

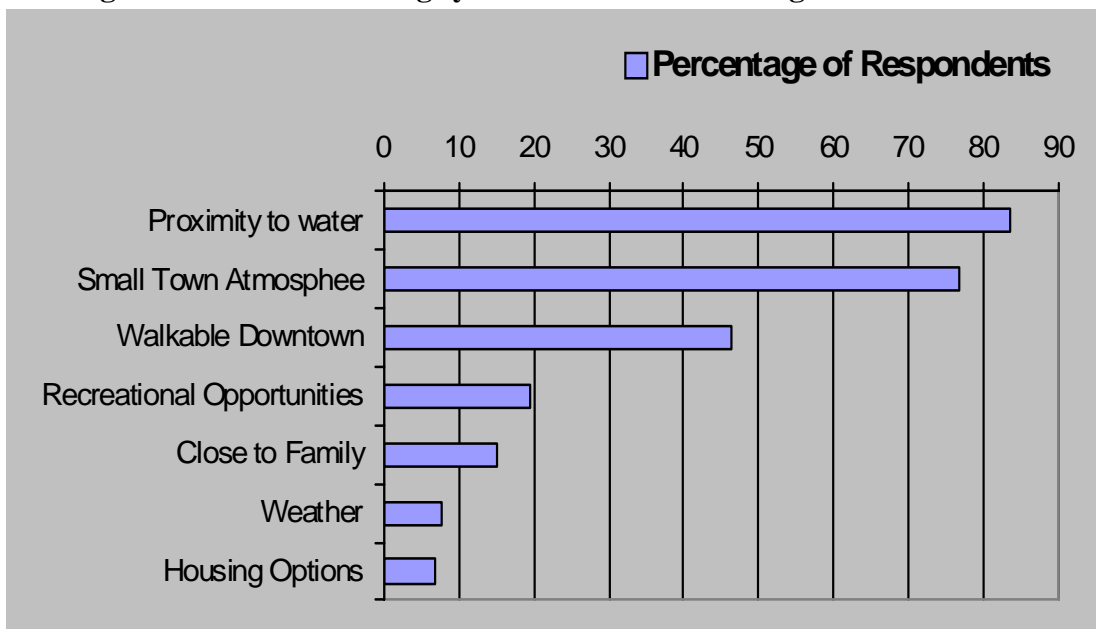
# 2008 Comprehensive Plan Update Colonial Beach Community Survey Results

October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Number of Surveys Returned:  
Over 500 (More than 25% of households)

## Community Character

**#1. In general what are 3 things you like most about living in Colonial Beach?**



**#2. List two things you would change about Colonial Beach.** (number of times each general category was listed):

- More economic development, small businesses, retail stores (111)
- Appearance of Colonial Avenue and town in general (89)
- Roads (81)
- More recreation (dog park, theater, bowling, pool, fitness) (71)
- Boardwalk Development / Tourism (64)
- Too many taxes (44)
- Politics (38)
- More health and senior services (27)
- Crime/drugs/police support (24)
- Subsidized housing (22)
- Give schools to the county (19)
- Water and Sewer rates unfair, need to meter (17)
- Sidewalks (12)
- New large houses being built on small lots next to existing smaller housing stock (11)

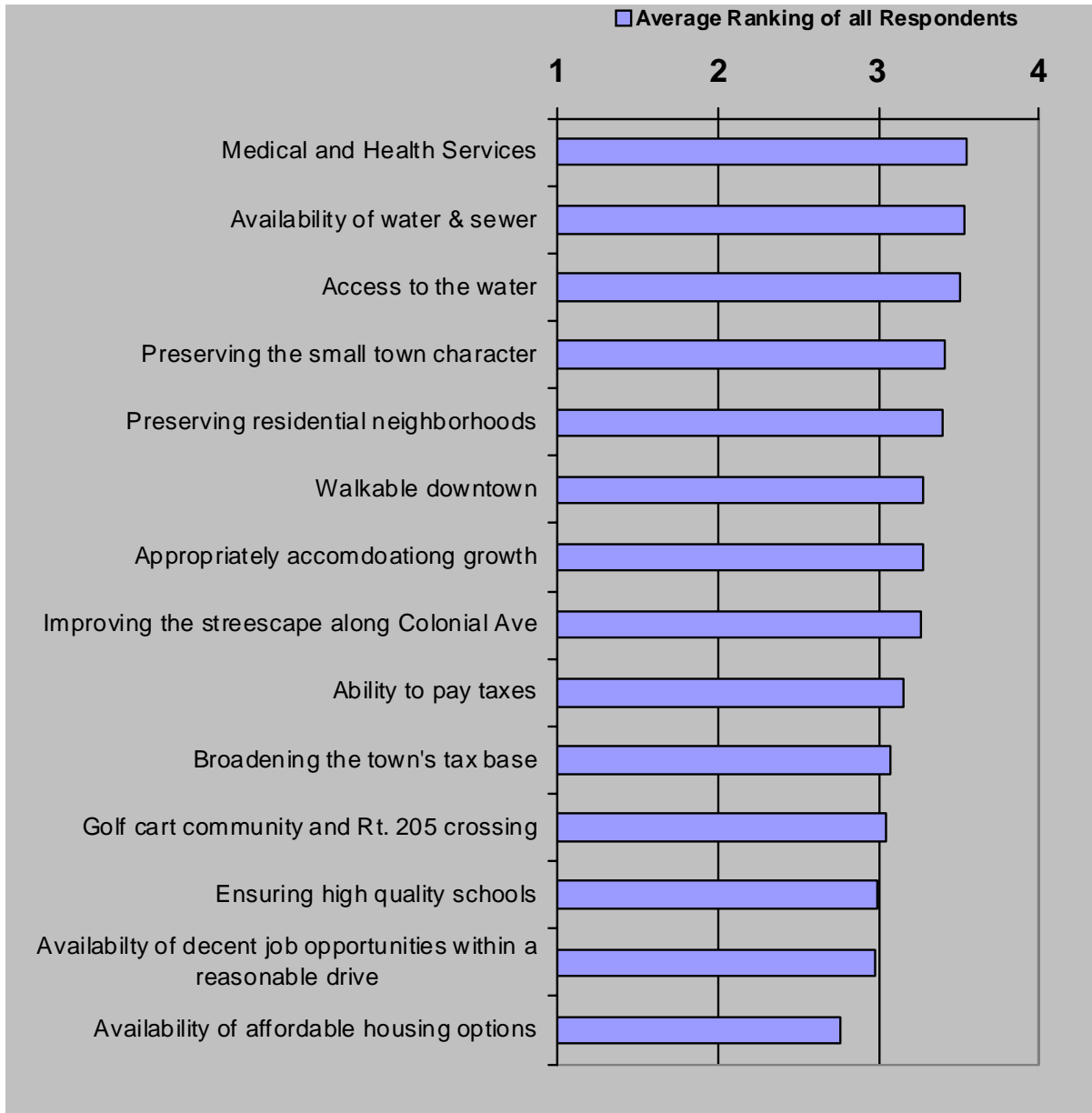
**#3. Percentage of respondents who ranked the following issues as:**

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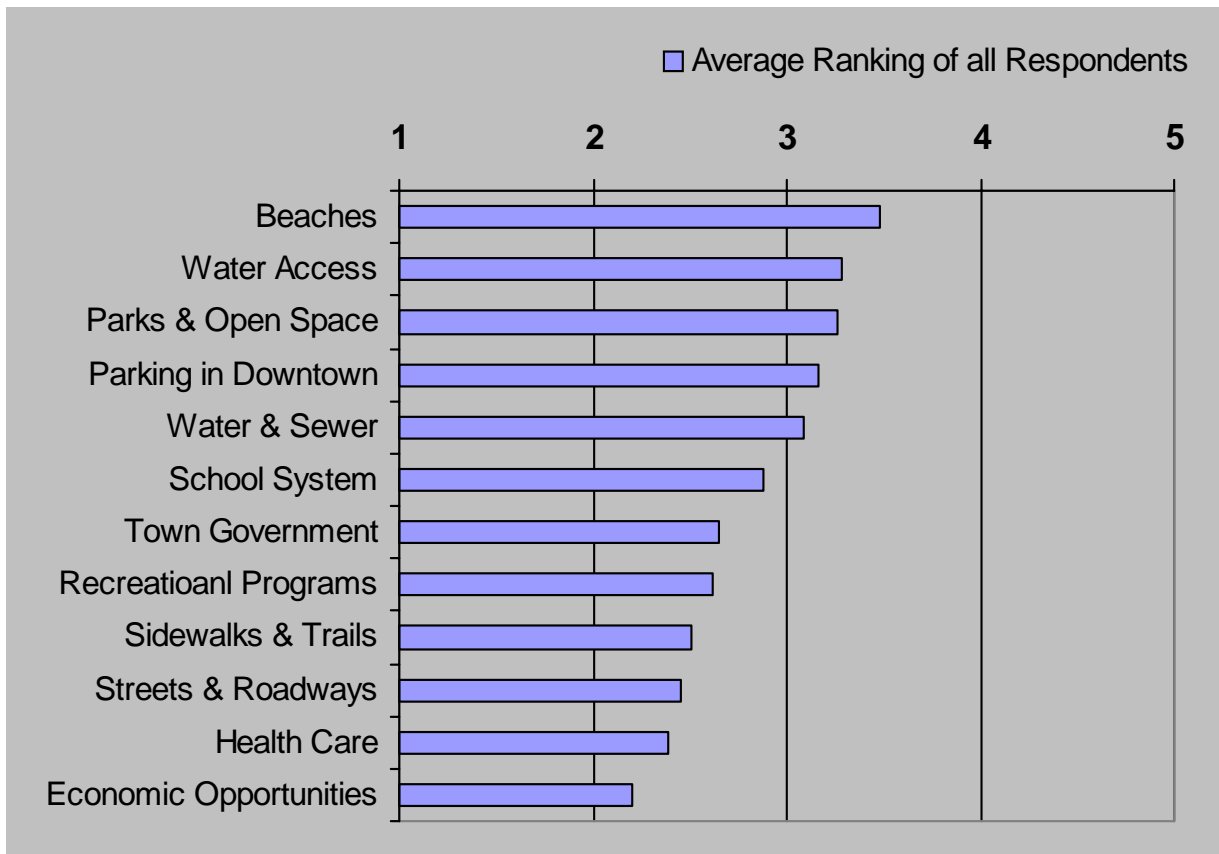
**2=Un-important**

**3=Important**

**4=Extremely Important**



**#4. Percentage of respondents who ranked their level of satisfaction with the following as: 1=Very dissatisfied, 2=Dissatisfied, 3=Neutral, 4=Satisfied, or 5=Very satisfied.**



**#5. Listing of the town primary strengths, weaknesses, challenges, and opportunities**

**Strengths**

- small town character, charm, atmosphere
- waterfront
- people
- beach
- location to major cities
- golf cart community
- possibilities

**Weaknesses**

- unattractiveness
- roads
- taxes, too many and tax base weak
- lack of jobs
- recreation for families and children
- politics
- lack of retail

- crime and drugs
- no medical care

#### Challenges

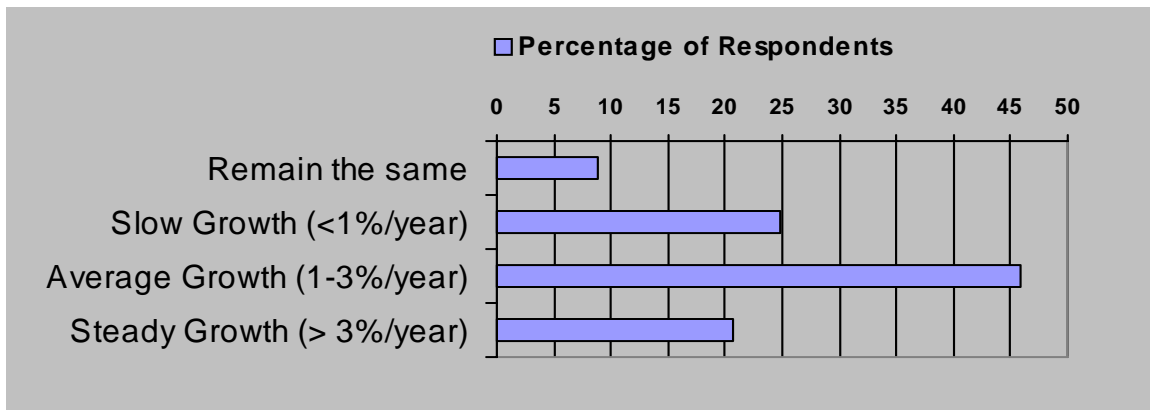
- controlling/managing growth while retaining small town character
- development of the boardwalk
- attracting businesses
- obtaining funding / improving the tax base
- maintaining the historic character
- crime
- youth activities
- getting things done/ politics and government issues

#### Opportunities

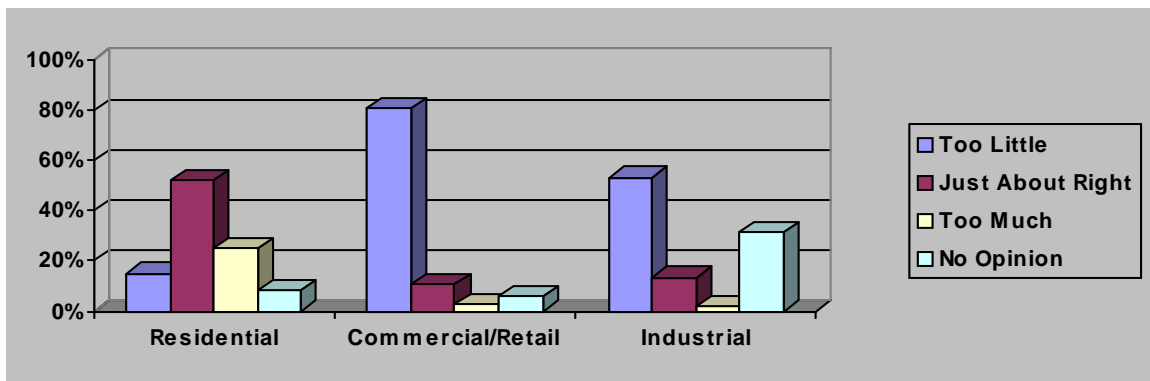
- retirees
- tourism
- vacation/waterfront
- resort atmosphere
- beaches
- growth
- location related to DC and Richmond

## Economic Development and Growth Management

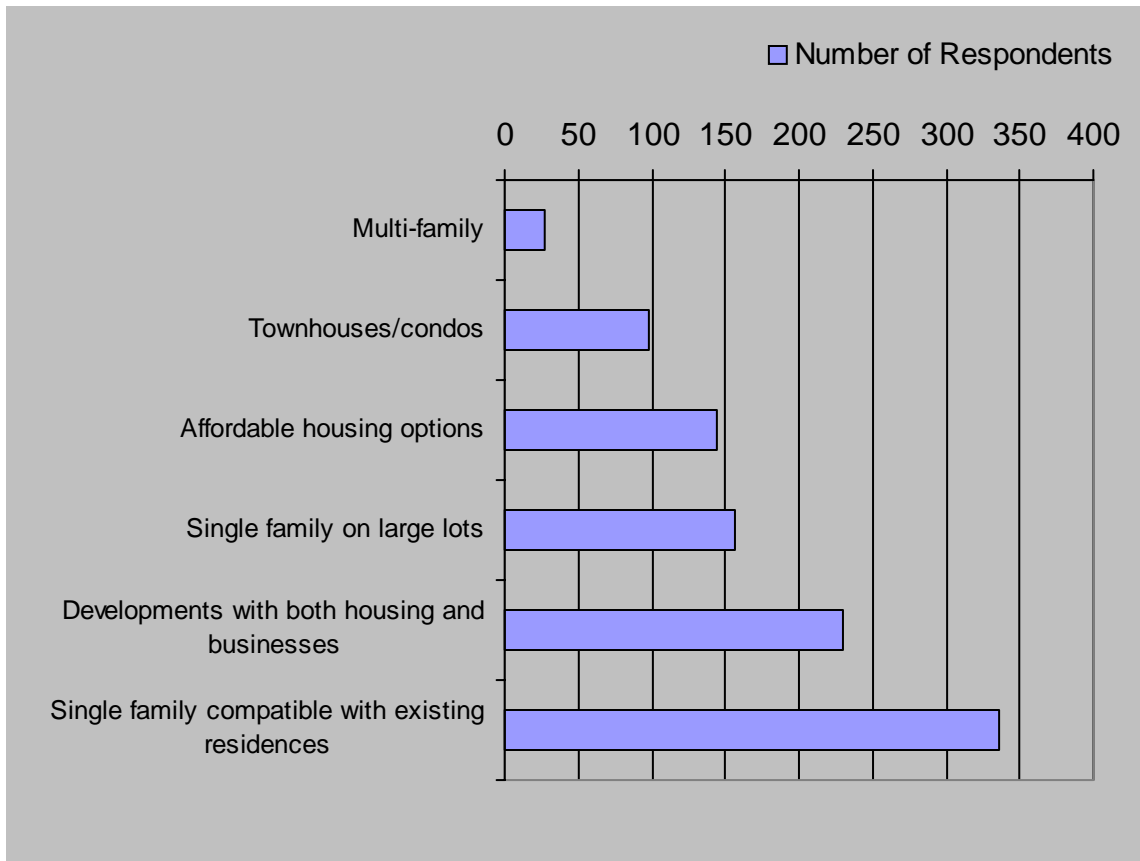
### #6. Desired growth rate for the town



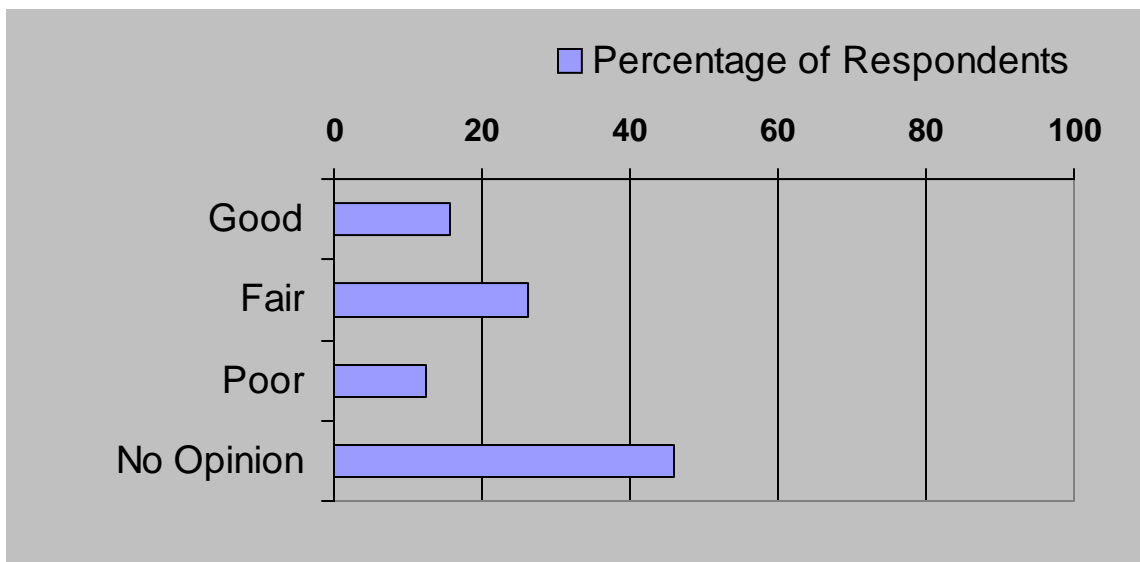
### #7. How respondents see the town's growth rate in the following categories.



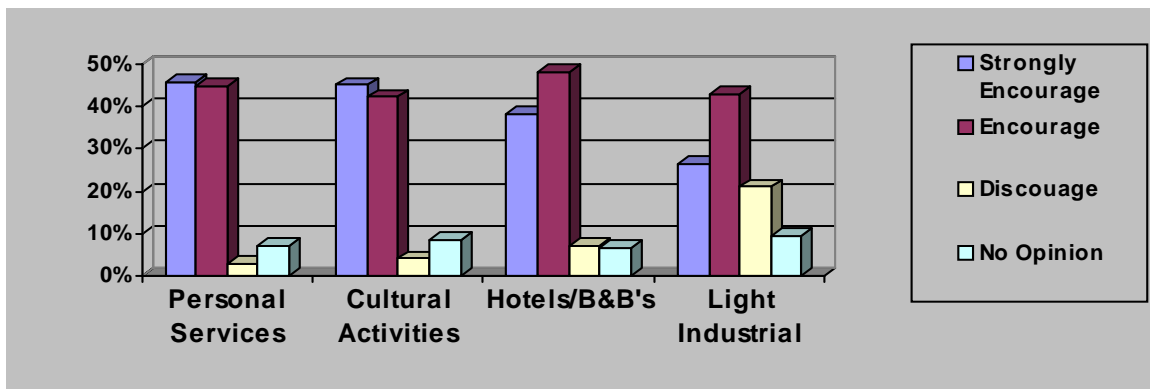
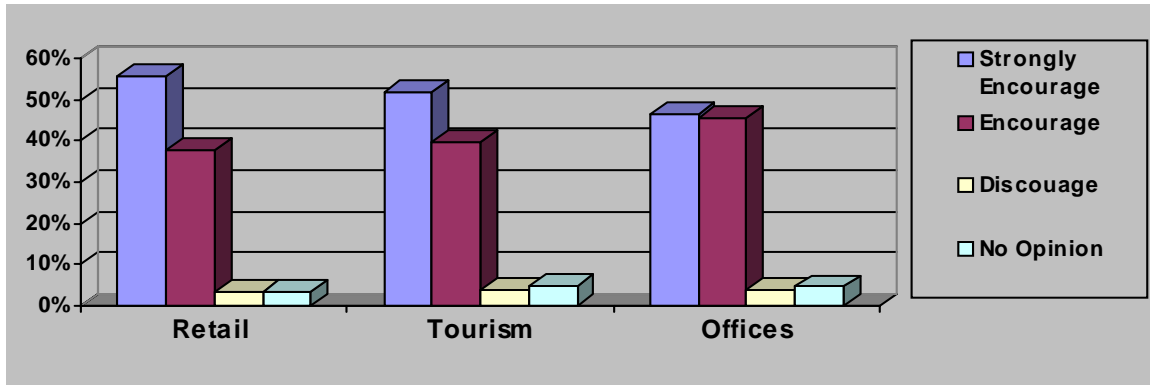
**#8. Percentages of respondents who preferred the following types of residential development.**



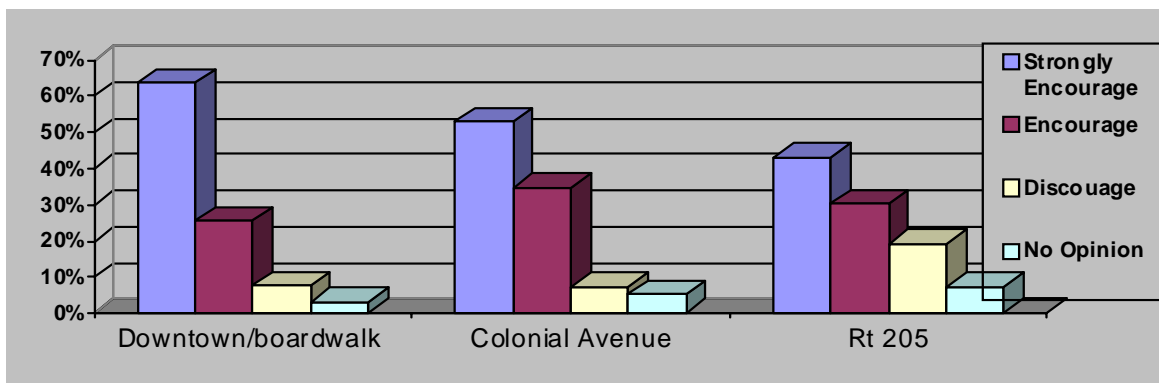
**#9. Availability of rental housing.**



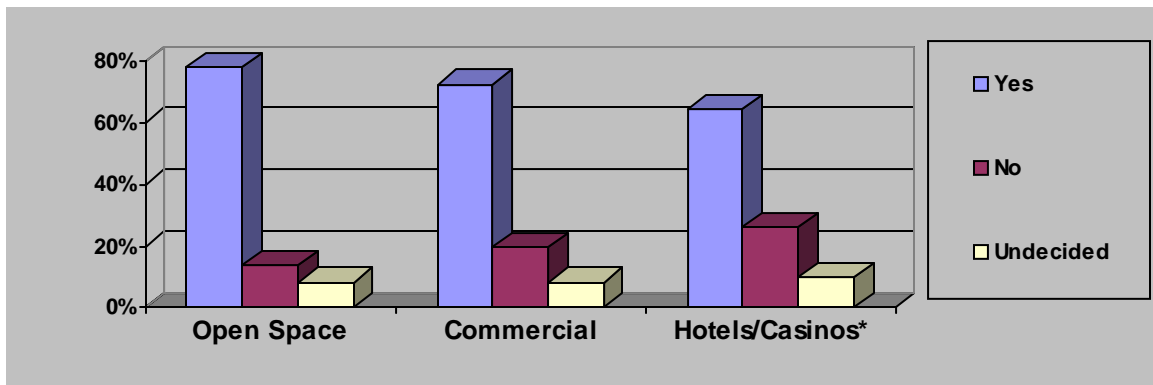
**#10. Percentages of respondents who support the following types of economic development.** (Individual comments included a focus on healthcare services and theater/bowling alley.)



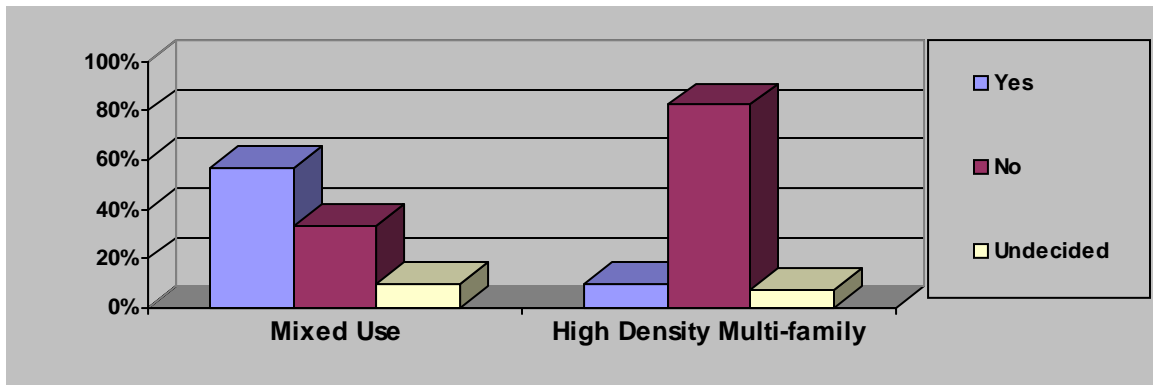
**#11. Where respondents felt that commercial development should be directed.** (Individual comments expressed a desire to focus on the redevelopment of existing areas before developing new areas)



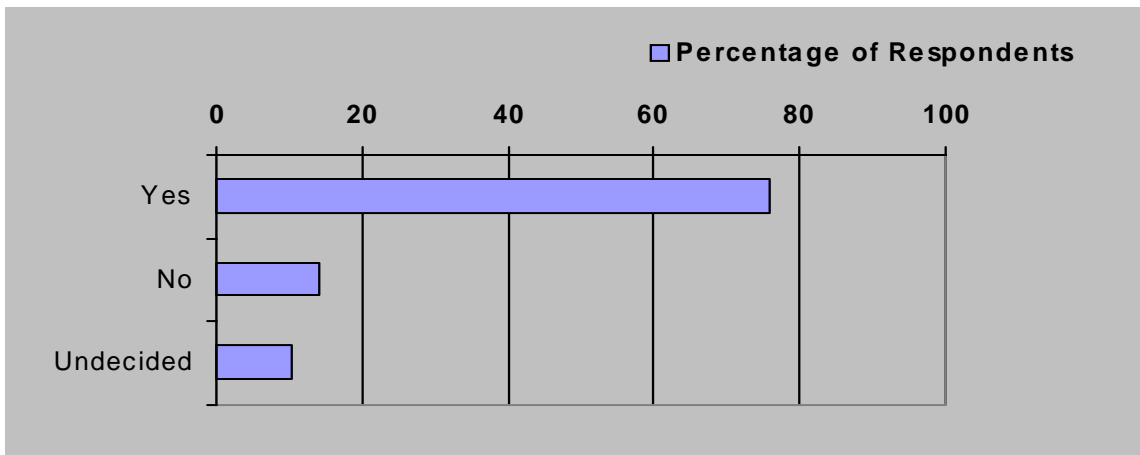
**#12. Percentages of respondents who would support the following uses in the Downtown/Boardwalk area.** (Individual responses included support for recreational uses such as arcade, bowling, theater and putt putt; restaurants; canoe/boat rentals; and specialty retail.)



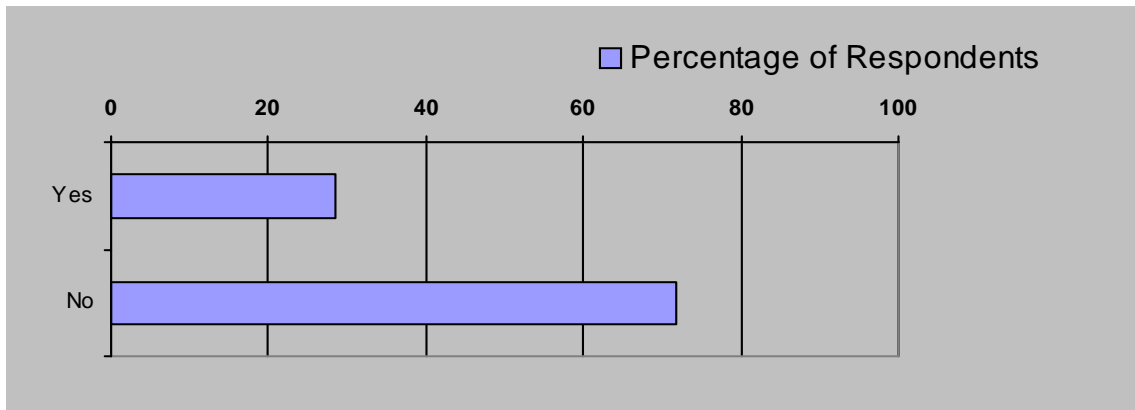
\* There was a distinction drawn between hotels and casinos. Casinos were not as widely accepted as hotels. These two categories would have been better separated.



**#13. Should the town provide additional resources (time, effort, tax incentives and/or money) to attract more businesses.**



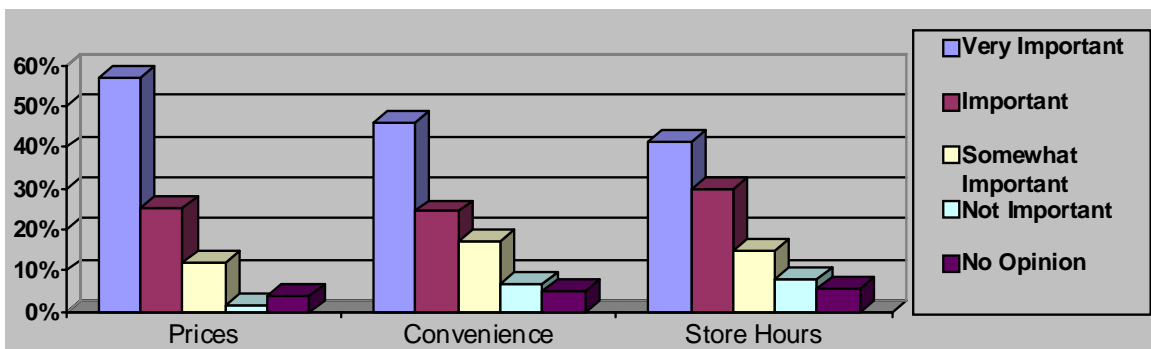
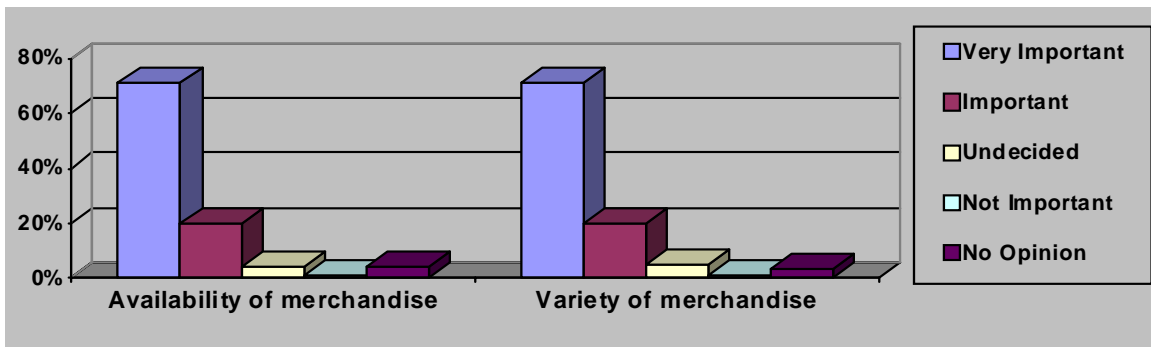
**#14. Percentage of respondents who purchase the majority of their goods and services in Colonial Beach.**



**#15. Listing of main goods and/or services that are purchased outside of Colonial Beach.**

- Food
- health services
- furniture/appliances
- tools/building supplies
- boat supplies
- lawyers
- hair salons
- clothing
- pet supplies
- electronics/computer supplies
- auto repair
- entertainment
- dry cleaners
- household supplies

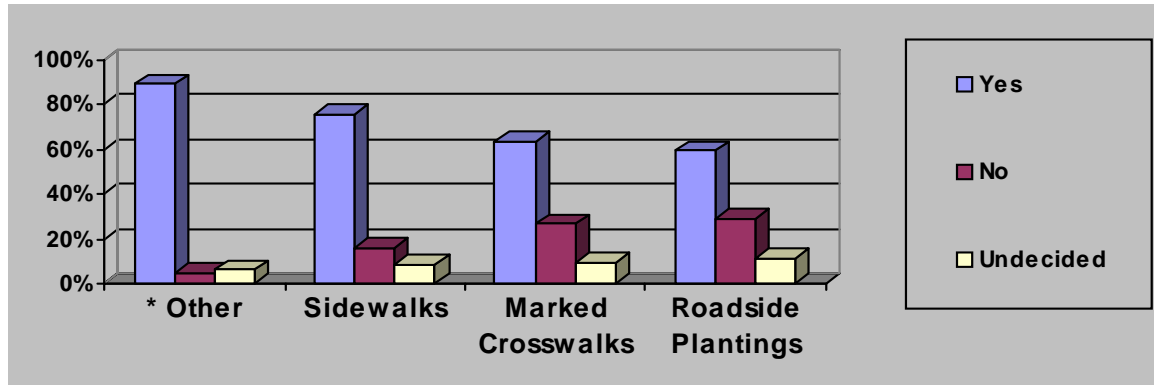
**#16. Primary reasons for shopping in another community for items that are also available in Colonial Beach.** (Individual responses also indicated quality as a deciding factor.)



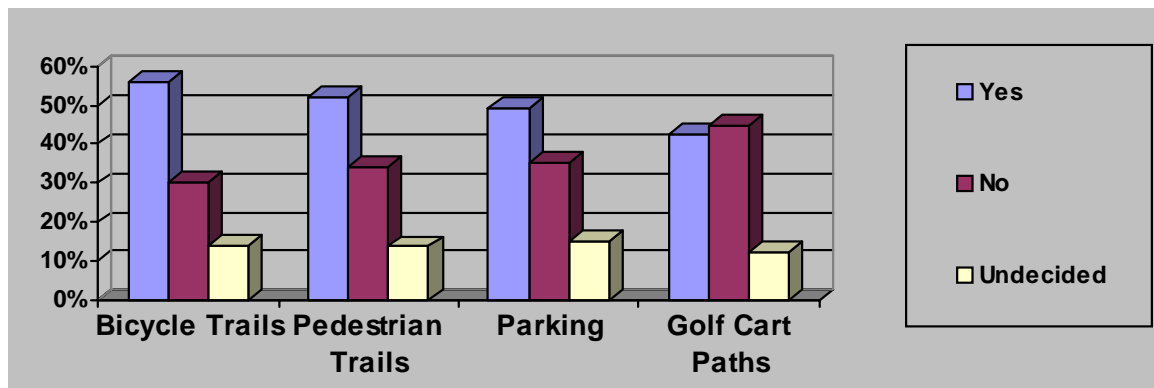


## Transportation and Infrastructure

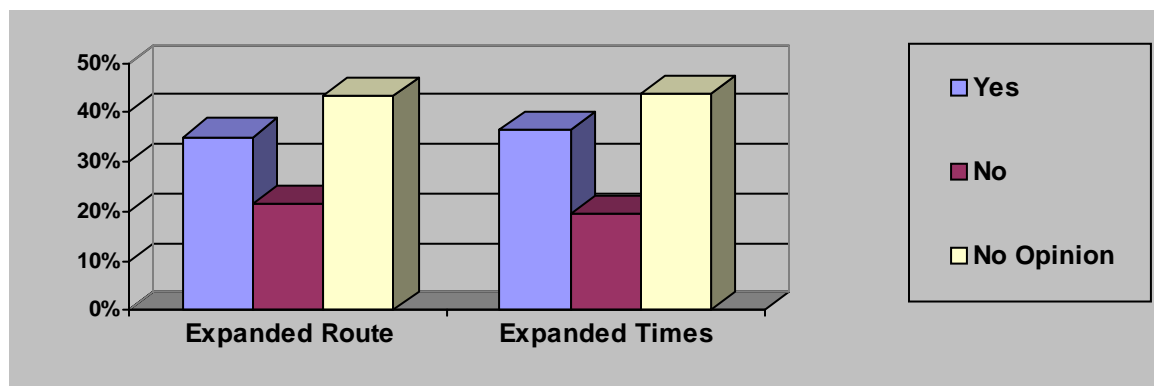
**#17. Percentages of individuals who thought the town should invest tax dollars in the following.**



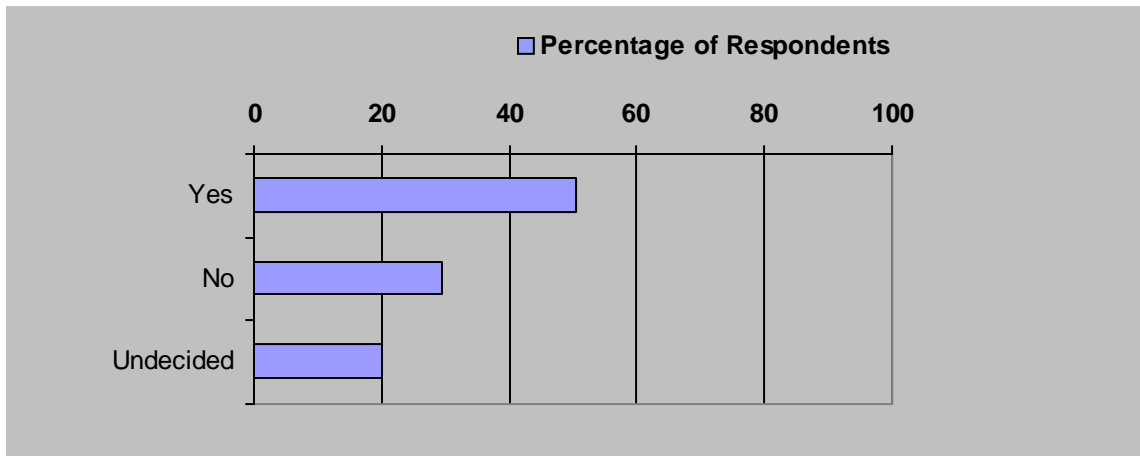
\* Other items listed in individual responses included: trees, roads, beach, beautification, recreation for kids, public boat ramp, and golf cart crossing.



**#18. Respondents' opinions related to the existing transit service.** (Individual responses highlighted a need for more advertisement of the service, many individuals did not know that the service existed.)

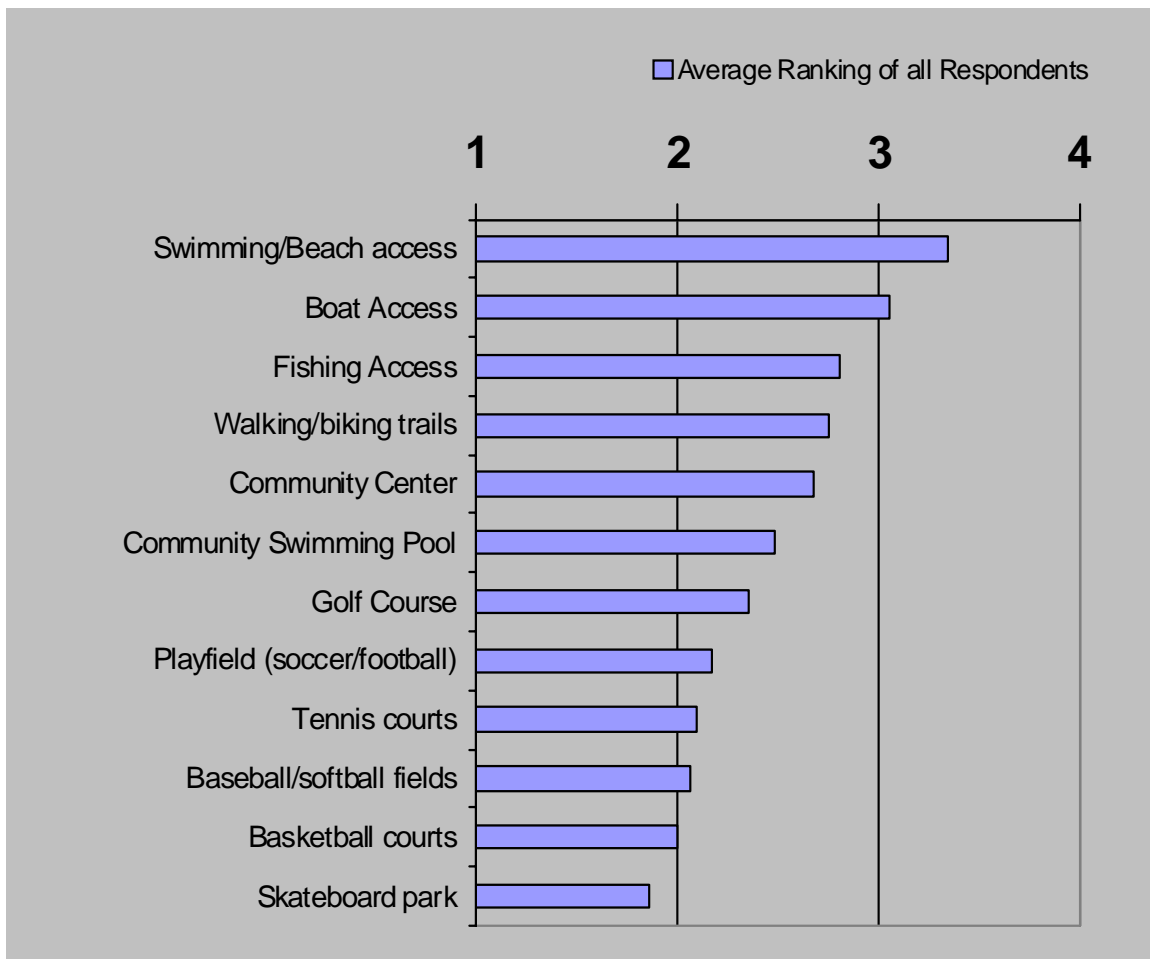


**#19. Respondents' opinion about supporting increases in user fees to fund repair and replacement of existing old and undersized water lines.**

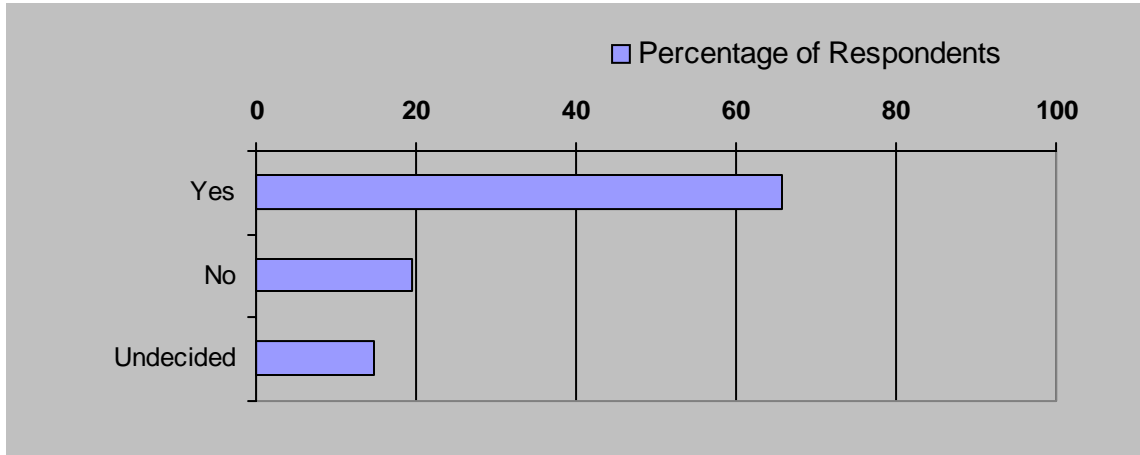


## Recreation

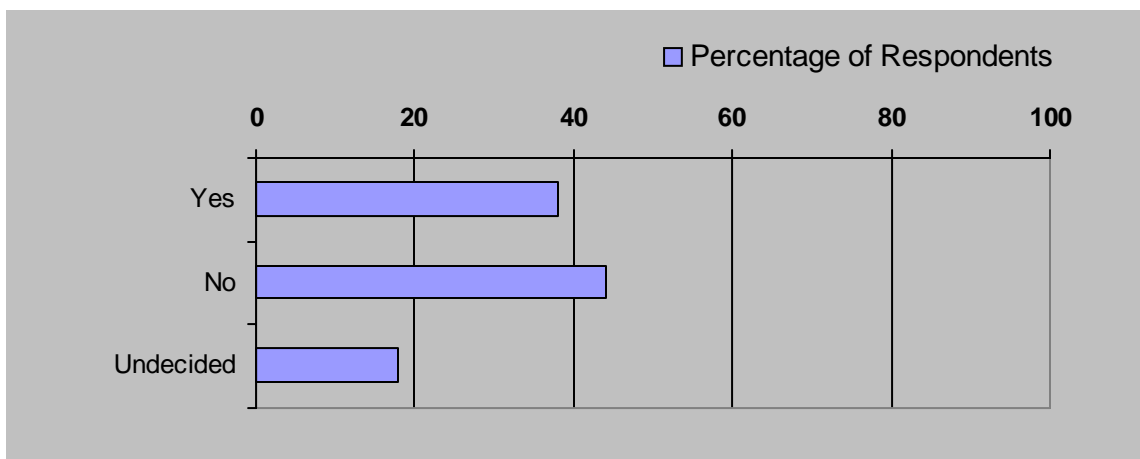
**#20. Respondents' preferences for the types of recreational land/facilities that are important to them. 1=No Opinion, 2=Un-Important, 3=Important, 4=Extremely Important** (Individual responses addressed facilities such as a theater, bowling alley, senior/teen center, pool, arcade/amusement, and fitness center.)



**#21. Does the town need for additional recreational areas or facilities.**

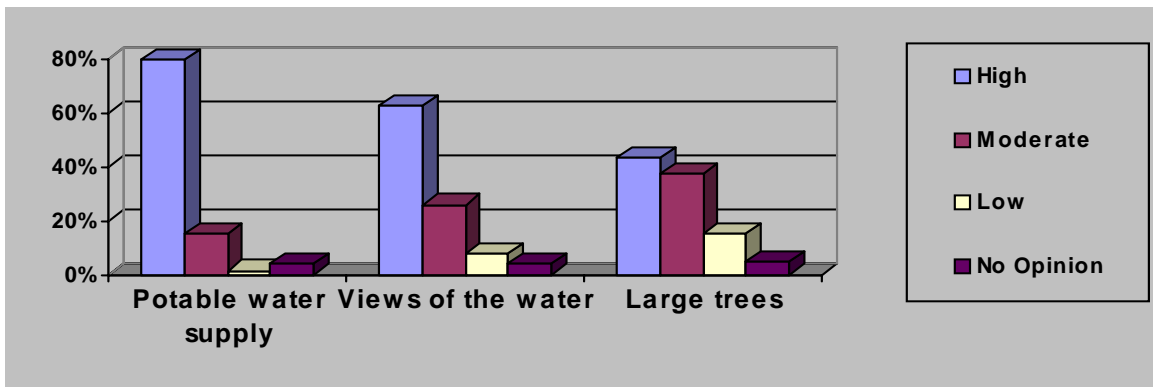
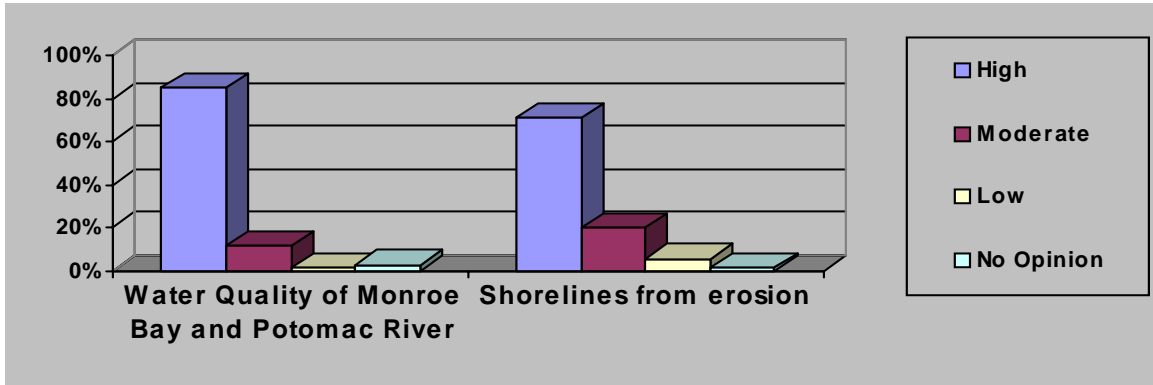


**#22. Would you support an increase in your taxes to provide additional recreational opportunities.**

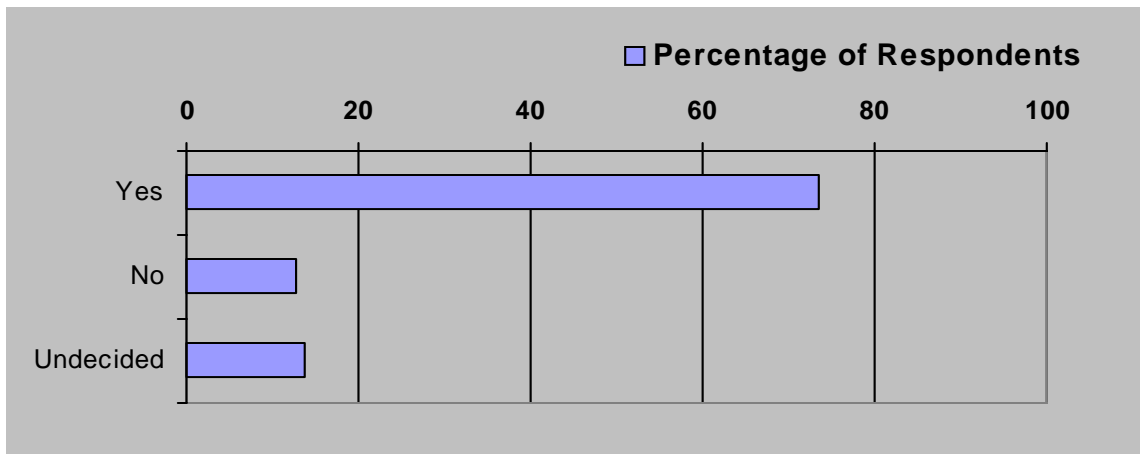


# Natural Resources

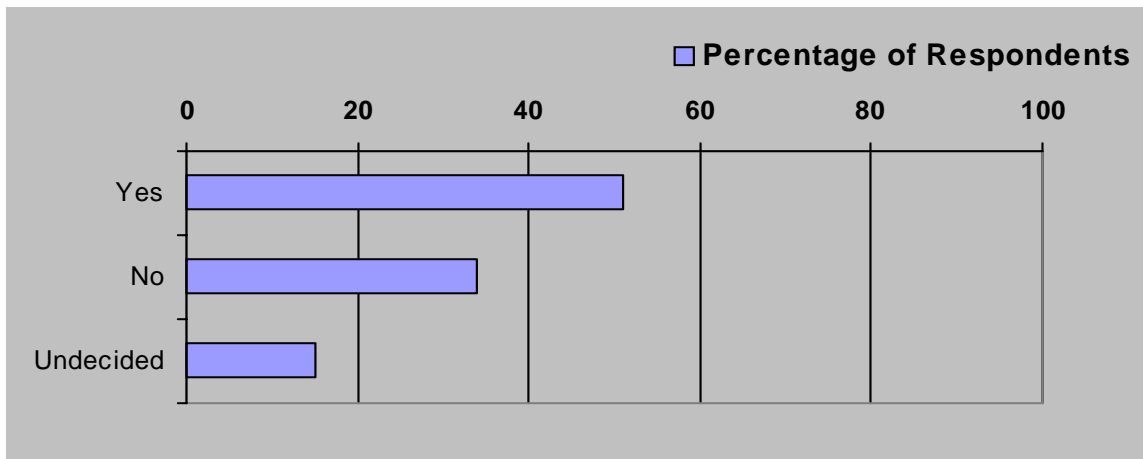
**#23. Respondents rating of the level of protection needed for each of the following resources.** (Individual responses included protection need for historic buildings and both property rights of individuals living along the waterfront and public waterfront access rights.)



**#24. Do you support increased regulations to protect these resources?**

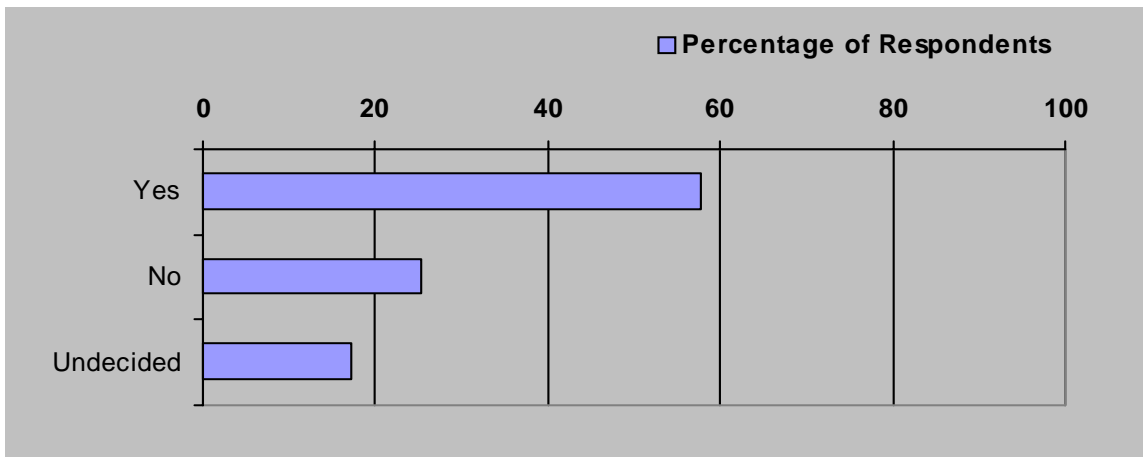


**#25. Should the Potomac River beaches be closed between midnight and dawn?**

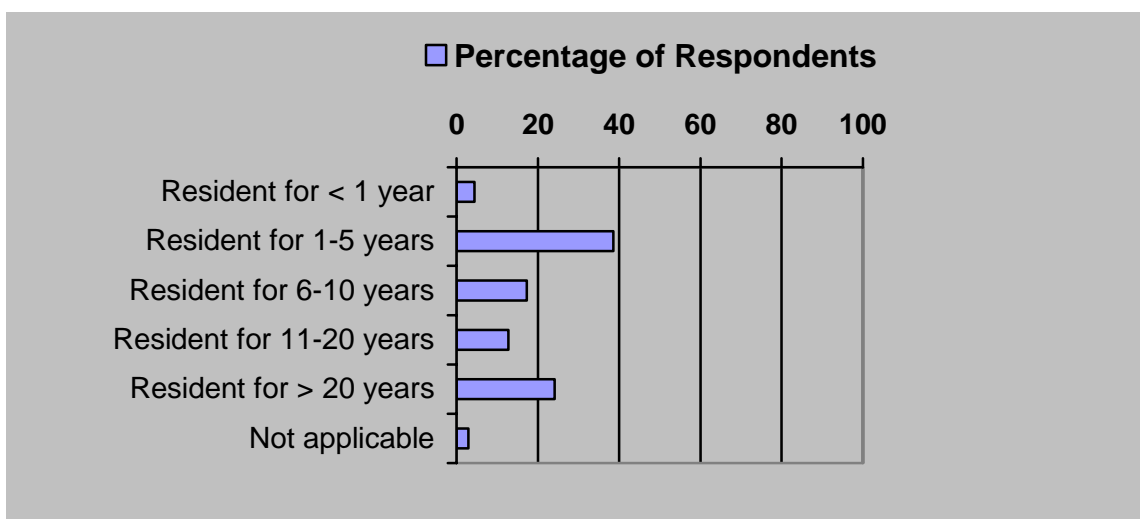
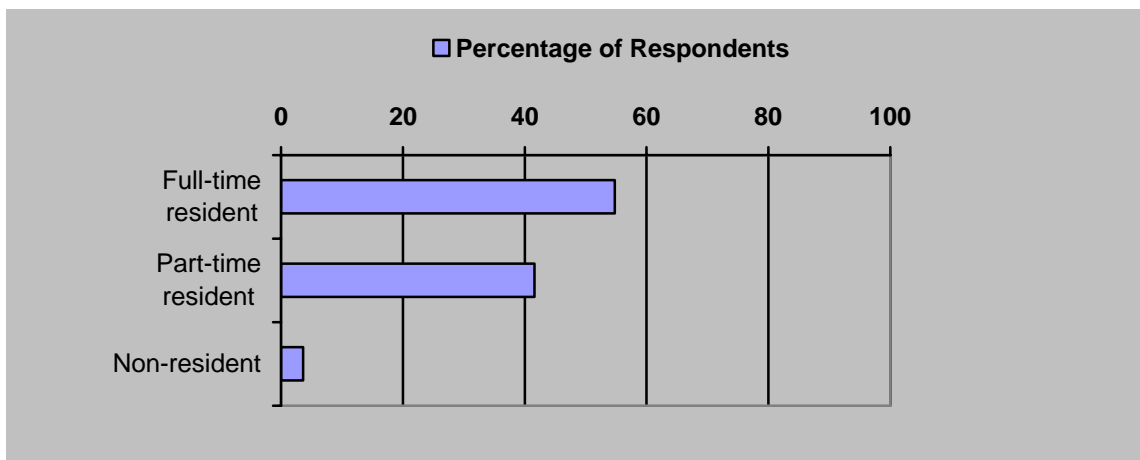
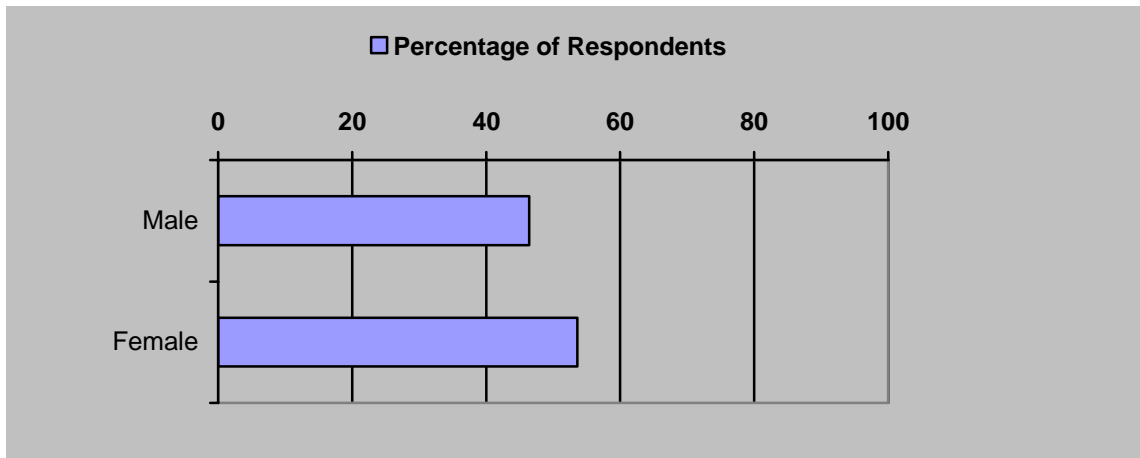


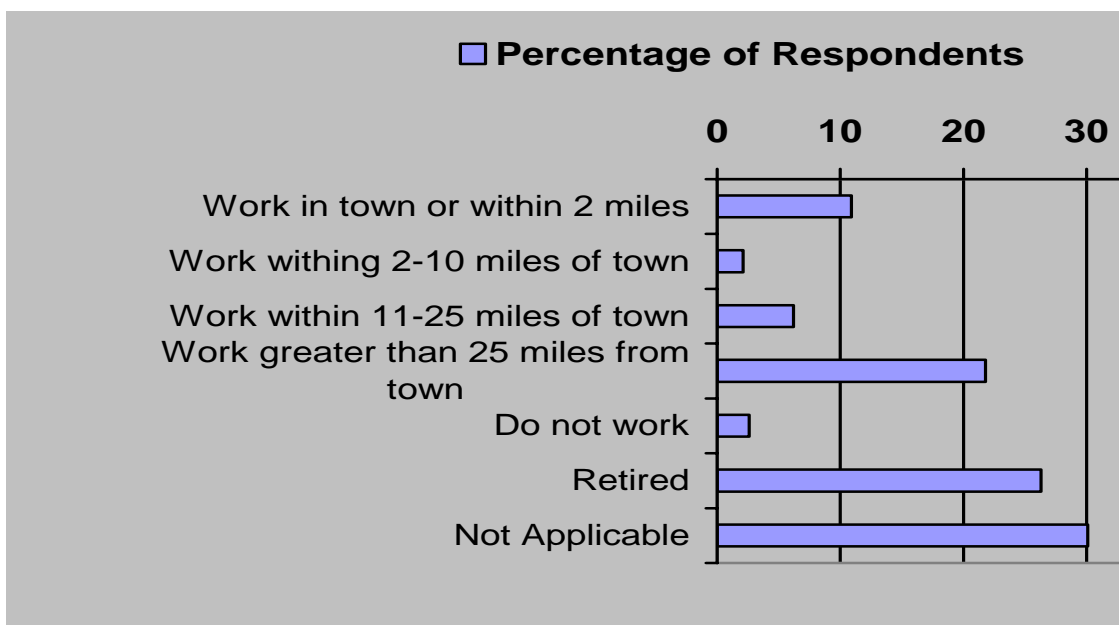
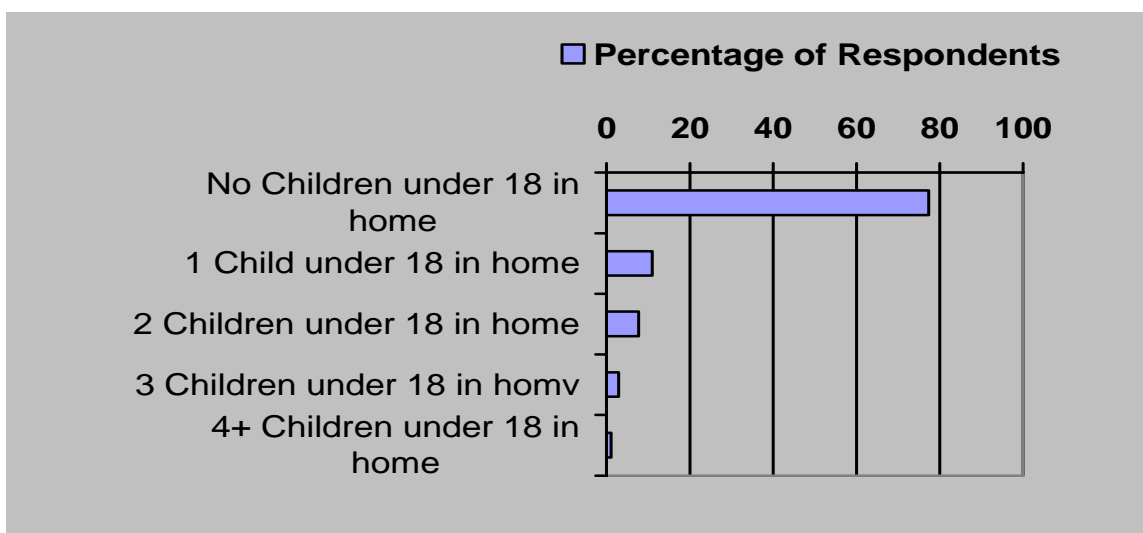
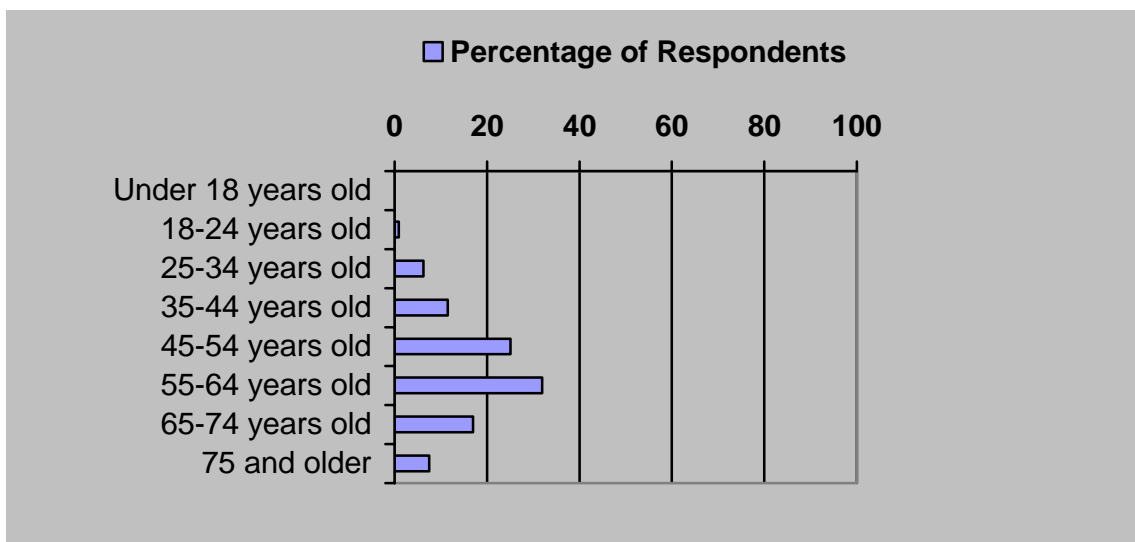
**#26. Should the town create more public restrooms on/near beaches and parks?**

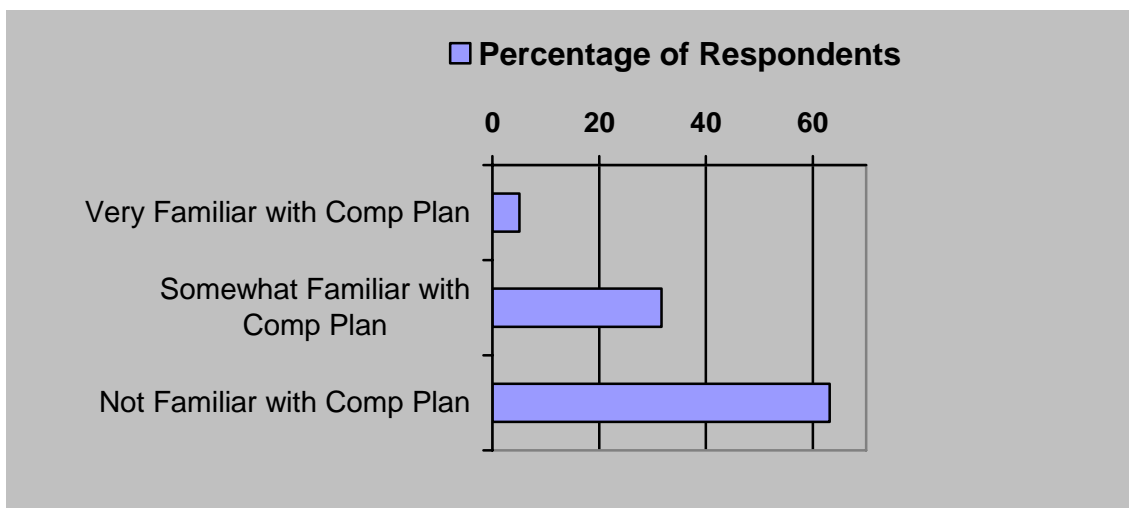
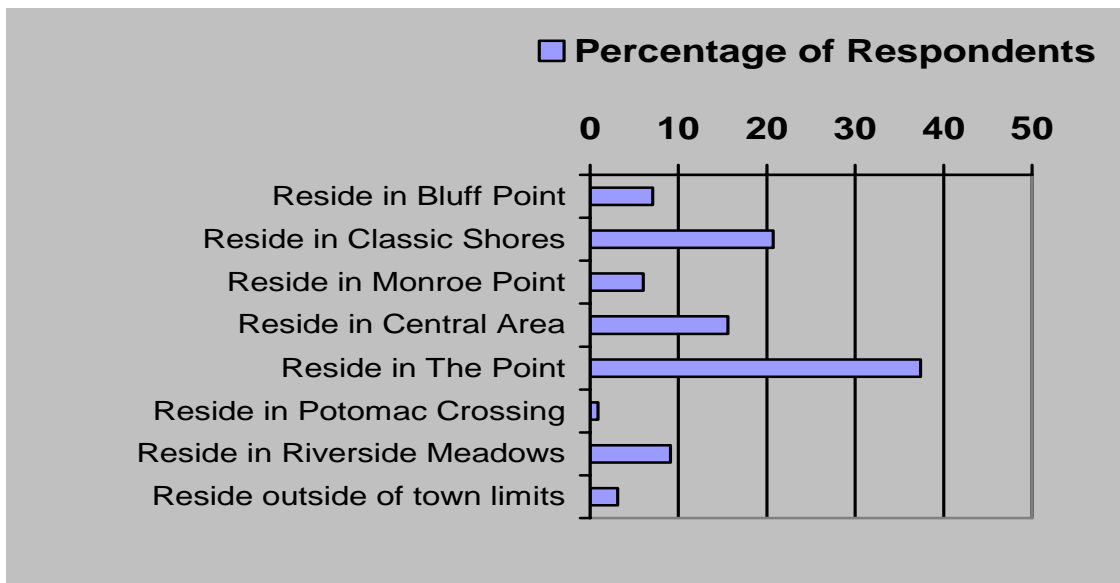
(Individual responses addressed a need to maintain the current restrooms prior to building new ones.)



# Respondent Characteristics







## Other Comments

Additional comments were provided by 203 respondents. Due to the difficulty in summarizing the wide variety of thoughts and the importance of each individual's feelings and ideas, they are included below in their entirety.

1, "I didn't see anywhere in the survey where you wanted to know how we felt about the current (gravel) road conditions. Part of being a nice community that people want to visit is having a nice neat appearance. These gravel roads need to be paved. The older roads need attention also. I love the town, just want it to be the ""beach town"" it could be."

2, "Audit the books and find out where all of our tax dollars are being spent and how many high salaries can be cut."

3, "Should never have moved here in the first place. Past tense though, what can I do to help this town? [REDACTED]"



4,"CB needs to crack down on overnight parking/fishing/camping in Castlewood area. People are taking advantage of no parking fees in this area and are a public nuisance. CB residents can't even use the park area on weekends because of out-of-towners taking it over -- if there was a fee to park, the problem would probably go away."

5,"Our town could indeed be a gem. We need to protect our natural resources. Our shorelines are eroding. Our beaches are littered and many full of weeds. Our roads are in terrible shape. Our police department needs more officers and money. Although we are a ""beach"" town, no officers walk the beach to enforce our laws. It is not the department's fault, but lack of money and therefore, personnel. We need to offer incentives to attract businesses to our town. We need someone to be researching for grants to rebuild our aging infrastructures and other community projects. We need more events in town to attract visitors who will spend money and not come to the beach and spend nothing. Every year the town should have a survey to see how the citizens feel about services, responsiveness to complaints and how well each department is doing their jobs."

6,"We live on Fourth Street and the Riverwood Apartments are disrupting our lives and destroying the surrounding neighborhood. This is the first place where I have had a drive by shooting happen right in front of me. We do not feel safe here. The town needs to work with the new owner and encourage them to put in security measures such as fencing, a key card system, and have 24 hour security guards instead of the current system of guards just a few nights per week. The Police department also needs to have proactive patrols of this area. Right now, they stay away and only come when called. There also needs to be traffic enforcement around Riverwood. There are vehicles speeding into and out of the complex at all hours and never a marked unit in sight.

I hate to be critical, but living in Colonial Beach is very depressing. It is dirty and run down and lacks recreational opportunities. Because of my job, I have had to transfer and have lived in other small towns and must say that C.B. is the worst place I have lived. The high school is terrible and they tolerate violent and disruptive students. Our child has been assaulted in the high school and was threatened with bodily harm in the elementary school. I am going to retire in a few years and am looking forward to moving away from this town."

7,"Town needs to dispose of property they own and put it back on the tax rolls. The boardwalk needs to be developed with small business on the 1st floor and business use on 2nd & 3rd floor. Property at the Lions club should be developed with a community pool. Eleanor Park needs to be closed and developed for Townhouses or SFH."

8,"Question 34. Is the Comprehensive Plan on line?

I am looking forward to what the new elected officials have in store for us. My main concern is the ability to retire here. I would love to stay here but I worry about the future if commercial/retail is not encouraged.

I'm also concerned that drug traffic has gotten too much of a foot hold here. It's very obvious on weekend evenings and I have to wonder, if I can see it, where are the police?

I've lived other places where Neighborhood watch programs were very successful with petty vandalism. Lights on and people watching can make a difference.

I'm hoping much more aggressive law enforcement and resident education is planned to take care of it. Other than that, I do love this town and thank you for this survey."

9,"It would be nice to have the old Dr's office on Colonial Ave made to be a small Emergency Hospital as it is just the right size and has an E-Ray machine there.(It did have the last time I was there a while back. They did not have someone to run it)"

10,"overtaxed already, golf cart stickers and now boating stickers? will be moving my large boat and selling 2 other boats not for monetary purposes don't want my money to pay for employees that don't work ie; town manager , 2 full time salaries for suspended police officers for over a year? Disgusting"

11,"I just am really worried about this town being taken over by out of towners and tourist and becoming crowded and too much like a busy city instead of a peaceful small town , you used to be able to know almost everyone in town by name or at least face not anymore , there are too many weekenders buying up all the houses for there summer / weekend homes leaving not much for locals"

12,"We do not reside in the Town, however, we own a business in CB. We are extremely concerned with proper, guided growth within the town and the aesthetic development of the entry and beach area. Without any business encouragement and development we are worried the Town will continue to stagnate. If taxes cannot be generated from economic development, the residents may not be able to sustain their increased taxes...and with the mandated upgrades to water/sewer, it looks inevitable that residential taxes have to be raised. The only way to offset those fees is to actively pursue proper development--for the success of your residents and business owners."

13,"I think taxes here are too high, especially when we are double taxed for property, and personal items such as cars boats etc., also having to buy town stickers every year, also sewage and water fees are too high \$150.00 every 3 months for retired people over the top, too high."

14,"the Town residents are tired of asking for the same things, over and over again and things are never finalized. It is time that things stop being put on the back burner and get things done! Just do it!

15,"The entrance to the town along Colonial Ave is atrocious! Fix it!"

16,"Actually approve a Comprehensive Plan. It's been revised for the last four years and 'needs' to be changed every time there is a change of even one board member."

17,"the town government needs to open jobs in the public works dept"

18,"All successful organizations exhibit the same qualities. I see the townies as people that would rather fight themselves over small details rather than see a big picture of prosperity and work towards goals that benefit the town. A waterfront trailer park?...this makes no sense. Elect a new mayor then complain about him 2 weeks into his administration and focus on trashing him?...this makes no sense. A skateboard park built on the hopes to make a dozen disgruntled teenagers happy?...this makes no sense the government can't solve their happiness problems. A pier covered in fish guts and populated with foul mouthed people - this does not attract people that can spend money here.

All successful organizations have the same qualities - people that know what they are doing and have the ability to execute a plan of success."

19,"We love Colonial Beach and the small town atmosphere. However, in order

for the town to survive economically, consider attracting more visitors by hosting a real festival...a wine festival (Bayside Wine wants to do this!!) or a music festival at Town Hill."

"keep it small town"

20,"This is a gem of a place. Let's not keep it a secret."

21,"Don't increase laws enforce the laws already in place. Bring the environment to light by utilizing the spaces you have, to but in bike paths with landscaping, golf carts paths boat launches, fishing areas. Show the real beauty of this community and the public will beg to be a part of such an area and the housing market will increase and the town will prosper."

22,"I love living in colonial beach so far!"

23,"I grew up in C.B. in the 50's and 60's. We owned the Diner, and my grandfather had the movies. We also had about 6 stands on the water front including snowballs and games that we worked in the summers. C.B. was a very busy town even after the slot machines were pulled out, although I think if we had them back the beach would take off again. I know a lot of people worry about the type of people it may draw. I think if we have a strong police force we would not have anything to worry about. I now own 2 houses in C.B., 1 in Monroe Point and 1 on Jefferson St. and find myself drown back as I get older. Why can't we build it back? It was a great place to grow up, and had a lot to do."

24,"Please take care of the crime in classic shores before trying to raise fees and hitting residents with more money. Housing is slowing down and people cannot sell their homes due to crime."

25,"I see such incredible potential for Colonial Beach and the ability to bring in both business and tourist traffic. There needs to be a vision, a theme. I see constant allusions to CB being a Victorian Town. This is a wonderful theme that could be reasonably promoted and improved upon here."

26,"Actually PASS a revised comprehensive plan. Planning Commission has been pretending to update long enough. PUT IT IN PRINT"

27,"We love this town and see that it has a great future. It needs a good tax base and before we can support more resident services, we need to address the tax base by attracting a tourism base that will pay and use services and leave tax dollars in the form of sales, occupancy, and restaurant tax in this town. Once we have established this and don't work to attract and encourage people just come for the day to use our resources and bring coolers with all their food and leave their trash...this kind of visitation does nothing to support the future of Colonial Beach."

28,,,"I do not live in Colonial Beach, but I am seriously interested in buying a second home there. I just spent one day during the Labor Day weekend there, and I was completely impressed and see the vision of what it can become with the right leadership and investments to its community. I see Colonial Beach as becoming Virginia's best kept secret, Virginia's hidden Martha's Vineyard. I would love to be a part of that development."

29,,,"There is a tremendous chance for development, and normal improvement at minimal or no cost at all to the town. you don't reward the developers, you charge them, they will make profits if their products are good. this is a way for taxes to be reduced on your existing resident owners. your base will increase for home owners if you work with them."

30,,,"Hold a town meeting once the surveys research is complete."

31,, "I love living next door to my neighbors that have lived here in Colonial Beach for several years and all of their cars, which they drive around in Colonial Beach, still have Maryland and/or D.C. tags on them!!! CAN YOU DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT?!!!!!!"

32,, "I would like to become more familiar with the CB Comprehensive Plan"

33,, "WHILE MY CHILDREN ARE GROWN, MY GRANDCHILDREN VARY IN AGE FROM 6 TO 17.... THERE REALLY ISN'T ANYTHING FOR THEM TO DO WITHOUT MY DRIVING TO FREDERICKSBURG. THE SAME CAN BE SAID FOR SENIORS. I THINK IF THERE WERE A SMALL CINEMA .. NOT A HUGE MULTI PLEX IT WOULD KILL TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE....GIVING ALL A PLACE TO GO AND KIDS A PLACE TO DATE.. THE SAME WITH A 10 LANE BOWLING ALLEY.... MANY OF THE FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS HAVE BOWLING TEAMS AND THEY ARE FORCED TO TRAVEL MORE THAN AN HOUR TO GET TO THE ALLEYS. THAT'S RIDICULOUS. ITS A GREAT PLACE FOR EVERYONE AND IN KEEPING WITH A SMALL TOWN. THERE IS MORE TO LIFE THAN SUCKING ON A BEER AT THE EAGLES, MOOSE, LIONS , VFW, AMERICAN LEGION AND ELKS..... AND NONE OF THOSE ORGANIZATIONS ARE GREAT PLACES FOR KIDS....WE NEED TO BRING THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER. OLD, YOUNG , BLACK AND WHITE. TO DO THAT YOU NEED A MUTUAL GROUND FOR THEM TO MEET. WHEN PEOPLE HAVE MUTUAL INTERESTS THEY DEVELOP UNDERSTANDING AND FRIENDSHIP. IT EVERYONE IS AT A SEPERATE CLUB, HOW DOES THAT HAPPEN?? WHEN WE DO HAVE EVENTS , INVARIABLY THEY ARE IN COMPETITION WITH EACH OTHER OCCURING ON THE SAME DAY. THE ONLY TIME YOU SEE THE TOWN TOGETHER IS ON THE TOWN HILL FOR CHRISTMAS AND HALLOWEEN. COME ON FOLKS.... WE NEED MORE THINGS THAT ENCOURAGE THAT."

34,, "The town zoning officials need to enforce the rules for building new homes. Building permits should not be issued for homes that are too large for the lot. An attempt should be made to preserve existing large trees when building. New eyesore businesses should not be allowed. I was stunned that the town allowed a storage facility to be built on the main entrance to the beach. I can not believe this is in the comprehensive plan. The flop house nature of the motel on Colonial Avenue is disgusting. It is a haven for drug activity. This facility should be closed. We can do better. The town management should stop bending over for developers like the now for sale Potomac Crossing. They do not have the town best interest at heart. The town needs to manage and maintain the existing infrastructure before they can handle more growth. Repair what we have before you finance any new projects."

35,, "Thanks for the opportunity for the input!!"

36, "Colonial Beach is on the edge of what could be a fantastic future. It has to be managed well to keep the natural beauty of the biggest asset as well as maintaining the small town charm but eliminating the run-down feel of neglected buildings and boardwalk area. Regulations to use screening for utilities (Riverboat gas tanks!), use of plantings (such as what is happening on the Point), encouraging businesses with real value to offer along the Boardwalk and in town - Espresso Station, Everything Beachy, Happy Clam, Nancy's and Fat Freda's are the examples - as well as expanding the unique charm of the golf cart community with a trolley and drive in movies at Town Hill, parades,

craft and car shows and the best fireworks in the region."

37,, "Part-time resident who loves CB, and, you are the location we would prefer to live in, once the kids leave home."

38,, "For questions/discussion contact: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

We give Colonial Beach outstanding marks. We spend most weekends in town—year around. We love the community spirit of concerts, parades, events on Town Hill, and community feeds sponsored by different organizations. Christmas, Thanksgiving, and Halloween decorations are great. We like fireworks but wonder if they pay their way. In general we think Colonial Beach is one of the best secrets of the Potomac and sometimes wonder why more folks don't move here instead of paying three and four times the price in other waterfront communities? We think the infrastructure (streets and roads) needs work. Trash collection for yard debris is a pain. This is an example of penny wise and pound foolish policy. Why not just pick up bagged trash instead of making us call it in? There have been some cases of large expenditures that didn't really payoff. The playground on the Point is under utilized, and it was expensive. Given the limited tax base, money should be spent on essentials instead of "nice-to-haves." Especially, large capital projects are a concern. Some recreational aspects, e.g., marinas, golf courses, etc., should probably emphasize private over public funding—although the town can facilitate improved recreational opportunities through private organizations. Suggest keeping youth recreational programs within the schools and churches. Town needs to be wary of too rapid and unsustainable growth that could leave a legacy of costing more to support than generated revenue or that could damage the Town's character. Some of the development during the recent boom years may fit these criteria. New condos and large developments need to be scrutinized to make sure that the long-term affects are positive. Measure twice, cut once! missing the value of its waterman's heritage to some extent. Maybe tourists would like to see more about crabbing, oystering, and boating on the Potomac. The Reedville Fisherman's Museum, seems to draw a steady stream of tourists. We'd like a few more creature comforts—a local bakery would be great! We think the town is All-in-all, Colonial Beach is a wonderful town, and we're pleased with the progress we've seen over the past seven years. Regards."

39,9/6/2008 4:31:00 PM,"Happy to see this survey and looking forward to seeing positive results."

40,9/6/2008 7:40:00 PM,"Great idea to do this survey. Thank you."

41,9/6/2008 9:30:00 PM,"Prior to moving to Colonial Beach I lived in a small town (Indian Head) in Maryland. When I moved here there was 2 grocery stores (A&P and Acme), a small department store, restaurants, a hardware store and many other amenities. All of these establishments are now closed and the stores are all vacant. The down fall of this town was the high volume of low income / welfare community that grew very rapidly. As the volume of low income / welfare families increased, the tax base deteriorated and established tax paying families moved out which exasperated this problem. Due to the loss of the tax base the quality of life deteriorated and the facilities slid down hill to the point that previously provided public services (sewer, water, garbage collection, etc.) was unfunded. In an effort to keep these services going, the town increased its fees / taxes on the people who were working and paying

these fees started moving out and now there is no one left to provide the tax base needed. I have noticed that there appears to be a very large and growing low income / welfare community within Colonial Beach. I would hate to see Colonial Beach being unable to provide the needed services because of the reduced tax base."

42,9/7/2008 2:01:00 AM,"This town has so much potential yet never realizes it! Take a hint from Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. Tourism and charm CAN co-exist!"

43,9/7/2008 11:42:00 AM, "Adjustments to the Comp. Plan should be prohibited/minimized while the Plan's update is progressing. If we completed what is recommended in the current Plan, we would satisfy most of the communities' needs."

44,9/7/2008 7:17:00 PM,"Since beginning employment at NSWC, Dahlgren, VA, in July 2008, I've been asked several times where I live. When I respond that I live in Colonial Beach I always get an unfavorable response. In fact, I've been told that Colonial Beach is the ""ghetto"" of the Northern Neck. I work with individuals who have graduated from Colonial Beach's school system, gone on to college, and come back to the base as a professional and have admitted to me that they are ashamed to say that they graduated from Colonial Beach High School. It seems to me that with the base so close to our Town, that our community should be overrun with military families. These folks would have children in our schools and spend money in our Town. We are a gem on the Potomac River, but we just can't seem to get that through to some citizens and to some members of our local government. Tourism in this town is almost non existent. We've out grown the volunteer staff currently handling this. We need to hire individuals trained in this area to help our town. Our public beach is awesome and yet we just can't seem to figure out how to capitalize on it. The boat ramp on Monroe Bay avenue should be monitored and there should be a fee for using it. Other jurisdictions charge a small fee for ramp usage, why can't Colonial Beach. I don't understand why the Town doesn't charge a small fee to have picnics on Town-owned property. Monroe Bay is an beautiful place to enjoy the water and this year I brought my boat from Maryland to Colonial Beach. With the return of personal property taxes on boats, I will be returning to Maryland where I pay \$20 every two years for a sticker. That means that Colonial Beach will loose out - not me. I buy fuel for my boat at Dockside. My boat hold 225 gallons of gasoline, you do the math - that's revenue Mr. Schick will loose. I need to winterize and store my boat in the off season - that's revenue Mr. Schick will loose. My boat needs general maintenance, that's revenue Mr. Schick will loose. Most boaters are not ""fat cat"" corporations, and after boating on the Chesapeake Bay for 10 years, believe me we don't have million dollar yachts here! Most boaters in Colonial Beach are average folks just like you. We really need a quality hotel in our town. A Marriott or Holiday Inn with meeting/convention capabilities would be excellent. It would provide jobs to our citizens as well as increase the town's tax base. Once again, you have NSWC Dahlgren within 10 miles. Government program managers need to meet with their contractors and they need places to meet. Companies have offsite meetings. Our location is ideal for companies in the Washington Metro area to have offsite meetings and enjoy the water. If we could convince the builder to continue with the golf course & combine it with a good hotel, I don't see how the Town could loose! The houses in Colonial

Beach need to have water meters. The Town has got to be loosing money using the current billing methods. I know it would be an expense to install meters, but I do believe it would be better for the Town in the long run. Colonial Avenue is a disgrace. This road should be the gateway to our town. Instead a newcomer to our Town sees a shabby hotel, an empty shopping center, and the old run down public works building. Not a great way to convince someone to move into our Town.

Change takes time and sometimes is a bit scary, but in order to survive it's a necessity. I am one citizen that's proud to say that I live in Colonial Beach and in spite of all that I've talked about above, I love living here! Thank you for allowing me to express my opinions."

45,9/8/2008 1:56:00 AM,"Please clean up the Potomac River at Colonial Beach so it can be safe for swimming."

46,9/8/2008 4:05:00 AM,"I think we need to bring back the tourists. Right now Virginia residents travel to VA Beach or Ocean City...lets bring em back!"

47,9/9/2008 5:15:00 PM,"Town needs to make use of available resources - use the Town Center for community activities, sponsor more kids' activities on Town Hill and beach area. Improve the Boardwalk area, using funds from sale of Irving Avenue lots. Construct Victorian storefronts on Boardwalk in keeping with the town's early history; rent spaces out to appropriate businesses. Support the local museum, allowing for more cultural opportunities and events. Please fix sidewalks and roads and keep up the good work with regard to personal property improvements. Get rid of eyesores such as house on Boundary Street. (What IS going on with this property? The dumpster always seems empty.) These things are essential for attracting new homeowners and business owners as well as tourists."

48,9/10/2008 3:22:00 PM,"I'm favorably impressed by this effort!"

49,9/10/2008 9:35:00 PM,"Clean up this town!"

50,9/11/2008 2:31:00 AM,"will be glad to learn results of survey and how it is used to form the comprehensive plan and our future"

51,9/11/2008 7:21:00 PM,"I would like to get a copy of the Comprehensive plan. Also, I would like to note that I bought my house as a weekend house. My whole family loves spending time at Colonial Beach, especially the cars shows. I am hoping to retire to Colonial Beach in the next ten years. Thank You for this opportunity."

52,9/11/2008 7:55:00 PM,"next time make it so that a person can go back to the beginning of the survey as i wanted to check my answers again."

53,9/12/2008 2:25:00 PM,"Colonial Beach has been on our potential retirement list for many years. We purchased our property and have restored the home to like new condition. We are very happy to call CB our second home & community. It is very important to us that the community stay focused and that we are considered valuable members of the CB community even though we are looked upon by the locals as "weekenders".

We hope to retire within the next 15 years and that homes in CB continue to be restored, and building of new homes will provide additional revenue and new caring neighbors. Our home on ""The Point"" should serve our needs well into our retirement years. My only concern is the lack of a community recreation center for the local youth. This could be very disturbing to the community environment if we don't keep the youth engaged. We must ensure that the youth are provided with educational and recreational activities that encourage

keeping their community a safe and enjoyable environment to grow up in and to come back to once they discovery their life's calling. CB is a local jewel that needs caring and support by all. The local government must take into account the potential for over development which may remove the small town feel, an important asset to living in CB. While understanding that growth will come to Colonial Beach, much like other local riverside towns who are also experiencing growing pains over population and government service demands. I remind you again, the appeal of Colonial Beach is its small town friendliness and we must consider campaigning that cause. Keeping Colonial Beach clean and beautiful must be a priority for all residents. Please involve all and they will want to live and visit Colonial Beach regularly for years to come."

54,9/12/2008 8:23:00 PM,"I'm not very familiar with the Comprehensive Plan. I have heard some things at Council and Planning C town meetings. I will try to see if it is online. If it is not, it should be!

Thank you for this opportunity. This town has tremendous potential!"

55,9/12/2008 9:45:00 PM,"None"

56,9/13/2008 12:49:00 PM,"I congratulate the council and mayor for having the survey done, It was long over due. I known it was started by the former council and mayor. I an sorry my wife, who has been coming to Colonial Beach, Summers, since her grandparents built the cottage in 1930, and I, who has been coming to Colonial Beach since I was fortunate enough to meet my bride to be, at age 15, will not be present in CB for the citizen forums, as were are in FL ( hurricane county) for the winter. Please do not hesitate to write, E-Mail [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] if we can be of any further help!"

57,9/14/2008 5:19:00 PM,"I am answering this survey for myself and my partner. One of us is retired and the other is working. Settling in CBVA after retirement is still an open decision for us. Positive changes over the next 5 years will be an indication of whether we will invest here further. The questions on tax increases did not leave room for comments. I am in favor increases that result in tangible improvements. Right now, taxes are high and benefits are small. Invest in infrastructure and quality of live. We can support that. Any increase in taxes must be for the purposes of making CBVA what it could and should be."

58,9/15/2008 4:01:00 PM,"Raising taxes would devastate some families in Colonial Beach. We're all just barely holding on to what we have since severe gas prices have affected every single aspect of our lives, from groceries to insurance. That is why we are so insistent about charging fees and giving Westmoreland County the responsibility of taking care of the town schools. We as taxpayers, should not be footing the bill by ourselves for the use of our beach, facilities and wonderful town. Let's use the money we have 'better' and not just give the town a 'facelift' but make sure that everything under the ground works as well.

A few other points:

A community pool is wonderful but if it were to be used by everyone, keep in mind Westmoreland Park. Residents here can't even get close to the pool during the summer because of the influx from DC and other areas. Fees should be particularly high except for Taxpayers.

Anyone who doesn't have a Tax Payer sticker/permit card, bracelet, should be paying to park in all parking lots.



Anyone who doesn't have a Tax Payer sticker/permit card, bracelet, should be paying to use facilities (bathrooms, parks, boat ramp, etc.)

People should be used to charges(particularly parking) as they pay when they go to Disney, Busch Gardens, King's Dominion, and most beach areas.

Our other concern is height of housing/shed/garages. No new building in this area should be taller than 2 stories - it takes away from the charm of our town and crowds the view.

Thank you for giving us the chance to present our views!"

59,9/16/2008 1:39:00 AM,"thanks for listening!"

60,10/6/2008 4:05:00 PM,"A conference center hotel is needed as a year-round economic engine plus a tier structured membership swim/tennis club for all to enjoy."

61,10/7/2008 1:54:00 PM,"Look, this town is mismanaged. Look behind me; the new subdivision is dirt roads. Their drainage problem is now mine. No fix, though promises made. That road is not to the plan specs. It should be 1 way; two cars can't meet and pass. Your inspector was asleep at the wheel there - paid to do a job that obviously wasn't done. Sidewalks? Non-existent, but required. Enforce your current ordinances before you tax us more. The town looks like junk because too many people are in office or working that don't do their job or do it poorly."

62,10/7/2008 2:02:00 PM,"Thank you for making an effort to understand what the residents would like for the town. Hope this helps!"

63,10/7/2008 2:22:00 PM,"More info on results of investigations within local gov't and how tax dollars are being mis-used, instead of rumors - give tax payers the findings.

Building piers on the river is out of control. The riverfront belongs to tax payers - not just people on Irving Ave. Living on Weems and Marshall could one have a private pier?"

64,10/7/2008 2:46:00 PM,"The appeal of Colonial Beach is its historic small town nature. We need to repair our existing infrastructure. We don't need to make it look like every other cookie cutter community. Limit growth the town has done a poor job taking care of the infrastructure at its current size."

65,10/7/2008 3:07:00 PM,"This little town has a lot of potential. It's being held back by those of you who are in official positions of the town government. This is the 21st century if we want to be a thriving community, we must be willing to make the important changes to make sure we are not left behind in today's society. The key is the waterfront, it must be, has to be improved!"

66,10/7/2008 3:39:00 PM,"I have high hopes for our town. I have lived here my whole life and can not imagine living anywhere else. All of my friends and most of my family are here as well. I am open for growth and change in the sense that we can stay ""Colonial Beach"" just cleaner and better with more opportunity. As well as bringing out the beauty that is already here."

67,10/7/2008 3:49:00 PM,"Bringing back boat tax is not good for C.B. No more fees taxes - we can't afford in this economy."

68,10/7/2008 4:08:00 PM,"Would like to see our mayor and town council more responsive to citizen input. Would also like to see a better communication system in place for letting citizens know about meetings and other activities. Website calendar should show all events not just the two meetings it presently shows. If CB is going to charge double taxes, use some of them to keep tax

payers informed. PowerPoint at the Council Meetings. Post proposed new amendments on website so we will have read them in their entirety before meeting!"

69,10/7/2008 4:36:00 PM,"School should be used by whole town as it was originally built for. Police should be more tolerant of teens and boardwalk should be special for teen activities such as skate boarding - bike riding and gathering when possible. Town Government should be more open to public access and opinion and not closed door activities and meeting. new business should be encouraged, not discouraged from opening here."

70,10/7/2008 4:54:00 PM,"Rocks a jetty need to be placed in front of the residential, as in front of the residential section of the south end, to stop beach erosion of the beaches and flooding of the streets ""Maryland and Virginia Ave"" on the northern. Homes on both streets, especially Virginia Ave, are in jeopardy during high waters. Something needs to be done to help protect them. Preferably a rock jetty."

71,10/7/2008 5:14:00 PM,"I would like to see CB develop its waterfront economic tax base by becoming a waterfront playground. The development is not focused on new an inavateue (?) ideas it is still the old ""been there"" mentality. Appoint a focus group to travel other areas like CB and report back in 12 months."

72,10/7/2008 5:42:00 PM,"I really believe there should be an everyday buffet restaurant like Chinese buffet and American buffet. More stores wal-mart or something, movie theater, and I'm sure a lot of the older folks who can't get to Fredericksburg to shop or eat. More lighting on the back roads and other roads fix all those roads going around the point and roads around town a lot. Police officers who try to work with the young children and help them instead of just wanting to get them put away and a lot more other things like fixing the boardwalk like it use to be with rides year round arcades, games"

73,10/7/2008 5:50:00 PM,"If the schools joined the county, we could save money. and put it to other things. Senior citizens living in this town has a hard time."

74,10/7/2008 6:04:00 PM,"Would like the town to embrace ""tourism"" and have reasonably priced summer cottages for families to rent on weekly basis. With gas cost, we could tap the D.C/Richmond market. Families buy groceries and services. Like or not ""come here"" are economic base. Let's attract and support this economic opportunity. Encourage conservation - use of water (pools, lawn sprinkler) - provide more recycling, include cardboard."

75,10/7/2008 6:31:00 PM,"Colonial Beach offers the small town character that may be compromised to invite development and services. However, a ""one stop town"" that has a sufficient tax base with the right amount of tourism and services would be utopian-and utilitarian."

76,10/7/2008 6:40:00 PM,"Keep us a small town not over crowded."

77,10/7/2008 6:57:00 PM,"Suggest that the towns maintenance personnel remove the leaves and brush from the towns drainage ditches in the fall, instead of leaving it up to the property owners to clearthe ditches around their property. Also, suggest the senior citizens in the town get a special discount on their water and sewer bills, if the proposed raise in prices is approved."

78,10/7/2008 9:07:00 PM,"Colonial Beach has been doing a very good job of improving the boardwalk area. It is attractive, the beaches are clean, etc. However, Colonial Beach continues to totally ignore the end of the Boardwalk -

between American Legion to the large stone house. The boardwalk is damaged, the shoreline is not protected and disappearing, the boardwalk is not cleaned after heavy storms, etc. Although the residents in that area pay taxes like everyone else, we are dearly forgotten of that area. Please include us! Also, tourists walk all the way to our end and clearly notice the lack of basic maintenance."

79,10/7/2008 9:50:00 PM,"Not every home owner received a survey!!

Why/How come?? :-("

80,10/7/2008 10:25:00 PM,"We've seen progress in our 5 years here, as a part-time resident, I'd like more say in things. I pay the same taxes and keep my house in great shape, yet feel left out of decisions. C.B has a natural strength - focus on middle class tourism. No more casino style stuff. But avoid trying upscale: it won't work."

81,10/7/2008 10:55:00 PM,"We will gladly pay more taxes to improve our town!"

82,10/7/2008 11:16:00 PM,"would like all streets paved in Riverside Meadows"

83,10/7/2008 11:38:00 PM,"You need leaders to help motivate people to improve the town. Improvements foster pride, which fosters care, which fosters high standards and beautification, which foster desire to live in and visit in Colonial Beach, which foster investment and quality development, which foster more resources to enhance our schools, health services and future. Or - do nothing, argue, criticize, and drive people away -- especially our youth. Colonial Beach ought to have one of the very best school programs in the country; for one example."

84,10/7/2008 11:50:00 PM,"This has always been a town that people cared for each other- were friendly and neighborly- it has changed with the influx of new building-many of our new neighbors have no respect for the town or it's citizens - or tehmselves, for that matter - it's a shame - it's also a shame that the town did not collect money from the builders for building and paving new streets for the new homes, and repair of the existing streets torn apart by 3 years of heavy equipment rumbling past our homes. Please work on our streets before the next wave of building."

85,10/8/2008 12:42:00 AM,"The work that has been done the boardwalk is excellent and nice looking. Would like to see all deplal (?) dated property fix up. Have a place for seniors to meet and enjoy one another. More meidcal facilities."

86,10/8/2008 1:08:00 AM,"-where is the help from WEstmoreland County?

Can't they kick more money-wise? they get our taxes - what is it used for?

-The cops have improved their presence in town greatly. Good job! and Thank you!

-And get our school districk improved! Hold teachers and parents accountable! Get a top-notch honest superintendent."

87,10/8/2008 1:24:00 AM,"I love this town."

88,10/8/2008 1:33:00 AM,"-continue public trash pickup at beach - good job now

- A new boat ramp on Monroe Bay at town's old maintenance facility on Colonial Ave

-pickup recycling at homes"

89,10/8/2008 1:51:00 AM,"It seems crazy to me to build a new \$\$\$\$ town complex when there is so much vacant space in town - fill this space with town

services and turn the other into a park. This will make the town look less depressed and attract more business. Also, why on earth do we need another boat ramp at the creek, further fouling the waters and adding congestion to Colonial Ave. Just clean up the one we have and better control the congestion down there through better enforcement of existing regulations spend that money on the boardwalk area instead. Get the young families in. We need kiddie rides, beach food, mini golf and a "historic" beach motif for all."

90,10/8/2008 2:12:00 AM,"Add a retired ship to boardwalk area as an attraction. A battleship may be too ambitious; but, some type of retired warship as an attraction."

91,10/8/2008 2:20:00 AM,"The overall purpose of the comprehensive plan should be to provide a beautiful oasis of homes and open space and to keep the small town feeling. Parking lots, large condos, and big commercial areas near the water should be discouraged and anything that hurts the single housing stock of Colonial Beach should be stopped. A good school system is also very important."

92,10/8/2008 2:30:00 AM,"-I think a fee should be charged to non-residents using the beach. Tags can be given annually to residents who will be required to wear them at the beach. Those without a tag will be charged a minor fee. -Paved roads and better emphasis on the town schools. C.B isn't going to attract young, middle-class professionals (which generate good tax base for town) without these 2 issues being addressed. People do NOT want to send students to Westmoreland County

93,10/8/2008 2:36:00 AM,"Where do you find information of the plan?"

94,10/8/2008 2:50:00 AM,"Colonial Beach has little to offer but POTENTIAL. This place could become an upscale waterfront community. Colonial Ave is an eyesore. Eliminate the trailers and broken down house. Surely, many are in such deplorable condition they should be condemned. Get rid of public housing."

95,10/8/2008 3:10:00 AM,"Because Colonial Beach has a group of artists, I would like to propose a fundraiser where by the artists design new street signs. People could vote for their favorite design. Then the winning sign could be placed replicated and at intersections so the road signs look nice. Also, trees and plants should line the road coming into Colonial Beach. Small businesses on the main road coming in should be moved to the shopping center near the hardware store. The wine shop, real estate buildings, dry cleaner. Remove those buildings and plant to create beauty."

96,10/8/2008 3:22:00 AM,"Why does Colonial Beach have to have its own school system when it takes such a drain from the tax income? This money could be used for town improvements. Why does Colonial Beach fail to use grant money? For example - Beach sand??"

97,10/8/2008 3:33:00 AM,"There are special interest groups/individuals that appear to control or hinder any advances or improvements in Colonial Beach. The school system is the largest expense to the town - yet has little oversight or control but by a few. Taxes between town and Westmoreland County are very high - What benefits do we get from Westmoreland?"

98,10/8/2008 4:10:00 AM,"Since we pay \$50 a month for water and trash pickup and are only there every other week, I would like to see metered water meters and trash service billed separately. We are getting ripped off since we don't use the water much and don't get our trash picked up."

99,10/8/2008 4:15:00 AM,"Fixed income people have concerns about tax and fees for water and sewer increases. Mentioned recreational facilities should be funded by users not retirees. Fireworks should be displayed on July 4th - other times seems extra expense that could be used for road repair or other improvement needed."

100,10/8/2008 4:27:00 AM,"Would like to see golf course built."

101,10/8/2008 4:44:00 AM,"My opinion, we should remain a small town."

102,10/8/2008 1:14:00 PM,"Before spending money on outside resources, how about giving public works funding to clean out our ditches. In two years of cleaning out ""mess"" on 4th St, I have used approx. 40 huge bags and \$2k to a chiropractor for the results."

103,10/8/2008 1:40:00 PM,"1. Against charging higher water/sewer rates to replace lines. This is something the town should have been budgeting for these rates on a regular basis should be charge in relationship to useage and not a flate rate. Why should part time residents have to pay the same rate as full-time residents? That is an antique way of running a town!

2. Pot holes need to be repaired immediately and not left for a long period of time to cause further damage.

3. There should be a regularly scheduled pick up of yard material. If we try to help (?) property nice looking, even if we are part time residents, why can't the town help all residents out by helping also. Have seen yard material sit behind homes for as much as a month! Can't your people see it sitting there? Maybe we should take up a collection to buy them eye glasses!"

104,10/8/2008 2:09:00 PM,"This thing about having nice homes on unpaved streets is down right silly. the town is shooting itself in the foot over this. I met one person who said she moved after giving up on paved streets. Nice, stable income level person. This is such a basic need, even macadam roads would be OK. It is silly to worry so much about what business to attract while not concerning oneself about who will use the businesses. The area with unpaved roads is one of the nicest areas of Colonial Beach. What a shame to jeopardize the value of this area. Need to increase tax base residential and/or commercial to reach a minimum of good water lines and paved roads. Our water is fine, so I am not biased - good water and paved roads everyone needs."

105,10/8/2008 2:19:00 PM,"The trick words ""development"" and ""progress"" and ""growth"" really mean crime increase, bad drugs, water and unsafe neighborhoods."

106,10/8/2008 2:31:00 PM,"Thank you for putting together/sending out this survey. Although, we are part-time residents, we value our home in C.B and want to see C.B continue to improve upon itself."

107,10/8/2008 3:02:00 PM,"Thank you for trying to make positive changes to the area. I believe Colonial Beach can be a successful beautiful and attractive town for residents and tourists if the decision-makers make smart choices for the future."

108,10/8/2008 4:44:00 PM,"We received several of these but completed one. Here are more comments we thought of:

- Marinas in Colonial Beach have spent millions - what has Colonial Beach done to help the marinas fill their slips? Tourism has pulled out of doing many boat shows. Why doesn't the town work with the Potomac River Yachting Assoc (most individual yacht

- Have boy scout and girl scout leaders come to schools to get children involved that otherwise wouldn't know about it.

- Bring back the neighborhood watch program."

109,10/8/2008 4:46:00 PM,"Hello - I'm a visitor from Solomons, Md and I think your town is lovely - one main concern are the sidewalks. Improvement on these would only enhance the tourist experience."

110,10/8/2008 5:04:00 PM,"It is my opinion that CB is missing an incredible opportunity to bring in both business and new residents by enhancing and extolling the natural resources of our town. There is more to commerce than slot machines! Picture this: a town offering nature tours by kayaks and canoes led by local folks who know the area; art galleries and artist studios offering classes, seminars, tours and sales; bike rentals and trails with one way streets having marked lanes for motorized and self-propelled vehicles; a community center with game tables and classes for kids, outdoor basketball courts, fitness trails and a skateboard venue; businesses and organizations researching pollution and energy solutions. The environment is now a business and we, by offering tax and rent/building incentives, could bring it to our town and increase our tax base.

How to pay for it? Hire a knowledgeable person to learn how Repub. VP nominee Palin got all those earmarks for her little Alaska town, procure grants and go after one solid business to move here... others may follow ("Build it and they will come.") BUT we must offer accessible health care, good schools and convenient goods and services to attract any business.

How to do it? Require the mayor, council members, police, public works and all town employees to complete simple courses in how to work together for the common good, how to develop projects and focus energies toward completion of them, and how to motivate citizens to get on board with positive, constructive ideas and effort. Use the expertise of citizens who have worked in these areas to help. there are a lot of untapped resources in our community of retirees!"

111,10/8/2008 7:30:00 PM,"As soon as you across the bridge from Potomac Beach you should have the feeling that you are entering something special, you don't! You pass abandoned buildings, industrial properties and you have no idea that there could be this charming town of CB 205 and Colonial Ave have no dream. What a shame and lost opportunity!"

112,10/8/2008 7:42:00 PM,"- Serious consideration to eliminating independent school system. This would provide funds to improve the town as a whole, including the gen infrastructure. Colonial Beach could be a "polished" gem with those funds.

- Charge a \$10 fee to park at Castlewood and the boat ramp - stop giving things for free and then charging residents for what out-of-towners use.

-Castlewood Drive is just a thin strip of land. Will the next hurricane surge wash it away and leave dockside and CBYC as an island. Walk out on D-dock at Colonial Beach Yacht Center and look at shoreline. Many spots are bare. Maybe this should be a "

-Use the town's website to make sure correct info is conveyed instead of residents reading misinformation in newspapers. Ask David Lawton, computer guru and 9th grader to make town website more user friendly and up-to-date. Offer him free advertising on

113,10/8/2008 8:01:00 PM,"The former council and town people orig. has been try to make town like Ocean City. Everything for the tourist to help our local businesses, for what!? To lower our taxes??? Too many grants and throwing our money away??? School supt - salary too high for 2 schools - don't need change law. Try to help residents by lower taxes fix sidewalks and streets, keep water system flowing. Co. taxes too high for what we get from them, since taking over the school. Our assessments are too high - getting out of hand for retired people."

114,10/8/2008 8:10:00 PM,"1. Remove 3/4 of landscape at corner of Colonial Ave and Washington Ave - it's an eyesore and not being weeded or cared for - transplant shrubs and trees to other areas.

2. Town should fund expense of caring for areas on boardwalk and Irving Ave. Pick up trash on weekends in these areas and install additional trash receptors"

115,10/8/2008 8:40:00 PM,"Dear Sirs and Madams,

My wife Amy and I moved to Colonial Beach a year and a half ago from Stafford County. We feel like we have found paradise in this friendly and beautiful town by the water. We are full-time residents in Monroe Point. We also appreciate the opportunity to share our perspectives as enthusiastic new residents of Colonial Beach.

We are very pleased with what we perceive is the direction in which the town is moving. We think Colonial Beach is a town with a great and exciting future. It is said that geography is destiny. With the Beach surrounded by the Potomac and Monroe Bay and given its proximity to both the Washington and Richmond metro areas, it is inevitable that the town will continue to grow. We suspect that Colonial Beach includes some of the most affordable waterfront on the Eastern Seaboard of the United State. This provides exciting opportunities or the town. But if not carefully planned and controlled, the Beach could easily lose the charm that makes it so special. It is not too early to think about protecting open spaces and water views. It is wonderful when homes in disrepair are removed and replaced by beautiful new houses. However, what a shame it would be if many of the quaint and charming cottages in good repair were torn down to make way for endless ""McMansion."" It may sound crazy to think of architectural standards in small town that badly wants to encourage economic development but that is exactly how towns ranging from Key West, FL to Rehoboth, DE have maintained and developed their uniqueness. Now is the time to start such conversation, rather than wait until people are panicked by rampant change. In other words, take actions to protect what is best about the Beach!

A second thought is simply to support the moves of leadership to develop and improve Colonial Ave. as the commercial gateway into town. The best example that we can think of is the wonderful transformation of downtown Kilmarnock, VA. Know that appearances mean a great deal to tourists and potential new residents. We further want to support the efforts we see to be aggressive to controlling blight and fighting crime.

Finally, we would like to share a thought in a more selfish vein. We are enthusiastic about the town. We try to do most of our shopping in town. We eat out in town at least twice a week. We keep our boat moored at a marina in town. As citizens of Colonial Beach we want to have a golf cart!! It is our understanding that it is currently impossible to legally take a gold cart from

Monroe Point to the rest of town. There are currently about forty homes in Monroe Point with at least a dozen full-time families of which we are aware. That represents considerable tax revenue for the town. Surely, there is a way to give us legal access. I see no reason why Elkin St. could not easily be connect to Monroe Point for golf carts and bicycles only. I am confident that the Monroe Point HOA would be willing to pay any expenses involved. We would be happy to discuss this or any alternatives with any Town official. Please contact us. Again, we love Colonial Beach Thank you for taking the time to read our opinions.

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116,10/8/2008 10:11:00 PM,"Only 1 town mgr understood water/sewer and town needs and that was for 2001 - 2004 only when he was run off. Suggest hire someone who knows water sewer and P.W job."

117,10/8/2008 10:22:00 PM,"Branding - reuse the old familiar names on new boardwalk businesses. ""Joyland"", ""Rocks"", ""New Atlantic"". Rebuild the facades of the old buildings on the boardwalk with new businesses behind them. Tear down the Days Inn. Rebuild a decent hotel. Land lease the boardwalk - do not sell! Miniature golf on the trailer park site. Community Center on the Lions Club site. One way on Irving Ave and Monroe Bay. 1 lane for cars and 1 lane for golf carts."

118,10/9/2008 1:56:00 PM,"There should be no increases in water fees until billing irregularities are addressed and until all residences are metered for usage. An increase now is particularly unfair to retirees, single individuals and part-time residents who use considerably less water than the average full-time resident family"

119,10/9/2008 2:38:00 PM,"We like the small town atmosphere, the church bells, friendly people at stores and as neighbors. We like the events. It could be so much prettier if business and residents added flowers and old houses and yards were fixed up and non residents were forced to fix up or raze (?) unoccupied places. More community pride such as John Drew and River Walk. new people are not all bad and would like to opportunity and encouragement to get involved."

120,10/9/2008 3:42:00 PM,"Take gov't grant to improve the boardwalk like it used to be. Water slides. Games for kids."

121,10/9/2008 4:01:00 PM,"I wish something could be done with Riverwood. Seems somewhat better. Needs to be run with a tight rein. Management needs to keep people out that don't belong. I understand security is helping. Make kids that get into trouble do at least 6 months of community service such as cleaning town, mowing, painting working for town as part of service. No feasible salary to be made here except school board (unreasonable salary) and town office workers i.e: treasurer manager school principal is paid outrageous salary teachers deserve more pay."

122,10/9/2008 4:09:00 PM,"I want to be proud of my town in all aspects. Govt, schools, services, recreational areas! I strongly suggest the town employ a professional long range planning firm to give direction on growth!"

123,10/9/2008 4:16:00 PM,"Love Colonial Beach, wife was born here. I have been coming home since 1948. Moved here since retiring."

124,10/9/2008 4:28:00 PM,"Do to a resent rash of break ins and theft. We need additional police protection. Town has to be more responsive during bad



weather."

125,10/9/2008 5:14:00 PM,"The notion that development will broaden the tax base is correct, but it will certainly result in a tax increase. There is not one example in the history of Northern Virginia or Maryland where residential development lowered taxes. Conversely, it expanded the requirements on schools, roads, infrastructure and public services to the degree that the meager increase in real estate, personal property and other tax revenues fell far short of the funds needed to pay for the increased services. In every case, the shortfall had to be fulfilled by substantial tax increase. The town must currently contribute about \$3,800 for each new student and property taxes on the small homes, condos and apartments that developers intend to build at the Beach will fall far short of even paying for the new students. It is time that the "come-her's from the north that grew up being told that development is good faced the reality that it is anything but good. We need to preserve the character of this town and concentrate on improving what we have without importing the problems facing Northern Virginia. Why not just focus on improving our roads, drainage ditches, sidewalks, water and sewage system and infrastructure? If you want a Virginia Beach with all of its problems, sell your home and move there, but leave this sleepy river town alone."

126,10/9/2008 5:28:00 PM,"I don't know the answers - I'm aware of the retirees on a fixed income and taxes are something they do not need. Encourage new comers - offer something. Water is ever greatest asset. I can't see why anybody would come here with what we offer. Boaters bring me income and they spend for eating and gas. We need them yet we desperately need something to offer to the public for a "good time". We need people to want to come for recreation. I like to make friends. Have them remember us and come back again."

127,10/9/2008 5:36:00 PM, "Colonial Beach is a great little town, but I think a lot of visitors - whether they're tourists or potential residents or business people - are put off by the town's rundown appearance (roads, sidewalks, storefronts, houses). It will take an investment in the infrastructure to attract tourists and businesses to the town. Our greatest asset is our proximity to water, nature and history, but we're not doing enough to put all of that together for visitors and residents."

128,10/9/2008 5:56:00 PM,"I enjoy living in this community because I feel safe. It appears there is an increasing amount of vandalism lately (most likely juvenile related). I think it is important to provide activities and recreation for children. If they have something to do they are less likely to create trouble. (w/ exceptions) I never know when events are or where to find out about them. My husband and I moved here from MD and were unaware of town sticker law. It seems that could be mentioned at house closing or DMV when registering."

129,10/9/2008 6:24:00 PM, "There are no facilities for young people to enjoy and certainly no facilities for family entertainment (excluding 3 months of beach access). A bowling alley or movie theatre would be so appreciated especially in non summer months. Bike paths would be utilized if safe. A tennis court would be great."

130,10/9/2008 6:38:00 PM, "Disgusted with way beach is changing. Liked the old look, atmosphere and good old people. Losing the old charm."

131,10/9/2008 6:54:00 PM,"KEEP THE TOWN THE SAME"

132,10/9/2008 8:23:00 PM, "Colonial Beach is a gem - waiting to be cut and

polished! It needs action, cutting, and polishing. The sooner, the better!!  
Thank you."

133,10/9/2008 8:36:00 PM,"- pave roads in riverside meadows

- adopt a ""no smoking"" public places policy

- encourage a ""can do"" ""will do"" mgmt and staff policy and get positive things done

- be a model town and research other successful model communities to pattern colonial beach by."

134,10/9/2008 8:56:00 PM, "Be happy to discuss suggestions, ideas, planning. I have a Master's Degree in Community Economic Development.

Regards,

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135,10/10/2008 12:19:00 AM, "This is a truly great idea. Congratulations to all involved. How can I help? what is the next step? Progress is wonderful when we control the outcome. this survey indicates a commitment to thoughtful and controlled growth."

136,10/10/2008 3:51:00 AM, "storm sewer pipe at end of VA Ave and Md are going into river need replacing. Tree on lot at parking lot boardwalk picnic area has dead limbs that need to be removed before the fall and damage cars or people. Lot at corner of Washington and Lincoln has trees overhanging sidewalk blocking sidewalk traffic."

137,10/10/2008 3:58:00 AM, "Question seem geared to younger and middle age. Not much directed to aging population - services, supports, tax breaks, etc"

138,10/10/2008 4:12:00 AM,"I have been coming to the beach all of my 63 years and may soon become a year-round resident. I would like to see the 25 mph speed limit enforced along Washington Ave and noise limits enforced on car radios and motorcycles. The town needs to upgrade its image in order to attract the visitors and future residents that would support the businesses the town leaders envisioned. I feel the town plan is to recreate a 50's era boardwalk with games and tacky stands. This won't attract the kind of visitor that will invest serious \$ in the town. In fact, that will drive them away. We are a river town, not an Ocean Beach."

139,10/10/2008 4:26:00 AM,"We are a beach community. We need to provide beach patrols to maintain the quality of our area. One cannot police the beach from a car. We have codes on the books that are not enforced. Public works needs to be more responsive to the community. Try to work with the community rather than say - we don't have it in the budget. Dead trees need to be removed. Erosion of our beaches and banks along river and bay need to be addressed."

140,10/10/2008 4:47:00 AM,"this survey should count as 3 votes [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Question 22 - Would depend on for what."

141,10/10/2008 12:09:00 PM,"As you can see by my comments, I am very unhappy about the deals made to Potomac Crossings and other housing developments coming to Beach. The town ends up on the short end of the stick. No consistency in govt. People do what they want to do and the residents end up paying for it."

142,10/10/2008 12:54:00 PM,"clean the ditches. Please get rid of the dead

wood."

143,10/10/2008 1:44:00 PM,"previous comp plans and the present encouraged. The need for a Junior HS/Middle School in Colonial Beach. I believe this should be a priority goal."

144,10/10/2008 2:47:00 PM,"We love our homes in Riverside Meadows, one of the neatest developments in Colonial Beach, however, we still do not have paved roads. This has been a real hardship and disappointment to these residents, who are paying high taxes. When we bought here we had no idea we would have to fight to get paved roads. The town and the developers should never have sold these lots knowing that. We will get our roads paved, if it takes a lawsuit to do it!

Why do we have 15 mph speed limit signs in Riverside Meadows that are not being enforced? Also, we have signs on bike path between 12th St and Forest Ave that state ""For Golf carts and bikes only"" that are not enforced - when we have two town police officers living less than 1/4 of a mile from the signs!!! Apparently, at night a chosen few think it doesn't pertain to them!!!!

As residents of Colonial Beach and the fact that we pay your taxes along with the town managers, I believe we have the right to know as to why he was fired. We are all waiting for an answer as this has not been made public."

145,10/10/2008 3:16:00 PM,"Since we are a beach town we should concentrate on becoming more ""beachy"" with boardwalk shops and entertainments. I feel this will bring in more families, especially during the summer. While beautification is a great thing, our monies need to be spent on refurbishing water and sewer line. Also - our streets MUST be improved before VDOT turns them over to us. this is becoming more urgent as our population grows and the time for this turnover is getting nearer."

146,10/10/2008 3:32:00 PM,"(someone needs to look at public works) Glass on beach, fishing hooks, grass at town hill not being cut for some events"

147,10/10/2008 3:46:00 PM,"This is the only town I've seen where people walk their dogs and don't pick up after their dogs (scoopers please!) Also, golf carts - nobody pulls over to let cars go by. So many people are upset about it."

148,10/10/2008 4:23:00 PM,"Colonial Beach can be a center of excellence but politics get in the way of what is best for CB. I own 2 rentals in the town and would purchase more if the town had a vision plan in place."

149,10/10/2008 4:40:00 PM,"A town theater with classic current movies would be a good addition to our recreational opportunities. Some PLAYS could be sponsored for spice. What about bringing play the town music festivals - a guitar competition, country, jazz, classical with cash prizes. Good residential bus svc from the neighborhoods, on weekends to downtown and the shopping centers, might reduce car traffic."

150,10/10/2008 4:49:00 PM,"I feel the 35.6 average speed on 205 was certainly NOT taken between 5 pm - 8 pm. Try 45.5 or higher."

151,10/10/2008 5:24:00 PM,"Thank you for taking the time and effort to do this survey. Much unrecognized and under utilized potential exists in Colonial Beach. No new waterfront is being created in Virginia so tap in to this valuable asset and develop it wisely!"

152,10/10/2008 9:18:00 PM,"Mgmt on the top end isn't even usually locals advanced from within. Too many incompetent employees who are not trained

or have any incentive to improve the town. The police do nothing about real crime. Thieves do what they want knowing the police don't care."

153,10/10/2008 9:42:00 PM,"Colonial Beach is a great town. I wish there was more going on downtown in the summer, it would bring more people in which would make us money. Entertainment would be nice on the boardwalk. A newer smooth boardwalk."

154,10/11/2008 12:11:00 AM,"I would like to see a doctor's office here. I would also like to see stores where I could buy all of household items and clothes without having to leave town."

155,10/11/2008 12:24:00 AM,"We would like to see Colonial Beach brought back to what it was - great waterfront resort area/retirement area with wonderful shops, restaurants, art exhibits, concerts, gambling."

Solomon's Island embodies what I think Colonial Beach should try to replicate."

156,10/11/2008 12:51:00 AM,"Report on where our taxes are applied would be nice. Reporting to the news, valuables important events, places and things instead of snide remarks or who called who what! We want to see DB in the news on a favorable height - not a small town chuckle. It would be nice to have persons running things who care about their jobs and the town instead of making a fat paycheck without exerting an effort. Yes, I sound a little bitter, but I have been here 14 yrs (almost) I have seen ""better than you ""attitude"" because ""I was born here"" and you are a come here. Govt officials who seem to want to pad their own pockets than the good of the town. We're a small town. Why pay Northern VA salaries? Why can't the builders provide the communities they build @ a profit with usable paved roads. WE need more community activities instead of putting all our eggs into 1 basket. Why do the staden eights (?) Get high school stay on so long?"

157,10/11/2008 3:06:00 PM,"1 - a teen and pre-teen community center for after school and summer where they can play video and other games and meet with their friends.

2 - noise regulations of 11 pm - 7 am Sunday to Thursday nights all year."

158,10/11/2008 3:28:00 PM,"Pave 5th street! Entertainment for all ages! Sport bar or pool hall! Business - business - business! Thank you for sending this, we are very pleased to have been asked to participate."

159,10/11/2008 4:22:00 PM,"Nice town but needs some growth to attract and keep people with incomes of a level to help maintain the town."

160,10/11/2008 5:03:00 PM,"Skateparks have been attempted and failed in other communities due to vandalism and uncontrollable youth. Let's not encourage this element in Colonial Beach! Recreational Ctrs not entirely family oriented should not be financial - WE DON'T NEED TO PROVIDE BABYSITTING service! The troubled youth of the community will be (and have been) banned from ""teens centers"". Special programs non-profits should be encouraged to provide these special svcs outside of town or at least away from downtown and recreational areas!"

161,10/11/2008 5:19:00 PM,"Would love to see Colonial Beach have a ""Norman Rockwell"" small town look... manicured houses, nice sidewalks, stores in town. Enjoy the water views, walking, golf carts and party at Parkers marina on the street - good clean fun for all ages. 6 - 85 years old! Love the Potomac River Fest and 4th of July activities. I have out of town guests who look forward to theses activities. Thank you for the survey. It was needed."

162,10/11/2008 5:25:00 PM,"This town could be beautiful. Pave the roads, get rid of the abandoned homes and make people cut their grass and clean up!!"

163,10/11/2008 5:32:00 PM,"We believe that Colonial Beach is now moving in the right direction under the leadership of the new mayor (finally!!)"

164,10/11/2008 6:27:00 PM,"Very important issues that should be addresses now -

1 - street lighting

2 - pave roads/resurface roads

3 - medical/dental (health) facilities

4 - second boat launch/recovery ramps"

165,10/12/2008 7:22:00 PM,"Please ask 65 at Monroe point to volunteer and participate in town govt and events. We want to be good neighbors and want to see CB grow but in a controlled and positive way. I'd like to understand more about the water problem. Charging a flat rate per quarter does not encourage conservation."

166,10/12/2008 7:34:00 PM,"We need to have the speed limit of 25 mph enforced on the north - south streets on the Point. Maybe we should install stop signs every 3 - 5 blocks. There is no police enforcement of speed limits in this area. The July 4 celebration needs to be curtailed because there is no police enforcement of illegal fireworks. This is a very dangerous situation that has been completely ignored by the police. Their excuse is they need more police officers and laugh when they ask, ""would you want your taxes raised to pay for more officers?"" They just need to do their job and get rid of the nickname ""Keystone Cops""."

167,10/12/2008 7:41:00 PM,"The town staff are excellent. They have always been friendly and knowledgeable. Aside from street maintenance (potholes and standing water), the town is an excellent place to live."

168,10/12/2008 7:47:00 PM,"build it and they will come!"

169,10/12/2008 7:54:00 PM,"The town of Colonial Beach should strive to replicate a Solomon's Island - upscale shops, restaurants, arts and exhibits and water sports."

170,10/12/2008 8:03:00 PM,"Put Colonial Beach back the way it was 30 years ago. You had more coming here then there was more business on the boardwalk. The culprit was time and not keeping things repaired. When things were torn down, people quit coming. Thank you, [REDACTED]"

171,10/12/2008 8:17:00 PM,"Bring back the ""old boardwalk"" with all types of crafts/t-shirt/venders and all sorts of food. Without changing the venders half their souls. Affordable housing not everyone earns \$40,000 - \$100,000. Fix a skate park, re-open the throne-zone - allow kids to play basketball at home with hoops - they need to stay home where they are watched. Build a water slide with miniature golf course."

172,10/12/2008 9:31:00 PM,"Programs for youth. I would not hesitate to be a chaperone. To get respect you have to give respect. This concerns the school and some police officers. Again, I say take lessons from Mr. Wright on how to treat children. I have seen what happens. Try listening to the children and you will hear it all. As for our taxes had I been told about paying double taxes, I would not have moved here. Colonial Beach schools need to combine with Westmoreland as does the town. Do away with these schools and police dept."

173,10/12/2008 9:46:00 PM,"Focus on improving amenities in riverfront area - it's the town's greatest asset!"

174,10/13/2008 6:07:00 PM,"Of primary importance is to maintain the small town atmosphere of CB. To do this growth must be slow and well planned. The river is the town's greatest asset. Efforts to make it more accessible/attractive are a priority. Stage an activity every weekend so that CB becomes a ""destination point"" for people in the surrounding area. Clean up the old concrete pier in front of American Leg!"

175,10/13/2008 6:15:00 PM,"Take advantage of the new council and get this place in gear. The people are coming, we can't stop that, let's get this town right. Waterfront nestle (?) between Richmond and Washington should not be an eyesore or embarrassment to neighboring counties and towns. Colonial Beach should be the example of waterfront living at its best. Business should be supported rather than challenged at every step."

176,10/13/2008 6:39:00 PM,"Please provide info or where to obtain info on what is being planned, considered to develop the beautiful town of CB. Great idea on survey. I hope this is a useful tool to reach a good plan to handle growth and attract new businesses. Think Ocean City, MD, Outer Banks, NC, Va Beach, VA. Remember to gain - one must act."

177,10/15/2008 1:15:00 PM,"need more steps going down to the beach where the ground is not flat."

178,10/15/2008 1:32:00 PM,"While additional public restrooms would be nice, we find all too often that the ones we have are only opened sporadically."

179,10/15/2008 1:47:00 PM,"It seems that for the town to survive and grow it needs to spend money to attract the new residents who have \$ to spend. At this time the weekend residents at Monroe Point do not feel welcome in the community. Golf cart access to town is very important to these people. The poverty crime and increase in immigrant's needs to be addressed and a larger tax base from those part-time residents would really help the town. We received two of these surveys. It is a waste of postage and production costs."

180,10/15/2008 1:52:00 PM,"Storm water mgmt or lower taxes."

181,10/15/2008 2:06:00 PM,"Get rid of colonial beaches personal property taxes, already pay Westmoreland county taxes, do away with town stickers"

182,10/15/2008 2:30:00 PM,"I think the city can have the Improvements it needs. But, the solution can not always be to raise taxes. Bring in new businesses, and increase tourism that would generate tax revenue. Put parking meters out on the Point Beach. Decrease the burden of the school system on the city. We all also pay taxes in Westmoreland County those taxes should be used to improve the City which is in Westmoreland County. Be creative. Don't just raise taxes."

183,10/15/2008 2:43:00 PM,"Please provide town hall services Saturday and Internet availability for payments, permit request and other town govt business. I love Colonial Beach!!"

184,10/15/2008 2:56:00 PM,"Please publish results of this survey."

185,10/15/2008 3:08:00 PM,"If the town is more kid/family friendly you would increase revenue and make the town more attractive and enjoyable. It's terrible to leave a resource like CB idle as in past 20 yrs. Gambling will only bring in undesirable transient people that will not increase tax base revenue."

186,10/15/2008 3:26:00 PM,"I think everyone paying the same for water every month is very unfair. We're in CB most weekends and we pay the same as our neighbors that live year round. Have 3 kids and water their lawn almost everyday. Surely, we are not using as much water/sewer as they are. There

should be a better way of assessing homes."

187,10/15/2008 3:34:00 PM,"I feel that taxes are already high, and do not understand why taxes do not already pay for roads to be repaired. If you bring in new businesses you will have new tax bases, employment for children and they will be paying taxes also..."

188,10/15/2008 4:11:00 PM,"Clean up and care for what we currently have.. prove ourselves with time proven resolves. Once we've built the time tested respect considering growth and planning would be possible.

Concerning questions:

1. actually I liked the small town effect. I liked the availability of the water and the community feeling that I had originally experienced.
2. I would first put back the trees that have been removed. When I first moved here 31 years ago I was considered a ""COME-HERE"", however I soon learned the way of the community and agreed with some and also looked for new and innovative ideas. If they seemed reasonable and not too expensive.
3. preserving what CB has been since it's inception in 1892. Or, did they incorporate just for the fun of it?
4. The only strength is the water. River Wood is a liability that we cannot afford. Stores, etc. are fine however, how can we compete with KING GEORGE? They have a greater tax base and even their Food Lion is cleaner and has more variety.
5. The parks are just a place for the Town workers to goof off. All day to clean Robin Wood Park or to run a log around the beach, for what!? In Virginia Beach, their tractor not only smoothes the sand, it picks up the TRASH!
6. We have too many homes and not enough people. On my street alone there are so many vacant homes. I'm expecting FANNIE MAE TO GET IT ALL....
7. The towns' growth rate is a joke. It is the real come-here's from Alexandria who complain and get stupid projects started. Sell their property and leave the rest of us hard working people who have to drive to Fredericksburg and farther to pay your sill taxes.
8. You DO NOT NEED THESE DARN MEGA-STRUCTURES. You cannot even see the water on either side if you are now one street in.
9. Rental availability is a great thing in the beach, oh I mean if you are a fugitive from the law. Most get no background check; have no income and no means of transportation.
10. This is not an economical area! The Levi plant did not even want to be here. Remember, they built it in MONTROSS!
11. The boardwalk reconstruction project was supposed to be great. But, all the town did was to condemn every building. Tear them down and allow the money people from Northern Va. to purchase these valuable properties at Carte Blanc.
12. Yes, the boardwalk would be a great asset to our community. Hey guys, where did all the money go for the first restoration?
13. We don't need big businesses. Most of these folks can work at McDonald's. Do any of you get it yet?
14. Sure, I buy the majority of my goods here. At \$3.87 + for gas it would not make good arithmetic.
15. Good clinic.
16. When I go to Fredericksburg, I make it a one-stop shopping. Get real, I bet

you do also.

17. fix the pot-holes. I know it is supposed to be V-DOT, but we must be last on the list.

18. The transit is neat. Oddly enough, this is the one service you offer that seems TOO CHEAP.

19. These water pipes and sewer pipes have been a bone on contention since, Wayne, Larry, Barbara and all the rest in the '80's. The pipes are 1" in diameter, made of galvanized. That is not healthy for man or beat. With all the new buildings that are 36 feet and taller, when my weekend neighbors arrive on Friday, my baths become limited, due to no water pressure. Oddly enough you have an altitude valve on your water tank. Does anyone know how to calibrate it? One the sewer. Originally, the Town Council wanted a DUCK WEED PLANT. This is very limited and really only works in very warm areas of the east coast. So, somebody got smart and installed a WAS PLANT. For those of you on the committee, this means Waste Activated Sludge Plant. It is much more effective and used in more than 80% of large waste systems in the United States. Thank goodness for small favors. Now, here incurred the problem. We have so much infiltration in our sewer system, we are wasting thousand of dollars, every month on chemicals to in essence... TREAT RAINWATER. Now, how silly is that? If they had listened to Larry 20 years ago, they would have put INSITUFORM in the pipe. That coats them and helps prevent this common problem of all companies.

20. Boating and fishing is what brought people here, not basketball and skateboards. Oh, I almost forgot. The Reno, which all of you hated until it became The Riverboat. Then all you good honest citizens were happy Isabel came. WELL, now you've got more trouble coming out of there than you can shake a stick at. Who are all these out-of towners that are continually getting the DIP'S? They don't seem to be wobbling out of the local clubs.

21. Why build new rec areas when the old ones are falling apart?

22. Why increase the taxes, the T.C doesn't do anything but make silly rules.

23. We need to save the large trees. We need to protect the shoreline or Irving Ave and Monroe Bay AVE will become Monroe Bay.

24. We have no regulations Mr. Byrd. You are always on vacation.

25. Leave the beaches open all nigh. River Wood is a 24 hour stop and shop.

26. No new restrooms. The ones you have are dirty and promote unnatural behavior.

27. Male

28. Full-time

29. 31 years

30. 55-64

31. No children and the ones that come down on the weekend do nothing but make themselves a nuisance after curfew.

Thank you for reading this, it is not meant to be adamant, however, if you want a true survey... Maybe you would like the truth."

189,10/16/2008 1:56:00 PM,"Please, please install a sidewalk from the entrance of Monroe Pt town houses along DENNISON into town. The heavy traffic along that road, day and night makes walking treacherous and a safety hazard for children, adults and motorists!"

190,10/16/2008 2:13:00 PM,"Since it appears that there will be no golf course



in town the use of golf carts on the streets is obnoxious, unnecessary and a hazard. I'll be selling when the market improves - I live near town hill and am tired of the noise there and of the noise of barking dogs. I miss the old riverboat. The restaurants are too expensive. I love the library. My neighbors yard looks like a junkyard. Someone on VA Avenue is becoming a landlord big time without permits - I want to live in a place without renters. They have ruined my experience in CB. One of my neighbors drives his golf cart down VA Ave as fast as it will go ~40 mph."

191,10/16/2008 2:43:00 PM,"#19? Old water lines. I have had a cottage in the town for 40 years and have seen water and sewer rates go from \$60 a year to \$600 a year at the time of the first increases the excuse was to repair/replace old lines that never happened. I think it is not fair for a 30 day a year resident to pay the same as a 365 day resident. You need to install meters. Your 3.00 tax on electrical bills is also unfair since the 18% increase by VEPCO if you use the min of max, it will be the same."

192,10/16/2008 3:18:00 PM,"I don't feel it is fair to pay double taxes to live in the town. For all the tax dollars the town gets they always say they don't have the funds to do something I find that hard to believe. We need more commercial - retail stores, something to do in the town. NOTHING for the youth, maybe that's why they stay in trouble with the law. Housing is steadily being built, but the market is at a still. The economy has fallen so bad and it happened so quick. Jobs are scarce. People are losing their homes and jobs everyday, but everything is still going up in price. I don't understand it. Why does everyone want to make it harder on families?"

193,10/16/2008 3:40:00 PM,"Roads and water drainage are the biggest problems and concerns for me. There are roads on the Point that have whole sections w/o any asphalt. After even a high rain, there is standing water for days. There is no system for draining rain water - no storm drains, no cleared culverts. This needs improvement immediately."

194,10/16/2008 3:56:00 PM,"I would love to see a ""doggy"" beach. I fully understand and agree with the limitations for pets along the boardwalk and main beach fronts, but, I would like to see an alternative offered for dog swimmers.

Love the ""poopy"" bag station in the park on Monroe Bay!"

195,10/16/2008 8:41:00 PM,"need to hire more professional staff to run the govt. town needs to grow."

196,10/17/2008 6:17:00 AM,"Those of us who spend a lot of time in Colonial Beach would like more input into town elections. We know what we read in the two local papers and what our neighbors and friends tell us. It does not present a good picture. Small disagreements keep turning into huge issues and reaching Richmond. A professional mediator might help. The contention definitely has hurt the town - professionals, realtors, and merchants considering the town read and hear of the chronic dissenser. Remember who reads the paper!"

197,10/17/2008 6:27:00 AM,"Only American flags should be displayed on residences."

198,10/17/2008 7:35:00 PM,"Since we purchased our house 3 yrs ago, we come down here every chance we get. We just love it here. It's quiet and peaceful. The sunsets are great in the morning on the water. I and my wife

love it here. Love the idea of golf carts. Save gas and pollution. Please do more for the roads. I really can't wait till we retire and live here full time. This town is the BEST!! Thank you."

199,10/17/2008 8:01:00 PM,"Thanks for intent in what might improve col. Beach"

200,10/17/2008 8:43:00 PM,"This beach should become a private gated community to protect its resources. The residents pay the taxes for it and ALL other counties including state of Maryland use it for FREE. This is unfair to tax payers. Residents have to fight elbow to elbow people from all around using beach free. UNFAIR TO TAX PAYERS. Stop the freeloading. Taxes in CB are highest around and double taxation unfair."

201,10/17/2008 8:58:00 PM,"1. The sidewalk and planting on Irving Ave. near the beach are very nice - please continue!!

2. Many of the existing sidewalks are in dis-repair or are overgrown with vegetation. Sidewalks should be repaired and cleared of all vegetation. Tell property owners to trim back shrubs that block the sidewalks.

3. A ""Colonial Ave"" street sign is needed at Rt-205 (McDonalds).

4. The town should highlight/exploit it's year of incorporation by putting ""EST. 189\_"" on all gateway signs into the town, it's logo and website."

202,10/18/2008 5:29:00 AM,"discourage flying rebel flags. Encourage flying American flags."

203,10/18/2008 5:39:00 AM,"I would hope that any growth would be controlled by existing or planned infrastructure. I built my house with the idea of retiring to TCB in a few years and while I welcome the idea of more to do it's a fine line and TCB risks becoming another overcrowded city or un-sustained or mismanaged."