

Yorktown Neighborhood Conservation Survey

Instructions

Please answer the following questions about your neighborhood and return this survey by Oct. 31, 2003, to Yorktown Civic Association, 2827 N. Harrison St., Arlington, VA 22207. Please feel free to offer additional comments or suggestions beside each question. Your comments are important!

Street Lighting & Electrical Service

1. After Hurricane Isabel, did you find Dominion Power responsive to your requests to restore power?

(Select only one.)

- Yes
- Somewhat
- Not at all

2. How many days did you lack electricity after the hurricane?

(Select only one.)

- None
- 1-3 days
- 4-5 days
- More than 5 days

3. Do you believe that burying power lines would be an improvement in any of the following ways?

(Select all that apply.)

- Help to prevent power outages in severe storms
- Help to beautify the neighborhood
- Help to reduce vehicle and pedestrian accidents because of fewer electric poles
- No help/not necessary

4. Would you be willing to pay to have utility cables and wires buried on your street?

(Select only one.)

- Yes, I would be willing to pay through special assessments
- Yes, I would be willing to pay as an adjustment to monthly electric bill
- No, I would not pay for any of it

5. How often do you lose power at your house?

(Select only one.)

- Frequently and/or often without explanation
- Occasionally or only during severe storms
- Rarely or not at all

6. Do you have adequate street lighting on your street?

(Select only one.)

- Yes
 No

7. Would you favor installing Carlyle or Colonial-style streetlights with shorter, more attractive poles on your street or other streets nearby?

(Select only one.)

- Yes (please indicate location)
 No

Sidewalks, Curbs and Pedestrian Safety**8. Generally, do you favor having sidewalks on most streets in the neighborhood?**

(Select only one.)

- Yes, on at least one side
 Yes, on both sides
 No (please explain)

9. Do you have a sidewalk on at least one side of your street today?

(Select only one.)

- Yes
 No, but would like to have one put in
 No, but not interested in a sidewalk in front of my house

10. Are the sidewalks or curbs and gutters on your street in need of repair?

(Select only one.)

- Yes (please comment further)
 No

11. Are there any pedestrian hazards that make walking difficult in your neighborhood?

(Select only one.)

- Yes (please identify)
 No

12. Are there service strips between your sidewalk and the street or medians where you would like to have shade trees planted?

(Select only one.)

- Yes
 No

Transportation and Traffic

13. Can you identify any traffic hazards or other traffic problems that need attention in the neighborhood?

(Select only one.)

- Yes (please identify)
 No

14. If your street was found to have excessive speed and volume, would you consider traffic calming measures which might include flashing signs, traffic circles, parking lines, etc.?

(Select only one.)

- Yes (please identify)
 No

15. What improvements would you like to see in the bus routes and bus schedules in the neighborhood?

16. Would you be more likely to take the bus if bus shelters were installed in the neighborhood?

(Select only one.)

- Yes (please indicate location)
 No

17. What is your impression of the bike lanes in the neighborhood?

(Select only one.)

- Number of streets having bike lanes should be increased (indicate location)
 Number of bike lanes is about right
 Number of bike lanes should be reduced (indicate location)

18. Is parking a problem on your street?

(Select only one.)

- Yes (please provide location and time of day of problem)
 No

Parks

19. In 2002, a Master Plan was adopted by the County Board which established general principles for the redevelopment of Greenbrier Park (includes the Yorktown High athletic fields). Next year, the county Parks Dept. will go through the design phase and produce detailed construction plans based on that adopted Master Plan. Please list any improvements that are most important to you and the neighborhood in the redevelopment of Greenbrier Park?

20. Chestnut Hills Park, on Harrison Street, has been largely designed as a park for young children, with emphasis on activities and equipment for ages up to 10 years and passive green-space uses. Do you support continuing this as the primary focus for Chestnut Hills park?

(Select only one.)

- Yes
- No

21. If not, what other kinds of activities and/or equipment would you like to see in Chestnut Hills Park?

22. How do you usually travel to Chestnut Hills Park?

(Select all that apply.)

- Walk
- Automobile
- Bicycle
- Other (specify)

23. Would you like to see the community garden plots at Chestnut Hills Park expanded?

(Select only one.)

- Yes
- No

24. Rock Spring Park (between Yorktown Blvd. and Little Falls Rd. at George Mason Blvd) is designed as a natural resource open space. It provides a natural environment, including several flower beds for visitors to enjoy. What improvements, if any, would you suggest for Rock Spring Park?

Commercial and Business Areas

25. Which of the following local shopping areas do you frequent?

(Select all that apply.)

- Lee-Harrison Shopping Center
- Other stores at Lee/Harrison intersection (e.g. Safeway, CVS, etc.)
- Garden City shops (at Lee/George Mason)
- Other stores and shops on Lee Highway

26. What improvements, if any, would you recommend to the appearance, traffic flow, services or stores provided by the commercial buildings and shopping areas in the neighborhood?

27. What additional types of businesses would you like to see in our neighborhood?

28. Would you patronize the Garden City shopping area, on Lee Highway at George Mason, more often if it was improved?

(Select only one.)

- Yes (please explain)
 No (please explain)

29. Please identify any specific improvements you would like to see at the Garden City shopping area?

Neighborhood Beautification and Trees

30. What ideas or suggestions do you have for beautifying your neighborhood?

31. Can you identify any sites in the neighborhood that would be good locations for public art work such as murals or sculptures?

(Select only one.)

- Yes (please identify)
 No

32. Can you identify any areas where there is overgrown vegetation or a need to improve plantings, particularly on public property?

(Select only one.)

- Yes (please identify)
 No

33. Do you think that the neighborhood has a problem with any of the following?

(Select all that apply and note location of problem(s).)

- Trash
 Vermin

- Signs
- Maintenance of public areas
- Graffiti
- Weeds and/or invasive plants
- Deer
- Other (please specify)

34. Is there a problem with noise on your street?

(Select only one.)

- Yes (please identify)
- No

35. Are there any structures, abandoned vehicles, or areas in the neighborhood that you consider eyesores or safety hazards?

(Select only one.)

- Yes (please identify source of noise)
- No

Public Safety

36. Are you aware of any areas in the neighborhood that have a problem with vandalism or could be improved from a standpoint of public safety?

(Select only one.)

- Yes (please identify)
- No

37. Would you participate in a Neighborhood Watch program?

(Select only one.)

- Already participate in Neighborhood Watch
- Yes
- No

38. Do you feel that adequate safeguards are in place for notification of residents in the event of an emergency?

(Select only one.)

- Yes (please identify)
- No

39. Have you signed up for Arlington County's new e-mail/digital emergency alert system (see <http://www.arlingtonalert.com>)?

(Select only one.)

- Yes
- No, not yet
- Don't know anything about the program

Land Use and Zoning

40. Are there problems with code violations in your neighborhood?

(Select only one.)

- Yes (please identify)
- No

41. In-fill development can be defined as development of single family homes in between or behind existing homes or replacing existing homes with much larger houses. Please tell us your opinion of this practice?

(Select only one.)

- Support it (please explain)
- Don't support it (please explain)
- No opinion

42. The County has adopted changes in residential zoning provisions to clarify height measurements at 35 feet, back lot line measurements and restrictions on pipe-stems (houses in back of houses). The major remaining issue is lot coverage. Currently, residential houses can cover 56% of a lot's surface. **Would you support further limiting coverage as a means of reducing the bulk of new houses?**

(Select only one.)

- Yes
- No

43. Would you favor the establishment of any other additional guidelines for new housing development or improvements in the neighborhood?

(Select only one.)

- Yes (please explain)
- No

Historic Preservation

44. Are you aware of any properties/structures/locations in our neighborhood that you think should be considered historic due to age, architecture, previous owner, or usage?

(Select only one.)

- Yes (please identify)
- No

45. Should the Yorktown Civic Association (YCA) undertake a project of providing markers for significant and/or historic properties in our neighborhood?

(Select only one.)

- Yes (please identify)
- No

General Neighborhood Conditions and Characteristics

46. How many years have you lived at your current location?

(Select only one.)

- less than 3 years
- 3 to 6 years
- 7 to 12 years
- 13 to 20 years
- over 20 years

47. What are the three things you like most about this neighborhood?

48. What are three things about this neighborhood that need improvement?

49. Do you rent or own your home?

(Select only one.)

- Rent
- Own

50. How many children are living in your home?

(Select only one.)

- None
- One
- Two
- Three
- Four
- More than four

51. Please provide any additional comments or suggestions not covered by the other questions.

52. Please list the street and block you live on or the closest intersection (e.g. 2600 N. Columbus or Columbus and 26th Street)?

(Provide one response only.)