

SEPTEMBER 1, 2022 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2023 SURVEY RESPONSES

Multimodal Transportation (9 Records)

| Multimodal Transportation | | | |
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| Do you value the City's location in relation to these multimodal transportation choices? Yes/No | What is working well for transportation planning and implementation within the City? | Are there issues that you would like to see the City address differently with regard to our overall transportation system? Please feel free to expand on your ideas. | What mode of transportation are you most interested in: |
| Yes. I can look out my bedroom window and see people traveling to/from/through/around/over Havre de Grace by many different means - foot, bike, vehicle, bus, trolley, train, boat, airplane...maybe even space ship, if I pull out my telescope. | The walkable communities and downtown are wonderful and need to be continued and expanded, as possible. The trolleys were huge success and I see more are on the way - keep up with that and see if there are ways to expand and improve. I understand a bus will help get visitors into town from highway rest stops off I-95 and perhaps Perryville, which is a great idea. | <p>There are areas where the wonderful walkable sidewalks need to be expanded - namely connecting downtown to the new Water Street Park to the Lockhouse and connecting St. John Street to Hutchins Park (where the sidewalk flip flops sides of the street).</p> <p>Make sure the trolleys are running as often as possible and are always free. Don't nickel and dime people who actually want to get around the city.</p> <p>Support the Anne Arundel County ferry project and look into a mode local ferry system for crossing the river.</p> <p>Finally, determine if any headway can be made into a hike/bike bridge across the river, which might turn Havre de Grace into the ultimate transportation city.</p> | Trails/Recreational Pathways |
| Yes | Pedestrian linkages and trail networks | All of the topics covered in the plan are of vital importance. | Trails/Recreational Pathways |
| Yes | Car access | <p>Provide better Hike, Pedestrian and Bike Connectivity.</p> <p>The bigger trail systems (ECG and LSG?) are more symbolic than usable here.</p> | Bike |

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| Yes | | Better bike racks in town. The Arts ones installed are confusing. Folks dont even realize what they are to be used for. Actual bike trails that are used by walkers and bikers only. Had to go to Chapel park to teach my kid to ride a bike as no where in town was safe enough. | Bike |
| yes. i can live in peace in down town hdg but join the madness when necessary on I-95. | electric trolley | | Bike |
| Yes. But more could be done | Addition of electric trolleys on weekends. Planning for more bike/ped links, such as to Swan Harbor and Rt. 40. | It is frustrating to see that the need for a ped/bike bridge across the river continues to be ignored and other options, unacceptable in my view, are offered up, such as bikes allowed to cross the Rt. 40 bridge in a regular vehicle lane or transit buses having bike racks added to them. How is it even legal to deny access to people who want to cross the river on their own? Other communities have found solutions to these problems that have turned out to be wonderful assets to residents and visitors. | Trails/Recreational Pathways |

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| | | Restore option of paying cash to cross Hatem Bridge Vehicle industry needs to develop much faster recharge of vehicle batteries before fossil fuel powered vehicles are faded out | Roads |
| Yes, many options, but most need improvement . | The use of the electric trolley and the soon to arrive electric bus. Both great initiatives that can be expanded upon as useage increases. | The aberdeen train station is horrible - I know that they are working on improving it, but in the meanwhile, do not preceive it be safe. I-95 is frequently bumper to bumper with fatal accidents near our exit - what is causing so many accidents? Have the state police/MHA looked into the data to find out if there are some root causes and to form recommendations to address the causes? If so, can the city advocate for the funding of the recommendations? There is no sidewalk path from Bulle Rock and other communities on the hill to downtown. | Sidewalks |
| Yes | The trollies were a great idea! | The intersection at route 40 and Lewis lane could use a serious redesign coming from Lewis. The way it is set up, cars are forced into the incoming | Roads |
| | | lane frequently by a lack of space in the lane and aggressive drivers who do not wish to wait to turn right on to route 40. | |

Economic Development (9 Records)

| Economic Development | | | |
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| What types of businesses would you like to see on US 40? | What types of businesses would you like to see at the I-95/MD 155 Interchange for both highway and neighborhood use? | Do you regularly visit our trails in Havre de Grace? If yes, what improvements or amenities would you like to see on the trails? | What types of additional tourist activities or programs would you like to see in the City? |
| Continue to keep the chains out of downtown. Rt 40 is an appropriate area for everything else. Additionally, I'd like to find a way to move businesses like realtors, lawyers, engineering firms, scaffolding companies, etc out of downtown. Those type of businesses don't need to occupy crucial real estate within the downtown shopping district. | This would seem the appropriate area for some bigger box and chain stores, as well as larger employers. | Yes. I'm not sure what city funding is currently allocated for trail management, but keep it coming. North Park seems to be a hidden gem, but should be connected to the new Water Street Park in a way to allow visitors to enjoy woods, water, and a vibrant downtown - all on the same hike/bike. | Some shakeups of personnel and reconfigurations of organizations led to some programs being dropped this year. Bring them back and continue to hold a different celebration/festival each month. Havre de Grace is now known as the festival city and should lean into that. It gives people and business something on the horizon coming up to always look forward to and plan for. Make sure that bus is running from Great Wolf Lodge to Havre de Grace all day long; that will be a game-changer. Support the Anne Arundel County project to fund a waterfront town ferry and look into ways of implementing a local ferry system, as a way of getting Perryville residents and visitors into town. |
| I would not rely solely on businesses but look to mix of retail, office and residential. | I would like to see the justification for locating new business or housing in this open space. | More connectivity of trails and better integrated with City Streets and Roads. The Vulcan Quarry is a huge impediment to connectivity along the river from HdG to the State Park. Complete connection from downtown to Swan Farm. | HdG is great about hosting festivals and events (including the Susquehanna River Running Festival). Better hotels and restaurants would be a big plus. It also looks like the arts and antique scene are on the right track as well. |
| I love the idea of Vonmercier Hovercrafts. Yes this company is in early stages and a risk, but it reflects a unique industry that would give HDG a unique identity as home to the hovercrafts. Assisting and incentivizing this type of emerging technology is worthwhile. | | | |
| Maybe there are similar industries (Drones?, Biotech?)? Makes interesting tie to the high tech of APG. Makes tourist draw to watch the hovercrafts on the water. | | | |
| We need to improve the restaurants, that needs investment in the kitchens. (Most are working with limited kitchen resources.) Would love to do a program similar to Facade/Fit Out that is focused on restaurants. Other towns have done this. Helping restaurants invest will improve the quality, and improve city reputation for food. | | | |

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| Retail, shops, mid-tier restaurants, accommodations, outdoor rec spaces | | Signage (i.e. accessibility, levels of difficulty) | More cultural, history, adventure/on the water experiences |
| Clothing, shoes, and real household items. Too many businesses appeal to fast food or the tourists | | | boat rides, more useage of the waterfront for dining options |
| | please leave it as farm land! | i use the north trail to vulcan a few days a week. a garbage can would be nice at both access points on to the trail. some people prefer to leave garbage on the ground. | |
| Small healthier grocer store (Trader Joes-type). Diverse ethnic food restaurants Social services Small hardware store (Ace etc) | Wawa! Affordable housing I wouldn't want to detract from downtown, so this has to be considered carefully... Preferably NOT a strip mall, large neon signs, or soul-less large corporate chains | Yes, the trails are great- they need better connectivity to each other and to neighborhoods. | I wish there it was easier/more affordable to rent a boat or take boat trips. BUT it's more important to ensure actives and programs are also accessible to low-income residents. |
| A venue that can support large events - weddings, large dinners or luncheons. Vignon Manor Farms is the only one indoors that can do large events, but expensive and have to self-cater, and not on US 40. Seaplane basin is effected by the weather. Would like to see more retail so can save time and money from traveling to Bel Air. | Outlet Mall... | Not regularly, but have been on them. Benches in key areas would be a nice addition. | A dinner en blanc event. A town-wide volunteer project (for example, pick a house that needs cosmetics - outside paint, garden help) and get folks from across the town to come out and get it done! Creat a volunteer coordinator position to get the word out about all the volunteer activities, get them to recruit volunteers and to identify new things that can be done via volunteer. HdG has a great start on volunteerism, much more volunteers here than in any other place I have lived. |
| Restaurants with international cuisine. | The hospital as previously promised. | Do not regularly visit. | We have great tourist opportunities! Just a continued expansion of the existing offerings and an opportunity for continued new and different festivals and celebrations. |

Celebrate our Environment (11 Records)

| Celebrate our Environment | | |
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| In your opinion, what are the most pressing concerns related to the environmental topics in this Story Map? | Are there issues that you would like to see the City address differently with regard to our environmental resources/sensitive areas? Please feel free to expand your ideas. | Which topic are you most interested in: |
| The city should snatch up any and every available waterfront parcel to continue to rehabilitate the shoreline and to add more public waterfront access. This is what has and will keep the city vibrant and different as businesses, housing, and other trends come and go. There are at least two sizable waterfront parcels currently available, which would immediately expand city parks, ease parking issues, and offer new public water access opportunities. The price never gets lower and that land never comes back once it's developed, so now is the time to act. | Don't be bullied by citizens crying over a few cents tax hike necessary to purchase land and continue these preservation and restoration projects. People think in the short term. They won't be crying about their increasing property values as the city becomes a jewel of the region. | Shoreline Restoration Projects |
| | Why very little access available to residents to participate in water sports? We have a vast waterfront and very little public access to it now. | Shoreline Restoration Projects |

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| i have been enjoying the restoration project on water st and under the amtrack bridge. both on land and when i kayak a few days a week. it looks and feels great. | | Shoreline Restoration Projects |
| helping protect our shorelines | Hello! WASn't sure where to put this comment...I'm interested in finding out if any more food forests are planned in HDG? I live on the opposite side of town, so the Todd Park Food Forest is a bit of a walk for me..wondering if any other food forests are planned for the area closer to the more northern side of town? ~kelly furgason. kmfurgason@gmail.com | Native Plants |
| The shoreline restoration projects are important and worthwhile, but the public needs to understand them better so they get behind them, especially when it comes to private shoreline property. Also, the city needs to address public access issues. For example, the boat launch at Jean Roberts Park was eliminated in the project there and it isn't clear where and when a new one will be available. A kayak launch was installed near the lockhouse, but it is inaccessible to vehicles transporting kayaks, and so it is hard to see the purpose of that. | The city has planted trees in various locations that are installed improperly. Some have the rootball half above the soil surface, others are improperly mulched with mulch extending up the tree trunk into the "volcano" shape that blocks air exchange at the trunk base and encourages root growth above the soil. Trees should live a long time but the city's landscaping practices seem to work against that. Also, the landscaping should favor native plants rather than knock-out roses or other species chosen just for their appearance and not for value as habitat or other environmental benefits. | Shoreline Restoration Projects |
| I don't feel I have enough knowledge to understand the ecological impacts of one topic over another. I do feel that the efforts HdG are taking are excellent. I hope that city code can reinforce regulations that would require environmental consideration with new development. | I think its a shame when commercial/private areas are built right on the water, prohibiting public access and protection. I hope that these could be prohibited going forward. I also am concerned about the unsustainable practices (fertilizers etc) used by Bulle Rock Golf Course and landscaping that then drain into the Chesapeake. Perhaps an ordinance that requires HOAs of a certain size to adhere to sustainable practices could help? | |
| | Shoreline restoration projects will need to be maintained by the City therefore resources will be needed at DPW to do this Lilly Run diversion needs to be followed up but will require guts on behalf of the elected officials | Upper Bay habitat |
| I didn't feel one was more pressing than the other...they are all important. I was interested in all the topics, so selecting one in the above question was impossible, just picked the first one - doesn't reflect a true answer for me. | I am not well-educated in environmental resources, but support environmental efforts. As a result I cannot address what I would like to see the City address differently. Only comment is maybe educating the citizens more on the environment, what is being done and why. I appreciated the mayor giving an update in Bulle Rock where he talked about the living shoreline project... issue will always remain that you cannot engage everyone, as they are busy with their lives. But maybe add environmental walks, family friendly, with a guide that is knowledgeable and interesting; an environmental day tour for adults; an environmental volunteer project... | Upper Bay habitat |

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Which topic are you most interested in:

Tree Canopy is of importance to me, as is reduced use of pesticides at the city level and an increase in native and pollinator friendly planting.

Our city is wonderfully supportive of its Green Team and environmentally sound initiatives. Continuing to strengthen that support and the connection with citizens for education and conservation is of importance to me.

Native Plants

Preservation of Chesapeake Bay, stream, and wetlands habitats in the face of continuing development throughout Harford County. Development, renovations, and existing land use in HdG in particular for the purpose of this statement should be constrained by requirements for stormwater runoff management, reduced use of pesticides and fertilizers, encouraged use of native plant landscaping, discouraged use of monoculture and invasive landscaping, reduced use of hardscaping, etc. It will take a fair amount of education and encouragement along with regulation, but I believe that HdG residents and landowners can learn to appreciate the benefits of coexisting with nature.

I am not yet a resident of HdG, though I plan to retire there from elsewhere in Harford County. As such, I'm not personally familiar with how the City handles its environmental resources/sensitive areas, except for "dipping in" from time to time to participate in garden tours and other town events. The reason I'm interested in HdG in particular is because I'm attracted by the commitment of some of its citizens to more sustainable lifestyles for the environment (in particular native gardening). So, I don't have any opinions thus far about how HdG should be doing things differently.

Upper Bay habitat

Protecting the living shoreline while adding natural paths to existing city right of ways on paper.

We as a city need to push harder for full control of the natural area to the north of the Lock House Museum. This includes the park, shad pond wooded area and the marsh especially.

Chesapeake Bay Critical Area

For example, after the remediation of Ohio Street was completed. I believe it's totally possible to use the abandoned city right away of Morrison Lane and Warren Street to provide a natural pathway for humans and other species of mammals and wildlife.

Other areas to consider is a pathway around city owned woodlands at the Havre de Grace Community Center to include a bird viewing stand and overlook at the city's current dumping grounds for leaf litter, city street cleaning and other plastic disposal area.

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Growth, Development & Housing (13 Records)

| Growth, Development, & ... | | | | |
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| What types of housing do you think we need more of in Havre de Grace? | What types of uses would you like to see at the I-95/MD155 interchange at Bulle Rock Parkway? | To what degree do you agree with the following statement: Bikeway and sidewalk/trail connections are very important as part of living in Havre de Grace. | As a community, we have been working very hard to make quality-of-life improvements to make the City vibrant and engaging. Please tell us what is important to you about living in the City of Havre de Grace and how to make it a better community. | How do we develop US 40 into a commercial corridor that connects the communities of Havre de Grace instead of dividing them? What types of uses would you like to see on US 40? |
| Redeveloped housing, of all types. No more need to turn fields into houses. | <p>A hospital would have been nice, but I understand that was a Pandora's Box. Anything built on that site is both a potential competitor and draw to the downtown. A chain restaurant on the hill will catch some travelers before they getting downtown. However, it may also attract a traveler who otherwise may have gotten off the highway in Bel Air or Aberdeen, but now will check out downtown after their meal.</p> <p>Keep the chains out of downtown, so this seems like a logical location.</p> | Strongly agree | Continue to take chances on festivals/celebrations, public art opportunities, and forward-thinking projects that other areas might shy away from. That's what makes Havre de Grace special and different. | Need better sidewalks and bike lanes, better lighting, and a safer way to cross the highway into the downtown. |
| | | | I've already commented twice but I need to rectify the words I used; specifically, "middle and upper class" people. I meant to say "moderate and higher" income folks when referring to a retirement community. | |
| We need a location for retirement housing and community complex with amenities. | | Neutral | As I was saying, retirement housing is needed for middle and upper income people. It should be a retirement complex with several amenities. A community such as Avondale and Oak Crest. The property that currently holds HMH could be bought from U of M by the city and turned into this retirement complex. Plenty of parking. The garage across the street could be purchased. This, I think would be a tremendous asset. And it's needed. | |
| Focus on in-fill development in the old town area with a variety of housing options. | Preferably no development. Buffer views of any new development from the roads - preserve existing hedge rows along Bulle Rock Parkway. Provide low impact signage and lighting. Incorporate public pedestrian and bicycle access throughout new development. Cluster development to avoid natural features and preserve view sheds. | Strongly agree | Living in a semi-rural setting set in a sweet spot between the urban areas of Baltimore/DC and Wilmington/Philadelphia that enjoys largely clear skies and diverse habitat. Historic, walkable, well scaled downtown. Those qualities can be easily lost with poor individual decisions (like the glare of street lights in Bulle Rock). | Provide a mix of uses that connect internally without going in and out of I-40. Provide safe pedestrian and bike access along and across US 40. Provide uniformity of landscaping, architectural scale, signage and lighting along 40. |
| | | | Access to bay and river, Susquehanna State Park and preserved farmland are all vital, Easy access to distant destinations via i-95 is great. Safer pedestrian and bike access coupled with careful preservation of environment are key to making a better community. | |
| Individual | hotel, technical offices, University of Maryland or other college campus sub-campus, NO shopping center, NO housing, first class highway services | Strongly agree | Living in City of HDG would like to receive some services for all of the taxes we pay. Attention should be paid to connection residents/businesses in Historic/Downtown area with residents up on the HILL. Right now it is a we versus they mentality. Very unproductive. | |

Growth, Development, & ...

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| Affordable, pricing average individuals out of the market will not lead to a diverse community | | Strongly agree | More child friendly streets, paths and intersections. There needs to be more crossing signals, and crosswalks. Consistent stop signs throughout town. Areas for teenagers to hang out. A parkour course would be great. Tired of seeing the teenagers climbing the lighthouse at the playground. A place with charging stations, tables and places to hang out. | |
| Single family - owner occupied | It is an open canvas.... I do not believe we need any more housing; Commercial warehousing and/or big box stores should not be permitted . The City should be patient and particular as to what is constructed on that site. | Agree | Neighborhoods and the charm. That is what brings people here- so there is no reason to change it. I do not support more rental housing in the City. | Route 40 should be developed into a commercial district; |
| none. | leave it as farm land. love to see the cows and corn on my way in and out of town. | Strongly agree | i love this town. have lived here for five years and frequent the opera house, star center and state theater. i bicycle a loop of my own making including the north trail up to vulcan a few days a week. i kayak all year round up the river and south to battery island. it would be great to have other bike trails that are safe from traffic to head out of the historic part of the city. | |
| This is a test to see if the text disappears as one user experienced. Dianne | I would like to see neighborhood commercial uses that meet the needs of the community in that general region as well as serving some highway interchange uses, like a functioning gas station. But the commercial development needs to have architectural standards that make the site cohesive and at a human-scale, not an interchange scale. The site needs to be connected with pedestrian access for the nearby neighborhoods to not have to use their cars for a short trip to any retail that may be there. | Strongly agree | I love everything about it -- don't change a thing ever (still a test -- just hoping to make you laugh!) | Still a test for seeing how the surveys function. Dianne |

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| Affordable housing!! Housing with trees, native plants, and sidewalks- connected to town center | I'm not sure? Parking with shuttles to downtown? | Strongly agree | I think its important that growth development and housing is considered with an equity lens and a sustainability lens. Require developers to put in many trees, and connect to sidewalks. Make sure all people can enjoy HdG, especially those that are historically marginalized. | Sidewalks and multiple points to cross US 40 safely. Rules limiting industrial use, limit sign height and size for attractiveness, require trees. |
| Small dwellings for seniors, young adults starting out , veterans. | 1). Education Center, beyond what the HEAT Center was. Could focus on trades or technology or agriculture vs classroom training...focus on what the need is and where jobs are. Kids in Harford County don't want to work in warehouses filling orders. 2), Innovation Center, place for startups in technology could interface and share knowledge and tools 3) outdoor space for dog park, biking, walking 4) | Agree | HdG has been making many quality of life improvements and I appreciate it. Would like to see a sidewalk connection from Bulle Rock to downtown (down chapel/Ontario) to connect it to downtown. Better communicate to residents when there will be an event that will require them to not park on the road (Susquehanna Running Festival) - based on the social media postings, a written notification to each | First - Need to make it more physically attractive - clean up the trash along the road regularly, get rid of the buildings in disrepair. Talk to Heather Deno of TDeez Badass Creations, she will tell you about all the issues she has had in operating on US 40 and issues in expanding there. You need to address those issues in order to get more businesses too open there. Fix the turn lanes in the middle of 40 - add the |
| | Greenhouses for education, encourage native plants (sell them) | | resident on the route, weeks in advance should be made, in addition to the signage and social media postings seems to be warranted given that someone may be on vacation and miss the signs and social media postings. Continue with the volunteer activities, those are the types of things that brings the community together and gets downtown to know the folks on the hill and vice versa...see if you can get more folks involved as volunteers... | yellow line and triangles to all the turn lanes and educate folks on how to use them. Get the state to address why there are so many accidents on I95 in order to reduce the number of times traffic reroutes onto 40. |
| Affordable single family housing for middle income families. | I would very much have liked to see the full service hospital we were once promised. | Strongly disagree | A walking/biking means of crossing the river would be absolutely wonderful. | Perhaps more use of the commerce properties we have. The storefronts and buildings that sit empty are a disappointment. |

Water Resources Comments (7 Records)

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| Which topic are you most interested in learning more about? | In your opinion, what are the most pressing concerns in Havre de Grace related to water resources as described in this Story Map? | Are there issues that you would like to see the City address differently with regard to our water resources? Please feel free to expand on your ideas. |
| Shoreline restoration | <p>The ultimate solution of what to do with the Conowingo Dam silt is a pretty big one - as it impacts our drinking water, the health of the flats, and recreation opportunities.</p> <p>Any shoreline improvement and restoration the city can do now will help.</p> | Continue to purchase any inch of waterfront property as it becomes available. Climate issues, environmental concerns, and a public continually more disconnected from the water and environment are only going to increase and make such land more valuable for restoration and public access. |
| Stormwater management | Havre de Grace has spent considerable resources in protecting water quality when storm water reaches the river through retention ponds and the living shoreline project. If we were truly concerned with water quality we would do more to protect the riparian buffers along the smaller streams that ultimately drain into the river and bay. In my neighborhood recently a developer cleared all the trees along a stream leaving almost no buffer. We need to do a better job in protecting these upstream buffers. | In any future development, we should exceed state standards in protecting riparian buffers. We should also seek to reduce impervious surfaces as these are detrimental to water quality and have serious negative impacts on fish. |

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| Flood management | <p>The age old flooding caused by Lily Run</p> <p>Reduction/elimination of debt in the Water/Sewer fund</p> | <p>Develop a plan- and fund it (go to the bond market if necessary);</p> <p>Continue to seek customers for the water system</p> |
| | Many complaints for HdG residents about the taste of the water and black fungus. Many feel that they are not heard and the issue isn't taken seriously. Need to address these issues fully and get to real answers. | Many complaints for HdG residents about the taste of the water and black fungus. Many feel that they are not heard and the issue isn't taken seriously. Need to address these issues fully and get to real answers. |
| Public drinking water | Preservation of our waterfront for public use and protection of our waterfront from the impacts of climate change. | |
| Public drinking water | <p>Diversifying our public water supply. During a failure of grid power to the north of our city, we can expect a metric butt ton of pollutants to come our way from sewage to who knows what exists in fracking systems in Pennsylvania.</p> <p>It is my understanding that a small business that is opening up in the upper portion of Havre de Grace will be permitted to tap a well or use an existing well. Perhaps it's time to ensure that we have a secondary source of water in the same area.</p> | <p>More tours of plants to better citizens understanding of the SCADA system and it's security (think Hillsdale, FL). Promoting living off grid and self-reliance in regard to purification and filtration of water.</p> <p>More tours of our wastewater plant so that citizens can be assured that we won't be sending our sludge and human waste downriver in the event of a 1 in 200/500/1000 year storm.</p> <p>They do seem to be coming a lot more often lately.</p> |

History and Cultural Tourism (14 Records)

| History and Cultural Tourism | If you do think they are important, what is most important to you? | What should we be paying more attention to? |
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| Are the City's history and cultural resources important to you or do you feel like they are overrated? | If you do think they are important, what is most important to you? | What should we be paying more attention to? |
| They are the most important and care should be taken to ensure they're never underrated. | Havre de Grace as we know it has only been here for 300 years or so. That's short enough of a time period that we can try to tell all our stories. The many museums in the area are priceless and are doing the job of that for the city - and should be funded accordingly. And new museums (Harmers Town, American Legion, Moore Homestead) are coming, will tell even more stories to help fill in missing pieces, and will need support as well. | Everything that happened prior to 300 years ago - from indigenous people to prehistoric flora and fauna. Additionally, there will always be people and groups researching niche facets of local culture (baseball/sports, musicians/theater, circus/entertainment, etc). These efforts should be bolstered by an environment that supports such endeavors however possible. |
| The historical and cultural resources of the city are extremely important. While contributing to quality of life, they also are a large part of what sets HdeG apart from other areas of the county. They provide a unique visitor experience, and they are an integral part of the Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway, a Maryland Heritage Area. | Maintaining the historical character of the city serves as a fundamental piece of HdeG's appeal. It also provides opportunities for cultural growth. | The growing cultural program needs to be balanced with the historical character of the city. Care should be taken to ensure that cultural exhibits don't overshadow historical elements, but rather blend or relay the history of HdeG. |
| History and cultural resources are very important but do not seem to be effectively told. I learned a lot from this slide show. | I am particularly interested in development patterns and how they occurred but that is probably just me. I am also interested in the geological an ecological history of the area. | Telling the history of HdG in a more accessible, cogent form. |
| | | Waterfront and water tourism. We need to name the space between HDG, Perryville, Port D and become a boat destination, market accordingly. Susquehanna Outlet? Susq Triangle? There is a natural destination with dock and dine developing on all sides. Add the boat parade and hopefully a Kayak event. With the Living shoreline, there will be more opportunities for birding/wildlife/enviromental tourism. Probably less emphasis on the festivals, more on self sustaining arts, history and water tourism. |
| They are important to HDG identity, but they are not a regional draw, people do not come to HDG specifically for the Maritime or Lock House. All the museums are looking for ways to be more relevant. Lafayette Trail Mobile App was a good start, but could be redesigned by period and more historical with 1 personality for each tour. Rename so it is a separate resource, not confused with original LafTrail and find a way to better market it. | We have some unique history with 1812 , canal era and 1920 (Graw/Prohibition). We need to build on that. Don't clutter with less important stories (Frederick Douglas is neat, but minor). Don't force stories: the Underground RailRoad and the Suffragettes are stories, but the research is ongoing and not ready to be fully told. | Encourage research on UGRR and Suffragettes. Is there more recent history (1970s?) But thats all early research. Lets focus on the stories we already know. But we can market as "little Williamsburg" with trails /Museums for specific eras. |
| Our history and cultural resources are a vital part of why I wanted to live here. | Maintaining and protecting neighborhoods and buildings. | 1. Increasing demolition of old houses to make way for Inappropriate development in the NRHD. 2. Gentrification is occurring in the historic district area due to rich people wanting to live in town. This is related to #1. |
| Yes. The historical and cultural resources are what makes Havre de Grace the city that it is today and builds a sense of shared community identity. The historical and cultural resources of the city differentiate it from the suburban sprawl of other parts of the County and country. | Protection of important pieces of the city's architectural fabric from demolition or inappropriate alteration and ensuring that new development is sensitive to the existing context of the city's built environment. | 1. Incentives to encourage historic preservation and adaptive reuse. Historic preservation tax credit programs such as those found in Bel Air, Harford County outside of the municipalities, and the Maryland Historical Trust offer 10% to 20% of project costs back in the form of credits to local or state taxes. This encourages property owners to place protections on their historically important sites and provides needed financial assistance to help offset the complexities of owning a historic property. 2. Develop a set of procedures for the implementation of Section 97-6B of the City Code so that individual historic sites and historic districts can be identified and protected by the City. 3. Design Guidelines to ensure that new construction respects the architectural character of the existing city. 4. Including the effects of new construction on historic and cultural resources as part of the development review process. |

History and Cultural Tourism

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| They are important. I like them | Older homes | Matching architectural styles as new homes are built. |
| Not highlighted enough, need more noticeable history markers | | |
| love it. | all of the history. good and not so good. | |
| | | Beware of cookie cutter/cutesy historic areas and requirements Avoid a restrictive historic area with its stringent requirements Demolition by neglect should be left to the property owner |
| History and Cultural resources are important to me. | Not all cities/towns have history like HdG. At bulle rock, we recently had David Craig come to speak to us about the history of HdG and the ballroom was packed...many appreciated his presentation. Learning about the history is important to me - need more importunities to learn it. | Telling the history of HdG...maybe doing a festival around it...can change it up to different eras each year. First Fridays are nice, but after awhile, it's been there done that...Maybe less First Fridays and more events based on a theme from the history of HdG |
| Important! Love that we can share history both local and national with our kids as they grow. | I love the Lafayette trail and the smaller museums throughout town (decoy, maritime, lockhouse, lighthouse keeper's home) | Again, just expanding what we have! Perhaps a historic walking tour of some of the properties that can be taken by visitors and residents alike . |
| I am a huge fan of Historic Preservation and feel like it is a very important element of our experience here in HdG. | Retention of historic buildings is number one -- no demolitions without greater oversight. | Tree canopy over the entire City for enhancing the context of our historic City. Love North Park and want to keep it a low-key but beautiful attraction. |

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| <p>I would like to see Havre de Grace continue its transition from a once-sleepy, affluent, Caucasian retirement community into a vibrant, active, diverse community of creative-thinking, progressive-minded, artistic- and environmentally-driven residents and businesses.</p> | <p>Do not let HdG become (downtown) another Towson-type shopping district. Recent efforts by Bel Air and reactions to that show that a cookie cutter approach is not always the desired route. Part of the "charm" of the City is its diverse or eclectic mix of buildings which is an element of downtown attraction. I was not born here so have no deep seated ties for the "good old days" but find the mix a plus. I am concerned that the current revitalization plan for the downtown is not totally in the resident's best interests.</p> <p>Finish the current downtown restoration project, but don't stop there. Add the traffic circle at Washington/Congress to bookend the downtown and continue the project to Hutchins Park, both down Congress and along St. John Street.</p> <p>On the north end, the new Water Street Park could be another Promenade - build a boardwalk, find a better way to connect to the Lockhouse, purchase and redevelop the remaining waterfront parcel...because once it's gone, it's gone.</p> | <p>It's impossible to get everyone's attention. The city does a fine job with open/live-streamed council sessions, newsletters, community meetings, etc. Maybe some planned walk/talk sessions through various neighborhoods to meet residents on their turf and hear directly from them about issues.</p> | <p>Vibrant_Connected_Community,Cultural_Historic_Hub,Cohesive_Environment</p> |
| <p>Keeping downtown quaint. Don't want to see HdG lose it's charm.</p> <p>2nd always want it to stay safe.</p> | <p>I love the direction it's going artistically. I'm not a creative person, but I think it's a good look and good for those that are creative.</p> | <p>Hype the town meetings, but I have no idea how much room there is for them. I need to attend them myself.</p> | <p>Healthy_Community,Cultural_Historic_Hub,Sustainable_Community</p> |
| <p>A healthy walkable community that is inclusive and fiscally sounds</p> | <p>Relocate the water and sewage plants to somewhere on Old Bay Lane or to the land left empty in the project. These plants are taking up a significant amount of space in the downtown area. Many more parking spaces would be available downtown, right in the business area. We received federal funding for infrastructure. Why not use it for something that will benefit all.</p> | <p>I believe Havre de Grace is heading in the right direction for its wide population of Baby Boomers and associated aging there of. Ramps have been installed at Tydings Park, the walks and Promenade are wheelchair and walker friendly. I would like to see the trails wheelchair friendly. A downfall is parking in town where wheelchairs have to be lifted up the curb to access the walk. We could use some cutouts.</p> | <p>Healthy_Community</p> |
| <p>Improve safe pedestrian and bicycle connectivity throughout the city, supplemented with public transportation.</p> <p>Preserve natural resources, including woodlands, farmland and dark sky. Increase diversity of habitat.</p> <p>Preserve downtown charm and scale while improving quality of restaurant, drinking and hotel establishments.</p> <p>Look to effectively reuse under-utilized properties in town (south part of town near the old Graw) before developing green space.</p> <p>Work more effectively with the state and county to maximize resources and opportunities instead of common parochial attitudes.</p> | <p>More food options and affordable housing throughout the community.</p> <p>All the visions are good but could be better organized to achieve specific goals and actions. ie: pedestrian and bike access is mentioned in a few places but should be consolidated into one transportation vision focusing on delivering projects.</p> | <p>Virtual and in-person community meetings that are well advertised so attendance is easier. Use social media and mobile capability</p> <p>Understanding that outreach has been difficult during the pandemic, going forward, planners should be conducting open workshops across the City, both "up the hill" in places like Bulle Rock, but especially in underserved communities that lack meaningful representation on City Council and on the Planning Commision. Go where the people are.</p> | <p>Healthy_Community,Inclusive_Community,Vibrant_Connected_Community,Cultural_Historic_Hub,Cohesive_Environment,Sustainable_Community,Fiscally-Sound_Government</p> |

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| I'd like to see Havre De Grace continue to grow as a destination town. I'd like to see it continue to be a welcoming and inclusive place for ALL people | | Inclusive_Community,Vibrant_Connected_Community,Cultural_Historic_Hub,Sustainable_Community | |
| Doctor's offices converted into single family homes (move the different doctor's offices into the building once Harford Memorial closes). There's scant affordable housing for middle class families in town. The schools may be walkable but how many students have to be bussed in because they live 'on the hill'? | More connections to train stations; more hours on weekends for MARC; encourage non-car travel to town, reduce pollution. Make HdG a destination place for people who want to experience life without cars. | Icentivize participation in volunteer activities through tax breaks, vouchers, raffles, etc. Get more people out to community engagement events by enticing them with incentives. | Healthy_Community,Inclusive_Community,Vibrant_Connected_Community,Cultural_Historic_Hub,Cohesive_Environment,Sustainable_Community,Fiscally-Sound_Government |
| Get the schools more involved with the Green Team and gardening opportunities. We need to develop a new generation of volunteers. | | Provide all enhancements to all communities, not just downtown as is currently being done with ARPA money. | Vibrant_Connected_Community,Cultural_Historic_Hub,Sustainable_Community,Fiscally-Sound_Government |
| Continued focus on environment, enhancement of waterfront and main street. Increase walkability. Improve esthetic of buildings and road along water front to Union. Increase green space access. Small public bathrooms in town. Improve entrance from 40 access and bridge. | Improved bike ability . Consider electric bikes and bike lane access in town. | Continued social media presence. Zoom opportunity to engage. | Healthy_Community,Vibrant_Connected_Community,Cohesive_Environment,Sustainable_Community,Fiscally-Sound_Government |
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| I think it would be great if HdG was a more walkable community. There needs to be a vast improvement to the walking-biking paths in the overall city. | A walk way / bike path along Oswego into town. Connecting Bulle Rock to the rest of the town with a walking path that would take you from the end of Bulle Rock Pathway to Lewis Lane...and then towards Downtown. | | Sustainable_Community |
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| Safe place to raise a family, healthy environment, steady growth with balanced approach | A more diverse population. Black and White does not mean diverse. We need to do more to promote understanding all Cultures and their influence on our history and our lives today. | Promote more about the council meetings and legislative process. Many issues are dealt with quietly and quickly without community engagement or input. | Inclusive_Community,Vibrant_Connected_Community,Cultural_Historic_Hub |
| Retirement living walking biking in downtown area. Arts and music. Delicious dining | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. improve street lighting to&from downtown & both ends of Promenade. lighting should be in keeping w/historic nature of town (~~ to victorian lighting on promenade). 2. Inadequate st lighting on many of our downtown streets NOTE.we have such lovely mild weather early spring&mid-late fall& it gets dark so early...adequate lighting would encourage more walkers 3. Attention to areas under railroads (esp Adams st)...broken sidewalks, encroaching weeds, broken curbs (though really cool native granite curbs), broken glass 4. Beautifying under railroads.Juniata& Adams st. Showcase our town...these are main thoroughfares&lots of visitors park on Adams during events 5. rte 40 beautification...Help draw in visitors with a first impression.ex: autoyard when the leaves are off trees is an eyesore... incentivize owners | | Healthy_Community,Inclusive_Community,Cultural_Historic_Hub,Sustainable_Community,Fiscally-Sound_Government |

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| | to do things to beautify (w/this ex.painted murals/fencing) 6. MoreBike racks Downtown 7. Most of restaurants are fairly plain fair Encourage more fine/interesting dining | | |
| Improve existing infrastructure Balance upscale with remaining rural Balance housing developments | Keep rural feel do not grow too much improve what we have. Look for ways to incorporate those " on the hill" with downtown careabouts. What's in it for me? Balance needs of older/younger generations and socio economic statuses. | Text message upcoming council meetings and agendas | Healthy_Community,Vibrant_Connected_Community,Sustainable_Community |

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| Health and aging in place- hospital and good high quality medical and mental health staff and access. Quality doctors local. Staying active and exercise opportunities. Community lifestyle with opportunities to make acquaintances and friends. | Lived in Columbia MD. Look at the way they have built their community. Inclusive with access to gyms, out door recreation, high quality grocery stores and eating establishments. Columbia Association is a great example of what we could do here. I would like to see Havre de Grace focus on healthy eating establishments (more high quality, unique restaurants) and keep the junk out (improve what we have McDonalds etc), and provide options. Downtown that allows easy establishment of businesses instead of roadblocks . I know we have all levels of socioeconomic needs , so planning is difficult. But good options for all. | I cannot comment. | Healthy_Community,Vibrant_Connected_Community,Sustainable_Community,Fiscally-Sound_Government |

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| Continued growth and community support. | | | Inclusive_Community,Vibrant_Connected_Community,Sustainable_Community,Fiscally-Sound_Government |
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| We bought a condo in HdG 5 yrs ago and are amazed at how much had changed, for the better, during those 5 yrs. We love the opera house, new Star theater and the State theatre and we go to performances every chance we get. We volunteer at different functions going to be part of the "improvement of HDG". We don't feel like outsiders. There are so many people like us that have relocated here and plan to retire here. Building the art and entertainment areas is wonderful and we look forward to Graw Alley park being further developed. I'd like to see all the storefronts occupied - perhaps incentives for small businesses to start up here or expands here. More restaurants are welcome. Bakeries, food sources and various goods - | I'm concerned about what will become if the Hospital building once it closes. Stores, restaurants, more housing.....? For the south end of town. I hope we will have a chance to comment on the plans for that huge space. Beautification of Revolution Street would be wonderful. It is not pretty and the first impression many people see when they drive into town. The Tide is a great addition. Loved by many. We still like to walk everywhere but as we get older if will be helpful to have that available to us. | | Healthy_Community,Inclusive_Community,Vibrant_Connected_Community,Cultural_Historic_Hub,Cohesive_Environment,Sustainable_Community,Fiscally-Sound_Government |
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| not just touristy things. | | | |
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| 1. Enhance non-motorized access within all parts of HdG and to neighboring communities (i.e. ped/bike across river to Perryville, bike path to Aberdeen). 2. Enhance downtown appearance and variety of businesses so that they are commercially successful. 3. Environmental improvements -- city-wide food waste composting, including restaurants; use of native plants and integrated pest management by city and neighborhoods to foster healthy pollinator and other species; maximize use of renewable energy by city and private businesses and residences; prepare for extreme weather through continued focus on living shoreline and stormwater management. | | Use multiple methods of outreach. Public meetings, online resources such as the city's website, outreach to local organizations including churches to publicize to their members, posters, etc. What successful methods have other communities used that you can emulate? | Healthy_Community,Vibrant_Connected_Community,Sustainable_Community |
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| <p>Improving bike and pedestrian connectivity throughout the City and beyond, especially from "up the hill" across the railroad tracks and 40, then into town.</p> <p>Improving the Route 40 corridor.</p> | <p>Improving as a food and arts destination while maintaining authenticity.</p> | <p>Conduct workshops throughout the community. Come up to Bulle Rock.</p> | <p>Healthy_Community,Inclusive_Community,Vibrant_Connected_Community,Cultural_Historic_Hub,Cohesive_Environment,Sustainable_Community,Fiscally-Sound_Government</p> |
| <p>Drop the equity nonsense, fight for equality. Equity is discriminatory, equality is fairness. We need to return to a meritocracy.</p> | | | <p>Cultural_Historic_Hub,Fiscally-Sound_Government</p> |
| <p>Better parking downtown, more arts & music events, volunteering, social & support to business</p> | <p>I like the planned growth. I'd really like a new high end (Harris Teeter or Whole Foods) grocery at the corner of the Graw ball fields & Revolution St.</p> | <p>You're doing great.</p> | <p>Inclusive_Community,Cultural_Historic_Hub,Sustainable_Community,Fiscally-Sound_Government</p> |
| <p>To help make Havre de Grace a center of hospitality and culture. The city has the right environment and location to be a "historic" landmark with visiting.</p> | <p>All of the "visions" above are needed to create a whole.</p> | <p>Consider establishing a city-run corp of volunteers that can be available to address ongoing projects and exigencies. The volunteer's skills and experiences can best determine where they would be most effective.</p> | <p>Healthy_Community,Inclusive_Community,Vibrant_Connected_Community,Cultural_Historic_Hub,Cohesive_Environment,Sustainable_Community,Fiscally-Sound_Government</p> |
| <p>Equity, inclusion, & sustainability. In focus- SIDEWALKS (and safe crossings) Sidewalks benefit the climate, those without cars, children walking to school (who aren't allowed to cross Revolution Street due to the lack of a crossing guard). Parents drive their children to school because the sidewalks are intermittent. Sidewalks would increase foot traffic and benefit small businesses. Sidewalks would assist anyone pushing a stroller or a walker. Sidewalks would encourage healthy living. A more walkable HdG is a more equitable, inclusive, & sustainable HdG.</p> | <p>I would like to see small business owners supported, especially women and minority owned businesses. As a Bulle Rock resident, I wish there was a safe way to walk or bike into town. I wish the town had mandated new sidewalks be installed when the builders completed the latest parcel in Bulle Rock.</p> | <p>Partner community organizations- schools, places of worship, civic organizations, non-profits. Set up a stand outside Weis Markets. Text & phonebook. I found about this survey via Facebook, but also utilize Twitter and Instagram to reach multiple generations.</p> <p>Hold focus groups with underserved and underrepresented groups.</p> <p>I appreciate the opportunity to take part in this survey.</p> | <p>Healthy_Community,Inclusive_Community,Sustainable_Community</p> |
| <p>1. Reduce the poverty rate in Havre de Grace, which is high, relative to the rest of the Maryland. 2. Improve the middle school and high school ratings so that they can become top rated schools and provide our children the education that they need.</p> | <p>The high level visions are very good. I would have added more specifics related to poverty and education. The plan seems very suited to those with means and less so for those without means. This includes both the youngsters and the elders. These are the vulnerable populations that may not be able to access all that Havre de Grace has to offer.</p> <p>In general, the current plan fits my personal current needs very well because I am relatively wealthy. I want others to have the benefits that I have had and I want others to have a life where at least their basic needs are met.</p> | <p>To engage all citizens regarding policy and other decisions, there is a need to hold more public forums on weekends (except for summer). Working people have difficulty attending weekday evening meetings. Places where people congregate (schools, churches, coffee houses, etc) would be good locations for policy discussions. Thank you for carrying out the survey.</p> | <p>Inclusive_Community,Vibrant_Connected_Community,Sustainable_Community,Fiscally-Sound_Government</p> |

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| <p>better parking 1-2 more restaurants on the water more focus on ALL of HdG not just the historical section</p> | | <p>include ALL of the citizens of HdG.</p> | <p>Vibrant_Connected_Community,Cultural_Historic_Hub,Cohesive_Environment,Fiscally-Sound_Government</p> |
| | <p>Control growth - we are just about big enough Use budget "surpluses" for infrastructure improvements versus the "nice to have" items Beware of "cuteness" versus improvements for regular citizens Promote industrial park areas and RT 40 corridor for business Reduce the many street closures for events but which inconvenience the everyday resident</p> | <p>Public needs to be more proactive instead of reactive - this takes work on the part of the public who in many cases is unwilling to invest the time and interest to make a difference as such small special interest groups sway the legislation Public needs critical thought (what is bad about this proposal rather than assume all will be well) There needs to be more "glass half empty" thinkers versus the "glass half full" types</p> | <p>Vibrant_Connected_Community</p> |
| <p>Sustainability - eliminating gas and reducing electrical. New Business Development - bringing new business that attracts people from surrounding areas (something that people already don't have, upscale grocery store or fine-dining would be start). New Walking/Biking trails - think Ma/Pa trail, with access to downtown (well-lit and paved). Waterfront Development for Public Use - it is either not advertised appropriately or there is not a whole lot to do. Downtown Revitalization - once BGE is done ripping up the streets, it would be nice to start seeing some changes downtown. More events on Washington Street (outdoor concerts, entertainment, things that other historic downtowns don't offer in the county). A great example is Church Street in Burlington, VT (https://churchstmarketplace.com/). Get some tree cover in the center of the street, fountains, statues. Build a small aquarium and a University/College/Tech school Annex near Bulle Rock. We need young people and young families.</p> | | <p>Virtually broadcasting (live) city meetings. Post fliers up at small businesses with dates/times/links to planning sessions. Start by making some improvements now. Start unifying interests - currently we have several small cultural subsets within Havre de Grace that are completely disparate: Bulle Rock, Condos/Marina, Downtown homes, and everyone else. The majority of HdG does not want to see any more money pumped into Bulle Rock. Although it is a fine community, they are physically (gated) separated from the rest of the city and some people consider it elitism. The waterfront and the condo area are gorgeous, but there isn't much else attracting people to the area, other than occasional events. BTW, whoever approved the land for condo use really messed up the potential waterfront access for the future of HdG. That area is nicer than the heart of the city, which is downtown, which I think says something about priorities. Start getting some short-term wins and showing progress.</p> | <p>Healthy_Community,Cultural_Historic_Hub,Sustainable_Community</p> |
| <p>Visual improvement of the Rt. 40 corridor. Abandoned buildings and junk yards are not inviting. Landscaping and tree planting along downtown entrance ways</p> | <p>A hotel on the hospital site. A waterfront walkway/bikeway from the lighthouse to the railroad bridge. Better traffic flow at the Rt. 155, Ontario St. and Rt. 40 intersections. A bike/ walkway connecting the hill to downtown over Rt. 40</p> | | <p>Healthy_Community,Vibrant_Connected_Community,Cultural_Historic_Hub,Cohesive_Environment,Sustainable_Community,Fiscally-Sound_Government</p> |
| <p>To remain a safe, inclusive community with fiscally sound government. To continue to offer cultural events. To promote the city as a destination for visitors. To continue to attract good restaurants to the downtown area. Basically, all of the seven visions outlined in the story board.</p> | <p>The one thing our community lacks is a decent hotel. We have a few B&Bs but there is no where else for visitors to stay. Has there been any thought to putting a hotel on the Harford Memorial hospital site when it closes? I know the town is against chains, but a hotel like a Hampton Inn could bring more jobs, as well as visitors to the community. The other thing we lack is a GOOD grocery store. Weis is not adequate. There are so many things lacking in that store. Shop Rite in Aberdeen is just as bad. A store like Harris Teeter would be great. We need a store with a good bakery, quality produce, and a variety of grocery items (including</p> | <p>A monthly newsletter emailed to residents outlining current issues being discussed with an attached survey for community input. Focus groups to discuss upcoming decisions and policy changes.</p> | <p>Healthy_Community,Inclusive_Community,Vibrant_Connected_Community,Cultural_Historic_Hub,Cohesive_Environment,Sustainable_Community,Fiscally-Sound_Government</p> |
| | <p>gourmet). We moved here from NJ over 4 years ago. I used to shop at an IGA, which was great. I have yet to find a grocery store near HdG which comes close to what I'm used to. Lastly, is there any way to create a walking path along the water that connects both ends of HdG? That would be a real plus.</p> | | |

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| <p>To continue to evolve as a place you and others want to live To not lose the small town feel. Maintain the varying cost levels of homes, while improving the facades and greenery. Maintain safety. Link the community - the old timers (born in HdG) with the new comers, lose the "people on the hill" attitude from downtown - we are one community.</p> | <p>I like what is there. The only thing I would add, and I don't know where, is the issue of being one community, not be separated as "the hill" vs. "downtown"...and I mean when these terms are used in a derogatory vs a simple reference to where you live.</p> | <p>I think you are doing a great job already with the streaming and recording of council meetings. Also the many committees and opportunities to serve on these committees. You can never engage all citizens in local public policy and decisions, many are just not interested or too busy raising their family, working, etc. This town has more opportunities and ease to engage than any other place I have lived.</p> | <p>Healthy_Community,Inclusive_Community,Vibrant_Connected_Community,Cultural_Historic_Hub,Cohesive_Environment,Sustainable_Community,Fiscally-Sound_Government</p> |
| <p>I love that our city is an arts hub for the region but have great concerns about healthcare delivery and the economic impact created by the pending closure of Harford Memorial Hospital.</p> | | <p>The citizen connection newsletter always helped me to feel connected and invested in topics of importance, unfortunately I haven't seen one in my mailbox recently.</p> | <p>Healthy_Community,Inclusive_Community,Vibrant_Connected_Community,Cultural_Historic_Hub,Cohesive_Environment,Sustainable_Community,Fiscally-Sound_Government</p> |
| <p>Sustainable and green centered community with better public transit for those who do not work in the community.</p> | <p>Bring back the monthly newsletters that were mailed to the houses. Not everyone is on the internet. Also, bring back the Havre de Grace Magazine that Ellie Mencer used to write. At least it had everything in one place.</p> | <p>You need a fully comprehensive website that works. I should not have to go to umpteen websites and Facebook pages to find out events in the town I live in.</p> | <p>Healthy_Community,Inclusive_Community,Cohesive_Environment,Sustainable_Community,Fiscally-Sound_Government</p> |
| <p>Sustainable renovation of downtown that includes bicycle lanes, addressing the City's use of pesticides to maintain public parks and green areas; and developing more of the shoreline for sustainable public access. The City needs a boutique hotel to take the community to the next level in tourism (no chain hotels please!) With the future being electric cars - I think parking downtown should be moved to small parking lots in alleys (behind stores) for residents and to larger parking lots on Pennington and Hutchins park for the general public - there will be a general demand for EV chargers, and putting them in parking lots will encourage everyone to use the lots.</p> | | <p>The charrettes held for downtown revitalization were interesting, but in person townhalls and focus groups would be great. The many Commissions that work with the City should organize public forums a couple times a year so the general public knows what they do.</p> | <p>Healthy_Community,Inclusive_Community,Vibrant_Connected_Community,Cultural_Historic_Hub,Sustainable_Community,Fiscally-Sound_Government</p> |
| <p>Preserving the historic feel of the city and the historic houses in the Nationally recognized historic district while promoting business and arts.</p> | <p>We do need parking. Things get crazy whenever there is a event in town and the Star Center parking is not working out because it is located away from the events. Maybe more trollys?</p> | | <p>Healthy_Community,Vibrant_Connected_Community,Cultural_Historic_Hub,Cohesive_Environment,Sustainable_Community,Fiscally-Sound_Government</p> |
| <p>Restoration and use of historic homes and buildings, increased tree canopy, affordable and attractive housing for lower income residents including seniors, garden areas, safe walkable sidewalks and trails. More attractive industrial areas such as Old Post Road (weed-free along the road for example)</p> | <p>So much of what I envision is already happening. I grew up in Havre de Grace and moved back after 50 years. It is so changed! This is a vibrant community and post-COVID we are starting to take advantage of all the events. There are small things I really appreciate, such as Joe and Don from Glyph planting all the pots downtown this spring with attractive flowers and plants. I love the new crosswalks by the library. I enjoyed the museum tour this summer that inspired me to visit several new museums including Hosanna School Museum. The Green Team is awesome, and I use the composting bins regularly. Thank you!!</p> | <p>Offer events for families with teens and children where you can have conversations with the parents to get their input. Reach out to parents at First Fridays. Talk to people of color to hear their needs and priorities.</p> | <p>Healthy_Community,Inclusive_Community,Vibrant_Connected_Community,Cultural_Historic_Hub,Sustainable_Community,Fiscally-Sound_Government</p> |

Envision Havre de Grace

| What are your priorities for Havre de Grace over the next 20 years? | What do you envision for Havre de Grace? Are there any visions that you would add? | What can we do better to engage all citizens in local public policy and decisions affecting our community? How are we doing to meet the needs of citizens with differing abilities within the City of Havre de Grace so that we are ensuring participation? | Which of the seven visions outlined in this Story Map are most important to you? |
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| <p>-Economic growth for small businesses downtown. -HdG evolving into a major regional tourism destination.</p> | <p>Significant aesthetic improvement to the primary entrances to HDG, a consistent and aggressive code enforcement division for derelict commercial, residential, and rental properties. Zoning of the historic downtown district to encourage and promote retail and service businesses.</p> | <p>The city does a great job communicating issues- you can't force people to read or attend.</p> | <p>Vibrant_Connected_Community</p> |
| <p>Keep it a liveable community for all classes of people including buildings. Do not strive to be Annapolis north or Cape May west. A mix of eclectic buildings and people should be maintained. Bigger is not necessarily better. Beware of gentrification. Lock-step historic zoning should not occur. Reduce PR Activity in City Hall and supplement DPW for everyday on the ground improvements/maintenance.</p> | <p>Don't lose sight of where we came from.</p> | <p>At the end of Council work sessions allow time for citizen comments and input. Permit written comments to be included at public hearings rather than requiring comments to be made in person or by proxy.</p> | <p>Vibrant_Connected_Community,Fiscally-Sound_Government</p> |
| <p>Strong infrastructure with upgrades to water/sewer. Electrical lines underground. Ensure all RENTAL properties are brought up to flood standards according to FEMA's study for our area.</p> | <p>Stop wasting money and force RENTAL property owners to invest and bring the rental properties up to Code.</p> | <p>Stop treating Rental Property as Private Property. Rental property is a BUSINESS. Get the police to start enforcing ALL traffic laws.</p> | <p>Fiscally-Sound_Government</p> |