

## Town of Irvington

### *The Town of Irvington Welcomes your Feedback.*

**Welcome to the Town of Irvington's Community Survey!** If you are a Town resident, property owner, or business owner, we ask that you take a moment to answer the following questions. By providing your opinions and feedback, local officials will revise the Town's Plan accordingly. This effort will guide Irvington's vision of the future, goals, and investments. We welcome survey responses from each adult in your household. We anticipate that your response time will be about 15 minutes.

By **June 30**, please return the survey to the Town Office located at:

4203 Irvington Road  
P.O. Box 174  
Irvington, VA 22480.

*Note:* The Town is committed to maintaining Irvington's village character. For all questions, know that all questions assume this pledge to preserving the Town's aesthetics, positive qualities, and the feeling it evokes in its residents.

There is an online version of this survey if you would rather submit your responses electronically. Please do not submit more than one response per person. Use your phone's camera to access this QR Code.



Please select all that apply:

- I own property in town
- I am a part-time town resident
- I am a full-time town resident
- I own a business in town
- Other (Please Specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate your age range.

- 18-29
- 30-49
- 50-64
- +65

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What are the top reasons that brought you to Irvington? (Check all that apply)

- Small town atmosphere
- Natural beauty/waterfront location
- Historic Character
- Ability to work remotely
- Safe, quiet environment
- Walkability
- Family ties or raised here
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

What are your opinions on new growth in the Town of Irvington? (Check all that apply)

- I would support new homes in Town that fit with Irvington's character
- I would support new businesses and restaurants in Town that fit with Irvington's character
- I am unsure about increased residential or business development in Town
- I would prefer the town remain as it is, with limited additional residential and commercial development
- Other (please expand on your opinion): \_\_\_\_\_

What are your opinions on attracting young families and full-time residents to Irvington?

- I would like to see the town take actions and make investments to attract more full-time residents and young families
- I would like to see new young families and full-time residents, but do not think it is the Town's role to encourage this
- I would prefer that the Town stay as it is
- Other (please expand on your opinion): \_\_\_\_\_

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What are your opinions on town businesses? (Check all that apply)

- I would like to see more tourist-related retail and commercial development in town
- I would like to see more retail and commercial development tailored to residents
- I would support more locally owned businesses
- I would welcome chain or national businesses
- I would like for the Town to have a more active downtown or main street
- I would prefer to keep the Town as it is now
- Other (please expand on your opinion): \_\_\_\_\_

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What are your opinions on the waterfront and public water access? (Check all that apply)

- I would like for the Town to acquire waterfront property for a park or gathering space
- I would like for the Town to acquire waterfront property for boat/kayak access
- I would like for the Town to acquire waterfront property for a fishing dock
- I would like for the Town to acquire waterfront property for swimming
- I see no need to acquire waterfront property for public access beyond what is currently available
- Other (please expand on your opinion): \_\_\_\_\_

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What are your opinions on Short-Term Rentals, like Airbnb. (Check all that apply)

- I have no concerns about Short-Term Rentals
- I believe that Short-Term Rentals would help generate tourism and revenue
- I am concerned that Short-Term Rentals will change the Town's character
- I am concerned that Short-Term Rentals will change my neighborhood's character
- I think we should have a town-wide limit on the number of short-term rentals
- I am concerned that Short-Term Rentals will generate additional traffic
- Other (please expand on your opinion): \_\_\_\_\_

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What are your opinions on housing types or mix? (Check all that apply)

- I would like to see more smaller/starter/retirement homes that match the town's character
- I would like to see more apartments in Town
- I would like to see more duplexes in Town
- I would prefer to keep our town's housing types as they are now
- Other (please expand on your opinion): \_\_\_\_\_

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What are your opinions on Irvington's role in the region? (Check all that apply)

- I would like to see Irvington have more social/cultural community events
- I would like to see Irvington with more retail services
- I would like to see Irvington with more tourism amenities
- I would like to see Irvington remain primarily a residential community of predominantly single-family homes
- Other (please expand on your opinion): \_\_\_\_\_

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**Questions on Services and Facilities**

The following questions ask about the community's opinions on public services and facilities.

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If you would like to see more recreational facilities, what specifically would you like to see (Check all that you would like to see).

- Basketball courts
- Tennis courts
- New playgrounds
- Expanded picnic facilities
- Hiking/biking trails
- Dog park
- None of the above - I would prefer to keep the Town as it is now
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

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In terms of sewer services, which of the following applies to you?  
(Check all that apply)

- I have experienced difficulties with my septic system that required repair or service in the last 5 years
- Wet or rainy weather sometimes causes issues with my septic system
- I would be willing to pay a one-time cost (estimated at a minimum of \$12,000) to connect to sewer service [there would be no requirement to connect.]
- The Town does not need to invest in a public sewer system at this time

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Pretend you have \$100 to spend. Distribute as you desire among the following investments (you are not required to spend any or all of the money) **if they can be paid without raising taxes**. Please do not exceed a total of \$100.

- \$\_\_\_\_\_ Town police services
- \$\_\_\_\_\_ A new Town Hall (new build or purchase of existing)
- \$\_\_\_\_\_ Town Commons: Playgrounds and recreation improvements and restrooms
- \$\_\_\_\_\_ Trails and bike paths that connect to surrounding communities
- \$\_\_\_\_\_ Town owned public water access
- \$\_\_\_\_\_ Town sewer system
- \$\_\_\_\_\_ Additional sidewalks

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Would you be **willing to pay additional local taxes** for any of the following improvements? Select all you would be willing to support through additional local tax.

- Yes - to fund a Town police services
- Yes - to fund a new Town Hall (new build or purchase of existing)
- Yes - to upgrade the Commons with Playgrounds, recreation improvements, and restrooms
- Yes - to build trails and bike paths that connect to surrounding communities
- Yes - to purchase Town-owned public water access
- Yes - to fund a Town sewer system
- Yes - to build additional sidewalks
- No - I am not willing to pay additional taxes for these improvements

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With respect to adding a meals tax:

- I would support a Town meals tax for capital investments
  - I would support a Town meals tax that replaces the Town's current property tax
  - I do not support adding a Town meals tax
  - Other (please expand on your opinion):
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### The Town Vision

The following questions ask for opinions on the Town's vision for the future.

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The following are the main points from the Town's current vision statement. Rank these statements from highest to lowest priority. Note: a "1" indicates the highest priority, from 1 to 6. Put an N/A beside any statement you disagree with.

- \_\_\_ Preserve the Town's strong sense of community and village character
- \_\_\_ Preserve the Town's natural and historic resources
- \_\_\_ Support the Town's working waterfront
- \_\_\_ Support innovative efforts to expand public access to the waterfront
- \_\_\_ Support open green spaces, limited density, and compatible architecture
- \_\_\_ Support local small businesses

You can use this QR Code to see the Town of Irvington's existing vision statement. Use your phone's camera to scan this code.



The following are goals from the Town's existing comprehensive plan. How would you rank these goals? Note: a "1" indicates the highest priority, from 1 to 6. Put an N/A beside any statement you disagree with.

- \_\_\_\_ "Preserve and enrich the charm of the Irvington Village by maintaining the value and attractiveness of the Town's existing real estate and encouraging new growth and development."
- \_\_\_\_ "Improve the walkability of Irvington through the development of additional sidewalks and trails within Irvington and to other nearby communities."
- \_\_\_\_ "Build stronger ties among Irvington's residents and provide an additional tourism venue by the further development of the Commons/North Commons as the central gathering place for community meetings, events, and festivals."
- \_\_\_\_ "Strengthen Irvington's tie to the water through the development of a public waterfront park/canoe & kayak launch."
- \_\_\_\_ "Position Irvington as a great place to grow a small or home-based business by seeking partnerships that help deliver stronger internet connectivity."

If you would like to stay updated, please provide your email address [not required] NOTE: This information will only be used for future communications of survey progress and will not be linked to your survey response.

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Do you have any other opinions about our town that have not been addressed in these survey questions?

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