

City of Rockville

FY 2026 Community Budget Priorities Survey

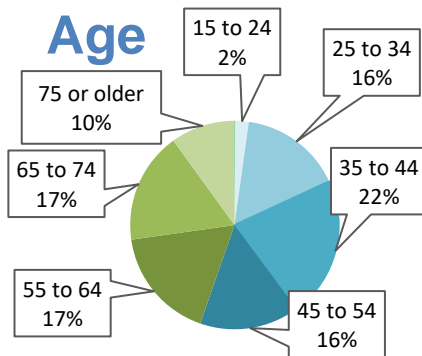
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767 Responses



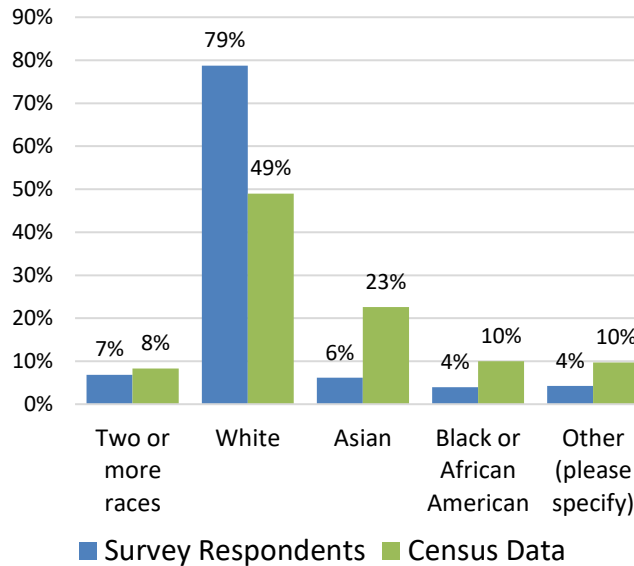
Our Respondents

767 Total Survey Responses



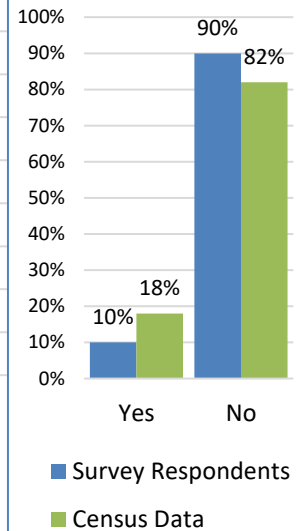
Age: Respondents 35+ are over-represented by 14 percentage points, while those 15 to 34 are under-represented by the same amount.

Racial Identity

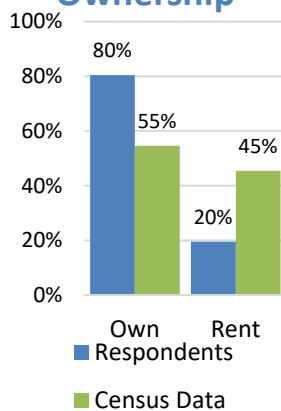


Racial Identity: Respondents identifying as White are over-represented by 30 percentage points. Those who identify as Hispanic or of Latin American identity are under-represented by 8 percentage points.

Hispanic or Latin American Identity

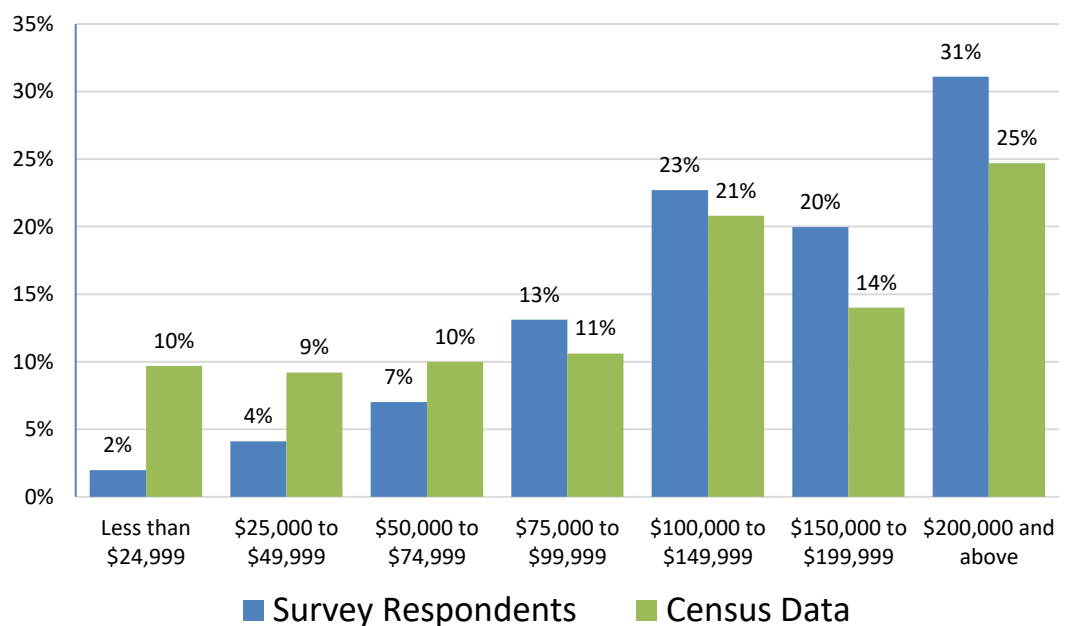


Home Ownership



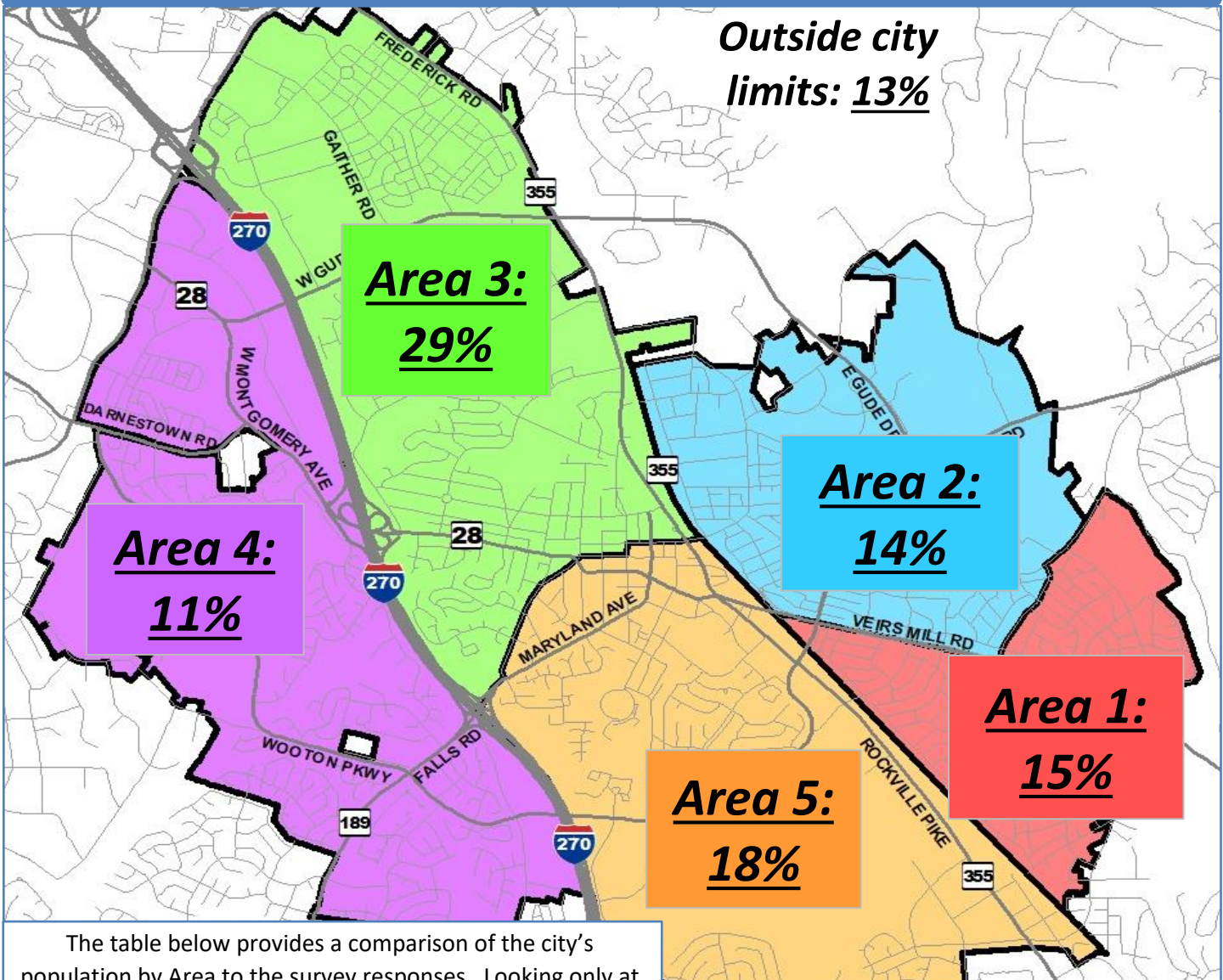
Home Ownership: Respondents who own their home are over-represented by 25 percentage points, while those who rent are under-represented by the same amount.

Income



Income: Respondents making over \$150K are over-represented by 12 percentage points, while those making under \$75K are under-represented by 16 percentage points.

Where our Respondents live



The table below provides a comparison of the city's population by Area to the survey responses. Looking only at survey responses that identified one of the Areas on the map, the survey representation aligns as follows.

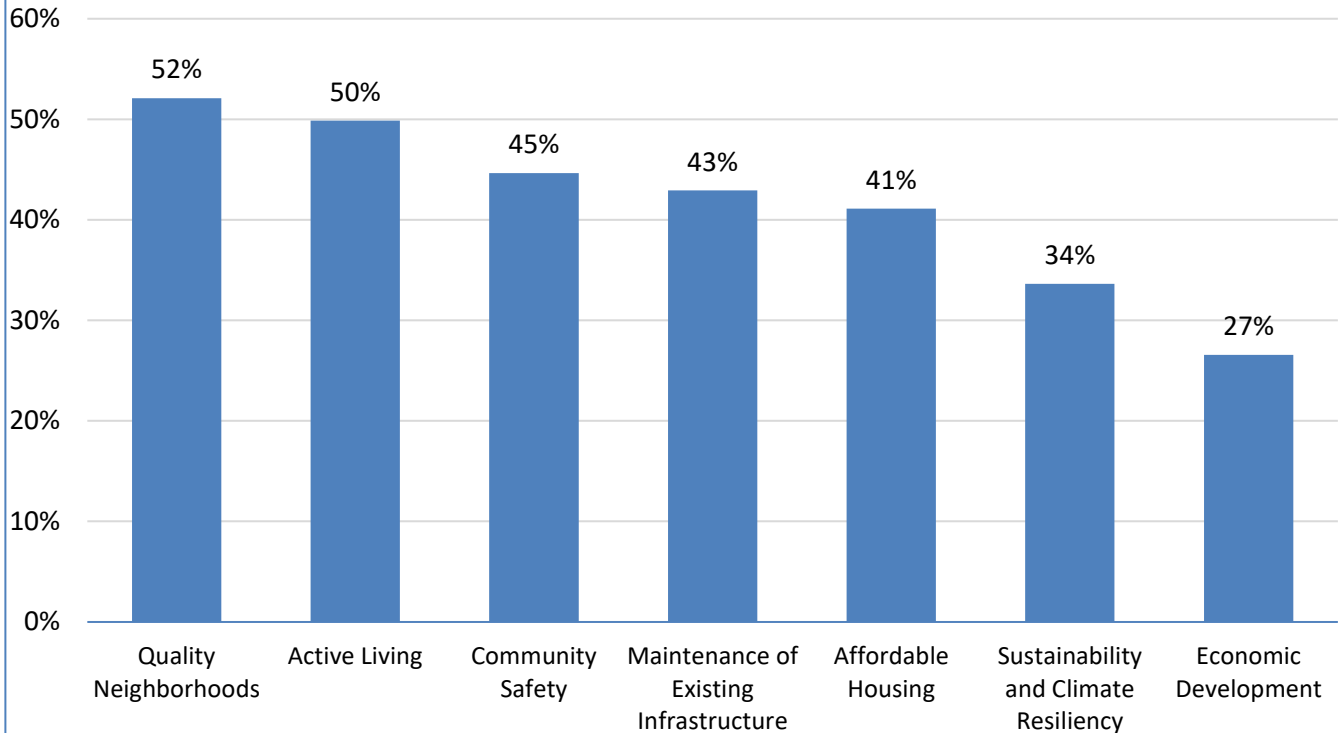
Area	Population	Percentage	Respondents
1	7,760	12%	18%
2	8,241	12%	16%
3	18,760	28%	34%
4	12,036	18%	12%
5	20,320	30%	20%

Respondents who live in Areas 1, 2, and 3 are over-represented by 4, 4, and 8 percentage points, respectively.

Respondents who live in Areas 4 and 5 are under-represented by 6 and 10 percentage points, respectively.

Survey Responses

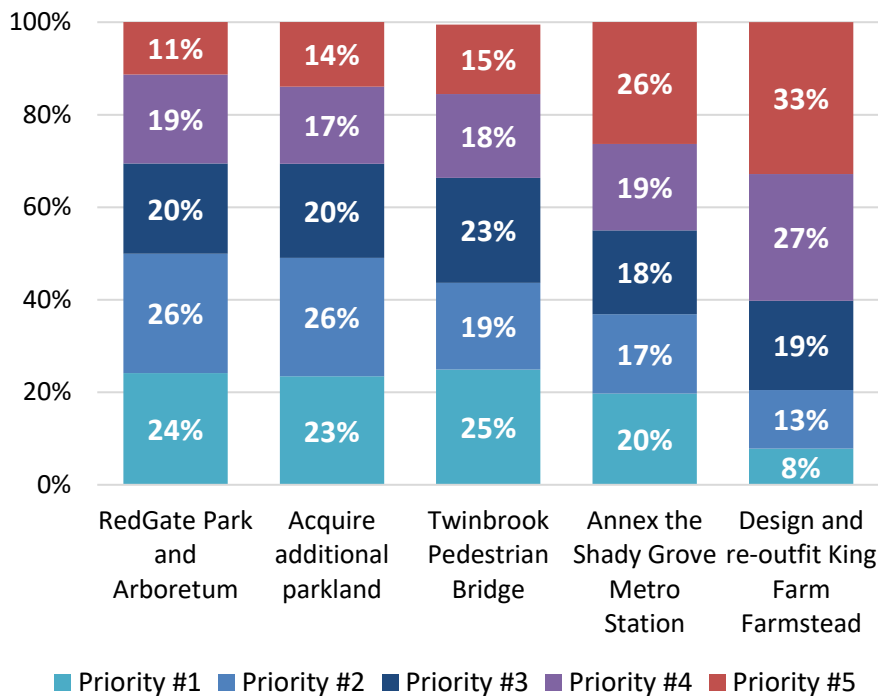
Priority Program Areas



Trends and Analysis

- Age: among respondents aged 15-34, Affordable Housing is the most selected priority program area, selected by 67%, while among those aged 35+, only 37% selected it as a priority program area.
- Home Ownership: among respondents who do not own their home, Affordable Housing is the most selected priority program area, selected by over 71%, while less than 34% of those who own their home selected it as a priority program area.
- Income: among respondents who make less than \$75K, Affordable Housing is the most selected priority program area, selected by 62%, and Sustainability was selected by over 42%, while Affordable Housing is the least selected by those who make \$200K or more, being selected by less than 29%, and Sustainability the second least, selected by only 30%.
- Area of Rockville:
 - In Areas 1 and 5, Affordable Housing is the second most selected area, being selected by 50% of respondents.
 - In Area 2, Community Safety is the second least selected area, being selected by less than 33% of respondents, while Sustainability is selected by 45%.
 - In Area 3, Community Safety is the most selected area, being selected by more than 50% of respondents.
 - In Area 4, Maintenance of Existing Infrastructure is the most selected area, being selected by 57% of respondents.
 - Among respondents who live outside of Rockville, Active Living was selected by over 69%. A possible explanation is that those who come to Rockville do so primarily for outdoor and recreational activities.

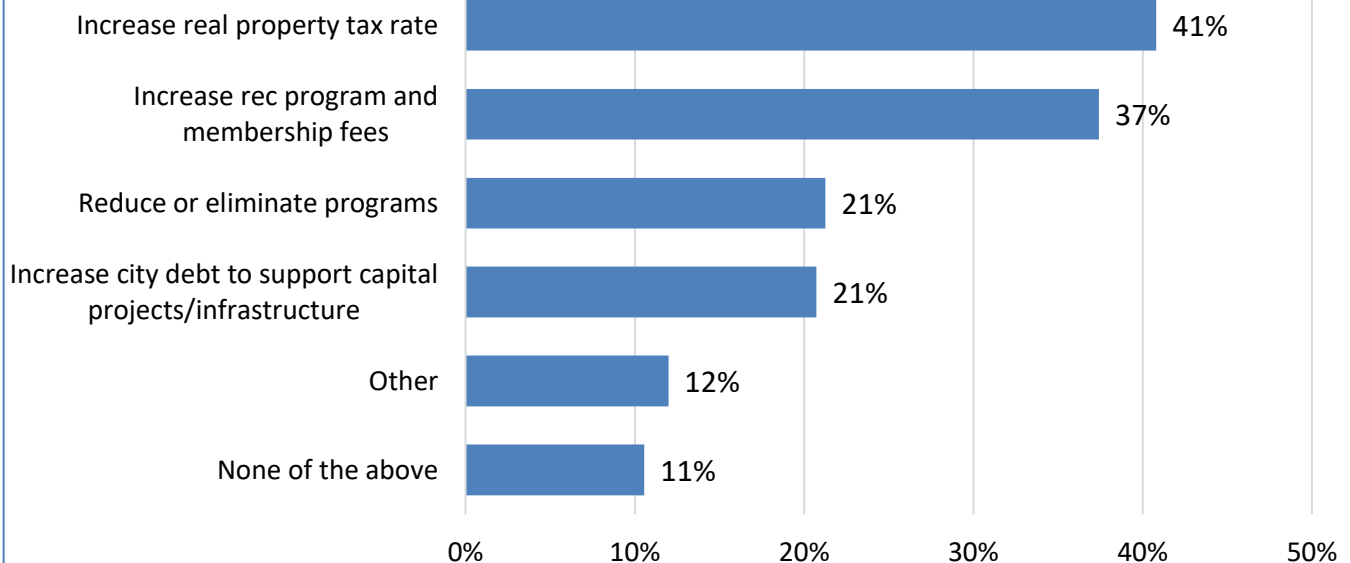
Prioritization of Major Planned Initiatives



Trends and Analysis

- 58% of respondents in Area 1 selected Twinbrook Pedestrian Bridge as their #1 priority, about 2.5 times more than the proportion of all respondents.
- 38% of respondents in Area 3 selected Re-outfit King Farm Farmstead as their #1 or #2 priority, nearly double the proportion of all respondents.
- 49% of respondents in Areas 3 and 4 selected Annex Shady Grove Metro as their #1 or #2 priority, 12 percentage points more than all respondents.
- Design King Farm Farmstead ranked as the lowest or second lowest priority among all areas.

Options to Maintain a Balanced Budget



Trends and Analysis

- Age: among respondents aged under 35, Increase Rec Program and Membership Fees is selected by less than 25%, and Increase Property Taxes by more than 50%, while among those aged 45-64, over 45% selected Increase Recreation Program and Membership Fees and less than 35% selected Increase Property Taxes.
- Home Ownership: Increase Real Property Tax Rate is the most selected option among renters, selected by 54% of renters, and the second most among homeowners, selected by 38% of those who own their home.
- Area: among respondents from Area 4, 54% selected Increase Rec Program & Membership Fees, and 38% selected Reduce or Eliminate Programs, while only 33% selected Increase Property Taxes.



Appendix: Respondent Comments

Please provide any comments you have about your priority program

Respondent ID **areas:**

It's unfortunate when the City's public response resources and online space are used as a vehicle to spread untruths against an organization about which some responders to the FY26 Budget Survey apparently know little. For me it was shocking to read untruths written about Peerless Rockville on a taxpayer-funded online survey. The City should take steps to ensure their resources cannot be enlisted to spread such misinformation. Above all, the Mayor and Council should fully fund Peerless Rockville to enable residents to continue to benefit from the educational and community-building resources it offers. For the record I am not a Peerless Rockville employee, or on their board. I'm a Rockville resident who has benefited from their programming in my hometown and learned much through them about times and actions in Rockville's past that some would like to keep quiet, but Peerless Rockville helps bring into the light. Here are some facts and real-life experience about this organization:

1. Peerless Rockville is doing high quality work that benefits the City and its residents. As examples, here are a few of their public programming and exhibitions I've attended and valued, which were free and accessible to all. This programming has made me a better resident and allowed me to learn truth and admire the resilience of people real who lived and worked right here:

- Forging Freedom: Endurance, Escape and Rockville's Underground Railroad - exhibition in the Red Brick Courthouse. At this exhibition I learned about the lengths enslaved people living in Rockville needed to go to escape local enslavers, and the tragedy of separated families that happened when local slaveholders died and their "possessions", including people, were sold off outside the Rockville courthouse.

- Emancipation and the Pursuit of Education: 150 years of Advancement in Educational Equality – exhibition in the Rockville Library. This exhibition helped me understand the challenges African American people in our community had in receiving education and the many ways that separate was not equal.

- Thurgood Marshall, the NAACP and a Civil Rights Milestone in Rockville – Peerless Rockville talk presented in 2024 in the Grey Courthouse. At this talk I learned about this milestone 1930's court case, argued by Thurgood Marshall representing Rockville school teacher William Gibbs' request for equal pay for Montgomery County's Black and white schoolteachers. It was thrilling to hear and understand the impact of this historic case in the very room in our hometown where it was argued.

- Rockville's "Colored Troops" – Peerless Rockville talk presented in 2023 by Chiquita Sorrels, Historian for Rockville's Jerusalem-Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church. At this talk I learned about the bravery of free and enslaved African American men from Rockville who joined the "US Colored Troops" and fought to end slavery in this country. It was especially interesting to hear the details about the research tools and methods that proved what happened to these men later in life as they interacted with the Veteran's Bureau and other organizations, and how these tools can be used by people today to research their own family members who may have lived a similar path.

- Three Lynchings in Montgomery County – Peerless Rockville talk presented in 2022. At this talk I learned about Mr. John Diggs-Dorsey and Mr. Sidney Randolph, who in separate incidents six years apart were pulled from the Rockville jail by local white mobs and hung from Rockville trees. I grew up here but was never taught and had never understood that there were lynchings in Rockville. Facing this and taking part in the local movement to publicly recognize these events in our history and memorialize these victims has been extremely important to me and my family. I'm grateful to Peerless Rockville for not shrinking from painful aspects of Rockville's history.

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<p>114834141649 (continued)</p>	<p>· Dr. Frieda Fromm-Reichmann – multiple Peerless Rockville events were held in 2021 to celebrate and publicize the accomplishments of this Jewish woman who fled Nazi Germany in the 1930s and then made her home in Rockville, where she helped heal patients with her groundbreaking empathic psychotherapy..</p> <p>· Women Who Dared – Peerless Rockville publication about six local women from different walks of life with major achievements that aided Rockville residents and helped put the city on the map. I was proud to learn the stories of these local women who rose above societal conventions. It's important for Rockville women and girls to know and be able to celebrate the strong role models who lived and worked right here where we live.</p> <p>· Changing the Map – I'm looking forward to this upcoming study and exhibition by Peerless Rockville about Rockville's downtown neighborhoods and businesses before Urban Renewal funds and activity changed Rockville's downtown in the 60s and 70s. This is just a small list of programming by Peerless Rockville I've attended that has focused on the sometimes less-well-known but critically important inclusive elements of the history of our city. I especially appreciate how Peerless Rockville actively seeks out and presents topics and scholars that help diverse audiences consider and understand together topics like the impact of enslavement and segregation right here in our hometown - very challenging, but very important, to sensitively bring into the light.</p> <p>2. Peerless Rockville does this work well and to a high standard of professionalism. It has won awards for excellence including the Maryland Historical Trust Award for Excellence in Community Engagement, the Outstanding Educational Program Series Award from Montgomery Preservation, and has been cited by U.S. Representative from Maryland Jamie Raskin, U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen, County Executive Elrich and Councilmember Sidney Katz, in recognition of their contributions to Rockville. It makes personal engagement and participation interesting and possible for residents from a huge variety of backgrounds through a purposeful assortment of channels including scholarly talks, exhibitions, family scavenger hunts, discovery walks, support for historical markers and signage, written publications and online presence.</p> <p>3. Peerless Rockville is the only organization - public or private - doing this work with an inclusive lens focused on Rockville history.</p> <p>Madame Mayor and Councilmembers, we are presently in a period of American history where diversity, equity and inclusion have become "dirty words" to many in government. I am proud that the leaders of the state of Maryland, Montgomery County and - I believe - the City of Rockville, do not subscribe to this rhetoric and believe cities and places are better when residents have access to fair and balanced information about their local history and high-quality events and forums to allow them to consider it together. I believe from your records and positions that you support Rockville residents having more access - not less or no access - to culturally sensitive experiences and learning like this. Peerless Rockville provides this at a very high standard, and helps residents and the local community experience that Rockville is Rising Together. I call on you to recognize the important role Peerless Rockville plays in our City and to fully fund Peerless Rockville for their budget application of \$120,000.</p>
<p>114834089584</p>	<p>When the City passes new rules and opportunities, they need to ensure adequate enforcement so property owners' rights are not negatively impacted.</p>
<p>114833606756</p>	<p>I support affordable housing, including ADUs and rental of rooms in single-family homes, but not giveaways to developers that undermine other priorities like tree-lined pedestrian & bicycle-friendly streets that are also important to affordable and sustainable living--eg waivers of trees, play areas.</p>
<p>114833570775</p>	<p>More trees e green spaces. Too many buildings!!!</p>

114833470588	For economic development I include helping Rockville become an arts and culture destination.
114831269764	<p>Stop putting bike lanes in. This isn't Europe, stop trying to make it as such. You've completely disrupted easy access to a dying town center by minimizing travel lanes for a hand full of bikes.</p> <p>Use the spaces you have and enforce affordability in the existing high rise buildings. The city keeps shoving 10 pounds of crap in a 5 pound bag in town center. It's not the answer. Then you move the city's largest event to town center and why? RedGate was the perfect home for HTH. Town center is DYING. No event or activity is going to save it when there has been years of neglect and creativity down there. Use other spaces within the city that provide the adequate space and amenities for the events and activities that you have groomed your community to expect.</p>
114831137051	RENT STABILIZATION
114829902492	Given the turmoil in our community from the musk/Trump/Vance disaster, it is probably best to move cautiously with new initiatives. That said, climate change is an emergency that requires immediate action.
114829495117	Rockville needs to adopt rent stabilization at least on par with the County.
114825623569	Please fully fund Peerless Rockville! The provide excellent resources for the community while helping preserve local history.
114824669963	Keeping Rockville safe and welcoming to everyone is key to our future as a city. Affordable housing (by increasing both supply and providing rent stabilization measures) and safe and convenient non-car transportation infrastructure are essential to rise together, as the city's new motto proclaims.
114824541544	City development must focus away from car-based transportation, away from suburban sprawl. It is unsustainable environmentally and financially. People are happier and healthier when they can walk/roll to amenities without the need of a car, and actual community can grow, instead of people being increasingly isolated. PLEASE focus on more thoughtful, higher density development, such as the idea of the 15 minute city.
114824508216	Keep the old neighborhoods and all "old" structures so the City doesn't loose it's personality.
114823755779	Rent stabilization please so we can have affordable housing! More mixed use development and denser housing, more public transit so we can make places more walkable and human scale instead of car scale.
114823138692	I feel strongly that we need to enforce community safety laws. Maintaining infrastructure is an absolute must have. City Of Rockville has plenty of existing community activities which I appreciate.
114822941952	Bike lanes are not a priority.
114822763943	Rockville has room to improve, but it's already really great and we should be making it possible for more people to live here. This would benefit both them and the city.
114820342580	Creating an office of rent stabilization w/ two employees to enforce rent stabilization.
114820335988	Interested in making Rockville a more desireable and feasible place to live
114820330145	Affordable rental housing
114819515498	Mixed purpose housing that not aggravate community congestion is desired.

114819510157	We need local business/industry to provide jobs to support housing, even affordable housing is out of reach with local jobs.
114819494354	More housing staff
114819487908	Create an office of Rent Stabilization with two employees to enforce rent stabilization
114819482484	1) affordable housing 2) quality neighborhoods 2) active living
114817664582	The program areas I selected are broad enough to include all of the others.
114816198816	The City has under-prioritized economic development for decades. We were companies to other areas even before the federal cuts. This is an existential threat for the city and the services it provides. Without economic development, all our other priorities will fall through.
114815003172	Rockville should be geared towards creating good, high paying jobs. And not government jobs. Private sector. Can we get a manufacturing plant here?
114814595504	I would also add that it is very important that the City Council be supportive of staff by funding 1) a real COLA for current staff, and 2) a real COLA for retired staff.
114813344179	As a renter, the worst thing the city could do for affordable housing is to implement rent control. It benefits the few to the unfair detriment of the many. Please continue to reject it for Rockville.
114812387564	I live in towncenter and there are no parks to sit in
114812220752	Have been having multiple issues with neighbors and those in neighborhood not leasing dogs and those dogs being an active danger, no real enforcement
114808591814	I did not select affordable housing because I want more housing at all prices. We need high income earners and the taxes they pay, too.
114805111027	I am not a fan of the narrow four floor developments; I have doubts about quality. Also, in 2022, the company I and my roommates rented from (Scarborough Square, 548 College Parkway) gave us a unit with a preexisting bed bug infestation and refused to acknowledge or address the issue until we got the city involved, so I am very invested in code enforcement and tenant rights.
114800139594	Pedestrian safety and traffic enforcement on east side of Route 355.
114800050071	Please focus on mixed-use development. People need amenities within walking distance of their homes.
114795171967	So many good programs and very difficult to choose.
114794504392	Studies have shown that green space, parks and trees improve community safety, health, well-being, and economic development.
114793674204	NEED there to be AI wifi Camera Monitors mounted everywhere lights are, with a robot arm to protect the camera attached, I NEED this as a GOV Spending Priority, people dying unknowingly due to lack of Boarder Control since CITIZENSHIP is PURCHASE ABLE will ALLOW PERMEANT HARM.
114793586003	Though safety and infrastructure are concerns of mine, they aren't as much of an immediate issue as the overall quality of our city and neighborhoods. Maintaining development so there is continued focus on climate concerns and keeping a pleasant natural environment for citizens is an immediate issue that should be factored into all programming.
114792775474	Hire more police officers to patrol the city!!
114792732657	None of the above are possible without investment in economic development.

	<p>Rockville city is in a prime location for accessing many amenities in the DMV, but much of the city is old and rundown so an afterthought when people consider where they want to spend their disposable income and leisure time. Much of Rockville city is an undesirable place to live due to rundown infrastructure, poorly kept residential areas, and boarded up businesses.</p> <p>Rockville city leaders should focus on ways to beautify the business and residential areas and parks through code enforcement, instructors maintenance.</p> <p>Given federal \$\$ for social programs and school supports are ending, Rockville city leaders need to rezone to attract a more self sufficient population. Doing so would also improve the quality of neighborhoods by removing loiters and juveniles delinquents and junk out site.</p> <p>Rockville city leaders should NOT add more subsidized/affordable housing, shelters, halfway houses, mental health facilities, bus parking facilities, services for undocumented, or detention centers. The Rockville tax base can NOT support these high need populations and State and Federal \$\$ for such programs are ending.</p>
114792360904	
114792021241	Pedestrian safety, street signing, traffic lights and traffic signals improvement along Rockville Pike/355 are a priority.
114791929259	Instead of allowing small houses to be torn down for expensive duplexes and apartments, I'd like to see incentives to keep small houses for low income families to buy.
114791792871	Housing is so expensive in Montgomery county. Make it affordable is a top priority. And parks and recreational options are a second top priority.
114791756660	Please pass rent control and stabilization. It is so important and necessary to keep Rockville vibrant and full of culture.
114791534406	Maintenance of infrastructure would be a choice if was allowed 4.
114791307607	Safety a priority for residents and visitors
114791294886	Keep our neighborhood safe.
114791224187	If we don't take focus on climate change nothing else will matter
114791206963	A resilient and green community that welcomes all income groups will generate revenue to fund the other goals.
114791195090	I feel forest preservation is a different category from building codes.
114791141780	Some of the neighborhoods in MoCo are looking poorly maintained and are in need of cleaning up and ongoing code enforcement. Cars on lawns and miscellaneous junk in yards visible to neighbors is unacceptable and needs to be cleaned up. Our property values are connected to how our neighborhoods look and feel. The county needs to play a key role to see that code violations are quickly and addressed and see that remedies are competed timely and completely.
114791075141	I think over all safety is vital.
114791062336	Return Rockville to a high 'quality of life', which hasn't been true for some years now, due to poor prioritization by the city staff, which is focused on rapid housing development over all other priorities.
114791059251	They're all important, and it's difficult when there are many things on the same line. My actual priorities are: 1. Ped & bike infrastructure and safety; 2. Preservation of and access to nature spaces; 3. Maintenance; 4. Sustainability & climate; 5. Other

114791048060	Refund the police. Offer climate by working with citizens to upgrade houses so more climate friendly (I.e. insulate houses, increase water efficiency (I.e. rain barrels instead of watering lawn from tap), etc.
114791032536	Too much new construction of residential and not enough parks/outdoor space.
114790993560	We need to make it legal to build small-lot size dense apartments without parking. Just regular pre-war housing. Five floors of apartments above a hair salon. Why is this illegal? Remove lot size minimums, parking minimums, lot utilization requirements, too-sprawly FAR requirements, home business/ADU bans, height limits that make no sense, setback requirements, detachment requirements. All R-1a zoning is tax-negative and unsustainable economically, ecologically, and socially.
114790987819	1) More trails (away from roads); 2) Move sidewalks away from roads (ie ensure a verge or buffer in between); 3) Less salt on roads in winter; no salt off roads (the salt is killing street trees due to overspray in tree beds); 4) Replace dead trees and preserve tree beds (why are tree beds shrinking (and disappearing altogether in some cases) and not being properly mulched in a "tree city usa"?)
114790985158	All of these programs are very important. As a long-term home owning resident and parent, I believe it is the city management's responsibility to grow and maintain the quality of life within the community. Infrastructure, Active living options (green space, etc.), taking physical care of community neighborhoods - helps lead to the other major programs such as community safety, to sustainability, to affordable housing, leading finally to economic development. Then circles around again. Establishing a strong community of happy and healthy people is the foundation of growth.
114790979640	I personally think Rockville over-extends itself to the point of public harm instead of benefit in most of the unchecked categories. In the checked categories, I've had no qualms. My girlfriend says that the city doesn't take sustainability seriously enough, however.
114790967090	All of these are important in balance with one another and within the budget--if one is ignored (say, infrastructure) it will rapidly become "too expensive" to fix within a given budgetary cycle
114790925022	I have lived in Rockville since 1978. I live in the West End. I am definitely interested in economic development, but I think too often the city has felt pressure from the developers to reduce the number of trees and pocket parks they need to provide in order to make these new communities more livable and friendly. Now that Rockville has become more desirable to developers, as close in space becomes less available, I hope they use their leverage to insist on more green spaces in all new development.
114790912668	We need more police. I called the police once and no one came.
114790903344	It is essential that the tree canopy of the city be expanded to improve the health and sustainability of life under climate change. Protecting and planting trees is the most important thing we can do in the face of climate change. Increase required tree planting and open space in new developments
114790903293	Our roads are in shambles.
114790900877	I think Active Living is linked to Climate Resilience. More green space, please.
114788437804	Make sure there is sufficient infrastructure to support growth. Make sure regulations aren't too onerous to attract new business and jobs. Effectively use the skills of educated retirees so they are encouraged to stay.

114788101712	Community safety and support of our police force should be the top priority.
114784112255	None of the other program areas (housing, econ development, quality of life) succeed without safety so it should be top priority.
114783970113	We don't own a car and would appreciate any initiatives that take pedestrians into account.
114783408764	I support rent stabilization because as a renter, I am concerned about the cost of living in Rockville. If rent increases are not limited per county law, I and many others will be forced to take this into account at the next city election
114782756667	I would have selected 'affordable housing' but really we need more housing, including market rate. The city should be trying to attract high income people (and taxpayers) to Rockville Town Center and Twinbrook Quarter. This will also help attract businesses looking to serve them—and the rest of us. Dwelling on just affordable housing means we sometimes miss opportunities to attract more investment that benefits everyone.
114781984367	Smart policies for mixed use zoning or building use to make offices more attractive to renters ("there's a gym on site!"). Same for transit so the Pike isn't the only hotspot for businesses.
114781103381	What's the delay in revitalizing the town center? At least utilize all those empty spaces somehow. Tree inspections by the city, and maintenance, should be looked at in the West End historic district.
114780726611	Zoning needs to encourage business growth in primarily residential neighborhoods. People should be able to walk to places like grocery stores, cafes/restaurants, doctors office, etc. Please prioritize creating more pedestrian and bicycle connections throughout the city.
114780382524	Open green spaces for citizens for recreational activities and keeping our area balanced between city and nature. Affordable housing to attract people who would like to live and boost the areas revenue and businesses and supporting our first responders to help maintain and keep us safe.
114780075216	Any and all infrastructure should be approached ASAP for pedestrian/cycling safety, especially nearer to the Town Center. There are multiple schools within a mile of Town Center and children are consistently walking through heavily hostile environments to and from school. Maryland Ave between the Town Center and I-270 is a prime example of a space that should be considered for traffic calming, protected bike lanes/sidewalks, and/or additional tree cover or boulevard implementation with a tree-lined median to reduce car speeds and coerce drivers to slow down or take alternate routes through the city.
114778309808	affordable housing and economic development are linked

114776805326	<p>Rockville already offers a generous amount of public infrastructure and programs compared to the other municipalities in the metropolitan area. What we need now is better utilization of the existing infrastructure and programs to make the city more vibrant. Economic development, while it sounds pressing, will most likely come as a result, if we can better utilize what we already have. We have three metro stations, a lot of good restaurants, a strong offering of retail, and we have just put in a lot of biking infrastructure. We need to be proactive about infrastructure and program maintenance, and better market what we have.</p> <p>Relatedly, I recognize that the city has a lot of initiatives and programs, but not all of them make sense together. It may be worthwhile to better plan/reconcile the various programs. (One example is the rains capes program providing generous grants to putting native plants and perennials in, while the city puts in and ripping out annuals every quarter on parkland, and there are large areas of public land on which invasive species grow).</p>
114776527074	Keeping our city and neighborhoods safe, well maintained, and full of economic growth are the most important priorities.
114776129976	PAY YOUR EMPLOYEES
114775262721	With taxes increasing I feel we need to minimize any tax increases as it relates to the above priorities. All the initiatives are great but not at the expense of higher taxes.
114775157091	Look at thriving cities of similar size and use best practices. Attract people by making it livable. Also—crack down on loud cars and speeding.
114775051679	<p>Climate resiliency? This is a a new one. Zero priority for that.</p> <p>Also, please avoid "affordable housing" initiatives. Let the market handle that, please.</p>
114774666816	Speeding, aggressive driving, and red-light-running is out of control!
114774380528	The three I've selected all implicate sustainability and climate resiliency in a big way.
114774063101	na
114772745729	Rent stabilization is something that I feel requires the most attention from elected officials and city management that is not getting enough attention now. Rockville has great amenities, but it is very difficult for residents to be able to afford to live here and for businesses to afford to operate here. Rent stabilization is a critical tool that should be used to keep Rockville more diverse and affordable to all residents.
114767280565	People want a couple more things to do around here, more third spaces. I think a tea house is a great idea. The focus is the open space, atmosphere, and meeting people casually. Also, we have to Maintain our current infrastructure to good health or people will be upset.
114767154167	Pedestrian and bicycle safety is also a crucial matter of infrastructure. Affordable housing goes hand-in-hand with available housing, and the city should follow the lead of the county in promoting both denser, more walkable development, and affordable housing policies (including rent control)
114766886666	I anticipate having to move outside the city within the next five years due to a lack of housing in my price range. We need more homes at all price points, especially affordable housing, and I strongly support policies that would build additional housing of all types inside the city limits. In particular, we need more inexpensive rentals and options for purchase that are sized in between small apartments and large detached houses — more townhomes, duplexes, triplexes, and possibly ADUs would help.

114766502291	Need to have the town square thriving like other mixed use development in the county (pike and rose, downtown crown, etc).
114766310592	Affordable housing and rent control are all 3 of my choices.
114766129977	PASS RENT STABILIZATION!!
114765860198	Limit rent hike
114765032370	<p>As our community continues to grow with the upcoming new developments, there is an increasing demand for essential city services, particularly within the police department. To ensure public safety and maintain efficient operations, I would like to respectfully request that the city consider adding more police personnel, specifically administrative staff such as an additional dispatcher.</p> <p>In light of the growth, it may also be worth exploring the possibility of creating part-time positions to help meet these staffing needs while remaining fiscally responsible. This adjustment would not only improve response times and overall efficiency but also help ensure that our police department can continue to serve the community effectively.</p>
114764284330	I'd like to see thoughtful neighborhood planning rather than building just to build.
114763657824	Providing safe and affordable housing that is highly connected by pedestrian, cycling, and public transit options is one of the best ways the city has to provide a stable and just foundation for all residents. Part and parcel to this effort also has to be a rent stabilization measure that protects the nearly half of Rockville residents who rent against the worst impulses of a rental market controlled by corporate landlords and real estate investment trusts who prioritize the extraction of profit over the stability of our community.
114763161371	Crime is a problem - lack of enforcement and lack of consequences are incredibly frustrating, impacting local businesses and residents alike. Rockville Metro Station frequently smells like marijuana - despite public smoking of it being illegal - making it unpleasant or even unbearable for people who rely on metro or buses to get to and from work or elsewhere. It's disgusting and unhealthy, especially for those with respiratory issues or sensitivities. My health and well-being aren't being protected.
114762574278	Create an Office of Rent Stabilization with two employees to enforce rent stabilization.
114761174310	No more bike lanes/remove underutilized ones. Maintain what we have. Do not keep increasing the need for new taxes by building unnecessary stuff. No trees in medians- need low maintenance options.
114759880939	Affordable, not 800k townhouses crammed together with not enough parking. Reduce crime and drug use. Stop wasting money on arty crap, plant a tree instead.
114759042697	create an Office of Rent Stabilization with two employees to enforce rent stabilization
114752716555	Hillcrest park needs a makeover. It is the only park in the city that doesn't have swings for the kids to play on.
114751920018	All are important, but affordable housing is my top priority. It isn't right that teachers in MoCo can't afford a starter home in Rockville. Anything affecting quality of life for residents comes in second. Community Safety and Quality Neighborhoods were tied for third in my priorities, but I decided on Quality Neighborhoods because thankfully, I live in a safe neighborhood.
114749336071	rent stabilization and inclusive zoning for more housing
114748885752	Sometimes the boring stuff like maintenance is most important!

114748311097	Whenever I ask an elected official how to create more affordable housing, they say "build more housing." Please find another answer. I live in a rental and the more new housing goes up around me, the more my rent increases. That's a fact.
114744654283	Most of the housing being built in Rockville is not really "affordable."
114744588896	Prioritize and rejuvenate Town Center, provide multiple ways for people to connect/socialize, create zoning laws that are uniform
114743740435	We should be encouraging multi modal and active lifestyles. Maintaining parks is pretty important to that and expanding ped/bike networks that are safe/comfortable. Reduce fire risks in buildings.
114743306360	Pedestrian safety: Improve safety at crossings; repair broken/uneven sidewalks. Provide access to Senior Center from Gude Drive.
114738865736	Let's get to net zero energy use.
114737744203	My landlord has increased my rent at least five percent each and every year for the past eight years. My income hasn't done that! There is a severe disconnect here between corporate landlord greed (housing has been a soft target for hedge funds and other national corporate owners) and what is reasonable and affordable.
114737534358	Rockville needs rent stabilization. My household earns enough to not need it, but I do not want to see the city become a playground for rich residents only.
114737528563	Affordable housing is my main priority. If I could also live in Rockville while working here I would. If there was more affordable housing, and rents were capped to 5% increase, more people would move to the city. With the rent cap in effect everywhere else in Montgomery County there is incentive to live elsewhere.
114737506224	My husband and I lived in Rockville from 2016 to 2024, but we were forced to move out of the city due to rising rent and a lack of affordable housing. It was a frustrating and disappointing experience, because we love Rockville and would have stayed if we could afford to.
114736123018	1. We should assess the health of the upper watts branch woods as the city's best carbon sink. I'm concerned that the deer are eating the next generation of saplings and the understory is depleted. 2. The city should be actively replacing invasive trees and other species on City property, and encouraging/actively enforcing private property owners to do the same.
114736088196	These should be interrelated with the ones I didn't check.
114734277385	Please hire two full time staff to implement rent control.
114733178791	It would be great if Rockville had something that would attract Bethesda people to visit and spend money here!!
114735484160	The city should take a harder look at the amount of pavement and concrete in the budget and find ways to minimize both the amount of money spent on that and the amount of those materials added within Rockville. Just as we should find ways to increase pedestrian safety through new sidewalks and street crossings, we should also actively look for places to remove unnecessary pavement to reduce stormwater runoff and associated during strong storms/heavy rain events, increase recharge of groundwater, and resiliency of vegetation in the city during droughts, like our current drought. Please consider establishing a net zero increase in paved areas within Rockville and switch to using permeable pavers, low carbon concrete, and/or carbon sequestering concrete for city pavement projects.

114732952963	I love how hard Rockville Mayor And council works to include citizens in their planning and decisions. I love that. I always feel safe In Rockville and put that as my number one priority. I love that we are surrounded by green space and put that as my number two priority. I thought about making climate and sustainability number three but realized if we focus on that, such as electrifying buses, we might run out of money. So I put economic development as my third choice. But the close, which I believe does depend on economic development, is reducing greenhouse gases. This includes continuing our fight against putting a toll road on I 270. It also includes Housing development near the metro stations .
114732743434	I would like to see bus, walking, and cycling options prioritized, particularly so they are more available and safe. One of Rockville's strengths is the density of businesses and communal areas, but they are literally deadly to reach from residential areas without - and with - cars. Buses also do not run frequently enough to de-incentivize locals from driving; for example, Bus 45, which services the metro stations, runs every 35-45 minutes, while the metro runs every 10. Veirs Mill, the Pike, and E. Gude (the Millennial Trail there is just a sidewalk, which is dangerous for both peds and cyclists to share) could stand to go on road diets to allow everyone equitable, safe access to the straightaways.
114730815226	Please stop building. It removes trees and nature space and adds to water run off and heat generation from concrete/black top. Please remove bike lanes on Old Georgetown Road.
114728295263	I support native plant giveaways, more tree giveaways, better publicity for rain barrel incentives and support of installing residential rain gardens. Native demonstration gardens in our parks in general would help toward climate resiliency (e.g., we need more gardens like in Dawson Farm Park). Native plants have deep roots and require much less maintenance than "pretty" annuals or lawn grass. Parks staff should prioritize keeping trees healthy in our green spaces (push back if a resident complains about a tree unless the tree is actually dangerous AND is in a spot where it could be a hazard), planting native trees that require less maintenance, AND keeping those trees free of invasive vines. It often seems that the intention is good with tree planting, but then there's no watering, and the invasive vines are allowed to kill the new trees. And please do something about the seemingly abandoned vine-choked properties owned by the Betty Brown Casey Foundation across from RMHS and the Rockville Metro (Park Rd). Acquire these properties and turn them into functioning forest spaces.
114727886851	Affordable housing is in an issue for the next generation.
114727487804	Please prioritize planting native plants/trees in parks and neighborhoods.
114728218367	City and county need more jobs. Rockville should lead here, try to attract corporations back to MoCo. Bike infrastructure badly needed along 355 to connect Twinbrook with Town Center area. Bike lanes in Town Center are a mess, made traffic significantly worse. Take away the street parking and add a wider median with dedicated turn lanes at the lights. Neighborhood quality will be improved by upzoning. Public works needs significant shift in priorities. Stop wasteful planting of annuals in medians and small parks. Switch to native plants, and then focus on maintenance of hillsides, former alleys, etc. abutting properties, instead of letting them become overrun with invasives and then de-annexing.

114727381477	<p>I would rate policing as number one. There is increase in crime since the start of the pandemic. Two people stabbed by twinbrook metro, illegal crossings of Viers Mills road that led to a death, constant alcohol consumption in Rockcrest park and along popular park alleys, drunk people passed out or loitering around Twinbrook Library.</p> <p>Increased crime will lead to lower property values and outflow of people especially with kids away from Rockville. This is directly related to 5. Less people and lower home values mean less tax revenue. Vicious cicle that is avoidable by increased enforcement of existing laws and regulations. If we allow laws to not be followed we are slipping into dangerous territory.</p>
114727372002	<p>I would like to see the city prioritize parkland, trees (specifically native tree plantings) in park areas as well as residential and new developments. My neighborhood still has a number of bradford pear trees along the street that we would like to see replaced by native trees and last I checked, the city tree plan still includes many non-native trees which are better than the callery pears but not nearly as beneficial to our birds and other wildlife as native trees.</p>
114727337196	<p>Good longterm mental and physical heath requires focus on a biodiverse, unpolluted environment, improving access to natural areas and safe, quality, affordable housing.</p>
114727207270	<p>Having the areas be more walkable and accessible, which works with sustainability, should be priority. We need less housing and more requirement of the apartment complexes to be utilized</p>
114727184581	<p>It was very difficult to prioritize those program areas. All are important!</p>
114727161508	<p>I disagree that the above are mutually exclusive. Many are intertwined.</p>
114727089922	<p>Recent shootings within Rockville City are absolutely heinous, unsatisfactory, and not excusable. There is gang activity within the city's limits that needs to be investigated and dealt with appropriately. Additionally, the continued lagging economic development in Town Center and elsewhere is absurd. Has Rockville ever considered looking at space within its limits and inviting a manufacturing company here?</p>
114726668458	<p>Adding multifamily housing should be a priority.</p>
114726371963	<p>Sustainability and climate resiliency are redundant. If you prioritize affordable housing, quality neighborhoods, and walkable communities you achieve your resiliency goals</p>
114725947433	<p>Why is green space lumped in with quality neighborhoods. Same with bicycle saftey in community in saftey</p>
114725503554	<p>I believe in safety first. Next, need economic development for the city to be healthy and grow. Finally Active living parks bring in young families who will stay and get involved.</p>
114725007239	<p>Affordable housing to me means additional housing first and foremost</p>
114723722420	<p>Be more budget conscious concerning expenses where not needed.</p>
114723679326	<p>Economic development specifically of Rockville town center</p>
114723542462	<p>The police need to start prioritize the well being of us taxes paying people. The crime rate is rising. Stores keep getting robbed and the police aren't doing anything.</p>
114722874675	<p>Green spaces--in parks and in neighborhoods/along streets are essential to citizens' mental & physical health and encouraging people to get around other than by car. Green spaces and native trees are also at the heart of sustainability, climate resilience and flood mitigation.</p>

114722705227	The next generation cannot afford to start families in Rockville. New townhome developments starting in the high 800s are not "starter homes," and many want the security of homeownership before having children.
114722533514	All these priorities actually matter.
114722072107	Baltimore Rd from Norbeck to Rockville High School is neglected, barely enough room for 2 buses to cross Rock Creek.
114722020735	The country is way overdue in addressing climate change and providing clean, accessible, and affordable housing for people of all ages, incomes, and ability to function both physically and mentally.
114721967029	The city must pursue economic development through building and enforcing quality housing. Attracting more residents will help broaden the tax base and provide more customers for our activity centers like town center and Rockville Pike and Veirs Mill shopping centers. the city should continue to incentivize the redevelopment of our old auto centric shopping centers. The city should work with REDI and Chamber of Commerce to better promote Rockville to businesses. Lastly, the city should continue to priotize community safety by ensuring our police force is fully staffed.
114721644307	More jobs, less houses, shorter commutes= less traffic
114721171931	Enforcement and safety of existing homes
114721030386	Planning should be consistent. Stop granting waivers just because a developer ask for them. Vibrant, lively neighborhoods have family friendly amenities.
114720881456	All of these things are important. Hard to choose
114720561971	Priorities for municipal government must be basic functions of infrastructure maintenance and public safety that cannot be provided by private sector.
114720526941	There has been an increase in crime and that needs to be addressed. Better code enforcement is also needed.
114720510657	I know little about the needs in Rockville.
114720502501	I would have also chosen Active living
114720366991	We should be a leader in Sustainability and climate resiliency. We know how, but we need to follow through.
114720215797	It was hard to pick just three here. All are impirtant.
114720171414	Maintaining safety and working on quality of life will help develop the other areas.
114720148483	New bike lanes are very useful!
114720109234	Climate resilience is also important to me.
114720104803	Better pedestrian infrastructure is needed, especially around First Street
114720063032	Quality of life should increase value for people living in the area
114720009933	The loss of tree canopy, especially larger trees, is a huge concern and an essential component of sustainability and climate resiliency (e.g. preventing flooding, reducing the heat island effect,
114716660240	Crime is rising, infrastructure is breaking down, and the standards and care of our neighborhoods are eroding due to growth and change. Our government should be using funds and resources to address these issues first.
114716639334	Please worry less about climate resiliency and more about the litter-strewn streets and lawn signs on public spaces. Please don't pay someone to pick them up. Please notify these companies that it's illegal to put them there.
114716603980	After 12 years is time to complete the Rockshire parking lot project before something horrible happens there...people are constantly worried about this place in the center of community.

114713682208	I firmly believe in prioritizing quality neighborhoods, but we'll get those by prioritizing affordability, sustainability, and walkability/public transportation.
114711223341	These go together. Stop prioritizing "historic nature of our [SFH] neighborhoods" and allow duplex, triplex, and quadriplex housing and better bike paths.
114710940867	affordable housing is number 1 than economic development community safety and active living walkable communities
114710853695	Housing affordability is important as well however, current weather disasters have made it clear that climate resiliency is of the utmost importance.
114710044138	Maintenance is always a low priority because it doesn't produce something new. But it should be the highest priority because it keeps existing investments in good operating condition.
114709996203	Need to plan for growth in a way which makes sense - provide adequate parking, ensure schools can handle influx of students, have good bus service and other public accommodations.
114706555741	Affordable new housing is a necessity, especially for first time home buyers
114706495085	The common theme in my answers is addressing climate change. The city absolutely must prioritize climate action, especially harder systemic changes like land use and transportation planning.
114705918530	Upzoning is necessary to create affordable housing. Make sure that's part of the program.
114705867623	I think Rockville has been thrust to the forefront of affordable housing to an unfair degree. However noble the intentions, we have many citizens who work hard, have secured degrees, and are forced to accommodate others who simply play the system and bring violent crime and vandalism into our community, which our police force cannot or will not handle. I live across the street from MPDU apartments. Some of the folks there work hard and are taking advantage of the program as a stepping stone to a better life. Some are flat out criminals and drug addicts who actually started setting up chairs and doing drugs in our private street. They trespass, break the glass in our private street lamps for fun, and the police cannot or will not do much when called. The same people who supposedly cannot afford housing spend money supeing up their cars with performance mufflers that are a nuisance.
114705854354	I would focus on quality of life, for our seniors but also the under-served. And economic development should be the rising tide that lifts all boats.
114702952703	Focus on overall urban planning to move Rockville away from the isolated, car-centric bedroom community that it currently is to a walkable community with public transportation that makes sense.
114702482081	Please put a camera at Wootton and first street where there is now NO left turn. I live right there and everyday people are STILL making the left turn to go to 355. Put cones in right lane - the lines do absolutely nothing
114702464953	I worry about the lack of vibrancy of downtown Rockville and how that contributes to crime. Crime at the Metro is also very real - fights, drug use, loitering, fare jumping etc. Finally, we just bought a house a year ago, but it was difficult to find something affordable and with quality building.
114702455309	If the city prioritizes active living it provides a better quality of life for residence and increase property values.
114702181419	Rockville is not affordable for young people to live in. Need to prioritize affordable and attainable housing - not luxury housing

114702125692	I moved back to Rockville specifically for low-car lifestyle and SAFE access to many family friendly amenities. Rockville has a reputation as a great place to live for families, let's keep enhancing that.
114701874965	We have a lot of parks. I like them and want to keep them but I don't know if we need more
114701414663	No comment.
114701226529	1more cross walks 2 more bike lanes3 more police
114701136234	The other areas all fall by the wayside if you fail to maintain existing infrastructure. Overemphasis on high-\$, single-family homes ensures that average workers will get started on their long commutes ASAP after work, and not linger to shop/recreate in a community they generally resent.
114700979495	ADA regulations should be required by our city for any new development. Government buildings are held to ADA laws, but a citizen has to sue private businesses to correct ADA infractions
114700954954	If we don't focus on sustainability and climate resilience, nothing else will matter
114700722196	Renovate wootton high school
114700577872	Town Center needs to attract and keep retail and restaurants.
114700533662	Affordable housing!
114700528101	Incentivize conversion of empty office buildings into residential, hotel, and mixed use.
114700523302	Please keep my roads in good shape and keep me safe with a fully staffed police force. I'm not really crazy about all the bicycle infrastructure. This isn't California. You can't ride your bike 12 months a year. During parts of December and March, and most all of January, February, it's too cold for most people to ride bikes...and often times, July and August are too hot to ride bikes. I drive through the town center and out Falls Road most every single day. I will have stretches of time where I won't see a bicycler going in either direction for 5 or 6 weeks. At a time. It seems to me that making wholesale changes to roadways to accommodate 1/1000th of the population is not money that is prioritized very well....not to mention that it takes roadway lanes away from cars and public transportation. Cars and buses have no choice but to use roadways. Bicyclers do have choices. They can use shoulders, sidewalks, and all of the extensive parks that run through our neighborhoods that have paved bike paths. Our city and area roadways were designed by experts in their field. They were designed to carry a certain amount of traffic efficiently and when you shrink the roadways to accommodate a few people it has a big effect on the masses.
114700519620	Please improve affordable housing options and make our neighborhoods more resilient through tree maintenance and forest preservation
114700482935	Trees in Rockville town center need trimming! They can be hazard with storms! Update parks and playgrounds!
114700468289	Improving Community Safety is more than more Police. Police is the last resort. More Social Services are needed.
114700447598	Again, PLEASE revitalize the town square: it was the determining factor for us to move to Rockville. Had we known it was going to turn into a dead zone, we'd have made different plans altogether.
114700172106	The vitality of town center is important for the entire community. Keep businesses and grow the town center area, drawing more crowds with better parking.

114698999691	I think that affordable housing and sustainability are closely tied and need to be integrated for each to be successful. Affordable housing must have efficient appliances, heating/cooling, and run on renewable energy as much as possible to keep bills low and protect our most vulnerable residents from the biggest impacts of climate change.
114694573698	MoCo must have housing available with transportation options for everyone.
114694471003	I'm lumping active living and community safety together since being able walk, bike, and otherwise roll safely are very important to me.
114693815427	The walk from Rockville Metro over the bridge and into Town Center needs to be better lit and more welcoming. It currently is derelict and scary - not a way to get more people to come to Rockville Town Center.
114693315971	Safety especially with the rise of fights, robberies in Rockville.
114693259296	Climate resilience includes tree cover
114692434653	We need way more police. I was told only 9 officers work at a time to cover the entire city? I've lived in Rockville the last 7 years and have called the police maybe 3 times and it takes well over 2-3 hours to come. The officers arrive and they are fantastic but always start with an apology saying they are slammed and understaffed.
114691812190	I feel the Community Safety should be a priority because my children go to Meadow Hall ES and Rockville HS and it's not safe for them to cross at their school. I think there should be a police present while before and after school. I also think there should be a crossing guards at Rockville HS since there's none right now.
114691658232	As a part of the younger generation under the age of 30, it is very difficult to afford a house let alone an apartment in this area. A lot of the building, even the older ones, are asking \$1400 a month for just a studio apartment. A single person would have to make at least \$60,000 a year to live pay check with these house prices. To make citizens live more comfortably, there should be more affordable housing and development. Additionally, there should be a tax credit for anyone renovating their house because most of the houses in the Rockville area are from the 50s and are fixer uppers.
114690404145	A healthy economy allows for all other things to be achieved.
114690280972	Need more sustainable initiatives and more focus on low income families. Costs of living are going up, yet wages are not keeping up. Families, including mine, are having trouble keeping their housing in their own neighborhood. We also need a focus on sustainability and climate action. Can we get a city compost program going? Can it be a public drop off station where a public worker vets what is going into the system? Or can we pay for a pickup? Some cities in the US already have compost systems.
114690121084	Rockville Town Square restaurants and businesses seem to have very high turnover. Events in the area are important to their survival.
114690105148	do the basics...
114689840837	Code Enforcement regulations continue to penalize homeowners. It is never a good experience to apply for a building/home improvement project permit. This department is understaffed. Homeowners do not feel welcomed. In fact, I was told when I went to apply for a building permit that IF the Code Enforcement finds I have made improvements to my house without pulling a permit I will be fined. It was as if the Building Permit employee was threatening me.

114689772436	Quality neighborhoods, including forest preservation and green space, actively support environmental and safety goals, while separating both from politics surrounding climate change and policing, respectively.
114689720070	Rockville is in the toilet. I live in college gardens and never go into the city. Head right towards 270 away from the city. Too dangerous to go in gonna hit a person living in poverty. What a mess you have made! 12.9% POVERTY!!! Really!!!!
114689486682	Areas need upkeep.
114689485496	This is all important and I don't see how you can prioritize.
114689480595	Neighborhoods should be more pedestrian-friendly and have more housing options than are presently available.
114689398844	Controlling crime and omission of DEI programs are my main issues. There needs to be consequences of criminal actions, not "restorative justice".
114689375344	the unchecked items (sustainability, active living, affordable housing and quality neighborhoods) are all important -- however, in order to have and enjoy those very important things, we need to maintain what we already have, we need community safety and we need continued economic development to support the important initiatives that make Rockville a nice place to live.
114689374586	City maintenance is poor, crime prevention is lax. These need to be prioritized.
114689325040	Rockville town center is deteriorating into another Rockville Mall.
114689320661	Need to reduce costs in all city department so we can give homeowners a tax break.
114689293341	I live near Dogwood Park and the Hungerford Pond which seem to be totally ignored as far as maintenance. The pond has turned into a swamp with many people I've spoken to avoiding it now due to mosquitoes. My block at the lower end of Cabin John Parkway has become a breeding ground for deer which destroy people's gardens and poop all over the park. The street is also now being used by motorcyclists (crotch rockets) who speed up and down the street without regard to pedestrians or children. I haven't seen a police car in my neighborhood for months.
114688472378	MORE POLICE! clean up blight and graffiti
114687733826	Please focus on pedestrian safety.
114687309246	Greater emphasis on density and pedestrian/bike infrastructure will allow for a larger tax base for the city and lower per person costs for upkeep relative to car-centric development. I and many other people would love to live in Rockville car free but that is just not a possibility with the current city's design. Things like the town square, metro, and bike lanes are going in the right direction but unfortunately basic amenities like grocery stores or hardware stores are not within walking distance for most, even in the most dense parts of the city.
114683321757	Affordable housing does not mean subsidized housing. Follow basic supply and demand economic principles and increase the housing supply. Reduce costs to landlords by expediting evictions, incentivize property improvements that increase tenant satisfaction, safety security etc.
114680620856	Update zoning regulations to encourage small commercial development within residential areas. People should have access to conveniences within walking distance of their homes (grocery stores, restaurants, shops). Also promote higher density residential development while maintaining natural beauty.
114679736859	Consider a new strategy if REDI is ineffective with economic development.

114679684073	Neighborhoods should be rezoned to encourage commercial and residential development together. People are happier when they can walk to amenities that they use regularly, and businesses thrive when they have actual foot-traffic instead of customers having to drive specifically to the business.
Please provide any comments you have about your prioritization of the major planned initiatives:	
114834221454	I dont think we need to build anything else at RedGate park. Its fine as it is.
114833832811	I want to see expanded economic and community opportunities in Twinbrook. This is an area of Rockville with great promise in retail, the arts, placemaking, etc. I hope the city move forward with the bridge.
114833606756	RedGate Park is important, but it should be kept natural. IF Shady Grove annexation will generate revenue I'm in favor, but only if it does not overburden city infrastructure, and there needs to be walkable access to parks.
114833570775	More trees e green spaces.
114831269764	For the love of all that is holy use RedGate as a multi-purpose, multi-generational area. It should be home to events and festivals, sports and recreation fields and courts, walking paths, rentals and other multi-purpose areas. It sucks that it's being used primarily by binocular-clad bird watchers instead of developing it into a space for ALL citizens of Rockville. It's a sad display of ingenuity and foresight on behalf of mayor and council.
114829900874	The bridge should have both ramps and stairs, so that people near the tracks can get up to the bridge without backtracking all the way to the base of the ramp.
114828721071	Actually, none of these should be considered until all other existing infostructure is at prime efficiency.
114828655656	Concentrate on City assets before taking on more
114825603694	I don't know who thinks of these initiatives as these are very specific. Were residents sent a survey to help narrow these down?
114824642783	The more greenery and parks, the more desirable the neighborhoods.
114824669963	Improving walkability, especially near transit and high density housing, is essential.
114824541544	All city development should be done within a framework of re-naturalizing the environment, remove massive open car parks, reintroduce greenspace to heavily developed areas, prioritize non-car-based transportation.
114824508216	I believe in PRESERVING Rockville's history. If you tear all the "old" structures down, you will remove our wonderful history. You need to grant Peerless Rockville funding so they can help the city preserve buildings and all artifacts! It's important for the children and their children!
114824505395	Parking in Downtown Rockville is atrocious and the garage adjacent to the jury parking lot should be torn down and remade. The spots are too narrow to fit a car.
114823688404	Economic development should be the top priority.
114823138692	I think maintaining historic barns at King Farm is a waste of money.
114822941952	Existing Rockville residents should be prioritized.
114822763943	I think our top priority should be to increase the supply of housing, especially near metro stations.
114822199070	isnt there more the city could be doing like maintaining roads pot holes and keeping city roads clean?

114820335988	Interested in walkability improvements as well as more mixed use housing (commercial on the street level and residential above)
114820333033	Rent stabilization is the most important. Affordable housing and stabilizing rent are necessary for everything else to matter.
114820330145	The top priority is Rent Stabilization. These priorities do not take Rockville renters into consideration at all.
114820322518	Walkability improvements , in general, are very important
114819515498	Shady grover metro investments is a sizable return on investment, including housing.
114819510157	I need to know more about these initiatives before I can rank them.
114819503186	Adding a bridge that spans across Twinbrook is important to me as I use public transportation. It is difficult to access the other side of the metro.
114819494354	Street lights by Shady Grove
114818650074	should not have to select all 5 if we only prioritize the top 3
114817664582	I live in King Farm. I want to make sure the King Farmstead Campus meets the needs of my community, including not increasing traffic.
114816318575	I think more pedestrian development is vital to the growth and health of our city and citizens
114816198816	Focus on projects with direct economic development benefits over vanity projects (like the "arboretum" at Red Gate).
114815982442	Bring King Farm online and utilize this valuable historical resource for modern income and entertainment.
114815003172	The economy is key. I put Shady Grove down as #1, but the reality is town center needs to be addressed. I know a plan is in place for that, but it needs to happen. Less regulations are needed. How long do permits take to get in this city? What does it cost to do business in Rockville? Our process should be streamlined and we should be extremely business friendly.
	The Town should definitely not acquire additional parkland while there is so much investment to make in the Farmstead and at Redgate. To help to afford these investments, the Town should strongly consider selling a portion (20-25 acres?) of Redgate for some sort of development. Redgate is 130 acres. Keeping 100+ acres as parkland would still be wonderful and would not be a sacrifice.....and could help to accomplish other City goals.
114814595504	Another high priority, in my opinion, is building an expanded community center at Montrose Park. That playground is among the most used in Rockville but the residents are not part of the regular speakers in the city. Older residents in Montrose remember when the community center was used for all sorts of activities, but now it's a single-use day care. The City is (appropriately) allowing so much additional density in the lower Pike that the population would absolutely warrant a community center in that location, to which the residents would be able to walk. If this option were on the list, I would place it first, ahead of all the options listed here.
114813472753	Thinking of broader benefit to the community with respect to already planned, usefulness, safety and potential use.

114813344179	In addition to annexing around the Shady Grove station, the city should look to annex around the Twinbrook station, particularly down Twinbrook Parkway. Would help achieve a cohesive growth plan for the area to benefit businesses and residential areas.
114812472288	The language in these options is too vague. And non-descriptive.
114812387564	Neighborhood parks are needed and walking friendly streets
114811737255	Contain over-development.
114808591814	I support the annexation of valuable property around the Shady Grove Metro Station to support population growth and revenue generation.
114805111027	Would be interested in hearing more about plans for Shady Grove Station
114800139594	More investment in East Rockville specifically Twinbrook. RedGate if you aren't going to cave to the outside interest groups (birders).
114797776559	I highly value sufficient parkspace for Montgomery County residents as a way for communal recreation, exercise, and community connection.
114797099041	Balance QOL (Walkability) w/ development by corporations that are sitting on record amounts of cash. And always seem to find the \$. Thanks.
114794888297	Maintain Redgate Farm. There are plenty of walkers, families and birdwatches to enjoy this area. It would be a shame to lose this valuable part of the environment
114793586003	Balancing the increased development with parks and trees will help counter air pollution and offer natural urban cooling.
114792732657	Please do not acquire more parkland without a sustainable means to maintain.
114792716041	While I have make planned improvements to Redgate- I'm not familiar with what those plans are. Having access to that space for being in nature is very important to me.
114792464379	Visiting RedGate Park today, I liked seeing several dogs with their companions enjoying the dog park. A top sighting last year was a Great Blue Heron fishing in one of the ponds.
114792437228	I have been asking for a path created from Lake Frank to RedGate for some time now and it is falling on deaf ears I feel. This should not cost too much and it will help us walk to RedGate rather than drive the pollution creation, cars.
114792414760	Natural areas within the city limits are undervalued and a huge (often overlooked) commodity. Development and public safety are important too, but attention often is given to these initiatives at the expense or in lieu of preserving or funding parkland. In addition to prioritizing what I ranked as #1 and #2 above, I urge the City to allocate funds to control the invasion of invasive species throughout our City and Parklands.
114792360904	Rockville is congested with many commercial buildings within a small area, yet it's not easy to access these buildings safely as a pedestrian. Rockville city leaders should focus on making it easier and safer for people to access shops and parks with options like pedestrian bridges and more parkland. This is especially important given many kids walk to school, parks, and shops.
114791953565	I'd like to see a pedestrian bridge or tunnel to link the Twinbrook metro station and Congressional Plaza, too. Other metro stations in the area do not require pedestrians to cross Rockville Pike to reach the other side (i.e., North Bethesda, Rockville).
114791881645	Need revenue to for growth and improvements.
114791792871	I live near RedGate Park and walk around it weekly. It is a crown jewel of a nature park in Rockville.

114791756660	Improving the walkability of Rockville improves life for everyone here!
114791656281	NA
114791380157	Redgate is such a treasure in our city. Its beautiful, peaceful and a great place to walk and see nature.
114791307607	Save and design park land
114791306769	Public use greenspaces are good for our communities and our emotional and physical health.
114791294886	Make decisions that brings revenue to the City.
114791224187	Redgate is such an amazing wonderful, pls nurture it!
114791206963	I chose 2 open space initiatives as a way to both protect green spaces as Rockville grows, and to enhance the quality of living. Redgate in particular should remain a green space that eventually is connected to other nearby public parcels. Rockville has plenty of developed park land. This space should be limited to low impact use such a hiking, biking, and wildlife viewing.
114791155166	"Improvements" to RedGate should NOT be development into sports facilities, concert venues, or other construction that damages the natural resources. The city SHOULD connect RedGate to Rock Creek Trail near where it crosses Avery Rd., and add bike/pedestrian safety features to that section of Avery Rd. The city should also connect Rock Creek Trail to the John Hayes Forest Preserve at Baltimore Rd.
114791141780	More project work and funds should be aimed at enhancing opportunities for safe walking and biking in Rockville. Red Gate is a gem and we must continue to maintain and enhance it for use of our citizens. Green space to enjoy is essential to a healthy and vibrant community. We need more green spaces that are well cared for and actively maintained.
114791106755	Maximize local safety & preserve park land & green spaces amid all the development. Preserve RedGate's natural environment to maximum extent feasible.
114791102480	Rockville continues to invest in initiatives that improve quality of life for residents. These priorities continue that strategy.
114791075141	More mass transit options. Free trolley on Rockville Pike from King Farm to Pike and Rose
114791062336	Nature and trails were what the Engage Rockville study on Redgate favored over other changes by a factor of 4:1. The worst problem in Redgate is the rapid expansion of invasive plants and bushes within the park. Eradication thru professional treatments should be a priority before the invasives wipe out much of the native vegetation.
114791059251	Redgate Park is one of the best places to connect to nature, away from the sounds of cars and the city, and it means a lot to develop it in that way. Where people can take walks, sit, and enjoy tranquilly. I'm not sure what improvements are proposed but it's important to keep this mood in sight for any future developments, and avoid any loud permanent usage like athletic fields, which we already have a lot of. Pedestrian, bike, and other personal mobility infrastructure is a high priority to improve the economic future of Rockville and decrease the number of cars in the city. I don't know enough about the other proposals.

114791054019	I fully support the maintenance and improvement of Redgate Park, though no major building or development on the park property. This park offers a beautiful and peaceful place for respite for both humans and wildlife.
114791048060	Keep Redgate as natural as possible. Maybe stock ponds with trout in winter and offer for blind/under 16 age fishing opportunity.
114791037235	Redgate Park is a great resource and should be maintained/enhanced.
114790993560	Fix zoning to allow organic development. Invest in parks and walkable spaces. Fund transit. The Rock Creek Trail should have a spur path the goes to Redgate park.
114790987819	We love seeing the old, historic farm in our city. Disappointed to see the excavation and new houses being built so close to it. There should have been more of a buffer. What remains of the farmstead should be protected and preserved and put to good use. The community gardens in the farm fields are a perfectly fitting and appropriate use.
114790986355	RedGate Park is a gem of the City of Rockville that is increasingly popular, and which holds the possibility of being an incredible destination park. Connecting the park to Rock Creek Park would allow people to access the park by bicycle and on foot.
114790985158	Established residents and improving the quality of our community should take precedence over more development for new residents. Plans should include preserving established natural habitats for wildlife in these areas as well.
114790979640	All the projects make sense to me. 1-3 are exciting, 4&5 just aren't relevant to my life.
114790977405	Considering Rockville's basically urban environment, the City should place a high priority on the acquisition of addition of additional land for parks and recreation.
114790972403	more access for pedestrians would be ideal
114790967090	RE: planned improvements to RedGate, I do not support brightly lit playing fields with artificial turf, etc. I do support a more natural area.
114790962816	Undeveloped green space needs to be protected, especially as climate change grows worse
114790951784	RedGate Park could use some upgrades
114790939885	Rockville is becoming increasingly built up/urbanized. I would like for the Council to be more creative about thinking about development than defaulting to building more buildings.
114790937706	Redgate is such a special place - investing in this park is an amazing opportunity and a gift to our community and the our native flora/fauna.
114790934787	First, take care of the assets you have before acquiring more.
114790928063	Redgate park is a fabulous place to walk and nature watch. A gem of a place. My highest priority.
114790925297	Need green space, nature, dog walking space.. for quality of life and conservation.
114790925022	Especially in these disruptive political times, natural and thereby inherently neutral political spaces are vital for a community. Due to its large acreage, Redgate offers a unique opportunity to create a large and enduring park, rarely available in urban areas. People are increasingly hungry for safe and beautiful outdoor spaces for recreation and peace of mind. I am sure, as it gets more fully built out, it will become a Rockville treasure. I'm sure that future generations of Rockvillians, will be grateful to the current mayor and council for their foresight.

114790920047	Been living in Twinbrook since 1996 and that pedestrian bridge is extremely important! Thanks.
114790912668	Please leave enough forest for the animals.
114790909584	We love Redgate Park. It's a great community resource that brings us to Rockville.
114790910983	I think parkland is important to not only physical, but mental health, and the way the current administration is taking it away quickly, Rockville should have as much parkland as possible. I think traffic is already at a maximum at the Shady Grove Metro, so put that at the bottom; the more homes, the less parkland and the more traffic.
114790908752	Please leave one natural land beauty - we all need it
114790903344	Red Gate Park is the only park that provides a quiet peaceful place. It shelters many bird species and native mammals. In a city that is dominated by development it is crucial to protect Red Gate as a truly unique and special place.
114790903293	Redgate needs an 18 hole DISC GOLF COURSE!!!
114790900877	Need more green space protected and available to the public. Less impervious areas which contribute to flooding during extreme rain events. And safety (pedestrian bridge).
114790899832	I'm nature lover. I often hike and walk with my dog and family and friends. Having more natural space is my priority.
114790893933	Redgate is a wonderful place to walk and is slowly attracting wildlife such as birds. Greenspace is vital in our lives!
114790890685	Once we loose parklands, they are gone forever....acquire additional parkland for future generations and keep Rockville Green.
114788101712	More Annexation of reasonable property is better for the City.
114787845030	RedGate is a beautiful space that provides a safe environment for walking
114784112255	Improvements to RedGate sound expensive. Few people live around the park. Better to improve and expand neighborhood parks, especially in areas of the city underserved by green space.
114782756667	The buildings at King Farm have been an expensive albatross for the city. After 20+ years the city has yet to find a viable use for old farm structures. The city should seek to extract itself from the covenants that saddle it with this collection of non-viable properties. Nostalgia for a time gone by is no justification for continuing to burden Rockville taxpayers.
114780726611	Please prioritize creating connections to RedGate, particularly pedestrian and bicycle paths and entrances TO the park, not just within it. If people can't get there, it doesn't matter how great it is.
114780382524	Bridge connection for Twinbrook would improve walkability in the area and make other businesses and neighborhoods more accessible especially for people who don't own vehicles. Expanding park areas and improving park areas would bring a positive change to the Rockville area as well, getting ahead of the curb and set a good green/city example for the future.

114780075216	Any amount of non-car infrastructure, especially surrounding metro stations, should be prioritized to future-proof the city and its citizens for a transit-oriented future. I would further suggest up-zoning around the Rockville and Shady Grove metro stations, and consider a pedestrian bridge similar to Rockville's across the Pike to King Farm and to the shopping centers near Twinbrook. That, or reconsider having the Pike as a 6-lane highway through the middle of our city and place it on a road diet.
114778819093	Annexing the Shady Grove metro and encouraging more residential/commercial properties nearby should absolutely be the #1 priority. There are too many vacant / surface lots that should be turned into apartments/condos. Something like Pike & Rose should be the goal.
114778795894	None of the choices would be a high priority for me. How about increasing fire and police department services.
114778668343	I support economic development and growth but there is a lack of coordination with other government entities, specifically Montgomery County Public Schools. Any growth in housing should be accounted for with increased capacity at schools. Too many schools are overcrowded and too reliant on trailers to accommodate the overcrowding.
114777946886	Rockville desperately needs more green space but affordable housing is also needed. "development" of more office spaces is NOT needed
114776805326	We need better connectivity of existing public transportation infrastructure, specifically better walking and biking routes to and from the existing metro stations. Currently all three stations in the city are designed for driving. This creates a somewhat large buffer area people arriving by metro would need to walk through to get to what the city has to offer in terms of shopping, dining, or even apartments. Rockville should continue to invest in making the areas immediately adjacent to its metro stations into places of interest.
114776527074	Maintaining our city and beautify our current parks and communities are more important than all these projects, in my opinion.
114776129976	My top pick is important! Also, pay your employees!!! Stop being cheap!
114775262721	Redgate has so much potential and the King Farm Farmstead seems to be wasted sitting doing nothing when it can be a fantastice community center.
114775157091	The City is hamstrung by the historic designation of the Farmstead. Repeal that and then decide how to best use the land. Also in general—plant more trees and restore forested areas that have been decimated by development.
114775141019	The senior center is getting overcrowded. The king farm campus would be a good place to expand community recreation.
114775051679	Leave the King Farm area alone. We do not require "usable purposes" which will only further increase traffic congestion.
114774759686	More parkland is needed.
114774380528	Inclined to focus on building up assets currently in Rockville before annexing Shady Grove Metro Station. There are already two ways to cross RR tracks in Twinbrook -- Metro station and Twinbrook Rd (does it have sidewalks adjacent? There are many lanes of roadway at the crossing.).
114774169791	Revitalizing downtown Rockville is #1 by far.
114774063101	these do not relate much to me.
114774044302	Redgate could be our local "Central Park" to bring all the community together in nature.

114772745729	I would like to see affordable housing and economic development prioritized in these initiatives.
114771228527	Selfishly I choose interest
114770387642	Is there a projection for what type of economic development could increase revenues for the city around Shady Grove?
114769994439	I focus on general public safety and development that would benefit most people than selected or targeted area.
114769121601	Ninguna
114767280565	I've been around Twinbrook. I just can't think of the need for the bridge so that's why I Put it last. I think it's important that we have space for more community events and increased revenue generation. I think E. Guide Rd. in W. Guide Rd. could use a clear bike lane.
114767154167	I do not feel strongly about my votes above, they are just guesses about what would be best for increasing options for non-car mobility and housing availability/affordability, which are the two biggest issues we face IMO
114766886666	Strongly support additional development around Shady Grove Metro, but unsure how Rockville's annexation of Metro property would contribute to this.
114766617742	Acceptance and equality of treatment regardless of color, ethnicity and religion
114766544493	Please fix the parking situation in rockville town center. The cost is outrageous and is probably contributing to the turnover of businesses there.
114766129977	PASS RENT STABILIZATION NOW!
114764487894	I live in Twinbrook. This would help us a lot!
114764363098	Both King Farmstead, 6 Taft St and Red Gate face demolition by neglect from the City.
114763657824	Housing construction adjacent to public transit (like Shady Grove Metro) and the pedestrian connectivity of communities (as in Eastern Rockville currently isolated by the railroad tracks) should be prioritized. I would also include better cycling infrastructure along side those priorities. The city's Bikeway's Master Plan has languished while progress on cycling infrastructure along 355 and other key cycle routes hasn't meaningfully progressed.
114763161371	Rockville Town Center is STILL struggling - this needs to be fixed before any additional or expansion of "economic development" initiatives.
114762983857	Rockville natural areas is one of its greatest asset. Protecting and improving them is essential, in face of the tempting urbanization and housing development pressure.
114762574278	I strongly prioritize pedestrian safety as a public transit user. Not sure I have ever lived anywhere that had such a jarring combination of good public transit access to services (which I enjoy and value) and unsafe road design. I often feel like I and the pedestrians and transit users around me are in physical danger from cars.
114761658932	I want to see projects that protect parkland and natural spaces
114761516669	Since I live in King Farm, that's where my priorities lie.
114761174310	Reduce congestion from overbuilding by acquiring parkland. Keeping metro a focal point of our community should be paramount. No more bike lanes. Remove underused bike lanes.
114760104175	Get the metro station area. Annex along shady grove road
114759880939	Spend no more on murals and do more to reduce property taxes.

114759858823	The farmstead is a community treasure and could be used for enhancing cultural, educational and recreational purposes in keeping with the city's heritage and traditions and its current diversity. It is place to build community.
114759571371	The farmstead is part of Rockville's history and an asset to the community. The garden that exists allows residents to collaborate and give back to the community through donation of excess produce. The buildings if repaired and repurposed could se to be as sought after indoor rental space when weather does not allow for outdoor festivities with proceeds supporting maintenance and potentially generating excess funds that could be used towards other projects in Rockville
114759551020	The green woods and parks are what make parts of Rockville desirable. It helps balance against the intense strip malls and car dealerships. As Rockville sells more development, I hope we preserve the remaining woods and old trees and focus on revitalizing industrial or abandoned properties (White Flint and other areas)
114759458566	Greenspace makes for a healthy family
114752643626	The priority for the Farmstead development must be historic preservation and respect for the community garden that's adjacent to it, NOT revenue production.
114751920018	Annexation doesn't seem to have any disadvantages as long as it is revenue generating. The Farmstead can be a value added resource for the City. The tracks separate an entire community from walking or cycling to the future Twinbrook Quarter especially if the Metro is closed. Construct a pedestrian bridge. Parks are always desirable. RedGate is a beautiful property and it is fine as is. As much as I would love to see an Arboretum, it isn't a necessity to still enjoy the park
114749336071	I dont care about any of those initiatives. I want rent stabilization. Housing is a human right
114748906669	Rockville needs as much green space as possible, including walking trails, wetlands and more community gardens.
114748311097	"Useable" purposes for Farmstead could mean a lot of things-don't forget it is a PARK and has historic designation.
114746503241	It's so hard to access the shopping center in twinbrook because of the big street. It feels very unsafe and scary to cross. It deters me from shopping in that area
114746257281	Focus on traffic safety at redland rd and frederick rd intersection. No left turn unless traffic green turn light.
114744654283	Rockville should prioritize environmental issues while there is still a native environment to save.
114744588896	Pedestrian access and usable and more green areas should be prioritized.
114743306360	I have higher priorities, but they are not listed here: (1) Pedestrian safety: Improve safety at crossings; repair broken/uneven sidewalks. (2) Provide access to Senior Center from Gude Drive.
114742603360	Keep Twinbrook "walkable" with strong priority on community natural/park space
114738231645	Red gate park is amazing! Please make it even better!
114737744203	Where is moderate housing and rent stabilization in the priorities? It is number one for me and my family.
114737528563	I consistently use the parks around and near Rockville after work. More parkland would be beneficial to my work life balance.
114737526714	More opportunities for walking safely. Fixing potholes in streets. Prevent speeding. Address increased traffic due to more housing/people.
114737401353	The city needs revenues.

114736987919	There is an increasing amount of new housing in the city, and green space is shrinking. Rockville is a very different place from years ago when I moved here. I'm considering moving to another state.
114736563687	Given that 90 percent of residents have access to a park within a 10-minute walk, it doesn't really make sense to try and acquire additional parkland throughout the city.
114736426789	Prioritize walkability and development. You want more money in future budgets? Expand the tax base by increasing density.
114736123018	We need more greenspace, especially close to Rockville Town center
114736088196	If possible develop planning area 7 as a "collegetown" with housing affordable to those who might be students, college/MCPS employees and small business owners/employees
114736083584	I think we should focus on improving the areas already within city limits like Red Gate, ped bridge, and King Farm, rather than annex additional land that will need a huge investment to improve sufficiently.
114735806619	Less Building, more Parks, and open land
114734554822	Maintaining green space and adding more green space is a priority for me.
114733178791	I love the idea of a thriving Metro station center with stores, restaurants and housing. I hope some will be senior housing.
114732952963	Adding more housing at our metro stations will reduce traffic and greenhouse gases. Making neighborhoods more walkable by connecting people to retail in their neighborhoods, will also reduce traffic. And walking improves our health. And of course we want to preserve green Spaces.
114735484160	We need to support the businesses in the new Twinbrook Quarter and improve connectivity of Twinbrook neighborhoods to the rest of Rockville to improve the equality and safety of access to local goods and services. Without support from all of Rockville's closest residents, there could be much more business volatility and turnover and lack of benefits to Twinbrook residents who supported the development of Twinbrook Quarter. Building the pedestrian bridge across the train tracks would address these issues and could also reduce the city's carbon emissions because more residents would be able to eliminate short car trips with lots of high-emitting idling, and instead complete errands by walking or riding bikes or scooters. We also need to advance the arboretum/park plans at Redgate since they have already been developed and gained public support. The plans to establish an arboretum at Redgate would enhance visitors experiences, enhance the value of the park as wildlife habitat, and increase the park's carbon-sequestering potential. Additional park land could be acquired to increase total green space in the city, preserve vegetated buffers around developments to maintain or improve air quality, sounds barriers, wildlife corridors, recreation and environmental stewardship opportunities, as well as aesthetics within Rockville. Costs of any new developments at Shady Grove and King Farm should be assumed by prospective developers and the city staff should not review their plans until developers can clearly demonstrate that they have met the letter of all applicable laws, regulations/building codes, including environmental protection and restoration standards.
114732667968	A bus route closer to RedGate would make it more accessible, especially for youth activities.
114732545229	Remove homeless and transient from streets and force redevelopment of blight commercial shopping area along Viers Mill Rd.

114732331026	Farmstead Buildings are there. Next to it there is a large community opening soon with over 300 townhouses, condo. Also since this past summer water and sewage access was brought to this campus, should see what can be done with existing buildings. Perhaps use for recreation classes and maybe Rockville Villages and other Rockville non-profits could use the space as well.
114730815226	RedGate land has been part of community for decades. It is a nature preserve. Please save and upgrade the clubhouse so patrons can use it now and future. Tearing clubhouse down will cost more to rebuild and disrupt surrounding space.
114729456875	The "Freedom" bridge was a failure because it connected the East side to a rather barren stretch of 355. Hechingers was happy. The proposed bridge will connect the East side to a wide assortment of retail from Congressional to Wegmans.
114728308843	Improve RedGate park and open it to public access
114728218367	East and west side communities need better walking and biking connections. Hope Twinbrook Bridge will lead to a new bridge across tracks near Rockville metro. Absolutely vital that RedGate park be preserved and NOT developed into more car-dependent housing. City needs to improve its economy and business climate, Annexing Shady Grove will hopefully create desirable commercial space.
114727886851	I don't see the benefit of building a pedestrian bridge in Twinbrook, where there is the metro that provides this pass.
114727487804	Parkland like Redgate bring your Montgomery County neighbors (like me!) to the City of Rockville... when we orient our activities towards Rockville, we also spend money in Rockville shops/businesses. Please prioritize planting native plants/trees in parks and neighborhoods
114728295263	While I believe green space, green infrastructure and parkland are a #1 priority, I'm not sure what "planned improvements to Redgate Park" means, and therefore I hesitate to click on that. Improvements mean different things to different constituencies. I believe most of Redgate Park should be rewilded as a functioning native ecosystem (forest), that incidentally has some lawn areas for cross country and walking paths, maybe a small area of community gardens, maybe a disc golf course. The clubhouse could be improved. Other than that, please NO amphitheater, NO festivals/events. Regarding the refitting buildings within the King Farm campus-should be the policy wherever possible. We do not need to build more buildings, more apartments, etc. We need to use the buildings we already have, particularly where they are standing vacant for years. Retrofit existing buildings so they can be useful and stop eating up green spaces in the name of progress. In general, we need many pedestrian bridges, not just in Twinbrook at the tracks. Crossing 355 and Viers Mill Road can feel like a life-threatening endeavor in several locations, despite the crosswalks. At a minimum, we should have more flashing signs at crosswalks, e.g., at Viers Mill and Dodge.
114727418382	A pedestrian bridge, and indeed any amenities for pedestrian safety and convenience, is helpful. But you can cross the train lines by going through the Twinbrook Metro or on the sidewalk on Twinbrook Parkway. More pressing pedestrian reform in my mind would be installing a sidewalk or walk/bike lane, or at least trimming the overgrown trees/brush to distance pedestrians from cars, on Viers Mill Road between Twinbrook Parkway and the Twinbrook Connector Trail.
114727395704	accessible parks and more trails please!

114727378869	Twinbrook is an amazing neighborhood. Please pay it more attention and give it the care and concern you give to West Rockville.
114727337196	Ideas for Redgate: add a larger nature center at RedGate, with more programming about native plants and/or more native demonstration gardens and giveaways to encourage people to introduce more Maryland natives into their own home landscapes. This would also be an important resource for local and migratory birds and other wildlife, and would attract human visitors too!
114727318520	Please maintain or increase the number of trees in any of the projects.
114727308887	Twinbrook was promised another metro tracks crossing to access the Twinbrook Quarter project on foot/bike and that should be a priority
114727226414	A pedestrian bridge would have a very positive impact on quality of life and walkability in Twinbrook.
114727225535	The Twinbrook bridge would be a huge improvement for everyone, especially with the rezoning.
114727210296	Twinbrook pedestrian is essential as it will connect that neighborhood to rockville. If you can build a bridge that allow cars then even better
114727207270	What does annexing mean in terms of Shady Grove? We can or cannot use that area for development?
114727198577	I live in Twinbrook so I am biased. But continuing development in the city should be the main priority.
114727193261	Redgate is a great location for moving towards native plantings to increase biodiversity, and create habitat. It's a birding hotspot and could even be more so. To have a unique place to walk through native meadows and other habitats, is great for our mental health, too!
114727188958	RedGate is a regional space, an opportunity to provide habitat for wildlife (including birds), an example of native planting for renters and homeowners and a place of tranquility for all. Development in the DMV makes natural areas that support native species more and more rare. The wood thrush, DC's state bird, the red eyed vireo and eastern towhee are declining due to development and climate change. Rockville has an opportunity to play a part in reversing this trend. Water is another vital resource that further planting of native plants at RG could also affect. This will decrease the amount of runoff by replacing existing turf with native grasses which have very deep roots and help water seep into the ground instead of running off. Large shade trees help mitigate warming.
114727184581	I became a certified naturalist through the Audubon Naturalist Society (now Nature Forward) and have read extensively about the importance of access to green spaces for people's well-being.
114727161508	Establishing clear boundaries for development while maintaining natural spaces is essential. We regularly use Rockville parks and businesses and would increase patronage with better resources.
114727146850	I would visit Redwood Park if it were upgraded to include native plants and education about ecosystems and the need to remove non-native invasives and plant natives.
114727089922	I did the best with my options. I don't believe these to be primary priorities for the city to begin with.
114726668458	A bridge for pedestrians and cyclists over the railway is a good idea as long as it is not like the one at Lincoln Park which is not user-friendly.

114726371963	Twinbrook is a disconnected community. By prioritizing a pedestrian bridge, we create deeper connection to Rockville writ large and the incoming business improvements happening in the city of Rockville and on Rockville Pike.
114725947433	The pedestrian bridge seems like a bad idea since the one north of the rockville metro is barely usable. I think a multiuse bridge/tunnel would be a good idea because the gentle slopes let cyclists ride through easily
114725503554	Red Gate provides a great place for people to enjoy nature with their families and friends and meeting new people of all ages. Besides outdoor concerts, the city add craft fairs or fall festivals to bring in money. Even provide workshops for people to learn about bird watching, use a compass, etc. Invite scout troops to help with this to earn badges, and more.
114723820739	I haven't followed the local news enough to make an informed decision about the other items above. Supporting RedGate natural habitat for wildlife & low-impact enjoyment.
114723722420	Free available parking is an issue for Senior Citizens.
114723279804	Pls. consider building a pedestrian bridge from Twinbrook a #1 priority. Thank you.
114722874675	There is excess demand for access to nature programs. RedGate Park has room to satisfy that demand by locating a main, larger nature center where the old clubhouse is. With the trails at RedGate and trail connecting RedGate to the Hays Forest preserve, the city could attract more birdwatchers to spend money in Rockville, and offer more afterschool and summer programming for children. The amphitheater should be deleted from the plan; if one is needed, it should be adjacent to the Fitzgerald Theater--which has power, parking, changing rooms, restrooms.
114722533514	None were really top priority for me. Instead - prefer you prioritize rent stabilization and community engagement and stability.
114722478950	More trees in rockville please!
114722092517	I use RedGate Park every week and want it to continue to have running paths in addition to native trees and shrubs for birdwatching.
114722072107	Keeping RedGate Park and Arboretum a park with walking paths for all.
114722037134	More parkland would beautify Rockville
114722020735	Redgate Park is becoming a premier go-to location for people of all ages. It provides those of all incomes and ethnicities with a place to walk, watch birds and butterflies, and relax. It is an oasis within our city.
114721644307	Red gate- we go there a lot when visiting the farmers market or other things in Rockville we really love the natural setting and quiet. We really don't want an amphitheater built at Red Gate and want it to remain quiet. Maybe make the clubhouse a community/nature center.
114721573346	The more green space we get and preserve the healthier the community we will have for generations to come.
114721472704	Sustainable growth and economic development are key to the city, but if done with a blind eye toward green space we will lose our natural spaces forever. We must prioritize our environment or it will be gone..... and the loss is incalculable.
114721030386	Neighborhoods east of the railroad tracks are not prioritized. We need more pocket parks and passive green spaces.
114721014497	Land that could be developed or set aside as a park will be difficult to find the longer you wait, and one of the best things about Rockville are all the parks in the city!

114720881456	I live close to Rockville but not in the city. I appreciate access to Red Gate Park and support the improvements that are being made to preserve it as open space and natural habitat.
114720789136	Green spaces and the continuing to support the success of Redgate's transformation is a key part of making Rockville a livable and healthy community.
114720581922	Outside spaces in Rockville are important to many. Thank you Rockville for doing a good job at it
114720561971	The antiquated King Farm buildings have been a money pit for years. Find a use or raze them so the land can be utilized and generate taxes.
114720537702	Redgate Park should have a high priority - it is a magnificent park and the Mayor and Council should make every effort to insure that it is well maintained and well publicized throughout the community.
114720526941	We NEED more green space and better parks!
114720510657	Only get more land if keep it green. This wonderful park must be kept in good shape for birding and for people to get away from their troubles by being in nature. If kept "green" it is money well spent. So important.
114720502501	I really didn't care about choosing 5 and wanted to choose my first 2.
114720366991	Add solar panels to City buildings, and solar canopies to parking lots. Add EV chargers throughout the City to encourage residents to drive electric.
114720368043	We need to preserve trees and green space in Rockville.
114720316219	Climate change is our biggest threat. We need more trees and parks to provide cooling and to capture rainwater from severe rainstorms and flooding expected in the future.
114720261346	I have been asking for a path from lake Frank to Redgate for a long time. When will this happen please?
114720260276	For me the most important priority is maintaining the parks and green spaces for us. If you develop everything we suffer in the end. With green spaces the air quality remains better and the mental health of the citizens is improved. If you build up everything we are the losers in the end. So remember to keep the parks and green spaces for us to enjoy forever.
114720215797	In our world today, I am deeply saddened by climate change and the elimination of trees and parkland. Please preserve as much as you can, like preserving Redgate and do not let builders knock down trees just for their own convenience.
114720171414	Preserve the existing natural spaces is essential; develop useful ways for pedestrians and good use of urban spaces also.
114720148483	Keep Redgate as a nature area
114720112032	With the Wegman's nearly open, the pedestrian bridge is more important than ever! Parks are also an important priority for me.
114720110937	RedGate Park is unique in its size and the kinds of habitat it offers to wildlife, and of course the kind of space it offers for recreation to residents. Please prioritize.
114720109234	I love Redgate the way it is currently, not sure what the planned improvements would encompass.
114720100142	Redgate Park and green spaces are vital for the health of our communities.

114720099494	I am all for more green spaces -- especially as housing - retail development seem to be ongoing at a rapid pace in our county. However, I do think there is enormous upside for the Shady Grove Metro station area to be improved for revenue/housing development -- though parkland there would be a major plus as well.
114720098785	This is a unique opportunity to continue making improvements to RedGate Park and the Arboretum. Let's not lose steam here to improve an amazing green parkland resource for the community.
114720097719	Nature and outdoor activities are important for mental health and safety.
114720084417	I don't have an opinion about the above other than prioritizing RedGate park and pedestrian safety
114720063032	quality of life important to me
114720009933	Prioritize the Community Gardens and Arboretum at RedGate Park. And keep it a quiet place with no amplified events! Would be amazing to have the building become a nature center to capitalize on the amazing variety of birds and wildlife in the park.
114716639334	These questions were very unclear and very vague.
114715978338	Make Redgate a venue for events and an arboretum.
114713682208	Make sure that "usable purposes" in King Farm include affordable housing for disabled people! That means places without stairs and more financial aid. It's so hard to find ADA compliant housing in the community. We need much more of it!
114712649174	Making Rockville less car-dependent should be the priority. Not just a pedestrian bridge at Twinbrook, but prioritization of pedestrians and cyclists in general. Make RedGate accessible to pedestrians and cyclists. Same for businesses. People shouldn't be reliant on a car to do most of their errands. Re-zone so residential areas can have small businesses, and incentivize those businesses in those areas.
114711223341	At-grade railroad crossings have been a deathtrap forever. Three died at the Montrose one in the summer of 1999.
114710940867	expanding the shady grove metro station should be the number one economic goal of the city, PG just got the FBI campus at greenbelt metro that will bring a lot of tax base income to their county and city of green belt that should be our goal
114710853695	Twinbrook deserves to have easier pedestrian access to downtown Rockville.
114709996203	I don't know what the King Farm initiative is, so it's last.
114708579101	N/A
114708570307	Millennium trail needs improving for better surfaces and safety
114708214940	They all seem expensive and mostly they don't help anyone
114706555741	Re-outfit king farm but keep it affordable. Creating new houses that are \$700k up is unrealistic.
114706556714	Lots of young families are looking for opportunities to live and play in Rockville permanently - any opportunities for more housing and family experiences like dining, parks, shopping and living are all welcomed. We want to make it safe, easy to get to and fun!
114705960587	We want to move due to development.
114705918530	Unless the Shady Grove annexation comes with significant upzoning, don't bother.
114705917580	Should start artist in residence in bldg behind clubhouse. Like Glass blowers Metal Artist etc in partnership with Vista arts

114705867623	Important to increase green areas and make improvements to parks in order to match growing population. Do not think we should undertake major construction for crossing over railroad tracks when there are already many ways to cross over railroad tracks, including walking through Metro stations or existing bridges.
114705827893	Number one priority should be replacing all the aging water mains in the city. Not any of these initiatives.
114702464953	There are so many blighted buildings between Gude and Shady Grove that I believe it brings down the property values.
114702455309	Green space and parklands should be a priority for the city. It helps build a stronger city, increases property values and improves the quality of lives for residents.
114702372667	A little vague.
114702125692	The bridge sounds amazing! Right now only a few neighborhoods are safely connected to rockville town center and shopping, and this would increase the range of highly desireable areas for families to live in. Walkability and SAFE biking access matter a lot to families! Until a route is 100% safe, parents will not be able to let their children use them alone, this would be a huge improvement. This would also improve access to Rock Creek trail for all residents.
114701546576	There arent more worthwhile improvements that benefit the community as a whole? If i could choose zero for some of these I would
114701414663	No comment.
114701296747	i dont' see anything about making the montrose park building accessible to the neighborhood. Most disappointing
114701268122	Focus on revenue growth while preserving the unique neighborhood friendly environment Rockville is known for
114701226529	more bridges over roads more cross walks that work more bus
114701136234	A fit person can do many errands on foot withing, say, a 3-mile walk, reducing traffic, but have to circumvent rr tracks, intersection built for cars, and odd rights-of-way is a major deterrent!
114700979495	We need public bathrooms in Town Square.
114700954954	I tried to prioritize based on the impact to the largest number of citizens
114700722196	We have enough parks, need improvement to infrastructure specifically our SCHOOLS.
114700529519	Using land, especially for housing, next to metros is top priority for me. Next is priotitizing people being able to get around without cars.
114700528101	RedGate property should be swapped with MoCo for other properties and/or money. MoCo should add it to abutting regional park. The City should be in the neighborhood park business, not in the regional park business.
114700519620	Please improve pedestrian infrastructure
114700502481	Transit oriented access and development is important to the city and it's residents.
114700482935	None of these initiatives are really vital to Rockville development. Let's update park playgrounds! Let's make more family friendly initiatives. Trees in Rockville town center need trimming! They can be hazard with storms!
114700468289	Parkland with lots of trees is needed to take a break from the very hot summers that we are going to have in the future.

114700447598	You are missing a major one: revitalize the town square and attract new businesses and restaurants; it's a dead zone right now
114700445501	Safe access for Twinbrook is an important equity issue. Given the building and investment in that area, we need to improve pedestrian and bike safety. The entire city should be more walkable and bike-friendly.
114700439367	Revenue generation = more improvements Pedestrian bridge is not a priority unless there have been issues with pedestrians crossing unsafely.
114700172106	Parks are the best thing about Rockville. The more the merrier!
114698999691	Bicycle and pedestrian safety is a huge priority for a functional, sustainable transportation system. To achieve our climate goals, we need to lower our vehicle miles traveled and emphasizing bike and walkability near high-density residential areas with transit is one of the best ways to do so.
114694573698	Safety first, building communities also important. Transportation for everyone, including bikes.
114692434653	We need to connect the neighborhoods. The high line in NYC is a perfect example of what could be done here
114691812190	I feel a pedestrian bridge at Twinbrook will benefit the community to make it safer for everyone to cross Twinbrook safely.
114691658232	As a pedestrian, I feel unsafe when crossing most major roads in the Rockville area including Viersmill, Maryland Avenue, and Gaude Drive. I believe all major traffic lights on roads should have all red phases, no turn on red signs, and red light cameras. This will make it safer for pedestrians and generate revenue for the City. The pedestrian bridge over the Twinbrook metro is the first step in making walking safer in this area
114690280972	I think you should use the money for things you already own & are responsible for, before adding onto more responsibilities. I do think more green spaces & natural spaces for wildlife are very necessary amidst all of the urban developments going on. Critical for our community and ecosystem.
114690121084	I would like to add the construction of a pedestrian bridge from the Twinbrook metro station across Rockville Pike so that it is safer. Other metro stations in the area (North Bethesda and Rockville stations) do not require pedestrians to cross the busy road (355). It would benefit the community to link the metro station and Twinbrook Quarters area currently under construction with Congressional Plaza on the other side.
114690105148	twinbrook is the largest, most populated section of Rockville and generally gets the least support from city government
114690069586	There should be transportation priorities especially for Hungerford community
114689849164	My first priority would be complete sidewalks and the redevelopment of East Rockville via Stonestreet and the Rockville metro station, but that was not listed.

114689840837	<p>The City of Rockville must do all that it can to protect Open Space within the city proper limits which may overlap with Montgomery County property. The former Red Gate golf course is a perfect example of what will, one day, be developed with densely populated housing without sidewalks.</p> <p>Everyone in government loves to say they care about the environment yet almost never, ever stop residential developers from densely populating former open space. King Farm is an example of this. The more the Mayor and Rockville City Council allow residential developers to develop open space while road ways remain over capacity the more all of us will sit in traffic. Wildlife loses their habitat and get run over of the roads or shot and killed by Maryland Dept of Natural Resources.</p>
114689772436	<p>While I've been a significant advocate for pedestrian access in Rockville (and served for a time on the Environment Commission) and currently live in Twinbrook, increased rail crossings for pedestrians in Twinbrook is of limited value. The corridors between First Street, Edmonston Drive, and Twinbrook Station, the neighborhood's existing crossings) contains very little of interest to pedestrians. Moreover, those of us who use public transit are likely headed to Metrorail or MARC stations anyway. The benefit does not support the cost.</p> <p>Twinbrook would benefit much more from added parks in the neighborhood's interior and from soundwalls for neighbors living near the CSX tracks.</p>
114689737225	Use tax monies for major citizens benefit
114689720070	<p>You keep moving Mass amounts of poor people in and the ones with money are going to leave. That will give you a bigger mess than you ever imagined. PUMP THE BRAKES! Rockville is Headed right to the toilet!</p> <p>Poverty rate at 12.9%! You should be Ashamed of yourself</p>
114689486682	Bringing high quality hotels, shopping and restaurants to expand Shady Grove Metro like other Town Centers at the ends of rail lines.
114689485496	Every park should have a portapotty or access to a bathroom.
114689480595	Expanding the available housing stock and increasing the pedestrian accessibility of the Pike should be top priorities.
114689416176	<p>Please refocus planning efforts from prioritizing automobiles to prioritizing humans. Require future development to create pedestrian-friendly design.</p>
114689411724	Walkable and rolling walker use
114689387605	We should do all we can to conserve as much green space in Rockville as possible.
114689381249	I would like to see investments in the citys park systems, and parking. I want rockville to preserve its charm as a desirable suburb to live in for families.
114689375344	<p>pedestrian safety, accessibility/fairness to connect Twinbrook community to the rest of Rockville is important. Parkland to preserve nature in our City that contributes to quality of life and balance between City and Nature. Preserve SOME deer habitat (please!) because our neighborhoods are overrun.</p>
114689374586	The Rockville City Center needs to be prioritized for customer access (by vehicle and by foot traffic) and storefront rental charges need to encourage more businesses to move in
114689338895	the pedestrian bridge makes living and shopping without cars more possible. Any development is low on my priority list.
114689336660	New revenue = less increase for retired, fixed income residents
114689325040	<p>King Farm Farmstead is deteriorating because of neglect and lack of vision.</p> <p>Developers are waiting for the sell off. They are also waiting for the sell off of Red Gate.</p>

114689320661	None of the above. Taxes are too high. We need to reprioritize and reduce expenditures and give homeowners a tax reduction. With inflation, cost of living is just too high. I want to see a tax cut for homeowners.
114689308327	Not interested in annexing Shady Grove Metro Sta, at all. We have enough economic development as it is. Let's concentrate and make better what we have.
114689305365	In all cases, reoutfitting and redesigning existing buildings (for retail and housing), should be the preferred approach rather than breaking new ground. We already have a built-out environment, ample vacant office and retail space. These should be redesigned to achieve the city's housing goals.
114689296477	Maximize number of users
114689293341	Rockville needs more parks and walking trails and less development. Traffic is already out of control and the city seems to be oblivious to it. Development seems to be the ONLY priority Rockville officials have.
114687733826	Please prioritize pedestrian safety and projects that bring Rockville together, such as a Twinbrook bridge.
114687309246	All of these are really important, but there are a lot of locations, especially in the town center. I really like the recommended park at Jefferson and Monroe in the town center master plan. Having such a park in the town center would be incredible for quality of life. Annexing the Shady grove metro would be great for the city, and hopefully incentivize more development around that station. Right now the station is designed almost exclusively for cars with very minimal pedestrian and bike connectivity. A pedestrian bridge in twin brook would also be nice, but I am really hesitant to see how it turns out. In most cases because of inconvenient design or lacking upkeep they end up as an expensive passing curiosity rather than a valuable part of our infrastructure. Jane Pontius Unity Bridge on Fredrick ave is an unfortunate example of such an underutilized bridge, with the massive height, an lack of stairs makes what would be a short crossing into a long looping trek. Also the location chosen has very little pedestrian/bike infrastructure availability.
114683321757	The pedestrian bridge is expensive and unnecessary. Pedestrians can just walk through the metro station. If anything, negotiate with metro to improve and keep the thruway open after hours. Annexing Shady Grove metro area will add a SIGNIFICANT burden on the Police department which is overwhelmed as it is. King Farm farmstead: Make the field by Ridgemont and 355 a parking lot. Move the Saturday farmer's market into the barns. Improve parking around Welsh Park and swim center. The sports events in Welsh Park, swim center and rock terrace fields often overwhelm the area parking.
114680620856	An additional crossing over the tracks in Twinbrook would be amazing. Twinbrook can and should be an amazing, walkable neighborhood, but there's such little access to businesses without being able to cross the tracks. Zoning regulations should be updated to encourage more small commercial development alongside residential. People should not be forced to use their car in order to access any business (grocery stores, restaurants, shops, etc.).
114679736859	Consider demo of the buildings at the farmstead to provide parkland and open space if no viable business opportunity is present

114679684073	Add'l parkland is essential to redesigning Rockville into a less car-dependent city. RedGate and King Farm both have the potential to be incredible amenities for their immediate neighborhoods as well as the city as a whole. My understanding is that the Twinbrook pedestrian bridge could receive significant grant funding, and so wouldn't require as much direct funding from the city.
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Respondent ID	Please provide any comments you have about your options to maintain a balanced budget:
114834221454	In todays climate, increasing the tax rate is borderline cruel. Lots of our neighbors have lost jobs or have experienced reduced in come.
114834141649	Not clear whether these are more or less important than the priorities.
114834089584	What are the "new priorities"? Do they need to be funded?
114833606756	With growing economic uncertainty and likely recession with continued high interest rates, as an economist I sadly have to encourage the M&C to adopt a conservative budget stance. But not raise costs given the uncertainty already faced by federal employees in the city.
114833570775	More trees e green spaces. Too many buildings!!!
114833470588	Don't know if the current debt number is good or bad. Doing taxes and debt together would yield roughly \$2.5m in revenue. Is that number significant enough to make a difference in the lives of the residents, out will it all go to New infrastructure and salaries?
114831269764	Cut the programs with the least participation.
114831137051	RENT STABILIZATION
114830887989	Subsidized housing.
114829902492	In light of the turmoil from the musk/Trump/Vance disaster, the city should make some contingency plans for funding. Is Rockville in danger of losing federal funds? We should also give some thought to what happens if the local economy is in collapse.
114829900874	The actual solution is upzoning all single-family zoning to quadplexes or even apartment buildings. The best way to increase revenue is to grow the tax base by increasing the population of the city.
114829536648	Reduce grants to agencies it serving the city such as Peerless Rockville. How does our tax dollars pay for office space, salaries, and maintenance of buildings outside of Rockville. criminal!
114829495117	I would be willing to pay more in property taxes to allow for our great city to be more affordable for our renters.
114828721071	Get rid of DEI initiatives and personnel. I want the best qualified, not based on skin color, gender, or anything else. Period.
114828655656	Fully fund Peerless Rockville's excellent programs that benefit our entire city.
114825603694	Decrease waste and increase operational efficiency.
114824669963	Finding ways to tax corporate tenants higher
114824541544	I think the real property tax rate increases noted are extremely reasonable, but I would also support tax credits for low-value homes in coordination with increases to the general tax rate.
114824508216	I never see anyone using the new bike lanes. what a waste of money. Increase parking. No one will ride their bike to shop for groceries.
114824505395	Please fully fund Peerless Rockville which is a beneficial program to educate citizens and preserve the history of one of the oldest cities in Montgomery County.

114823688404	The increase in property assessments does not keep up with inflation which drives city expenditure. Increased debt should be used to support infrastructure improvements.
114823138692	The focus on spending for biking is sized to the number of people I see using these improvements. I would eliminate everything other than maintaining the millennium trail. I know senior activities are heavily discounted but I would assert that most seniors are very wealthy. Possibly eliminating the senior exemption for property tax might be a place to look for additional revenue from people who can afford to pay it.
114822941952	The city has not raised this tax rate in a long time.
114822763943	It's worth considering a land value tax.
114822199070	city getting more income from property taxes on new developments. 7% expenses on IT is outrageous. more than HR and other departments combined.
114820342580	Passing rent stabilization would decrease the city's spending on emergency rental assistance
114820335988	I don't think recreation program increases would provide the desired outcome. I believe it would make these programs (which are already optional) less accessible.
114820330145	Please - hands off renters
114819510157	Property taxes are already too high - I can barely afford mine -- progressive tax measures based on ability to pay could provide a source of additional revenue.
114819503186	Membership to community centers should be free to residents of the City of Rockville
114819487908	Passing rent stabilization would decrease the city's spending on emergency rental assistance.
114819482484	reduce the police budget --> fund rent stabilization, parklands
114818650074	-Consider efficiencies on staffing and cross train
114818209768	Issuance of debt should be extremely low priority. Where possible, a reasonable increase in user fees would be preferred way to absorb costs.
114817664582	Consider a sliding fee scale that charges non-Rockville residents a slightly higher fee
114816318575	Please put forth strict measures that will allow rent control/rent stabilization within Rockville.
114816198816	Taking on debt will be necessary. We will lose residents if taxes go up. The City HAS to get more efficient in its staffing and programs. Funding entitled programs like Peerless Rockville needs to be severely limited to protect core services and values.
114815003172	Get rid of any DEI related programs. Mayor and Council should take pay cuts. How much does the city manager make? I also see in the proposed budget that: we're adding funding for affordable housing opportunities; 5 new government jobs for various permit processes; 2 civilian positions for the Police - for what?; more money for a gun buy back program; etc. I see unnecessary increased government spending. It really is the same old same old around here. This is very frustrating. And we just continue on in life as if this is all good. Rockville has a lot of money to begin with. We don't have a revenue problem, we have a spending problem. And town center is not vibrant.
114814595504	I support increases in recreation fees, but with increased opportunity for hardship memberships for those with lower incomes.

114813408134	There are so many senior center events. Maybe a little less?
114813344179	The city should eliminate its DEI position. The city was a welcoming, inclusive city before the off-putting DEI movement took hold and will remain one afterward. People left, right, and center are tired of racializing every policy and using terms like BIPOC and Latinx that make so many cringe.
114812472288	Reduce or eliminate discretionary programs and events.
114808591814	The city should seize the moment to drop DEI-related positions and programs. The culture has rejected this heavy handed approach. Better to achieve the same inclusive aims with less hoopla and less emphasis on attaching identity to everything.
114805111027	I don't know enough about this to have an informed opinion, but I do think increasing costs for recreation would deter participation and I'd like to keep recreation as accessible as possible.
114800139594	Reduction in funding of pet projects. Eliminate REDI. What is the real ROI there? Less focus on Town Center. Stop cutting parks and recreation funding (and pushing increased fees on participants) It's a quality of life issue and one of the main reasons people choose Rockville. Previous Director ran it into the ground, now is not the time to pass the costs onto residents. Rockville isn't a credit union, lets stop the branding initiatives.
114797776559	Passing rent stabilization would decrease the city's spending on emergency rental assistance.
114797099041	Take a hard look at our cost/benefit resourcing to Annapolis. Trim the extent to which we subsidize Baltimore City and PG County. "Equity" cuts both ways.
114795171967	Would follow fellow citizens and leaders suggestions.
114794888297	a lottery specific to Rockville
114794504392	Invite bond funded programs for public parks and playgrounds.
114793674204	Eliminate city recreational and focus all of it on building ecovillages instead, Ecovillages is where everyone's effort directly strengthens utility maintenance and input were available and effective, it was needed for keeping our ecosystem and our lifespan. But if you don't know the system's problem, then the system will use it to envy you entirely alive. I will NEVER forgive GOD for allowing parenting to happen without government issued Liscence, from this day on any child that is not born in a LAB will never be a citizen of united States legally and will be donated to foreign countries to solve the emergency food crisis.
114792775474	Painting bike and bus lanes is a waste of money. I'd rather have a safer city with more police.
114792716041	Identify underused programs and consider elimination them.
114792437228	Any program that is considered overhead should be eliminated.
114792021241	Other: Public Private Parterships, bring private sector for key community development programs to release funding to be use in infrastructure programs.
114792008371	I'm unsure what is best since I don't know the amount of money the city needs for the budget.
114791929259	These all just penalize those of us who live here and make it more expensive to live here. Why not incentivize lower and middle-income residents instead of the uber-rich?
114791798818	Increase sales tax
114791534406	I would not object to the property tax increase except that new assessments are up significantly and Moore is looking for money to close big budget gap.

114791387757	I moved here in October and don't have enough information to judge the above.
114791294886	Don't pay for DEI programs. Focus on good services.
114792360904	<p>Before proposing raising taxes on residents, Rockville city leaders need to communicate what programs these dollars support. For instance, it would not make sense to raise taxes on current home owners to support affordable homes for new residents who can choose to live elsewhere. Most Rockville city residents purchased their homes long ago and are on fixed incomes or are middle class so cannot afford additional taxes.</p> <p>If taxed will be increased, all residents should pay those taxes, not just homeowners. Renters and people in government housing should pay the same \$100/year proposed for homeowners to pay.</p> <p>Rockville city needs to conduct program evaluations and cut any programs with a low Return on Investment. There need to be solid metrics tied to each program, and programs not meeting those metrics should be cut.</p> <p>Rockville should cut any programs attracting more residents depended on government help. Most middle class people are struggling to stay afloat so should not be burdened funding low income programs that attract more low income people to the area.</p> <p>The only Rockville program deserving of more funding are the police so we have a great presence in neighborhoods to deter juvenile delinquents and petty criminals.</p>
114791275867	I am not in favor of reducing accessibility of City sponsored programs in order to balance the budget. I would support a reasonable increase in property taxes, especially on commercial property.
114791145439	Enforce parking more. Parking on the street in my neighborhood requires a permit, but I often see cars without permits parked during restricted times. There are also many cars parked along Stonestreet Ave where it's metered but obviously don't pay because they haven't moved in weeks.
114791141780	Become business friendly and work to grow the tax base with addition of interesting and desirable businesses. Stop getting in the way of businesses that want to operate in Moco with long waits for permits and other unacceptable hindrances to progress in this area. You can't tax residents endlessly. Just stop. Get creative and figure out ways to enhance the tax base.
114791102480	Multiple approaches to revenue growth can be applied to these initiatives. Debt financing remains at relatively low rates. Program users should bear some of their costs.
114791075141	not an expert in this field. Not clear how these options help. Are we trying to reduce debt? increase city staff?
114791062336	Eliminate planting of spring bulbs(60-65K) a year and all the repeated labor visits to the same planting sites (up to 4 visits per year, including spring bulbs with annuals. Replace this effort with funds to eliminate invasive plants from Rockville.
114791059251	A difficult choice but probably the most fair option
114791054019	I support conducting studies to determine how extensively and widely public programs and resources are being used to identify those that might be cut with the least adverse consequence.
114791032536	Property tax is already too high!!
114791021824	I think the city needs to attract more development and improve downtown Rockville like Pike and Rose. Downtown Rockville is a missed opportunity.

114790987819	What "new priorities" are we trying to accommodate"? Maybe eliminate those. We can't answer the question appropriately without knowing what costs are increasing or being added.
114790993560	Literally just make is legal to build housing. Organic development pays more property tax than car-dependent suburban development, and it addresses the housing crisis too. It's so astoundingly simple. It is how Rockville grew in the first place. Just make is legal to build small apartment buildings attached to each other like all the nicest neighborhoods in the world. Legalize Georgetown-style development by right all throughout the city and you'll generate 100x more property tax FOR FREE. This just requires fixing the laws. Address/remove lot size minimums, parking minimums, lot utilization requirements, too-sprawly FAR requirements, home business/ADU bans, height limits that make no sense, setback requirements, detachment requirements.
114790985158	Large Employers and anyone making more than double the household median income in Montgomery County, MD, should be subject to a higher tax rate then Small Businesses and lower income individuals.
114790979640	I was a board member in a prevalent Rockville group with a budget of about \$2M. Without naming any names, I'll say that I quit volunteering because I saw that there weren't many productive things happening around the groups efforts. Especially for a price tag of \$2M. In short, I think it would be great to use the current political climate as an opportunity to cut programs and budgets without raising as much of an alarm as it did in the 2010's
114790978176	Create a public bank, along the lines of North Dakota's bank, to support public projects.
114790967090	I would have to know the extent of a shortfall to make a completely informed decision- -I also think its prudent to have a reserve to respond to unforeseeable expenses e.g. natural disaster, infrastructure repairs
114790925022	I am not knowledgeable enough to know the consequences of my choice. Especially with the uncertainty of what is happening with the federal work force, you face a challenging issue.
114790910983	We should be willing to pay a bit more for all the benefits we get from Rockville City.
114790903344	Eliminate REDI and other programs that have not demonstrated a benefit to the city. Require developers to provide for essential amenities, eg parks, tree planting,etc programs as part of the cost of development. Quality of life for present and future residents is more important than the profits of developers. Increase incentives for developers to make this possible.
114790890685	Increase taxes on those making more than 500k...leave middle class alone.
114788437804	Eliminate programs that are not well-run nor cost-effective by evaluating them. (I can't specify).
114784112255	Cut Peerless Rockville grant.
114783949021	Schools receive more than adequate support. Trimming down their budgets would allow for savings that could be used for other purposes.
114783862587	I'd nix peerless Rockville they're essential a city funded anti development advocacy org.
114783408764	I support rent stabilization because as a renter, I am concerned about the cost of living in Rockville. If rent increases are not limited per county law, I and many others will be forced to take this into account at the next city election

114783139975	Reevaluate and reduce programs that are not necessary, for example, DEI-related
114782756667	The city should increase its user fees for the new pool. It was already often overcrowded in the summer, mostly with non-Rockville residents. Higher fees might help curb over-utilization.
114781103381	the MANY halfway and/or rehab houses that are all over the city!! we have more than enough!
114780075216	Any amount of taxation on the wealthier citizens should be prioritized over the cutting of programs or reduction in access to recreation/mentorship. An increase of taxes on a \$1million home by \$100 annually is infinitesimal compared to the vast benefits to our community and our youth that the other programs could provide. Deficit spending should also always be on the table in order to provide citizens with the best possible city resources. Redevelopment of vacant parking lots, particularly around Town Center and metro stations, should be a priority to increase taxable revenue. Finally, a possible road diet to the Pike could help achieve greater taxable income by replacing large-lot shopping centers with more walkable and attractive spaces, inviting more spending and more mixed-use development along the Pike.
114778819093	Reducing city staff should be a top priority, and I'm a bit shocked it was not an option. The upper/middle management should be the target as these staff typically cost the most. As a resident I don't feel like I get better benefits from my city than a Montgomery County resident living outside of Rockville. To be clear, I am a life-long Democrat, but the city bloat has to be addressed first. There have to positions in the city government that could handled partially by Montgomery County staff and/or sub-contracted out to part-time staff on an as-needed basis.
114778795894	R.E. taxes are too high. Definitely no increase in taxes.
114778687630	I am a property owner and can shoulder the slight increase in the property tax rate, which is relatively small. It is a more progressive approach to closing the gap. Increasing fees on programs would hit some of our lowest income residents harder, so I would only do that as a last resort.
114778682888	Could you do a progressive phase in? I live in Area 4. I have a lot of economic opportunity. I'd gladly pay more in property tax to support programs for neighbors who have less. But I don't want an increase in tax to hit older/fixed income/lower income neighbors in a way they cannot afford. I also think some people would be willing to trim programs but without a list of what programs there are, it is difficult to comment on priorities.
114778309808	Does the City analyze which programs have the lowest participation rates? Can some programming be consolidated? Are there opportunities for the City to find an independently owned business who provides similar services and promote them (cool way to connect independent businesses to rec and economic development)?
114776527074	Reduce programs that are not being used and government waste first, then and only then consider tax increases and increasing fees for city recreational programs. These are an important outreach for our community.
114776129976	PAY YOUR EMPLOYEES, WE WILL WORK HARDER AND GO ABOVE AND BEYOND FOR THE COMMUNITY!
114775262721	Assessments have skyrocketed so taxes are going up. I want to see programs that work within the existing budget. No tax increases please. Work with what we have an reduce spending to fit the current revenue stream.

114775157091	Our taxes are WAY too high already and property tax just went up again. Conduct an audit of city spending. How much of the police budget went to high tech tools that are expensive and ineffective?
114775051679	Across the board spending cuts. Also; NO MORE TAX INCREASES.
114774714459	Increase in safe bicycle paths.
114774666816	Please carefully evaluate the need for / performance of third party contractors, especially in the squishy areas of "raising awareness," "sustainability," "equity," etc, or wildly speculative "master plans" for the year 2075. Make Town Square attractive to people with money to spend before directing investible funds into meaningless or unattainable buzzword goals.
114774169791	You can generate higher tax revenue if you revitalize the downtown and have enough parking to support visitors for the surrounding area.
114774063101	reduce property tax rate. taxes too high.
114772745729	I would like to prioritize having higher taxes on the wealthy in order to pay for social services. I hope to see this addressed through a variety of tools in this year's budget, including some form of rent stabilization. It is important that we prioritize programs for the city's working families who already face the effects of a high cost of living.
114769994439	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reduce school lunch programs 2. Reduce rental assistance programs or made tenants pay an increase rental. 3. Enforce house coding and fine when they violate the housing code in group house or building without permit. 4. To increase pedestrian safety by holding people crossing the street against the traffic lights to pay fine.
114767510204	Provide a subsidy for the increase cost of city programs for those who can't afford it.
114767280565	I think the city should find more ways to increase revenue. Volunteer, donation based fundraisers. Or, a city owned business that generates revenue. I think the city is still growing so I wouldn't reduce programs.
114767154167	I think the city should consider whether introducing costs for parking (either on-street, via meters / permits, or in city-owned / controlled garages) could represent a significant revenue stream -- it would go hand-in-hand with sustainability / climate initiatives.
114766886666	Don't know
114766129977	PASS RENT STABILIZATION!!
114765860198	Control rent increase
114764395286	Reduce police budget and number of officers and use that money to hire two city employees to enforce rent stabilization.
114764363098	Bike lanes, pickle ball, skate park have little real value in a technology society.
114763657824	An honest review should be taken of tax incentives given to large corporations who demand them for activities that would have been profitable for them anyway. These demands are made in bad faith, and are a bluff the city should call more often. Much in the same way that stadiums deals demand public funding without returning the promised benefits, the city (and our elected leaders in particular) need to stand up to these demands which only privatize public funds while imperiling services for the broad community.

114763161371	I can't keep paying more and more for services I don't receive when the cost of living here is so high. We need greater fiscal responsibility - look at what you spend on things like landscaping with annuals that just die each year. Stop wasteful spending first!
114762983857	Keeping city services and recreation program, subsidized and as affordable as possible is what seems the most socially just thing to do. Budget can be increase by city debt and tax increase targeting wealthiest home owners.
114762574278	Passing rent stabilization would decrease the city's spending on emergency rental assistance.
114761978407	Please DO NOT increase property taxes in Rockville. They are already the same amount as a mortgage. It is unsustainable to have affordable housing if we can't afford to pay our taxes! Just because people live in single family homes doesn't mean they are rich.
114761174310	Stop spending on socially conscious events/programs that are not widely attended or supported Climate initiatives- Stick to items that have direct impact like recycling and energy efficiency for public buildings. Charge fees to those who use services.
114759880939	Cut waste. Remember during covid when your rental inspectors took combat pay but were not actually doing on site inspections. Cut fraud. How many assistants does every govt office need. Reduce taxes. I have to live within a budget you should too.
114759858823	Seek grants for recreation, education, culture, environment,etc.
114759795095	Rockville has had success with federal and state grant programs in the past. I'd look to expand these efforts as well as searching for non-profit or other organizations to partner with on specific projects. The Twinbrook pedestrian bridge seems like a perfect project for this. The city also has great recreation programs. One option, instead of charging more for programs, would be to try to expand the marketing of such programs. Could we increase revenue by increasing attendance?
114759458566	Increase the efficiency of delivering services to decrease costs of programs
114759042697	"passing rent stabilization would decrease the city's spending on emergency rental assistance."
114752716555	Make it more affordable for seniors to live in the city.
114751920018	If a person can afford the current outrageously priced homes, I can't understand why they should complain about an increase of \$0.01 per \$100. They spend that much each year on Starbucks coffee and other nonessential items.
114749336071	increase property tax without offloading cost to renters
114748885752	Increasing program fees is the least equitable unfortunately.
114744588175	Reduce MPDU Programs and adopt free market rentals and sales of property. They attract criminal elements and criminal visitors. Theoretically a good thing, but I've seen way too much crime and drug traffic in these communities. Have seen this firsthand in connection while performing volunteer services. The recreational fees are very reasonable, and the staff are, as a whole, great. Would not mind a slight increase - maybe five percent - to keep it that way.
114743740435	There may be ways to combine programs for efficiency and reduce labor costs or waste.
114743306360	Bonds for capital investment projects. Recover from use fees.

114740913260	I do not have enough information about existing programs to identify those where the impact of a reduction would be least damaging to the community as a whole.
114739565363	Reduce property tax
114738865736	I don't know enough to make this decision.
114737534358	This is clearly the best idea. Anyone who owns a home that expensive can pay that tiny increase in order to fund a better city for everyone.
114737401353	I want to avoid debt and cuts to programs.
114736987919	Rockville's already losing residents who moved to other states due to higher taxes, and an increased property tax rate will only worsen the situation.
114736426789	Upzone all of Zones 1 & 2 to allow du- & quad-plexes. If people want big historic homes, they can try to afford the West End.
114735484160	Eliminate fireworks from the city budget. There are plenty of fireworks in local jurisdictions and we can replace 4th of July fireworks with other, much lower carbon-emitting activities such as laser light shows with music. Eliminate paving projects where possible as described above and use construction methods to allow pavement to last longer.
114734554822	I'm not qualified to answer this question.
114732667968	While a ~\$100 increase in property tax for a household might be reasonable considering the collective increase in revenue, a much higher tax increase wouldn't be favorable—this method disproportionately affects families who have a mortgage obligation and leaves renters potentially paying less of their usage-based share for city services and benefits.
114732095330	For the increased fees for recreation and membership, this would only make sense if there will be additional benefits provided from the priority accommodation
114730815226	Please avoid or minimize debt.
114729456875	Decrease Parks and Recreation expenditure. They seems to be a very disproportionate part of the City budget.
114729394923	Reduce costs of mowing by putting native plantings along roads. Or allowing community volunteers and homeowners to do more of it.
114728295263	Cut back on mowing and blowing across the city. Particularly this year when NOTHING is growing due to prolonged drought, the city is still paying contractors to mow and blow (literally just blowing dirt around). Just stop! Mow less frequently! Cut the blowers!
114728218367	Property taxes are high enough. Eliminating Town Center subsidies was a great first step - is there more waste like this? Stop wasteful plantings! The constant swapping out of annuals is appalling. Plant natives, and being a program to cleanup city land that is overgrown.
114727886851	increasing taxes or fees in not a solution as we have faced a big inflation affecting the community, and everyone is struggling the day to day as salaries are not increasing equally.
114727487804	Not sure
114727395704	i am a property owner - higher tax worth it to keep recreation affordable for all

114727381477	What about better law and tax collection enforcement? If five families live in a single family home, shouldn't they pay higher taxes? More noise, more traffic congestion, more garbage. Over the last year there were multiple popup sellers of fruit and toys along Viers Mill corridor. Foos safety anyone? Are we allowing illegal sellers now? I would be curious to see programs the city has. Maybe a follow up survey with details about each program and potential savings?
114727378869	Reduce the excessive barriers to home improvement and building in the City of Rockville. Upgraded homes fetch higher prices and increase value, which naturally increases the tax base.
114727210830	I'm not sure of all the programs that the city offers, but I suggest to reevaluate the effectiveness and cost of the most expensive ones. Also, to save money, can we repurpose the metro tunnel instead of building a new pedestrian bridge? Discuss with WMATA to install a gate near the fare machines to keep the metro secure when the metro is closed. Maybe add some art and extra lighting to make it fun and secure. The bridge will be expensive and we already have a tunnel to take Twinbrook residents to Rockville Pike, so I don't see the need for a new bridge.
114727207270	The fee for unoccupied apartment buildings should be higher to ensure more people get affordable housing, and the fees help fund resources. Also, apartment complexes should pay a certain percentage of profit to city or be required to give back somehow.
114727198577	Reduce money that goes to affordable housing and climate budget. That is something the state and federal government should do. Increasing property tax rate is okay if that money is being spent on improving the city and thus improving quality of life and real estate value.
114727146850	Look for programs that have limited participation and consider eliminating them.
114727089922	Mayor and council should take pay cuts. How much does the city manager make? Any DEI programs should be limited and significantly reduced. Why not consider supporting jobs and good companies coming here. We always focus on ways to expand monetary intake and grow government. This is not a viable option. This town is wealthy, and should really consider cutting programs. Not growing.
114726668458	Increasing fees for users of city programs seems fair. Expenses have gone up everywhere so this should not surprise people. I would pay more to go to the Rockville pool if it were not so crowded so maybe higher fees will help minimize overutilization. Sometimes it's hard to find a chair on summer days.
114726371963	I own a single family home and I support higher property taxes to create a more sustainable and just community.
114725007239	As a new member of the city, I'm not aware of existing programs, but increasing taxes or taking on more debt are both unsustainable options. If there isn't room in the budget for new things then don't do them.
114725006765	Increased fees for contractor licensing, inspections, etc
114723970543	Reduce parking enforcement and eliminate the speed camera budget
114723820739	I cannot answer that.
114723542462	Community mediation
114722874675	Strengthen and ENFORCE requirements for developers to contribute to infrastructure and green space. And stop granting exemptions that undermine tree and green space requirements, which works against encouraging pedestrians and building climate resilience.

114722767837	Require non-Rockville residence to pay higher fees for Rockville sponsored programs.
114722037134	Eliminate debt and reduce taxes
114721729186	No comment
114721644307	No increase in taxes or lessen.
114721030386	Eliminate City funded events to "get people downtown." People will come downtown only if you make it a destination, by having an attraction people want to be part of.
114720881456	I don't live in Rockville so I will leave this to residents.
114720789136	Underperforming or underutilized programs should be reviewed and revamped for savings
114720561971	Eliminate the grant to Peerless Rockville. After 50 years, it should be self-sustaining.
114720510657	I am too uninformed to comment.
114720502501	Not on my radar and don't know enough to give an opinion
114720366991	Reduce waste: city buildings often keep lights on all night, even buildings that are not in use - turn them off! Encourage City staff to shut off engines when not in use - I see code enforcement and maintenance staff sitting in their trucks, often for hours, with engines idling, even when it's nice out. Install solar panels. Yes, they cost \$ upfront, but in the long run they will save the City \$ with reduced electrical bills.
114720260276	I think it would be a good idea to reduce or eliminate some programs and not increase the taxes. The yearly taxes are high enough and people are moving out of this area as a result of the higher taxes. If you reduce and/or eliminate some programs you can keep the taxes even or lower.
114720215797	I think there are programs, like having a city, that do not help Rockville residents at all. All programs should benefit Rockville residents.
114720171414	Work and efforts from every citizen should be encouraged to reduce waste, properly use resources and share good sense actions.
114720148483	Debt sounds expensive
114720114688	I don't know!
114720099494	Add hotel tax for example to be directed specifically toward park and green/sustainability and environmental projects. Add fee-based electric charging spots for example -- perhaps a private-public partnership at major shopping areas?
114720098785	Eliminate planting and watering of annuals, put a hold on new paving projects as many roads get repaved when they remain in good condition, reduce salting of side-streets, reduce the collection of household waste and yard debris from weekly to 2x a month.
114720084417	Prices for swim classes could be increased - it's amazing how accessible and affordable they are but then they're impossible to get because they're so popular
114720063032	Keep quality of life high priority Okay to adjust budget to afford what is essential to people
114720009933	Fewer new sidewalks! In many cases grinding to level is all that is needed. And limit new sidewalks - these create a huge amount of runoff increasing flooding.

114719086233	I would like to know how much REDI does for the city given their budget including salaries that the city gives a grant to.
114718676519	Growth in Town Centet
114717189833	reduce the bike path project. no one uses it and it creates more traffic
114716660240	Stop road modifications for bike riders. Waste of money, disruptive to the majority of commuters and residents.
114716639334	Cut waste and abuse.
114716603980	Increase property tax on wealthy people by a few M and share this money with needy people...
114716602297	Plenty of people in our neighborhood use the street to park their cars. Investigating into paid street parking in the city limit could increase revenue and reduce cars clogging our streets.crabb ave is 2 way but there is only ever room for one way traffic. Alternatively raising tax on empty commercial and or residential real estate.
114716570708	Any program that doesn't put excellence the top priority
114713682208	Specifically, property taxes should be raised on those with higher incomes who can afford to shoulder the burden. Don't make people on the bubble have to choose between paying higher taxes or eating.
114712663238	Property taxes are already far too high.
114711223341	No more property tax hikes between the county and the city, water, sewer, trash, condo fees, we are groaning under increased fees and taxes for years.
114710853695	Increase fees for permits and licenses. Every little bit helps.
114706495085	Income tax would also be okay.
114705930713	NO NEW TAXES
114705867623	Eliminate and/or reduce affordable housing initiatives so that existing MPDU apartments can transition to market rates, and we fill those residences with residents who will pay their share of taxes and revenue for local housing units and businesses.
114705597487	Are there programs that are not being utilized by the community? If so, could those be eliminated to reduce costs?
114702952703	Parks and areas with no humans feature high levels of illumination. Reduce the power bill by putting night lights on electric sensors and timers. Lower night lighting levels overall.
114702482081	The money should come from the county and state and stop already with the increased whatever on the community members.
114702455309	I advised city governments on finance. This is a false choice. Residences do not need to chose one. A hybrid approach of issuing debt and raise either fees or taxes should be considered.
114702181419	Recreation programs should continue to allow reduced cost or free to those with financial difficulties, especially programs for children
114702125692	The recreation fees currently are very reasonable, which I love, but I wouldn't notice a 10% increase. However, please factor in people who do rely on the low fees, I saw you offer free or discounted fees for lower income residents which is great and would want to make sure they are not affected by this. I am very happy to see that these programs are provided at low cost to people who can't afford the fees so that everyone may participate.
114701546576	See number 6
114701226529	i think it is good

114701169720	The unnecessary programs that don't benefit all but a small group of residents
114700979495	Please keep the programs.
114700954954	I'm willing to pay more tax to benefit all. That's my #1 choice
114700939861	whichever are also accessible through MoCo
114700722196	Eliminate all of those 5 things above noted as priorities. Please focus on bettering the buildings our kids go to school in. Also safety is key, thank you to the police, firefighters and emergency services. Rockville should focus on this more.
114700577872	Do we need our own police department when the county already has a police force?
114700528101	Increase tax base through aggressive redevelopment of empty office buildings into housing, hotel, and mixed use.
114700525545	Would need to see a comprehensive list of programs and utilization and /or impact report to be able to recommend which programs might be appropriate to sunset in order to make financial and resource room for new initiatives.
114700482935	Reduce initiatives above such as pedestrian bridge and acquiring additional parkland let's improve/update what we already have in place before acquiring new land and projects!
114700447598	get rid of the pedestrian/bicycle program: have you looked at how many (or rather how few!) people actually use that?
114700447638	The city should examine ALL duplicate programs with the county and eliminate them. There are way too many duplicate programs and residents pay for both.
114700447534	Stop subsidizing Peerless Rockville; grow the tax base by allowing more housing to be built by upzoning
114700445501	Annex Shady Grove metro station
114700439367	Offer discounted lesson rates if people become members of recreational programs. Would increase revenue from memberships and program participation (ie. 10% discount if swim lessons if people join the Rockville swim and fitness club for entire year)
114700172106	Please no real estate property tax increase!
114698999691	Allow more housing development with lowered parking requirements and loosened restrictions on height, but only with higher fees on developers and more requirements for affordable housing and sustainability.
114694142578	Eliminate flex ride on and reduce decoration plant budget.
114693315971	Recreation programs and senior programming could charge a tad more. Especially Fitness Center at the senior center. \$95 a year is very low, not even a dollar month.
114692810836	Potentially increase business taxes for companies valued over certain threshold. Or consider ways for businesses to reinvest locally in the community.
114692434653	The city needs more housing both high income and affordable.
114691812190	Having speeding cameras and red light cameras in busy roads and streets areas and at school zones too and issue tickets. I don't want pay high taxes.
114691658232	I believe that taxes should not increase, especially during this time of recession. It would be better to reduce/eliminate certain programs. This can include development projects, since there is enough economic support from businesses. Another possibility is to raise income taxes in richer neighborhoods, like Potomac or Kingfarm. Adding red light cameras to every intersection, full red phases, and no turn on red sign/signals will generate revenue while keeping pedestrians safe.
114690888785	See initiatives ranked 3, 4, and 5, in question 2.

114690404145	Recover funding back that we gave to Dawson Market. We should not be giving money to private entities. We should also have an efficiency board and slash all government positions that are not a net gain for the city.
114690280972	If raising property tax will increase rent for folks in apartments, then I would choose the increase in recreation programs instead.
114690121084	Hold events or other fundraisers to support existing programs. For example, a small admission fee could be added for Hometown Holidays or local restaurants and businesses could donate gift certificates for a raffle.
114690105148	stop the programs that are designed to offer more affordable housing! The primary goal should be to RAISE THE TAX BASE! New development should ALWAYS favor higher home value
114690069586	City should seek to be more supportive of lower income people, especially immigrants.
114689849164	Can we end the tax breaks given to country clubs- that would bring in much more money!! Don't know why the richest get a tax break anyway. According to the National Golf Foundation, 25.6 million people played on a golf course last year. That's less than 8 percent of the country's population and is fewer than half the number of people who bowl annually. In fact, it's only about 20 percent of the people who play miniature golf each year. Although about 6 million people under 35 visited courses last year, golf is mostly played by just who you imagine: Older, well-to-do men and some women looking to spend a sunny afternoon in beautiful surroundings, cut a few business deals, and get a little exercise (800-1,300 calories burned per round). The average American golfer is 54 and earns substantially more than the average income of most Americans. https://marylandmatters.org/2021/03/09/delegate-seeks-to-eliminate-property-tax-breaks-for-country-clubs/
114689840837	Increase payment for garbage collectors, especially the garbage collectors who have to empty the black plastic barrels containing water and dozens and dozens of bagged dog feces.
114689772436	Simplify the process and significantly reduce cycle time for permits, inspections, and related activities for new businesses, enabling shorter time to open new businesses. Offer a significantly accelerated path to occupancy for developers and builders who significantly exceed baseline green building standards.
114689769071	State and federal grants
114689720070	No increase on property tax! You are driving the middle class out!!!
114689485496	I don't know how the city budget works and if it's possible to get state and federal grants to cover certain program costs. These choices seem bleak. Is that it?
114689416176	Please manage current levels of spending better.
114689411724	Thanks
114689398844	Cut programs and budgets on DEI and restorative justice. DEI is racist and discriminatory.
114689387605	Install solar panels to offset energy costs moving forward
114689381249	I think non-resident fees should be increased. Also for programming the fees for non residents should be increased (such as swim lessons etc). Take a look at low/ non participation programs and reduce. Then last step increase debt.
114689374586	Spending needs to focus on core services. Residents cannot continue to be increasingly taxed on pet and ideological projects.

114689342530	Reduce taxes - everyone is struggling so please stop increasing real estate taxes. Hire more cops! We need to feel safe.
114689375344	I have lived here 22 years (homeowner with a mortgage). The cost of living is increasing more rapidly than my ability to make up for it. Any increase in taxes is not able to be borne by many of us. Sounds nice, but no. We can't. I like living here and always envisioned living my entire life here.... I am not quite retirement age but within kissing distance. I want to be able to live here as long as I am physically able.... I don't want to be taxed out of my home! I hate to see ANY increases. Sad to say, I'd rather cut some programs or cut back on some of the nice things like beautiful landscaping... go more minimal (but still keep it up). Green initiatives, while important and nice.... should take a back seat to helping existing residents stay in the community. Many of us are struggling who never did before. Now is not a time to expand or take on more debt. It is a time to tighten belts, stick to what is most important: community safety, maintaining existing infrastructure, finding inexpensive ways to do what we previously spent more liberally on. Hopefully the economy turns around and we can increase spending in the future. Now is not the time. Yes, I know that there are some residents who are making decent salaries who can still afford to live high on the Maslow Hierarchy, but that is not true of many..... let's hope for better days in the future.
114689338895	increasing fees for those of us outside of city limits makes sense although I know I already choose not to use the Rockville pool for instance because of the cost
114689325040	Eliminate virtue signaling programs (tree city, bike city, etc)
114689320661	How about a 1% reduction in all areas so we can give homeowners a break. With insurance costs, taxes, and water/sewer costs skyrocketing, people cannot afford to live in their homes. You will start seeing foreclosures if nothing is done. Please cut costs so we can give homeowners a tax cut.
114689316595	Police Department
114689305365	For starters, discard ridiculous plans for amphitheater at Redgate. It is unnecessary and unwanted and would spend valuable funds on a frivolous venue not easily accessible by public transportation.
114689295204	Speed cameras and road enforcement. Increase income tax in the high tax brackets.
114689293341	Increase taxes/fees on developers.
114689292143	New senior housing!!
114687733826	Please reduce the number of city staff.
114687309246	I would rather see property tax and utility price hikes before reductions to any programs
114683321757	You could probably sell a few large parcels within Redgate for development for a few million plus additional tax revenue.
114680620856	It's amazing, bordering on unbelievable, that it would only take an increase of \$100 on the taxes of a \$1M home to generate \$1.6M in revenue for the city.
114679684073	Increasing property taxes is the only one of the above options that makes sense. Increasing program/membership fees would place the burden on the most vulnerable populations, while increasing property taxes equitably spreads the financial responsibility of living in such a fantastic city.

Respondent ID	Rockville's greatest resource is you! Please share any innovative ideas you want the city to consider:
114834088644	Lowering or recalculating the membership fee for residents to enroll in community recreation centers; so that it can become a safe environment for children to learn, play and be a part of programs offered to the community.
114833832811	Expanded placemaking and public art initiatives bring communities together and encourage businesses and residents to move into the neighborhood.
114833606756	Rockville needs to distinguish itself from the rest of Montgomery County to justify people living inside the city limits and moving here in future. The city's rich history--both downtown, and neighborhoods with diverse and compelling histories of their own--is the biggest selling point available. I have long supported Greater Greater Washington's goals of sustainable, transit-oriented development. But I do NOT agree with their push for development at any cost and without regard to history--that is the unique hook Rockville has to offer, including historical sites. That makes us stand out at a time when the federal government is actively trying to erase much history in the run-up to the nation's 250th birthday. I URGE YOU TO RESTORE FULL FUNDING TO PEERLESS ROCKVILLE. IT IS THE CLOSEST THING WE HAVE TO A SALES & TOURISM PROMOTION BUREAU. And even to INCREASE funding to allow for more visibility and programming to highlight lessons learned from past struggles and dark hours.
114833570775	More trees e green spaces. Too many buildings!!!
114833470588	Turn King Farm and and the large room at the VisArts buildings into small concert venues and black box theaters... Then promote the heck out of them. It will bring positive energy and business into our city
114833360848	More law enforcement for crimes against property, more cameras in public areas to record robberies or assaults.
114833032399	More rooftop solar! All City buildings should have solar panels, to show the City cares about climate change, and to set an example for surrounding communities.
114831869008	Please consider altering the hours of Rockville Skatepark to match the city-run aquatic and fitness center down the street.
114831269764	Mayor and council should focus on the actual wants of the community, not what they personally perceive as the wants of the community. Just because one or two people want something doesn't mean it's the right thing for all. There seems to be a blurred line here amongst council and the community. Council should also focus on policy and stay out of the work that is being done by those they have hired. One can see they are easily bogged down on the details of miniscule topics by watching a council meeting. Perhaps this is why only a small part of the community actually participates in Rockville city government.
114831137051	RENT STABILIZATION!!!!!!
114830913818	Redo the Rockville map on area 3 including Farmstead neighborhood on Frederick Rd with MCPS, to send our children to Rockville schools, we don't want to send them to Washington Grove Elementary School or Gaithersburg Middle or High School. We want our children to be successful adults.
114829902492	I want to see the city prioritize infrastructure changes that will combat climate change--dense development near transit (also good because we need more housing), removing parking, road diets, bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.
114829900874	If you don't upzone, you will continue to see the county's growth happen outside the borders of the city (ie North Bethesda, East County, etc)

114829586577	I think shutting off certain streets to vehicles and converting them to pedestrian only areas is a great way to help the community thrive. Specifically the strip of Maryland Ave adjacent to Gibbs St comes to mind.
114829495117	PASS RENT STABILIZATION NOW!
114826831914	Fully fund Peerless Rockville's community grant to guarantee the continued availability of quality educational programming and the curation of 1000s of historical photographs and documents of Rockville's history.
114825603694	Snow shoveling of sidewalks.
114825058721	Support historic preservation of this beautiful city
114824642783	Plant rows of cherry trees in the neighborhoods to further beautify them. Place the new logo on banners around the city center (and Rockville Pike ?).
114824543568	A public food forest, managed by R&P staff as well as volunteers.
114824541544	Rockville needs to focus on non-car-based transportation. This is a great town, but it is far too easy for people to become isolated within our modern culture. City planning must do everything it can to combat this.
114824508216	Peerless Rockville is a wonderful resource for anyone who wants to check the history of Rockville. Children need to learn their history of where they live or make the same mistakes their ancestors made.
114824505395	Please put a dog park at Elwood Smith Park.
114823755779	Please help us renters who want to keep living here. Put rent stabilization back on the table.
114823688404	Refuse enterprise fund is based on the cost of service and Senior citizen residents do not use as much of this service. Provide a property tax credit to compensate seniors who are subsidizing families.
114823138692	In general I think maintaining a pleasant quality of life for existing citizens is more important than constant improvements.
114822941952	Fully fund Peerless Rockville. They provide free educational programming and teach about Rockville's diverse past. Without them, how will the city fulfill this role?
114822763943	I'm not sure if it's budget related, but I'd love to see the bike lanes on N. Washington Street be protected in the southbound direction. Right now drivers frequently block the bike lane, which doesn't happen much going north because that side is mostly protected.
114822199070	keep the infra structure. make rockville roads clean again. there is no city dept looking at streets pot holes, bad street lights, etc. why do the residents need to be doing this job for you.
114820342580	Rent stabilization is very important to me as I am concerned about the cost of living and would like to continue to live in the community
114820333033	I was born in MoCo and I want badly to stay in Rockville but the rent is insane. I have no savings and no future here
114820322518	Improvements to existing public transit networks
114819515498	Support a county backed internship
114819494354	More housing staff
114819487908	I support rent stabilization. I am a renter who is concerned about the cost of living in Rockville. If rent increases are not limited per county law, I and many others will be forced to take this into account when city elections come around.
114819482484	rent stabilization! I will only vote for candidates in favor!

114818650074	Consider impact of federal workforce changes on local economy
114818541013	Please stop increasing property taxes. They are already unaffordable and we are all stretched too thin. Strategic trimming of existing programs is necessary or we will end up with a chaotic and nonstrategic situation similar to the what is happening with the federal government
114818209768	The city does a tremendous job maintaining infrastructure and keeping citizens informed.
114816318575	Pass rent stabilization laws that protect the renters. Private interests will run this town into ruin if we don't. I would actively lower my property value if I have to share space next to commercially owned rentals
114816198816	We need to feel scared and have a sense of urgency. Business as usual is a major risk and will leave us in a terrible position. We have to do the basics of economic development and job recruitment beyond restaurants and shops.
114815982442	Please fully fund Peerless Rockville's community grant.
114815003172	Consider bringing a manufacturing plant of some kind into the city's limits. We should be considering cutting all kinds of regulations and permits to bring business here. And bring high paying, innovative jobs to Rockville. Not more government and service industry jobs.
114814595504	I am an "all of the above" sort of guy. In my opinion, modest increases in taxes and fees are fine, but they should also be accompanied with reductions and/or elimination of programs. It is hard to reduce or eliminate things without knowing details. The new City Manager should be tasked by the Mayor and Council to present options for cutting \$500K - \$1 million in the budget. But you need to be careful. The City Manager must not be allowed to present options that he knows that the Mayor and Council would never cut. That's a game that people sometimes play. So, my recommendation is that all options should be considered, of those presented above.
114813408134	If the city pays for the ice rink, it really does not get much use.
114813344179	Stop painting "art" on the streets in Town Center. It is very disorienting for motorists, especially with all the other obstacles and lane changes. I would rather pay attention for pedestrian than navigate an obstacle course.
114812472288	Just keep Rockville safe from crime and increase pedestrian walkways.
114812396187	Keep public libraries!
114812387564	A dinner theater 🍷 company would be great
114811981674	Keep up the good work. Maintain the small town community spirit.
114808591814	City Hall is drab and the public spaces need an upgrade to be more functional. After Taft Court is settled, perhaps this should be the next project.
114805758900	Add sidewalks to streets that need them the most.
114805111027	I'd love if Rockville Pike was easier to drive through or walk around, there are many wonderful stores that are pretty hard to get to. We have some defunct malls, I hope we have some plans for them that help the community.
114799702243	RedGate Park is a very unique part of Rockville's semi-urban landscape. Please give priority to preserving the natural areas.

114797776559	I support rent stabilization because I am concerned about my family's ability to live in Rockville, and we can do better than simply asking for "gold stars" for rental spaces.
114797099041	Become intolerant of litter and graffiti. No outside entity invests in anything that tolerates these. MoCo and MD in general has become way too tolerant of same over past 3 decades; it shows. It's not a good look. It holds us back. It doesn't need to; it's self-inflicted by selfish, aberrant people.
114794504392	Implement green energy programs and energy saving programs for government buildings.
114793674204	I plan to start a nonprofit that sell shares of ecovillages house by size to fund building plastic bricks inside sealed containers by a robot, after that a website that give you biochemical supplements to prevent toxins by putting a cell sample online. It was ecovillages and toxic biochem prevention, where both can start by making birth control products by testing the human egg with chemicals and make birth control products. Ecovillages are only build for stabilize America's homeless population for making products above. I am working on the steps, Gmail toxicbiochemprevention@gmail.com for more step by step insight
114793586003	I'm sending some ideas in a separate email to mayorandcouncil@rockvillemd.gov
114792464379	An innovation the City is already doing is the planting of trees at Red Gate. Find ways to expand this tree planting elsewhere in the City is one suggest.
114792437228	Plant more trees, increase more green areas, do not cut down or level green areas to build a concrete jungle. Give respect to the environment and preserve it and respect nature and understand that we must cut emission and decrease the destruction that climate change is causing. Have educational program in schools and in the county to educate people about climate change and what they can do to slow it down.
114792414760	Save money by planting native perenials in medians, rather than planting annuals and non-native plants.
114792360904	Rockville's greatest resource are is ots Patks and Recreation programming. Parks like Redgate Park and the many neighborhood parks and playgrounds provide affordable ways for families to enjoy themselves and connect with others. They also support healthy living. The affordable recreational programming helps children and families to stay healthy and strong mentally and physically.
114792021241	Public Priva Partneships, bring private sector co-funding for key community development, community safety programs, releasing funding to invest in infrastructure and other key programs.
114791953565	See #3 above about building a place to cross Rockville Pike in the Twinbrook area.
114791929259	Increase public garbage cans on major roads. Stop allowing mega-mansions and huge apartment buildings in older neighborhoods. Promote small house ownership, not apartment renting. Help low income families in small houses increase energy efficiency. Help low income families afford their small houses by NOT increasing property taxes and by NOT ruining their neighborhoods with expensive apartments and triplexes with high rent and temporary high income residences who don't have a stake in the neighborhood.

The city should place limits on how long commercial entities can own vacant residential properties and should place taxes on those who hold them for too long.

114791914723 The city should also prioritize making wildlife corridors a community and residential project as highlighted in this article: <https://marylandmatters.org/2023/03/20/building-a-maryland-wildlife-corridor-by-the-yard/>

114791881645 More Outdoor concerts, farmer markets, craft fairs, etc. (family events) at Red Gate and other areas of the city which will bring more revenue.

114791798818 Would love to see the Rockville Farmers Market relocated to Red Gate Park where residents can shop the farmers market and enjoy the trails or nature at the park and be more of a community gathering point that just in a parking lot.

114791792871 Can't think of anything else. Thank you

114791756660 Please explore socialized housing & city owned grocery stores. Removing the profit motive from housing and food will make Rockville a much safer place to live.

114791534406 City is doing a good job. Living here 41 years.

114791387757 I live in the Preserve at Tower Oaks. I would like to have more trees planted, and for it to be more walkable.

114791307607 Safe public transportation

114791306769 All the ethnic eateries and food shops, education, arts & entertainment. The many communities coming together in vibrant, shared settings. Outdoor activities for all ages.

114791294886 Keep taxes down.

114791278670 Red Park is a city treasure, and should be promoted for health recreation and environment education

114791206963 It's time to fix Town Center. The empty large anchor restaurant spaces should be reimaged, with an eye towards public space. Perhaps a concert hall or other public performance space could occupy one.

114791177628 Please consider regulations / uniformity in the appearance of buildings on Rockville Pike. The Pike has some extremely unattractive (new) buildings that do not fit the aesthetic style of other buildings on the Pike.

114791155166 Institute a significant two-tiered residential property tax. Residential property that is a verifiable primary home residence and long-term rental properties would be taxed at a lower rate. Second homes, investment properties, and short term rental properties would be taxed at a substantially higher rate.

114791145439 Consider charging for parking for Hometown Holidays, something small like \$5

114791102480 Thank you for your continued stewardship that supports quality of life for area residents.

114791075141 Continue to support the Village concept and add more art to our cultural landscapes.

114791062336 Restrict housing development to a point at which well-paying jobs are available in or around the city. In 30 years of employment, my shortest trip (car only option) was 15 miles;my longest was 44 miles (each way, twice a day)

114791059251	Embrace free / decentralized social media like Mastodon and Pixelfed as equal to Twitter / Bluesky / Instagram to make it easier to connect to the city (and less reliant on corporate-control of communication.) See for example the Mayor of Boston is on https://mastodon.boston/ . A good home for Rockville could be https://dmv.community/ , and you could always move to another server and keep your followers if you someday prefer a different choice.
114791033352	The City has world class recreation activities which should be kept. The facilities and maintenance are also exceptional and should be maintained.
114791032536	Redgate should be reconsidered to be planned like Laytonia Park. There are not enough playing fields - especially 60/90 baseball fields since Montgomery College's baseball field was removed.
114790993560	Literally just make is legal to build housing. Organic development pays more property tax than car-dependent suburban development, and it addresses the housing crisis too. It's so astoundingly simple. It is how Rockville grew in the first place. Just make is legal to build small apartment buildings attached to each other like all the nicest neighborhoods in the world. Legalize Georgetown-style development by right all throughout the city and you'll generate 100x more property tax FOR FREE. This just requires fixing the laws. Address/remove lot size minimums, parking minimums, lot utilization requirements, too-sprawly FAR requirements, home business/ADU bans, height limits that make no sense, setback requirements, detachment requirements.
114790987819	Why are there donut holes in the map of Rockville (included in this survey above)? Maybe close those.
114790986355	Many of us who heavily interact with the City of Rockville but reside outside of its limits are sometimes unable to access its services. For example, if we live right near a City of Rockville dog park, we're greeted by a sign that says the dog park is only open to city residents. We are unable to get our dog licensed by the city based on our address, but we're subject to a heavy fine if we try to use the dog park. Either let dog parks be open to all, or let anyone pay a modest fee for annual use, or make a donation to support the maintenance of the park. Thanks.
114790985158	Create non-tax cutting incentives for large employers and high earning individuals to contribute to the building and maintenance of quality the residential communities. Such as, employee residential rental discounts to incentivize those who work in Rockville, to also live in Rockville. "Live, work, play". Another idea is to incentivize small, local businesses (such as restaurants, markets) over franchises and chain stores.
114790979640	I think Rockville is great. I hope overtime that the Pike can be modernized, but it seems that it is happening little by little every year. One thing I've thought is that one great big park on the Pike somewhere south of Town Center but North of twinbrook would be great. BF Saul's development has a little park on the north side of the development that i really like. That is what inspired the thought
114790977405	Periodic family campouts at Redgate Park !!
114790978176	As mentioned in #5, create a public bank at the city, county, and state levels.
114790967090	I think tax credits should be applied judiciously to both residential and business customers regarding green space (e.g. hardscape landscaping, tree canopy, green rooftops) to combat climate change
114790939885	Partner with private developers to turn some of the empty office buldings into affordable housing (like the old FDA building on Fisher Lane)

114790934787	Connect Redgate to adjacent parks thereby providing ways to access parks on bike that don't require cycling on Route 28 which has no bike lanes.
114790925022	I love Rockville. It is a save and peaceful place to live. And while there can always be more, I appreciate the attempt to make the city visually appealing thru planting trees, flowers, etc. throughout the city where possible. It makes a huge difference.
114790924662	Cross Walk Flashing Lights on Veirs Mill where many RM High Schoolers cross in the morning
114790920999	Clean up all the roadside trash!
114790908643	I am a senior citizen so please think about us
114790903344	Trees, trees and more trees. Everyone in City government- elected and staff- should read 'The Hidden Life of Trees' by Peter Wohlleben. It's time for people to really begin to grasp how interconnected and essential trees are to the well being of humans and life in general.
114790903293	PLEASE put an 18 hole DISC GOLF COURSE in Redgate Park.
114790900877	Needs to be safe (crime) and pedestrian-friendly. Crime is a huge problem and concern.
114790899832	Convert any unused buildings and damaged lands in usable parking space. Convert open fields and unused farm space to parks.
114785797468	Please include a cost-of-living adjustment for city retirees.
114784112255	The city should discontinue its reliance on DEI-based policymaking and eliminate the DEI position. Clearly the culture is turned off by the relentless emphasis in all spheres on identities and "communities" variously oppressed or marginalized. Empty overtures like "Latinx" repel even the populations who are supposed to be made to feel included. The City of Rockville recently sent a needs assessment survey that had more than a half dozen options for gender. Two spirits? Too much. Backlash to this cultural haughtiness has now produced a national election result truly detrimental to the progressive ideals to which Rockville aspires. Mayor and Council should definitely strive to improve the condition of all its residents, especially those who need government the most, but without an overreliance on DEI principles that exalt group identity.
114783862587	Pursuing high density residential development in the town center should be a key goal. Als land use in East Rockville should be changed. Auto centric detached singel family homes aren't the best use for that area.
114783462070	Not terribly innovative, but I would really like protected bike lanes through my area.
114783408764	I support rent stabilization because as a renter, I am concerned about the cost of living in Rockville. If rent increases are not limited per county law, I and many others will be forced to take this into account at the next city election
114783368308	Enhance traffic enforcement to provide a safer walking experience for pedestrians.
114782870533	Stop milling and paving so much!
114782756667	Eliminate the grant to Peerless Rockville. It is a member organization that should be self-sustaining. If the city needs to pay for contract research services to support preservation planning, let Peerless bid on that. A grant is inappropriate for an advocacy group.
114781103381	If the town center can't find companies to fill all those vacant spaces (that have been empty for years), please think outside of the box to utilize them somehow, what a waste of space and potential good for (whatever).

114780726611	Rockville is such a great place to live and raise a family, but it could be even better if the City focused on interconnections and moving away from being a car-based suburban area.
	Community gardens that are run by volunteers and provide vegetables for lower income families or for educational purposes for children and adults in each section of the city. Giving our youth fun activities while learning how to grow plants/food.
114780382524	Twinbrook Metro station only has 1 escalator to get to the platform, it would benefit from having another one to get down for individuals who have walking disabilities.
	Green roof spaces would reduce energy usage and give the city of Rockville a lead in net zero goals for the future.
114780075216	Please shut down and retrofit any and all intersections with slip lanes (continuous right turn lanes at stop signs). These are highly dangerous for drivers AND for pedestrians, and offer only a means for the fastest possible through-way for cars. There is no reason for a real city in 2025 to maintain such dangerous infrastructure, PARTICULARLY NEAR SCHOOLS. Indeed, Town Center is awash in these awful slip lanes, and the slip lane near Julius West Middle School and at the intersection of Maryland and Fleet Street are particularly egregious for the mixing of minor pedestrians with high-speed car traffic. These should be immediately done away with via planters (see: Gibbs St in Town Center) before fully repaving the intersections in the future.
114778819093	We need to re-imagine transportation in the city and move from having a solely car-centric city to instead facilitate realistic bike- and walk-friendly options. The additions of some bike lanes downtown was a great start but paltry in comparison to what is needed. For example there should be direct and safe biking/walking paths from every neighborhood to downtown, and interconnecting every neighborhood. From my neighborhood in King Farm, it takes 20 minutes and a 4 mile-maze to bike downtown, whereas the direct route via car is 2 miles. And it's impossible to bike to Twinbrook from King Farm safely. This is unacceptable. I understand that adding safe bike lanes may come at the expense of narrowing roadways and removing parking, but many cities have shown that once cars are removed and people realistically feel safe to bike and walk (especially with the emergence of e-bikes), then they choose that option en masse.
114778682888	Perhaps consider less frequent yard waste collection? Would it be a savings to collect every other week rather than every week? We are lucky to have it at all, people might not feel like they were losing much. another option: increase parking fees/decrease the number of hours until paid parking kicks in at rockville town center.
114778309808	Let's embrace the Montgomery College campus and create a college-campus feeling by redeveloping the underutilized parking adjacent to the campus into a walkable extension to the campus with a park, some retail, and housing.
	A marketing initiative - inventory Rockville's parks and cultural resources and identify any that could be candidates for investment to use as public venues, conference and event spaces, etc that aren't already in use. Invest in infrastructure as needed and then charge rental and usage fees.

114776805326	I recommend working with Capital Bikeshare to install additional stations along the newly added bike lanes to benefit places of interest such as the post office, the recreation center, and maryvale park.
114776129976	Well.....PAY YOUR EMPLOYEES! PASS THE COMP AND CLASS....MOVE EVERYONE UO WITHIN THEIR CURRENT SCALE....PEOPLE ARE LEAVING BECAUSE THERE ARE BETTER JOBS OUT THAT PAY MORE MONEY (Starting.....and top end)
114775262721	Keep costs low. We should not increase taxes to support optional programs. Maintenance of current infrastructure should be key and other priorities limited to current revenue.
114775157091	Read Richard Florida's books "who's your city" and "bowling alone." Make it easier for residents to engage in meaningful service projects!
114775141019	Rockville public transit should be free to low income people,
114775051679	My innovative idea is to reduce the footprint of the government in Rockville's daily life.
114774666816	I much preferred Hometown Holidays downtown rather than at RedGate. Anything that can be done to entice people to Town Square is worth doing, and RedGate is such a treasure for reasons having nothing to do with food trucks and live music. And I hope you're thinking ahead about the parking situation at what will be a Trader Joe's. It was bad enough in the Dawson's days.
114774169791	Revitalize the downtown and create a parking structure to support the amount of visitors that would patron the businesses. Otherwise everyone will go to Pike and Rose instead.
114774063101	reduce property taxes.
114774044302	Provide recreational and educational programs at Redgate park helping to build resilience, collaboration, and community in our diverse area.
114772745729	Please consider rent stabilization and greater corporate accountability as tools that must be utilized. Also, please take racial equity and social justice initiatives more important. This needs to be a priority of all decisions made by the Mayor and Council. Thank you.
114771148369	Please implement rent control...Montgomery county has rent control laws so we should too!
114770387642	Not sure but thanks for this survey and all your work!
114769994439	Enforce the existence law in traffic, parking, housing. Create an atmosphere for people to volunteer in school or government.
114769121601	Bajar las rentas de inquilinato a los arrendatarios
114767510204	It's vital to preserve open and undeveloped green space.
114767280565	There are many homeless people in town. Could more be done to help them find a next place? Many are released from the courts and wander Rockville streets. I talk to many of them and sometimes not much can be done, but some of them don't know how to get a job or directions to the metro which seems basic.
114766617742	Although I have no children in MCPS, I believe that it is in the best interest that MCPS put its resources in obtaining teachers and staff. At the same time, there should be more assistance that is affordable for baby boomers. Our best investment is our people.
114766577713	education on how to alleviate climate change

114766544493	Please work on affordable housing and fix the parking situation in rockville town center.
114766502291	Would be great if city could offer food recycling at homes that wish to participate rather than the current two drop off locations.
114766129977	PASS RENT STABILIZATION. PLEASE STOP CONTINUALLY WHITE WASHING THE CITY OF ROCKVILLE AND MAKING IT ONLY FOR THE ELITE. ROCKVILLE IS RACIST AND BIASED.
114765860198	Affordable apartments and houses
114764577731	more safety-less crime, more help for seniors.
114764487894	I live in Twinbrook, help Twinbrook! Keep making our communities safe! Widen the roads in Twinbrook, they are too small.
114764363098	Promote Rockville as the most important city in Montgomery County. We are the "capital" of Montgomery County.
114763708502	More bus lanes! More bike lanes!
114763161371	Walk in our shoes. Take public transportation. Look at sidewalks and intersections where people's landscaping grows into public pathways and reduces visibility for traffic at corners. Consider becoming a dark sky city. Thank you!
114762983857	<p>Spending a large budget on non priority project such as the senior center parking connection to gude dr. Seems like a poor strategy of budget allocation.</p> <p>In the other hand, the filling points should be a focus on future budget spending:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing services to low and middle income household (housing support, affordable children's care and recreation programs, school support, at home senior support), • increasing recreation capacity for children (some programs offered are constantly full and are in high demand, eg. Swimming and summer camps), • improving schools meals quality • increasing, promoting use/installation of renewable energy equipment for public and private building.
114762574278	I work and rent in Rockville. I think it's anti-democratic to run a city at the direction of a few powerful landlords who are willing to invest heavily in anti-rent stabilization policy for their own gain, instead of hearing the voice of renters all over the city who demand rent stabilization as a necessary step for a dignified, safe, and economically viable place to live.
114761174310	Rockville should prioritize its residents by implementing practical solutions. This is not meant to be a political statement but Rockville should not be a sanctuary city. It is overburdening schools and services. Love the diversity in Rockville but we have to have limits.
114759880939	Cut spending.
114759858823	Add botanical/agricultural , fine art, music, educational, seasonal events or ongoing to the farmstead.
114759551020	I love the composting drop off option and have been using is. But I would really love to see composting pickup offered by the city to encourage people to reduce their organic waste and use it toward nurturing plants. I think that is one indicator of a truly great-place-to-live type city that prioritizes reducing waste
114759484912	more affordable exercise for disabled and elderly
114759042697	pass rent stabilization
114758919559	Replace the James Pontius Unity Bridge and develop Lincoln Park community.

114752716555	More free parking in town center would bring more people to shop there.
114752643626	Improve the walkability to Shady Grove Metro, especially from the west. The I'll-maintained and narrow sidewalks and the lack of easy pedestrian passage through the parking lot discouraged use of Metro
114748906669	I have witnessed A LOT of unneeded landscaping in my area, paths that don't need repaving, grass that doesn't need cutting (sometimes there is no grass to cut), needless removal of mature flowering trees and shrubs. As far as I know, the city never asks for the opinions of my neighbors before trees are cut down. Money for these things could be spent in other areas like deer control which is a MAJOR problem in the Hungerford area.
114748885752	Not a budget thing but maybe consider allowing 2 dwelling units by right citywide? I don't live in Rockville but I grew up here and even having a masters degree and making 70k I don't feel my own hometown is affordable to me. Something has to give.
114748884433	Ineffective/non-productive employees retained in all areas. Blue collar employees not able to report ineffective employees due to retaliation. Perhaps oversight by one or two levels up - rid of ineffective employees and those retained due to favoritism.
114746503241	Improve water infrastructure and systems to improve long term cost and decrease to consumer (monthly water bill decrease)
114746257281	Adding turn light or making it no turn intersection on redland rd and Frederick rd
114744654283	Move the nature center to RedGate Park and incorporate programs as the park develops.
114744593155	Keeping part of restate as a 9 hole golf course with an all grass putt putt course and getting innovative with the rest of the land. Possibly a concert shell with a restaurant or brewery on site. So many other municipalities have innovatively repurposed city owned golf courses all over the country. It would be nice to explore some options that have worked successfully in other cities.
114744588175	Increase police presence and pursue low level criminals when possible. Lived in NY when the increase of low level crime enforcement helped reduce and deter more serious criminal activity since it was often perpetuated by many of the same people. Was affiliated with NYPD and FDNY when living there.
114743740435	Do not rely on regressive policies only.
114743731288	This document is hard to read because of the blue font. Please consider making it easier. Thanks
114743306360	As proposed by a citizens task force years ago, make access to Rockville city center attractive by providing rapid last mile transit services - connect from Metro station and bus stops on trunk lines, using automated vehicles - ensuring safety through a combination of dedicated lanes, priority at traffic lights, etc.
114742603360	Maintain focus on diversity, community and natural areas. Strong community supporting schools, smart planning (public transport and climate focus) and accessible parks
114737534358	Rent stabilization please
114737528563	I think the city should prioritize rent stabilization. The people who are unable to afford rent increases will leave the city, decreasing the amount of tax payers in the region and lowering revenue.

114737506224	Stabilize rent in Rockville. My neighbors in my apartment complex were forced to move because their rent jumped 50% when they tried to renew their lease, and this was perfectly legal and fine for the renting company to do. Please keep this from happening to Rockville renters.
114737401353	Talk to state about improving traffic flow on 355 through Gude Dr intersection. Terrible jam at rush hours.
114736987919	Have you thought about ways to save money?
114736123018	<p>I would love to see city property showcase native plants, including eliminating as much lawn as possible. People plant what they see in their neighbours yards, so normalizing native plants is key to widespread adoption (in addition to the benefits of native plants in their own right).</p> <p>2. Use perennials for the horticultural plantings on the meridians so that they don't have to get replaced three times a season. Even just use a meridian as a trial.</p>
114736088196	Any housing-economic-business-school integrated plan where you can live near your work - no need for cars.
114736087815	Mental health mobile crisis unit and outreach expansion, welcoming immigrants by supporting them in the difficult years ahead w resources, legal support, and ensuring rockville is a welcome safe place
114735560976	Aggressively pursue mixed use development, walkable areas, and denser housing
114735484160	Maximize telework for city employees to save money on unneeded office space and improve employee moral, work-life balance, and productivity. Support state initiatives to protect our environment, including protecting rare, threatened, and endangered species, non-native invasive species control measures, and banning sale of more NNI plants, since we aren't likely to get support for any environmental protection measures in the next administration and that administration seems to support states' power.
114733178791	We do not have any type of theater that compares with Round House, Olney has Black Rock, Kentlands has the Arts Barn. Our theaters are not very professional and do not appeal for a date night for a young couple or for seniors.
114732952963	Please add some benches to Wootton Mill Park near its entrances: 1. Greenplace Terrace at Fallsmead Elementary School 2. The parking lot off Hurley where the fitness channel begins 3. The Entrance off of Watts Branch Parkway. 4. At the bottom of the walking path into the park from Paulsboro Drive. This would give older people or less robust people a place to rest as they walk through the park. But it also gives a person a place to sit if they're waiting for a friend to meet them at the park to go walking. Thank you!!!

114732743434	<p>Extend the bike lane along Veirs Mill from the Twinbrook Connector Trail to the Veirs Mill/Twinbrook Parkway intersection. Cyclists and peds using the Rock Creek Trail otherwise have to take circuitous routes to get to the main intersection, which is home to many businesses and residences.</p> <p>More safety measures are needed at the crosswalk at Grandin Ave/First St. This crosswalk is close to another main intersection (Veirs Mill/First), so cars are usually speeding across all *four* lanes to clear the light and don't want to stop; often, they will attempt to go around stopped cars if they cannot see the pedestrians crossing. It is part of the direct route connecting Twinbrook to Rockville Town Center - Grandin has signage for the bike route - but it is a dangerous crossing. Flashing lights, a stoplight (like the one at Twinbrook Pkwy/Vandegrift), and/or a raised and colored walkway could go a long way for safety and accessibility.</p>
114732667968	<p>I love services and events that my child and I can safely walk or take the bus to. I chose to buy a home in Twinbrook 10 years ago because of the neighborhood's affordability and walkability. However, the shopping options and public spaces (e.g. the walking trail) off of Veirs Mill road are in decline. They also feel less safe for pedestrians.</p>
114730815226	<p>Please keep RedGate parkland as nature preserve.</p>
114729456875	<p>Coordinate with the State of MD to better time the traffic lights to stop idling at traffic lights and thereby reduce emissions by 30%. Currently, neither direction in any stretch allows clear egress.</p> <p>If Elon can land a spent booster on a floating barge, then the very capable employees of the City can accomplish controlled vehicle speeds, greatly reduced emissions, and more timely journeys with only 1 innovation.</p>
114729394923	<p>Have neighbor hood volunteers adopt areas in our community where we could replace mowed grass areas with native plants ...with an agreement for us to manage these</p>
114728561487	<p>Make (a part of) Red Gate Park a 'recreation' area. Look into adding Pickle Ball Courts; miniature golf courses (& charging a per person fee).</p>
114728295263	<p>PLEASE consider incentives to ensure Rockville city and county buildings put lights out after business hours. The number of office spaces burning the lights all night long is appalling. These are not only dangerous for migrating birds, they contribute to light pollution and just are a waste of fossil fuels. It's so easy to put motion sensors in buildings, or just turn the lights out to save money!</p>
114727886851	<p>-One way to collect money would be to ask for artist to donate their time and charge for entrance and this money can be used as donation.</p> <p>-Ask for donations.</p> <p>-Do a race/walk where each participant can pay a fee to participate.</p>
114727487804	<p>Please prioritize planting native plants/trees in parks and neighborhoods and eliminating harmful invasives like Callary ear and Tree of Heaven (host plant to invasive spotted lanternflies). Native plants are critical to local wildlife, which are also struggling with effects of climate change, light pollution, pesticides, etc. Our parks should be a safe haven for wildlife as well as humans</p>
114727431564	<p>Splash park At Twinbrook Rec</p>

114727418382	There is a gap in pedestrian/bile access on Viers Mill Road which greatly reduces accessibility. Please install sidewalk or walk/bike lane, or at least trim the overgrown trees/brush to distance pedestrians from cars, on Viers Mill Road between Twinbrook Parkway and the Twinbrook Connector Trail.
114727395704	more farmers markets festivals events clothing and food drives multiple times a year not just christmas
114727378869	Please reduce the extreme barriers to home improvement you've placed. If Twinbrook homes could be renovated or rebuilt easier, investors would flock here to improve the neighborhood, which would raise values and your tax base. For example, refusing to condemn a property that had no water, gas, or power for years and a massive hole to the crawl space is ridiculous. And now it was finally demolished, after you made it go through a 6 month process to determine if it was historic. And now we have a ditch in the ground for almost a year. Get your building and permit house in order! You don't need to raise taxes or reduce programs; just reduce the excessive burden and much of this will resolve in its own.
114727337196	Reach out to groups like WildOnes and Maryland Native Plant Society for ideas and volunteers!
114727318520	Make Route 355 safer for pedestrians.
114727218495	Please put a crosswalk light on first street at Grandin road. I've almost died there like 5 times.
114727207270	Composting made easier so we can throw less trash.
114727184581	Encourage local high schools to provide community service hours for students. They could help maintain park trails, learn to ID and remove non-native invasive plants, and plant native trees, wildflowers, and shrubs.
114727146850	Major focus on our environment. Educate residents about non-native invasive plants and the need to remove them on their property and plants native plants, not non-native plants and not cultivars, unless necessary.
114727146261	Silver Spring
114727089922	I know the speed cameras on west Montgomery Avenue are not operational. Why does the city have them out if that is the case? I find that wasteful & arrogant.
114726668458	Can we please work with MCPS to do something about the ocean of unused surface parking at Carver? It is such a waste of space on a busy thoroughfare. There must be a better use.
114726371963	Let's be a national leader in creating walkable neighborhoods that serve not just the most economically advantaged, but provide prosperity opportunities for those who are most disadvantaged.
114725503554	Is there a website where people can volunteer time or stuff that other people may need? If so, where is this advertised.
114723820739	Rockville's diversity rocks! Keep it affordable for us working folks and families.
114723679326	Rockville crime rate is worrisome eg recent shots fired in Welsch Park. This is my #1 issue.
114722874675	RedGate is already a magnet for birders and families. By emphasizing nature and expanding programming with the nature center (and maybe Rockville Science Center) the city could better monetize birders, and better serve families.
114722712478	Keep Rockville residents' kids in Rockville schools, don't send to Gaithersburg.
114722513759	Please build a covered shelter in Wootton Mills Park.
114722092517	Invest in RedGate Park with native plants.

114722072107	It is important to me to keep our natural resources and we have thoroughly enjoyed RedGate. Having Rock Creek in our area has kept us in Maryland.
114722020735	May I get back to you on this? It requires some thought.
	I would love it if I could bike with my family along the Rockville Pike/355 to all of the shopping and activities. Currently it is not safe to do. Developing protected bike lanes would be a great addition to our community. The Twinbrook pedestrian bridge would be a good start.
114721729186	Enhance the historic value of downtown Rockville with more 'Main Street' style shops (small storefronts, non-chain stores instead of modern chain restaurants and stores and outdated storefronts like those on North Washington Street, Maryland Ave, and Courthouse Sq.) to the streets surrounding the main square, thereby expanding the shopping/dining/entertainment experience beyond the square. Create more 'squares' social areas with events and activities. Consider adding playground components near downtown to make visiting more desirable to families.
114721463677	Please remove 90% of Rockville's public art and start over.
	Rockville needs an attraction that is unique to bring vitality to its soulless center.
114721030386	Deck over 355 near the Metro and build a Ferris wheel, market building, and make it a destination.
114720881456	no comment
114720789136	A focus on recreational or job training programming that integrates people of all abilities and backgrounds is an amazing way of building healthy and resilient communities. There are many great organizations within the community doing this work already. Continue to seek out partnerships to champion and support this work. This engages and uplifts citizens by recognizing and empowering homegrown initiatives that are already making a difference every day.
114720581922	Fill vacant space before building new buildings. Free parking at town center to make it vibrant. There are so many nice town centers and areas around.Ours in inconvenient and cumbersome to park. Free parking would drawl people there.
114720561971	Cut down the trees in the Town Square. They have grown too big and obscure the storefronts. They amplify the already claustrophobic feel of the space.
114720510657	Congratulations on keeping the park as "green" and wonderful for birds and plants as it is.
114720502501	I am so grateful for RedGate Park. I visit at least 5 times a week for my walk. Only want it maintained and not changed
114720451514	charge for parking at Hometown Holidays
114720366991	Let's go green! Installing solar panels, turning off lights in empty buildings, and asking City staff not to idle their engines, will save the City \$ while helping to combat climate change. Maybe even conduct a city-wide energy audit, to find other areas where waste can be reduced.
114720368043	We need to clean up the Food Scrap collection site at Rothgeb. The collection cans are disgusting. I don't know what Gaithersburg does at their collection site at Casey Community Center, but they are not covered with maggots. I would love to see more recycling opportunities. Single stream recycling is wasteful. Currently, I take my paper recycling to the Shady Grove Transfer Station.

114720316219	I don't like shooting and killing deer along the Rock Creek trail. Please find another way to keep the deer population manageable without resorting to murdering them.
114720261346	Please build a pathway from Lake Frank to Tedgate please.
114720260276	In the past year(s) I have seen so many cats (and dogs) out and about without a leash or a collar or an owner. I would like to see the fines increased for allowing your cat (and or dog) to run around the neighborhood chasing/killing other animals. Many owners feel that the current laws do not apply to them or their pet and if they are caught nothing is done. There is no follow up by animal control to see if anything has been done or fixed. There need to be more animal control officers and higher fines for violations. It is very frustrating to report something to Animal Control and then the next month the same thing happens again and again. The Animal Control officers need to follow up on complaints and fine individuals as appropriate. It seems like anything goes in Rockville and there are no fines or punishment for the violaters. Many dog owners do not pick up after their dog and there is no animal control enforcement. If the fines were higher and the penalties higher we would see the dog/cat owners pay more attention to what is going on with their pet. And last but not least there are many stray cats in our neighborhood and nothing is done to help them.... We report them but nothing is done..... A very sad situation for the stray animals. Anyways I truly hope that the current situation improves.
114720215797	I am very concerned that Rockville is getting more and more congested and green areas are being paved over. What solutions is the Rockville government working on to improve the dreadful congestion we now have. Does our city have any influence on Montgomery County government?
114720171414	Lower air conditioning and heating system use, switch off public lighting when not in use (like on stadium at night), develop the awareness about proper use of resources. This would help.
114720148483	Expand compost program?
114720112032	I love our parks, playgrounds and rec programs. Anything to fully fund or increase the budget to that department is greatly appreciated!
114720109234	I find the pet licensing process too expensive and complicated. Having to renew yearly when my dog's rabies vaccine lasts 3 years is very frustrating. Unnecessary waste of resources are spent on enforcement.
114720099494	Keep Rockville Green. On affordable housing - require developers to put aside a percentage of all new townhouse/apartment dwellings for working/low income professions. Raise the level of what is consider working/low income.
114720098785	Consider a volunteer program for composting household food (not meat) waste. This is environmentally and cost-effective way to reduce the costs of waste collection in MC.
114720097719	Solar energy
114720063032	Please support law enforcement to keep area safe for residents and visitors Thanks
114720009933	Please consider planting street trees that are native to the Rockville area to support our local ecosystems. Each year there are fewer butterflies and bees, and insects in general. Insects and seeds feed our birds and wildlife and our community is greatly diminished as these disappear.

114716756338	355 is very congested. I sometimes wish there was a light-rail style transportation to supplement the metro with stops that help transport people from neighborhoods to commerce centers.
114716639334	Hiring based on merit.
114716603980	Take care of I-270 infrastructure.
114715978338	Improve town center with stores that people want to shop at. A small Target or any other mainstream store might help.
114715895599	City of Rockville Residents should not have to pay Montgomery County taxes for services that we pay the city of Rockville for. The city of Rockville should petition that the county credit city residents for these redundant taxes.
114713682208	Explicitly prioritize the needs and voices of the disability community! We are a wide, diverse, growing population. If the city isn't inclusive of us, then that's to everyone else's detriment too. Remember, everyone ages, so everyone will be disabled in some way eventually. Lost eyesight, lost hearing, less mobility, etc. Wouldn't you want to be able to thrive in your community when it's your turn to experience those things? Why wait until it impacts you directly? Do the responsible thing now, and reap the dividends for years to come!
114712663238	Invest in hub and spoke models of economic development (i.e. community-centered planning). Having stores, cafes etc better integrated into existing communities will improve quality of life and drive economic growth, especially for small businesses. We can't keep building houses without supporting infrastructure.
114711945496	I would like to see a public running track with lights added to the city's recreational infrastructure. All running tracks in the city are associated with MCPS or MCC, and are subject to availability of those schools. Rockville has a large running community and this would be a tremendous resource to promote active living among all age groups.
114711223341	Stop the stranglehold of suburban sprawl and single-family-house zoning. How horrifying (not) to have attractive duplex, triplex, quadriplex, and small apartment and co-op housing and the transit infrastructure to support it. I mean, it really *isn't* innovative -- but it would be in certain neighborhoods that are loathe to consider this.
114710940867	bring the life sciences industry to Rockville we need another industry since the goverment workforce is remote now and AAA corprate bussiness are remote as well
114710853695	Place noise monitoring cameras along the length of West and East Gude Drive as well as Rockville Pike. Fine people who use Jake brakes, excessively speed, and roar by at all hours with manipulated engines and mufflers. The City makes money and residents can go back to living without noise pollution in our own homes. Win-win.
114710721616	Implement humane deer control
114710712046	Please replace traffic lights in Rockville with adaptive traffic lights to reduce unnecessary idling. Sitting at useless red lights with no cross traffic is so 20th Century. Please also install bicycle ramps on both staircases of the Metro pedestrian skybridge across 355 in town. Such a simple, passive help will encourage multimodal commuting and fewer car commutes.

114710044138	Stop spending money on outside contractors to perform studies and change management activities. If our existing city staff can't do these things, get them the training they need. If they still can't do them, replace them.
114708570307	Connect out bike trail to the Rock Creek Park; not that hard! Thank in advance.
114706555741	Too many leaving or empty businesses. Provide cheaper rent options for businesses to have a chance to survive
114706495085	<p>The city should implement a tree replacement program so that any trees that are cut down for safety are immediately replaced. In fact, it would be ideal to plant the next generation of trees before the big ones have to come down, but I don't know if that is feasible.</p> <p>We have terrible light pollution where I live in East Rockville. Ordinances restricting excessive light at night would be most welcome.</p>
114705918530	Upzoning. Increase the allowed residential density, particularly along corridors (Rockville Pike, Viers Mill, Gude, etc.) but also within SF neighborhoods, particular those near metro, Town Center, and First/Norbeck.
114705917580	Start a tree carving project in city park instead of removing old trees. Add art and would draw more usage
114705867623	I think the Rockville Police force needs to be systematically increased and the city systematically patrolled. Would also like to see them equipped with drones.
114702952703	The Friends of the Library has a great bookstore. Could this be brought into downtown Rockville? Could it be combined with the library? Could there be a reading area outside the library on the plaza?
114702482081	More lighted pedestrian cross walks in the entire city. / Town Center have roller skating /disco in the summer where the ice skating is in the winter. Or some other area.
114702455309	Trees and parks. This city is beautiful because of the green spaces and the tree lined streets. I would prioritize investing in maintaining and upgrading parks.
114702372667	Pedestrian Access stairs to the rt270 overpass closer to Rockshire.
114702125692	<p>LOVE all the new protected bike lanes. I frequently use the ones near town center with my elementary school children - I would feel much less safe without them. Having a safe bikeable connection to Twinbrook and Flower Valley neighborhoods from Rockville Town Center would be extremely valuable.</p> <p>Please focus on reducing intersections when designing bike paths (these are the most dangerous parts, biking along East Gude on the millenium trail is a bit scary with kids as we must come to a complete stop at each of the many crossings for safety). Would also like to see more separated bike paths through Lincoln Park area, Dover lane is marked as a bike route but it is not a good road to bike on, it is only one lane each way with no shoulder, and many small roads and driveway entrances. An off-road bike path there would be very nice (similar to on Horners lane) to safely connect that neighborhood by bike to the town center.</p> <p>Overall connecting SAFE child friendly separated bike paths is my highest priority.</p>
114701908599	Would love to see Town Center have more restaurant and shops open!!! Maybe a hardware store. There aren't any in the city!!! An indoor kids play place for families.
114701881876	Continue supporting pedestrian access, safety programs paying attention to enforcing codes such as keeping bicycles of sidewalks . . .

	<p>1. This mayor and council were elected with Rockville Town Center in mind, why is that not a priority?</p> <p>2. Transportation...bolstering mass transit, reliable bus service, supportive commuting benefits, etc etc</p> <p>3. Homeless - while it doesn't seem to be a widespread problem yet, its going to be.</p>
114701546576	<p>We dont need affordable housing in 5-7 years, we need it now. Lets start getting innovative. Hmm...there are these large vacant buildings that have multiple rooms. Wouldn't it be beneficial to retrofit these buildings into I dunno affordable apartments? I feel as though that could provide even an interim solution on affordable housing while the city waits for developers to delay delay delay and only have 1Br/1ba apartments for \$2600 p/month</p>
114701482117	Clean up lake frank
114701226529	more bike lanes more safety programs
114701169720	Reduce taxes billed to me per year. Reduce the employee level to one we can afford .
114701136234	<p>Redesign strip mall entrances and exits to improve line of sight for both drivers and walkers, to boost pedestrian safety. Right now, shrubs and signage block views and encourage drivers never to expect any pedestrians, but just to focus on speeding toward their shopping experiences. Some entrances compel pedestrians to either walk an enormously long way around, or break openings in hedges to get a safe view of drivers who are completely distracted by their phones, music, shopping schedule, etc. Similar problem for drivers trying to avoid pedestrians who are fully engaged with phones and not aware of their surroundings. Both groups end up angry and aggressive.</p>
114700979495	Please maintain your sidewalks and correct driveway aprons.
114700954954	Develop the Stonestreet corridor around Rockville metro station. Keep up the great work. I've lived in Rockville for 31 years and can't imagine living elsewhere.
114700722196	Please renovate wootton high school. It has been waiting for many many years.
114700593637	add benches in parks in areas where people walk
114700552723	Please prioritize BRT and pedestrian safety along Rockville Pike. The key issues in the Rockville 2040 Comprehensive Plan in Planning Area 9 are a great example of something that I would like to be brought to the forefront(p. 348-353). I think that it would make Rockville feel like a more cohesive community.
114700529519	Cement barrier Protected bike lines throughout the city please!
114700528101	Decrease focus on Planning and REDI on "placemaking" and micro-regulation; increase focus on economic development and deal-making.
114700523302	<p>I would consider doing something really innovative with the red gate golf course property. there are mini golf course properties around the United States bankrupt and have reinvented themselves. Some have built some apartment buildings and high-rise, senior, living places on part of the property and then kept nine holes of the golf course... And include an all grass putt putt course. Some of them have included a nice restaurant and outdoor music venue, which can be used for all kinds of arts and entertainment.</p>
114700522867	Fewer bike lanes!
114700519620	Please work on improving climate resiliency

114700502481	Reopen and Extend Seven Locks Road north from Wootton Parkway and integrate into Falls Road/I-270 Interchange. Annex NE corner of SGR & Montrose, & SW corner of 355 & Shady Grove Road, as well as other lands adjacent to Rockville as possible. Extend East Jefferson St. south to Wootton Pkwy.
114700482935	Please trim the trees in Rockville town center and get better lighting it's dark at night and especially with winter coming
114700452856	Please work to reduce rent for businesses! Especially in Rockville Town Square. We should be competitive with Pike and Rose... we have so much to offer!! This many chronically empty storefronts is a very bad look for our community.
114700172106	Please focus on economic growth and development within town center. There is so much potential- we need the city to focus efforts there so that we can be the next Pike and Rose.
114698999691	A youth learn-to-ride / bicycle safety program through either the after-school activity program or a summer camp run by the Parks and Recreation Department would be a great addition to its current offerings.
114696695883	Build a velodrome at RedGate Park.
114694471003	In the realm of affordable housing, following the County's lead on allowing morehousing in single family zoned land based on their distance from transit stations and growth zones would be a boon to the city and cost burdened young families.
114694142578	1) spray mosquito repellent near sidewalks, benches, and bus stops 2) add benches to all bus stops 3) Increased rat extermination 4) increase teen focused programs in Town Square 5) repair all broken crosswalk buttons
114693315971	Maintaining safety in our neighborhoods. Additional police officers
114693259296	We need street trees in our neighborhood
114692870164	Clean up park areas and remove invasive vines
114692810836	Reinvestment in schools and areas that are not as high income.
114691812190	Give tax incentives for homeowners to make their house greener examples: replacing gutters, replacing windows and doors, etc. And also need more police presence in the shopping plazas examples: Twinbrook Center and Market place. There's been a lot of activity at those two shopping plazas.
114691658232	I believe there should be more programs and tax breaks to those in the lower - middle class bracket. Right now, it is very difficult for a family of four with an income of about 90,000 a year to live comfortably in this area. It is even more difficult for a single person to afford a studio apartment without assistance. For infrastructure, pedestrian safety, roads, and bus stops should be top priority. Building a pedestrian bridge in Twinbrook is a start, but red light cameras and red light phase would be most beneficial to pedestrians and City revenue.
114690404145	We should somehow expand town center. Build up from the epicenter to increase housing. It would allow to maintain and sustain our green space. Rockville has too many town houses.
114690280972	I would like to see a city compost program. Would also love to see more parks acquired and more community garden plots set up. I currently have one at Wootons Mill and my family cherishes it. I would also love to see more pedestrian and bike accessibility throughout the city.

114690243732	I love the programs for the children
114690069586	Create a senior corps of stipended senior citizens to provide services to vulnerable residents. Promote intergenerational activities, perhaps n town square space. Seek more partnerships with nonprofit groups to address residents needs. lower recreation fees for lower income children and youth hire more seriously disabled people to work for City government. partner with MCPS for reuse of MCPS facilities and properties in city
114689849164	City should start a lending library like Seattle and other cities have, to allow citizens to lend tools, electronics, sports equipment, etc.
114689840837	Stop commercial development where we tax payers and shoppers have to pay higher prices when commercial real estate companies are left with large empty spaces they cannot rent to a tenant because of the HIGH OVERHEAD RENT. In the Towncenter, the commercial property at the intersection of East Middle Lane and North Washington Street is a perfect example. This space has remained vacant for at least FOUR years.
114689720070	You are driving the middle class out!!!!?
114689486682	Offer all Rockville citizens gym membership access to health and fitness options, through sponsorship and deals with industry.
114689485496	Form focus groups to figure this out together. Too much for just one brain. B
114689480595	Increase the pedestrian accessibility of the Pike by widening sidewalks (or creating a shared use / traffic-calming median) and adding a BRT lane.
114689416176	Reorient planning to leverage existing public transportation resources and create a walkable community. Rockville neighborhoods should be linked to commercial areas and metro to reduce suburban sprawl and traffic and encourage walking.
114689411724	Allow more open space to simply relax with no sound other than through play or conversations.... Or QUIET live music.
114689400396	keep fees low for senior citizens
114689398844	Cut programs and budgets on DEI and restorative justice. DEI is racist and discriminatory. Replace DA and judges who will not punish criminals. Increase budgets of police by eliminating DEI program funding.
114689387605	Solar canopies should be installed in all outdoor parking lots. The courthouse windows should have solar. Any opportunity to decrease our carbon footprint and show that Rockville can be a leader in mitigating climate change should be prioritized.
114689381249	I'd like to see the recreation like rockville pool increase fees for non residents of rockville city, and also the lessons offered should be offered to residents to sign up for the first week, then non residents.
114689375344	Please do whatever you can to increase the economic development, support small businesses, find a balance of businesses and restaurants that attract a wide variety of consumers.... more revenue to businesses makes this a more attractive area, brings in more revenue.... we have been shooting ourselves in the foot. We need a grocery store back where Dawson's was -- or something. vacancies filled by Vis-Arts are better than a vacant space, but we need a better retail mix and a better balance of restaurants (overbalanced with Asian right now -- wonderful places, but not balanced).
114689374586	Focus on basic city services and maintenance. Try to make government more cost effective. (It isn't)

114689342530	Give police higher salaries and hire more cops!
114689338895	Having the new bike lane (on Middle lane, N Washington and in process on Beall) and decreased space for driving actually sends more potential people away from the city. Many people I know will not frequent town center because of the traffic and difficulty parking. The lot A in town center that now has a large unusable space because it's being leased is a problem
114689325040	Figure out how to blend with the County programs and take charge of the county seat.
114689320661	Homeowners need a break. It is too expensive to live here. We need a tax cut.
114689317136	More work on parks and unused land and commercial buildings to increase usage, avoid unused space.
114689305365	Reduce contracted mowing and lawn maintenance frequency. E.g., we are in a drought and the grass is not actively growing. Regardless, last week there were 3 (!) guys with LOUD gas-powered leaf blowers blowing around the dust and about 5 leaves on Courthouse Sq. What an appalling waste of money and gas while decreasing air quality. There has to be a way to not do this.
114689297338	Eco Dev: Attract Java Nation to former Eko House location in Town Square. Brand Gude area tile/cabinet/carpet/remodeling shops as a "design district", grow related tenants, and market broadly. Invest in a mid-size live music venue near Metro to bring smaller touring acts to Rockville. Ensure Rockville Regal remains an operational movie theatre.
114689296477	Greatest value to least well-off residents
114689295204	Build a sound barrier for the metro and train. More Pike and Rose style development, improve the twin Brook neighborhood by the metro. More walking options, less cars.
114689293341	Focus and spend more on the needs of current residents rather than creating more development that only increases density, traffic and stress.
114689293540	We should have a tool library for homeowners to borrow.
114689292143	Increase availability of one-level senior housing or first floor primary suites in two-level houses.
114689244645	Thank you for the city support of the village organizations. The programs are out growing the requirements for sustainability. Please increase the budget for staff.
114688472378	cut waste. go back to the basics, safety, clean streets
114687767672	Some sort of community center in West Rockville so people could meet in the winter, have book clubs, meetings, cards, etc
114687733826	Rockville needs to do a better job of connecting its trails with The County. Specifically, please consider connecting civic center trails with Rock Creek. Community trails exist but it is dangerous to cross Baltimore road there or swim Rock Creek. Also, please consider connecting Redgate park down to the Rock Creek trail. A bridge is needed to cross Rock Creek so that the dangerous Avery road can be avoided.
114687309246	While far fetched, I would love to see Rockville take over some of the state roads going through the city. the SHA has been the biggest impediment to comprehensive infrastructure updates and if a budget would allow for it taking some roads into the city's ownership would allow for better upkeep and development. Personally I would recommend Jefferson street and w Montgomery ave. These are locations within a dense part of Rockville that are especially problematic but could be made significantly better under the city's ownership.

114683321757	The N. Washington and vicinity bike lanes are a mess and don't get used enough to justify the mess.
114680620856	Encourage more mixed commercial-residential development! Completely residential neighborhoods with no walkability to businesses are financial unsustainable, bad for quality of life, and a holdover from a more racist, segregationist period of history.
114679684073	Stop building strip malls with massive parking lots in the middle and businesses all disconnected. Encourage development of walkable, mixed commercial/residential areas instead of necessitating people to drive to a single business and then leave. Also, develop community food forests with volunteers to help maintain them.
