

Arlington: Where are we Now and Where do we want to Go?

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Top responses

<p>What do we value?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walkable community 30 Schools 29 Location 27 Participation in gov't – good, easy, lots of ways, volunteerism 26 	<p>What is missing?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> More and better retail stores 16 Parking for commercial – more, better, signage 10 Innovation centers and new business 9 Night life 9 Maintenance of parks, infrastructure, open space 9
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<p>What is worth keeping?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participation in gov't./ civic engagement 13 Accessibility, location 12 Open space/recreation 12 	<p>What is worth cultivating?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community centers, gathering places 7 Diversity – including age and income 7 Open space, trees, natural resources – protect And improve 6

Summary of Results

What we value	
Topic	Cited
walkable	30
schools	29
location	27
participation in govt--good, easy, lots of ways, volunteerism	26
public transit	21
community feeling/sense of community	20
diversity	19
perfect mix of urban/suburban/ town (sweet spot)	18
family friendly	16
Minuteman bikepath	16
restaurants	16

What is special?

Topic	Cited
Human capital (People make an impact)	25
Open/outdoor spaces	23
Good schools/ neighborhood schools	16
Urban/suburban mix	12
Active community	11
Cultural opportunities	11
Bikepath	10
Demographic diversity	10
Sense of community	10
Sense of History	10
Three "downtowns" - small business strengths	10
Walkable	10

What is worth keeping?

Topic	Cited
participation in govt./civic engagement	13
Accessibility, location	12
Open space/recreation	12
Diversity of population	9
Schools and education	9
small businesses	8
Cultural amenities	6
History and Historic preservation	6
Transportation choices	5
Affordability	4
Bike path	4
Family friendly, all ages	4
Town services	4
Town Meeting	4
Walkability (scale)	4

What is Missing?

Topic	Cited
More and better retail stores	16
Parking for commercial--more, better, signage	10
Innovation centers, new bus.	9
Night life	9
Maintenance of parks, infrastructure, open space	9
Affordable housing	7
businesses, more	7
Community meeting places	7
Revenue generation for Town	7
Jobs, industry	6

What is possible?

Topic	Cited
Protect/enhance and expand businesses, consistent with Town character	17
Create deck parking areas; expand parking options; create parking plan	10
Create/maintain more open space areas; more diverse use of these spaces	9
More fun things to do at night; community festivals (like acapella competitions, art, cultural activities)	9
Plan for growth in the school population	8
Promote Arlington as History location	8
Improve public transit and options for public transit - Bikeshare, Green line expansion, improve bus stops	7
Plan for growth of school/improvement facilities - land acquisition	7
Work to support "green community" development	7
Intergenerational community center	6
Make a safer biking and walking environment	6
Nitetime ice skating; flood lit playgrounds, concerts	6

What is worth cultivating?

Topic	Cited
Community ctrs, gathering places	7
Diversity, age, income	7
Open Space, trees, natural resources--protect, improve	6
Cultural development, promotion	5
Innovation center, promote innovative environment	5
Schools--great, great facilities	5
Transportation choices	5
Carbon footprint reduction, green sustainable...	3
Mass. Ave. corridor--invest, improve, vibrant, all modes	3
Recreational options	3
Retail--develop more & better mix	3
Tax base sustainable	3
Tourism, business revenue	3