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Annapolis Ahead 2020 Comprehensive Plan Survey

Annapolis Ahead. Bridging Barriers. Connecting Communities. Welcome to the ABCs of planning in Annapolis. We are going back to the basics.

After providing your email address, read through the next 2 slides to acquaint yourself with what Annapolis Ahead, our 2020 Comprehensive Plan update, could be about. After that, follow the instructions carefully as you provide your input for what the priorities should be in Annapolis over the next 20 years.

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What is a Comprehensive Plan?

A Comprehensive Plan is a broad statement about the community, looking approximately 20 years ahead. The plan includes goals and strategies to achieve the goals, with specific performance measures and targets that will help determine if these goals are being met.

The City of Annapolis Plan, serving as the 2020 update to the City's comprehensive plan, will focus on protecting and enhancing neighborhood health, supporting economic growth and diversity, and ensuring the local environment is resilient. We will be looking at how we can ensure healthy communities, healthy economies, and healthy environments.

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- Data and Demographics
- Land Use
- Environment
- Water Resources and Sea Level Rise
- Housing
- Transportation
- Parks and Community Facilities

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Introduce Yourself



Description (optional)

What is your zip code? *

Short answer text

If you are an Annapolis resident, which part of the City do you live in?

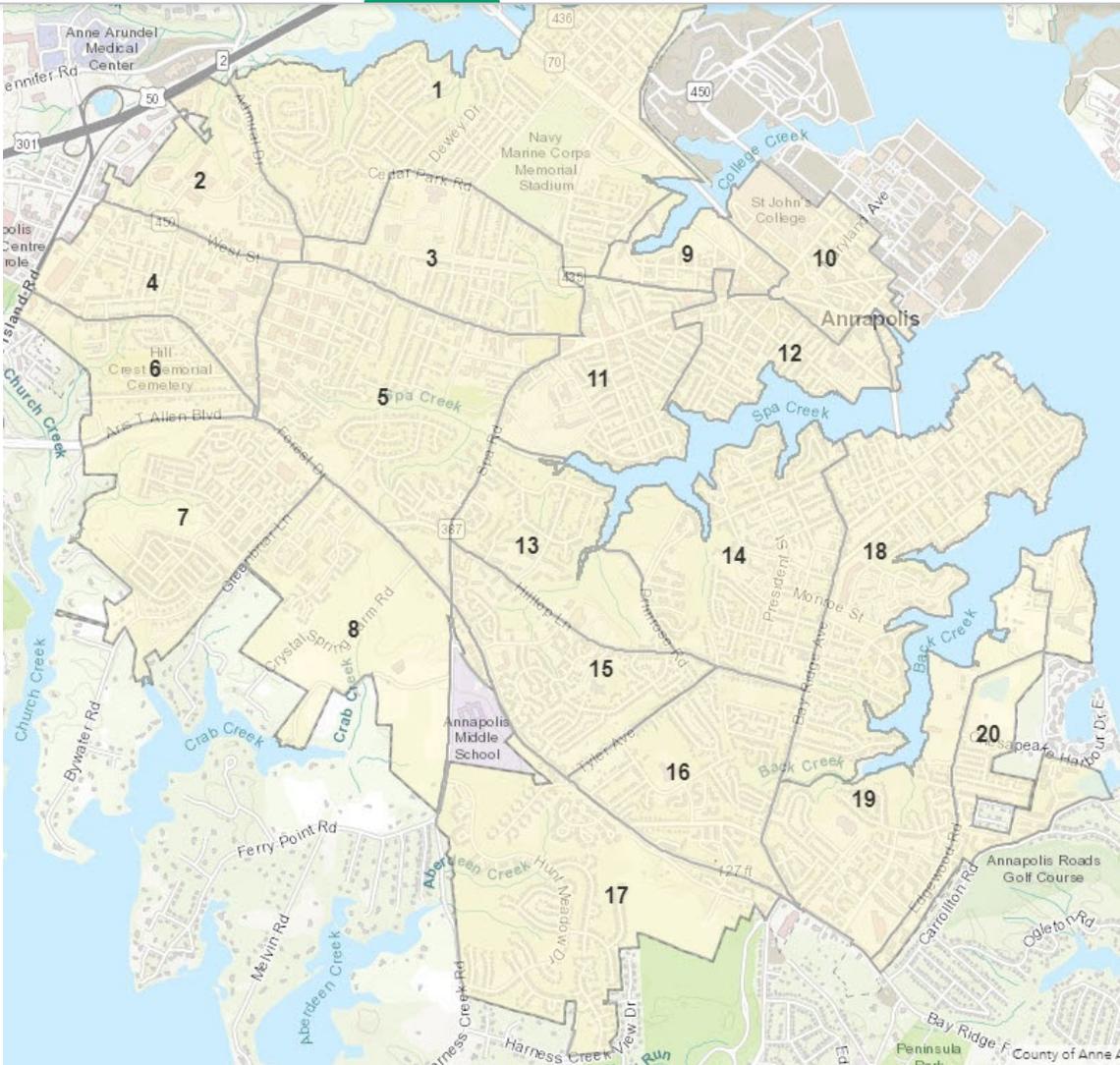
Select the number that corresponds to the area in Annapolis that you live within.



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- 14. 14
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- 20. 20

Do you rent or own? *

- Rent
- Own
- Neither

Where do you work? *

- From home
- Annapolis, but not at home
- Parole area
- Fort Meade/Odenton area
- Glen Burnie/BWI area
- Elsewhere in Anne Arundel County



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- Baltimore area
- Washington D.C./Northern Virginia
- Retired
- Do not work currently
- Other...

Which age category do you fall within? *

- 25 and under
- 26-40
- 41-60
- 61 or older

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Citizen Priorities



At the May 7th kickoff open house and since, the City has been collecting the general feelings of Annapolis citizens on what priorities we should place in the highest regard for the Comprehensive Plan as it maps out the strategies over the next 20 years for the City. This process will continue until we arrive at an agreement over a series of goals to address that will guide the plan from here on out.

Read through the background information to gather context as you think through answering each question.

How important is it that Annapolis create a city-wide network of green infrastructure as described below? *

At the May 7, 2019 community workshop, an idea was suggested that garnered support among participants: the City should try to expand and connect the remaining environmentally sensitive areas into a network of open areas and natural resource lands. This idea is known as "building green infrastructure" and refers to the fact that natural resources in a city can provide public benefits. They can clean storm water that would otherwise flow off parking lots and roads into waterways, reduce flooding, or provide pathways for new trails and parks. Achieving outcomes like this would be a long term goal and require actions such as changing laws so that developers must provide more open space in their projects and using public funds to acquire land, plant trees, and



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- Somewnat important
- Not important at all
- No opinion

To what extent do you agree with the statement: The City must boldly plan now to become stronger and more resilient in order to minimize future public hazards related to storms, hurricanes, and the rising Chesapeake Bay sea level. *

Flooding from major storms and hurricanes presents a significant hazard in parts of the City. Furthermore, sea levels are rising worldwide, and the effect is especially significant in the City of Annapolis. The Maryland Commission on Climate Change has advised that communities along the Chesapeake Bay plan for daily high tides to increase by an estimated 2.1 feet by 2050 and 5.7 feet by 2100. Should these estimates occur, maps show that the City Dock and parts of Eastport will be constantly submerged in water. Recent studies suggest that, as a coastal community, one of our highest priorities should be to plan now to become stronger and more resilient in order to minimize future public hazards related to this flooding.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- No opinion

How important is it to you that improving the aesthetics of the entire City—making it both functional and beautiful -- be a priority for the next 20 years? *

A 3-year study of 26 communities by the Gallup Pool and Knight Foundation (published in 2010) looked at what makes people love where they live and why it matters for economic development. The study found three things are associated with the positive attachment people have for their communities including "aesthetics", which refers to the appearance of the place and specifically to the presence of green spaces, parks and to a high quality of community design. It turns out that making a city beautiful makes people feel good about living in that city even with the stresses of modern life such as traffic congestion.

- Very important
- Important
- Somewhat important
- Not important at all
- No opinion



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expanding them. The Plan says that "without a decisive course correction in transportation policy, by 2030, congestion will impede the movement of goods and services, choke the quality of life, and dim the ambience that attracts millions of visitors each year". The current Plan says it is City policy that public transit vehicles will be given priority on all major streets and highways servicing Annapolis: for example, green lights at signals and dedicated travel lanes where possible. At the May 7th open house, the goal that the greatest number of participants agreed on was to expand and improve public transit.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- No opinion

What option best describes your preference for the City's residential growth over the next 20 years? *

As part of the comprehensive plan, the Planning Commission must prepare strategies to address growth and development for the next 20 years. In cities worldwide, steady and moderate population growth and development help renew real estate, restore public infrastructure, expand the tax base, and bring about economic vitality (new shops, services, and restaurants for example). Rapid growth by contrast can quickly lead to traffic congestion and strain public facilities like schools, however communities routinely and successfully manage these growth spurts. Very slow growth, or no growth, or even the loss of population, can contribute to a whole other set of challenges, especially if citizens have grown accustomed to levels of services that become increasingly unaffordable while infrastructure ages and the tax base falters. Since 2000, the number of households in Annapolis has grown from 15,303 to about 16,407, or at an annual rate of less than ½ of 1%. These new households comprised only 4 percent of the total households added in Anne Arundel County during the same period. So since 2000, household growth in Annapolis has been quite slow and comparable to other similarly mature cities such as Savannah, Georgia and Salem, Massachusetts.

- Slightly reduced (slower than the historical rate)
- Slow and steady (about the same as the past 20 years)
- Moderate and steady (more in line with the County's growth rate)
- Strong (more like Frederick, MD or Charleston, SC)
- No opinion

