

Community Conversation Comments

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Lexington Park Development District Plan

Conversation Tasks:

Nearly 130 citizens signed in for the event. The large group broke into smaller working groups and a recording secretary selected. Individuals reported their answers to the four questions posed during the consultant presentation. The group discussed the two conversation questions. The recording secretary reported findings to the entire audience.

Conversation Questions:

After the presentation of several sub-areas in the Development District, the following questions were asked to the audience:

Question A:

What statement of possibility for the Lexington Park Development District can you make that has the power to transform or inspire the community?

Question B:

Are we on the right track? Would you prioritize any one area over the others? If so why?

Conversation Comments:

- **Lauren's Group:**
 - Question (A)
 - Smaller than Washington DC, more rural character, beautiful county and country
 - "Lexington Park the Place of the Future"
 - Fun, laughter, cheer, Lexington Park
 - Connecting communities
 - Great Families, Great Fun and Great Life
 - Connecting old and new
 - Question (B)
 - Millison Plaza Area
 - Giving more of an identity and façade
 - Safety is important
 - FDR Boulevard extended-the group wants it
 - Lexington Manor- develop more
 - Lancaster Park- community space to connect with Lexington Manor
 - Need more things that are kid-friendly
 - Affordable (not section 8) housing for young professionals

- **Deb's Group:**
 - Question (A)
 - Lexington Park to be a destination, family focus (fun centers) and provide opportunities for teens
 - Centers of commerce, better developed areas
 - Cultural focus
 - Market what is unique to St. Mary's County and make it a destination
 - Question (B)
 - Great Mills Road- From Gate 2 to St. Mary's Square (priority)
 - St. Mary's Square south (secondary)
 - Know what SHA is doing
- **Sue's Group:**
 - Question (A)
 - Walkable Mixed-Use Beautiful Urban Town Center for something for youths
 - Downtown that feels like a downtown, connected to new and existing neighborhoods
 - Community that is safe, family-friendly and provides many amenities
 - Central core with places and activities to walk to.
 - Question (B)
 - On the correct track on breaking up the Development District into manageable areas for study
 - Need to study the benefits and opportunities for FDR expansion
 - Feeling similar to a "Parole" type development (mixed-use)
 - Look at Chancellor's Run for growth and expansion opportunities and redevelopment
 - Revamp old strip malls and shopping centers
 - Go vertical in building height and not sprawling
- **Keith's Group**
 - Question (A):
 - Define Town Center around Millison Plaza
 - Village Center at Route 246 and 237
 - Fill in the area between Town Center and Village Center with mixed uses of commercial and residential that fully complements all incomes.
 - Make Great Mills Road walkable
 - Gateways on Chancellor's Run and Great Mills
 - YMCA partnership?
 - Trolley on the Great Mills Road
 - Question (B)
 - 5 year plan (i.e. Parole; Silver Spring)
 - Mixed use of income on Great Mills Road
 - Keep rural character
 - Quatman Road ponds on mine site (Chaney?) is a great amenity to capitalize upon
 - Architecture and Design Standards

- **Robin's Group**
 - Question (A)
 - Lexington Park is the center for culture and entertainment for county residents of all ages
 - Lexington Park is perceived for educational and technological excellence
 - Lexington Park becomes a vibrant safe dynamic urban community
 - Lexington Park improved image and reputation that reflects the "Pride in the Park" which this community richly deserves
 - Question (B)
 - Great Mills Road corridor and Lexington Park core are the priority areas for the master planning process
- **BJ's Group**
 - Question (A)
 - "Transforming"
 - Quality housing for all that is affordable
 - Economic Diversity (Manufacturing Opportunities)
 - More bike-friendly roads
 - Question (B)
 - Great Mills corridor revitalization
 - Social issues
 - Movie theater
 - Small businesses!
 - Preservation of the history of buildings and sense of place
 - Example: old fire house
 - Slow traffic down on Great Mills Road
 - Don't make Lexington Park a Waldorf
 - Concerns about FDR Boulevard expansion (positives and negatives)
 - Need activities and things for kids
 - **Sandy's Group**
 - Question (A)
 - Walkable communities
 - Prince George's county sports complex (support families and youth)
 - Entertainment and Restaurants for families
 - LEED-ND – marketability and sustainability
 - i.e. Greenville, Kansas