

## Planning Area 4 – West End, Woodley Gardens East-West Neighborhood Survey Results

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My favorite spot or hangout in the neighborhood is:

- Town Center (La Tasca, First Watch, Sushi Damo)
- My house.
- The top of the hill at Monument Park
- Welsh Park
- Walking around
- Town Square at Town Center, Welsh Park, Peg Santee Park (Henderson Circle), Regal movie theater
- Town Center
- Town Center, Senior Center
- Town Square – while not in West End, it is a major attraction. Enjoy walking, running and biking around the West End.
- Carmens/Hard Times/Welsh Park
- Town Center
- Town Square, Library
- Swim Center with my daughter
- My street. Beall Dawson area

Do you use the Rockville Metro Station?

- Yes 12
- No 2

If yes, how do you travel to the station? (Several respondents use more than one mode)

- Walk 9
- Bicycle 3
- By car 10
- By bus 1 (weekday)

What are your thoughts on housing in the neighborhood?

- I like the level of housing in the neighborhood. I do not want more commercial growth in the established neighborhoods.
- Do not like mansionization. Need to keep our smaller houses for starter homes.
- It's all very much the same and doesn't include anything affordable as far as I know.
- West End: that it should be tree-lined and if new houses are built then they should not be "McMansions" and should be in keeping with the surrounding homes/neighborhood.
- Majority of houses are older – mix of 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century homes and late '40s – 50's (post WWII)
- Need more housing in town center for successful retail and restaurants
- Older homes – need upkeep
- As a senior, I feel we are getting too many in the City
- Pressure to convert housing to non-housing uses, especially near Town Center and I-270 exits, all impact Area 4
- We want to preserve the character of the neighborhood. No McMansions, please
- Excellent historic. Well-maintained. Need updated affordable housing
- Well established tree-lined street – true throughout the neighborhood

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Do you visit the Rockville Town Center?

- Yes 14
- No

If yes, which stores/services do you use?

- La Tasca, First Watch, Sushi Damo, Starbucks
- Library, Starbucks, Dawson's Market, CVS
- Thai Pavillion, Lebanese Taverna, Library, Starbucks. Several [places] that have closed.
- Library, restaurants
- Dawson's – great to have a grocery store there! Several restaurants, VisArts. I walk my dog daily across the square and fountain area.
- Library – weekly; restaurants – 1 – 2 times/month; shops – rarely
- Library, Lebanese Tavena, Spanish Tapas
- Tara Asia, Regal [cinema], California Tortilla, Trapezzeria, Montgomery County Credit Union, Gordon Biersch, Thai Pavillion, La Tasca, Library, La Canela, Bar Louie, First Watch, Spice Xing, Bon Chon
- 10,000 Villages, Oro Pomodoro (gone), First Watch. Not Dawson's Market – too expensive
- Library, Dawson's, restaurants
- Restaurants/Library/CVS/toy store
- La Tasca, Starbucks, French bakery, Berry Cup, Library
- Many – restaurants and retail, toy store
- Dawson's, restaurants, Library, VisArts

What other types of amenities would you like to see in the Town Center or elsewhere nearby?

- More high caliber restaurants and shops. Increased free parking.
- Would love to have a roller skating rink again.
- Hardware/gardening store.
- Better bike routes, including off-road paths suitable for kids to ride.
- A book store or independent tea/coffee shop. Artist's gallery, however small, or for shops to feature art.
- Hardware store, bakery
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- More housing – we will need more flexibility to keep ground floor retail (or other acceptable uses) viable as growth in retail demand decreases with online shopping
- Hardware store (Mack's Hardware)
- Hardware store, cafés with charm, independent bakeries etc.
- More emphasis on pedestrian, transit and cycling; less on cars. Build the BRT – Pike Plan
- Car share, bike share. Electric car charge stations in parking garages and parking lots powered by solar on buildings (acknowledged the current ones)
- Music and events extend beyond summer. They decrease dramatically outside summer
- Hardware store

Where else do you go shopping for your daily needs?

- Fallsgrove, King Farm. For restaurants, Crown [Farm], Bethesda
- Giant
- Montrose Crossing, Rio, Target
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- Rockville Pike, Moms, Farmers Market, Giant
- Rockville Pike south of city limits. Washingtonian area
- Whole Foods, Strosnider's hardware
- Giant (North Washington Street/Pike), Harris Teeter, Pike
- Giant. Safeway7 at Fallsgrove and King Farm
- Harris Teeter, Trader Joes
- Lower Pike, Gaithersburg
- Giant, Post Office
- Pike
- Congressional, Wintergreen, Kentlands

### Additional comments:

- The City needs to do a better job at attracting and keeping high quality establishments at Town Center. At times it is more of a ghost town than a vibrant area.
- Love our bike paths! Millennial Trail is great!
- Want lights along path behind Beall Elementary towards Welsh Park.
- I am a cyclist and my husband cycles to the metro daily. However, I am not in favor of cycle lanes throughout the neighborhood and Beall/Mannakee to Town Center.
- I/we do see the need for improved cycle lanes – around the metro and North Washington.
- For the Town Center to be cohesive materials and style and the “edges”/borders of the West End to remain as zoned and not be overly developed.
- Keep down cut-through traffic down Beall.
- Better security at Skate Park – homeless people sleep there.
- Repaint crossings and bike lanes, please.
- Have noted more homeless and aggressive people early mornings at Town Square.
- Less affordable housing in the West End.
- A dog toilet area in Town Center. Right now it's outside Starbucks.
- Less ugly development in Phase II etc.
- City staff who don't live in the City to be more sensitive instead of saying yes to more developments.
- Leave the fields near Rock Terrace School.
- Have more control over Pepco pruning.
- Connections/intersections
- [re Rockville metro] combine park car, near Post Office, walk to Metro
- [re Rockville metro] take car to metro on weekends (bus during the week)
- Montgomery College
- Lighting and parking [in neighborhood]
- Drugs at Skate Park
- [Need] dedicated parking at Monument Park
- Low income at North Washington Street
- Maintenance of CAM
- Biking/walking connections
- Neighborhood identity