

KEEDYSVILLE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN APPENDIX B: SURVEY RESULTS

1. How many years have you lived in Keedysville?

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| 0-5 | 12 |
| 5-10 | 6 |
| 10-15 | 2 |
| 15+ | 5 |
| Lifetime | 3 |

2. Do you own or rent your home?

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| Own | 28 |
| Rent | |

3. If you were to move, what type of housing would you move in to?

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|---------------|----|
| Single Family | 24 |
| Townhouse | 1 |
| Mixed-Used | |
| Multi-Family | |
| Duplex | |
| Other | |
| No Answer | 3 |

4. What type of commercial services do you want to have in town?

| | Very Important | Important | Fairly Important | Don't Care | Allow as Home Occupation SE | No Answer |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|-----------|------------------|------------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Adult Care | 2 | 5 | 5 | 8 | 1 | 8 |
| Antique Shop | | 3 | 5 | 14 | 1 | 5 |
| Bakery | | 5 | 9 | 7 | | 6 |
| Barber/Salon | 1 | 4 | 3 | 11 | 3 | 5 |
| Candy Store | | | 2 | 16 | | 8 |
| Child Care | 4 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 4 | 5 |
| Coffee Shop | 1 | 10 | 5 | 5 | | 6 |
| Commercial Parking Lot | | | 2 | 15 | 1 | 7 |
| Convenience Store | 9 | 5 | 4 | 3 | | 5 |
| Deli | 4 | 6 | 5 | 5 | | 6 |
| Dentist/Doctor | 5 | 4 | 4 | 6 | | 7 |
| Dry Cleaners w/o processing equipment | | 2 | 4 | 12 | | 7 |
| Farmer's Market | 2 | 6 | 10 | 3 | 1 | 7 |
| Florist | 1 | | 4 | 15 | 1 | 7 |
| Ice Cream Shop | 1 | 4 | 4 | 11 | | 7 |
| Pharmacy | 3 | 5 | 5 | 6 | | 8 |
| Tailor/Dressmaker | | | 2 | 16 | 4 | 7 |
| Veterinarian | 1 | 4 | 6 | 11 | 1 | 6 |

COMMENTS: 4. What type of commercial services do you want to have in town?

Barber/Salon

> Have one here

Candy Store

> No

Child Care

> Have one here

Coffee Shop

> "Fairly Important: But we have the Red Byrd"

Commercial Parking Lot

> No

> No

Convenience Store

> Have one here

> Have already and it's too expensive

> Gas

Deli

> Have one here

Dentist/Doctor

> Have one here (circled Doctor)

Dry Cleaners with no processing

> No

> No

5. How important are the following attributes in your town?

| Attribute | Very Important | Fairly Important | Adequate | No Opinion | No Answer |
|----------------------------------|----------------|------------------|----------|------------|-----------|
| Attractive Streetscape | 20 | 6 | | | 2 |
| Bicycle/Pedestrian Trails | 9 | 12 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Beautification: flowers/trees | 19 | 4 | 3 | | 2 |
| Community Activities | 9 | 12 | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| Historic Preservation | 16 | 8 | 2 | 2 | |
| Improve Housing Stock | 7 | 8 | 3 | 3 | 7 |
| Lighting in Streets | 16 | 8 | 4 | | |
| Open Space | 16 | 7 | 2 | | 3 |
| Public Transportation | 4 | 8 | 8 | 4 | 4 |
| Senior Services | 8 | 10 | 3 | 3 | 4 |

COMMENTS: 5. How important are the following attributes in your town?

Improve Housing Stock

> Don't know what this means

Public Transportation

> It would be nice!

Senior Services

> We have a Senior Center now at the old school building.

> Too many developments for water supply. Repair dam, bring water level up, bring back fishing areas for adults and especially kids - always had fishing rodeos! Very nice!! Trout fishing landmark of Keedysville. New people in the community are completely unaware of the dam - its beauty and its trademark on the town. This is an insult to our town to let this deteriorate.

6. List the importance of improving the following facilities in town in the next 20 years

| | Extremely | Very | Fairly | Hardly | Insignificant | No Answer |
|----------------------------|-----------|------|--------|--------|---------------|-----------|
| Roadways | 12 | 6 | 2 | | | 8 |
| Water Supply | 15 | 7 | 2 | | | 4 |
| Sewer Treatment | 11 | 5 | 6 | | | 5 |
| Stormwater Management | 11 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 6 |
| Municipal Buildings | 1 | 4 | 9 | 6 | 1 | 6 |
| Parks and Recreation | 4 | 8 | 9 | 2 | 2 | 5 |
| Solid Waste Management | 8 | 7 | 5 | 1 | | 7 |
| Libraries | 5 | 9 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 4 |
| Assisted Living Facilities | 2 | 3 | 13 | 4 | 1 | 5 |
| Cultural Resources | 2 | 3 | 14 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| Parking Facilities | 1 | 1 | 10 | 5 | 6 | 5 |
| Floodplain Management | 10 | 5 | 6 | 2 | | 5 |
| Utilities | 12 | 9 | 3 | | | 6 |
| Disaster Plan | 12 | 4 | 5 | | 1 | 6 |

COMMENTS: 6. List the importance of improving the following facilities in town in the next 20 years

Roadways

- > After water pipes are fixed.
- > Speed

Sewer Treatment

- > Have public sewer system now.

Municipal Buildings

- > Just got new building

Libraries

- > Improve existing building

7. Check the box next to objectives you would like to see reflected in the Comprehensive Plan.

| | Needs to be Addressed |
|---|-----------------------|
| Historic preservation district or floating zone | 12 |
| Grandfathering of non-conforming uses | 3 |
| Modernization of downtown area | 8 |
| Improve revenue base (not taxes) | 9 |
| Beautification (trees, flowers, etc.) | 17 |
| Green Building or Environmentally Sound Buildings | 10 |
| Additional Zoning or Code Enforcement | 11 |
| Economic or Tourist Development | 4 |
| Less signs and visual distractions seem from the street | 4 |
| Characterization of town as a Bedroom Community | 5 |
| Additional employment opportunities in town | 6 |

COMMENTS: 7. Check the box next to objectives you would like to see reflected in the Comprehensive Plan.

Improve revenue base (not taxes)
 > Does Boonsboro pay for water?

Historic preservation district or floating zone
 > We have one already.

Less signs and visual distractions seen from the street
 > Bury the wires on Main Street
 > Bury telephone and electric lines.

Characterization of town as a Bedroom Community
 > Already is
 > Nothing wrong with this

8. Do you feel a sense of community within your neighborhood?

| | |
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| Yes | 21 |
| No | 2 |
| No Ans | 5 |

9. What are key issues the town faces today? What do you think makes Keedysville special and adds to a good quality of life?

- Working hard to maintain Keedysville as a small town without overgrowth of developments around town. We don't want to be the next Middletown, MD. Slowing down traffic on Main Street.
- Too many water leaks and power outages.

- Water-traffic-poor streets. Quiet, small town atmosphere laid back with a sense of community and hometown pride.
- It's nice because it is a small community and we should work to preserve that atmosphere.
- The small town environment.
- Water system and streetscape
- Revenue base, road improvement, small-town feel – close to the City
- Quiet town
- No businesses – all homes
- Conflict between “rental district” and longtime homeowner in the middle of town.
- On street parking. There are not enough parking areas for the residents. I believe that having the parking on the street slows down the speeders and there are quite a few speeders in Keedysville.
- Growth. I'm in the newer neighborhood and Keedysville's rapid growth needs have to be weighed against its history. Balance must be found.
- The history rich area and beautiful scenery. The small quiet town is what brought us here. We would like a few added conveniences – but not a lot of growth.
- Everybody needs to keep their properties clean and painted – no trash – no non-operating equipment or vehicles. Sidewalks need to run all the way from one end of town to the other. New modern streetlights. Possible underground wiring? Flower boxes on houses or pots along all Main Street.
- Most residents take pride in maintaining and improving their homes. Some rental units need encouragement to properly care for the property.
- I don't think I've lived here long enough to know any issues, but one of the reasons we moved here was because it is quiet and small. It isn't too far away from all these things. Do we really need to add to our cute little town?
- Still offers small-town feel. Wish it were less of a bedroom community that people could find work here.
- 1) Well governed. Council and Mayor and Clerk strive to please. Very conscientious people who really care. 2) Growth
- Replacing water main lines and then fixing sidewalks. When I first drove into Keedysville 15 years ago my first thought was “What a pretty little town!” Second thought, “Man they should bury those ugly telephone and electric lines!!” Then it would be a true gem!

10. Anything else that you would like us to know is appreciated.

- Please, please bury the electrical/phone lines!!
- 1) Fix area where recycling is, it's a mess. If problem with landowner move it behind library and still make landowner clean up that mess and remove the hotel sign. 2) Force landowner at end of Main Street across from Yankee Drive to tear down those abandoned buildings before a child is hurt. If he won't do it, then the town should and put a lien on the property.
- Not at this time.
- Would like to see the town move forward with alternative power issue like turbine power.
- I love our park and sense of small town.

- Keedysville is in between DC and WV. WV is the main location for many of DC agencies' back up locations. Martinsburg and the surrounding areas cannot handle the sheer number of workers that will need to be housed and fed. What's Keedysville's plan for itself and for an emergency in DC?
- Speed is a huge issue in our little town – with the opening of Dog Street onto Sumter Drive in Canon Ridge and down Dog Street onto Main Street – there still needs to be consideration for speed bumps. Sometimes it seems our small town can't handle the traffic.
- We appreciate quick response to storm damage of trees and great snow control.
- Curb-side recycling! Make recycling mandatory!!! Every time I go the recycling bin behind the Red Byrd it is always full!
- Perhaps attract artisans to our town – old-fashioned stuff.
- Please consider PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION or CARPOOLING system – we need to own a car here.
- I would like to see the Street Scape Project and water system updates completed in the next 3-5 years.
- The town needs to be cleaned up and it needs some rules on keeping the properties painted and repaired. And no more houses that are not with the décor of the historical houses there. It has never looked so bad.