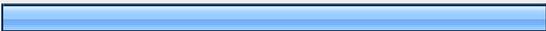


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1. What are the three top attributes or advantages of living in our neighborhood? (check or list no more than three reasons)

		Response Percent	Response Count
Convenient to DC		48.0%	170
Close to my work		22.9%	81
Close to retail businesses that I patronize		18.9%	67
Close to public transportation		46.0%	163
Close to parks and recreational areas		45.8%	162
Reputation of schools		24.6%	87
Neighbors		13.0%	46
Amount of green space		16.7%	59
Character of neighborhood as primarily single-family homes		35.3%	125
Neighborhood is safe		30.2%	107
Other reasons		4.8%	17
<b>answered question</b>			<b>354</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>4</b>

**2. Do you believe that Bluemont should remain primarily a neighborhood of single-family detached homes?**

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	83.1%	294
No 	8.8%	31
Not sure/No opinion 	8.2%	29
If no, please explain:		36
<b>answered question</b>		<b>354</b>
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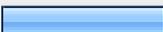
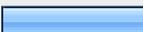
**3. Is the extent of non-owner-occupied (i.e., rental) housing of concern to you?**

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	46.2%	163
No 	41.4%	146
Not sure/No opinion 	12.5%	44
<b>answered question</b>		<b>353</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>5</b>

**4. Would you want to allow any land currently zoned as low-density residential to be converted to low/moderate density commercial zoning to allow for more commercial or mixed-use development in the neighborhood?**

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	36.5%	128
No 	50.1%	176
Not sure/No opinion 	13.4%	47
<b>answered question</b>		<b>351</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>7</b>

**5. In what ways does the new home construction or additions currently occurring in our neighborhood create concerns for you? Please check all that apply.**

		Response Percent	Response Count
No concerns		24.3%	86
<b>Sizes are not proportionate with surrounding homes</b>		<b>54.5%</b>	<b>193</b>
Architectural designs do not match surrounding homes		31.9%	113
Site conditions (garbage, dumpster location, work materials)		13.8%	49
Loss of green space/mature tree canopy		41.2%	146
Loss of historic buildings/homes/properties		16.4%	58
Noise		15.8%	56
Drainage/runoff/flooding		21.5%	76
Street damage		21.8%	77
Other reasons for concern		9.9%	35
		<b><i>answered question</i></b>	<b>354</b>
		<b><i>skipped question</i></b>	<b>4</b>

6. Certain jurisdictions and neighborhoods have welcomed “village center” type development — a development concept calling for a mix of retail, office, residential, and cultural uses in a compact, pedestrian-oriented center — to serve as the focal point for the surrounding residential area. Do you think a village center concept is desirable for Bluemont’s commercial corridor (Wilson Boulevard between N. George Mason Drive and N. Greenbrier Street)?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	69.7%	246
No 	19.3%	68
Not sure/No opinion 	11.0%	39
<b>answered question</b>		<b>353</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>5</b>

7. If the BCA were to pursue a village center concept in shaping future development in Bluemont’s commercial corridor, how important would each of the following elements of a village center be to you? Please rank each item on a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 means not at all important and 5 means very important. (check one number for each item)

	1 Not at all Important	2	3	4	5 Very Important	Response Count
Grocery store	3.1% (11)	2.6% (9)	6.3% (22)	13.4% (47)	<b>74.6% (262)</b>	351
Retail/Restaurants	4.9% (17)	5.2% (18)	17.6% (61)	25.9% (90)	<b>46.4% (161)</b>	347
Professional offices	<b>33.9% (114)</b>	27.7% (93)	28.0% (94)	7.1% (24)	3.3% (11)	336
Residential (located above retail)	<b>34.8% (119)</b>	18.4% (63)	24.3% (83)	14.3% (49)	8.2% (28)	342
Cultural/Community space	12.5% (43)	15.1% (52)	<b>30.2% (104)</b>	23.0% (79)	19.2% (66)	344
Pedestrian access	1.4% (5)	1.7% (6)	7.8% (27)	20.1% (70)	<b>69.0% (240)</b>	348
On-site parking	7.8% (27)	6.9% (24)	17.6% (61)	25.6% (89)	<b>42.1% (146)</b>	347
Green space/Open space	4.1% (14)	7.6% (26)	18.5% (63)	24.1% (82)	<b>45.6% (155)</b>	340
Affordable housing (including housing for elderly/disabled)	<b>30.3% (103)</b>	16.8% (57)	27.1% (92)	13.5% (46)	12.4% (42)	340
Pharmacy	15.0% (51)	15.0% (51)	<b>27.4% (93)</b>	23.5% (80)	19.1% (65)	340
Other elements (and how important should they be)						52
<b>answered question</b>						<b>354</b>
<b>skipped question</b>						<b>4</b>

**8. Thinking more specifically about the make-up of the commercial area, and irrespective of what is already there, what kinds of businesses would you most like to see in our commercial area? (choose up to five items)**

	Response Percent	Response Count
<b>Grocery store</b>	<b>83.6%</b>	<b>276</b>
Pharmacy	30.3%	100
Bank	15.8%	52
Coffee shop	51.8%	171
Florist	7.0%	23
Ethnic food store	19.7%	65
Gas station	40.6%	134
County-owned building/program (recreation or other facility)	13.0%	43
Auto repair	13.9%	46
Dry cleaner	15.8%	52
Specialty bakery	35.2%	116
Fast food	7.0%	23
Office/professional space (e.g., medical, lawyer, insurance)	7.0%	23
Independently-owned restaurant	68.5%	226
Chain restaurant	7.0%	23
Video/movie rental store	2.4%	8
General merchandise/hardware (e.g., Ayers-like variety store)	32.1%	106
Ice cream store	23.3%	77
Equipment/truck rental facility	6.1%	20
Bookstore	27.9%	92
Other types of businesses	12.1%	40
<b>answered question</b>		<b>330</b>

9. Village center-style development may not be economically feasible for developers unless they can build modest multi-story buildings combined with street-level retail space and upper-story office and/or residential space. If this were the case, would you support a village center redevelopment concept for Bluemont’s commercial corridor?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	63.8%	227
No 	23.6%	84
Not sure/No opinion 	12.6%	45
<b>answered question</b>		<b>356</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>2</b>

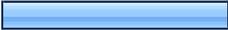
10. What use(s) would you prefer for the upper stories of such buildings? (check all that are applicable)

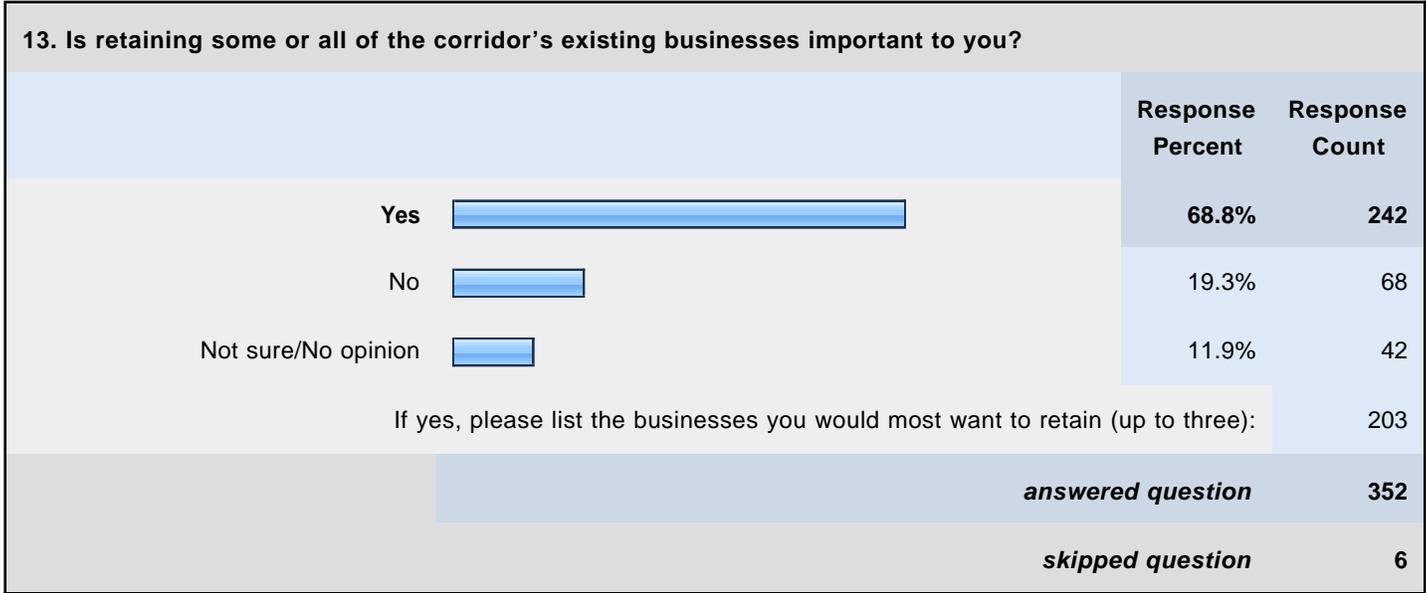
	Response Percent	Response Count
Office 	41.1%	140
<b>Residential</b> 	<b>59.5%</b>	<b>203</b>
Additional Retail or Service 	31.1%	106
Not sure/No opinion 	21.7%	74
<b>answered question</b>		<b>341</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>17</b>

**11. What is the maximum number of stories that you would consider acceptable within any such village center design?**

	Response Percent	Response Count
1 story 	5.2%	18
2 stories 	18.9%	66
<b>3 stories</b> 	<b>30.4%</b>	<b>106</b>
4 stories 	24.4%	85
5 stories 	14.0%	49
More than 5 stories 	7.2%	25
<b>answered question</b>		<b>349</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>9</b>

**12. Regardless of building height, which type(s) of parking permitted by the County for this type of development would you prefer? (choose one answer)**

	Response Percent	Response Count
At grade behind village center buildings 	23.8%	82
Below ground 	34.2%	118
<b>Street parking combined with at-grade or below-ground parking</b> 	<b>42.0%</b>	<b>145</b>
<b>answered question</b>		<b>345</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>13</b>



**14. Please rate the general condition of the following items in our neighborhood on a scale from 1 to 5, where 1 means very poor and 5 means excellent. Since conditions for each of these items can vary from street to street, please provide your overall impression of conditions throughout Bluemont. (check one number for each item)**

	1 Very Poor	2	3	4	5 Excellent	Response Count
Streets	3.5% (12)	14.1% (49)	38.0% (132)	<b>38.9% (135)</b>	5.5% (19)	347
Lighting on streets	4.9% (17)	13.8% (48)	<b>38.0% (132)</b>	34.9% (121)	8.4% (29)	347
Sidewalks	9.2% (32)	21.4% (74)	<b>36.4% (126)</b>	28.3% (98)	4.6% (16)	346
Bike/walking trails	0.9% (3)	1.2% (4)	12.1% (42)	39.0% (135)	<b>46.8% (162)</b>	346
Curbs	2.0% (7)	11.7% (40)	<b>39.7% (136)</b>	38.5% (132)	8.2% (28)	343
Gutters/drainage	2.6% (9)	8.2% (28)	<b>41.1% (140)</b>	40.5% (138)	7.6% (26)	341
Street cleaning	6.7% (23)	17.1% (59)	<b>38.6% (133)</b>	32.2% (111)	5.5% (19)	345
Snow removal	13.4% (47)	23.1% (81)	<b>29.7% (104)</b>	26.3% (92)	7.4% (26)	350
Bus service	0.0% (0)	8.0% (26)	33.4% (109)	<b>38.0% (124)</b>	20.6% (67)	326
<b>answered question</b>						<b>352</b>
<b>skipped question</b>						<b>6</b>

**15. Indicate on a scale of 1 to 5 your opinion of the following statements, where 1 means strongly disagree and 5 means strongly agree. (check one number for each item)**

	1 Strongly disagree	2	3	4	5 Strongly agree	Response Count
There should be a continuous sidewalk on at least one side of each street in the neighborhood.	5.1% (18)	2.8% (10)	9.7% (34)	16.2% (57)	<b>66.2% (233)</b>	352
There should be a continuous sidewalk on both sides of the streets in the neighborhood.	18.5% (65)	18.8% (66)	<b>30.2% (106)</b>	13.4% (47)	19.1% (67)	351
There are circumstances where sidewalks should NOT be required, such as cul-de-sacs and dead end streets.	<b>24.9% (87)</b>	17.1% (60)	21.4% (75)	17.1% (60)	19.4% (68)	350
The utility lines along Wilson Boulevard should be placed underground (removing the poles) to make the sidewalks more easily passable for pedestrians and the disabled.	4.0% (14)	7.1% (25)	15.4% (54)	25.7% (90)	<b>47.7% (167)</b>	350
<i>answered question</i>						<b>358</b>
<i>skipped question</i>						<b>0</b>

**16. Placing utility lines underground can be very expensive. Who should bear the cost of burying utility lines? (check all that are applicable)**

	Response Percent	Response Count
Arlington County taxpayers 	51.6%	177
Dominion Virginia Power 	68.2%	234
<b>Developers</b> 	<b>78.4%</b>	<b>269</b>
Other (please specify) 	10.8%	37
<i>answered question</i>		<b>343</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>15</b>

17. Indicate on a scale of 1 to 5 how concerned you are with the following traffic conditions, where 1 means not at all concerned and 5 means very concerned. (check one number for each item)

	1 Not at All Concerned	2	3	4	5 Very Concerned	Response Count
Cut-through traffic	10.4% (37)	17.9% (64)	24.9% (89)	19.6% (70)	<b>27.2% (97)</b>	357
Vehicles exceeding speed limits in the neighborhood	4.2% (15)	9.3% (33)	19.4% (69)	29.8% (106)	<b>37.4% (133)</b>	356
General volume of traffic on the arterial streets (Wilson Boulevard., George Mason Drive, Washington Boulevard., and Carlin Springs Road)	8.1% (29)	20.5% (73)	<b>29.5% (105)</b>	21.9% (78)	19.9% (71)	356
<i>answered question</i>						<b>358</b>
<i>skipped question</i>						<b>0</b>

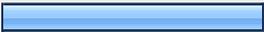
18. Indicate on a scale of 1 to 5 whether you favor the following methods to control vehicle speed and improve pedestrian safety, where 1 means strongly opposed and 5 means strongly in favor. (check one number for each item)

	1 Strongly Opposed	2	3	4	5 Strongly in Favor	Response Count
Aggressive enforcement of traffic laws	5.5% (19)	10.7% (37)	26.8% (93)	24.2% (84)	<b>32.9% (114)</b>	347
Increased fines for speeding	11.8% (41)	15.2% (53)	<b>28.2% (98)</b>	19.0% (66)	25.9% (90)	348
Lower speed limits	22.7% (78)	<b>28.2% (97)</b>	<b>28.2% (97)</b>	10.8% (37)	10.2% (35)	344
Road "diet" / lane or lane-width reduction	<b>38.0% (128)</b>	21.1% (71)	20.2% (68)	9.8% (33)	11.0% (37)	337
Four-way stops	11.3% (39)	16.0% (55)	<b>32.8% (113)</b>	20.9% (72)	18.9% (65)	344
Speed bumps	<b>27.0% (93)</b>	17.4% (60)	24.3% (84)	18.8% (65)	12.5% (43)	345
Traffic circles	<b>30.8% (107)</b>	18.2% (63)	21.6% (75)	16.7% (58)	12.7% (44)	347
Raised crosswalks	17.2% (59)	13.1% (45)	23.9% (82)	<b>28.6% (98)</b>	17.2% (59)	343
One-way streets	<b>36.8% (125)</b>	27.9% (95)	20.0% (68)	7.9% (27)	7.4% (25)	340
Nubs/Curb extensions	<b>29.7% (99)</b>	20.4% (68)	25.5% (85)	15.9% (53)	8.4% (28)	333
Restricted turns during rush hour	<b>25.6% (88)</b>	22.1% (76)	<b>25.6% (88)</b>	14.2% (49)	12.5% (43)	344
Restrictions on truck traffic	6.7% (23)	13.4% (46)	23.5% (81)	23.0% (79)	<b>33.4% (115)</b>	344
				Other methods (please explain)		53
				<b>answered question</b>		<b>355</b>
				<b>skipped question</b>		<b>3</b>

19. Would you be more likely to use public transportation (including Metro rail) if bus service along Bluemont’s major arteries (i.e., Wilson Blvd., Washington Blvd., George Mason Dr., and Carlin Springs Rd.) operated on a more frequent basis?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	27.2%	97
<b>No</b> 	<b>31.2%</b>	<b>111</b>
Not sure/No opinion 	29.5%	105
Not applicable—I already use buses and will continue to do so 	12.1%	43
<b><i>answered question</i></b>		<b>356</b>
<b><i>skipped question</i></b>		<b>2</b>

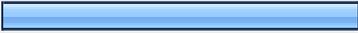
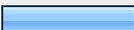
20. Would you be more likely to ride your bike to work or to run errands if Bluemont’s major arteries included a dedicated bike lane?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	37.4%	133
<b>No</b> 	<b>39.3%</b>	<b>140</b>
Not sure/No opinion 	18.0%	64
Not applicable—I already ride a bike for these purposes and will continue to do so 	5.3%	19
<b><i>answered question</i></b>		<b>356</b>
<b><i>skipped question</i></b>		<b>2</b>

21. Please indicate on a scale of 1 to 5 your level of concern with each of the following parking conditions, where 1 means not at all concerned and 5 means very concerned. (check one number for each item)

	1 Not at All Concerned	2	3	4	5 Very Concerned	Response Count
Availability of on-street parking for my own vehicles	<b>35.8% (127)</b>	16.6% (59)	14.6% (52)	13.5% (48)	19.4% (69)	355
Availability of on-street parking for guests	24.4% (86)	15.6% (55)	15.6% (55)	<b>25.6% (90)</b>	18.8% (66)	352
Blocked fire hydrants	<b>36.8% (129)</b>	21.7% (76)	16.5% (58)	11.7% (41)	13.4% (47)	351
Multicar households using street parking	16.5% (58)	20.5% (72)	20.7% (73)	18.2% (64)	<b>24.1% (85)</b>	352
Effectiveness of parking enforcement	<b>27.7% (96)</b>	18.2% (63)	27.2% (94)	12.4% (43)	14.5% (50)	346
Adequacy of zoned-parking or time restrictions	<b>30.8% (106)</b>	19.2% (66)	30.5% (105)	12.2% (42)	7.3% (25)	344
Restaurant, retail, or apartment building parking overflow onto residential streets	<b>25.5% (89)</b>	<b>25.5% (89)</b>	19.2% (67)	14.0% (49)	15.8% (55)	349
Other parking conditions that concern you:						54
<b>answered question</b>						<b>356</b>
<b>skipped question</b>						<b>2</b>

22. Even though the residential parking/zoned parking permit system includes an annual fee for residents to use street parking, do you support zoned parking to discourage commuters or others from over-utilizing limited street parking on residential streets?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	<b>54.2%</b>	<b>192</b>
No 	26.0%	92
Not sure/No opinion 	19.8%	70
<b>answered question</b>		<b>354</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>4</b>

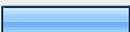
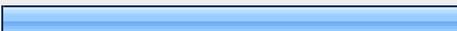
23. If you are concerned about a street, transportation or parking problem in a particular area, please identify the problem(s) and the specific street address(es) where it occurs:

	Response Count
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<i>answered question</i>	112
<i>skipped question</i>	246

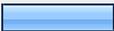
24. About how often does your family use the following neighborhood parks? (check one frequency for each park/trail)

	4 or more times/month	2-3 times/month	Less than once/month	Never	Response Count
Bluemont Park	<b>42.7% (151)</b>	17.5% (62)	28.5% (101)	11.3% (40)	354
Bon Air Park/Rose Garden	27.8% (98)	15.0% (53)	<b>42.2% (149)</b>	15.0% (53)	353
Washington & Old Dominion (W&OD) Trail	<b>58.0% (206)</b>	16.1% (57)	17.5% (62)	8.5% (30)	355
Lacey Woods Park	19.8% (69)	14.4% (50)	<b>35.9% (125)</b>	29.9% (104)	348
Fields Park	9.4% (32)	6.5% (22)	35.0% (119)	<b>49.1% (167)</b>	340
Custis Trail (Trail that borders I-66)	<b>41.2% (146)</b>	17.5% (62)	26.0% (92)	15.3% (54)	354
Bluemont Junction Trail (Trail from W&OD Trail to Fairfax Dr. by Holiday Inn)	<b>45.8% (163)</b>	13.5% (48)	22.5% (80)	18.3% (65)	356
				<i>answered question</i>	<b>358</b>
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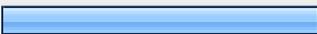
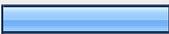
25. For which of the following activities does your family use any of the parks listed above? (check all that are applicable)

		Response Percent	Response Count
Tennis		19.2%	66
<b>Walking/Jogging</b>		<b>93.3%</b>	<b>320</b>
Biking		65.3%	224
Playground equipment		38.2%	131
Picnic shelter		11.4%	39
Dog exercise		32.1%	110
Socializing		25.7%	88
Basketball		10.8%	37
Open field activities such as soccer, baseball, tag, etc.		25.4%	87
Enjoyment of open space		69.7%	239
Other activities for which your family uses the parks:		9.9%	34
<b>answered question</b>			<b>343</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>15</b>

26. If public and/or private funds were available, would you support the county's purchase of properties (as they become available) adjacent to Bluemont's parks or streams in order to enlarge the amount of park/open space in Bluemont?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		68.9%	244
No		16.7%	59
Not sure/No opinion		14.4%	51
<b>answered question</b>			<b>354</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>4</b>

27. Bluemont currently has no dedicated community meeting space. If public and/or private funds were available, would you support the purchase of property (as it becomes available) to be used for community meeting space?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	48.2%	170
No 	26.6%	94
Not sure/No opinion 	25.2%	89
<i>answered question</i>		<b>353</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>5</b>

28. Bluemont currently does not have an elementary school within its borders dedicated to serving neighborhood students. Would you support finding ways for more children from the neighborhood to attend Arlington Traditional School on George Mason Dr. near Wilson Blvd.?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	57.1%	202
No 	14.1%	50
Not sure/No opinion 	28.8%	102
<i>answered question</i>		<b>354</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>4</b>

29. The Bluemont Civic Association is one of Arlington's largest civic associations in terms of both area and number of residences. Given the BCA's large size, we are interested in analyzing the results of this survey to learn whether residents from different areas within Bluemont have different views on the community. To help us do such a review, please indicate your street address:

	Response Count
	306
<i>answered question</i>	<b>306</b>
<i>skipped question</i>	<b>52</b>

30. Please use the space below to address any concerns about our neighborhood that were not covered in the survey. This space also may be used to share a fond memory or interesting story about our neighborhood.

	Response Count
	145
<i>answered question</i>	145
<i>skipped question</i>	213