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### AGENDA TANEYTOWN COMMUNITY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN WORKSHOP TANEYTOWN PLANNING COMMISSION JANUARY 21, 2025 6:30 PM

#### Meeting Opening: Pledge, Roll Call

Jim Parker, Chairman, Planning Commission

Review and approval of Minutes from November 19, 2024, Comprehensive Plan 2025 meeting.

#### Delegations and Action Items.

-Craig Kologie, CVC/Arro Consulting and Emily Yatron, CVC/Arro Consulting. Taneytown Community Comprehensive Plan update discussion.

1. **Community Survey Final Analysis (10 minutes)**
2. **Draft Comprehensive Plan Update- Full Background Data Section (10 minutes)**
3. **Review previous plan Goals and Objectives (40 minutes)**
  - Review the Vision, Goals, and Objectives based on Survey Analysis and Background Data
4. **Next Steps**
  - (ARRO) Outstanding data updates - background data
  - (ARRO) Key Person Interviews
  - (ALL) Continue to formulate ideas on Vision, Goals, and Objectives in relation to the Survey Analysis and Background Information Data

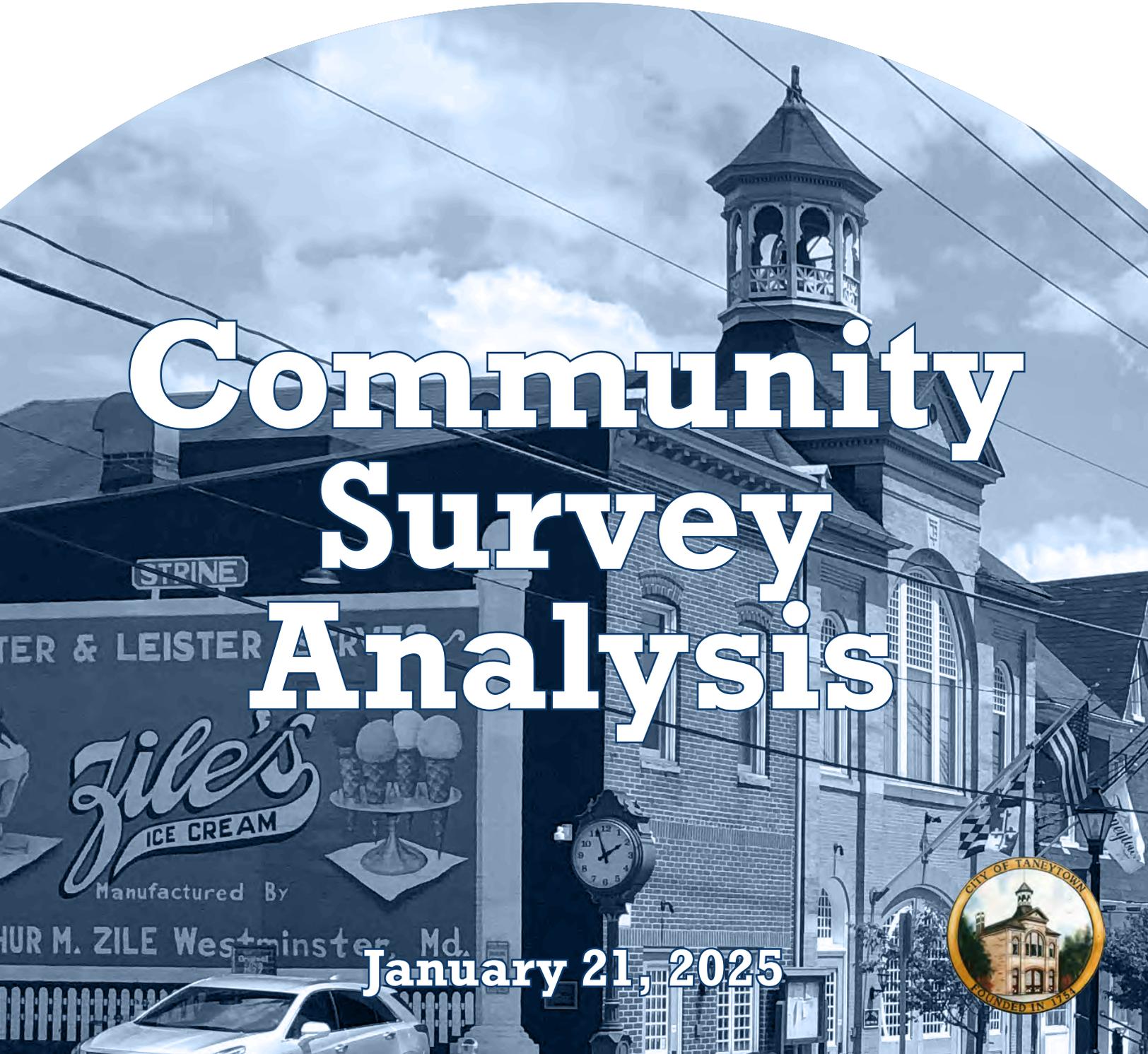
#### Adjournment

This meeting is open to the public and community participation is highly encouraged. To view live streaming of the meeting go to <http://www.youtube.com/cffaneytownMD>. Persons with questions regarding this meeting may call 410-751-1100 or visit news and events at [www.taneytown.org](http://www.taneytown.org) for further information.



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# COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE



# Community Survey Analysis

January 21, 2025





**537** Survey Responses

*representing*

**1,689** Taneytown Residents

*or approximately*

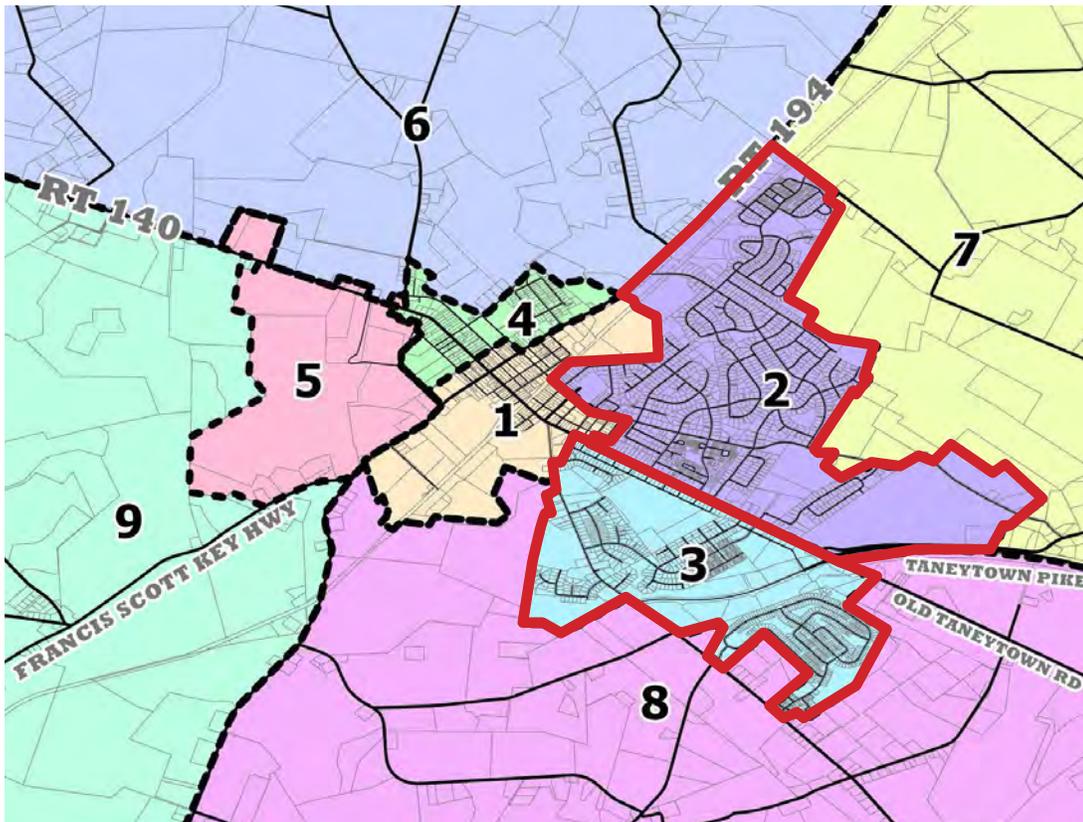
**23.4%**  
of the Total Population\*

\*40 Responders indicated that they did not live in Taneytown and, therefore, their responses were not included in this calculation. The total number of residents and non-residents represented was 1,854. Taneytown's population at the 2020 Census was 7,234.

# NOTABLE STATISTICS



**55%** of respondents live in zones 2 and 3



**49%** have lived in Taneytown for **over 15 years**, with the next biggest group (**33%**) having moved in the area within the last **5 years**

**82%** think the quality of life in Taneytown is **good or better**

**69.8%** of respondents highlighted the intersection of **MD 194 and MD 140** as an issue

*Many of these responses also suggested a bypass. Most of the remaining responses mentioned intersections near the main square that likely are impacted by the main square's issues*

# GENERAL ANALYSIS



The main reasons people chose to live in Taneytown were

- To Raise a Family
- Proximity to Family
- Affordable Housing

Many people also mentioned

- Proximity to Work
- Character of the Area

The most common reason why residents would leave Taneytown were

- Rise in Crime
- Change in Character due to Over-development

## **Words from the Community:**

*“We deserve a city that promotes diversity, inclusion, safety and equity for all.”*  
Multiple responders indicated that they felt ostracized by others due to their beliefs.

*“Overgrowth of the community to the point of losing the small-town feel.”*  
Many respondents worried about the speed and quantity of development. They also worry that the history and character of the older parts of Taneytown are not being maintained.

*“More crime, especially juvenile. More drugs being used and abused.”*  
Many responses touched on crime and drug use that they were witnessing.

Residents love the **parks and the library**.

Areas where residents felt there could be improvement were having **more structured activities for either youth or adults**. However, many responses indicated residents loved the amount and type of events organized by the City. These respondents felt that there were plenty of events but the problem was instead that there was **not enough visibility for community events**, so most people were just not aware of them. Several responses mentioned wishing there were a local printed newsletter or physical newspaper, as that was how they got their community news in the past or from other nearby towns.

A pool was also mentioned a in a significant amount of responses, as were more cultural/entertainment centers like theaters or bars.

Several responses included the desire for **a Taneytown Welcome Sign**.

### **Words from the Community:**

*“We enjoy living in Taneytown, but hope that it fulfills it’s potential. There are too many business places sitting vacant, and we’ve seen many businesses open and quickly close since moving here. Why is that? The active Parks & Rec has been a silver lining. We hope to see mainstreet [sic] revitalized and small businesses encouraged to open there, it is a glaringly underutilized area of town. Signage should be improved as well for new businesses to be easily discovered by the public. We want to spend our dollars locally, but because of lack of businesses/amenities in-town, residents find themselves driving to other towns to spend their money. Thanks for conducting this survey, and please broadcast volunteer opportunities to residents for helping Taneytown reach it’s full potential!”*

Many responses throughout the survey indicated residents' frustration with **overdevelopment**, development occurring too quickly, or development not feeling planned in conjunction with the needs of existing or long-term residents.

**Words from the Community:**

*“Taneytown housing development is far outpacing infrastructure and businesses that can support the population. We really need to slow down or stop adding housing and/or increase businesses and roads (such as the Taneytown bypass that has been rumored for decades).”*

*“There are two Taneytowns. The environment that residents in Area 1 live in [downtown] is completely different than other areas of the city.”*

60 of the open-ended responses indicated wanting **more dining options**, specifically more types of dining including a sit-down, family-style restaurant.

**Traffic speed** through the City was mentioned several times as an issue. Some suggested traffic calming and additional crosswalks.

# RAW SURVEY DATA

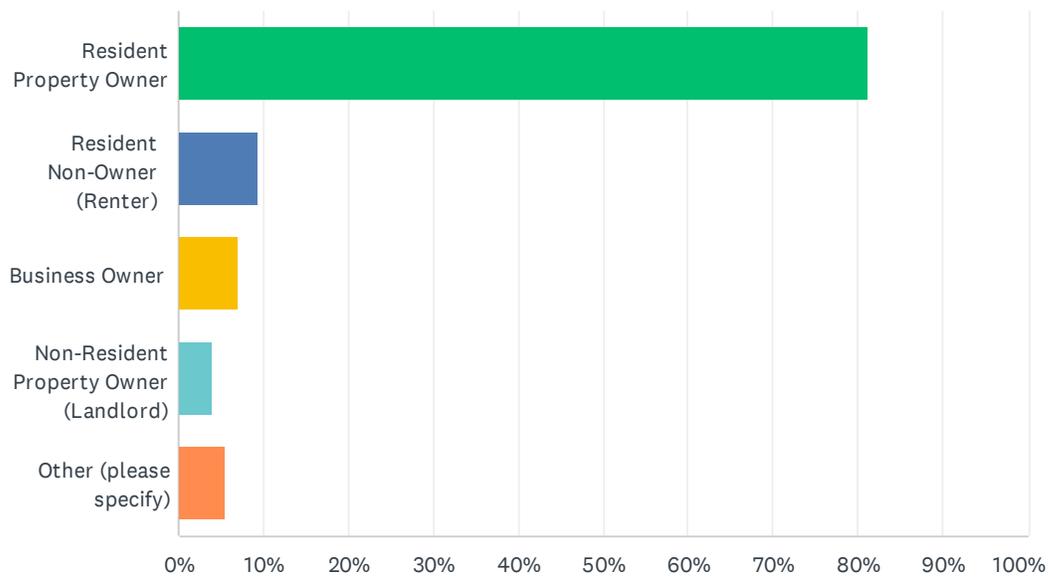


TANEYTOWN COMMUNITY SURVEY Comprehensive Plan Update

SurveyMonkey

## Q1 Are you (Please check all that apply)

Answered: 531 Skipped: 6

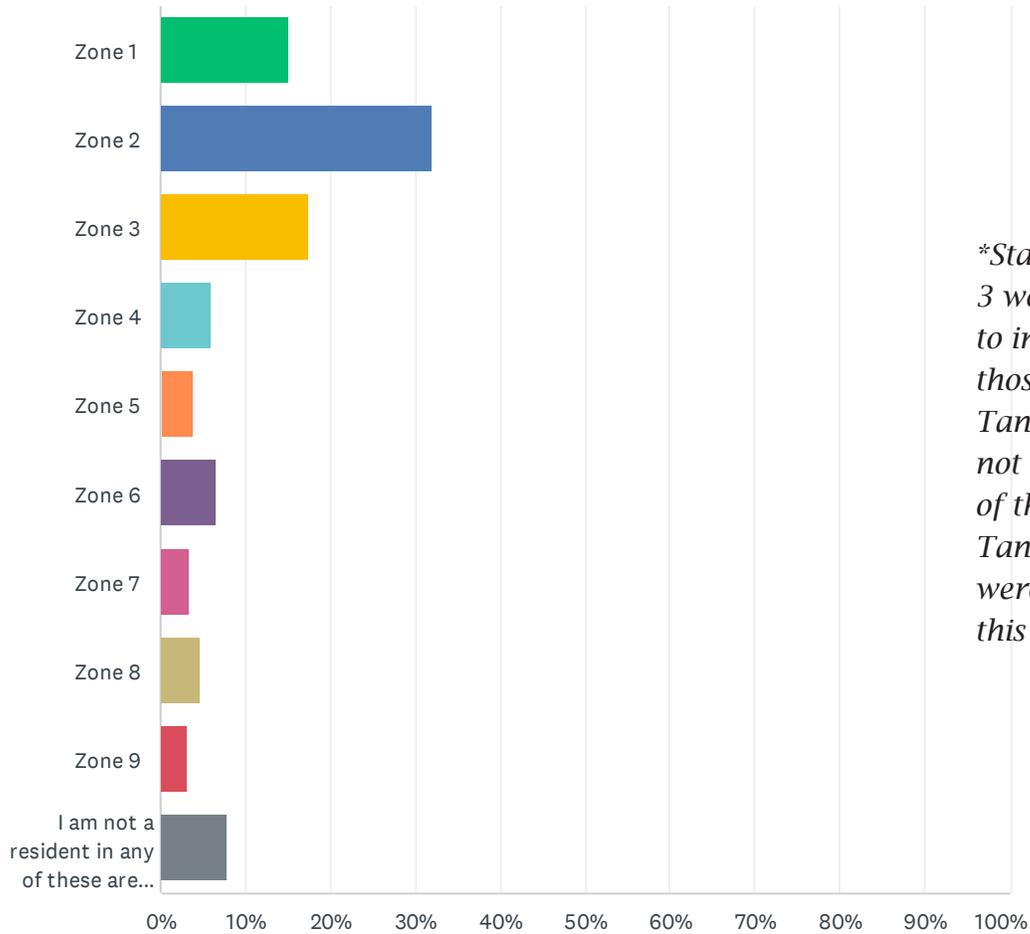


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Resident Property Owner	81.17%	431
Resident Non-Owner (Renter)	9.42%	50
Business Owner	6.97%	37
Non-Resident Property Owner (Landlord)	3.95%	21
Other (please specify)	5.46%	29
Total Respondents: 531		

*Answers with the highest response rate are highlighted in yellow. Answers with the lowest response rate are highlighted in red.*

## Q2 If you are a resident of Taneytown, in which zone do you live? (Refer to the zone map below)

Answered: 504 Skipped: 33

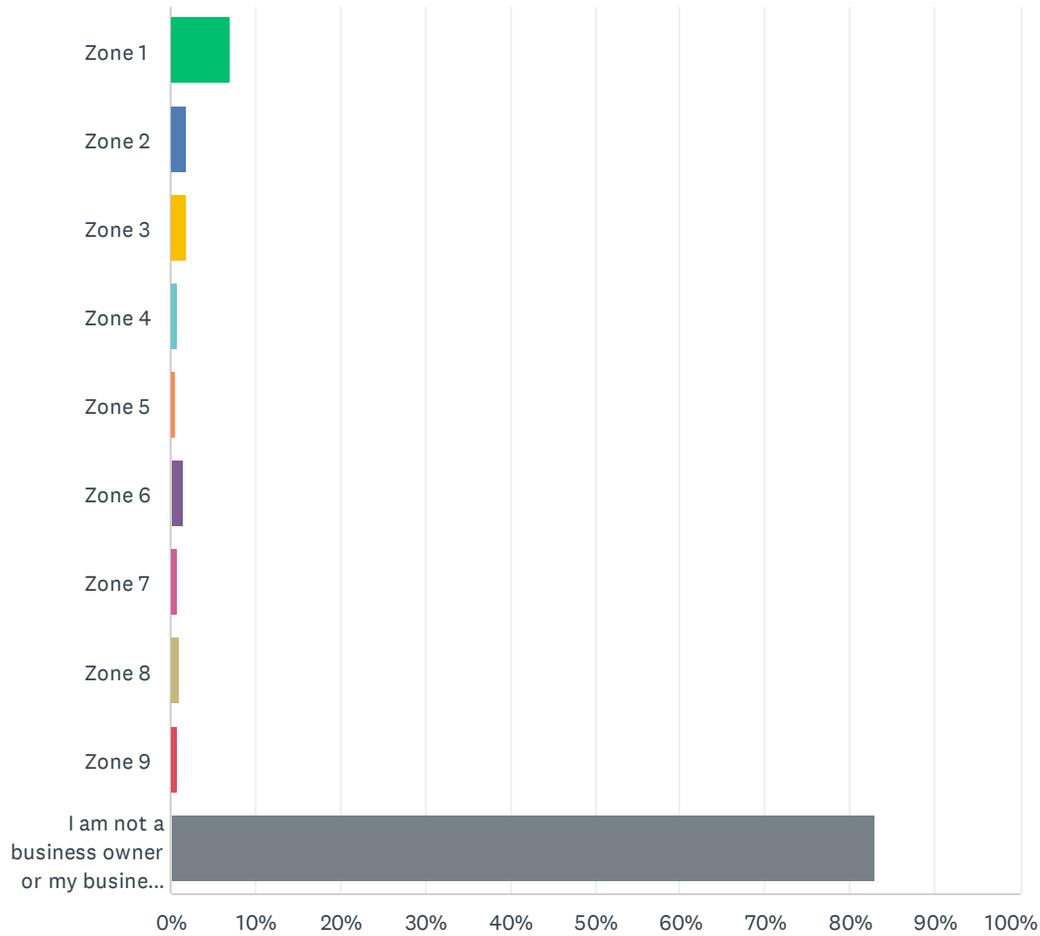


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Zone 1	15.08%	76
Zone 2	31.94%	161
Zone 3	17.46%	88
Zone 4	5.95%	30
Zone 5	3.77%	19
Zone 6	6.55%	33
Zone 7	3.37%	17
Zone 8	4.76%	24
Zone 9	3.17%	16
I am not a resident in any of these areas of Taneytown	7.94%	40
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>504</b>

### Q3 If you are a business owner in Taneytown, in which zone is your business located? (Refer to the zone map above)

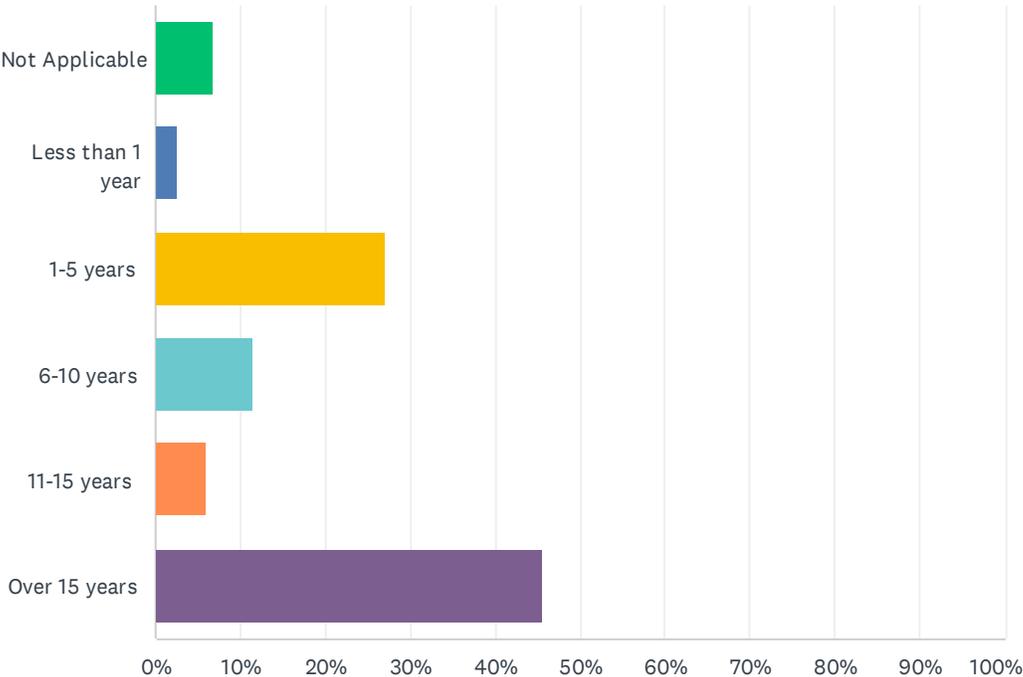
Answered: 453 Skipped: 84



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Zone 1	7.06%	32
Zone 2	1.99%	9
Zone 3	1.99%	9
Zone 4	0.88%	4
Zone 5	0.66%	3
Zone 6	1.55%	7
Zone 7	0.88%	4
Zone 8	1.10%	5
Zone 9	0.88%	4
I am not a business owner or my business is not in any of these areas of Taneytown	83.00%	376
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>453</b>

# Q4 If you are a Taneytown resident, how long have you lived in Taneytown?

Answered: 527 Skipped: 10

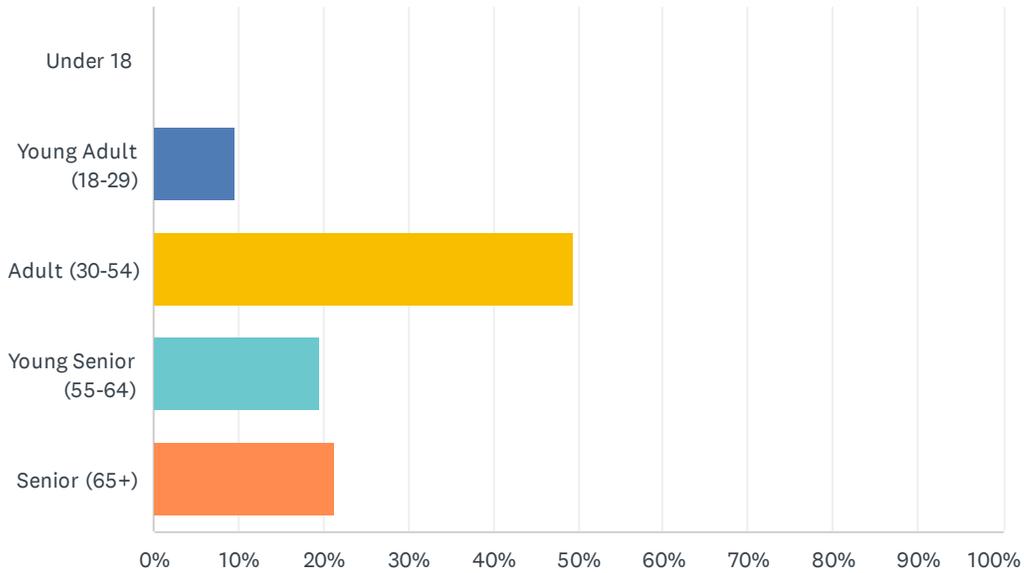


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Not Applicable	6.83%	36
Less than 1 year	2.66%	14
1-5 years	27.13% *	143
6-10 years	11.57%	61
11-15 years	6.07%	32
Over 15 years	45.73% *	241
TOTAL		527

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## Q5 What is your age?

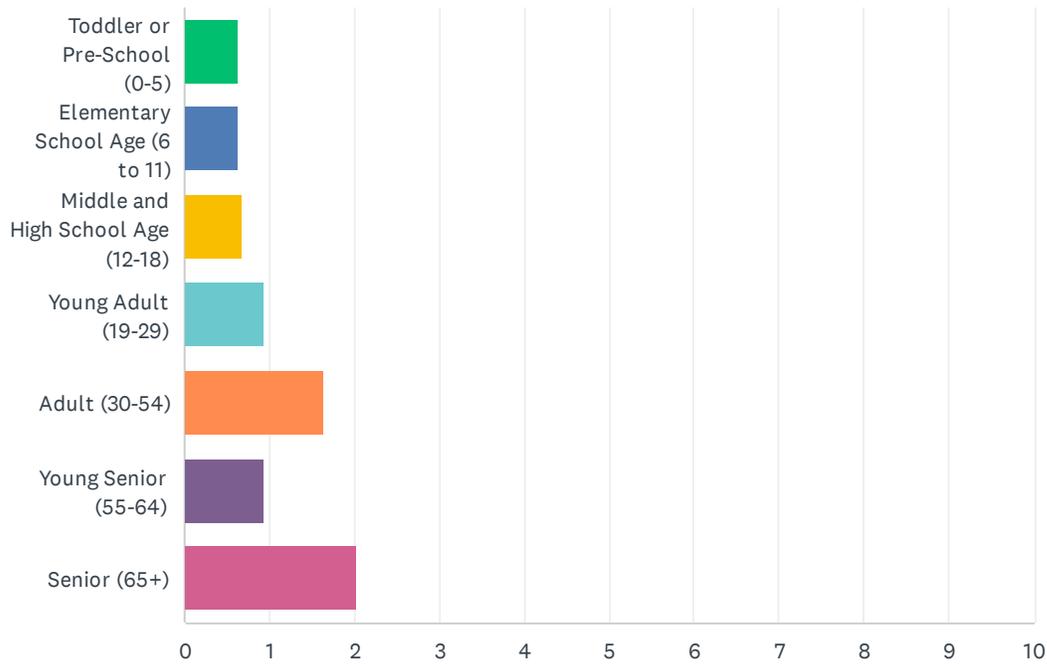
Answered: 531 Skipped: 6



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0.00%	0
Young Adult (18-29)	9.60%	51
Adult (30-54)	49.53%	263
Young Senior (55-64)	19.59%	104
Senior (65+)	21.28%	113
TOTAL		531

## Q6 How many members of your household fit the following age categories (including yourself)?

Answered: 515 Skipped: 22



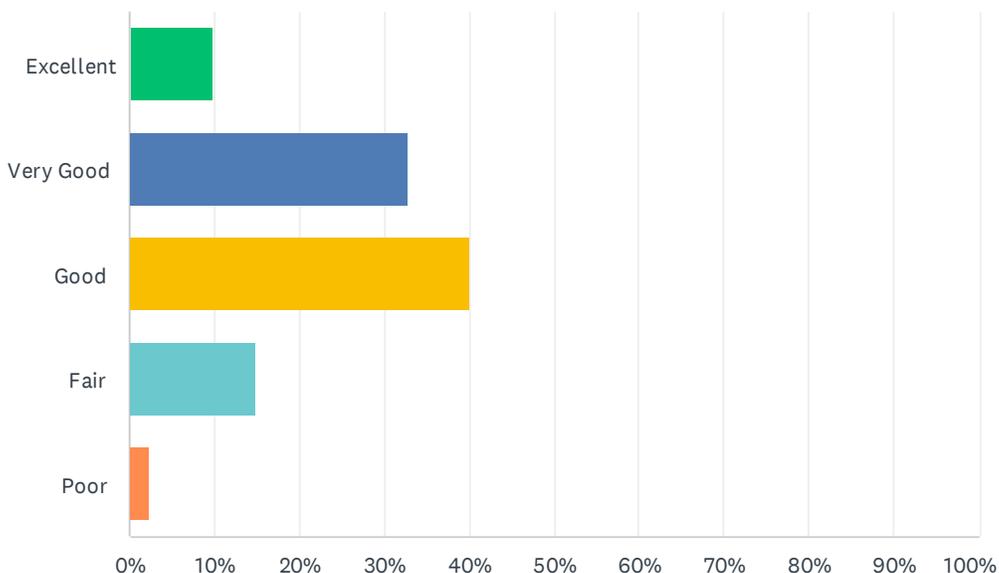
ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES
Toddler or Pre-School (0-5)	1	140	218
Elementary School Age (6 to 11)	1	146	228
Middle and High School Age (12-18)	1	151	219
Young Adult (19-29)	1	218	230
Adult (30-54)	2	557	340
Young Senior (55-64)	1	199	214
Senior (65+)	2	443	218
Total Respondents: 515			

\*“Total Number” means the number of reported persons of that age living in all households.

“Responses” indicate how many survey-takers responded to that question. For this question, the highest and lowest total number was highlighted instead of the highest and lowest responses.

## Q7 How would you describe the overall quality of life in Taneytown? (Quality of life is defined as the level of well-being or lifestyle and the conditions in which you live.)

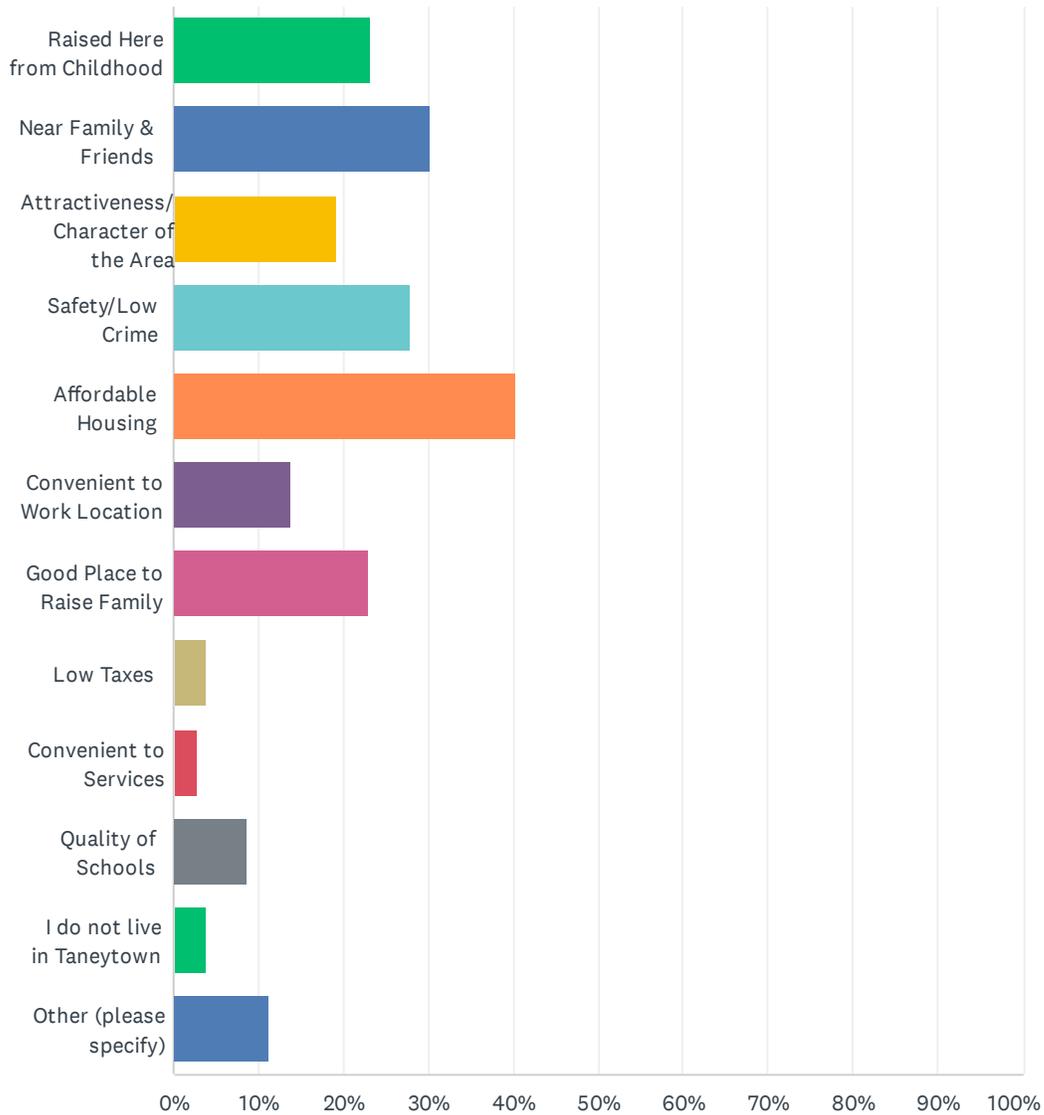
Answered: 394 Skipped: 143



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Excellent	9.90%	39
Very Good	32.74%	129
Good	40.10%	158
Fair	14.97%	59
Poor	2.28%	9
TOTAL		394

# Q8 Why did you choose to live in Taneytown? (select up to three)

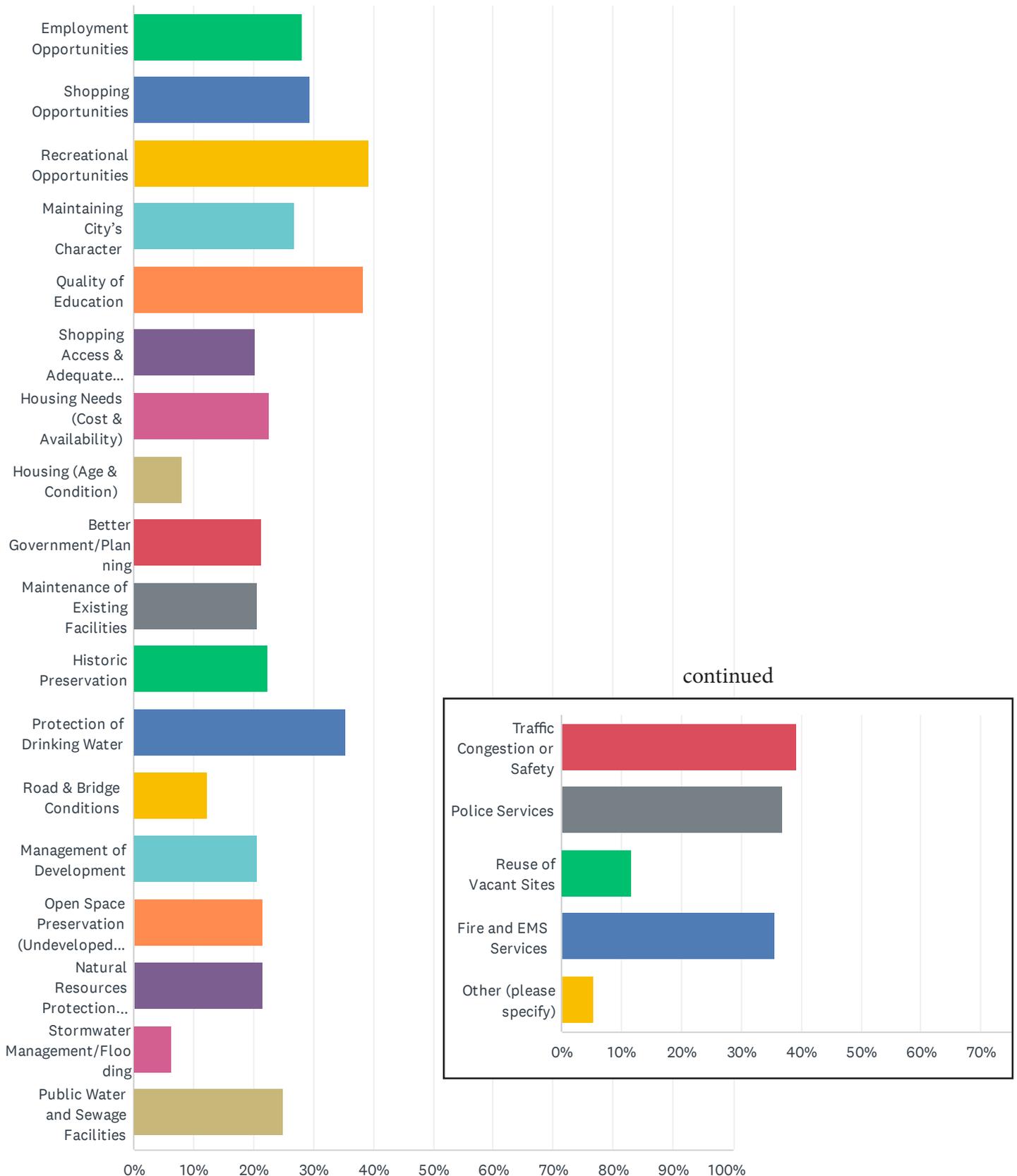
Answered: 397 Skipped: 140



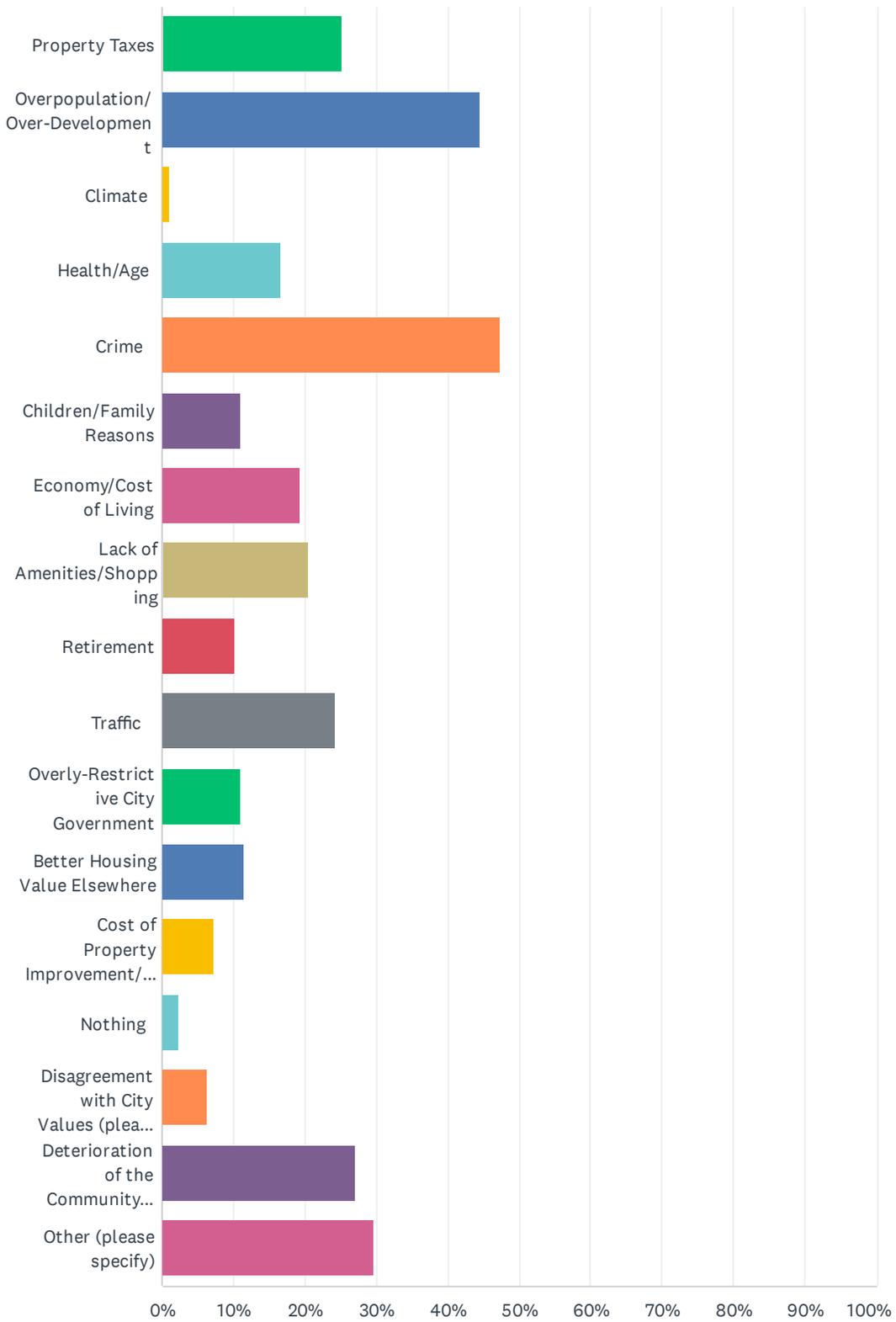
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Raised Here from Childhood	23.17%	92
Near Family & Friends	30.23%	120
Attractiveness/Character of the Area	19.14%	76
Safety/Low Crime	27.96%	111
Affordable Housing	40.30%	160
Convenient to Work Location	13.85%	55
Good Place to Raise Family	22.92%	91
Low Taxes	3.78%	15
Convenient to Services	2.77%	11
Quality of Schools	8.82%	35
I do not live in Taneytown	3.78%	15
Other (please specify)	11.34%	45
Total Respondents: 397		

# Q10 Which 5 of the following do you believe are the most important to a high quality of life? (Select up to five)

Answered: 393 Skipped: 144



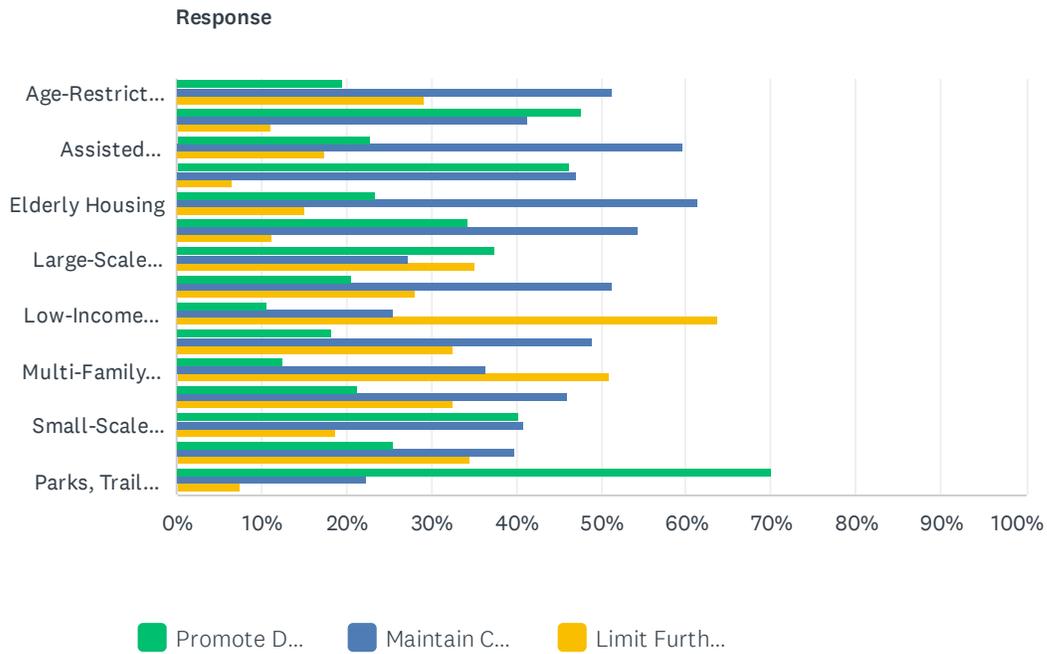
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Employment Opportunities	28.24%	111
Shopping Opportunities	29.52%	116
Recreational Opportunities	39.19%	154
Maintaining City's Character	26.97%	106
Quality of Education	38.42%	151
Shopping Access & Adequate Parking	20.36%	80
Housing Needs (Cost & Availability)	22.65%	89
Housing (Age & Condition)	8.14%	32
Better Government/Planning	21.37%	84
Maintenance of Existing Facilities	20.61%	81
Historic Preservation	22.39%	88
Protection of Drinking Water	35.37%	139
Road & Bridge Conditions	12.47%	49
Management of Development	20.61%	81
Open Space Preservation (Undeveloped Space)	21.63%	85
Natural Resources Protection (wetlands, forests, steep slopes, and waterways)	21.63%	85
Stormwater Management/Flooding	6.36%	25
Public Water and Sewage Facilities	24.94%	98
Traffic Congestion or Safety	39.19%	154
Police Services	36.90%	145
Reuse of Vacant Sites	11.70%	46
Fire and EMS Services	35.62%	140
Other (please specify)	5.34%	21
Total Respondents: 393		



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Property Taxes	25.06%	98
Overpopulation/Over-Development	44.50%	174
Climate	1.02%	4
Health/Age	16.62%	65
Crime	47.31%	185
Children/Family Reasons	11.00%	43
Economy/Cost of Living	19.44%	76
Lack of Amenities/Shopping	20.46%	80
Retirement	10.23%	40
Traffic	24.30%	95
Overly-Restrictive City Government	11.00%	43
Better Housing Value Elsewhere	11.51%	45
Cost of Property Improvement/ Upkeep	7.16%	28
Nothing	2.30%	9
Disagreement with City Values (please clarify why in the "other" box below)	6.39%	25
Deterioration of the Community (please clarify why in the "other" box below)	27.11%	106
Other (please specify)	29.67%	116
Total Respondents: 391		

# Q13 Please indicate how you feel each of the land uses below should be managed in Taneytown.

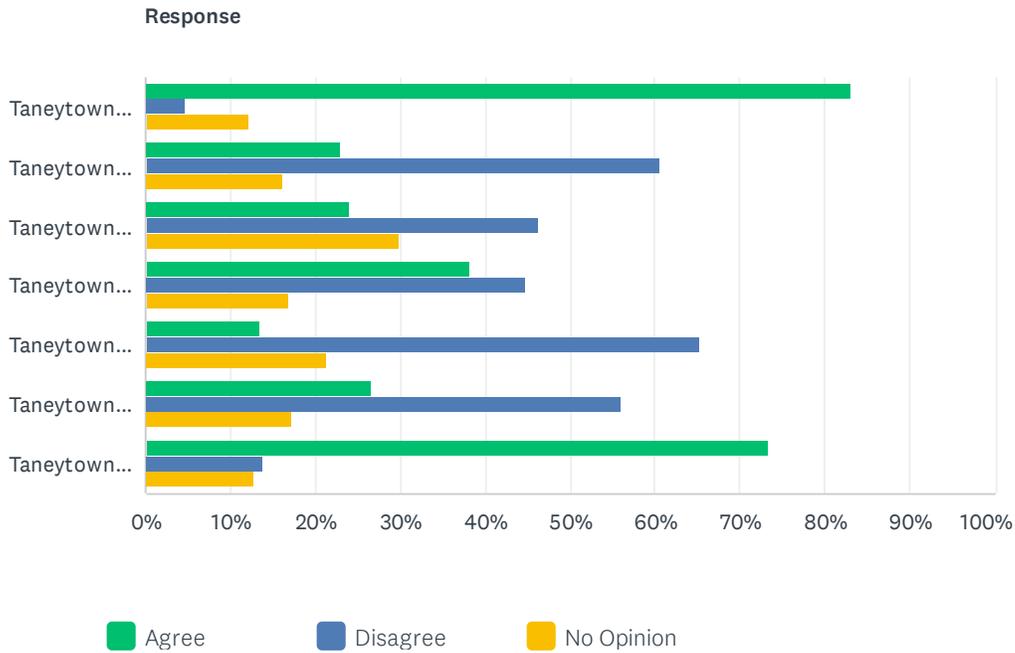
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Response				
	PROMOTE DEVELOPMENT	MAINTAIN CURRENT LEVELS OF DEVELOPMENT	LIMIT FURTHER DEVELOPMENT	TOTAL
Age-Restricted Housing (55+)	19.60% 68	51.30% 178	29.11% 101	347
Agricultural Uses	47.69% 165	41.33% 143	10.98% 38	346
Assisted Living/Long-Term Care	22.74% 78	59.77% 205	17.49% 60	343
Child Daycare	46.29% 156	47.18% 159	6.53% 22	337
Elderly Housing	23.44% 79	61.42% 207	15.13% 51	337
Home Businesses	34.23% 115	54.46% 183	11.31% 38	336
Large-Scale Commercial (Shopping)	37.46% 130	27.38% 95	35.16% 122	347
Light Industrial Uses	20.60% 69	51.34% 172	28.06% 94	335
Low-Income Housing	10.66% 37	25.65% 89	63.69% 221	347
Mixed Residential/Commercial Uses	18.24% 62	49.12% 167	32.65% 111	340
Multi-Family Residential	12.61% 43	36.36% 124	51.03% 174	341
Offices or Office Park	21.41% 73	46.04% 157	32.55% 111	341
Small-Scale Commercial	40.35% 138	40.94% 140	18.71% 64	342
Single-Family Residential	25.58% 88	39.83% 137	34.59% 119	344
Parks, Trails, or Recreation Areas	70.11% 244	22.41% 78	7.47% 26	348

# Q14 How do you view the following housing-related statements?

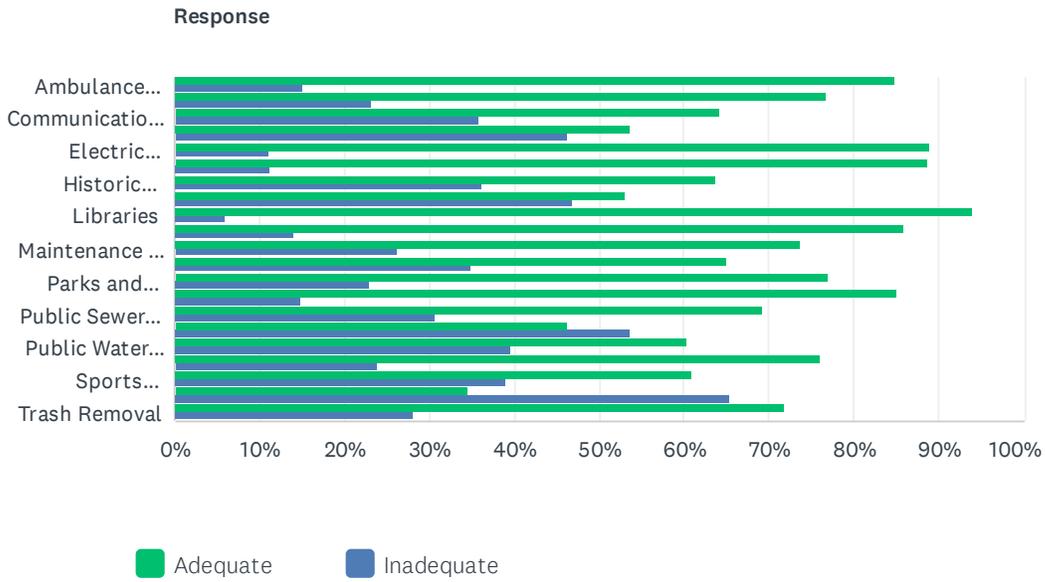
Answered: 385 Skipped: 152



Response	AGREE	DISAGREE	NO OPINION	TOTAL
Taneytown should promote restoration of historic houses	83.16% 316	4.74% 18	12.11% 46	380
Taneytown should encourage more diverse housing types (e.g. townhomes, twins, apartments)	23.10% 88	60.63% 231	16.27% 62	381
Taneytown should encourage more age-restricted housing	24.01% 91	46.17% 175	29.82% 113	379
Taneytown should encourage more affordable housing	38.26% 145	44.85% 170	16.89% 64	379
Taneytown should encourage more rental housing	13.53% 51	65.25% 246	21.22% 80	377
Taneytown should encourage new building	26.72% 101	56.08% 212	17.20% 65	378
Taneytown should create/enforce minimal housing standards for rental properties	73.40% 276	13.83% 52	12.77% 48	376

# Q15 Please indicate whether you feel the below services are adequate or inadequate.

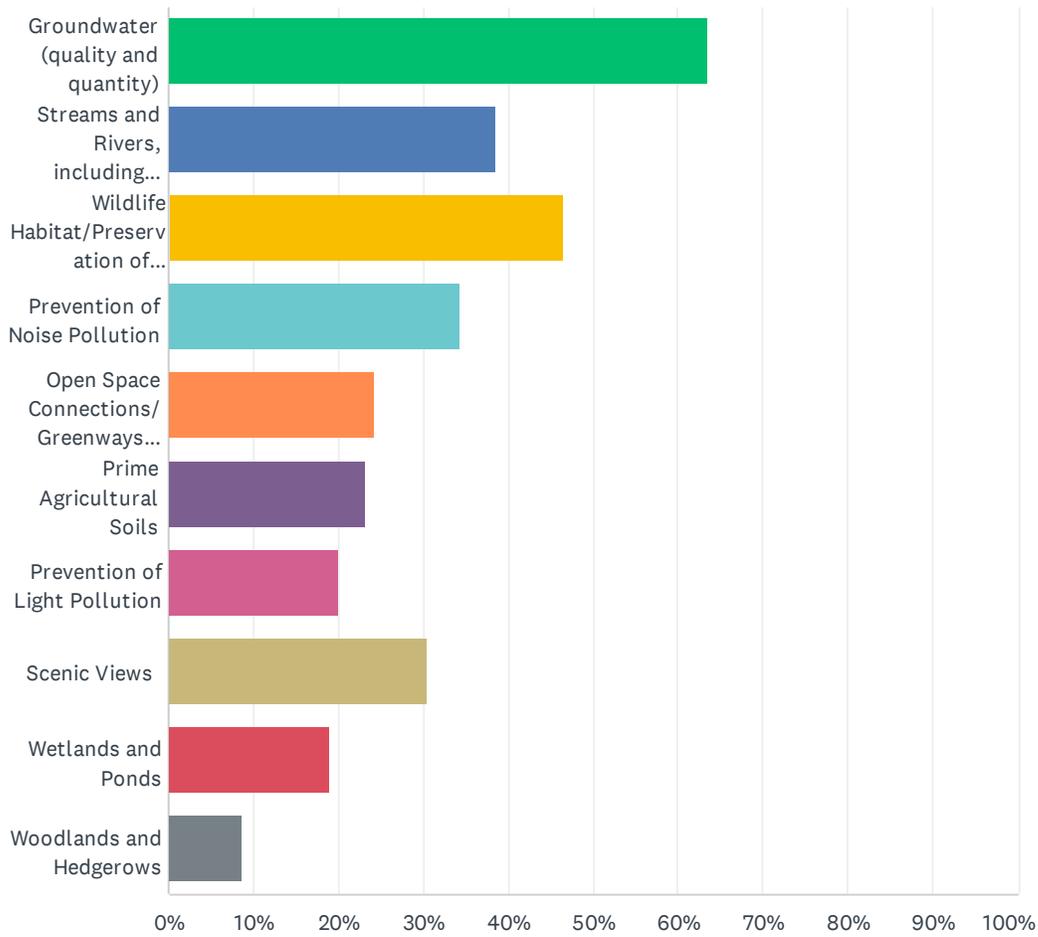
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Response	ADEQUATE	INADEQUATE	TOTAL
Ambulance Services	84.92% 321	15.08% 57	378
Cell Phone Connection/Coverage	76.78% 291	23.22% 88	379
Communication with Area Residents	64.17% 240	35.83% 134	374
Community Centers and Events	53.76% 200	46.24% 172	372
Electric Service	88.89% 336	11.11% 42	378
Fire Protection	88.59% 334	11.41% 43	377
Historic Preservation	63.84% 233	36.16% 132	365
Internet Service	53.10% 197	46.90% 174	371
Libraries	94.07% 349	5.93% 22	371
Maintenance of State Roads	85.98% 319	14.02% 52	371
Maintenance of City Roads	73.85% 274	26.15% 97	371
Open Space Preservation	65.14% 241	34.86% 129	370
Parks and Recreation Services	76.88% 286	23.12% 86	372
Police Protection	85.14% 315	14.86% 55	370
Public Sewer Service	69.29% 255	30.71% 113	368
Public Transportation	46.30% 169	53.70% 196	365
Public Water Service	60.27% 223	39.73% 147	370
Schools	76.09% 280	23.91% 88	368
Sports Facilities	60.88% 221	39.12% 142	363
Traffic Control	34.57% 130	65.43% 246	376
Trash Removal	71.85% 268	28.15% 105	373

# Q16 Which 3 of the following resources are most important to you in terms of regulation and protection? (Select up to three)

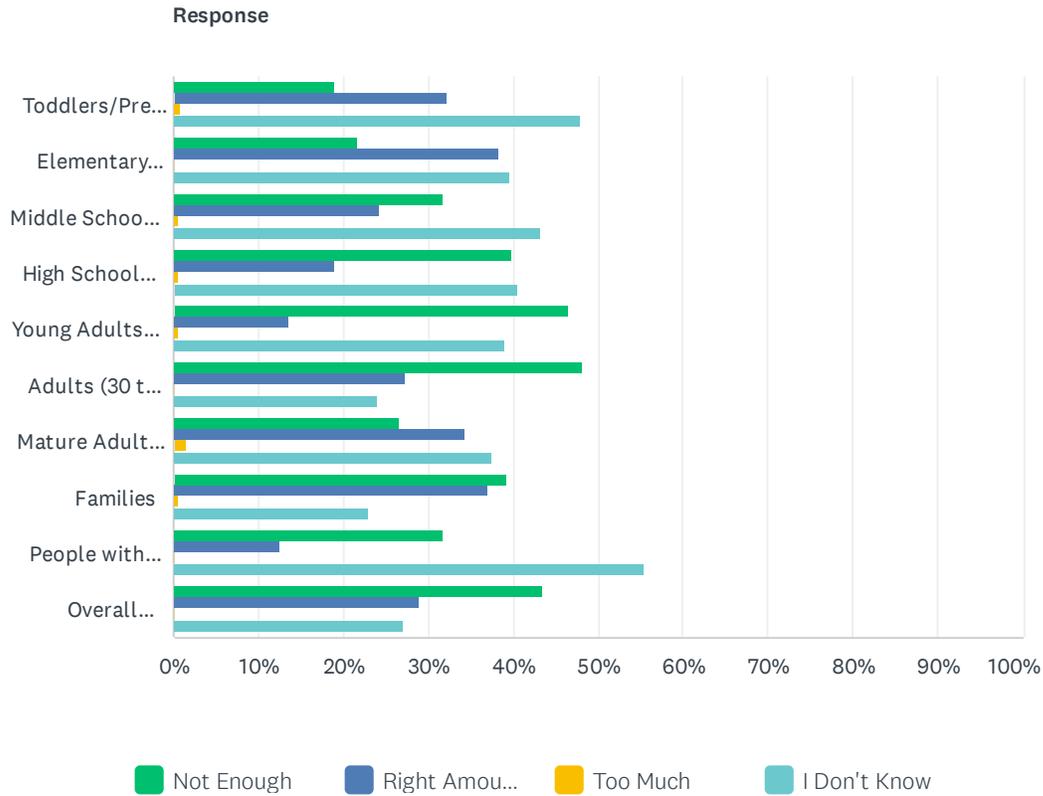
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Groundwater (quality and quantity)	63.56%	239
Streams and Rivers, including Vegetative Buffers along their banks	38.56%	145
Wildlife Habitat/Preservation of Natural Diversity	46.54%	175
Prevention of Noise Pollution	34.31%	129
Open Space Connections/ Greenways (including Wildlife Corridors)	24.20%	91
Prime Agricultural Soils	23.14%	87
Prevention of Light Pollution	19.95%	75
Scenic Views	30.59%	115
Wetlands and Ponds	18.88%	71
Woodlands and Hedgerows	8.78%	33
Total Respondents: 376		

# Q17 How would you rate the availability of recreational programs for the listed groups?

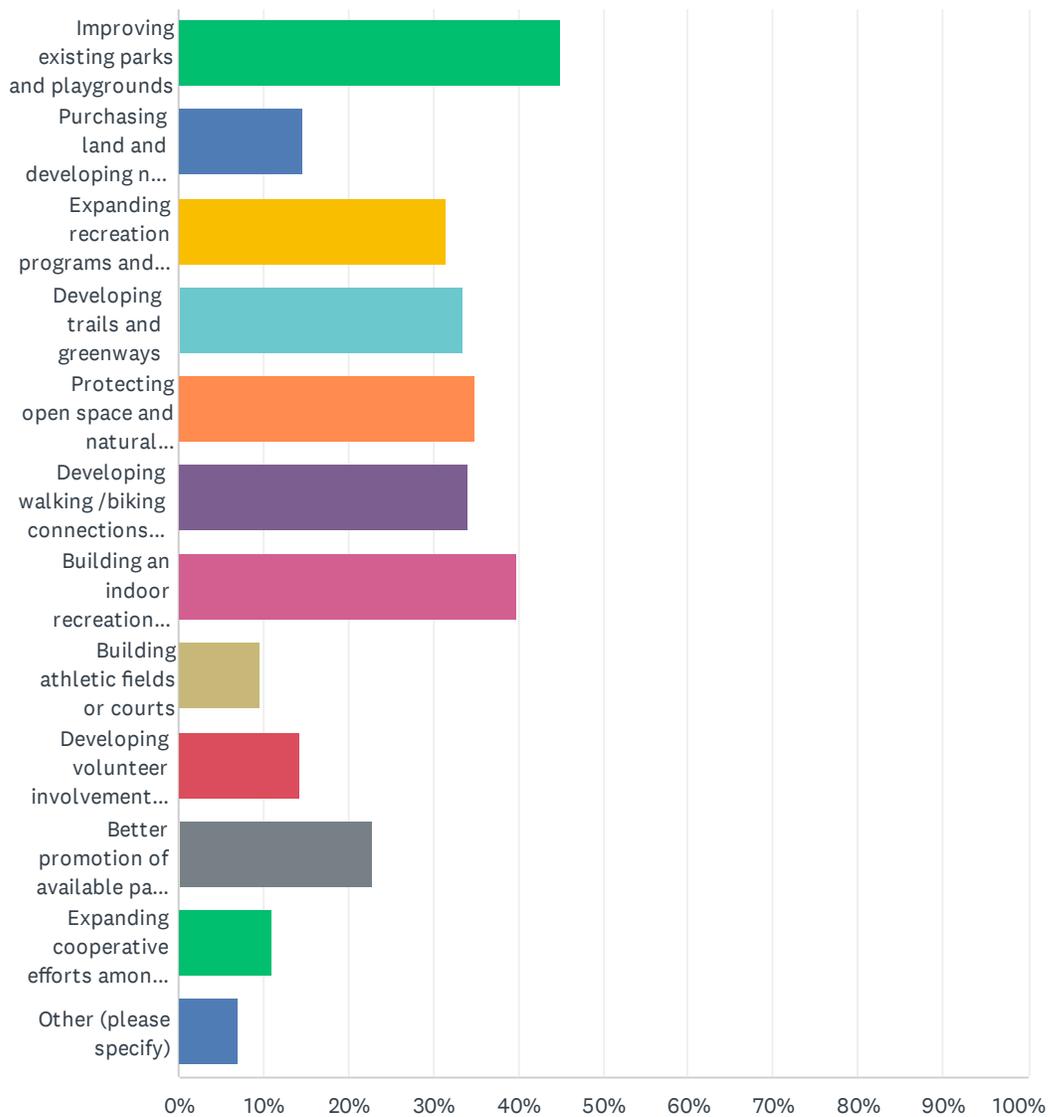
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	NOT ENOUGH	RIGHT AMOUNT	TOO MUCH	I DON'T KNOW	TOTAL
Toddlers/Pre-Schoolers (0-5)	19.05% 64	32.14% 108	0.89% 3	47.92% 161	336
Elementary Students (6-11)	21.73% 73	38.39% 129	0.30% 1	39.58% 133	336
Middle School Students (12-14)	31.83% 106	24.32% 81	0.60% 2	43.24% 144	333
High School Students (15-18)	39.88% 134	19.05% 64	0.60% 2	40.48% 136	336
Young Adults (19 to 29 years)	46.57% 156	13.73% 46	0.60% 2	39.10% 131	335
Adults (30 to 64)	48.24% 164	27.35% 93	0.29% 1	24.12% 82	340
Mature Adults (65+ years)	26.63% 90	34.32% 116	1.48% 5	37.57% 127	338
Families	39.27% 130	37.16% 123	0.60% 2	22.96% 76	331
People with Disabilities	31.74% 106	12.57% 42	0.30% 1	55.39% 185	334
Overall Availability of Programs	43.58% 146	28.96% 97	0.30% 1	27.16% 91	335

# Q18 Which 3 areas do you think the City should focus its parks, recreation, and conservation efforts in the future? (Select up to three)

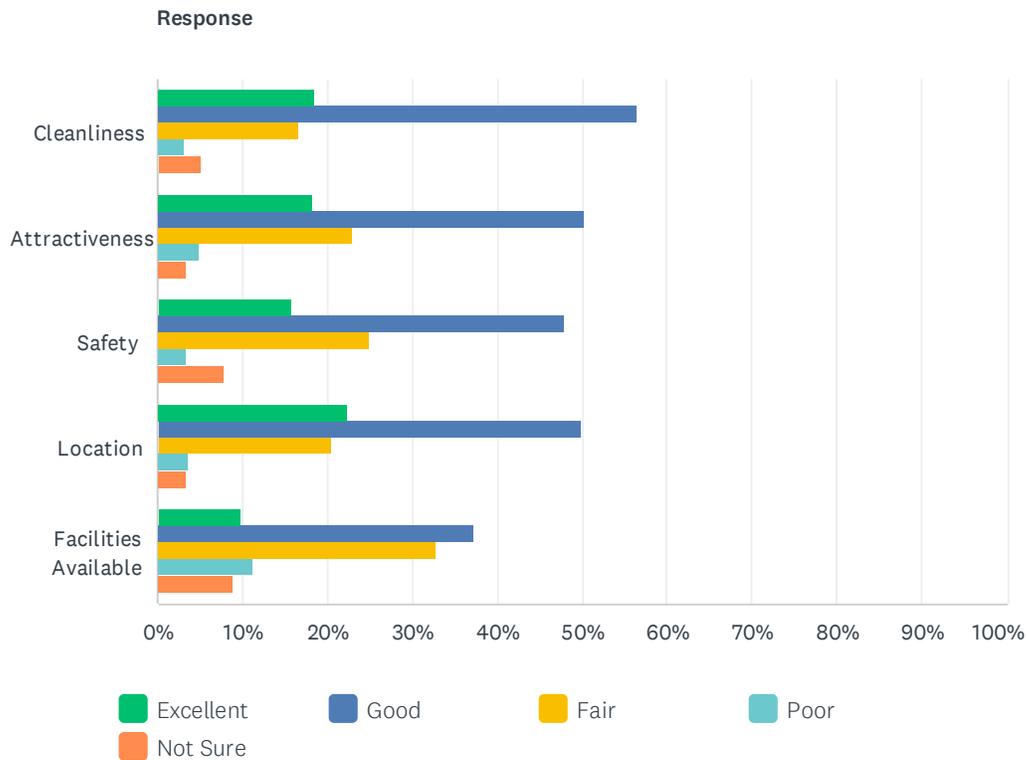
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Improving existing parks and playgrounds	44.89%	158
Purchasing land and developing new parks	14.77%	52
Expanding recreation programs and services	31.53%	111
Developing trails and greenways	33.52%	118
Protecting open space and natural resources	34.94%	123
Developing walking /biking connections between schools, parks, and neighborhoods	34.09%	120
Building an indoor recreation center with a gymnasium	39.77%	140
Building athletic fields or courts	9.66%	34
Developing volunteer involvement opportunities with parks, trails, and special events	14.20%	50
Better promotion of available parks and recreation programs	22.73%	80
Expanding cooperative efforts among the region's municipalities for parks, recreation, and conservation	11.08%	39
Other (please specify)	7.10%	25
Total Respondents: 352		

# Q19 Please provide your overall impression of the existing local parks in Taneytown.

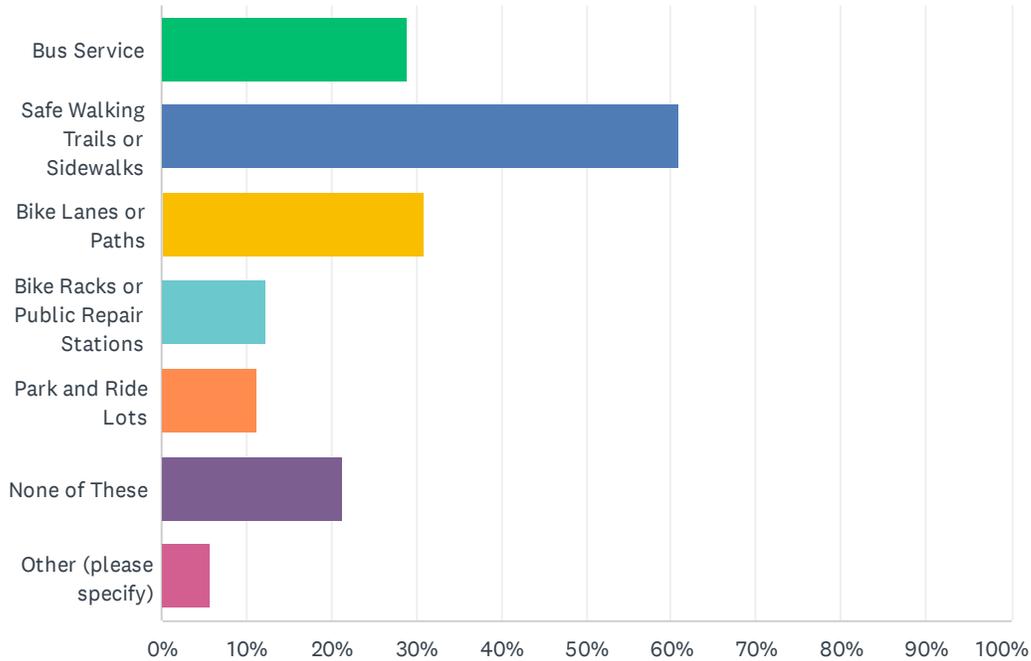
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Response	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	NOT SURE	TOTAL
Cleanliness	18.64% 66	56.50% 200	16.67% 59	3.11% 11	5.08% 18	354
Attractiveness	18.41% 65	50.42% 178	22.95% 81	4.82% 17	3.40% 12	353
Safety	15.86% 56	47.88% 169	24.93% 88	3.40% 12	7.93% 28	353
Location	22.44% 79	50.00% 176	20.45% 72	3.69% 13	3.41% 12	352
Facilities Available	9.77% 34	37.36% 130	32.76% 114	11.21% 39	8.91% 31	348

**Q21 Which, if any, of the following public or alternative transportation options would you like to see made available or expanded in Taneytown?  
(Select all that apply)**

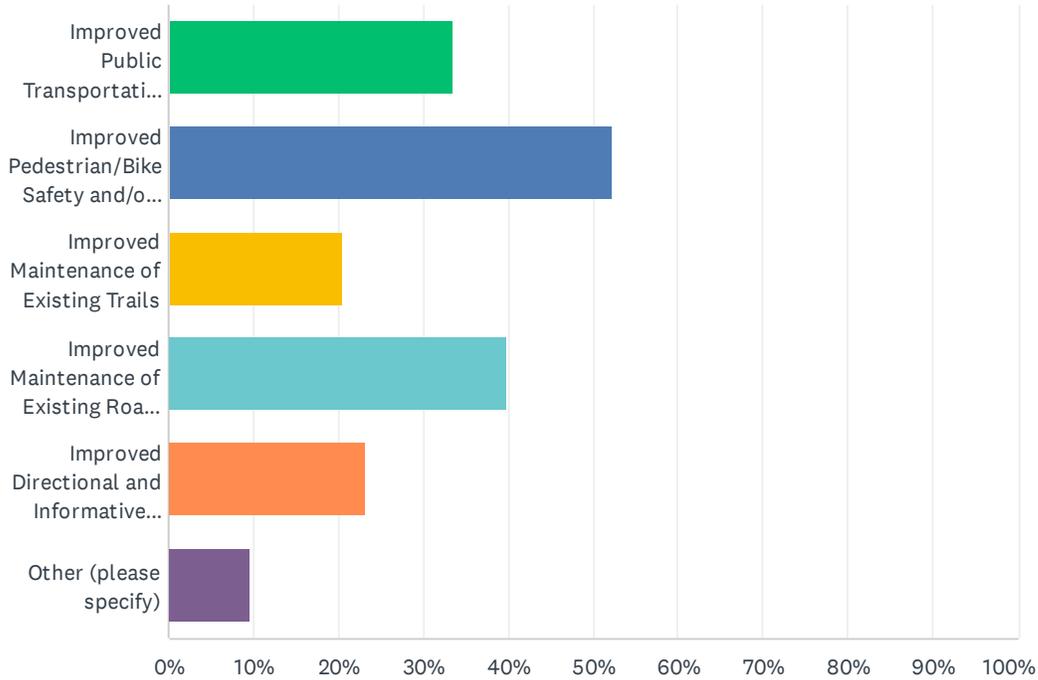
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Bus Service	28.90%	100
Safe Walking Trails or Sidewalks	60.98%	211
Bike Lanes or Paths	30.92%	107
Bike Racks or Public Repair Stations	12.43%	43
Park and Ride Lots	11.27%	39
None of These	21.39%	74
Other (please specify)	5.78%	20
Total Respondents: 346		

## Q22 What other transportation improvements do you feel are needed in Taneytown? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 314 Skipped: 223



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Improved Public Transportation Service	33.44% 105
Improved Pedestrian/Bike Safety and/or Traffic Calming Measures	52.23% 164
Improved Maintenance of Existing Trails	20.38% 64
Improved Maintenance of Existing Roads and Bridges	39.81% 125
Improved Directional and Informative Signage or Controlled Business Signs	23.25% 73
Other (please specify)	9.55% 30
Total Respondents: 314	

**Why did you choose to live in Taneytown?**

- Moved here for our farm
- Active senior community was appealing to us.
- At time, affordability of residence, not rentals; (note on low taxes) - compared to other parts of Carroll Co.
- small town/near farmland
- moved here when married
- marriage
- 55+ community
- Carroll Vista Senior Living
- Carroll Vista 55 and older community.
- Active Adult Community living
- Carroll Vista was affordable & attractive 55+ option
- Presence of an attractive 55 and older community
- Senior community
- Hope for growth of downtown business's
- The development we moved into
- Historic revitalization
- Work/Business Opportunity
- Because it is not Montgomery County
- Living with parents. Not first choice of place to live
- Carroll County resident for nearly 40 years.
- Grew up here and liked the town
- Marriage
- get away from 695 traffic
- Found a beautiful house and property
- Close to family farm
- Referred
- Safer than other counties
- My farm is here
- Because this is where my husband livez
- Parents moved here
- Rental fell in lap could not beat the rent even though everything keeps going up
- Wanted to stay no more than an hour away from Hopkins
- Just to be closer to friends and family no other reason.
- Small town/Agricultural community
- Large, private property
- I've lived in Carroll County most of my life, and it is slightly closer to my work than my previous residence.
- Loved the home
- Business opportunities

**What do you believe are the most important to a high quality of life?**

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Need for expanded City Govt. Labor Resources for Community Development overall; Need to revitalize downtown;  
(The following are most needed in Taneytown: Maintaining City's Character, Traffic Congestion or Safety, Reuse of

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Urgent care facility

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-1 acre lots; brick home

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safety - low crime

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A sense of community

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development of downtown

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Dining options, walkability

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Please clean up the square, Awnings and many buildings are in dire need of updates

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Lower crime

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I have lived here my entire life and A BYPASS is the top 1-5 things we need!!! Additionally with increased housing, we desperately need businesses to enhance the quality of life of the new residents. I know we cherish the downtown

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Crime/Safety (Plans to deal with high crime areas etc)

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Keep it rural

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Rural setting

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Overall safety. (Police, Fire, EMS services)

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Safety

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The problem of food insecurity

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**What educational, entertainment, or cultural opportunities do you value most in Taneytown, and what**

The parks are very nice for the rec league programs

FREE ACTIVITIES AT THE PARK. WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE ADULT ED OPPORTUNITIES; COMMUNITY

There is a lack of entertainment and cultural opportunities. Would like to see more activities for the youth and some

I would like to see more walking and bike paths. Bollinger Park is great. There are no entertainment or cultural

Church Grocery store Library We need a city pool

I would like to see more food options

Bring High School Back To Taneytown

Parks, community events for different age groups. Would like to see a splash pad for kids. Would like to see summer

I enjoy having the History Museum and various festivals in the park. I'd like to see more businesses in town.

Walking trails, playgrounds for kids, social events, children's education

I value the parks most.

There are none, anything new would be an improvement

We mainly participate in activities in our neighborhood because there are limited places to eat or get together with friends. We do go to Cinco de Mayo and Tony's on occasion. The Country kitchen is an option for breakfast, but

that's about it. We joined the American Legion and go there for some things they sponsor. We just feel we need

Historical aspects of buildings/properties; More "Arts" events to attract visitors; more family restaurants

Groceries, bowling, parks, churches, fairground.

There is not much to do in Taneytown. We have a good library and Historical Society Museum, but not much else. We

Yard to play in

movies. Theater

Events at Memorial Park - 4th of July Celebration; History Museum

There really isn't much available. I would love to see more local businesses, especially restaurants, and a greater

Would love to see more arts - performance included; I enjoy the history museum

More activities for 20-30 year olds

Recreational is a value ie: bowling, tennis courts, senior center etc. Dinner facilities are LACKING

The parks around are very nice. I walk in them a couple of times a week. My main want would be a bar for the whole community. Flicks close early and Brewery Fire is only a brewery. A town the size of Taneytown should have a proper

Would like to see a nice sit down family restaurant. Not just fast food; A clothing store; A hardware store

I love the historical nature and value. I would love to see more businesses downtown, as well as a more active arts

additional element - one more "sit down" restaurant

The parks are nice and conveniently located. Schools are close and located conveniently.

The schools (public) have wonderful staff and educators.

More inclusive events

T. Senior Center + line dance + zumba + cards + painting + etc Trinity Lutheran Church + CC Food Bank + Mission of

Locally owned shops and restaurants; Carroll County Arts Council (Westminster); nearby attractions in Emmitsburg,

There is not much to do in town. Gathering places are needed, coffee shops, restaurants, better opportunities for

Outreach

Community Activities at Memorial Park

Halloween, Farmers Market, festivals, 4th July is cool, maybe see how much a little drone show is.

Better places to eat and socialize.

Did not know there was educational and cultural opportunities?

I value the parks and recreational opportunities

Community life

**What educational, entertainment, or cultural opportunities do you value most in Taneytown, and what**

The parks

I like the parks and new walking trail.

Nice parks, library and bowling alley

Youth sports teams, parks and recreation, community events

I value opportunities like the dance studio and karate studio that let people take lessons to better themselves. I would like to see businesses do more classes like how-to-bake or how-to-restore-old-furniture. A bar and restaurant There needs to be more activities for kids that do not involves sports. There isn't much to do here for entertainment.

More youth activity options

More restaurant options, office space, casual dining. parks

Events at the park Artisan events at dealership Events for children Events for adults Events for teens

I enjoy the parks and walking trails.I enjoy game nights at local business.I also enjoy the events at Memorial Park.

This is what is lacking. Westminster, Hanover and Frederick pull us to do these activities. I wish I had answers for

Parks and playgrounds

Most educational, entertainment events occur within my active adult community, however I don't have to travel far I went to Northwest Middle school and will be excited for my children to have the same experience. I appreciate how

We need a variety of restaurants and community events

Library gives all these things already. More things like Bollinger Park, the best thing Ttown has done in my 30+ years in the area. Would like to see more diverse small restaurants. No more pizza or junk food places. And not downtown

Pool

I would love to see more activities for children. We enjoy the national night out and various offering to gather and

Nite life

Value the library. Would like to see a splash pad and more eating options. Elem school and middle school need

The opportunity to become the Mayor excites me greatly. VOTE OR LOSE YOUR FREEDOMS.

Activities for families with young kids

Grocery stores, fuel stations, restaurants, and parks. More restaurants/eateries.

I always wanted to turn old Cambridge Rubber into a large YMCA-type facility. Meeting place for kids/adults, activities all year long, classes for "life" like changing a tire, balancing checkbook/finances, cooking classes, parks and outdoor space. we need more shopping and restaurants.

I'd like to see more food establishments and also a one stop shop store like Walmart.

Farmers markets , anything involving Christmas. You should do a tree lighting down at the park. More ppl can come. I think it would be much nicer there then at the police station. Get with the fire department and work make use of it's history, develop the downtown area. What a wasted opportunity.

Food trucks, fall festivals

Library activities, parks, sports

Don't know of any

Honestly, I haven't found any educational or entertainment or cultural opportunities in tanytown

The carnivals and I want my pool back!

More variety of restaurants

All park & rec activities

Places to eat out

I would like to see more businesses in town. Most of the time I end up leaving town to go out to eat and grocery shop. I feel like the events held for the community currently are sufficient.

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**What educational, entertainment, or cultural opportunities do you value most in Taneytown, and what**

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I love the parks in town and I think projects are handled pretty efficiently. If the town is going to grow with new

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NEED AFFORDABLE FAMILY RESTAURANTS

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Library and Fire Dept events are great as well as Lion's Club

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Safe public sidewalks to schools, parks, and grocery stores.

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I would love see our city took look like downtown Frederick. Good restaurants, small boutique shops and downtown

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Farmers Market

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Stay small

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We love Bollinger park's walking trail, and would love to see more trails like it.

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I like that the parks and rec team hosts regular events. I wish there were more locations in town to go out and meet

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We have been impressed with how active the Parks & Rec is. Glad to see the festivals, food trucks, and other events that they put on. We would love to see a restaurant or true coffee shop open in Downtown Taneytown. That section

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Taneytown does not offer me any educational, entertainment, or cultural opportunities: I am not among those you

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Bollinger Park

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parks

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More dining options

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Library, park events

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need more sit down restaurants, grocery store needs to expand to allow for all the people in area

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Beautiful historic homes, well maintained parks, streets and government facilities

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Our child attends a private school on 20 acres. It is close by. There are not really entertainment or culture opportunities in town. You have to drive for that. Additional elements would include a vibrant historic downtown

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I value the festivals that Parks & Rec hosts, but that's about the extent of the entertainment opportunities we've found here. I'd like to see something more consistent. It doesn't seem that the city values educational or cultural

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We love community. We'd love to see the town work together more!

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When things fun are scheduled in the area, giving people something to do.

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History museum

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Love the parks Clean up the downtown by square. Needs updates Small strip mall, with restaurants, cleaners, nail Farmers market. Activities at park and in community such as car shows, carnival, Christmas trees at the bank.

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Bollinger park

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Outdoor events and would like to see the planned Festival Park.

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All of the parks

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The Taneytown History Museum & Heritage Assoc. offers interesting /educational presentations and exhibits, but there's not much else that's a draw for me. Would love to see more arts focused opportunities and stronger

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I would like to see more higher education, more grocery stores, cultural business opportunities, Tech companies, hospitals, grants, scholarships, funding, transportation and health care business. Everything is too far to travel.

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Parks & Recreation

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There are really no entertainment or cultural opportunities in Taneytown. The Taneytown Public Library does offer

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More restaurants and small businesses

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None really, but if I had to say I'm happy to have laughing coffin to purchase cards from right in town and to have the Movie nights in the summer. Would love to have a taneytown picnic in the park.

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There should be more community events, walking trails, and recreational opportunities

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Good schools; free yoga in the park Would love to see a coffee shop or variety of restaurants

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I like some of the local festivals and the farmers market.

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Parks. History museum.

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**What educational, entertainment, or cultural opportunities do you value most in Taneytown, and what**

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I think the Taneytown Parks & Rec do a good job bringing the community together. I would like more entertainment in I appreciate the library and all the educational and social opportunities it offers. We have a number of restaurants available. While we have Taneytown Dance, which is wonderful, as well as some great festivals at the park, I would Library? There is no real entertainment in town.

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Would like to see more variety in restaurants, a Lowe's/Home Depot would be nice also. Also, with the population of Taneytown growing like it is, traffic is getting bad. Every road leading into and out of Taneytown is a single lane. Can Like the free family events at memorial park.

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Would like to see more eateries and more shopping choices.

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Taneytown needs to be more culturally inclusive. As for entertainment, there's nothing fun for families with young children and big kids so the kids are bored. There is need for indoor playground businesses and recreational more community events

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I enjoy the bowling alley and being able to grocery shop here. We could use more things to do ex. Movie theater, The card shop id like to see a new community pool open to the town

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Would like to see more local restaurants. A more main street feel of westminster, Sykesville, ellicott city where you can have good food, small business, and convenient location. Some entertainment would also be nice, but Food trucks, farmers market

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Community Policing, small town feel, promotion of small businesses. I would like to see more elements of local historical education, an expanded police department with a concentration on drug trafficking within town, more recreational activities for teenagers, a promotion of outdoor activities and healthy lifestyle, and a population cap agreement to halt expansion of new housing. We should concentrate on improving our existing infrastructure and Restaurants

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The library is fantastic. There are no cultural opportunities in this town.

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The historic value and remaining small town culture. Don't be afraid to continue sharing the awareness of small town culture. The young are not aware of the culture because they are not taught it. People in their early fifties still had some of the qualities instilled, people currently age forty and younger don't know the small town pride that comes along with effort because everything is handed to them. Our current volunteer base group in Ttown has the average age in their 70's! Thats sad, these volunteers should be enjoying a proud scene from an onlooker position

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We love all the parks and community events.

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Parks & Open space

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Small Town would like to see it stay that way. Fix water quality and sewer systems!

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Love the Thunderhead Would like to see more live music

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It would be nice to have a rec center for kids.

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Larger multiuse recreational areas.

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Activities for children

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Soccer fields, FSK Jr Soccer. Clean and well maintained parks

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More restaurants and shopping

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Sports for kids, community family nights out, food truck nights.

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Love the library. Would love to see an indoor toddler playground place. Closest is Owings Mills, Eldersburg, or

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Community events are great, especially Santa on the firetruck 🚒! Parks are nice!

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Burger King , a ymca or community pool and more places to rent.

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Not much. There is not much in town. There needs to be something for the teenagers to do.

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Parks, Lions Club, library programs, education and teachers, events in the parks

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More cops

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**What educational, entertainment, or cultural opportunities do you value most in Taneytown, and what**

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We value the playgrounds, community outdoor spaces, walking trails, including Bollinger Park. We would like to see more shopping and restaurants in the Taneytown area, as well as more safe and affordable activities for families. We like Skatepark. Dog park needs water supplied for the dogs.

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Very limited opportunities exist currently other than Memorial Park/Carnival Ground activities and farmers market. We like the activities at the park, and the rec sports.

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Thunderhead Bowling is an amazing activity for the community. The cultural opportunities we moved here for were the quiet small town life to raise a family in, however with the recent developments and plans to expand the town in Park activities.

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We enjoy Robert Mill Park, the library, and the Saturday farmers market. I would like to see an increase in activities for children. While the parks are definitely a start, it would be great to have a splash pad or a community pool or Love the library. We need more food options. Miss the haunted barn. As a child that grounded me! Children need Parks are wonderful

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Memorial park events

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Typically drive out of the city for entertainment. Would like to see more recreational options for teens & seniors.

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No more housing developments/ commercial buildings

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I would like to see more opportunities than what is available now, to get food from food banks. Safer schools.

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When the town holds events for everyone to attend. The vents for kids like the movie night in the park is a great one! I wish there were more nights available for it! The library is also a good place to go too! The best grocery store is

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I love the events that are free to families.

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The parks Better restaurants

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Walgreens, more fast food- chic fil a , Burger King.

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I value the parks and how easy they are to walk to. I would like to see more infrastructure and a more varied shopping experience. For example, I'd love to have something other than niche boutiques in the downtown area, possibly more sit down restaurants as well. We would love to be able to have a Walmart or something similar available. I also

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Rural setting - ability to have property and do as you please

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Bowling and parks; the elementary school also is a good community.

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A Walmart and more options to eat! Not sure the town would support a movie theatre or activity type center

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I like the family friendly events that are held at Memorial Park and the Memorial Day parade. I would like to see more

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The farm land and all that is associated with that; fresh veggies, farmers markets, flowers, etc. proximity to larger

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A movie theatre

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Library

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Restaurants, Free Parking. Making it a go to town, not a drive thru.

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The library, Brewery Fire, Taneytown Dance Center, variety of playgrounds. Would love an indoor kids place (bounce Santa Clause riding through the neighborhood, fireworks on the 4th. A car show would be a nice attraction. Some community emergency preparedness information. Cooperation with the Amateur Radio enthusiasts to help in an

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I like that the library and Parks n Rec does stuff for the kids.

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Small town living

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More food choices, local Bar with later hours

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Brewery Fire, A&W Meats, Deja Vu Jewels, Stonehouse Bakery, Taneytown Dance Studio.

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High school and rec sports

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The library

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Music on main street type activity in the summer would be fun

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Focus on seniors more....less on kids

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**What educational, entertainment, or cultural opportunities do you value most in Taneytown, and what**

Id love to see a music venue or any kind of theater that could support live shows

I like food truck nights and bands/events at the park.

I love our Parks and Rec department

None. Taneytown doesn't rank high for schools, entertainment or cultural opportunities.

Youth sports

more outside activities, hiking trails, bike trails

Public school

Pickleball/restaurants/Park for grandkids is great!!!

I love our beautiful parks, but would also like to see other restaurant alternatives. A steakhouse or seafood

I would like to see more shopping in the area and food places.

More restaurants, NOT PIZZA,

Would love to see more events in town, seasonal and annually specific. Pride was a great start.

Town Rec Center

The parks

I would like to see more resident being productive members of society.

I would love to see more restaurants. Dinner dining, Panera, better quality food in general.

Bowling alley is great, historical aspects of taneytown are nice to see and newer restaurants are nice additions, and the laughing coffin is a great place for kids. we could use better Internet services such as fiber internet and more

Would like to see more opportunities for teens to socialize

I love how most people you see while you're out and about, are very nice and welcoming. Although the town is growing, you still get that small town feel on occasion. I value the bowling alley! There isn't much to do around here at all, not even hiking really. I'm upset about all the plans/changes the bowling alley is making(taking out lanes and Parks & library are great! I would like to see more cultural and educational activities.

Good restaurant, small town feel

Education- Programs for the disabled, Programs for the Young Teens, Young Adults. More Cultural Events

Rural lifestyle keep developments out of area

More food selection, at MINIMUM a turn signal for turning onto 194!!!

We love the library and the multiple parks and playgrounds. Would love to see more restaurants.

I like the food truck nights on Tuesdays. I also appreciate that there are events at the memorial park. Nothing is

More restaurants and shopping options

We enjoy the parks ,and activities that are held for family entertainment.a public pool would be nice for the residents that live in apartments or don't have the yard space for a pool , would like to see a plan put in place to

Museum, Park Facilities

Small town atmosphere. Would love to have more food choices in town

Value: Schools, parks, family-friendly venues Would like to see: More medical, entertainment and shopping

Historical sites tours/info.

Need things here for the kids. Like YMCA stuff along those lines.

Events at Memorial Park; music at Brewery Fire; riding my bike around the countryside; fresh produce and quality

Parks. Need to see more parks.

Events at the park is about all there is.

Highly enjoy open mic nights and musical acts at Brewery Fire! I enjoy all festivals put on by Taneytown Parks and

I would love to see more community-oriented businesses open up in the downtown area!! Not more antique stores, but Laughing Coffin is good. The dance studio is a great example of a business that brings residents out into the

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**What educational, entertainment, or cultural opportunities do you value most in Taneytown, and what**

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We love the amount of farms and parks.

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More entertainment, more opportunities for children after school

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Parks

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Bowling, Laughing Coffin Need a rec center to serve all community members, with a focus on our youth. I wrote a Traditional conservative elements. I came back to Carroll County from Baltimore County. Carroll County schools and policies are common sense and not divisive like Baltimore County. If we liked Baltimore County policies we Parks and more parks. That's all that's here. Carnival is enjoyable but the bands are very outdated and boring. 4th I enjoy the rural nature of taneytown. A small town surrounded by farm land and woods.

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The town uses the Memorial Park to a great advantage. Community spirit is high with various celebrations during the year. The community development person needs to be atuned to both the business and non profits in the city.

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More shopping availability, hate having to festive to Hanover or Westminster

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Would like to see more things for kids and families to do outdoors.

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The various events at the local parks put on by Parks & Rec or other organizations are fantastic. We really enjoy the family friendly activities like the memorial day parade, 4th of July, wine festival, and big humane society events. I would really enjoy if there were more live music at the events and also if there was more art around town and the parks, such as sculptures, statutes, murals, landscaping art, etc. I would also enjoy more walking paths and street Taneytown library is our family's favorite.

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I value the Taneytown Library, access to groceries, gas, bowling, nursing home, parks, banks. But I would like to see an emergency center like LifeBridge available since our local medical doctors are retiring and not available in an emergency. I would like a movie theater and more convenient free parking downtown that looked safe and would thus encourage more people to use the downtown businesses. Bring back the city pool. It was one of the main

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**What is the main thing you believe would improve the quality of life in Taneytown?**

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No more developments the streets can't handle the traffic

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Fix the traffic flow especially at the square.

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Leaving the farms as farms. Taneytown is a rural area and they need to understand that farms are just as important

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BY PASS - FAILING INTERSECTION AT PEAK TIMES. TRAFFIC TO INCREASE WITH NEW HOUSING NORTH OF TOWN,

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A bypass to reduce pass-through traffic offering no financial benefit.

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We need a monthly newsletter; adequate postal facility; shopping facilities.

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more quality restaurants and shops (coffee shop/cafe).

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More park improvements City cleanup Move the post office into the unused shopping spaces near Kenney's, it's

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vetting of some of the "ghetto" areas. Improved schools.

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Less land development, more option to attract visitors

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Shopping options, stores, restaurants, healthcare, etc.

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During rush hour and busy times the intersection at 194 and 140 is too busy. Left turn vehicles are at risk. Better left turn lanes should be added or signal rotation for green left turn arrow. I avoid travel at peak times of the day, holiday

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I'd like more frequent community events - I don't know a lot of my neighbors and I'd like to live in a more intentional

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Stop adding housing developments

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Shopping and restaurants

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For us...older people, it would be access to more shopping and eating options locally so we don't have to drive so far

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At the present time, the revitalization of "Main Street" and downtown district including building standards and traffic

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Building moratorium

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We could use a family style American food restaurant, not fast food. Antrim is nice, but too costly for most.

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Nice yard

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Keep housing affordable

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Big Yard

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Bypass for traffic

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Historic preservation is vital and would be a large improvement to capitalize on.

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More sense of community

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stop overdeveloping land and focus on improvement of water and sewer

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Urgent care/express care facility

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Something needs to be done about the traffic from 3:30 PM until 6:00 PM in the Town area, especially at the square.

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Filling out the downtown with unique shops that maintain the quaint feel of the community. I would love to see more art related opportunities. We have a fabulous, well loved dance studio but I would like to see more.

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Another business that could hire young people (high school grads) (manufacturing?)

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more dining

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Better traffic flow

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The appearance and improvement of downtown

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less housing developments and more police. Keep it a small town.

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Affordable housing would help Taneytown. When basic needs are able to be met, society can thrive.

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-1 acre lots; brick home

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Government and volunteers working together in harmony for the greater good

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Brick Home - 1/2 acre lots

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Less traffic congestion

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Funding to help owners update/improve the properties in the immediate downtown area; repair, maintain and

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Livelier Main Street with more support for the quality small businesses

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**What is the main thing you believe would improve the quality of life in Taneytown?**

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Keep farmland

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More restaurant choices; more downtown free parking. Bypass for Route 140 to take traffic off Main St.

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A bypass to reduce congestion on Main Street

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Probably the bypass. Only cause traffic is the worst. I think it might help the businesses too. Even though I think when you add a bypass it might distrust local businesses... but I really can't see that happening since we don't have To bring in small businesses and restaurants.

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Better recreation opportunities, and no section 8 housing

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Restaurant and shopping

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No more new housing developments, getting businesses to utilize the retail/ commercial space we have available, If we are going to continue to grow we need to do better at traffic control and patterns especially down Main Street at Left turn signals at 140 & 194

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Less development. New developments do not bring families that support businesses and life in Taneytown. They do Improved restaurant and shopping opportunities

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Things to do and housing that isn't slum lords.

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Strip mall to accommodate more businesses, activity center for the youth o

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Proactive leadership that is willing to help/ welcome new businesses grow.

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Improve Condition of residential streets . More social events for children ,teens , young adults , and adults. Open space preservation . Less low income housing unless for seniors . One decent restaurant option with whole food, less development small town can only handle so much

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getting rid of HUD housing

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Shopping and we'll signed parking areas downtown. So many cars pass "through", not enough reasons to stop.

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More shopping, food Options. I have to drive to Westminster and Hanover for everything.

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Having a more respectful and less rude City staff. Mr. Randy Myers does not belong in that position with his attitude and his rude comments. He has shown aggression over the phone and was very rude. I have heard more than

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Less development

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Remove blighted/abandoned property. Repurpose with affordable housing.

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140 Bypass, traffic has gotten to be pretty crazy daily

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Better roads to address the increase in traffic

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New traffic pattern

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Less development.

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Lower the water and sewer bill

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Cleaning up carnival drive and grand drive. These areas host a lot of crime. Our water is very hard and soft water filtering systems are very costly. The water creates films/build up on all of our faucets, not to mention to consistently Shopping

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Lower water bills and better schools

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Electing me as Mayor.

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Activities for older kids/teenagers

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Lower taxes/city fees.

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Town gov't to stop fighting and pointing fingers, and being rigid. From ppl I talk to, they don't vote bc they know it won't make a difference since most of the time is spent wasted on who is right or wrong and not on doing anything to more shopping

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To have more shopping options so you don't have to drive into Westminster for everything.

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**What is the main thing you believe would improve the quality of life in Taneytown?**

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More activities for the youth. Like: Kite flying, who can fly it the longest or highest. Animal look a like contest Have a kid craft day. Where the booths r run by kids and they sell things they make. Make food trucks there. Kid run games. You can have teens run stuff. Reach out to the schools. Push a kids are our future community day. Really make the park a Christmas wonderland. Advertise. Let's bring traffic to town. Have the local businesses open again development of the downtown

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To keep it as small town feel. Tired of everything being built up all the time. If people want that they can move to Traffic Control

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Moving from the Mega mentality

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If the council members weren't so divided and focus on their own projects and not the needs and growth of our

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Stop building large housing developments, preserve the country character of the area

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A thriving main street with available parking and a recreational center for young people

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More restaurants and parking

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Having a Taco Bell

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I love it here. I just wish there was more right in town in terms of businesses and employment.

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More commerce.

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less development

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Cheaper water and gas & electricity bills.

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Lower the cost of sewer usage.

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Enforcement of minimum standards for residential rental units.

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More food and retail and less substance abusers

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Less politics and more citizen consideration

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Less low income housing.

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More recreation.

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Main Street landlords need to clean up their properties

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Getting rid of the traffic that comes thru all the time. Coming out of side streets onto Baltimore St is absolutely

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Main Street revitalization would make living in taneytown much more pleasant. We have a very nice setup for a downtown, but poorly used spaces. Too many recovery houses, too many unkept store fronts, or store fronts being used as residences downtown. I think the state of Main Street really decides the quality of how taneytown will grow.

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A byway to reduce the suffocating amount of traffic/large trucks that have to come through town. This would help many things: 1) encourage people to want to invest in the downtown area 2) make the 194/140 traffic light less

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A traffic bypass.

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add a pool, movie theater, more parking downtown

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shopping

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Dining options

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Reducing traffic congestion

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more sit down restuarants

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Peaceful environment

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Better leadership in local government. Proactive approach to issues that have long past addressing and moving forward on what's coming. Taneytown isn't going to be a small town for long. We should stop acting like it's not

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A complete revitalization of downtown. Conversion of low income housing back into commercial spaces, and an actual economic development plan for downtown. If the city doesn't have capacity for that, then incentive programs

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Helping more businesses with improvements and or starting up!

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**What is the main thing you believe would improve the quality of life in Taneytown?**

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Stop building when there is not enough schools or childcare facilities. Road is so busy in the pm.

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Add more for families, like an arcade or something in that. Something to appeal to younger people and young adults bypass, and have main street an attraction not a pass thru

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I like Taneytown's small town historical feel, but it appears that if you don't own a vehicle than resources/options and job opportunities can become limited for residents. Is there a transit system to Westminster, Frederick, or PA?

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Restaurants and traffic management during busy hours of the day.

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Less traffic and building

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Keep out the HUD housing and slum lord type rentals

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Home cooking restaurant

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Healthier downtown with reasons to walk and shop.

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Availability of necessities such as basic shopping, doctors, child care

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A stronger sense of community in general, and pride in the place where we live. As we become more of a bedroom community I see that feeling of being part of a community diminishing, and with that, a general lack of engagement, and effort to be accurately informed on municipal matters that face the City. While the City gov. can and does 'push'

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We need lower taxes, interest rates to go down, better water quality, quality food, more business and transportation

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Better Government Planning

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More restaurants. No more developments.

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Diversity

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Slow growth to maintain small town lines lifestyle

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An alternative roadway or bypass to reduce traffic through town, mainly the intersection of 140 and 194 and more

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Less dumb people? An ice rink closer than Frederick or Riesterstown. More quality restaurants. Better parking for places. For someone to fix trevanion road right next to the elementary school so I'm not ruining my car going over the

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Less government housing

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More police to get these kids off the streets in the middle of the night.

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The water is too expensive. There should be a bypass. When the huge trucks zip by my house on Baltimore Street,

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Safety

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The bypass.

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Less developments

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More diversity and more shops

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The mayor is terrible. He doesn't care about the town. He just wants to run city like a dictator.

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Continued investment in building and maintaining community. Our parks and recreation does an amazing job offering events that create community. How can we bring that energy to our beautiful historic downtown?

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Businesses

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Building high end single family homes to attract families with a low demand on services. Will also allow local

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Reducing traffic, landlords cleaning up trashy buildings, having more usable business spaces

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STOP DEVELOPING to prevent further gridlock congestion of downtown without a bypass!

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More police presence and better city governance

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Better control of development

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Limit the residency

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More businesses

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Reduce through traffic via bypass

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More things for children to do

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Stop the growth

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**What is the main thing you believe would improve the quality of life in Taneytown?**

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The quality of the city water (&/or tax breaks so we can afford water softeners). It destroys all of our appliances, wrecks our skin & hair, causes kidney stones, and the amount of chlorine in it burns your eyes and leaves white powder residue on pots when boiling water and from melted ice. Additionally the building needs to stop. We do not

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More entertainment opportunity's

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That people know they are safe at night

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Shopping opportunities, recreational opportunities and more businesses

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Traffic relief at the square

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Low cost of electricity and water

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Better screening of the landlords accepting Hud and bringing the wrong element into our community

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New Shopping mall (like Walmart)

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Fix the light at the square! Should not take half an hour to get through center of town during rush hours!

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More choices for fast food let that tacobell move into the old shell station

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Have more amenities in town. Population is growing with new developments. With housing prices still relatively fair, more people are moving into the area for affordability. 2 grocery stores, 2 gas station, and limited options for restaurants, entertainment, utilities provided (internet options), and other stores (hardware, home goods, ect) are

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Fixing the traffic at the square and fixing the water/sewer

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Better Council planning.

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Stop expanding the town. Agree to a population cap to preserve the small town charm.

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Less racism and homophobia

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Incentive to self help to improve their own quality of life and feeling of worth

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Better water. The current tap water has a very strong chlorine taste.

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Bypass route construction to address the terrible traffic congestion. No more housing developments!

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Water quality and sewer management less development

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Less housing developments, our roads aren't equipped and our town is over populated

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A bypass to reduce traffic in town

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THE WATER!!!!!! It smells weird looks weird. I wouldn't drink it so therefore my family doesn't. Our water bill is outrageous yet we have to buy bottled water! My kids have eczema and the water is so hard it causes flares.

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Repave the neighborhood roads

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Events that will help people to get to know each other to grow into better community. It's hard to get a hello from

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Stop congestion in our town. To many housing developments are taking over. Preserve the land. Taneytown is being built up and our beautiful farm land is quickly disappearing that is causing increased violence, increased drugs,

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Lower water, food and gas costs. Offering foods from local farmers.

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Clean up drugs

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More restaurants and businesses that are going to stick around, especially downtown

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More rental locations a indoor family center whether it be a pool or indoor playground or ymca chapter

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Something for teenagers to do.

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Parking for downtown business. Take down the empty building on the square, repair the house next to it and use it

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More cops

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Continuing to improve safety

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Affordable housing.

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BYPASS, BYPASS, BYPASS

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Additional restaurants

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**What is the main thing you believe would improve the quality of life in Taneytown?**

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Enhance the area around the 140/194 intersection.

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More consumer opportunities and restaurants.

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Stop building more houses.

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Getting rid of low income housing and NOT developing even more housing developments etc to make the small town

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Better internet service for rural areas

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Stop the low housing.

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Improve schools, Northwest is known by so many as a horrible school-one reason why we decided to homeschool

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If you want to clean this town up and improve the reputation, you need to get rid of the slumlord who is knowingly renting dilapidated housing to tenants she knows cannot pay the rents. You then need to clean up her hoarder paradise where she is selling the goods that she confiscates from those same tenants when they're evicted. The state of the Glass' properties is atrocious. I absolutely do not care how much money they invested in the town when  
Less cars.

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Continue to improve parks and look at left turn signals and light timing in AM and PM rush hours.

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Parking lots for businesses

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Offering more robust dining options.

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More restaurants

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Better drinking water, it smells awful

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More restaurants

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Fixing the roads to get rid of the potholes and uneven roads to prevent an accident if tires and or car accidents.

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Family style restaurant

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Less development

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Less renters. The low quality of renters really weights heavy on our town. Drug use has gone up as well as crime.

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NOT BUILDING ANYMORE HOUSES!!!!

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No adding additional housing. It's great that the community wants to grow but the way the town is set up there really isn't room. Since the new town houses have been built by memorial Park, the traffic has gotten insane.

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Additional drug stores fast food. Safety, speed enforcement in communities

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Improved water, and lowered utility bill, more small businesses that can thrive, more community outreach and

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More shopping opportunities (not the niche markets that keep popping up and failing in the downtown area.) I would prefer some shopping opportunities more similar to what is available in Westminster or Frederick.

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Less development of housing. Keep it small.

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The by pass. Stop building until that is done.

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A Bypass

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Better quality water

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Having a bypass and more restaurants in town that are not pizza.

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Available shopping

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Do not allow for over development.

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A turn light in the square

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Consistent fines for littering and violations of basic human decency

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Getting the trashy people out

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A bypass.

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Do something about the square. It's horrible especially when Evapco leaves out . I get feed ,use the print shop and

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Lower water bills

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Getting better/more shopping, recreational, restaurants (more options between Antrim and Cinco de mayo) for

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**What is the main thing you believe would improve the quality of life in Taneytown?**

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More businesses, restaurants specifically. Change the light at Baltimore and 194. I sit through 3 cycles nearly

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A bypass for traffic because it's hell getting through the square during rush hour

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Rec center for kids

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Building a bypass for 140.

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Stop building

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I really like it here, I think it's a great town.

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Places to shop and businesses open after 11pm.

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Stop building!!!

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Stop building new houses and bring in more businesses to support the towns population

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Traffic through the square. Stop building developments.

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More places to shop and eat

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limit new development of housing communities

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Stop the overcrowding with all the houses being built. We don't have enough stores or restaurants to support all the

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More shopping choices. More employment opportunities.

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stop building more houses

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Less building

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No more housing developments

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Brining more retail stores to the area and fast food restaurants so I don't have to drive to westminster

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Lower cost of living, mainly water bills.

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More business. Restaurants.

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More restaurants or carryout. Hardware store

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Making sure we have adequate infastructure before adding new communities in order to maintain the quality of services available to homeowners at this time. Expansions of existimg systems should be paid for by developers, not

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STOP BUILDING

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More places for seniors to enjoy. Entertainment and dining. Not just a couple of dive bars

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Stop building. The infastructure can not handle any more houses. The schools, roads, police (due to more crime)

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Crime seems to be going up, maybe have a community watch group.

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Personally I think we need more activities/recreational opportunities, employment opportunities and shopping opportunities. If the town was to build a shopping center with some restaurants or fast food places and then a recreational activity, arcade or skating rink, that would help being employment opportunities. Which I think is

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Get trucks off of Main St. I know it's a state road, but we need an advocate in st government.

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Elected Officials that do the job they were voted in office to do

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Not letting more development in

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Additional restaurants and 1 additional grocery store. This would offer jobs and encourage competitive pricing.

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Perhaps another restaurant or two would be nice.

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More restaurant and shopping options

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Stop building developments and bringing in large city government funding projects that over take the land for farming and wildlife. It only brings in more crimes that makes for less small town charm like it used to be.

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We need a walmart

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Stop building large high density developments and stop the low income housing

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Reduce the amount of traffic ,and keep open land ,no more housing developments

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Bypass around town

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No more building houses and developments in town

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**What is the main thing you believe would improve the quality of life in Taneytown?**

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Stop building developments and overcrowding our town and schools. Stop bringing in low income housing and

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Small to mid-size commercial shopping or services would be useful in Taneytown. Competition would raise the standard of quality of business. It is a pain to have to travel outside of Taneytown for almost anything other than

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More shopping/dining, historical preservation, more proactive policing presence in neighborhoods

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Do what you say your going to when your in office stop all the drama

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Walmart or some type of place to shop

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Get drug dealers out and help for addicts

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Less development

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No more homes. Work with what we have now. Main Street needs to be cleaned up with either upkeep of housing

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BETTER COMMUNICATION ALL AROUND! Taneytown Parks & Rec has the best information shared and updated. I think a second electric banner sign is needed near the circle either before or after to communicate upcoming events

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Traffic, lower cost for public water and sewage

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Less development construction.

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Roads/traffic, safety/lately we have more and more incidents and crime, children have no supervision or good place

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More restaurants and a small movie theatre

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A community/rec center. One that holds programs for youth after school. Adults during the day and evening (after 6).

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Quiet Neighborhoods and single family homes sizes. At times in Meadowbrook, certain house have music with DJ equipment that can be heard throughout the neighborhood. I work at Carroll Hospital over night and the music and DJs keep me awake. Also, the number of families who have cars. On my street alone, there are 4 out of 8 house with

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Restaurants/stores

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Better roads to travel, better traffic control, more entertaining options, definitely more sit down restaurants, taco bell/KFC combo for fast food would give more options, box store for more options, fix the nasty water that is

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Quality of city water. The city water is very hard.

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Improved educational and recreational activities for young and old

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Having more shops and places to eat (aside from the 5 pizza places). More kid friendly things to do aside from

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The kids need more recreational activities.

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Less section 8 housing. It is bringing in more crime and ruining the quality of life for those of us who enjoy living here.

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A bypass

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Safety or residents and children.

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Improving our schools and education for the children. Also increasing trails for walking safely and installing more crosswalks and pediatrician crossing signs especially on the roads where there is high traffic for school children like

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More shopping

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A rec center indoors for kids

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Free and safe parking downtown which would encourage people to visit the stores and increase business. Perhaps

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A vibrant and attractive downtown

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**What would make you leave Taneytown?**

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Not allowing citizens to put their farms in preservation

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My neighbors 1 and 8 Starboard court have recently moved in and lowered property value for the neighborhood, my neighbor next door is putting his home up for sale and I hope trash hoarders don't move in because I'm seriously thinking about leaving. I have worked hard keeping my home nice but these people are disgusting and won't make an City not developing for future as other communities.

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Not maintaining existing community equipment

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When you drive down Main Street there are sections that look pretty sketchy and almost look abandoned. The image (deterioration) Law enforcement of building standards; (disagreement) Traffic issues and safety of the main square. Crime. Lowlife persons. lack of respect for other people persons.

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(other) Low income housing

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(other) Low income housing

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(deterioration) The town severely lacks any sense of community, especially any form of LGBT friendly one.

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Taneytown as it is in all communities has too much housing development going on. What happens to our water

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(deterioration) Health/age may be cause to move; community is overall wonderful would not be happy to lose this;

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(deterioration) improved upkeep by owners of rental properties

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(disagreement) The professionalism of City Council

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no low income housing

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Light pollution

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Low income housing

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transportation - ease

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Small towns only survive with future thinking government ready to think outside the box the make the towns

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(In reference to deterioration) Downtown needs to rebuild its character. (other) Need more restaurants that are not

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Deterioration of Carroll Vista properties

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Taneytown is small community and it feels like family. I would just really hate to add more housing and businesses

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Section8 housing!!

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The town doesn't seem to want to help new businesses that are wanted and needed by the residents.

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I want to continue to feel safe walking around Taneytown or shopping

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Crime is increasing. People publicly walking around obviously under the influence can be frightening for our young

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I do not currently believe this applies to Taneytown, however a decline in community/public safety in the future

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Extension of crime. If the area were to become unpleasant in fear of violence/theft/vandalism, I would move my

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HOA restrictions on my own property and all the drama it has with it

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Houses started getting rented out more and drugs move in. I've seen this first hand in an old townhouse community.

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Too many republicans who Don't seem to be accepting of others

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Not fitting in socially or politically. Not enough variety of people, religion, social status, and ideology.

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Overdeveloping or developing too quickly without a preservation plan in place will morph Taneytown into Frederick rapidly. I am drawn here because of the slower pace and a little smaller population (or at least the population is

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If the town starts turning into Baltimore city. Ie, rats, boarded up houses, trash everywhere, and ignorant people.

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DEATH

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Welcoming the Meades Crossing community as part of Taneytown and not treating us like outsiders.

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Roads, crime

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Parking issues are a big problem in our neighborhood. Landlords rent out apts and there is no parking available for them. That bleeds over into the parking in front of our house and lots of time there is no parking on the street.

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I think there are too many recovery spaces in close proximity, and too much low income housing downtown. It

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**What would make you leave Taneytown?**

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There seem to be many halfway-houses/recovery centers in Taneytown. Although I believe these resources are good for the folks who need them, they seem to be numerous and placed in very public and main areas along if service do not keep up

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The district I live in the blight of the historic downtown. While this is a business district it is also home to hundreds of citizens. There is no sense of community mainly because it is not considered a neighborhood by anyone in local

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We came to Taneytown because we were told it was a good place for businesses and to raise a family. It has been neither. There is no sense of community here. There are addicts in the streets and the city boasts a long list of sex offenders. Safety is better now than 4 years ago thanks to an excellent police chief and changes in the department,

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More homes being built

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Many areas of town need update and cleaning up.

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Increased crime and drug activity

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Overgrowth of the community to the point of losing the small town feel.

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Discomfort with reactive political responses, threats of violence, and the blame of the marginalized community

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I wanted to be part of the City's downtown revitalization, and have invested, like a handful of others in renovating a home that contributes to the historic district. Within the area, the number of people who yell and make unnecessary noise, litter and generally detract from my quality of life seems to be growing, and my home has been vandalized on multiple occasions. I realize the downtown is home to residents with a variety of income levels and lifestyle choices,

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Disagreement of City Values - Meaning not heaping the homeowners to thrive and providing the help they need financially and non financially. Homeowners need more rights. The HOA want to control everything and everyone.

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If Taneytown did not feel safe or like a good place to continue raising a family

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It is annoyingly far from everything I do

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OK

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Cost of water

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There are a lot of drugs in the area. With that, comes crime. With the increasing population, we don't know what that

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More crime, especially juvenile. More drugs being used and abused.

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Location

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Too many rentals, too many townhomes and low end developments.

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Lack of an organized vision for Main Street business development.

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Too much section 8

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Crime is increasing and the addition of new low income section 8 housing isn't helping.

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taneytown seems to foster a lot of communities with hateful ideologies toward others. in the short time i have lived

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Influx of crime

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Too many Drugs, Sex Predators, etc.

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I would move to a more liberal area with less bigots

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Look at Elkridge,MD Overdevelopment, bad government choices from country leaders have destroyed the small

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Increases in crime and population. Low income housing development becoming a sanctuary city. None of these are Empty businesses, empty run down housing, crime

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Increased people, more violence, hud housing is bringing people here from Baltimore city. Please Keep Taneytown

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Crime, lack of unity/disrespect toward other community members based on race, religion, gender, or sexual

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The water bill. I currently rent and it is included. I am looking for a house that has a well and septic because I refuse

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Respect of people and their property. Having people take care of properties. Problems with children in school.

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We deserve a city that promotes diversity, inclusion, safety and equity for all.

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**What would make you leave Taneytown?**

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Insistence that the downtown needs to be a focus at the expense of seriously looking at the needs of the people moving into the area. The lack of progress to handling downtown traffic and the lack of attracting other businesses

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We are looking to leave soon bc of the undesirable neighbors in low income housing, as well as the new developments being executed and planned which will bring more people into the town and cause more traffic etc.

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Less tolerance of difference is on the rise here.

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If powerline project is approved

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There have been hundreds of homes built with a strong middle-class moving in, but yet the retail and rental properties have not kept pace with the development of a middle-class area. You need to allow businesses to open and thrive in an environment that appeals to middle-class and upper middle-class communities. Furthermore, there MD is not retirement friendly. It's too expensive to live here in MD, not Taneytown specifically.

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A liberal government and values would kill this town.

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Neighbors in the community are rude and complain about everything.

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The mentality of the people of Taneytown is very close minded and selfish. There are a lot of people in this town who

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Too many homes turned over as uncared for rental properties

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Over development by allowing "big box" stores and/or large apartment style housing/development

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The community is deteriorating.

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Illicit Drugs, gangs and crime.

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Too much population decreases the quality of life, crime increases

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death

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The town itself isn't very attractive. I've lived here for 20 years, and it's the one thing I've heard most.

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affordable housing brings in lower class of people who don't value the property and don't care how the area looks

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Lack of enforcement for residential property upkeep. Things like hoarding, trash on property, long grass, etc..

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People moving from the city because it's more affordable to live here, but bringing the city mentality & criminal

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We moved here for the small town feel to raise our children. This isn't a small town feel anymore. House everywhere,

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Lack of plans / zoning laws allowing tiny home developments. Prices of housing is too expensive.

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When I moved here (Carnival drive) I was told it was a wonderful neighborhood, low crime and just a bunch of happy families. Unfortunately that wasn't the case. It is as if to the right of me is wonderful people, maybe one bad apple.

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Then to the left it's a completely different story! It's getting worse and worse as the years go by. Almost a year ago my neighbor (2 doors down) was raided/arrested. The police did some kind of bomb thingy and it literally knocked my 1 yr old over while he was standing! Now there's another drug dealer moved in. Actually within a 15 house radius there

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are 3 active drug dealers. I definitely understand that it's going to be wherever you go but not to this extent. This is

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Concerns about increases in drugs, crime & lack of morals

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Transparency with the town Gov, Water and Sewage needs to be updated. Town water is gross, sewage rates are incredibly high, Water ruins your water tanks, disgusting to drink, ruins pipes in homes, complete overhaul of this

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If crime would increase, quality of schools or property upkeep would decrease in our neighborhood we would

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We are seeing more crime and undesirable people in town that make it not feel safe

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More building = more crime

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I enjoy backing up to a farm. Should that change I will possibly be interested in relocating.

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I realize that as a new resident I am "part of the problem" lol but my partner grew up in Silver Run and I really hope

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Lack of access to recreation, entertainment and shopping (in town). Most residents take their dollars elsewhere.

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Although not a resident, we are still a part of the community and support Taneytown. Because we live only a short

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Like I said before less section 8 housing and stricter enforcement of the blight conditions with landlords. Downtown

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Crime goes up, as well as taxes. Loss of businesses and recreational activities.

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**How should Taneytown focus our parks and recreation and conservation efforts?**

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Definitely need a community center

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I'm hoping the Splash Pad planned for 2025 will happen for the kids.

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No more parks

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no more trails, parks

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SWIMMING POOL! NOT SPLASH PAD!

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Lets bring in some ladies Crossfit at T-Bone & Earl's!!

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The parks do a great job and are the pride of Taneytown.

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Ice rink

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A playground for disabled children

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Community pool

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We need more areas for parking. FSK soccer at Robert mills has zero parking. We have so much land why don't we

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Need a area for only 55 plus. Walking and biking path.

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Enhance parks to be more available to those with disabilities

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Swimming pool

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Bring back the city Pool.

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Bring back the pool

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Better fields for our girls. Equal to that of predominantly male sports

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Love the pickleball courts in the park

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We need a community spool. Bring revenue to the town with season passes.

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Improve parking areas to accommodate large groups for sports and events.

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I would like to indicate that there are a number of events offered for residents of all ages. However, my answers to question 17 indicated a response to the term programs. One concern or thought is not also the availability of

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Litter removal in spaces not only where i can be seen, but where it also usally is not seen.

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add both an indoor and outdoor pool with the gymnasium

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**What roads or intersections in the region do you find most problematic, dangerous, or in need of improvement?**

All of them. Evidently no planning. The goal of Taneytown is bring in the developments and no planning how to  
Downtown from 4-5 pm, crazy traffic.

Roth Ave and 140

We need turn light at York and Baltimore street near Taneytown Dance center and Georges on York B&B

1. Middle Street when trying to make a right turn into Roberts Mill Rd. 2. Definitely trying to make a left turn at the

Slow traffic (speed bumps?) going into circle at Main St. & Antrim Blvd; Traffic coming towards Westminster

The 1 light in town is inadequate for the number of vehicles and light rotation doesn't allow for proper left turns and no space for going around waiting cars. Unsafe drivers for pedestrians and lack of respect for crosswalks.

Bark Hill, Clearview, Trevanion Roads all could benefit from some street lights, particularly near intersections.

Bowie Mill Ave needs stop signs. Too many cars that speed.

Main Street / York / Frederick Street intersection

Downtown

Roth Avenue onto Baltimore St. I don't think the square is all that bad. If people can't be patient for an extra 10

York Road coming from the direction of Pennsylvania... Where you would wish to turn right towards Memorial Park.

This area can become backed up And all of the residential streets could use improvement, They look dilapidated

Carroll Vista

We need a green arrow to help with turning vehicles, especially during school traffic on Trevanion Rd.

Roth ave needs a light

Bridge above train tracks at middle street

intersection of 140 and york road there needs to be a turning lane arrow for both sides of 140 too much traffic gets

Roth Ave. is a dangerous intersection Lots of congestion through town during busy hours

Antrim blvd and trevanuon road

Several

Harney Rd turning left onto 140.

Too many to mention but high traffic streets, some are in need of re-paving but also safety- too many ppl don't really  
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All with crosswalks

The traffic circle!! People seem to not understand the concept of yield or merge.

Repavement of Trevanian Rd

140

Roberts Mill Rd and George St- there are speeding vehicles in front of the park on George St. A danger to children

Trevanion Road, the circle

1. Roth St. needs a light at 140. 2. Sidewalk and push button pedestrian crossing at Kenan towards Robert's Mill

140

140 @ Roth

Stop signs in neighborhoods are ignored by residents all day long! Campers parked in neighborhoods block the view when children run out from in front of them! This is an accident waiting to happen! Please enforce no trailer parking

Baltimore Street and Route 194 Middle Street coming out onto Baltimore Street during AM and PM rush hour.

1. Bancroft street and Robertsmill / stumptown rd - it's difficult to see on coming traffic. 2. Parts of Stumptown rd gets narrow and two way traffic is difficult. 3. Downtown traffic is too congested. We need an alternate route for

194

The road that services the post office. This area is congested and public is often unable to access any parking in order to enter the post office. Postal employees are taking up available parking that should be for the public. Have

**What roads or intersections in the region do you find most problematic, dangerous, or in need of improvement?**

The square--too much traffic in small footprint

Robert's Mill

The volume of traffic, particularly large commercial vehicles on Baltimore, York and Frederick Street makes me feel at risk as a pedestrian and detracts from the enjoyment of patronizing downtown businesses. I see frequent red light Downtown district!

Intersection downtown, specifically trying to turn left on FSK coming from Emmitsburg

Main Street - speeding, noise, traffic unsafe crossing roads in foot.

The circle

York st, Frederick st, East & West Baltimore st

Stumptown Rd is horrible starting at Kenan and continuing to Sells Mill. The shoulder is crumbling away all along Stumptown from Kenan to Amicus making it dangerous for 2 cars to pass simultaneously plus bikers and

Roth ave at Baltimore st

Downtown intersection

Just potholes and sinking areas in neighborhoods

Main st

All the smaller roads in town. People speed too much and are unaware or uncaring of the people who live here.

Harney road people fly down it and we have children who play outside.

Morning Frost & Bison, Baumgardner & Roth, Bentley & Bison all need repaving.

Some side roads need extra lights

Roth Ave park.

Going through town between 3-6 pm is awful and approving more development is unconscionable.

Long side roads need speed bumps. Example Grand Drive. People fly down the side roads and blow thru stop signs.

Backed up traffic every day all the way from one end of town to the other and there are no alleys or way to get around

Roth Ave and Roberts Mill

The circle

Fairground Avenue! It's a mess and the roadwork that has been done over the past year plus, is completely

The entire town! People fly through town. St Paul's church patrons in road all the time. Very dangerous! Lack of

Stump town road needs some paving.

All

There is only 1 stop light at baumgardener, and the square traffic is always a mess

None

should have a by pass through town

None, although there seems to be a number of accidents on Rt140 going east.

All the streets in Robert Mills run are sped through, and people run the stop signs constantly!

The entire town. Traffic is horrendous. People get frustrated and take unnecessary, dangerous risks.

None come to mind.

Harney rd and meades crossing

The intersection of Baltimore Blvd and Roth

Main light in town it's very dangerous.we don't go that way anymore.

Speeding on George st

Roth avenue and E Baltimore st . It is dangerously busy and hard to get from Roth ave during rush hour ,a traffic light

Roberts mill trevanion

140

**What roads or intersections in the region do you find most problematic, dangerous, or in need of improvement?**

Main Street. Too busy with traffic to promote business. Having a bypass like Hampstead and Sykesville would help

Not many, the roads are in good shape, and as far as coty road design, i haven't seen many unsafe intersection.

Roth and E Baltimore York and E Baltimore Mayberry and 140

Baumgardener & Roberts Mill, Roberts Mill & Roth, Roth & 140. People love to run these stop signs and often there is a danger to pediatricians and other drivers. Recommend installing traffic lights, crosswalks, and pediatrician

Places where the traffic is large and the streets are small.

The main square

Baltimore Blvd that intersection is dangerous

Intersection of West Baltimore and York

Baltimore Street

The intersection at the square; Harney Rd + 140; Roth Ave + 140

The square - making a left hand turn at rush hour and weekends. The circle - people driving too fast and not stopping

Baltimore & York

BALTIMORE & FREDERICK ST

Baltimore st and York st

Baltimore street traffic and then the intersection at Baltimore street and 194.

Intersection of Baltimore St and Frederick St

The square at York road. We need a by pass to 194

Baltimore st

East Baltimore street to busy with all the new homes.

Roth and E. Baltimore Street

The square, Roth and Baltimore St

Main Street

Baltimore Blvd. Too many big trucks, no other thruway. The historic area would be able to have festivals and better development otherwise. There are accidents on 140 all the time because it is the only way in and out and one lane.

York St & Baltimore St

Light at York Need a light by the park and the road that goes towards gettyburg

The intersection of: Baltimore Street and York Street, East Baltimore Street and Roth Avenue, Roberts Mill Road and York Street Any given intersection at any given time in any of the neighborhoods... people FREQUENTLY roll through

The square, it causing the side roads to have trouble getting out and people blocking the roads as well

Baltimore Street from east to west. Frederick and York.

141 is very busy going through town.

E baltimore is always backed up.

The square in taneytown.

140 & 194: FAILING INTERSECTION AT PEAK TIMES+ NOISE : CAN'T WALK AND TALK WITH SOMEONE RIGHT NEXT

194/140 traffic through town

town square, circle and traffic light at Grand Drive and east Baltimore St.

140 at rush hours especially at town square

The 140/194 intersection

194 and 140 Harney road and 140

I think the congestion in the main square is problematic. I work from home and see cars stalled on Baltimore Street

The square

Main Street is very congested for many hours during the day. We need a bypass

**What roads or intersections in the region do you find most problematic, dangerous, or in need of improvement?**

Obviously the main square of Rt 140 + 194; constant enforcement of vehicle speeds; Need for landscape

Main square

The square of Taneytown needs turn signal lights

Intersection of 194 & 140 needs a left turn arrow

md 140 and md 194 interchange problematic

the square

Route 140/Baltimore St

Md 140 & Md 194, too many trucks

Routes 140 and 194; \* There should be a LEFT turning arrow for the intersection, the traffic back-up is horrendous!

Intersection of 140 and 194

The square - West/East Baltimore crosses Frederick + York; Antrim/East Baltimore

At traffic light Rt 140 and 194

Harney Road + 140; RT 140 + 194; Bridge on Roberts Mill Rd

140 + 194

140 & 194 intersection; Bollinger Park - safety being alone; safe biking paths

140 + 194 at the square

Intersection of 140 + 194. I think a left turn signal off of 140 to 194 is needed!

The intersection of 140 and 194 is both problematic and Dangerous. The intersection of Trevanion and 140 is

Intersection of 140 and 194

140/194

The square. It backs up traffic the whole way to the circle. It would be better to just go one side at a time and let the

140&194

MD Rt 140 and MD Rt 194

194/140 - There needs to be a light for turning.

Main street and 194

Baltimore street and 194

140/194 intersection: needs turn signal 140 and post office; impossible to get out

140 and 194 when evapco let's out

140 and 194 congestions; 140 circle is dangerous because no yields to the traffic in the circle

140 traffic, 140-194 intersection. Roth needs a stop light

140 only has two lanes and is causing traffic issues especially with the increase in traffic as a result of the increase

The square in town!!

140/194 Divern street off of 140 1 way is very unsafe

140 and 94 turning making a left hand turn

Main St light trying to make a turn

The light at 140 trying to turn left, they need turn lanes

1. 140/194 2. Grand and 140 , there's no turn lane to get onto Chevro Dr. 3. Roth and 140

Square of Taneytown - lights

140 and 194 intersection needs turn arrows

140 and 194. That light is freaking dangerous! The people pulling around into the shoulder to pass others is a Safety issue. I don't think you should wait for someone to be severely injured or die in order to be safe. Alternate routes

The square at 140 and 194.

Rt 194 and Rt 140 intersection is a mess

**What roads or intersections in the region do you find most problematic, dangerous, or in need of improvement?**

- The square
- The main traffic signal
- The left turns at the Main Street intersection - 194/140
- 194 and 140 traffic light
- MD 140 needs the traffic bypass.
- Intersection at the stop light in downtown is a challenge for some larger trucks and vehicles.
- Square traffic and parking. Parking on street is dangerous
- main street, especially at the square
- Route 140 is dangerous on a good day. Mainly speed control. Obviously the main square in the downtown. The heavy traffic situation there is problematic for almost everyone. The downtown area is also very dangerous for pedestrian
- Within city limits, "The Square" is the most problematic, dangerous, and in need of improvement. I was once told "The Square is the most destructive force in Taneytown." The crosswalk delay on the light was an improvement, but
- The square! It's ALWAYS congested
- Square. I know this has been an issue for years.
- Taneytown square and 140 thru town. To much traffic
- The square in town & due to increased housing it can be difficult to enter Rt 194
- The traffic light to make a right, left or straight to on 140 by the downtown gym.
- Middle of town (MD-194 and MD-140) and Roth at MD-140
- 194 and 140
- The square needs turn arrows bad. Such a pain to turn and I end up late waiting at the light
- 194 and 140. The light gets backed up through several cycles. Let there be right turn on red. Make left turn light last
- The square
- Main St and the square.
- 194/140 intersection- bypass
- The square at Baltimore and Frederick/York Streets
- Route 194 & Route 140
- 140/194
- 140 and 194 being two lanes in each direction would be nice.
- 194/140 intersection
- Intersection at the square
- Rush hour rte 140
- tyrone rd/140 intersection, backroads
- Light at the square (194 & Baltimore St), stop sign at Advanced Auto and Kennies Market (bushes are too tall and
- The square in town
- Intersection at 194/140
- A turn light at intersection of 140 and 194. Roth and 140 could use a traffic light.
- The square needs turn signals (194 and 140)high speeding in neighborhoods notice people not even stopping at
- Square in town needs a turn signal or advance green. Roth ave needs a light
- 194@140 at signal in town.
- Intersection of route 194 and 140
- 140 194 square Tyrone and 140
- Town Square need a turning light/arrow
- Town square

**What roads or intersections in the region do you find most problematic, dangerous, or in need of improvement?**

194/140. Traffic Circle.

140 and 194 intersection. To congested need turn lane and turn light Intersection in shopping center of Baltimore st and 194

the square

Intersection of 140 and 194, Roth Ave and 194

Bypass for 140/194

140/194 we need to get truck traffic and wide sweeping turns out of the city, its dangerous and seriously detracts

140/194 intersection

Main and 194

Harney Rd and 140, 194 towards Littlestown dangerous curve.

Route 140 & Route 194 intersection

140/194 and Stumptown past Kenan to Sells Mill. 140/ 194 needs a light and Stumptown needs to be widened to 194 from PA, needs a left turn signal OR to have something placed to prevent traffic the other direction from flying around in-coming traffic. Also, the right onto Trevanion should have a turn lane which would keep school traffic in Intersection of 140 & Roth. Traffic turning from Roth can take forever during hour.

194 140

140 and 94

All the main intersections, and the main road.

The square downtown

140 and 194 Also 194 and crouse mill

Harney Rd and 140 The light at the square.

Amicus street:speeders 140@tyrone : speed 140@194 need of turn signals.

The intersection of 194 and 140 is very congested and dangerous at certain times of the day

194/140 jct

140/194

Rt 140 and Rt 194 needs improvement as we as some back streets need paving

194 and east Baltimore is very dangerous

The square The intersection of Baltimore and Freckerick St

The square

Rt 194 intersection

Need left turn signals at 194

140 and 194

194 & 140. Build an east/west bypass. Make sure it's up to State hwy standards. The proposed alignments by the

The square and the round about .People don't know how to yield. Or where to drive in it .

140 and 194

140/194 intersection 140 speeding 194 speeding

Main Street and 194 needs left turn lane signal for turning south towards Frederick.

194 and Baltimore street

140-194

The light at the square of 194 and 140

140 between 194 and Baumgardner

The square, the additional building on that side of town only increases the problem

The main light in town gets congested at rush hour

**What roads or intersections in the region do you find most problematic, dangerous, or in need of improvement?**

George street and 140 and Roth and 140

194@140 And countless side streets in town need repair

The square.

main arteries: 140 & 194

140 and 194 making a left from 194 onto 140 at the square is impossible during high traffic times

194 square and there needs to be a light for Evapco during start and end of shifts only.

The main intersection at the "square"

Main square at 140-194 too congested. Both backed up during rush hour.

194 & 140

The square! I know there isnt room to expand the roadway, but an alternative needs to be found to allow for better

140 and 197

140. Mainly due to random drivers who drive unsafe / tailgate / speed / road rage.

Baltimore St. is difficult to cross on foot. Routes 140 and 194 are terrible during rush hours and it is very difficult to

194 and 140 !!!!!

The square , Harney Riad.

If pressed, the only thing I can think of is the intersection of 140 and 194. I feel like traffic gets a little backed up there some times and it's an intersection where there is no right turn on red, which slows things down a bit.

However, to change it would probably cause much more traffic, and there are four buildings there to contend with.

140/194 intersection

140/Crouse mill road. Cornfields at the curve makes a blind spot to know if it's safe to go across.

The square in town.

Rt 140, Rt 194

Main Street at the square

Every single one. Especially the square, baumgardiner at Baltimore Street, Grand and Baltimore Street

The 194/140 Intersection is the most congested intersection in Taneytown. During rush hour, it can take several traffic light cycles to get through the intersection. I've noticed that a lot of commercial delivery trucks go through this intersection. I think that not only contributes to congestion, but it also poses a safety risk to pedestrians and commuter vehicles. The adjacent businesses, walkways, and parking lots promote pedestrian and vehicle traffic to access these areas, but the congestion of commercial vehicles makes that type of access unsafe. I think

Baltimore Street/194

140 and 194 intersection

140 and York 140 and Trevanion

140 is a NIGHTMARE. It needs more patrolling. People travel at high rates of speed and illegally pass. I have had sports cars pass me ON BOTH SIDES AT THE SAME TIME while maintaining proper speed. Luckily I responded in a

The downtown square

140-194, too much traffic through the main road of the town

The square. Due to Taneytowns pass through nature of a small city, coupled with our recent growth has seen pre-

The square is far too congested

140 &194, main Street driving thru.

140/194 intersection

The square, enough said. Stumptown Rd is too narrow.

City Square

The square.

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**Alternative transport options?**

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BY PASS

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Senior only park near the lorien

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no bike lanes for bikers

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Less bicycles on the road. Stay on sidewalks. Kids do pretty good. Adults should stay on sidewalks.

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Alternative roads

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A crosswalk from advance auto side to cinco de mayo side

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connecting trail to more easily access Bollinger Park by bicycle or on foot

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SAFE walk ability to and from our schools & parks!

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There has been a large increase in buggies and horses on the roads that needs to be accounted for

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Public transportation to and from BWI

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Hiking trails

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Bike lane should be large enough to accommodate horse and buggy as well.

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E-scooter program. The city is relatively small e-bikes or scooters may provide both adults and age appropriate youth with a fun alternative to walking or driving. Our parks have bike stations, there is regular bus routes offered in the

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Poor planning. Taneytown is viewed as a town with cheap housing. Also, top priority should be to fix the traffic flow especially at the square. Look at how Emmitsburg regulates their traffic flow at the square. They have more

Stop developing the land. Traffic is awful and our current infrastructure cannot support all these homes. Make what

Our town needs to keep up with the "times" and offer shopping and diverse eating establishments. Need a good family restaurant. Need better post office facilities; downtown parking. Require home owners to meet at least

minimum upkeep of properties. Several homes on the main street are making Taneytown look shabby. Need to

My main issue with town is the lack of respect/safety for pedestrians. Downtown Frederick is a great example of how

Cooperation between Mayor and City Council. Future of City is determined by Mayor and Council as a leading body.

Taneytown is an important community for not only residents but other families that live outside of a town limit. There

Please move forward with the Splash Pad since it seems like the Community Pool is not an option.

Taneytown housing development is far outpacing infrastructure and businesses that can support the population. We really need to slow down or stop adding housing and/or increase businesses and roads (such as the Taneytown

I realize it is difficult to meet everyone's needs, but I think Sykesville has done a very good job in the last 10-15 years of reinventing their town. Maybe we should discuss their transition as we plan for our future. There is a great sense

Believe Economic Development + Main Street Administration on the "small business scale" is seriously lacking and has been for some time after the pandemic. (note on Q. 13) - re offices or office park: including like the Carroll

Co./Westminster Technology Park near the airport. (note on Q. 15) - re communication: Park activities and

Ground water for those outside of public water is becoming increasingly scarce

No hardware store on Antrim. Cause too much traffic and noise pollution for neighboring residents.

There are too many vacant buildings that are not kept up with repair and maintenance. Some of the buildings need to

Too noisy to walk around and I also worry about the air pollution to all the trucks that are idling at the lights

Would like to see some nice shops besides craft shops + antique shops. Need to control traffic on streets with stop

It would be nice to see the mayor dress a little more matched to his office - too casual!!!

a sit down restaurant for dinner meals

no more low income housing; no more multi-family home or townhomes; no more park

If any roads are created or expanded properly it must be done in a manner that clearly bypasses the main

No low income housing; 1/2 acre lots; brick homes

The town does a great job of offering activities and resources for its residents. Some informative meetings/town

Taneytown and is a Sleeping town - there is absolutely nothing to do, not even a place to have a nice business lunch

or a cup of coffee. Ppl talk about bringing more tourism, but right now the town is seeing about 1000 - 2000 visitors each weekend just between all the event venues in town and none of these guests are spending much money

here..... Successful growth of a small town is no easy fit - it takes vision and guts to do things differently. "What we

want the town to be" starts with "How can we make the town be more attractive to the right businesses and

residents". If the Comprehensive plan will identify the people (businesses and residents) the town wants to attract

This community does not need any more large housing projects that will increase traffic and more infrastructure.

Set down Restaurant

Economic director Meashy is not doing his job. There has been no newsletter to inform the community for close to 2 years (?). He admits that he doesn't like to do them, so he just doesn't have to do his job???

We have elderly residents in town that do not use social media and are unaware of what is happening in the town. What does he

actually do for the town, and what are his job requirements? And both Meashy and some city council members need

to understand that there is more to Taneytown than just the downtown two blocks from the square. Meashy has

been dismissive and not supportive of events and organizations that are not downtown, and what I would consider to

I'm concerned that the City is not planning enough to support the new residents moving into the area.

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As a community want to limit the amount of housing that is built, especially as it pertains to low income housing. With It . tends to come crime . The same thing can Easily be said about too many corporations or office parks . This lots of speeding going on through the neighborhoods.Cars do not stop for stop signs.Crosswalks need painting  
Fire Randy Myers.

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I love living in Taneytown. It's a great place to raise a family. Traffic has significantly increased with development and my hope is that a solution can be made to improve both a cutdown in traffic as well as streets that turn on to 140 and There is a national housing shortage so I support the addition of single family homes and townhomes. However, the city should have the infrastructure to accommodate this including adding more lanes to roads, additional grocery Although I don't live in town (just outside), I shop, eat, travel through, use the recreational facilities and parks, and use the town's commercial businesses for nearly all my personal needs. My grandchildren attended school there Mayor is doing a good job. City counsel needed a mix up

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There is no nite life for adults

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No Anchovies must be stopped !

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People speed ridiculously through the meadowbrook development and don't obey stop signs. These are roads with small children always around. I can sit on my front porch and watch at least a 2:1 ratio of people who don't stop at I never want to see any kind of big box store here but changes need to be made when you can't really buy a pair of jeans or a button down shirt in this town. More encouragement/support for new small businesses. Banners on the square for large events at the park like other towns do for chili cook offs and heritage days. Residents might know

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The town is growing! Which is great. Taneytown is welcoming all humans into our town. I just worry the that fire and ambo service is not up to par. Don't really know much about the police service so I hope they are staffed to our

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As I visit other towns in the county they have done a much better job of making use of the downtown areas and

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I don't want to see this town built up to where it's over populated like Westminster and Frederick. If people want that they can move those areas. We moved here for the small town feel and want to keep it that way. We have no

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I think Main Street looks really trashy, but I'm not sure that the city could do anything about that

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I love my community, that's why I look forward to serving my community as a city council member in the next

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There should be a "Welcome to Taneytown" sign as you enter on Rt.40 (across front Sheetz).

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The welcome to Taneytown sign that was removed needs to be replaced and the upkeep done on it annually

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I signed the petition against the annexation of Sewell's Farm. I am afraid of the consequences of the quantity of proposed units and the amount of people that will be brought into the town while there is a strained infrastructure,

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area has already been over developed and future building will continue to tax an already inadequate system, schools are overcrowded (we have such a high poverty level that entitles Federal funding), there are not adequate

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Over population. This would cause more traffic, more people, a decline in schooling for our children, and crime. I personally moved here for the small town feeling. People here are kind for the most part and I don't want to lose that

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We need to be assertive in bringing new business (restaurants) to Taneytown. Mexican and Pizza are covered

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The processes of providing clean water and treating waste water must be a priority over future development!

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With all the growth in the horizon plenty of us that have lived here for more then 15 years are planning on moving.

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Safety, and more recreational opportunities.

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Please make HOA in Taneytown and home owners keep sidewalks clear of overgrowths so people don't have to walk

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Can you please remove or update the survey page picture? That is a picture of our family home and we live in Middleburg/Keymar (so it doesn't even represent Taneytown). Ultimately, we really do not appreciate a picture of our

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I would love to see some paved walking trails at Memorial Park. With lights. I don't get home until 530 pm and by the time I get out to walk, it is pitch dark. It would be great to have lights around the whole "road" at Memorial.

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Taneytown has good utilities and public services, but needs to recruit/encourage small businesses to open and stay open in the downtown area. Taneytown should have a diversified downtown for its residents to come to and enjoy. But the buildings appear unkept, business are slow to open, and quick to close. How could the town assist businesses to open and invest here? How about inviting other small Carroll County businesses to open a Taneytown location? Or how about offering storefront space to Taneytown residents who are already running home/cottage small businesses out of their homes? Encouraging coffee shops and restaurants to open is essential for creating

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We enjoy living in Taneytown, but hope that it fulfills it's potential. There are too many business places sitting vacant, and we've seen many businesses open and quickly close since moving here. Why is that? The active Parks&Rec has been a silver lining. We hope to see mainstreet revitalized and small businesses encouraged to open there, it is a glaringly underutilized area of town. Signage should be improved as well for new businesses to be

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Tell the people at the firehouse to turn on their lights and siren BEFORE entering traffic. It is very rude of them to cut

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The community needs it's newspaper back. The people do not know what is happening anymore. It also promoted

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The traffic at the square is awful. There needs to be left turn signals. You can sit thru multiple lights

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Water and sewer bills are excessive. Cost for the expanded facilities should be applied to developers with higher

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There are two Taneytowns. The environment that residents in Area 1 live in is completely different than other areas of the city. It's dirty, dangerous, loud, and most of city leadership does not seem to care. They do not see this area as

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Stop over building homes. Not enough schools and over run of traffic on the roads

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The town needs to clean up the rental areas. Many look terrible. As well the square needs serious clean up.

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New housing developments need to be stopped until there is a plan to address the influx of people stressing schools, public water and sewer, emergency services, and increase in traffic brought by these developments.

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To many house and to much traffic

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We must find a solution to encourage cleanliness throughout the town. There are several streets that look like slum areas in the metro areas and they are mostly lower income residents living off of the government and taxpayers. It

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Enforce housekeeping laws such as no indoor furniture on outside of homes & general lawn maintenance, etc.

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Simply an opinion here. As with our society overall, Taneytown isn't exempt from misinformation and opinions easily spread via social media that are perceived by far too many individuals as fact. A misinformed or uninformed citizenry may ultimately, be it through elections, referendums, or other pressures, steer the City on an unfortunate course,

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Safe & well striped cross walks throughout ALL of Taneytown, especially for school walkers & bus stops!!!

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Limit growth ... stay a small town

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The close-minded view of a number of the citizens to diverse groups will limit the potential of this community. There are certain houses in the middle of town (right near middle of town on West Baltimore Street) that are an eyesore

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Taneytown is rapidly losing its small town feel. Seems like an extention of city now :(

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NO MORE DEVELOPMENT!!!! The town is losing it's small town feel. No bypass.

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I think that public transportation would be detrimental to Taneytown. We are a small town, and I feel public

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We need to fix the traffic situation in town, and not just keep building houses that add to the issue.

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Less development

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I think we can modernize the town by bringing in more diversity as I've experienced a lot of one sided folks here with Taneytown needs to attract developments for higher income residents to avoid becoming a town known primarily as

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Traffic issues need to be seriously looked at

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Slow down building of residential homes - it's too much on the roads

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Please stop developing farm land. We need to maintain as much agricultural land as possible

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Something absolutely has to be done about our city water. It is extremely overpriced and low quality and costs us a

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Metered sewage would be nice. Many people use water for purposes that do not feed back into sewage. Yet sewage is charged, at a rate twice that of water. Cost of living - utility price as well as lack of competition to lower gas prices, access to grocery/home repair/restaurants/entertainment to increase quality of life, limiting residential growth until I would like to see Main Street become a place you would like to visit. More shops would be great

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Please consider offering incentives for education and involvement of younger volunteers. Reasons I push the idea - Preserve our town's history and to improve our town's culture in the future. School aged children could receive awards, additional service hours, additional education opportunities (grants / scholarships / internships)... endless opportunities. Employers could receive easement benefits for employee volunteer opportunities. Employees could receive employer paid day of volunteer packages, A shirt, a entrance voucher for an upcoming rec & park

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Stop the building and development of anymore housing. Taneytown has too many residents now. It's losing the small

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I am concerned that taneytown will be built up on every inch of land like every other town. The charm and the views and just greenery trees grass farms. I would hate to see it all built up and no nature or wildlife. Also THE WATER!!! I am so concerned about the water! It grosses me out the smell and the look and how hard it is! Everything in my

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It would be nice to have a continuous sidewalk along Roth Ave to Baltimore St. currently you are required to walk in

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Please do not build on the farm land in Taneytown. Keep the fields and farmers here please. Building on farm land will force good citizens to leave town. Please do not build or take away the farm land between windy hill and

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Speeding in the community, screeching wheels, burnouts, running stop signs while our kids play on Roth Avenue.

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Stop developing land and build character of town

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High water bills

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Police need to call CPS when people with kids OD and they have to narkan them. Domestic calls, they need to contact CPS to investigate when kids are in the home. People selling drugs or doing illegal drugs should not be

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The slum landlords and their practices. Deteriorating building and people allowed to park in their front yard or keep

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Bypass bypass bypass

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Sidewalks need help outside of Main Street

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If the community continues to grow it will cause many families to leave and seek refuge somewhere else that can

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I think Taneytown has a ton of potential but little is being done to improve the quality of the town. The drug addicts in the high rental areas are a problem and refusal to address the problem means many people do not frequent the areas and the businesses there. You also need to uphold a state of repair and maintenance on ALL buildings in the Safety! School safety! Security in schools need to improve.

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there is a definite need for family dinning in town besides pizza and Mexican. Go to Gettysburg or Hanover and you

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We need a better trash company who doesn't break out bins, puts the cans back where they are not in the way, and doesn't skip trash pickup. We also don't need 4 pizza restaurants. We need more variety. NO MORE BUILDING

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HOUSES!! If more house are built our town will be just like any other city and it will just become filled with more

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I feel with the continued growth in the city we need to invite more infrastructure and business opportunities.

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Over development -

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EMS services are overwhelmed with calls to Carroll Vista and Lorean. Many times the closest EMS unit is from another town. Fire services. Need more volunteers or a paid staff. Many times Harney is here before our own guys. They need help and support. We need a dedicated landing area for Medavac like Harney has. Next to the middle

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Watch for drugs coming into the community.

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It's boring!! Nothing to do during the weekends

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Please put in a bypass to make traffic better

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It's becoming too busy

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Start taking into consideration property owners around existing parks. We should have a say so in regards to

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**Please use the space below to offer any other concerns you would like to express about the future or current**

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Bring back the pool

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There seems to be no concern about making the city more inviting when people drive thru or come to visit someone

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Please stop developing land. It's OK to leave green space around our city. We do not need to keep building. Let's

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It's nice to see our Police Department involved with the community. This was greatly needed after past problems.

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The current mainstreet needs to be worked on. There isn't enough businesses there to even call it a mainstreet.

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Very concerned about the water safety - it smells terrible, tastes terrible and builds up sediment in hot water tanks

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Please stop building!! Those of us who were born and raised here shouldn't be forced to move because others want

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Please, stop the building. This town can not handle any more developments. If y'all can't see that, it's sad. Stop

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lining the pockets. We can't even keep businesses open. Work on what we have before adding more. Think about the

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More recreation, less crime , and allow or look into possibilities of tiny home program zoning laws.

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I fell in love with the small town vibe here in Taneytown. I don't want to lose that.

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Taneytown is a wonderful community, with so much to offer its residents! It would be nice to see more opportunities

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Resource Center, Community Pool, Hiking Trails, Bike Lanes, Our Community never sees the police, unless we have

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to call them. No idea who is on our Police Force, Fire /Rescue, need a smoke detector program, You all need to get

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control of the drugs in this town, allow the Police Department to do the job they were hired to do. Community

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Limit development instead improve what is already built

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I don't know a polite and clean way to put this, but there are times where I feel as though there are some derelict

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looking people around that give me a concern for safety and the direction of the community. I'm not sure what if

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anything could be done about that. Also, I live across the street from the American Legion, and I don't like that they

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More police handing out tickets to speeding cars.

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Many residents do not have a way to bring bulk trash to the park for disposal, pick up should be offered to residents

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No more building homes in taneytown. Keep the small town a small town

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Start metering sewage usage and stop over charging us for double our water rate even if we use the water for

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Overall, our family really likes Taneytown. We appreciate the parks and trails, and like the small-town feel. The

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family-friendly park events are fantastic. Schools and crime-rate were the major factors when considering moving to

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this area. With that said, we feel that we have to drive to Westminster, or elsewhere, if we need anything other than

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basic services. I feel like local, consumer-focused business could be greatly improved in Taneytown, while keeping

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the community aspects. For example, the surrounding stores and businesses are deteriorated: there are only two

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major grocery stores in town, both of which have poor product inventory and quality, that do not convey the prices

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they charge. The surrounding chain stores have drastically decreased in employees in the few months we've lived

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here. Most of the nearby chain restaurants are not of great quality - there is only one off-hand that we recommend to

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friends and family. Recent reviews for these businesses are trending poorer, and that has an impact on overall

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Need to do something about the drugs and the police need to come out and interact with the citizens more.

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I worry about over development. I would also like better internet options.

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Downtown area would likely be more heavily trafficked with pedestrians and customers if there was sufficient public

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Streetlights should be on Roberts Mill around pine trees side of pond. Older students walk to and from school in dark

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along that area. Streetlights ( least light pollution possible). Also the # of Large construction vehicles/ trailers from

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personal businesses SHOULD NOT PARK on Roberts Mill behind townhouses and near court. It creates a hazardous

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Parking downtown is a huge issue. While there are parking spots behind the courthouse, it's a fair walk for those with

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Better roads, proper mail delivery, better internet coverage, more programs for youth and children

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Overall, Taneytown is a nice place to live and raise a family. The cost of living, small town vibes, and park system make it a great place. However, I believe that Taneytown residents would all benefit from some additions. These proposals all come with price tags, and funds are always limited. Yet investing in these foundational elements of a community should, and I believe would make immediate and longstanding impact. Again, the first of these being a community/recreation center that offers a wide range of programs offered to the community at a cost. With a focus on serving school aged youth in the hours directly following school until approx 6:30. After which would offer a variety of adult programs, leagues, or potentially act as a space for youth sports such as basketball, cheer and

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Don't turn Taneytown into Baltimore County town with all the traffic and noise. Keep Taneytown unique.

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We need more shopping and dining , big box like store. Not cluttered main st size or type store. We need better roads to be able to travel the half hour or more to go to surrounding towns to shop or eat or spend our money taxes

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My only concern is urban sprawl. Part of what makes this town iconic is its rural nature. I hate to see new housing developments popping up. It takes away from the natural beauty of taneytown. If it goes on next thing you know,

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Too much section 8 housing.

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I worry about the pervasive negative attitudes surrounding race, gender, sexual identity, and religion here in town. I don't know what can be done about that but we are likely to leave the area due to the intolerance. I wonder if

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I am worried that over development of properties will hurt rather than help us. Increase in water, sewer, and other

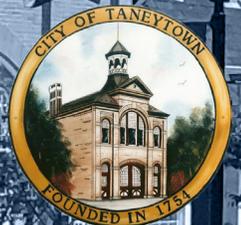
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*Taneytown*

**COMPREHENSIVE  
PLAN UPDATE**

**PLAN  
PROGRESS  
SUMMARY**

**January 21, 2025**



# DEMOGRAPHICS



Taneytown has grown at varying rates between the 1930 and 2020 census. On an average, population growth has average 0.75% per year over the 90-year period. This growth rate has outpaced both the County's (0.42% and the State's (0.3%). The growth rate over the past decade has returned to the historical annual average (0.75%) after seeing rates as high as 5.1% in the 1970's.

The census also reflects the national trend of smaller household sizes. The national average is currently 2.5 persons while the city is 2.74 persons. This is a reduction for the city from 2.86 persons in 2010. It is expected this trend will continue.

Projections for population growth provided by the U.S. Census Bureau show a continuation of a rate like the past decade hovering around 0.75% per year. If the current average household size of 2.74 persons is maintained, a total of 224 new dwelling would be required over the next decade.

Taneytown has seen an increase in racial and ethnic diversity, however, it is still majority white and non-Hispanic or Latino.

# LAND USE & GROWTH MANAGEMENT

Most of the land surrounding Taneytown is zoned Agriculture. Significant portions of this land are preserved through Carroll County through Agricultural Preservation Easements.

A discrepancy was noticed with the total acreage of existing land use versus zoned land, as well as some acreage of land that did not appear to be assigned to any zone or land use. This is likely due to a GIS data error which will require a little more time to identify and correct. Table LUGM-1 on page 57 marks one category (130 acres) as "Unknown", as it was not labeled in the GIS data. This seems to correlate to a large parcel of recently acquired land at the NW of Taneytown. It has also been noticed that while the code specifies an R-40,000 district, it is not shown on the zoning map.

Still missing is a list of properties that have been annexed since the adoption of the 2010 plan. The following is included in the plan: Two Sewell Property parcels totaling 126.708 acres along Harney Road.

Additionally, we do not have information on if there is land that is planned to be annexed in the near future.



# TRANSPORTATION

The physical characteristics of various important roadways in Taneytown are outlined. Future projects outlined by the Capital Improvement Plan are also included in this section.

A list of planned streets/street improvements was included in the 2010 plan. This will need to be updated. This list includes: Worthington Blvd, Stumptown Rd relocation, Key Crossing Rd, Starboard Dr extension, Allendale Ln extension, Shower Road/Termination of Crouse Mill Rd, Commercial Access Road, Robert's Mill Rd extension, and Sell's Mill Rd extension.

Still missing is an estimated cost for the Taneytown Greenway, if available. The latest cost we could find was from 2011 and it outdated. If no more recent estimate exists, this will be removed from the plan.

# COMMUNITY FACILITIES

The capacity, enrollment, and planned renovations for the schools serving Taneytown are presented in this section. Runnymede Elem., Taneytown Elem., and Northwest Middle are slated for HVAC system replacements (between FY26-FY 29) and Taneytown Elem. is expected to have a Kindergarten/Pre-K addition in FY 25.

Updated statistics on library usage and the facilities available at the library were included, as well as for the senior center. Information on the parks and their amenities was included. Statistics and information related to police, fire, and EMS services was updated, including crime statistics, fire incidents, fire department facilities, and EMS incidents. Still missing is information on the population count of the Taneytown fire district (current estimates are from 2007).

Public water and sewer information is mentioned, however this is explored in more detail in the WRE.

# NATURAL & AG. RESOURCES



The geological, soil, vegetation, and animal makeup of Taneytown and the surrounding areas is presented in this chapter. Soil characteristics are detailed, including soil's affect on water recharge, sewage facilities, and construction. Plant and animal pests, diseases, and invasive species are detailed, as well as native and/or endangered species. Nature centers are outlined in this section rather than in the parks section of Community Facilities.

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ACTIVITY

An explanation of the different business and industrial districts is included in this section. Updated statistics on employment by industry and occupation are included.

By industry, the number of reported manufacturing jobs decreased by 10.88% since 2000. Education/Health/Social Services increased by 18.94%. Most other industries remained almost the same (under 4% change).

By occupation, Managerial and Professional jobs increased by 17.6%. Production and Transportation decreased by 8.16% and Construction, Extraction, & Maintenance decreased by 5.94%. All other jobs listed remained almost exactly the same (under 2% change).

The expansion planned by EVAPCO was detailed, as well as a short history of their overall expansion in Taneytown. This is expected to bring 275 new jobs to Taneytown.

# HISTORIC & CULTURAL RESOURCES



The introduction section was taken directly from the 2010 plan. This section can be rewritten to be unique from the 2010 plan, however, none of this information has changed as it is a history of the City. It would take a considerable amount of time to rewrite this information, so it was decided to leave it as it was in the 2010 plan. However, it can be rewritten if the Planning Commission so wishes.

Updated information about historical designation was included in this section. Some of the program names or details had changed since 2010.

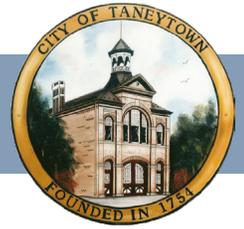
## HOUSING & COMMUNITY DESIGN

Updated statistics on homes, occupancy, home value, rent, and home age have been included in this section.

There were 1,913 single-family detached housing units in 2022, compared to 1,057 in 2000. Three to four-unit homes also grew significantly from 87 in 2000 to 318 in 2022. Overall, units increased from 1,841 to 2,989.

Owned homes increased by 7.93% while renting decreased by 11.09%. Home values increased dramatically. In 2000, the vast majority of homes (56.94%) was in the \$100k to \$150k range. In 2022, 49.35% of homes were over \$300k. Rent also increased dramatically from median \$493 to \$797.

# WATER RESOURCES ELEMENT



Water supply and wastewater data, while present, may need to be corroborated. Some details may be out of date or incorrect. Information was found through the Carroll County Water & Sewer Master Plan Triennial Update of 2023, as well as utilizing projections for population and planned developments. Two tables of data are missing and will need to be supplied by the Taneytown Public Works department.

The final bit of information needed is a review of the Procedure Improvements, Systems Improvements, and Groundwater Source Development (page 133).



## 2010 VISION

The City of Taneytown will maintain its friendly and smalltown atmosphere for the enjoyment of its residents and business people, as well as those who come to Taneytown to shop, work, recreate, or attend its schools, churches, and other institutions. The sense of community will be strengthened for Taneytown's residents and business community. Greater community ties, including the sharing of facilities and sponsoring of special events, will be made with in-town schools, local churches, and the City's civic and sports organizations. The City will take advantage of its central location to other urban areas in attracting businesses and customers. The free movement of traffic, including pedestrian, wheelchair, bicycle, train, automobile, bus, and truck, will be achieved for the safe and efficient transfer of people, goods, and services. The downtown area will contain a balanced and thriving mix of businesses, services, administrative and government facilities, residences, and institutions, and will serve as a focal point for the Taneytown community. A variety of excellent recreational facilities and programs will be available for all age groups. An increased and diversified industrial base will provide greater and more varied employment opportunities.

## TANEYTOWN'S 2010 GOALS

### Land Use and Growth Management

- The community will seek to maintain a friendly and small-town atmosphere.
- The downtown area will serve as a focal point for the community.
- Future development will be designed to compliment the built environment with both traffic and pedestrian connectivity in mind.
- Ensure that development plans are sensitive to the existing physical and man-made environment by considering hydrologic and soil characteristics, topography, existing uses of the land, availability of public facilities, and accessibility.
- Provide for walkability between residential areas and local business areas and employment centers.

### 2. Transportation

- The free movement of all types of traffic, including pedestrian, wheelchair, bicycle, train, automobile, bus, and truck, will be achieved for the safe and efficient transfer of people, goods, and services.
- Utilize the 2000 Antrim Boulevard Extension Corridor Study to work with state, county, and local landowners and developers to complete the roadway, to be known as the Taneytown Greenway.
- Provide a well maintained, safe and efficient transportation network that encourages the separation of local residential vehicular traffic from all other traffic; provides direct major highway access to industrial areas; and provides pathways for bicycle and pedestrian use.
- Enhance the overall functionality and multi-modal connectivity within neighborhoods and between neighborhoods, civic hubs, and commercial centers.
- Encourage pedestrian access to local commercial businesses and employment centers from all residential neighborhoods.

### 3. Community Facilities

- The downtown area will serve as a focal point for the community.
- Provide a variety of excellent recreational facilities and programs for all age groups.
- Ensure that development plans manage growth in keeping with the community's ability and willingness to provide and maintain public services and facilities such as public water and sewer service, school facilities, police protection, fire and ambulance services, and recreational programs and facilities.

### 4. Natural and Agricultural Resources

- Identify and protect ground water resources to ensure an ample municipal water supply for current and future users.
- Preserve, protect, and make wise use of environmental resources, including streams and stream buffers, steep slopes, 100-year flood plains, forested areas, habitats of threatened and endangered species, wellhead buffers, and wetlands.

### 5. Economic Development and Activity

- The City will define ways to take advantage of its proximity to other urban areas in attracting businesses and customers.
- Increase and diversify the industrial base to provide greater and more varied employment opportunities.
- Work with the State, County, and local landowners and developers to complete the Taneytown Greenway, which would provide additional access to planned industrial areas and help maintain the aesthetics of the downtown area.
- Provide infrastructure to attract industry that will increase employment opportunities.

## 6. Historic and Cultural Resources

- Broaden the awareness of, appreciation for and interaction with Taneytown’s heritage and community history through education, events and promoting stakeholder partnerships
- Protect and foster the unique character of Taneytown’s historic built environment.
- Ensure that the best and preferred elements of community character help define and direct the future growth and development in and around Taneytown.
- Continue and broaden the process of community renewal begun with the Main Street revitalization project and related efforts through heritage tourism, economic redevelopment and related preservation-based initiatives.
- Preserve the historical and architectural character of the area and promote the rehabilitation and re-use of existing structures where feasible.

## 7. Community Involvement

- Facilitate stronger community ties, including the sharing of facilities and sponsoring of special events, with local schools, churches, and civic and sports organizations.

## 8. Interjurisdictional Coordination and Communication

- Improve communication and coordination with other municipalities, County, and State and to increase partnering with other government bodies on local community projects.

## 9. Housing and Community Design

- Preserve the historical and architectural character of the area and promote the rehabilitation and re-use of existing structures where feasible.
- Provide for a wide range of housing types, density, and affordability that is well maintained and will meet the needs of the entire community.

## 10. Water Resources Element

- Identify drinking water and other water resources that will be adequate for the needs of existing and future development proposed in the land use element of the plan, considering available data provided by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE).
- Identify suitable receiving waters and land areas to meet the stormwater management and wastewater treatment and disposal needs of existing and future development proposed in the land use element of the plan, considering available data provided by MDE.

### Plan Implementation

- Synthesize the implementation of this plan with the City Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) to the extent possible.