

Town of Irvington Community Survey Report

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Introduction

In conjunction with EPR, P.C., the town of Irvington conducted a 17-question community survey from June 1st, 2022, to July 15th, 2022. All town property owners, full-time residents, part-time residents, and business owners were invited to take the survey.

Participants were given the option to take the survey online or send in a hardcopy version of the survey via mail. A total of 395 surveys (292 hardcopies, 103 online) were received by July 15th.*

To create this report, EPR staff digitized the hardcopy surveys and created a raw data file containing responses from all 395 surveys. Then, EPR staff drafted a summary of each question's responses, including graphic representations.

The **bar charts** included in this summary adhere to the following color scheme:

- **Green bars** represent supportive or otherwise positive responses.
- **Yellow bars** represent responses indicating uncertainty or conditional support. They also represent non-responses.
- **Red bars** represent responses that are in opposition to or express concern about proposed changes.

The **pie charts** in this summary do not adhere to the above color scheme.

Most survey questions allowed participants to expand on their opinions via open-ended responses. Additionally, many participants who took the hardcopy survey added additional notes in the margins. Note that the majority of open-ended written responses and additional notes tended to express opposition to proposed changes. Appendix A contains all open-ended responses for each question in alphabetical order.†

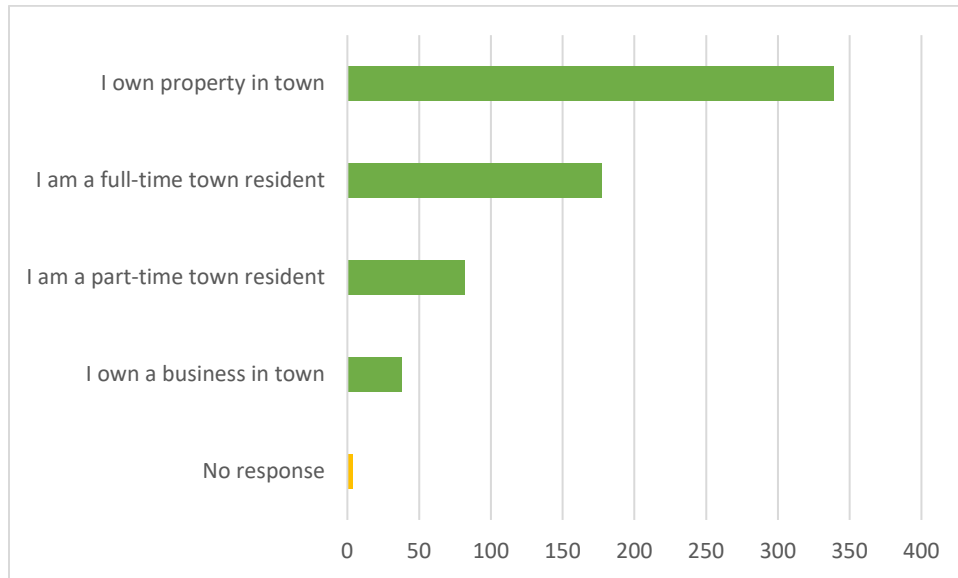
**13 of the surveys were submitted by participants who did not fit the sample frame because they did not indicate they were property owners, full-time residents, part-time residents, and/or business owners. As a result, their responses have been omitted from this report, but can be found in the raw data file (highlighted in orange). Percentages mentioned in this report are based on a total of 382 valid surveys.*

†Note that open-ended and write-in responses have been minimally edited to correct spelling errors.

Question 1 – Please select all that apply:

This was a multiple-choice question where participants could select more than one option.

Most respondents were property owners, many of whom reside in Irvington full-time.

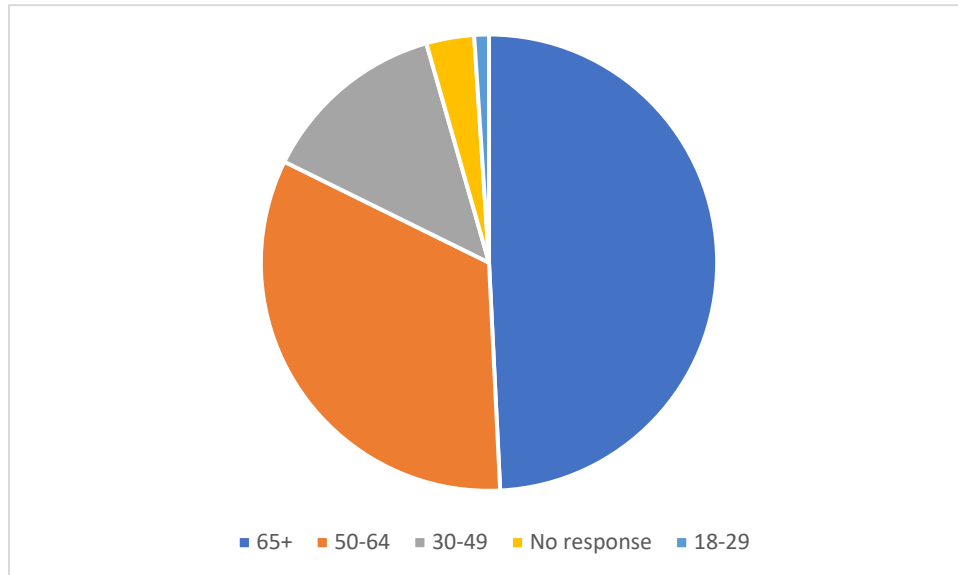


- I own property in town (339)
- I am a full-time town resident (177)
- I am a part-time town resident (82)
- I own a business in town (38)
- No response (4)

Question 2 – Please indicate your age range:

This was a multiple-choice question where participants could only choose one option.

The majority of respondents were in the 65+ age group. 13 participants chose not to answer this question.



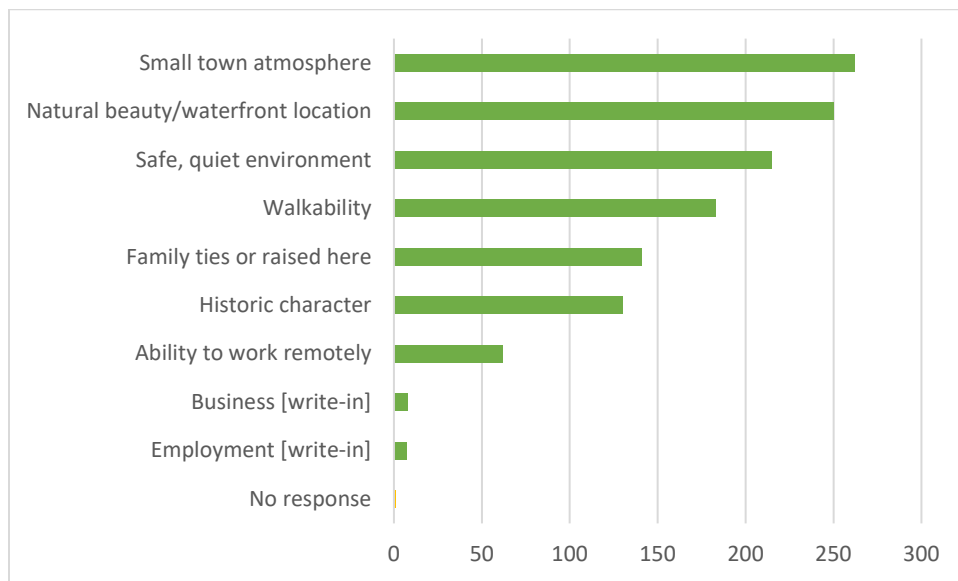
- 65+ (189)
- 50-64 (127)
- 30-49 (51)
- No response (13)
- 18-29 (4)

Question 3 – What are the top reasons that brought you to Irvington? (check all that apply)

This was a multiple-choice question where participants could select more than one option.

“Small town atmosphere”, “natural beauty/waterfront location”, and “Safe, quiet environment” were the three most popular choices.

In addition to the choices in the survey, several respondents wrote in responses indicating business or work opportunities brought them to Irvington. Those responses were added to the graph as write-ins. Other write-in responses included references to affordability, amenities, and retirement.



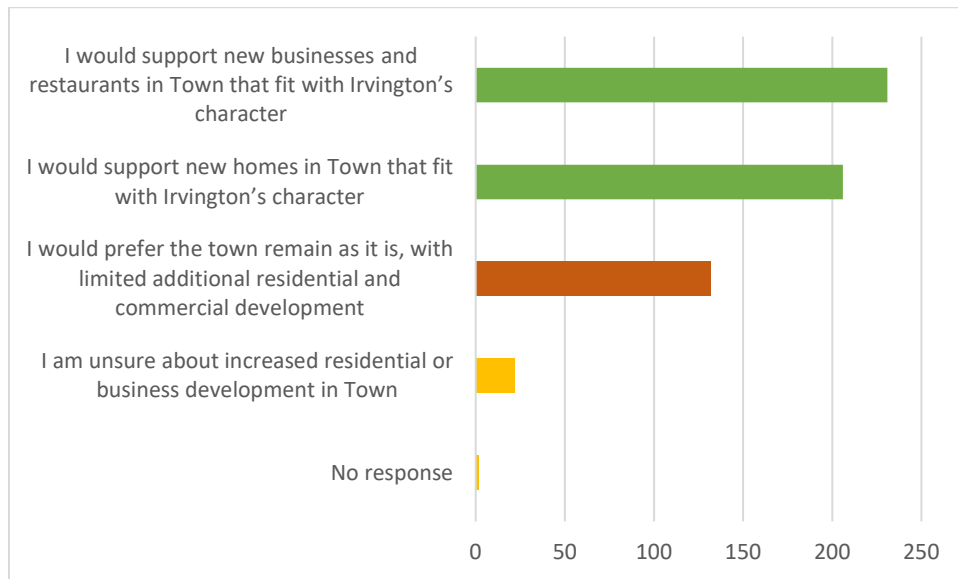
- Small town atmosphere (262)
- Natural beauty/waterfront location (250)
- Safe, quiet environment (215)
- Walkability (183)
- Family ties or raised here (141)
- Historic character (130)
- Ability to work remotely (62)
- Business [write-in] (8)
- No response (1)
- Employment [write-in] (7)

Question 4 – What are your opinions on new growth in the Town of Irvington? (check all that apply)

This was a multiple-choice question where participants could select more than one option.

Many participants supported new businesses, restaurants, and homes that fit Irvington’s character. However, a number of respondents indicated they would prefer the town remain as it is.

Most of the written responses to this question were notes added to participants’ selected options. Some respondents expressed concern about allowing more multi-family dwellings and Short-Term Rentals. A handful of participants were unsure what defined Irvington’s “character”.



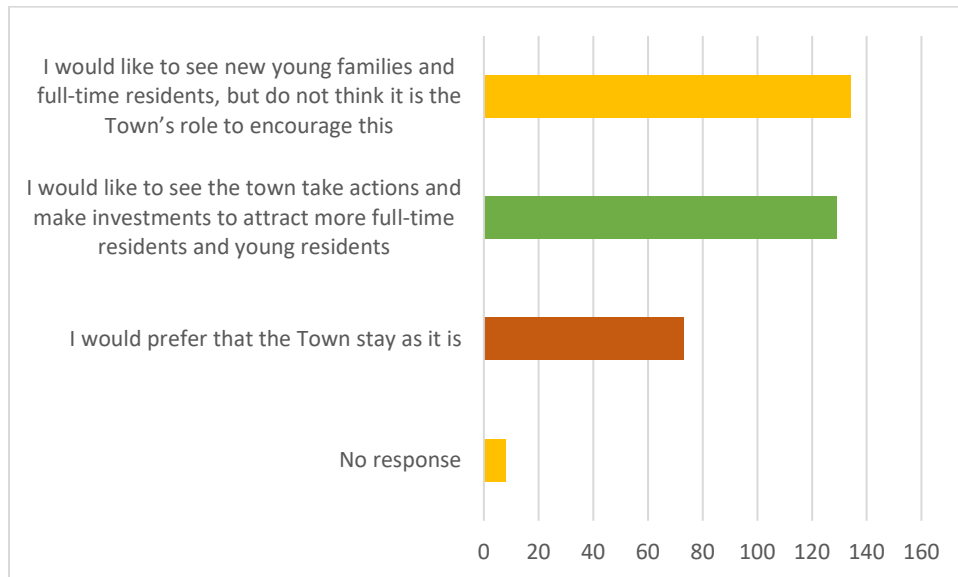
- I would support new businesses and restaurants in Town that fit with Irvington’s character (231)
- I would support new homes in Town that fit with Irvington’s character (206)
- I would prefer the town remain as it is, with limited additional residential and commercial development (132)
- I am unsure about increased residential or business development in Town (22)
- No response (2)

Question 5 – What are your opinions on attracting young families and full-time residents to Irvington?

This was a multiple-choice question where participants could only choose one option.

However, a handful of participants using the hardcopy survey selected more than one option (see note below).

Most of the written responses to this question were notes added to participants' selected options. Common suggestions included improved educational and recreational facilities, greater diversity, and more special/family-friendly events.



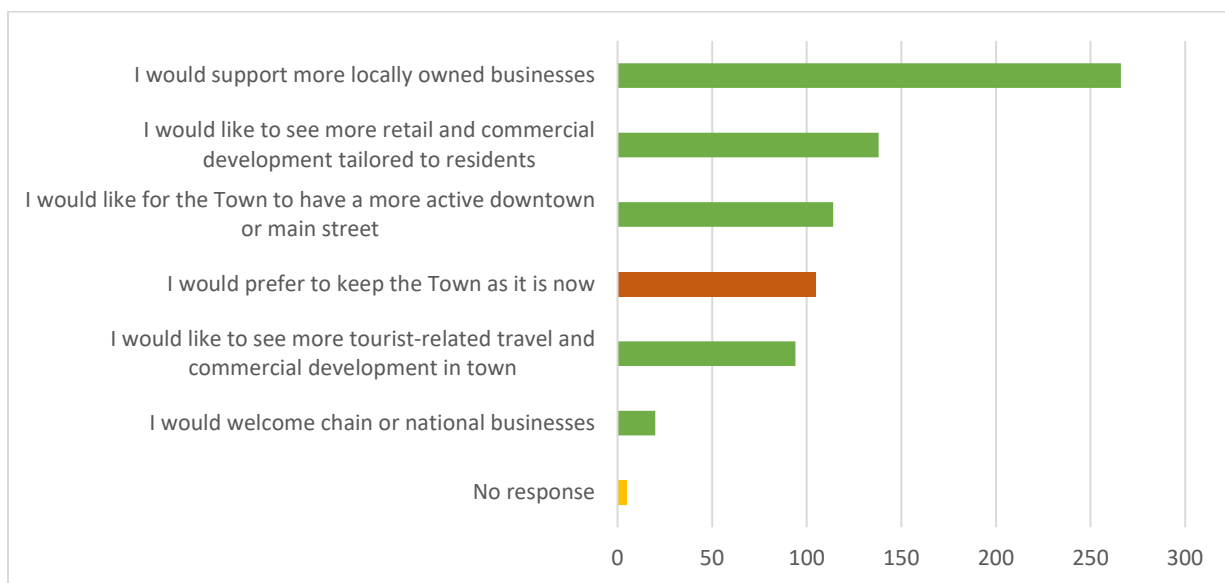
- I would like to see new young families and full-time residents, but do not think it is the Town's role to encourage this (134)
- I would like to see the town take actions and make investments to attract more full-time residents and young residents (129)
- I would prefer that the Town stay as it is (73)
- No response (8)
- 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 like to see the town take actions and make investments to attract more full-time residents and young residents (3) *[note: It is likely that the respondent chose these two options accidentally, as they contradict each other. Therefore, they are not included in the above chart.]*

Question 6 – What are your opinions on town businesses? (check all that apply)

This was a multiple-choice question where participants could select more than one option.

In general, most participants stated they would support more locally owned businesses. Respondents tended to prefer retail and commercial development tailored to residents rather than tourists. Very few participants expressed support for chain or national businesses.

Most of the written responses to this question were notes added to participants' selected options. Many participants strongly expressed their opposition to chain or national businesses in their written responses, and some respondents indicated they would not welcome more tourist-related development. Other themes included a desire for a locally owned general store and a gas station.



- I would support more locally owned businesses (266)
- I would like to see more retail and commercial development tailored to residents (138)
- I would like for the Town to have a more active downtown or main street (114)
- I would prefer to keep the Town as it is now (105)
- I would like to see more tourist-related travel and commercial development in town (94)
- I would welcome chain or national businesses (20)
- No response (5)

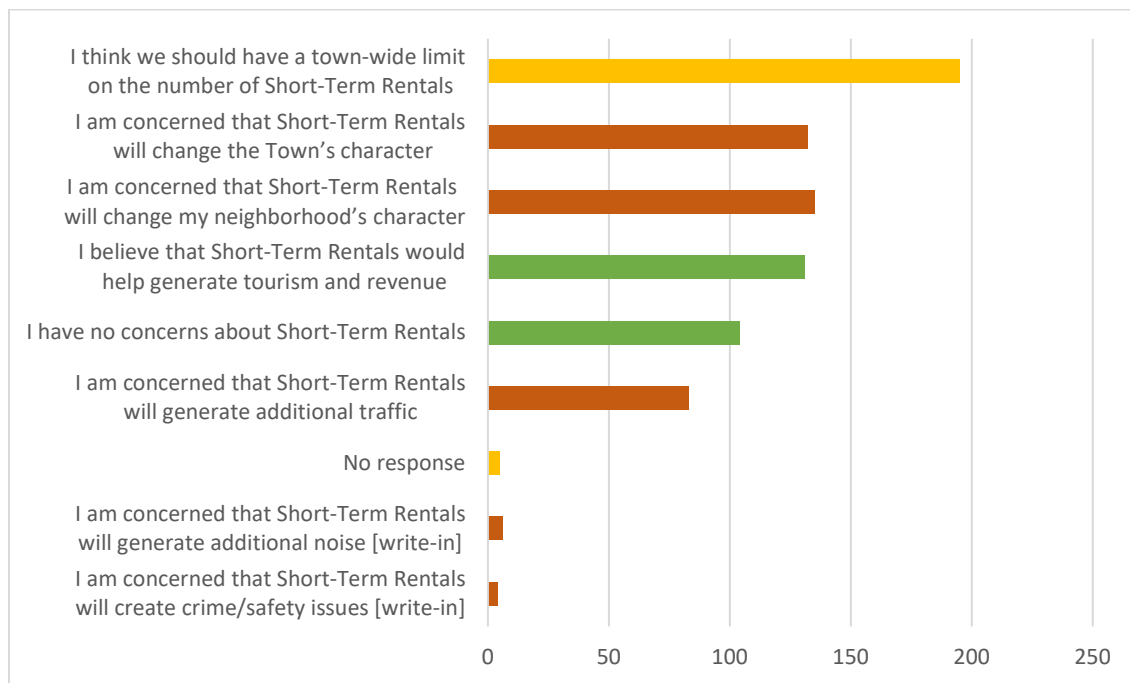
Question 7 – What are your opinions on Short-Term Rentals, like Airbnb? (check all that apply)

This was a multiple-choice question where participants could select more than one option.

Support for Short-Term Rentals (STRs) was mixed, but opinion was skewed in favor of limiting the number of STRs (194 participants supported this option). Many of those participants also expressed concern STRs would change the Town's character. A handful of write-in comments also expressed concern about potential noise and safety issues generated by STRs. 104 participants stated they have no concerns about STRs.

In terms of percentages, 27% of participants indicated they have no concerns about STRs. This indicates that 73% of respondents do have concerns about STRs and would, at the very least, support a town-wide limit.

Most of the written responses to this question were notes added to participants' selected options. Most written responses were in opposition to STRs due to unfamiliar neighbors, increased noise and traffic, safety concerns, housing costs, and aesthetic considerations. However, several participants indicated they would support a limited number of STRs. A handful of participants expressed support for STRs, citing economic growth and increased tourism as reasons for their support.



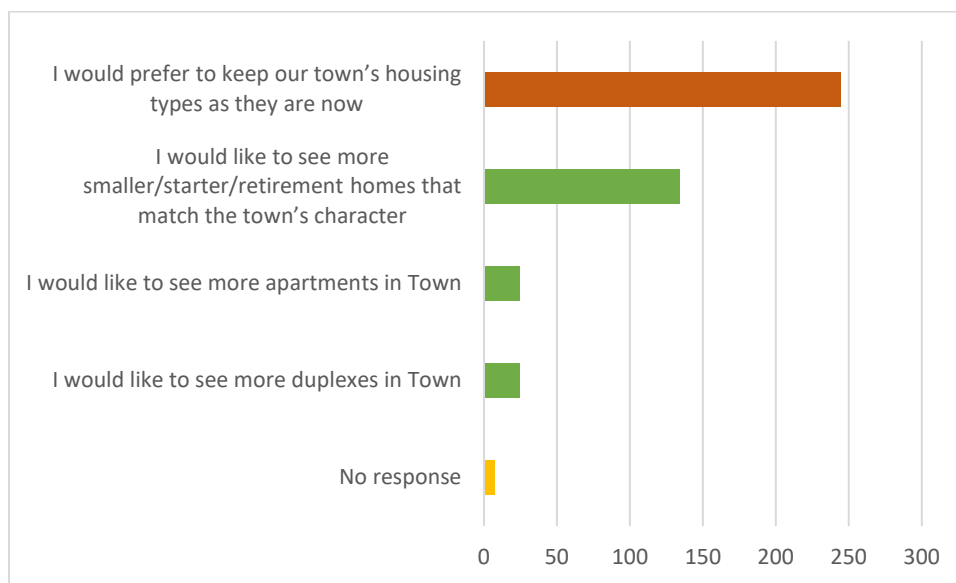
- I think we should have a town-wide limit on the number of Short-Term Rentals (194)
- I am concerned that Short-Term Rentals will change the Town's character (132)
- I am concerned that Short-Term Rentals will change my neighborhood's character (135)
- I believe that Short-Term Rentals would help generate tourism and revenue (131)
- I have no concerns about Short-Term Rentals (104)
- I am concerned that Short-Term Rentals will generate additional traffic (83)
- No response (5)
- I am concerned that Short-Term Rentals will generate additional noise [write-in] (6)
- I am concerned that Short-Term Rentals will create crime/safety issues [write-in] (4)

Question 8 – What are your opinions on housing types or mix? (check all that apply)

This was a multiple-choice question where participants could select more than one option.

Most participants indicated they would prefer to keep Irvington’s housing types as they are now. However, 134 respondents expressed support for smaller/starter/retirement homes. There was very little support for multi-family housing in Irvington.

Written responses to this question mostly mirrored the multiple choice options, and most write-in comments were notes emphasizing participants’ selected choices. Other comment themes included concerns about the aesthetics of newly constructed homes, support for infill development, support for single-family homes, and suggestions that nearby towns are more suitable for new residential construction than Irvington.



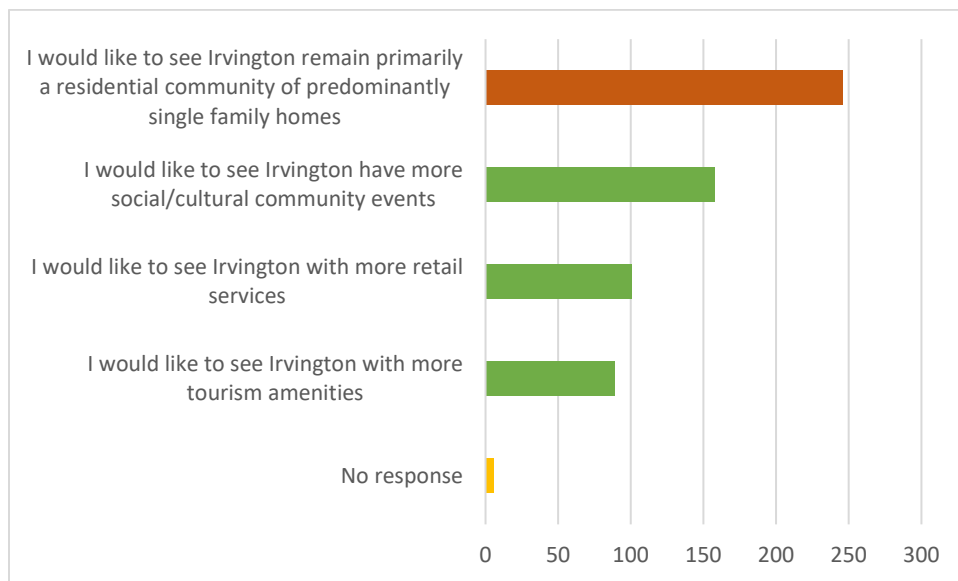
- I would prefer to keep our town’s housing types as they are now (244)
- I would like to see more smaller/starter/retirement homes that match the town’s character (134)
- I would like to see more apartments in Town (24)
- I would like to see more duplexes in Town (24)
- No response (7)

Question 9 – What are your opinions on Irvington’s role in the region? (check all that apply)

This was a multiple-choice question where participants could select more than one option.

A majority of participants indicated they would like to see no change to Irvington’s role in the region as a residential community of predominantly single-family homes. Roughly 41% of participants expressed support for more social/cultural community events. About 26% of participants expressed support for more retail services, and approximately 23% of respondents supported more tourism amenities.

Written responses to this question mostly mirrored the multiple choice options, and most write-in comments were notes emphasizing participants’ selected choices. Many participants expressed satisfaction with Irvington’s role in the region and the number of social/cultural community events currently offered. Some participants who wrote open-ended responses expressed a desire for more robust regional collaboration with the county and surrounding towns.



- I would like to see Irvington remain primarily a residential community of predominantly single family homes (246)
- I would like to see Irvington have more social/cultural community events (158)
- I would like to see Irvington with more retail services (101)
- I would like to see Irvington with more tourism amenities (89)
- No response (6)

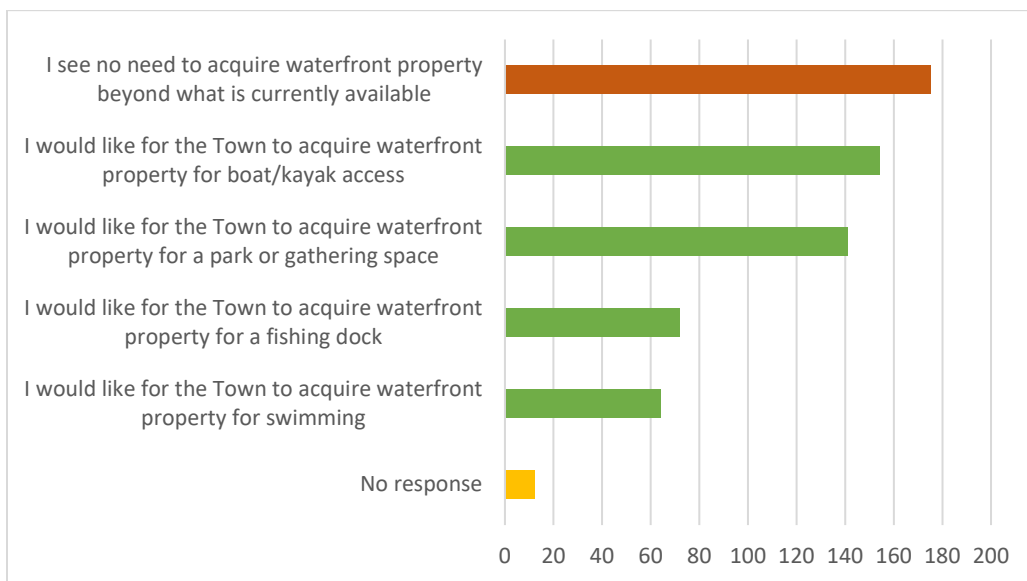
Question 10 – What are your opinions on the waterfront and public water access? (check all that apply)

This was a multiple-choice question where participants could select more than one option.

Around 46% of participants saw no need for Irvington to acquire waterfront property beyond what is currently available – this was the most common response.* However, many respondents also expressed they would support the Town acquiring waterfront property for boat/kayak access and a park or gathering space. There was relatively little support for the Town acquiring waterfront property for a fishing dock or swimming area.

Themes found in written responses included support for more robust waterfront access but only for residents of Irvington and their guests, satisfaction with the existing Gaskins dock, and concerns about the impact of waterfront access on traffic, parking, and environmental issues.

**Note that on Question 14 (“Would you be willing to pay additional local taxes for any of the following improvements?”), only 25% supported acquiring waterfront property if it meant paying additional local taxes.*



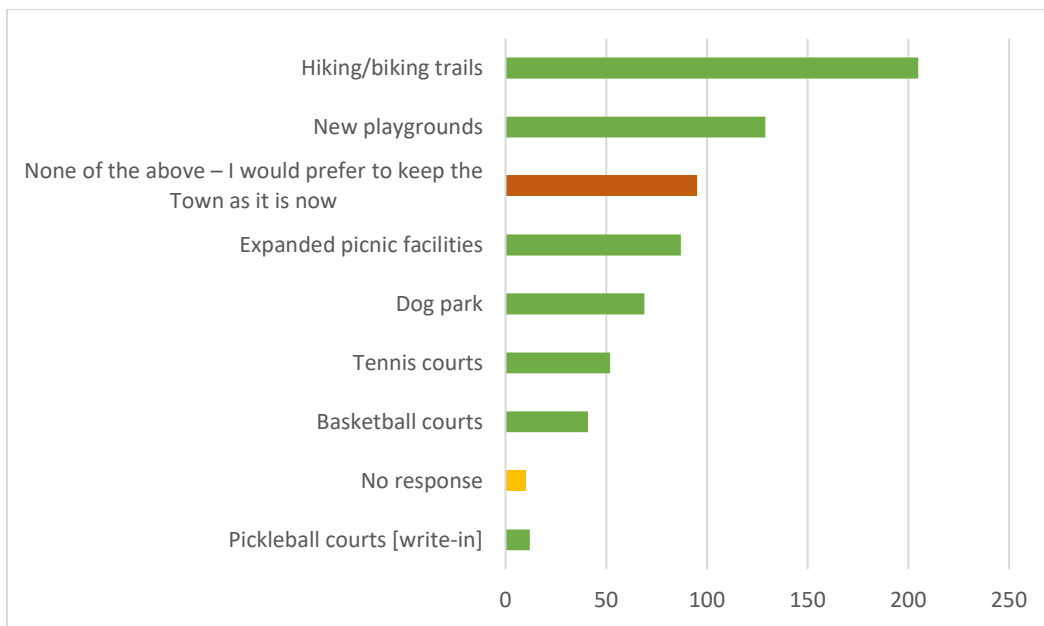
- I see no need to acquire waterfront property beyond what is currently available (175)
- I would like for the Town to acquire waterfront property for boat/kayak access (154)
- I would like for the Town to acquire waterfront property for a park or gathering space (141)
- I would like for the Town to acquire waterfront property for a fishing dock (72)
- I would like for the Town to acquire waterfront property for swimming (64)
- No response (12)

Question 11 – If you would like to see more recreational facilities, what specifically would you like to see? (check all that you would like to see)

This was a multiple-choice question where participants could select more than one option.

A majority of participants expressed support for enhanced/expanded hiking and biking trails. Many respondents also indicated they would support new playgrounds. Roughly 25% of participants would prefer to keep the Town as it is now, with no additional or improved recreational facilities. Dog parks, tennis courts, and basketball courts received some support, but considerably less than the other options.

Many written responses indicated support for upgraded facilities rather than entirely new ones, especially for playgrounds. Additionally, 12 participants added that they would like to see pickleball courts in town. Other suggestions included a town swimming pool, a beach, a community pavilion/concert stage, enhanced sidewalks, and restrooms on the commons. Several comments also expressed support for the TriWay trail.



- Hiking/biking trails (205)
- New playgrounds (129)
- None of the above – I would prefer to keep the Town as it is now (95)
- Expanded picnic facilities (87)
- Dog park (69)
- Tennis courts (52)
- Basketball courts (41)
- No response (10)
- Pickleball courts [write-in] (12)

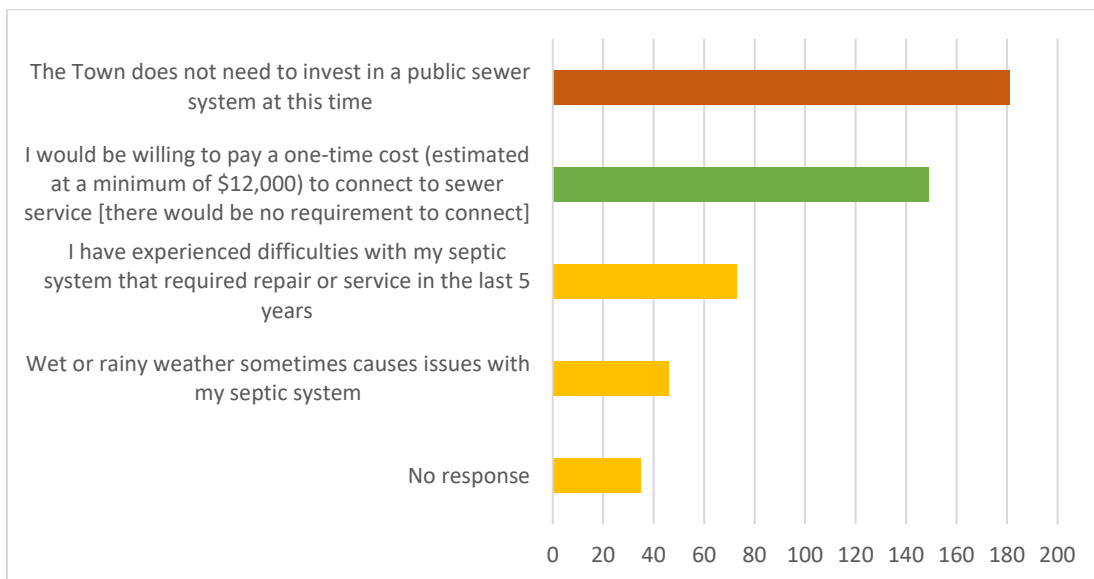
Question 12 – In terms of sewer services, which of the following applies to you? (check all that apply)

This was a multiple-choice question where participants could select more than one option.

Roughly 47% of participants indicated they would not support a public sewer system at this time. 39% of participants would be willing to pay a one-time cost to connect to sewer service. A minority of participants reported difficulties with their septic system. A significant number of respondents (35) did not respond to this question.

While the survey did not include an option for open response on this question, a number of respondents using the hardcopy survey wrote additional comments in the margins. Themes from these comments included:

- Concerns that town businesses are pushing for a public sewer system that would disproportionately benefit them, but residents would end up paying for
- Concerns that a public sewer system would promote unwanted growth
- A need for more information about a potential public sewer system and the costs involved
- A handful of commenters supported a public sewer system, citing increased quality of life, less impact on the environment, and issues with existing septic drainfields



- The Town does not need to invest in a public sewer system at this time (181)
- 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] (149)
- I have experienced difficulties with my septic system that required repair or service in the last 5 years (73)
- Wet or rainy weather sometimes causes issues with my septic system (46)
- No response (35)

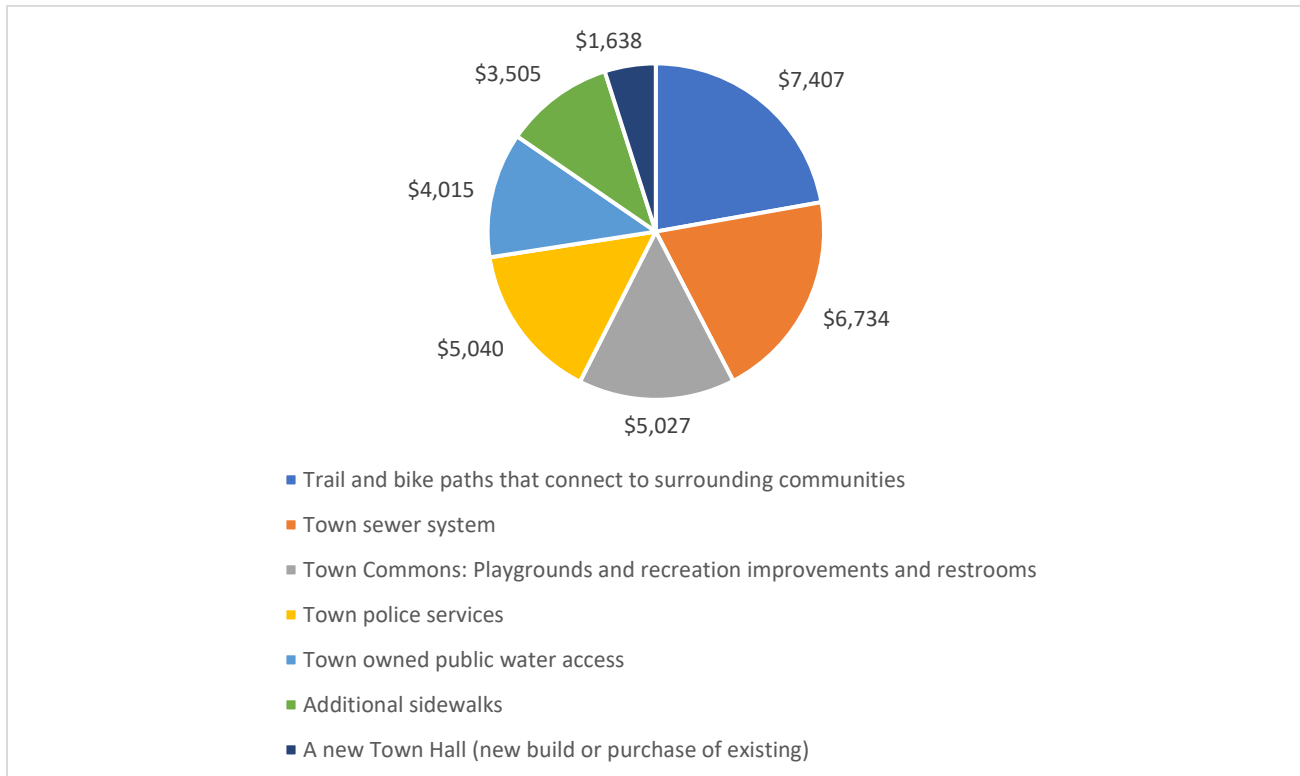
Question 13 – Pretend you have \$100 to spend. Distribute as you desire among the following investments if they can be paid without raising taxes. Please do not exceed a total of \$100.

This question asked residents to consider a hypothetical situation where they could allocate money to various potential investments. To analyze this data, EPR staff combined all dollar amounts for each option.

The investments receiving the most support were trails and bike paths that connect to surrounding communities and a Town sewer system. Town police services, Town-owned public water access, and additional sidewalks received moderate support. There was relatively little support for a new Town Hall.

While the survey did not include an option for open response on this question, a number of respondents using the hardcopy survey wrote additional comments in the margins. Themes from these comments included:

- Support for traffic speed indicators and extended sidewalks
- A need for more information about the cost of proposed capital investment projects



- Trail and bike paths that connect to surrounding communities (\$7,407)
- Town sewer system (\$6,734)
- Town Commons: Playgrounds and recreation improvements and restrooms (\$5,027)
- Town police services (\$5,040)
- Town owned public water access (\$4,015)
- Additional sidewalks (\$3,505)
- A new Town Hall (new build or purchase of existing) (\$1,638)
- No response (32 participants)

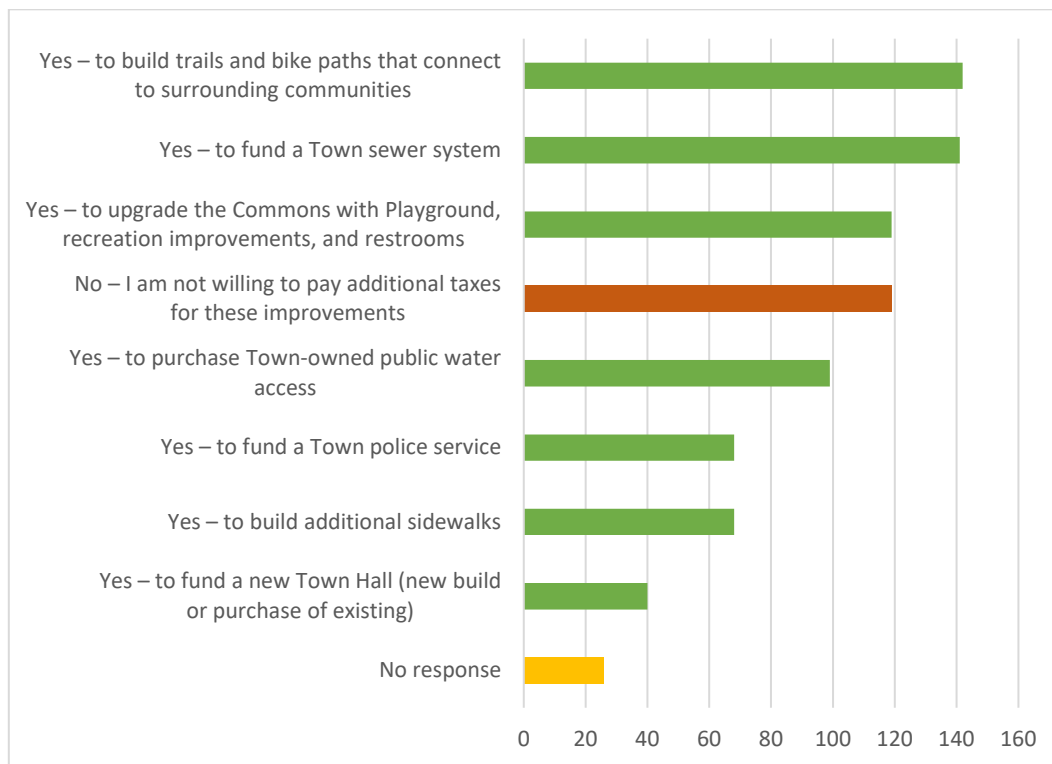
Question 14 – Would you be willing to pay additional local taxes (Town property tax or added meals tax) for any of the following improvements? Select all you would be willing to support through additional local tax.

This was a multiple-choice question where participants could select more than one option.

In general, responses to Question 14 follow the same pattern as responses to Question 13. However, roughly 31% of respondents indicated they would not be willing to pay additional taxes for proposed improvements. Additionally, the purchase of Town-owned public water access garnered more support than funding a Town police service, building additional sidewalks, or funding a new Town Hall.

While the survey did not include an option for open response on this question, a number of respondents using the hardcopy survey wrote additional comments in the margins. Themes from these comments included:

- Some participants expressed conditional support for a Town sewer system if meals taxes paid for it, did not contribute to additional growth and/or did not require a connection fee
- A need for more information about proposed capital improvement projects before supporting or opposing them
- Opposition to new taxes of any kind



- Yes – to build trails and bike paths that connect to surrounding communities (141)
- Yes – to fund a Town sewer system (138)
- Yes – to upgrade the Commons with Playground, recreation improvements, and restrooms (116)
- No – I am not willing to pay additional taxes for these improvements (118)
- Yes – to purchase Town-owned public water access (97)

- Yes – to fund a Town police service (68)
- Yes – to build additional sidewalks (66)
- Yes – to fund a new Town Hall (new build or purchase of existing) (39)
- No response (18)

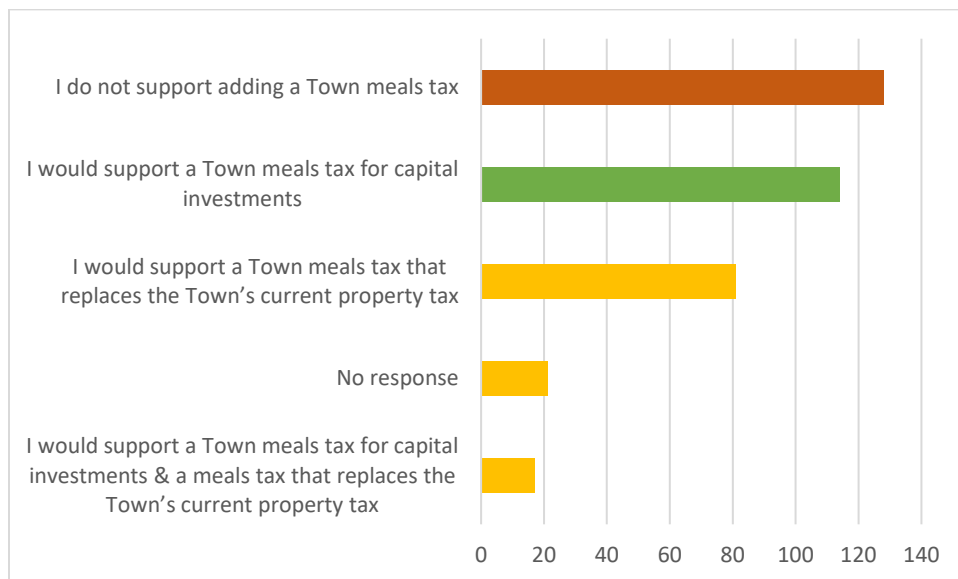
Question 15 – With respect to adding a Town meals tax:

This was a multiple-choice question where participants could only choose one option. However, a handful of participants using the hardcopy survey selected more than one option (see notes below).

Around 34% of respondents indicated they would not support adding a Town meals tax. However, approximately 30% of respondents expressed support for a Town meals tax to cover capital investments, while around 21% of participants supported replacing the Town’s current property tax with a meals tax. Additionally, 17 participants who used the hardcopy survey indicated they would support both a meals tax for capital investments and a meals tax that replaces the Town’s current property tax.

Written responses to this question tended to consist of additional notes added to participants’ choices. Themes include:

- Opposition to additional taxes of any kind
- A view that the Town already has enough/too much money available to spend
- Concern that meals taxes will negatively impact local restaurants
- Support for a meals tax up to a certain percentage
- A need for more information about how meals taxes impact local restaurants
- Support for a meals tax because it would generate revenue from tourism more than it would impact residents
- Support for a meals tax only for specific capital improvements



- I do not support adding a Town meals tax (128)
- I would support a Town meals tax for capital investments (114)
- I would support a Town meals tax that replaces the Town’s current property tax (81)
- No response (21)
- I would support a Town meals tax for capital investments & a meals tax that replaces the Town’s current property tax (17)

- I would support a Town meals tax that replaces the Town's current property tax & I do not support adding a Town meals tax (1) *[note: It is likely that the respondent chose these two options accidentally, as they contradict each other. Therefore, they are not included in the above chart.]*
- I would support a Town meals tax for capital investments & a meal tax that replaces the Town's current property tax & I do not support adding a Town meals tax (1) *[note: It is likely that the respondent chose these two options accidentally, as they contradict each other. Therefore, they are not included in the above chart.]*

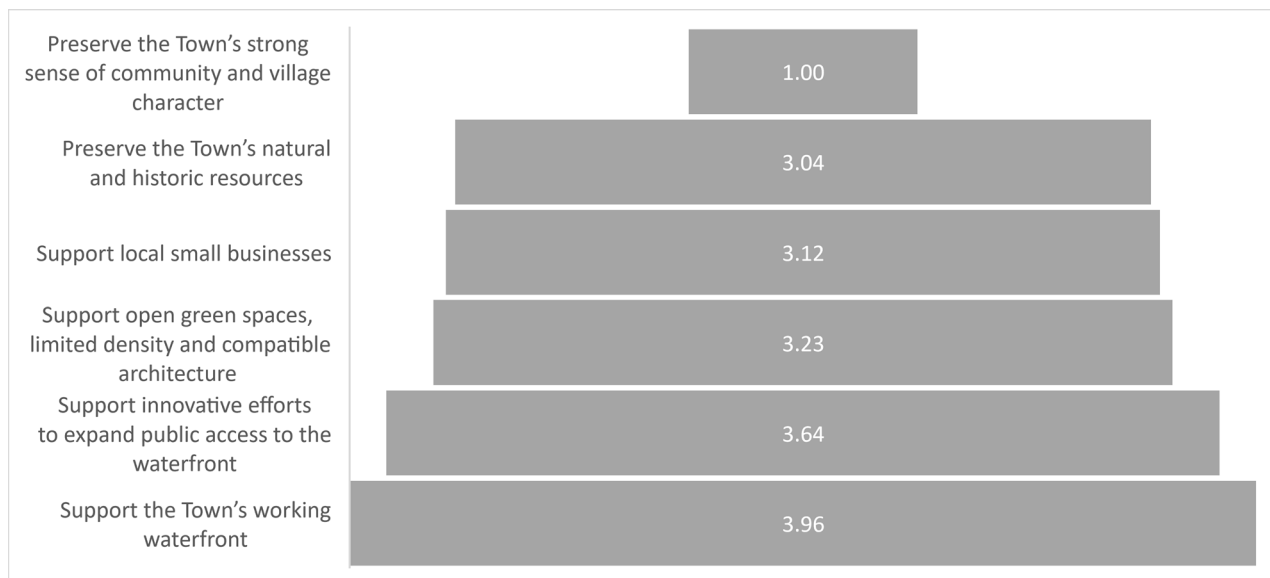
Question 16 – The following are the main points from the Town’s current vision statement. Rank these statements from highest to lowest priority. Note: a “1” indicates the highest priority.

This question asked participants to rank the main points from the Town’s current vision statement from 1 (highest priority) to 6 (lowest priority). To show this information graphically, EPR normalized the data by combining the ranking numbers for each option and dividing them by 338 (the total for the top-ranked response). **The lower the number, the higher the priority.**

Preserving the Town’s strong sense of community and village character was the highest priority for survey participants, with a sum of 338. The remaining options were considerably less popular. Supporting the Town’s working waterfront was the lowest priority for survey participants, with a sum of 1339.

While the survey did not include an option for open response on this question, a number of respondents using the hardcopy survey wrote additional comments in the margins. Themes from these comments included:

- Opposition to expanded public access to the waterfront
- Opposition to taxes
- Opposition to architectural review boards



1. Preserve the Town’s strong sense of community and village character (338)
 2. Preserve the Town’s natural and historic resources (1027)
 3. Support local small businesses (1056)
 4. Support open green spaces, limited density and compatible architecture (1093)
 5. Support innovative efforts to expand public access to the waterfront (1230)
 6. Support the Town’s working waterfront (1339)
- No response (14 participants)

Question 17 – Do you have any other opinions about our town that have not been addressed in these survey questions?

We received 166 open-ended responses to Question 17, including 8 letters attached to hardcopy surveys. The full text of these responses can be found in Appendix A and the raw data file. In addition, see below for a “word cloud” of the most commonly used words (the larger the word, the more frequently it was used):



Word Cloud of responses to Question 17. *Note: the words “town” and “Irvington” were removed from this word cloud.*

Themes from Question 17’s comments include:

- **Property taxes:** Displeasure with a property tax introduced to account for the temporary closure of the Tides Inn and argued that this tax should be done away with.
- **Commercial vehicles driving through town:** Concern about large commercial vehicles driving through town and would like to see the Town take action to prohibit them.
- **Traffic calming:** A need for calming measures needed on King Carter Drive and Irvington Road.
- **Aesthetic improvements:** A desire for new lamp posts, yard signage regulations, yard maintenance regulations, landscaping, etc. to beautify the Town
- **Too much focus on tourism and commercial interests:** Some respondents felt that the Town should focus more on the needs of residents than tourism and commercial interests
- **Sewer system debate:** Continued discussion of Question 12, with some participants arguing that the Town needs a public sewer system to attract/support new residents and businesses and some participants arguing that a public sewer system is unnecessary or too expensive
- **Maintenance of existing infrastructure:** A view that there is too much emphasis on new capital projects when the focus should be on maintenance of existing infrastructure (sidewalks, gutters, playgrounds, parks, tennis courts, etc.)
- **Environment:** Concern that climate change/environmental issues aren't being addressed in the Town’s plans

- **Internet service:** A desire for better/higher-speed internet service
- **More information needed:** A view that estimated costs and more details about proposed capital improvements should have been included in the survey.

Appendix A: Open-ended and write-in responses

Question 1

- Other (please specify)
 - [next to “I am a full-time town resident”] added 70% in Irv. primary res.
 - Chesapeake Bank
 - Full time summer resident
 - I rent a home
 - I was born in Irvington 83 years ago; came home because I love this town.
 - Just sold business in town (1/19/22) which I owned for 30 years
 - Just sold the business
 - Manage a business in town
 - My property is [redacted]
 - Primary residence * will be full time - family circumstances prevent full time currently
 - Property w/ my house PLUS a lot
 - Vacation home
 - We have several pieces of property
 - We split time between Irvington and Richmond pretty evenly and spent the previous two years as full time residents.

Question 3

- Other (please specify):
 - [next to “Safe, quiet environment”] it was at one time
 - Also, near a post office and hospital
 - Amenities like Tides Inn, shops, restaurants
 - anti-development
 - at the time, affordability
 - Average age population over 65, no taxes, retirement
 - bicycling
 - Born in Irvington
 - born in the house I own
 - business located here
 - business opportunity
 - Business opportunity
 - Business Opportunity
 - Businesses. Work Opportunities
 - Cheap lot to build and there were no town taxes at that time!
 - Dog friendly setting & community
 - Dog-friendly setting & community
 - Employment
 - Employment - rent
 - Family home
 - friendly residents
 - friends

- Friends located here
- Friends who had family ties from the 1970s
- golf
- grandmother was born here
- Grandparents lived here
- great for retirement regarding cost, safety, etc
- Had home in Lancaster county, and wanted to be closer to town
- Has an urban feel (cafes etc)
- Have had a residence in Northumberland since 1949
- House I could afford convenient for work
- house we wanted. near good water for a sail boat
- I came here in 1958
- I like the fact that Irvington is located close to Kilmarnock so that shopping needs et al can be obtained within a short distance.
- Inherited family property
- Investment in sustainable growth opportunity
- Job
- Job at Tides Inn
- less traffic than D.C. area
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- local businesses open year round
- Married someone that already lived here but enjoys [all options except for ability to work remotely]
- more health & wellness facilities
- My family has been in Irvington since the 1800s. I was raised in Irvington.
- My husband born and raised in Irvington we have lived here all our lives
- my partner's extreme pressure to buy here, for which I've become extremely grateful.
- my top reason for living in Irvington versus other alternatives was that it was, in addition to its many features, a unique "authentic community" not designed by an architect, or Disney nor destroyed by contemporary ideas of residential and commercial development. Thirty years ago, my wife and I visited small communities on the water from Maine to South Carolina looking for a place to live. We found nothing as original and authentic as Irvington. It had changed somewhat and many of the original families have gone. Nevertheless, it is still a special place and does not require "tourist attractions" to entice visitors. Some subtle enhancements can be made, but should be thought out carefully to ensure that they add to Irvington's character, and do not change it. If changed to be like anywhere else, it will no longer be a charming and intriguing place to visit.
- Nice people, it's not tacky
- Nice place for kids to bike in town
- No HOA
- No taxes
- Opportunity for growth and development because of location, established village and charm.

- Owner of a local business & proximity to work
- Parents at Westminster Canterbury
- Proximity to Richmond; short drive to stores (grocery, hardware, dining, etc.)
- Proximity to water for boating
- retirement
- See the potential for a thriving small town
- started business
- Strong "community"
- The community is what draws me back to the area. I'm particularly grateful to the 25- 60 year olds with unique lives and stories who have a desire for interesting conversation, enjoying time together while also getting out and exploring the natural beauty of the area. I love getting together with friends and neighbors and walking or golf carting to the farmer's market or local shops and restaurants.
- Tides Inn
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- to care for my mother, decided to stay
- Town amenities from a business perspective are much better now than when I was raised here.
- We have lived in the county for 23 years. Wanting to now downsize we found the house we liked is in Irvington. That's why we moved here.
- We moved here to get away from all the congestion in suburbia and higher crime rate. We chose Irvington because it is a small rural town where neighbors know each other, the residents are helpful and friendly, there's no traffic, short or no lines when shopping, is a very active community and a very low crime rate.
- Work
- Work & Family

Question 4

- Other (please specify):
 - [next to "I would support new homes in Town that fit with Irvington's character"] how many? where? too vague
 - certainly NO multi-family buildings
 - controlled growth
 - Existing by right development is already quite a large footprint.
 - Expansion of homes, businesses, & restaurant within reason + zoning
 - Gas station w/ independent & "tasteful" country convenience store
 - Government should not encourage or discourage growth, let the free market decide. The existing zoning codes permit growth. Those with capital can risk their own capital within the existing codes. These codes should only be amended with overwhelming public support.
 - I support new businesses and restaurants in particular. When we bought in Irvington it was specifically because we wanted a town that we could walk, run, bike and golf cart to

- restaurants, shops and the Tides. My concern is that there's no guidance for aesthetics. So one building could be constructed of natural products and consist of colors and a design that are fitting for an upscale small town and others may consist of cheap vinyl siding with a design that is not at all in keeping with the aesthetics of the town.
- I think the reason people chose to live here is because it is not perceived as a developing Town but rather a well-kept secret for all who appreciate what it has to offer. Developing the town further may just tilt the balance adversely.
 - I would also welcome new businesses that don't just fit in but enhance Irvington's character
 - I would not want any additional opportunity for STR's in town
 - I would support new homes/business that fit with my values; inclusive!
 - in contrast to box 4 that I checked, boxes 1 and 2 suggest repurposing Irvington, which I'm definitely against. I'm in real estate. The market shows no inclinations to support huge investments. As such they would be 100% speculative and 100% transforming. But if you offered me \$3M to do what you wanted, I might consider that.
 - It is important to have forward movement
 - It's great, why change it?
 - Limit the rental property
 - Limited - very very very limited
 - more health & wellness facilities
 - No chain businesses
 - no more large commercial operations
 - No national chain restaurants or box-retailers
 - Not business that sells tourist items. Business & restaurants for day to day life
 - Not STR, improve what is here - do not expand
 - Option 1 doesn't make sense as to "fitting the character" - we have many those of homes already, from very inexpensive manufactured homes, to small homes, old houses, new houses, large homes - all of differing architectural styles. I would like to see larger homes on large lots that will lean toward the high end.
 - Other: I think it is really important that before any new development is planned or permitted, that the town government in concert with its residents should define the kind of town we are and should be going forward. The upcoming Comprehensive Plan may be the opportunity. This definition should address all aspects of "community", not just commercial and residential development.
 - Single Family Nominally
 - Small town atmosphere, supports a safe environment
 - support modest residential infill construction (not "development") & needed business (*) - needed businesses like 1) neighborhood grocery & hardware store, 2) book exchange; gas station
 - Tasteful improvement is nice
 - The down side of new growth is the [speeding] traffic.
 - The town needs new businesses and restaurants!
 - Town remain same
 - Village character means slow, easy, no increased traffic

- What is Irvington's character and who decides what it is
- With the price of houses and lots skyrocketing, the type of houses to be built here is largely influenced by these increases. First of all, Irvington does not have a type of house that can be said to represent "Irvington's character." We do have a few Victorians, more Southern Living types, many cottages and even more that have no character, are run down or abandoned. I would venture to say over half of the 400+ houses are not even visible from the road. What is important to the town is that new houses need to be built with quality features. This leads back to my original statement. A builder cannot buy an expensive lot and not build a nice house and expect to make a profit. Adding more rules and regulations just makes it more difficult to build with quality. As far as new business, I hope we get the gas station and a small grocery store back.
- would like fewer trees cut down for construction
- Would like new business down by water
- Would like to see more growth

Question 5

- Other (please expand on your opinion):
 - [next to "I would like to see the town take actions and make investments to attract more full-time residents and young residents"] encourage more education opportunities for ALL children
 - [next to "I would like to see the town take actions and make investments to attract more full-time residents and young residents"] In order to achieve this , do u need wi-fi/high speed internet for everyone, better schools - not the town's responsibility"
 - [next to "I would like to see the town take actions and make investments to attract more full-time residents and young residents"] In order to thrive as a community we need young people
 - [next to "I would like to see the town take actions and make investments to attract more full-time residents and young residents"] Irvington needs more racial & ethnic diversity
 - [next to "I would like to see the town take actions and make investments to attract more full-time residents and young residents"] Town needs more diversity
 - [next to "I would like to see the town take actions and make investments to attract more full-time residents and young residents"] we need to keep progressing as a community. We need a workforce to keep us as relevant + prosperous
 - [next to "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 don't believe we have a budget to market Irvington in a significant way.
 - [next to "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 think this will happen organically as older population begins to fade"
 - [next to "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"] school system
 - [next to "I would prefer that the Town stay as it is"] changes that you are proposing would have to be supported by resources outside the Town like schools, medical care shopping jobs for spouses, the dump. You can easily overload Irvington and change the

- quiet/peaceful (except for construction and town mowing operations) of this small town and bring in people who would be disappointed in the other forms of support they need
- [next to “I would prefer that the Town stay as it is”] The more the town changes (STR's, increased traffic, constant tourism increases) the LESS I LIKE IT.
 - [next to “I would prefer that the Town stay as it is”] why are you asking this?
 - [next to “I would prefer that the Town stay as it is”] It is attractive as it is to young families.
 - [selected options 1 and 3] see both - keep character - need some growth?
 - A county wide issue - used to work with board of supervisors and actively support improvements proposed by school board
 - Better education and sewer will attract full-time residents
 - Continue special events
 - Continue with the special events that introduce new people to the town (4th of July) (Farmers Market)
 - controlled growth - don't build just for the sake of building
 - Depends on what is meant by "take actions"
 - Government should be agnostic on this. Let the market decide organically
 - I don't know why this is a concern to start with. We certainly didn't move here because there are or are not a lot of young families.
 - I don't think it is the town's charge to dictate who moves here.
 - I have a mix of all 3. Yes, would like full time residents & young families but am leery about how to attract them with such a shift in society. Do not want to see too many dangling carrots that would change to the town too much.
 - I like the mix of full-time, part-time and vacationers.
 - I would love to see a public beach for residents. I know this would have to be manmade, but I think it's worth the investment. It's the only thing missing from Irvington.
 - It's vital to the attract young, full time residents to the area. Not just for growth but to keep it the same. Historically Irvington has attracted new families that support the schools (not just private schools), learn, grow and hopefully come back to the area in some capacity with their skills and prospective. To give up on attracting full time residents isn't keeping it the same, it's reducing the town to an even smaller number of people and allowing it to dissolve.
 - Other: I think it is a good if more young families come to live in Irvington. However I found that none of the answers offered were appropriate. If the answer had been, "Do you think the town should determine how young families may be attracted to live in Irvington?" I would have answered in the affirmative. It appears that the question was designed to lead me to say yes to "capital investments: In fact this whole survey seems to be about directing residents to say yes to capital investments. One of the biggest deterrents to new young residents is the price of housing. That is because homes that used to be less expensive are being snapped up at high prices to be converted to short term rentals.
 - Relax some of the town restrictions to attract younger families (i.e. small farm animals, work equipment etc.)

- Stop trying to socially engineer + get on with the role of town governance! There are younger families but "local" are priced out.
- There is still a fair amount of neglected & property in the city - I'd like that occupied before new construction
- Would like to see more families but do not want to see new housing development that could change the character of the town.

Question 6

- Other (please expand on your opinion):
 - [next to "I would like to see more tourist-related travel and commercial development in town"] some but not many
 - [next to "I would like to see more retail and commercial development tailored to residents"] NO! Go to Kilmarnock or White Stone
 - [next to "I would welcome chain or national businesses"] "NEVER!"
 - [next to "I would welcome chain or national businesses"] Absolutely not!
 - [next to "I would welcome chain or national businesses"] absolutely NOT!
 - [next to "I would welcome chain or national businesses"] Like Ben & Jerry's
 - [next to "I would welcome chain or national businesses"] NO NO NO
 - [next to "I would welcome chain or national businesses"] NO!
 - [next to "I would welcome chain or national businesses"] NO!!
 - [next to "I would welcome chain or national businesses"] wrote "NEVER!" and added "upscale development"
 - [next to "I would like to see more tourist-related travel and commercial development in town", "I would like to see more retail and commercial development tailored to residents", "I would welcome chain or national businesses"] NO!
 - A general store would be a great addition.
 - A small, locally owned grocery/essentials type store would be helpful.
 - Absolutely not interested in more tourist-related development. If that's what we wanted we wouldn't have moved here.
 - Any new business should be in response to resident's needs/wants
 - Blended Comm to service residents & visitors. Added "No!" next to national/chain businesses.
 - Business should be on Irvington Rd. and Steamboat Rds.
 - Chains and national businesses already prohibited under ordinance
 - don't really need more businesses, just more permanent residents
 - Get through traffic off Main Street (Irv.Rd) - NO TRUCKS!
 - Hair salon, primary doctor's office, mini-mart store (like former Cisco, just better - where you could buy essentials, such as bread, OJ, eggs, cigarettes, beer and wine)
 - Hard to attract new businesses when the town internet is so bad as that affects electronic payments, ordering, and overall efficiency. That should be invested in!
 - I think we need zoning to enforce some sort of visual code for the businesses.
 - I wish the main town area was pedestrian and bike friendly
 - I would discourage and would definitely NOT recommend chain or national businesses.
 - I would like to see a full service gas station with grocery and sandwiches

- I would support a few more small locally owned businesses that are in harmony with the town.
- I wouldn't want to attract chains or national companies.
- Independent & locally owned businesses
- It is the people that keep this town running not the businesses
- It would be better to have businesses that are not exclusively to the wealthy
- IVBA + individual businesses should run themselves - this
- Kilmarnock is near enough and has more than enough of what is needed and can't keep all their businesses prospering. Therefore, why put even more businesses at risk?
- LIMITED growth
- more eco-friendly business, e.g., kayak tours
- More off street parking for business and less commercial truck traffic!
- No chain/franchise please
- No more businesses or tourism. The town needs to protect and support residents more.
- No more re-zoning to attract businesses
- Other: Irvington is part of a region of three towns which together offer a full slate of business and professional services. I see no reason to expand Irvington's business offerings beyond those already here. However if any of the things are done that are listed in this question, Irvington will cease to be a special authentic community and devolve into urban sprawl.
- Put x's through "I would welcome chain or national businesses"
- Support current businesses - easy parking, limit restrictions, tax breaks, whatever we can do! :)
- support town business and museum. No need to actively increase
- The fact that we have small businesses adds to the charm of our city. It would be nice to avoid the bigger chain or established store and eateries.
- The town is "touristy" enough
- The town is now very easily overwhelmed when there is an event like the Farmers' Market, a concert or something at the Tides.
- There are plenty of restaurants & businesses outside of Irvington. Business owners in Irvington may receive profits, town residents + owners receive nothing.
- This respondent put a star next to "I would welcome chain or national businesses" and wrote: "Strongly object - see N. Main St., Kilmarnock"
- This town cannot realistically support more retail/commercial development
- unsure
- unsure
- We don't need "development" - just infills on exist. commercial properties
- We have enough businesses. Would like the gas station to reopen.
- With respect to current zoning, etc.

Question 7

- Other (please expand on your opinion):
 - "STR" provide profits to the owner & businesses. Residents receive nothing. All future STR's should be outlawed. Existing STR's to be "grandfathered" but lose this right when their property is sold or transferred.

- [next to “I believe that Short-Term Rentals would help generate tourism and revenue”] NO! We don't need problems associated with STR
- [next to “I am concerned that Short-Term Rentals will change the Town’s character”] if too many
- [next to “I think we should have a town-wide limit on the number of Short-Term Rentals”] !!!
- [next to “I think we should have a town-wide limit on the number of Short-Term Rentals”] speeding drinking + driving is a concern
- [on “I am concerned that Short-Term Rentals will change the Town’s character”] Crossed out "will" and added "have"
- Airbnb’s help the growth of the town and businesses
- As a full time resident raising a family, my concerns are that if not having familiar neighbors.
- As I was walking this morning, I was struck by how nice the rentals are decorated and maintained. Owners need to maintain and make appealing their structures to make money. This same motivation is not there for the part time residents. Given the choice of part timers or renters, they both probably generate about the same amount of traffic. That said I have no concerns about short term rentals.
- Balance with existing business
- Certain amount of STRs doesn't hurt, but they should be strictly regulated so they did not cause issues to immediate neighbors. However, that could be done only after the town straightens out its ordinances regarding light pollution, noise, unleashed dogs, fire prevention.
- concerned about safety
- Destroy the "community"
- don't need new strangers!
- Don't want short term rentals. Don’t want new neighbors every week or a business next door.
- Establish a % allowed based on # of props. in Irv., or limit # of days
- Except for the new STRs on Seafood Ln, STRs haven't changed Irvington's footprint. They seem to bring visitors who might not otherwise come, so that seems a good thing. Not everyone sees themselves in a hotel, especially families with children I would think. And they do expose Irvington to more people. I would consider the Seafood Ln STRs as an experiment, for now.
- Have experienced the noise, traffic + negative impact of Rentals/Airbandbs.* Very little to no supervision or management of visitors, occupancy of units greater than limits, little concern by renters or area or residents. Neighborhood not designed for such usage.
- I am concerned about the noise and traffic
- I believe a cap of 35 is way too many (suggestion by Committee Chairman Phil Robinson). Irvington is a small village not to be over-run with STR's. Security is a concern for sure.
- I don’t know enough about the impacts on property values to make a fully informed opinion.

- I don't support STR
- I had a Airbnb next to me for 2 years, not a good experience
- I have no problem w/ short term rentals we do need to cap the #
- I think it varies from property to property whether or not short term rentals are appropriate.
- I think STR's are a plague for a town of our size and character. HATE Them!
- I think the town should not allow transient rentals
- I think there should be a registry and taxation
- I'm not concerned with having them, many small water towns do, my concern is the aesthetics of them. It can be charming if the rentals are cottages that homeowners use part-time and rent part time or even as income. Example: Salty Captain- thoughtful, charming, restored an old house and he's turning into a space couples and family can enjoy and use to explore the town. Versus- Refuel that clearly did not use Randal Kipp to design a thoughtful, charming group of rentals and are in no way in keeping with the historic charm of the town, the design nor the materials.
- Institute a 14 or 30 day minimum on short term rentals
- limit STR's to a specific number of days a year.
- Long-term residence come FIRST.
- Mortgage lenders look at subdivisions with a high (33%- 50%) proportion of rentals as detrimental to the overall value of the community. The reasons are obvious. Ownership reflects a commitment to the long term viability of the community whereas investors do not always reflect that long term commitment.
- Most of the current residents came here for the serenity and a peaceful environment. That is not what you get when your neighbor's house has new occupants every other day.
- must be clean or maintained
- Need for long-term rentals to support local workers.
- No opinion
- No STR
- Noise from renters
- Other: There is well documented information within the US and from around the world, that short term rentals destroy communities. It is well underway in Irvington already and has increased housing costs, almost eliminated a class of housing, has outsiders dictating what happens in the town and has created a significant divide in the community. This problem needs to be resolved before anything else is undertaken.
- Owners/operators of short-term rentals should be residents of the Town of Irvington
- percentage limit not hard number
- Please see attached (in notes)
- rentals should be regulated to ensure quality
- Residents should be notified when an Airbnb is opening across the street
- seasonal w/ property management requirements
- short term rentals bring \$\$\$\$ to the area.
- Short term rentals should increase town revenue through occupancy tax
- Short term rentals will destroy our community feeling.

- Short-term rentals decrease the number of full-time residents - lose participants in town life.
- Should not be allowed ruining the community
- Some basic requirements of STRs to ensure safety and that they are paying occupancy tax
- STR should be licensed & inspected before operation
- STRs change the neighborhood, need to be severely limited if allowed at all
- that is a serious concern. I've heard from friends that now have a short-term rental next door and it's an absolute nightmare with big groups coming in and out, inconsiderate tenants, loud noise late at night, etc. Who wants this as your neighbor?
- the STR Committee's recommendation seem reasonable
- There is a balance needed, but I honestly don't know how. People who experience Irvington often return to become homeowners. I believe STRs generate tourism and revenue. I believe STRs have a right to exist, and they allow guests a chance to experience the wonderful town. However the town also needs full-time residents so a balance needs to be achieved between STRs and full and part-time residences.
- There should be a minimum separation between STR and Permanent
- This isn't an issue if managed properly
- This town is becoming a transient town with existing STR and is no longer safe
- Town meeting notes suggest decisions were made on short term rentals before this survey was done. That's backwards.
- traffic, noise, no responsibility
- unsure - maybe more crime, alcohol incidents
- We do not know who would be entering our town or what intentions might be. I am concerned about the security of our town.
- We have Tides through Hope & Glory with rental of tent houses
- Will hurt Tides & Hope & Glory - tax revenue applies impacted?

Question 8

- Other (please expand on your opinion):
 - "Smaller/starter/retirement" homes could be outside of Irvington town limits
 - [next to "I would like to see more smaller/starter/retirement homes that match the town's character"] QUALITY
 - [next to all three options] NO
 - [next to "I would like to see more apartments in Town", "I would like to see more duplexes in Town"] No way!
 - [next to "I would like to see more apartments in Town", "I would like to see more duplexes in Town"] NO!
 - [next to "I would like to see more apartments in Town", "I would like to see more duplexes in Town"] not at all
 - [on "I would like to see more smaller/starter/retirement homes that match the town's character"] crossed "more" and added "only"
 - Cheaply built homes will do more to hurt Irvington's character than new businesses
 - Condos and fractional ownership
 - condo's that match the characteristics of Irvington would be a good addition

- Creating an architectural review board could help Irvington maintain its character even as it grows.
- Crossed out "that match the town's character"
- disappointed in Al Pollards development on Seafood Lane; looks like shanty town and may become one
- Do not support apartments or duplexes
- Duplexes & apts rather than town houses?
- Focus on "In-Fill" rather than larger development types. As "In-Fills" the Conditioned Zoning employed here can better monitor and enforce compatibility without Architectural Review Board stigma :)
- Housing for everyone needs to be accessible in the area - somewhere where the work force can live + work nearby
- I believe the population of Irvington to be 400-500 or so. With that small of a town why is there a concern for smaller/starter/retirement homes? There are plenty of other and bigger towns nearby that offer those.
- I have no concerns about any type of housing as long as it fits the character of Irvington
- I think the present housing mix is conducive to maintaining the atmosphere of small town livability that we love
- I wish the zoning or planning committees had been a bit (lot) more careful in approving several of the new constructions in Irvington. One new house looks like an industrial site, one is so huge it could be a hotel and one looks like a boy/girl scout camp cabin.
- I wish we had a public beach
- I would definitely NOT like to see apartments or duplexes in the Town. A retirement community along the lines of Westminster Canterbury with individual houses and a main center is perfected feasible and would be acceptable provided it conformed in style and human scale to the existing character of the Town.
- I would like to see larger homes only keeping Irvington on the high end of the county's property values.
- I would like to see tasteful cluster-type homes in low maintenance or maintenance free developments
- I would like to see the town offerings be more inclusive! Also, any new housing or developments should be designed with lots of green space in mind to enhance the beauty of this area.
- I'd prefer to see a mix of the size of homes in the town.
- Keep traffic down
- Let the free market decide organically within existing zoning codes
- Mix, not clusters of one type
- More Well Designed homes, No Matter the size.
- new homes that fit lot size
- New homes that fit the lot size
- No apartments, No low-income housing projects, No section 8 rentals
- No APT.'s, Now "Low income " Project", No "Section 8" Rentals
- No condo's, apt etc
- No Kipp boxes

- NOT IN FAVOR of Multi-Family dwelling.
- not sure
- Other: Any new housing development should enhance the agreed and defined "character" of the town. Any new housing development should not be considered until that character has been defined. Also as mentioned in the previous question, expansion of housing should not occur until the STR problem is resolved.
- prefer single-family residence
- Single family
- Single family homes in character with our traditional town.
- Single family houses only!
- single family with no restrictions
- Specify a maximum size home
- The one acre minimum for new home construction was a good rule - I don't know if that is still in effect. We do not need tiny prefab homes on 1/4 acre lots. That only benefits the people selling property, not residents.
- The town has grown slowly and naturally over time. The housing types reflect that. There is a nice combination of housing styles, most of them look appropriate for a small county town. If we have new housing to come, I would hope it would include less expensive housing so that people who work here can also afford to live here. Affordable but still attractive.
- There are so few properties left that don't have homes, and even fewer that would qualify for zoning for multi-family units that if done properly would be just fine. I would welcome the chance to share this town with more people
- There should be a historic board generated to keep the historic look in place
- This IS NOT the town's role
- unsure
- We are a small town there is limited growth opportunity
- we've survived Mike Merrill/Bill Young's PUD reign of terror with the majority of residents indicating by petition that such change is definitely not wanted or needed.
- What is the market for housing? Isn't that what really determines what builders can build here.
- White Stone provides enough of the alternative model homes.
- Wrote "yes" above "smaller/starter homes", wrote "What do you mean by this? Do you mean a place like RNC or homes that retirees build/buy" above "retirement homes"

Question 9

- Other (please expand on your opinion):
 - [next to "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"] NO
 - Again its balance. I think Irvington needs to be some of all of the above. Irvington could host more community events that both residents and guests can enjoy. I think both residents and guests would enjoy more retail services and residents can also enjoy and benefit from tourist amenities. I think all of the afore mentioned things will attract families and retirees to want to live here full-time in single family homes. So the amenities have the

effect of promoting a residential community. The town also needs full-time residents to maintain its character.

- as is
- Attractive cultural events to round out food/market activities
- Beautiful place with unique businesses, cultural capital of Northern Neck
- Better use of the North Commons.
- Bring back the gas station
- I can barely keep up with all the offerings in the region. Irvington does enough or the V/A does
- I don't think Irvington needs to play any role in the region!
- I think the present level of Irvington's social/cultural community events is sufficient for anyone who wants to participate on an individual basis.
- I would like the gas station to reopen & be convenient
- I would like the town to clean up its act so that we are not the laughing stalk of the county and surrounding counties like we are now because of the BACKWARDS mentality of a MINORITY of town residents.
- I would like to see Irvington more involved at the county level and using the county work to help with our planning
- I'd like the town to invest in more public access to waterways.
- I'd like the town to work collaboratively with White Stone + Kilmarnock on events, efforts, etc.
- Irvington does a great job with farmers market and Fourth of July
- Irvington is essential a residential subdivision of Lancaster County and should remain that way. If the free market causes change organically, without government interference, let it be.
- It does need to Be warp speed change
- Let Kilmarnock have these items!
- Like the business area and Museum and Inns
- more outdoor activities/events
- Not sure
- Other: As it related to the region, Irvington is primarily residential and should remain that way. However, more should be done to strengthen Irvington as a community. At this point there are no events or activities designed to bring Irvington residents together to meet and know each other better.
- Participate with County and other neighboring towns
- Restaurants
- Support regional tri-way trail
- This seems repetitive
- Tides Inn brings enough tourist, sometimes too many.
- Visitors come to Irvington for its quaintness, yet council members and new residents want to change it.
- We already have 7 restaurants, a flower shop, an art gallery/store, clothing stores, home goods store, multiple marinas/boat docks, a post office, 2 churches, multiple VIA events

- (farmers markets, concerts, Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot, and more) throughout the year, and parades!
- We are a sub-division of Kilmarnock and White Stone.
 - We are a town of older people in a small space. We don't need any more volunteer run cultural events nor can we take on more traffic.
 - we should be more collaborative & engaged with broader Lancaster Co. initiatives

Question 10

- Other (please expand on your opinion):
 - [next to "I would like for the Town to acquire waterfront property for a park or gathering space"] NO
 - [next to all options other than "I see no need to acquire waterfront property beyond what is currently available"] NO!
 - Access for town residents & guests [crossed out the word "boat"]
 - Access for town residents & guests only [crossed out the word "boat"]
 - acquire for a transient dock and associated amenities
 - As a tourist waterfront town, I think it is in keeping with our identity to have access to water. This access can benefit visitors, members of the community that do not live on the water and members of multiple towns surrounding Irvington. It's vital that we protect our waterways through conservation, education around the ecosystem of our waterways and even education to encourage less littering. People find it difficult to value what they have not connection to.
 - As long as we have Gaskins dock
 - county needs to do this
 - depends on costs but I support some sort of waterfront park for residents and guests but not sure any is available at reasonable rates
 - Does t it have a boat landing already!?
 - For those that live on the water, they simply can't see this need as it is beyond their experience.
 - Gas station (boat fuel)
 - Gaskins Dock is sufficient
 - Gaskins property and the new Lancaster Co. property in Weems is sufficient water access.
 - Gaskins public access
 - Good luck with that!
 - I don't see why this is needed for a small community of 500 residents or so.
 - I would only support access for residents, not increased commercial
 - I'm unfamiliar with water access facilities, as they are, so can't comment on whether to expand or not.
 - If Irvington wants to be a true waterfront community, it needs to have waterfront access. And that would be two-way access : access for residents to enjoy and access for visitors to be able to access the town amenities from the water.
 - If left as open space & not "improved"
 - If the town acquired waterfront property for development of a park, gathering space, boat/kayak access, fishing dock or swimming, you will change the atmosphere of the town and also subject your residents to who knows what.

- If waterfront is not possible, improve Town Commons
- If we lose Gaskins Landing there will be no place to launch a boat. Many of us are boaters.
- Is the ramp on Steamboat Rd public?
- Like the location of current public dock
- MUST BE LIMITED TO TOWN RESIDENTS
- Need appropriate insurance, etc. for all this
- needs sufficient consideration of parking needs up front
- NONE IS PUBLIC AND AVAILABLE!
- not sure
- obtain right of first refusal on Gaskins Property
- One of the main features of Irvington is its waterfront. Yes it is a great place for recreation and the reason many of us are here. However neither the town nor this questionnaire addresses the question of stewardship of our waterfront or the water. Restoration of Chesapeake Bay is one of the region's greatest challenges. Restoration begins in the back creeks and coves. Both the town and its residents should be committed to doing their part in the restoration. This should involve both shoreline issues and stormwater from properties and roads that runs directly into the creek. There is little or no stormwater management in the town and the streets are rarely cleaned. Further, the town should assess how it can reduce its overall environmental footprint and define its role and resilience to climate change.
- Parking and traffic flows need to be fully vetted though. Possible revenue generator for out-of-town users if stickers supplied to residents.
- Public access would bring more traffic, trash, speeding etc.
- Public access would evolve into use by nonresidents. Why should the majority support the minority. If a developer wants to increase density, do it outside of Irvington
- public boat landing is key
- Simple - not over-done or too commercial
- small park, a few picnic tables and benches
- swimming pool
- The average resident should have access to the water, not just those who own the waterfront
- The one public water access I know of in Irvington is off Steamboat Rd. I believe that is private property which the Owner allows the public to use for a \$5 fee. As long as it is available for public use, then I'm not in favor of additional property purchases. But if the public is blocked from using it, then I would be.
- the present dock appears small for the demand. A dock for a rowing scull would be appreciated.
- The town should offer public access to creek!
- There is no water-front left. Let Lancaster Co. do this part
- this does not seem fiscally feasible or prudent
- too late
- TOO LATE
- Upgrade existing facilities
- Use of existing \$5 boat launch and covered dock is a "public" access and sufficient.

- waterfront amenities for town residents & guests
- Waterfront property is a precious commodity so the town shouldn't own it. Leave it for individuals but make sure they use it in a manner in keeping with the character of Irvington
- What is available now? Make this letter known.
- what public access is available
- Who would think buying waterfront property for the town in this current market is a sound investment?
- Why?

Question 11

- Other (please specify):
 - * Keep the old equip. at playground and add new pieces including outdoor workout stations, benches, etc. (exercise for fun!) ** Picnic tables & shade canopy *** Dog poop stations throughout the town w/ weekly maintenance. !! - Better layout of the commons for multiple-uses
 - [next to "Tennis courts"] In process?
 - [next to "Tennis courts"] maintained
 - [next to "Tennis courts"] No - probably too expensive to build?
 - [next to "Tennis courts"] updated
 - [next to "Tennis courts"] we have 2
 - [next to "Hiking/biking trails"] not need, Triway Trails is doing this
 - A beach (like at Tides Inn) for Irvington residents (car stickers can be given to residents so they can park in the beach lot; you can even charge for the parking passes to offset costs - this is what they do at other beaches).
 - a town pool like Urbanna's
 - Acquiring waterfront property would allow for dockage of boats and lots of other water activities
 - Adirondack chairs
 - Again - work/partner w/ Tides Inn?
 - as is
 - basketball court adjacent to tennis courts
 - Beaches free and public
 - Bike trails
 - Bocce courts, pickleball courts
 - community pavilion for inclement weather, shade and expanded community events
 - Concert stage in Commons
 - Crossed out "new" and added "updated equipment" for playgrounds. Be sure tennis courts are used - available to residents - guest first - availability an issue when used by others.
 - Exercise stations
 - Extend sidewalks along Rt. 200 to allow all residents to safely walk within the town.
 - Foot path/bike path that connects Whitestone/Kilmarnock so pedestrians could safely walk/bike!
 - Go to the YMCA
 - hiking/biking trails, but how?! where?

- I am excited that we will be getting the bike trail connecting the three cities, schools, and other facilities in a safe and picturesque setting.
- I especially like the idea of an expanded family playground/plash park/picnic facilities on the commons. Kilmarnock 's is pleasing for parents, grandparents & children - we really enjoy it over there! We'd stay here if we could!
- I mere park (public garden) with places for food trucks to pull into on the North Commons along with parking. Also, we could have "starter kiosks" for small businesses.
- I support the tri-city bike & walking trail. Irvington should support & do its part in bringing trail into creation.
- I think size is everything and the reason for Irvington's current appeal is its human scale. Nice size commons, two tennis courts seem to be adequate and a bike/hiking trail should be discretely planned so as not to jolt the slightly sleepy atmosphere of the town with bikers and event participation from all over.
- I would prefer to see regular maintenance on what is already there.
- If the town creates leash law applied all year round, I would support a dog park where dog owners could let them run free
- It would be better to utilize what the town already has
- Kayak launch
- Lease laws for dogs and poop bag receptacles
- Link up to Tri-City Trail
- Maintain current tennis courts
- More stuff more problems!!!
- Most property owners provide for their own recreation. They should not require their neighbors to provide recreation through taxes.
- Not the Plastic Versions (of playgrounds)
- Our old playground needs replacing.
- outdoor stage; restrooms
- Permanent Restrooms on Commons
- Permanent stalls for Farmers Market, public use bathrooms in commons, town public Wi-Fi
- pickle ball
- pickle ball
- pickle ball
- pickle ball
- Pickle ball
- pickle ball courts
- Pickle ball courts
- pickle ball courts, support tri way!
- pickleball courts
- Pickleball courts
- Public toilets on the commons.
- Public water access
- Put x's through "Dog park"
- Repair & upgrade current playground & picnic area

- Repair/rebuild tennis courts all on commons & add pickle ball lines. Add new playground with "awning" and picnic tables under "awning"
- replace the current playground with safer play equipment
- Sidewalks for walkability
- swimming pool
- Tennis wall
- There are sufficient facilities/amenities for a village of 450.
- town pool
- town swimming pool
- Tri way trail
- tri-way trail
- Waterfront access park
- waterfront recreation
- Waterfront/marina amenities for transient and local boaters

Question 12

- Write-in responses [note: the survey did not include an option for open response on this question. These write-in responses were written in the margins]
 - [next to "I would be willing to pay a one-time cost"] But I'm concerned this would promote unwanted growth
 - [next to "The Town does not need to invest in a public sewer system at this time"] OR EVER!
 - A friend who lives in White Stone told me all the costs for the sewer is paid by the town through grants. The town is bringing the pipes to the house and the only cost to the residents is connecting the new pipes brought on their property to existing pipes from the house. She was told by a plumber it'd be about \$500 to get that done. Would Irvington be able to secure similar grants?
 - For life-long residents, this is an incredible amount of money. For those buying into the Town, it's possibly not an issue. Would businesses, such as Hope & Glory Inn & Tides Inn pay their fair share?
 - I am on my 2nd drainfield -w/ nowhere for another to go
 - I would hate to have to live through the construction.
 - If businesses need a public sewer system i.e. Tides Inn, it is not the town residents responsibility to pay
 - Live @ present home 37
 - yrs. without septic problems, if the Tides or other business want it, let them pay
 - Many need sewer system, some do not. I have no issues with my septic and cannot afford sewer. But those who need sewers should be able to purchase them.
 - Maybe Tues Inn & King Carter Dr.
 - need more information
 - Need more information/education on this topic
 - Need to have more info - if pursued each house should get a quote
 - New Virginia septic system regulations are expected later this year which may reframe requirements
 - No problems with the current septic. We are happy with our current septic.

- No septic problems
- Public sewer is wanted primarily by businesses who want others to pay for it!
- Retired 100 90 disabled combat veteran (fixed income)
- sewer is good for all
- sewer is good for the environment + good for our town
- Sewer paid for by property owners would primarily benefit developers or other property owner disproportionately
- This should be a tax that is affordable over 20+ years
- Unfair choices: false argument if no problems

Question 13

- Write-in responses [note: the survey did not include an option for open response on this question. These write-in responses were written in the margins]
 - #1 Bike trails - \$75. #2 Speed indicators for traffic -\$20 These are signs that flash your current speed as you approach. If you are speeding, they flash or even take pictures. They range from \$3,000 up. I think this will do better than hiring a part time policeman, unless there is a crime spree we have not heard about. #3 Extend the sidewalk to from the Local to the vineyard road-\$5
 - \$100 - town hall & community center
 - [above the question] Grant money
 - [next to "Town police services"] Is current arrangement not working?
 - [next to "A new Town Hall"] NO
 - [next to "Town Commons"] Need more information - sidewalk maintenance, street cleaning, 1-2 x year
 - [next to "Town Commons"] will require maintenance expense
 - [next to "Trails and bike paths"] Triway Trails is doing this
 - As part of the planning process, we need to determine and define who we are, where we are and where we are going before considering any capital expenditure
 - I believe buying or building a New Town Hall is a bad financial decision given the current real estate market, the increasing cost of building materials to exorbitant levels and the difficulty to acquire them, and continuous increase in interest rates.
 - I would invest in the commons but NOT restrooms
 - Maybe flush toilets on the Town Commons, but who will maintain
 - None of the above give the \$100 to charity
 - None of these are unnecessary.
 - This survey reeks of a town having money to spend which is burning a hole in its pocket!!!. This is the result of an authorization to tax residents in Irvington when the Tides Inn closes to remodel - it never did close but we got taxes
 - West Irvington! King Carter Drive past Tides Inn Gate
 - Why is this needed?

Question 14

- Write-in responses [note: the survey did not include an option for open response on this question. These write-in responses were written in the margins]
 - [next to "Yes – to fund a new Town Hall"] no

- [next to “Yes – to build trails and bike paths”] IF available to golf carts
- [next to “Yes – to build trails and bike paths”] paid for by meals taxes
- [next to “Yes – to fund a Town sewer system”] But restrict possible growth
- [next to “Yes – to fund a Town sewer system”] great idea
- [next to “Yes – to fund a Town sewer system”] if it would remove the connection fee
- [next to “No”] for west Irvington
- [next to “Yes – to fund a new Town Hall”, “To build additional sidewalks”] Meal tax money only
- [next to “Town Hall”, “Commons”, “trails and bike paths”, “public water access”] NO
- [on “Yes – to fund a new Town Hall”] Circled "purchase of existing"
- Absolutely against any additional taxes. Once a tax is added it never goes away
- I am not willing to pay any additional taxes for most of the items on the list. Further I am not willing to pay any additional taxes for any of the list until my comment on Question 13 is satisfied and then not until the need for the item is defined, and verified, all alternatives are explored, a definitive cost estimate is obtained and all other financing options are exhausted.
- Much of this is dependent on ultimate vision-need. Better communication of current services & expenditures would enhance my opinion to "pay more". Need faster/better internet options to attract young WFH types.
- NO! NO! NO!
- Not at this time. Need more information on projects.
- Once again build the bike trail.
- Repurpose existing taxes to police, "tri-way" + sidewalks. No new taxes are needed.
- You have excess income

Question 15

- Other (please expand on your opinion):
 - Absolutely against any additional taxes. Once a tax is added it never goes away
 - Adding municipal WiFi would be inexpensive and a great asset to businesses, residents, and tourists in town. This would be a tremendous asset to Irvington
 - Adds too much to local restaurants, so not sure it's their responsibility (except large businesses that may benefit from sewer construction)
 - Also end or reduce property tax
 - depends on amount
 - Depends on percentage - 5% would be the max
 - Do not support meals tax to pay for greater spending
 - Everyone is taxed enough already. Where did the extra property tax go?
 - for new town office
 - hurting local restaurants not good
 - I can't afford to eat at the local restaurants anyway so why not
 - I could support a meals tax that is reasonable
 - I do not know enough about the impact of the tax on local restaurants
 - I do not know the impact on restaurants
 - I do not support a Town meal tax. Our restaurants are a fragile business as so many of our population leave in the winter. Let's not encumber them.

- I do not support any additional taxes unless and until the town has a community approved long term plan, and then only if the town has demonstrated the skills to manage a capital expenditure
- I only support meals tax specifically for sewer to Town Center.
- I think a Town meals tax is unfair in a way as only a sector of population foots the bill.
- I think the town needs to be respectful of this - we have had too many people comment on how expensive eating out is in Irvington. I do understand inflation but just a comment
- I thought you already had a hefty meals tax you implemented property tax when Tides was going to change - it didn't get rid of property tax
- I would gladly pay for public water and sewer.
- I would support a business tax
- I would support a Town meals tax that replaces the Town's current property tax, but only if it lowers the property tax
- Irvington is a small residential community. The council works hard enough to spend the existing budget. It does not need more money to spend
- Kilmarnock/White Stone have a meal tax all the more reason NOT to add to Irving.
- Meal tax only comes from food establishments. It is not fair that other businesses do not get taxed in that manner.
- meals tax is a way for non-residents to pay for our capital improvements
- meals taxes help non-residents pay for local improvements
- Nix the re tax - the original reason for it is no longer valid or relevant!
- Not needed at this time
- Reduce meal prices / then maybe yes
- Reduce or eliminate property tax
- Remove the RE taxes then budget within the means of the town.
- stop taxing locals
- Support a Meals tax for Sewer only.
- tax to fund sidewalks, small waterfront park
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- the tax should not be more than 3.5% of the restaurant bill
- The Town is reaping excess funds from property tax that Council seems to want to spend in ways that would destroy the atmosphere of our town!
- This town is literally swimming in excess revenue. Projects like commons upgrade can be paid for with existing funds.
- Town does not need new revenue - it already has more \$ than it needs
- Undecided - taxes should be collected for specific purposes, not just because you can
- what capital improvements are short and necessary? insurance rates are sky high!

Question 16

- Write-in responses [note: the survey did not include an option for open response on this question. These write-in responses were written in the margins]

- [next to “Preserve the Town’s strong sense of community and village character”] depends on what this means
- [next to “Preserve the Town’s strong sense of community and village character”] If others are ranked then this will automatically be preserved
- [next to “Support the Town’s working waterfront”] we don't have one
- [next to “Support innovative efforts to expand public access to the waterfront”] Cannot work - do not agree with this initiative
- [next to “Support innovative efforts to expand public access to the waterfront NO!
- [next to “Support innovative efforts to expand public access to the waterfront Now achieved by the county
- [next to “Support open green spaces, limited density and compatible architecture”] This would mean preserving the community grounds - not building a town hall on it. No need to spend money to build a new town hall for a small community of this size.
- [next to “Support local small businesses”] I now believe we have sufficient
- [next to “Support local small businesses”] no additional business taxes!!
- [next to “Support the Town’s working waterfront”, “Support open green spaces, limited density and compatible architecture”] Not with tax money
- [next to “Support the Town’s working waterfront”, “Support innovative efforts to expand public access to the waterfront”] disagree
- [on “Support open green spaces, limited density and compatible architecture”] crossed out "and compatible architecture" and wrote "This is gov't overreach - architectural review boards terrible idea!"
- Support small businesses. All others I have certain reservations
- What do you all mean by "Town's working waterfront"?
- What does "support redevelopment of a working waterfront" mean exactly?

Question 17

- "Parking: The restaurants on Irvington Road need to acquire parking accommodation for their customers rather than street parking on both sides of the street. Someone is going to get hurt with people opening car doors with traffic. Cars can barely get through without crossing the middle lane in the road with the street parking. Tides Inn needs to provide parking when they host events, such as Taste By The Bay. Cars park on the shoulders of the road on King Carter Drive and leave trash on personal properties. When it is raining the cars leave ruts on the edge of yards. I'm not award of Tides Inn offering to fix the ruts or pick up trash but they do put up ribbons to keep cars from parking on the shoulder of the road where the general manager lives.
- "See attached": To the Irvington governing body, I am in a member of a diminishing group of long retired folks who are fortunate enough to claim Irvington as our birthplace. While I love this town, I know that change is inevitable. However, it is my hope that very little change will occur over the coming years. The survey is an excellent way to gain an understanding of the desires of the residents regarding potential changes to the complexion of Irvington. I feel that White Stone and Kilmarnock will welcome additional commercial development. Irvington should remain primarily a residential entity with very little additional commercial development. The two nearby towns I'll enjoy serving guests of the Tides Inn and Hope and Glory. That being said, I do support two of the mentioned potential town projects: the bike path and sidewalks for

West Irvington. Each can be developed in stages to spread out the cost and prevent the need for additional income sources and bank loans. I support the bike path because it should keep the cyclists off the main highways thereby making it much safer for them. I support the sidewalk construction to West Irvington, again for safety reasons given the increasing pedestrian traffic in that part of town. As a final thought, there should be no food tax or additional revenue sources considered. The real estate tax should be ended. There is absolutely no need for a town hall, \$100k playground, town sewer system, or town water front access. These are ideas of people who mean well but are out of touch with reality and really lack an appreciation for what Irvington represents. Thank you for our service to our town, [name redacted]

- "The town is spending far too much time on local business issues - these should be addressed by the businesses themselves. Town government is disrupting volunteerism? Focus on governance issues.
- 1) Irvington residents should not be burdened with supplying Tides Inn with sewage disposal!
2) New town office: somebody should have thought about that before selling the old one! Duh!!
- 1) The out of control speeding traffic and truck traffic needs to be addressed and public safety become a TOP PRIORITY. 2) More emphasis on the resident's needs and opinions instead of just businesses and tourism. Too much of our money goes to supporting businesses and tourism! 3) No short term rentals! There is a hotel and bed + breakfast in town for lodging. Do NOT want a commercial business next door in our residential neighborhood.
- 1. The unregulated establishment of short term rental businesses has undermined our residential neighborhoods. They have changed Irvington from a place to make a home to a free for all of commercialization. 2. I suggest a small waterside park with a few picnic tables and benches. this is a common amenity in waterside communities. It would allow all Irvington residents to access our beautiful setting. It should not be a marina or event site. 3. Before taking on new capital projects, we should address some basic maintenance issues such as keeping the sidewalks and curbs in good order, regularly cleaning the streets and removing debris blocking storm sewers. If we want to impress visitors, attention to these simple items should be a high priority. 4. Support our public schools. To attract young families, this should be a very high priority. All the capital programs in the town will not change the school situation. 5. A feature of Irvington is the mix of house styles, sizes and random placement that gives Irvington its character. New planned developments are sterile by comparison and do not fit with the "village character".
- A local property tax was added supposedly for one year in 2016. This should end immediately or were residents mis-led
- access to groceries and gasoline for town residents especially the elderly. I appreciate the family that allows us to pay \$5.00 to use the boat ramp. I very much like the food at the local Cathi of cathi)s florist is a nice and friendly merchant.
- Added an image that reads: "You came here from there because you didn't like there, and now you want to change here to be like there. We are not racist, phobic, or anti whatever-you-are, we simply like here the way it is and most of us actually came here because it is not like there, wherever there was. You are welcome here, but please stop trying to make here like there. If you want here to be like there you should not have left there to come here, and you are invited to leave here and go back there at your earliest convenience."

- Also who wrote the vision and were the residents given an opportunity to review/approve it? It seems totally business oriented and not much emphasis at all given to the current residents themselves. I don't see any mention of the increasing volume of large trucks and 8-wheeler traffic on Irvington Rd. It's noisy, smelly and dangerous since most don't follow the 35 speed limit from Irvington- White Stone Bridge until they reach the curve by Steamboat Rd which is where The Chesapeake Academy (elementary and middle school grades) is located. Likewise coming from Kilmarnock they start speeding as soon as they pass the post office. I see personal vehicles getting speeding tickets near the NN Insurance Company regularly, but I have yet to see one of the trucks/8 wheelers being stopped for speeding. Which brings me to why are the large trucks going on Irvington Rd at all when there's a four-lane divided road going in the same direction? What happened to the No Through Truck Traffic sign that was at the corner of Rappahannock Dr and Irvington Rd? As it is, it's difficult and sometimes dangerous to open your door on the driver side when parked in front of The Local or Dredge. It's worse given the increase volume of large truck. I'm sure patrons dining outside at any of the restaurants on Irvington Rd don't appreciate all the noise and fumes coming from this constant truck traffic. I would rather have another pedestrian crossing stop sign/light in that particular area than additional sidewalk. Finally I feel this entire survey was written to serve business interest only. Irvington has maybe a population of 500 so I don't see why there's all this talk about apartments, duplexes, starter homes? Lancaster county is big enough if you want apartments and duplexes and small homes they are plenty of land available elsewhere in the county. You shouldn't be trying to make Irvington a "one fits all" type of town.
- Any fire & rescue? County allotment?
- Any land deal done behind closed doors by Town Council is totally unacceptable!
- Anything we can do to help support the tri way trail would be great. New swing sets, playground for kids would be nice
- Ban people from building ugly homes. Prevent people from speeding down King Carter Dr. Buy telephone lines. Irvington is unique and lovely. Improvements & progress are possible while keeping it nice & classy. :)
- Business zoning area should not be increased or expanded. - If the Tides Inn or business in the business zoning area wish to have water & sewer, let them fund it. - Private residents that have septic issues should contact contractors to replace their septic field w/ new modern systems - The present town office, with modifications & more parking is located in the perfect location & represents Irvington architecture & should cost less than new construction - People that move to Irvington did so because of its small town charm. We need to preserve it in every way. We are primary a residential community, not a Kilmarnock. We are unique & should embrace our past history and continue evolving in a natural organic & conservative way. Let's not turn Irvington into a tourist trap.
- Capital expenditure without ongoing staff (paid) and budget is a formula for failure. Everything from streets to trash cans to restrooms to dog policing and traffic control requires well trained staff to perform regular duties that must be an essential budget item. There is a big need for dog poop cans & bag dispensers + regular clean-up resupply + mandatory leash requirement + policing people who abuse their dogs or throw dog poop bags into storm drains! Believe me - it happens! Concern: sidewalks typically require curb-n-gutter which requires storm drainage infrastructure - Do we really want that - it will change local historic nature of the community

which is contrary to our goals! A difficult survey to develop. Thank you for your hard work to produce it. P.S. we need to stop big trucks from thru-travel! A 3-way STOP sign will go a long way to redirecting them! Likewise, I am in favor of more 25 mph speed limit signs; flashing speed indicators; and speed bumps. The industrial property at the end of "QUIET" residential streets makes for HEAVY 3 to 5 AXELS TRUCK that don't care about speed limits! (The more people walk in the streets the slower these trucks have to go - so I'm not in favor of sidewalks)

- Depending on the outcome of the sewer engineering cost estimates I might support a town center sewer line funded by a 2.5% meals tax because customers and businesses would be funding
- Do not be afraid of smart, planned growth. Do something now so Irvington doesn't die on the vine.
- Do we have an ordinance in place that addresses yards AND houses that are not properly maintained? If not, we should Now can we change the no golf cart zone to golf cart approved? Ancillary Rt 200 between Steamboat AND King Carter?
- Don't try to put a new face on a grand old lady who has survived the test of time and tradition. Accept the town as it was,. and is now. Love it, but please don't lose it to unproved and divisive changes. Savor the peace we are so fortunate to have. Love your neighbor, no matter which side of the street!
- Drop the real estate tax No food tax No new town hall The town does not need to "acquire" property for anything Reduce spending - be realistic!!
- Due to the town demographics, Irvington's "character" had become a community that desires an upscale approach. This sadly is not in line with the families nor lifestyle that Irvington was known for in the past; a community of hardworking humble families. Irvington has placed too many restrictions and imposed taxes that are unappealing. My question to the town, What type of young families will Irvington appeal to; hardworking average families or upscale professionals?
- Eight references are made to the Irvington village "character". Is our "character" - our size, history location or its residents? Has our "character" ever been defined?? How can we preserve our "towns strong sense of community" when I am surrounded with short term rentals?? Where are my neighbors and who are my neighbors?
- Eliminate the temporary property tax that was for one year in 2016 to replace the temporary closing of the Tides Inn
- Establish Architectural Review
- excellent survey
- Expand the 35mph zone on Irvington Road to include the intersection with Glebe Road
- Final comments: The great majority of residents that have moved here from other areas in VA or from other states did so because of what the Town of Irvington currently is, not for what it could be based on someone else's vision. I am baffled this survey was sent asking the residents if they are interested in adding services and facilities without providing the costs for these services/facilities. [The respondent included responses from their online survey here]
- Full time residents need to embrace some change and progress to remain a vibrant place to live. For example I do not want fast food within the village but you have to have some type of active scene to attract younger people to live, visit and work here. Having a bike path that connects the surrounding communities would be an excellent investment. A study of how well the capital

trail in Richmond has done would be wise. It attracts the type of visitor/residents that small communities want.

- Get rid of porta potties Have permanent restrooms Hire competent town manager
- Get rid of town property tax. It was introduced in a way that really offended me and I have never recovered. All suggested items in this survey cost a lot of \$ and I cannot see why they are necessary. We have enough entities taking our hard earned money. Should not be forced on residents
- Given we spend \$19,800 on this survey, I hope the town will receive the raw data; a technical appendix explaining who received the survey, how the data were cleaned, and how the analyses were conducted; and, a report that explains in plain language what the numbers mean.
- Greater collaboration & support for county-level initiatives and engagement with Kilmarnock & White Stone for innovative solutions that address long-term issues in our region such as the Lancaster 2035 vision. I think Irvington has become parochial and insular - kind of stuck in time - while other towns are moving forward and investing in future-oriented, family-oriented initiatives. We unfortunately created a reputation as the snooty complainers, rather than participative problem-solvers. We need more sidewalks. More speed-calming measures on Rt. 200 (it's not a truck issue - it's a speed issue of ALL vehicle types!) Decent, permanent public restrooms on the commons. Public trash receptacles. The town website is terrible - needs major upgrade and effective maintenance, monitoring & timely content.
- Have never been a proponent for the Town tax - just because there are monies, why does it need to be spent?
- Historic district w/ architectural review board needed, different housing sizes needed - max & min
- I am >65, but I believe we need to make decisions to attract younger people or our town will die. We need water/sewer services, playgrounds and whatever else will attract and retain them. We do NOT need people who force the status quo.
- I am becoming increasingly aggravated and frustrated by the attempts of a small group of people and businesses to transform this lovely town into a tourist mecca (the "new Nantucket") for their own aggrandizement. This town's "ecosystem" is very fragilely balanced and can easily be destroyed by overweighting in any one part. Community economy is also strained by the constant pressure of businesses to increase tourism and the necessary "amenities" which accompany it. I think most residents of the town instinctively recoil from the significant changes sought by the few for their own benefit - they feel the town they know and love in endangered. Irvington cannot be "the New Nantucket" without ceasing to be Irvington. And the amount of taxpayer money they want to commit to do it is appalling (waterfront, sewer). With Gaskins & the Weems Marina development we do not need additional waterfront access!!
- I am not into politics, but [illegible] the bickering of our Town council is embarrassing
- I am suspicious of those that want to "promote" Irvington - it seems to me their motivation in the end is to make money - not to improve the quality of life for residents. The one most useful business on a daily basis for residents - John + Grace's Convenience Store - stands empty.
- I am truly concerned about STR's. With the violence and migration in our country today let us keep our town as free as we can by not attracting and making places for bad things to happen. To the town council - I am in my sunset years and have seen my town of Irvington survive and maintain its history without all the things you propose to implement. The plans will - will change

Irvington from its charm. Enough damage has already been done with cars parked on both sides of our streets where two vehicles can hardly pass each other where people can run right out in front of you. Why bring in more business when we do not have people who even want to work in what we do have? Thank you for this privilege to share my feelings with you.

- I appreciate very much the town taking the time to gather the opinions of residents. however, this survey is primarily about capital expenditures. There are many more dimensions to a successful community which should be taken into account in developing a town plan. During preparation of the Comprehensive Plan, time should be taken to develop a simple vision statement and desirable community attributes to achieve the vision. The last plan referenced a good vision statement: "An exception place to live and a special place to visit" This may be a good place to start and stop.
- I believe the town should explore a sewer system to support some expanded Main Street businesses. I'd also welcome upgraded recreational facilities, including a trail linking Irvington with White Stone and Kilmarnock and Westminster Canterbury. I continue to suggest allowing ABC exempt dates to allow walk around with alcohol for special events.
- I believe the town should explore how to bring high-speed internet access to all residents, specifically in conjunction with any proposed build out of sewer infrastructure, as there are likely benefits/ savings in pursuing these at the same time. I further believe that having town-wide high-speed internet access would make living here more attractive to young professionals and their families.
- I do not want to preserve a community of vipers. Instead let's get some young intelligent people here.
- I find the wording of this survey peculiar and frustrating. It is impossible to prohibit all change and keep the town frozen in time. Instead of focusing on preventing change and growth, I would implore that the town focus on how to establish parameters that shape/influence the inevitable changes of time. Improvements to the town square and the walkability of the community should attract appealing future residents. I strongly support the Triway Trail idea for connecting Irvington to Kilmarnock.
- I have a small dog and walk with a cane. My uncle walks her daily and has had to quickly pick her up in his arms because of larger dogs off leash. I walk her in the morning and while in my front yard she was chased by a large dog off leash. I stood with my cane waving it at the dog and yelling. Finally the owner called the dog off. Since that incident I have seen two large dogs off leash in my front yard when I was prepared to walk her. (1) My concern is do the people renting Airbnb's know the rules for leash law? (2) Are all new residents made aware of leash laws? My incident happened with a person renting next to me.
- I have been very disappointed by the unprofessional behavior of city council members and their lack of concern for full time residents - many are never seen socially unless its election time Longtime residents appear to stay in their own clique. Maybe if they got out more & mingle they would have a better idea of how to act and to hear what residents are thinking rather than relying on impersonal surveys
- I hope that we did not spend good money on a consultant to prepare this survey. It's been done before - what has happened?
- I hope to see the town take action and leadership to ensure a bright future for Irvington. The town hasn't done much of anything for decades, aside from instituting property tax rather than

the much larger source of revenue in a meals tax that could pay for consistent improvements to our town.

- I love Irvington and would love to help make sure the town not only survives but thrives.
- I love our town for what it is, but feel we need to expand our architecture with apartments & creative solutions across the board in order to grow in a prudent manner
- I read in the newspaper that Irvington's budget for this/next year there is a line item for \$10,000.00 for the proposed bike trail. Why in the world are my tax dollars going for this? Off 408 or 20 residences in Irvington What % is actually going to ride a bike on this trail? 1% 2%? And who is going to pay to maintain this trail?
- I recently met someone for coffee one morning at the Local. Was shocked at the amount of BIG trucks passing through, and NOT stopping for local business. We couldn't hear each other talk outside and had to move inside. It is unlikely the town is to would emphasize about this, but it must have a negative effect on local business w/ outdoor seating. Loud, inconvenient and most importantly very dangerous!! Trucks doing business here in Irvington are welcomed but trucks just passing through are a threat and unnecessary.
- I think it's important to note that Irvington began as a commercial steamboat port, and has always had a working waterfront and business component to it. Visitors and tourists have always been a part of Irvington's history. Businesses in Irvington have the right to exist and reach their full potential and their success should always be an equal consideration when the town makes decisions. There has to be a balance between the business/tourist nature of Irvington and the needs of full and part time residents. The harmony of the two is what gives Irvington its character. Every resident who lives or owns property in Irvington did so knowing there was an existing business and tourist sector in Irvington. It might even be why they chose to live here. And the town needs to attract and retain full-time residents for its long-term success and sustainability. I hope the town (and this survey) have the goal of focusing on how the residents and businesses can strike a harmonious balance in the pursuit of happiness and success together rather than asking residents to choose sides. The goal for all should be balance
- I think that it is important for the town of Irvington to think about making its current offerings better. For example, the tennis courts should be nicer, the playground should be first class, the sidewalks should be free of cracks and uniform, etc. Basically what I'm saying is that the Town should focus on making their existing offerings nicer. Once that's done, then you can focus on other things. EVERYTHING IN TOWN SHOULD BE FIRST CLASS! IF THIS IS ACCOMPLISHED, EVERYTHING ELSE WILL FALL INTO PLACE!!
- I think that the town has done well in reinventing itself. We need a plan as we continue to transition from a working waterfront (seafood) to a retail and tourist based economy. History is important to connect then and now. We need to continue to support the museum. I do not believe that it is the Town's role to attract or recruit families. The Town should continue to provide events that attract people to the Town such as the Farmers Market, 4th of July activities, etc. Let the visitors make their own minds as to whether they want to live in town. There are many attractive qualities of living in Irvington and they are not enhanced by additional sidewalks or a sewer system. There appears to be development property on Rt. 200 heading to Kilmarnock. Development there could enhance the "Irvington Experience" without congestion in

the existing town footprint. This growth should be consistent with the vision of the overall Town as a quiet small destination.

- I think the preservation of green open spaces like the now defunct vineyard at Vineyard Grove is a goal that the Town should endorse and embrace wherever feasible.
- I understood that the town adopted a property tax due to expected loss in lodging tax when the Tides Inn was expected to close down for a year-long remodel. Because the closing did not occur I think the town certainly should not need more tax revenue unless it is needed to fund a sewer project town-wide. I think the town's idea of building a new town hall is financially irresponsible. A town with a population number such as Irvington should not need a \$100,000 plus office to run the town. The local church(s) I am sure are more than willing to provide meeting space when large meetings are called, even if rental charges are requested.
- I wish to expand on the survey. When the town adopted a personal property tax to offset the feared closing of the Tides Inn, and the Tides Inn is still open, is this money available to help fund the town's vision? If not, then why not? If there is existing funds, then it should be spent on public access to the water. Waterfront is not accessible to most of the residents of the area, yet we pay taxes to help maintain that environment. Adding taxes in times such as these is a slap in the face to anyone working or has a fixed income. Investment equals spending, in this case, taxes paid by residents. If you do not have the funds presently or cannot reprioritize spending, then do what most people have to do - then you do not spend or ask others to pay for it.
- I would like the Town Council meetings to be livestreamed for those who are unable to attend in person.
- I would like to request to the Tides Inn that they work on reducing the noise coming from their property. I would appreciate a ban on fireworks from private residences
- I would like to see the town purchase the property across from Northern Neck Insurance Company for public water access for swimming and gathering (but not for boat access, which could possibly be placed somewhere else instead).
- I would support slow growth to coordinate with traditional character of town.
- I would want to be advised of costs of improvements in advance of their being implemented with tax monies/increases
- I'd like to see new lamp posts lining the streets and not just on King Carter. Also a more prominent sign welcoming people to Irvington. More charm in town, not dramatic changes, but upgrades. As for apartments, if you are referring to small apartments over shops (i.e. what Patterson has proposed in the past), I'm all for it. The Pattersons are good Irvington citizens. Finally, tighter restrictions on blight houses and yard signage. I think printed yard signage for graduations, business promotional sign post up in yards after success have been rendered (i.e. Miller Septic), political signs, etc should be only allowed for a period of time.
- I'd like to see sewer installed so we can grow reasonably. Many lots are underdeveloped or undeveloped. At the same time, architectural review and zoning regulations can help guide growth to be compatible and attractive.
- I'm concerned about residents who don't have the wider community in mind and just want to be disruptive.
- In my opinion, estimated costs should have been included for the many initiatives addressed herein. I think the notion of purchasing waterfront property in this economic climate - for any

reason - is preposterous. Finally, the initiatives describes - in nearly every instance - benefit the community's businesses interests versus the residents. The "vision" on which this survey is predicated should have been included. It is clear to me that the survey is a cynical exercise to validate a "vision" tailored to business and development interests.

- In order to protect and maintain the parts we love, we need to invest in infrastructure on conscious development. This means spending some money to be a prosperous town!
- In response to Town of Irvington Survey June 15, 2022 - As relatively new property owners in this beautiful little town, I will admit that when we bought our house, my first thought was - if the town gets a public sewer system, I could build another house on my property. After only two weeks, I did a complete 180. While I would like a public sewer system, the thought of all property owners building units on what is now septic field lots, that possibility makes me shudder. Imagining Irvington almost doubling in population would make it a jammed, noisy, traffic heavy place and would ruin the beauty and serenity of the current historic village. Although a "come-here", I've grown to love Irvington. I can easily go to Kilmarnock for the chain stores and enjoy the local ownership of the Tri-Star. But I can also get a terrific meal at The Local, The Office Vine, The Hope & Glory and Dredge. I also love my evening walk to the Tides Inn to watch the sunset and enjoy a snack and a libation! The Farmers Market is an event in and of itself. And then there is the gem that is the Steamship Museum. This little Village has it all, in my opinion. Then there are the people. I happen to live next to [name redacted] - a "from-here" who has become a good friend and who had taught me many things about Irvington. During our last visit she talked about going to Richmond on the Ferry. On more than one occasion she was late because of fog on the river. She talked about the ferry captain calling to the men on the receiving dock on the other side of the river to find his way to dock the ferry. And then [name redacted] in my life. Side note - she was born in my house 91 years ago! I understand the need for improvement(s), but would much rather pay more in taxes (property, food, etc.) than allow for growth that would ultimately change the character of Irvington. Napoleon Hill (an author) once said, "If you cannot do great things, do small things in a great way." I think Irvington is already doing small things in a great way. Let's continue to do just that. Most sincerely, [name redacted]
- Individual sewage, not town wide
- Internet service - high speed availability Street-gutter cleaning Sidewalk repair - connectivity Bike lane leaving Irvington to (prior) Vineyard property - community & beyond! Awareness - communication oppty 3-4x year - that informs residents of all things Irvington - sense of community, happenings, needs, recognition, etc. The sewer opportunity - is large and requires a lot of education - communication. Some lots are easily accessed - connected - others are not/maybe cost prohibitive. Leveraging any grab or gov't (state/fed) to subsidize would enhance this conversation.
- Invest in a proper town office, sidewalks, public restrooms and sewer as long as sewer is funded by meals tax. We go to parks in Kilmarnock because Irvington hasn't seen fit to invest in public spaces. Irvington needs to invest in technology to put town meetings and records online, and have updated ordinances online, not outdated pdfs from 2017. Irvington needs to get serious about investing in a modern future or it will die

- Irvington concerts have become very popular with the local community. Consider building an amphitheater (1/2 clam shell stage) to replace the non-used baseball backstop in the N.W. corner of the Irvington commons. The late afternoon sun is brutal on the band!!
- Irvington does a really good job now of welcoming people to our town, hosting fun and public activities and celebrations while maintaining the quaint hometown atmosphere. Perhaps we could build on these successes and add a few more events? (I realize this adds more work for the VIA but perhaps their numbers/volunteer pool could expand as well) Possible events could be: 1) Another athletic event like the Turkey Trot 2) An outdoor fine arts show 3) An evening of wine + beer tastings highlighting/celebrating nearby wineries + breweries 4) Outdoor classic movies on the commons 5) And, specifically for town residents only, a get together on the town commons; block parties; even a kickball game (which includes young + old) followed by picnic
- Irvington has the potential to be a high end, historic waterfront destination. Tourism is a positive when it's upscale and involves things like the renovations happening at the Tides Inn, the Hope and Glory, The Vine, etc. The town should welcome those type of businesses and the people who use them. The town should not support low end lodging / housing that denigrates the image of Irvington.
- Irvington is a wonderful small town (village) and people come to live and visit because of its rural atmosphere We do not need change but maintain what has been before
- It would be nice to have the current Citgo station remodeled to become architecturally more in keeping with the small town charm of the area. Get rid of the blight houses!
- It's a wonderful place
- Large trucks and speeding traffic is a major concern for safety of our children and grandchildren and for our peace of mind. We do NOT need sidewalks that make it look like a typical subdivision if we police our streets for safety first. Groups walking along local 25mph roads help calm traffic. Sidewalks give permission to speed up traffic. They would require expensive infrastructure upgrades!
- Limit the number of Airbnb's to no more than 30 - which is more than enough! Make sure new residents know the ordinances in town before they act Ex chickens too close to Caster's Creek - too much run - should be made to move them.
- Limit the number of vacation properties and the number of vacation properties by person. Maintain a balance between full time and part time residents. More school aged families needed. Support businesses.
- Limit town speed limit to 25 MPH; allow golf cart access throughout the town limits; traffic circle at King Carter and Irvington Roads.
- Maintain what you have!
- Maintenance and repair of existing gutters and sidewalks, especially along Steamboat Rd. where gutters are clogged with debris and drains covered. Maintenance of current recreational equipment on the commons is needed! The baby swing has been hanging broken and unusable for over a year. Painting is needed. My grandkids need to go to Kilmarnock for a playground. Notify owners of dilapidated/distressed properties of actions needed. Need more info on Q12. sewers
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broken and unusable for over a year. Painting is needed. My grandkids must go to Kilmarnock for a playground. Notify owners of dilapidated/distressed properties of actions needed.

- need fixing, traffic large truck's loud radios (music) police support (radar for speed)
- Need tighter zoning restrictions & architectural review
- Need to keep Irvington small peaceful safe town that it is. No need for more housing. Keep lot sizes at an acre in town proper (corporate limits). Need to use the green by the museum and the parcel across the street as recently acquire to be the center of a park and community social activities. Irvington Road Steamboat Road should be town's "Main St.". Keep buildings to fit a small town Main Street. Current owners would be grandfathered and new ones would move to comply with new standards - for example, the city gas station - it should have its overhang changed & building to be more colonial like.
- Need to stop large trucks Stop loud radios (music)
- None Beautiful town No real issues for me
- Our little community is a residential subdivision of Kilmarnock and White Stone\This survey was very well done as these things go.
- Our local town council has suppressed the town and created friction for decades. They have no formal training, there are no guideline, handbooks, job descriptions or similar for any of their roles. Due to half of them having copious amounts of time and an unwillingness to listen, learn what the constituents that voted them into office want or compromise, we have intelligent town residents that won't even consider getting involved. Which to them may seem like a win, however, it's not a win for the town. It's sad. It's a huge loss. During covid we had many new residents move to Irvington full time. They're smart, thoughtful, they love the small town charm but they are just sitting on the sidelines because who has time to spend 15+ hours as an unpaid town council member. And who wants to have the increased blood pressure and frustration of attending the meetings at all. I love Irvington but it's incredibly frustrating to watch all of this unfold. A final example. The false flyer that's going around with this survey. It's maddening.
- Please address the recommendations from the recent investigation report especially regarding town charter and management of staff and administration in a more professional way. Improve town website. More sidewalks! Decent public restrooms on the Commons. Upgraded playground.
- Please ban open burning. Smoke and ash are a nuisance.
- Please do not expand the business area. Please do not allow multi-family homes. Please enforce the existing speed limits.
- PPUT THE TOWN BACK 50 YEARS AND LEAVE IT THERE.
- Public sewer and supporting the success and growth of small business should be a priority
- Public sewer will be paramount for responsible growth or Irv and protection of waterways. Thanks for sending this out!
- Q: How much for a new septic system?
- Regarding short term rentals - I hope that any regulations differentiate between town residents occasionally renting their homes vs. investors who purchase properties solely for Airbnb. Some examples: - Airbnb limit applying only to properties rented >30 days/year - Any fees/taxes tied to # of nights rented rather than a flat fee - Maybe additional fees/rules for those who have two or more Airbnb's? Basically I'd like to avoid a situation where it only makes sense to rent out your place if its 50% of the time, or operated as a business. Also, I don't think it's helpful for

community feel to have houses owned by owners who never intended to spend time in them. Regarding sidewalks - I hope we would connect sidewalks within town before extending them further towards White Stone/Kilmarnock (assuming sidewalks are separate from trailway)

- See attached doc. on STR thoughts - see "Rappahannock Record": 6/16/22 "Your Letters" - public Access by Ian Crmeshaw, Irvington; 6/9/22 front page - "NN Land Conservancy receives grant from River Counties Community Foundation to help create public access." Attachment: "The Town of Irvington's Community Survey" Expanded response to... "opinions on Short-Term Rentals like Airbnb" ... Background: While I agree that in general, residential property owners have a legal right to enter into long-term rental/sublet agreements that comply with all relevant zoning, use restrictions, etc.; I do not see this same legal right conveying automatically to Short-Term Rental arrangements. STR's like Airbnb have the property owner/investor enter into a business proposition on a limited time/transactional basis as opposed to entering into more appropriate long-term rental contracts that support residential stability within a small community. STR's as an Ongoing Business: The sudden emergence of STR's has caught many communities off-guard and while they have successfully managed/regulated the conduct of business enterprises with respect to need, services, products, character, location, size and proper management, just to focus on a few "tests" that businessmen/women must pass in order to get a license and location permit, the newness of STR's appear to be challenging otherwise standard business reviews. Note: once a property owner/investor opts to play the STR game, they have chosen to enter into a business proposition that should require the same hurdles established for otherwise more traditional business start-ups. Two-pronged test: For the proposed STR property owner/investor to garner the approval and support of the community that houses the property, that party should undergo and pass a two-pronged test to acquire both a license to operate and a permit that approves the specific property as a potential STR. License: a property owner/investor, etc. must obtain a license to operate a STR that confirms among other things the ability and willingness to provide proof of: - Proper management of rental unit, including emergency response times within 60 minutes. - Proper registration with full contact information including a local contact for absentee owners - Proper display of managerial capabilities - Ability to secure commercial liability insurance coverage of x amount dollars - Ability to retain the service of a licensed home inspector to meet the "Facility Test" requirements as described in the second prong discussion, below - Ability and agreement to remit timely the occupancy taxes owed to the Town of Irvington. While the above items speak to suggested requirements, although not complete, what follows suggests some items that may be required in the second test of a two-pronged STR approval process for the Town of Irvington. Property/location on-site inspection test: Properties that pass the test requirement +, below, would qualify for an STR operation in conjunction with an approved license held by owner/investor. I would suggest this universe, as opposed to an artificial number and size of occupation allowances should be tagged to the unit and not a ceiling number for all units. For instance, a one-bedroom apartment above a commercial operation in town should not be allowed to have 10 guests as occupants. At a minimum, the property under consideration for a STR on-site permit, should meet stipulated requirements, such as: - Approved, functioning septic system with current pump-out certificate - Approved, functioning smoke, fire and carbon monoxide alarms/alerts - Decks and porches inspected for crowd capacity - Guest vehicle parking available without infringing upon neighboring properties, driveways, easements, etc. -

Properties on private lanes without public turn-arounds should not qualify for STR operations unless vehicle number is limited in rental agreement. - STR rental agreements must stipulate that parking is not allowed along shoulders of road that impedes emergency equipment access to surrounding properties. While not comprehensive, this list suggests the direction that I would like to see the property/location STR on-site permit process proceed. If the individual property on-site permit conveys with the property, it would not guarantee a new purchaser the ability to open a new STR arrangement on that site, without first having the property re-tests and approved, AND the owner acquiring a license to operate a STR as the personal license would never convey with the property.

- Sewer - I support the additional study. I hope it confirms that the existing drain fields and/or new advanced septic systems can handle the current needs and no new sewer line is needed. Big businesses and developers like Tides Inn, Vineyard Meadows, ICN should be using their own funds for projects that benefit only them, not the rest of the town. Addition of small business to cater the residents: hair/nail salon (even if we have a good hairdresser come only once a week), small shop to buy necessities like OJ, bread, milk, cigarettes, beer, wine, etc), primary doctor's office (even if he comes one day a week only), sports bar or alike, and gourmet shop (to buy Italian-type delicacies - meat, cheese, bread, relish) - why bring our money to other towns when we and our guests can leave it in Irvington. Bike trails alongside streets in business district (so bikers didn't risk riding on a street) Trucks downtown. They should be limited to trucks making deliveries to businesses and residents. The pass-through trucks should be re-routed via Rt 646. The RWC workers only enter and exit that community, therefore the truck traffic does not impact them as much as Irvingtonians. People walk across the Rt 200 daily, bikers ride on it - and that causes safety issues. Chemicals emitted by trucks affect respiratory health of residents dining outside. Lastly, the purpose of downtown area in any town is to create a safe and enjoyable environment to its residents where they could shop, socialize, and relax. Downtown area that provides its residents with recreational enjoyment should not be taken away from them - it benefits their physical and mental health, and that is the message that should be delivered to the County officials. Architectural Review Committee or a contract with an architect that has historic knowledge of architectural styles (not Kipps Architecture - their style is too modern for Irvington). Greek Revival and Gothic Revival are two dominating styles in Irvington. If anything new is built (especially if it is visible from the main streets) it should be prior reviewed and approved by knowledgeable architect/designer to maintain the cohesive look of town. Unsightly and out-of-place temporary structures (like the tent in front of the beautiful historic building of Hope and Glory) should not be allowed either. Green spaces should be protected. What we have now still has a wonderful wildlife that immensely contributes to our ecosystem.
- Sewer is vitally important. As I said in the survey, I am currently using my 2nd drainfield w/ nowhere to put another should it go bad. I also believe if we don't do this as a community effort, the Federal Gov't can and will eventually step in and require the town to transition to sewer w/ their regulations and price tag. If we do this now, we can do it in stages and on OUR terms rather than what the govt requires at that time. We all know it will cost more later...
- Since Lancaster County has a huge number of unbuilt lots, I think we should do a traffic projection and get serious about traffic calming. That would have been a top rank for capital expenditures. Change is coming, the question is if we can manage it to be the change we most

like. Finally, I have heard many folks say there were too many people in town this past 4th of July... no way to stop it and it will only grow for a while so buckle up.

- Support infrastructure and maintenance of existing areas. No town police - county is adequate!
- Thank you first of all for allowing us to share our thoughts. Two things are on my mind - 1) Promote tree planting, green spaces, flowering shrubs etc. To make our town an oasis of natural beauty. Work w/ the VIA to plant-up the main street into Irvington. I'd love a field filled with sunflowers to support tourism. This could bring people in for a day or an event filled weekend. 2) I believe - or it seems we're publicly shamed in the local paper for how our town meetings are held and how we treat one another. Could a code of civility be put into place - or do you have a better idea? Oh sorry - one more thing. Would it be possible for all roads in Irvington to have a 25mph speed limit? There is a section on route 200 between Irvington + White Stone that is 35 mph. Do you have any influence on this issue? :) Thanks.
- Thank you for continuing to reach out to residents to understand our interests!
- Thank you for developing such a comprehensive & thoughtful survey!
- Thanks for reaching out and collecting input from citizens. Nurture relationships with regional entities, particularly Whitestone, Kilmarnock, Weems, Lancaster County, and cooperate on some of these initiatives (I'm sure that is done to some extent already.
- The goals addressed in the survey seem directed to either a cute 'historic' tourist destination or aim toward Williamsburg's new town. Neither seems desirable or particularly realistic. There also seems to be a complete lack of concern, or awareness of, the potential impact of changing climate and/or water levels - no goals addressed resiliency, e.g., keeping as much permeable surface as possible, including existing farmland; keeping or even expanding existing tree cover; eliminating single use plastic and keeping it out of the creeks and streams; following all recommendations for keeping waters clean and healthy as required by the Bay Act, or even going further. Healthy waters and fish stocks would encourage the tourists you seem to want as well as support local businesses. Perhaps members of the committee should research the effects of the 1933 hurricane. While it hastened the end of the steamboat era by destroying docks, it must also have had an effect on properties in town. How much land was lost along banks of creeks and the river? Where was the worst flooding and how have those areas changed in the last 90 years? To my knowledge Irvington properties are not as exposed as those on Windmill Point and Fleets Bay, but it seems short sighted to ignore things we have been warned about. There must be information in the Town records and in the Rappahannock Record.
- THE LOCAL NEEDS TO BRING BACK THE OLD AÇAÍ BOWLS. WITH THE GOOD GRANOLA. -NO CHAI PUDDING
- The Town Commons has a small playground that is rarely used so it would be a waste of money to upgrade. Slips for visitors is an absolute "NO", They can use the Tides Inn. As far as the walking/bike trail "No" who will maintain? Not the county, they don't have the money or personnel. As far as sidewalks go the Town has a walk on at least one side of the road in the business district.
- The town could do a better job of cleaning the gutters and sidewalks on Steamboat Rd. I clean the gutters near my house myself. If the town doesn't want to do it, it could make an ordinance that people have to clean up in front of their property just like some places require property owners to remove snow/ice - and then enforce it with fines if not done. Use the fine

money to pay someone else to do it. The street was embarrassing all winter, it was so full of debris.

- The Town MUST stop commercial vehicles (dump trucks, etc) from going through town. They routinely exceed the 25 mph speed limit. Rt 200 in the area of the office, Local, Dredge et al cannot steward this heavy type of traffic. It is too narrow. Commercial traffic should be routed to the bypass road and continue on to where the bypass road hits Rt 3 (CVS/Walgreens). If this solution is applied, the heavy traffic will miss Irvington AND Kilmarnock.
- The town needs to support a free concert series of local musicians to play in the town's common area. It would be a fantastic way to bring the community together. In the same way the farmer's market is the 1st Saturday of the month, it should be a calendar event. The music offered should be varied, and appeal to lots of different tastes. While this would definitely appeal to visitors it would also be enjoyed by local residents - regardless of age. I also think adding a traffic circle to the area in front of the gas station would be a good idea.
- The upkeep of the old dog and oyster winery is a total eyesore the fence needs painting the overgrowth of the weeds is attracting rodents
- This excellent survey unfortunately omits a critical ingredient to the Town's future: effective governance. In spite of recent improvements, good governance remains a challenge. For instance, Town ordinances are in real need of organization, careful review, updating, and enforcement. Similarly, the Town's reliance on (untested by a court) Conditional Use Permits instead of rigorous zoning and code administration is an unsatisfactory and dangerous method of 'kicking the can down the road'. Maintaining the Town's residential atmosphere is currently being challenged by commercial interests. Town leaders need plans, ordinances, rules and regulations, and decision processes to help ensure that the value of its residential atmosphere is not diminished by commercial activities that do not directly and uniquely serve the needs and wants of the Town's residents. Town administration is clearly improving with recently hired, apparently very competent part-time staff and a Council operating in a reasonable fashion. And, the Town is very fortunate to have volunteer talent with highly varied experience and skills focused on drafting the next version of its plan. That plan's primary goal should be on preserving the residential atmosphere of our unique community and include providing its leaders with the tools to do so.
- This is a great survey - Kudos to whoever is responsible for it! Reliable internet service is VERY important
- This is a lovely little town. The vibe is peaceful. One of the things we like about the area is that it is not so overpopulated that everything is overwhelmed by the crowd. It is a perfect retirement lifestyle and that seems right for the town. I can see a sow's ear being made of a silk purse and I hope it doesn't happen.
- This is a poorly crafted survey. Professional help would have made it better.
- This survey must have an 80% participation by residents + owners to be meaningful.
- Town needs improved regulations requiring residents to control invasive plants/growth on their property especially as it affects adjacent properties. This should also apply to dead trees and branches that obstruct access and threaten nearby structures.
- Traffic and speeding are safety concerns that need to be addressed. Commercial trucks such as, Food Lion, Dollar General, Walmart should not be traveling through Irvington. There is a designed truck route but it is not clearly marked. This is the responsibility of VDOT AND town

government. Also, Lancaster county law enforcement should be included to monitor enforcement of the law.

- Traffic calming measures to address 1) the King Carter raceway and 2) Irvington Road. Our speed limit is 25. Traffic calming humps ensures that vehicles going over the humps must reduce speed or risk damage. This should be a priority for the safety of everyone.
- Traffic control (mainly truck traffic) designated truck route in Kilmarnock - a lot of unnecessary through truck traffic in Irvington Speeding - big issue on Irvington Road & King Carter Drive 25 mph means 25 mph not 35 & 45
- We already have two law enforcement agencies that are legally sworn to enforce Virginia criminal law and traffic code in the town of Irvington as well as Lancaster County. -The Virginia State Police and the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office have full jurisdiction. We are already paying taxes for both of these resources. Thank you!
- We current pay a town real estate tax that was enacted to cover anticipated tax loss at the time by The Tides. This loss of tax revenue never occurred and yet we are still paying this tax. What are we getting for this tax? In light of the current recession why are we, most on a fixed income, still paying this tax?
- We do not need a new town office or do we need sewer hook-up We should eliminate real estate taxes since items passed based on Tides Inn closing
- We have been generally happy with the town. We don't want "Kilmarnock" style businesses.
- We have completed many surveys in the years living in Irvington and not much has come from them. As a young family we would love to see an improvement to the playground and park area. Having a public area my family could access to fish, swim or kayak from since we don't own water front property would be amazing as well. However, as amazing as these things sound for a family I truly hope something will come from these surveys and action will be made. None of these things will hurt this sweet town it will just enhance its already amazing character.
- We like the mix of current retail and small business - mostly touristy clothing shops and restaurants, let the other retail centers be available to us in Kilmarnock. We strongly prefer meals taxes to property taxes. No need for new town hall, especially the development of a new town hall. Keep it smaller and intimate.
- We need a three-way STOP near the intersection of King Carter & Irvington Rd. If these large thru-trucks have to come to a complete stop, they will be far less inclined to drive/speed thru the Village. Same for cars. We also need additional posted Speed Limit 25mph signs and when that fails, we'll need speed bumps, unless we get a uniformed officer giving out tickets. West Irvington has become a speedway and there are no signs and certainly no police. If drivers slow down we won't need additional sidewalks, which could change the character of Irvington.
- We need more sidewalks and safer pedestrian crossings. Sewer is needed. Town green restrooms are needed. Irvington has so much going for it if we could just make some badly needed capital investments to bring us into the 21st century.
- We need to provide businesses with the option to connect to a public sewer system. This will stimulate growth and allow additional restaurants in town. We need signs on King Carter Dr. noting to "slow down children at play". If we don't do something about speeding on King Carter Dr., there will be a tragedy someday. We need 2 dog waste stations on King Carter Dr. which is a major dog walking thoroughfare. People either don't pick up after their dogs or leave the "poop bags" on the tree line.

- We should consider a limited number of additional festivals, such as an Oktoberfest.
- We should welcome/encourage more diversity here. Public trash cans and dog waste stations are needed. Better speed enforcement on Rt. 200. Big need for better mobile/cellular service.
- We were attracted to the area because of the small town atmosphere. Based on our time spent in Irvington, we bought property. Folks can go many places for resort-type stays and services. Small towns are unique. Please preserve Irvington.
- Why do we still have the town real estate tax when it was only put in place due to the potential short-term closing of the Tides several years ago?
- Why does Irvington have to change? Add more signs with directions how to return to New Jersey, NY, NO. VA etc. If it was so much better - why did you leave?
- Yes - how about the revenue generated by Sandale Solar. The investment would cover many items on your agenda.
- Yes, the area where the "dog and oyster" used to be needs to have work done to it. I understand a little store & Christmas Tree farm is to occupy the space. However, I thought something would be started by now. The "vineyard" area has become a complete eyesore to Irvington. It needs to be tore down please! Thank you.
- Yes, when is the town going to enforce S 150.052-054 Abandoned buildings that are a hazard?