways
- Trail system - specifically things like B&A path that allows for community outdoor activity
- Park systems see above
- Rail access to two of three major cities - although this could use expansion to Annapolis as well
- There is a wide variety of backgrounds, ethnicities, etc. in our population, which leads to a wealth of cultural exchange
- Strengths – parks and trails, the Bay shoreline, recreational areas, historical treasures
- To preserve and enhance – the historical treasures in this county must be preserved for future residents
- Strengths, opportunities – many with schools, public safety
- Things to preserve - various areas including rural, city of Annapolis, various sites (especially historic)
- To enhance – maintain and improve services for seniors and disabilities, and dissemination of presence (and coordination of these services)
- There are several historic buildings to see
- There are still farms - dairy, vegetable
- We make some good winery's
- Nice beaches (Sandy Point), Fort Smallwood, boat ramps
- Not allowing more or better traffic
- Low taxes
- Growth in business/industry
- Open space
- Water access
- Better street lighting
- More police annex in Brooklyn Park
- Disruptions in Library – children shout, bane, curse
  - Do not follow rules
  - Need kid area separate from adult area
  - Fast internet speed
  - Only one bathroom for patrons
- A gym in Brooklyn Park
- New developments going - in less open space
- Home/real estate values are decent for “my” area of north Anne Arundel County

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- The unique character and pride of each community; our access to beautiful green space and water access, bays and rivers; we have a thriving arts community which we should invest in expanding and supporting
- Anne Arundel County has a strong sense of inclusivity with diverse history and terrain. Its strength is that there is not one thing that summarizes the whole county. Many different industries and above average number of local, state and federal government jobs make for a robust economy above the norm. Recreation on land and water are also a plus
- Local business/family business
- Parks/green space/Chesapeake Bay
- Distinct neighborhoods
- Variety of areas is urban, suburban, and rural, etc.
- Arts/culture
- Police/Fire Dept/EMTs
- Hospitals, medical facilities
- Chesapeake Bay, rivers
- Some parks, ball fields
- Schools although Millersville Elem School has needed upgrades for decades
- County indoor swimming pool facility
- AA Co. has many well-intentioned employees
- Great medical facilities (Don't need more assisted living facilities at least where we live)
- Reasonable driving time to get to DC and Baltimore
- A good Community College
- AA Community Concert Association is wonderful

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

- Better upkeep of our roads
- Transportation infrastructure – there are too many places where the roads cannot support the population and public transportation is limited
- School zoning – especially in Fort Meade area, there is no reason why kids have a 40-minute bus ride while neighbors are in walking distance
- Think about transportation infrastructure before building up new McMansion communities – don't leave it as an afterthought
- We need to strengthen our public education system, reduce disparity between schools
- We need to compensate our County employees on whom we rely adequately in order to retain our resources
- We need reliable, affordable public transportation
- Too many contractual jobs even with County
- Brooklyn Park, Brooklyn Heights – we don't have much here – no gyms, not many restaurants (2-3), no banks, just ATMs, no movie theater, no safe bike trails/walk, not many fast food – we have McDonalds, Taco Bell
- More businesses means more jobs
- Focus on older areas
- Better behaved people
- More police walking around neighborhoods
- Keep graffiti out
- Low cost, high-speed internet
- Planning environment
- Panhandling to stop
- Less to no homeless people in Northern Anne Arundel
- Gang violence and other crimes to stop
- More police within Northern Anne Arundel
- Less time spent at traffic lights from Baltimore City line to Glen Burnie
- Public transportation with all of the communities to connect the communities to each other; many of the communities here became unsafe for families due to lack of sidewalks, bike paths and green spaces
- Our roads are terribly overcrowded and we don't have access to affordable housing in our communities
- The most negative trend is suburban sprawl and resulting traffic. So much time is wasted in travel congestion and communities are built in such a way that interaction between neighbors is discouraged
- Public transportation
- Access to bike paths
- Need to get rid of large-scale developers
- Use of renewable energy sources
- Access to green spaces and parks

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- Preservation of Chesapeake Bay
- At intersection of Route 3 and Millersville Road, there is currently a WaWa (gasoline and convenience store) on the south side of Millersville Road between the North and South lanes of MD 3. Now there are signs opposite of the WaWa announcing that a Royal Farms Store (also gasoline and convenience) will be coming soon on the north side of Millersville Road also between North and South Lanes of MD 3. Traffic is already impacted by cars trying to make a left-hand turn into WaWa. Introducing a Royal Farms will further impact traffic. To me, the traffic issue should put a halt to these plans. Not to mention, the dozens and dozens of trees that will be cut down if the Royal Farms store (with parking lot does go in. I understand that the owner of this property should be able to sell it but the community has a right to expect that our quality of life is maintained at a high level.
- Respect for history and those disappearing vestiges of life before 1955. Example Johns Hopkins birthplace, what a shame that the County doesn't take pride in producing such a man and purchase the property for future generations. When a physical remnant of the past is visited, I am in awe of how much came from such meager beginnings. It sets an example and gives us all hope. E.G. Fund our Historic Heritage. Make a 501C3 run it and save money there (Anne Arundel County weakness)
- Our ability to move traffic through – particularly 97/301 – without gridlock; it has not always been this way. E. G - Fix the timing on those lights and frontage roads and / or bike overpasses
- Traffic Congestion – Anne Arundel County Achilles – Also regarding traffic, super roads such as 97 kill communities or at the least sense of communities; they split the area they divide in half. What once took 3 minutes to go buy groceries now takes 10 minutes and that doesn't include looking for a parking space. It exists. It will not go away. It apparently is now our “community” since the median is basically filled to capacity with businesses that should really be located in smaller communities. What about figuring a way so we don't have to get into a car to go across a 6-lane divided median to buy daily necessities; An overpass bike / walking lane perhaps (loss of sense of community – Anne Arundel County weakness and negative trend)
- Allowing developers to bulldoze and not actually replace trees
- Noise congestion – it starts at 4:30 in the morning hours now; is there no quiet time anymore
- Allowing last minute zoning variances without proper notification to surrounding communities – not nice
- Inability to come up with a multi-use plan for the old psychiatric facility on Generals Highway – there are models which could make it a wonderful community center for residents of Generals Highway or even an arts colony; we need Anne Arundel County to come up with something creative...and that does not mean Bayhawks – that thinking is old school; we can be productive and fruitful without building yet another stadium
- Oh yes –did I say that the Biggest Negative Trend is Overdevelopment? Now I did. Please cork the bottle!
- Property Crime
- Streets unsafe

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- Brooklyn Park Library – PCs do not work at all or work very slowly and poorly; internet connection very slow and unstable and often does not work at all; very loud and very bad behavior; extreme filthy language all the time; unable to study and concentrate because staff will not keep people quiet; unsafe – people are threatened and harassed; people are drunk and high on drugs and staff does not tell them to leave; people bring in drugs in the only bathroom there for patrons; children are subject to this filthy language; you cannot study and concentrate with all this noise and commotion
- Need bus on Church Street again (500 Block)
- Less blight in North County - alley ways

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

- Brooklyn Park Library
- Safety
- Transportation
- Health care
- Stop the sprawling and focus on rehabbing and revitalizing
- We're mortgaging our future by extending Bond - we need to figure out a way to increase revenue by removing or raising the County tax cap to be able to invest into our congested roads and fire responders
- Education opportunities
- Safe outdoor spaces for family and kids
- Less traffic congestion = less wasted time = more family time
- Better roads or more public transportation options
- I'm proud transportation throughout the County – public transportation that is affordable, walkable and accessible
- Adequate funding of all of our schools, including manageable class size, buildings that are in good repair and staff that is valued and appropriately compensated
- Contained good services
- More businesses - more restaurants – Outback Steakhouse, Denny's, Starbucks; a gym; more doctors' offices; Wi-Fi Coffee Shop
- Not to let us be the dumping grounds for waste (chemicals)
- Larger library
- More places for kids to go after school
- Jobs, Education Housing
- Safe walking / biking
- More police
- Safety of all of us "North County" residents, especially us taxpayers
- Real Estate values to go up in value
- School children to receive a good education
- We don't overdevelop and lose the natural beauty of Anne Arundel County and that we invest in community spaces to make communities more walkable and attractive to small community sustained businesses
- Improving the quality of life by reducing the inherent stress of living with traffic, unsafe neighborhoods, local crime, etc.
- Reduce influence of corporations and big money on development
- Improve public transportation
- Build / upgrade schools but don't build "mega" schools
- Maintain green spaces throughout the County
- Stop bulldozing down trees
- Take a look at what the developer did in Columbia, MD – they have the feel of living in a neighborhood / community

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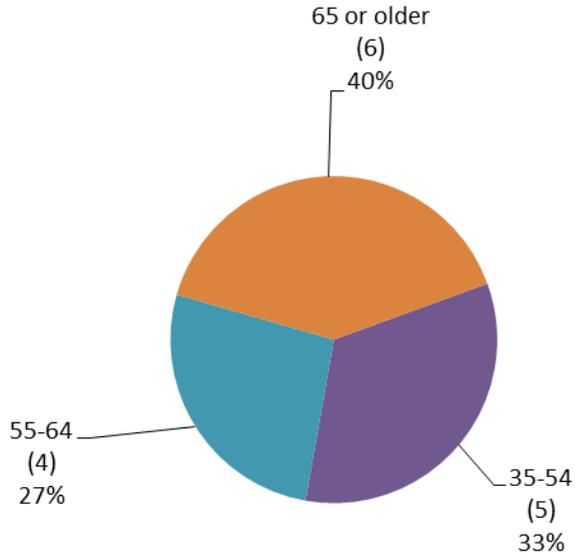
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- Resident of Millersville 21108 since 1984, career with Westinghouse Northrup Grumman – I would like to think that we are smart enough and have the collective common sense to understand that it is very hard to make developed land return to rural. So, it is important now to restrain from development of virgin land. Allow residents to take in the evening air without the screech of brakes on a nearby super highway or ambulance sirens racing to yet another accident. Return to a sense of community, support for neighborhoods in which our young grow up and become an asset to our families and the larger community which is our County. Let them walk on sidewalks. Develop around a farm, don't develop the farm. Make it the community center. Redevelop to make it the employer.

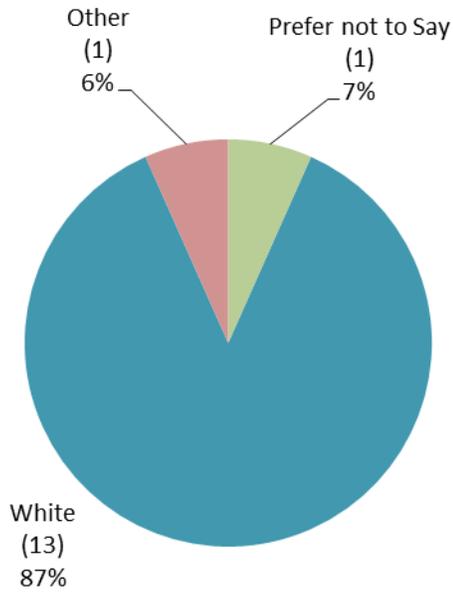
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- **Demographics of Respondents**

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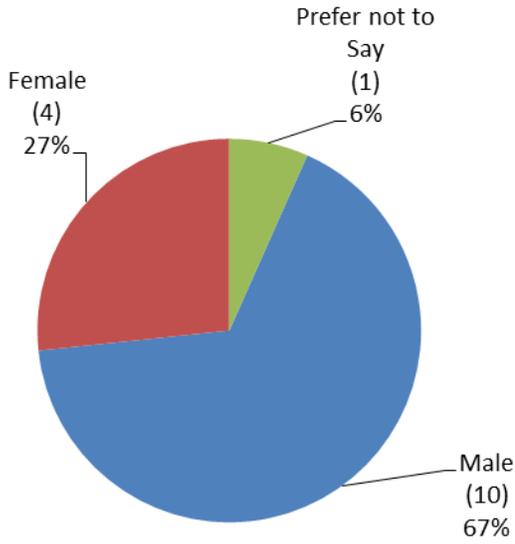


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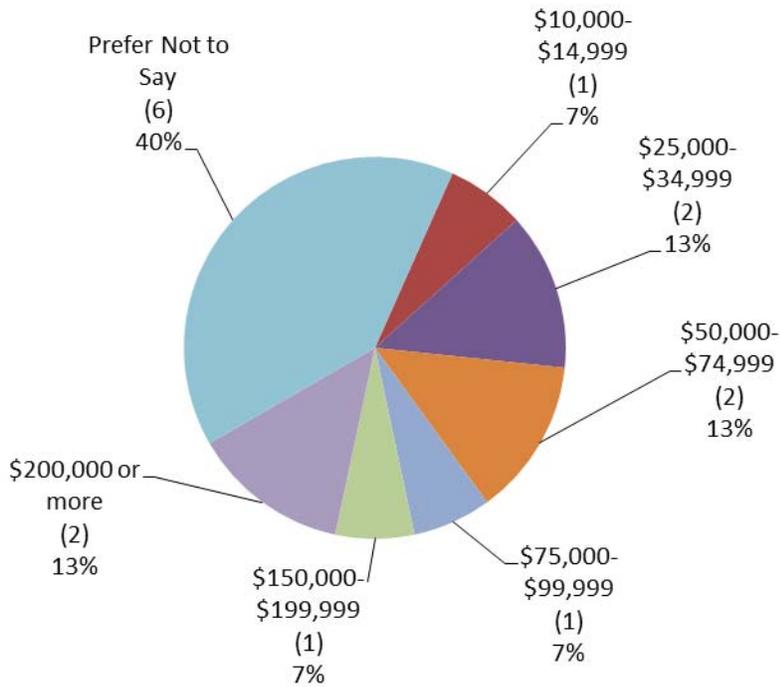


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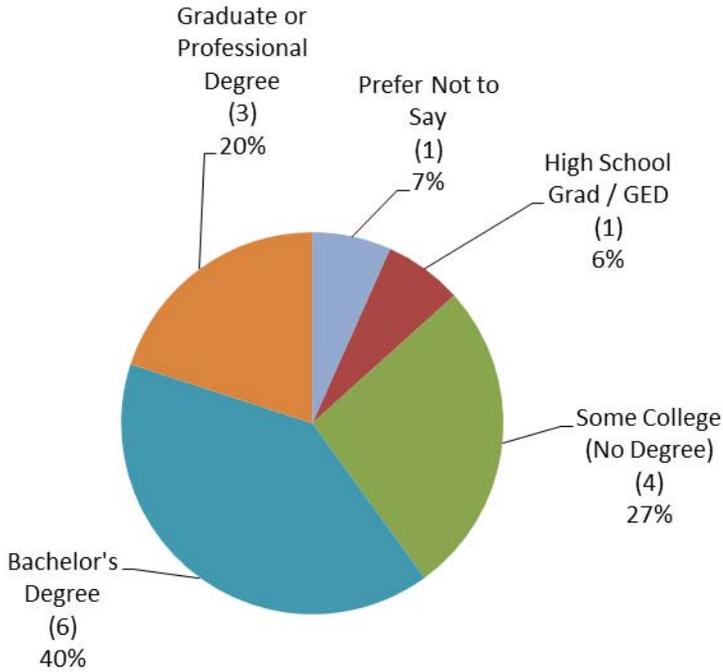


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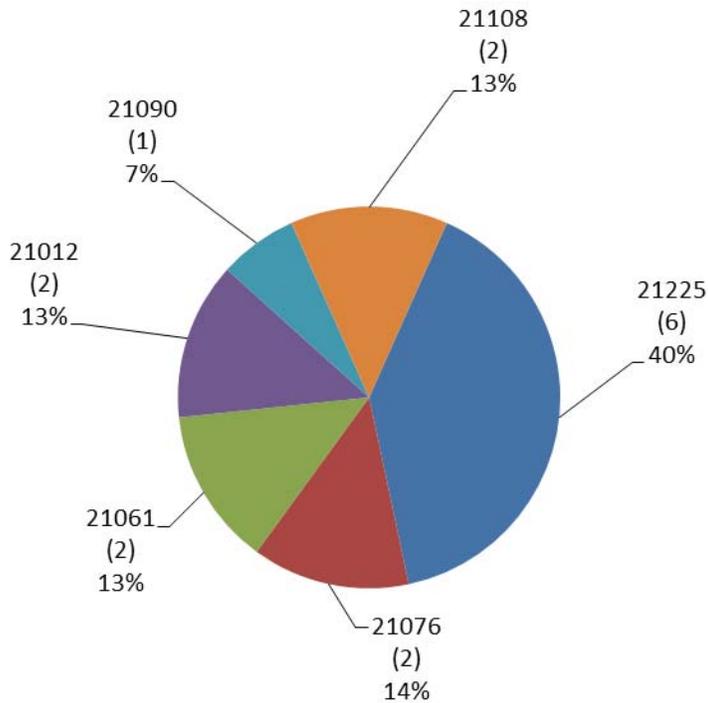


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Educational Attainment:



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#### Open Comments

- There are concerns with traffic impacts from Woodfall Greens, which is bringing in around 240 units, and additional residential units being introduced with Cedar Hill. These developments will be bringing in more cars and increased traffic. Leaders want to bring in more people, but don't do the traffic studies or mitigation to support it. Already getting on the beltway is difficult, and residents have to drive outside of rush hour just to get to Glen Burnie, and wait for traffic to let up before going home. If there's an accident, forget it.
- Brooklyn Park Library – kids are out of control when they come in after school, eating and leaving trash in the library. Police are there every day. Kids don't have anywhere to go and don't have activities to keep them engaged. We need to expand after school programs. Currently, the library is being used as a daycare.
- There are other issues making the library a nightmare. The PCs and the internet don't work, or are slow, and it's difficult to get any work done. Download speeds are 3KB/second, so slow that the data corrupts. There should be free WiFi. Some patrons (teens and young adults, even criminals) scream foul language back and forth. Little children hear this, and staff sees this and doesn't stop it. Patrons need a quieter space to be able to concentrate and need to be able to use the library as a library and feel safe. Sometimes there are people singing loudly in the library. It's dangerous when drug addicts and alcoholics come in drunk and high and stay. There is only one bathroom for patrons, and people overdose in the bathroom. Staff doesn't address the issue. Once found a beer can in the bathroom. Children trying to use the library see this. Recently a woman with her kid had to leave because people were disruptive and inappropriate.
- Crime is out of control in North County. There are drug addicts stealing metal from yards and homes, and recent thefts from homes. Police act like they don't care. There are many panhandlers, and it's hard to walk anywhere without getting hit up for money. Police don't respond to these thefts or panhandling or other "minor" crimes. We need more police here. The streets are not safe. You can't even walk in your own yard and be safe – people watch you and follow you.
- There used to be a bus stop in the 500 block of Church Street – it's not there anymore, and people have to walk up to Ritchie Hwy – a dangerous walk with the criminals. People have been shot/stabbed, etc. I have been followed twice in the last two weeks. Before when the bus was there, one could get on more easily. Since I don't drive, I have to depend on the bus system. We need bus marshals on the buses (like air marshals on planes) because harassment continues on the buses. Every day these things happen.
- There are a lot of businesses and services missing in Brooklyn Park: no banks (only 2 ATMs – closest branches are Glen Burnie, Linthicum Ferndale and Brooklyn), no doctors' offices, and few restaurants in the area. There is a McDonalds (why aren't renovations proceeding?), but it's a high crime area (overdoses in the bathroom). Would like to have other fast food: Burger King, Wendys, Boston Market, Chic Fil A, Brewsters, Buffalo Wild Wings, Dennys, Hooters, Panera, Starbucks, etc. Would like a good steak house like Texas Road House (Pasadena) or other restaurants like Chili's, Red Robin, Joe's Crab Shack, Ruby Tuesday. A movie theater has been discussed before – could install a white screen or wall to project movies at the Art Center. Shouldn't have to go to Glen Burnie or Linthicum for these. Crime here has gotten so bad on the streets that

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these businesses leave. Decent people won't come out of their homes anymore. More businesses coming into the area might help with people not having jobs and panhandling. Brooklyn Park has become the dumping ground for homeless services, like a trailer providing showers parks in the Roses parking lot, and there other homeless services provided, which attracts more homeless to the area.

- The area needs a gym /health center/weight room so you can walk to it instead of driving to Glen Burnie. The only place to go in the area is the library. Food stores have guards because it's unsafe. The Art Center is good, but only sporadically open or offering events. We need more coffee shops – a Starbucks or tea house with WiFi. It's unsafe to stay in McDonalds or Taco Bell because people come in and harass patrons. There is a senior center, and North County has the highest percentage of seniors, but seniors are disrespected there and don't come back. People have to walk to get there since most don't drive. Churches sometimes have meals, but there's nothing for seniors to come out to without the hassle of the drunks.
- In the past, the services, the entertainment, and the investment have gone to Severna Park, Annapolis, and other areas, but not here. Brooklyn Park deserves some investment. This is the forgotten section of Anne Arundel County.
- Requests have been made to have police walk through businesses and places – McDonalds, etc., to thwart some of the altercations, but there's not enough response.
- Traffic on Ritchie Highway needs to be studied and understood for development and redevelopment. Churches have parishioners parking on the street during services, which is a safety issue if emergency response can't get through.
- There are no areas for bicyclists to safely get around and through Brooklyn Park to Glen Burnie. We should have a safe, connected network that's not on a main road, like Ritchie Highway. For access to a bike path or hiking path, you have to drive with your bikes to the BWI or B&A Trail in Glen Burnie.
- Boat ramp – officials were supposed to build one at Belle Grove Ponds, but it was not implemented. Baltimore County has a boat ramp and parking across the river, and we need access on our side of the river. Now you have to go to Baltimore City, Baltimore County or to Sandy Point or Fort Smallwood for access to fish or crab or ski.
- There aren't sidewalks for the full length of Ritchie Highway near Cedar Hill (across from Doc and Annie's). The retaining wall also narrows the curb and leaves not enough room for walking and accessibility with the traffic. There was supposed to be a ramp over the beltway for pedestrians and bikes to link to Glen Burnie. People walk all the way to Glen Burnie. They need facilities. You have to go out of your way just to walk down the highway.
- Consider making Alley 7, near Ritchie and Franklin one-way to better accommodate neighborhood parking and make traffic flow safer.
- Lighting has been improved along streets for pedestrians, but it doesn't keep you safe from people jumping you.
- Overall, there are two priority issues: we want to be able to walk on the streets safely and have a safe public library.
- Brooklyn Park should have things like Glen Burnie has where there is the concert series, ice rink, etc. We need to figure out why restaurants aren't locating here. They may have a

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hard time finding where they would build, but for example, the dentist office on Ritchie Highway has two stories vacant – how can those be used?

- A lot of buildings are vacant and we should reuse those. Cycle World, Cedar Room, People medical building, Rosso (next to Value Village) two buildings by Shoppers – these could be perfect for some of these suggestions. Find what these properties need to encourage positive redevelopment, and find ways to market this area more for redevelopment. New businesses can take advantage of the new residents coming with Woodfall Greens and Cedar Hill. But we also have to make sure we have enough police to accommodate these new residents.
- There are serious issues just across the City line on Patapsco Avenue, like crime, killings and stabbings.
- There is a lack of affordable housing in the County and region. Some citizens push for restrictive zoning laws to try to minimize opportunities to build the type of housing that low and middle income families can afford. Too often affordable housing is intentionally misinterpreted by some to mean Section 8 housing. There are discriminatory attitudes in some parts of the County. Some citizens will oppose multifamily housing on the grounds of generating more traffic, etc., but what they are really opposed to is the idea of allowing what they see as undesirables into their community.
- There is a real lack of sidewalks along routes that see heavy pedestrian traffic, including routes that lots of kids are using with no sidewalks, particularly in Arnold and Hanover. The County needs to be more proactive about getting sidewalks in place.
- Bike share facilities should also be provided, particularly in the Parole area and Odenton Town Center, but also in Arnold (key shopping areas).
- Public transit options are lacking. Bus transit is not feasible for most people - many would prefer to take a bus as opposed to driving, but bus routes aren't available for what they need or they take too long. Public attitudes about transit may influence this as well.
- There is traffic congestion and a need for sidewalks. We need to limit building.
- We need more village centers to support smaller community businesses.
- There should be transportation options, and they should address mobility and accessibility issues. Public transportation and sidewalks and bike paths.
- We were told that road improvements in the Fort Meade area would be addressed after BRAC happened, so when will these be addressed.
- The area needs more community centers.
- There have been no lights outside at Meade High School to MD 175 and within a half-mile of this area for the last few months. This creates a safety issue for students who stay after school and walk home in the evenings or for people who attend events at the school after school hours. Did State Highway / BGE coordinate with the Board of Ed or Fort Meade?