

Town of Forest Heights Citizen's Input Survey Comprehensive Planning

The Community Development Plan or "Comprehensive Plan" is intended to be a master plan for development within our town. The Town is constantly analyzing and evaluating the plan and looking for ways to improve the quality of life or "livability" of our community. As with any plan, the more ideas and input received, then the better the end product will be. Citizen input is an important and key element in guiding the policies and procedures put in place by the governing body. The information you provide will help us to affectively deal with the impending development we expect to see.

Please take time to complete the questionnaire and return it to our clerk's office at town hall by:

5:00 PM August 13, 2008

Or mail the questionnaire to:

Town of Forest Heights
5508 Arapaho Drive
Forest Heights, Md. 20745-1998

First, we would like to get some background information:

1). What is your gender?

- Male
 Female

2). In what type of dwelling do you live?

- Single-Family house
 Apartment/Town home
 Other: _____

3). How long have you lived in the town?

- Less than 1 year
 1 to 5 years
 6 to 10 years
 11 to 20 years
 More than 20 yrs
 Born & raised in Forest Heights.

4). How far do you travel to work each day?

- 0-5 miles 5.1-10 miles
 10.1-20 miles more than 20 miles

5). Do you work in the town Yes No

If No, then where do you work? _____

6). What is your annual income range?

- Less than \$9,999
- \$10,000-\$19,999
- \$20,000-\$29,999
- \$30,000-\$49,999
- \$50,000-\$74,999
- \$75,000-\$99,999
- greater than \$100,000

7). How old are you?

- Under 25 years old
- 25-34 years old
- 35-44 years old
- 45-54 years old
- 55-64 years old
- 65 years or older

8). How do you feel about the residential development that has taken place in the last 10 years in Forest Heights ? (Check One)

- Too Fast Too Slow About Right

9). How would you rate your level of satisfaction with the Town as a place to live? (Check One)

- Very Satisfied Satisfied Dissatisfied Very Dissatisfied

Next, we will list a series of statements that suggest choices about the future direction for growth and development in the town. Please respond by ranking each statement from 1 to 5 (**1-strongly agree 2-somewhat agree 3-neither agree nor disagree 4-somewhat disagree 5 strongly disagree**).

It is important for the Town to keep its small town character by limiting residential development _____

It is important for the Town to have in place a rental standard requirement _____

The Town should adopt property maintenance regulations to force people to keep their property looking nice _____

There is a need for code enforcement to be more strictly enforced _____

Code enforcement should stay the same _____

Law Enforcement is adequate throughout the Town _____

You feel safe living in Forest Heights _____

The Town needs more than 4 full time police officers _____

The Town needs more than 8 full time police officers _____

Volunteer emergency services (fire, rescue) response time is adequate throughout the Town _____
Solid waste (trash removal) service is adequate throughout the Town _____

Town sponsored recreational opportunities are important to me _____

Programs for Youth are needed in the Town _____

Programs for the Seniors are needed in the Town _____

More individual pocket parks are needed _____

Walking trail throughout the Town is needed _____

Forest Heights should be more proactive in annexing surrounding shopping areas into the Town _____

The environmental impact of the Town of Forest Heights is important _____

When replacing or repairing streets/infrastructure the Town should consider the environmental impact _____

Town sponsored recreational opportunities are important to me _____

Internet service at my home is sufficient _____

Broadband (High-Speed) internet accessibility would benefit my household _____

Forest Heights provides a quality education for our youth _____

School facilities are adequate for the needs of Town's residents _____

Retail businesses offer a satisfactory selection of goods for shoppers _____

More retail businesses are needed in Forest Heights _____

Traffic in the Town is too congested _____

Parking permits are needed in the Town to control parking _____

There is a need for more speed control within the town _____

Development in the Town should be limited to the area around Route 210 _____

Development in the Towns should be concentrated near the town's business district _____

Current housing stock is sufficient for the Town _____

Multi-family housing (apartments/town homes) is needed _____

Housing designated specifically for the elderly is needed _____

The Town needs to install and or repair sidewalks/curbs and work on curb appeal throughout the Town_____

Lighting for the Town should be a priority_____

Streets should be a priority in the Town_____

The overall appearance of the Town should be a priority_____

The Town should adopt property maintenance regulations to force people to keep their property looking nice _____

Using the numbers 1 through 9, assign a point value to each as to what is the most important. 1= the most important and 9= the least. (Example Educations/Schools1, Economic Development 5)

Education/Schools _____

Economic Development _____

Solid Waste _____

Recreation/Parks _____

Transportation _____

Law Enforcement _____

Municipal Building _____

Land Preservation _____

Environmental Impact _____

10). What steps do you think the Town should take concerning our Town's character?
(Rank 1 to 5 in order of importance)

____ Encourage annexation of surrounding area

____ Discourage residential development

____ Encourage development in areas already developed

____ Nothing, town character is not a priority for me

____ Encourage conservation easements throughout the Town

11). How satisfied are you with Town government?

____ Very Satisfied ____ Satisfied ____ Dissatisfied ____ Very Dissatisfied

12). Would you agree with the Town planting and installing landscaping along major routes in the town?

____ Yes ____ No

13). Would you agree with limiting the size, height and design of signs used within the Town?

____ Yes ____ No

14). Which statement best describes how you will want the Town to look in ten (10) years?
(Check one)

As is; I like what I see.

I would like to see more residential development.

I would like to see more retail/business development.

I would like to see a balance of residential and business development.

I would like to see more open space/parks

I would like to see improvements of the Streets

15). Would you like to see the Town go green (Check one)

I agree with the Town going green

I disagree the Town going green

Finally, it is your turn to make suggestions;

16). In a brief statement, what do you feel are the two biggest challenges facing Forest Heights in the next ten (10) years?

17). What should the Town's government do to improve the quality of life in Forest Heights?

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. The information you provided will be extremely valuable to us as we move forward in our planning efforts.

Please return this survey to:

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Forest Heights, Maryland 20745