



Vision 2020

Report
to
Town Meeting

May 7, 2014



To: Town Meeting Members and Town Officials

From: Vision 2020 Standing Committee and Task Groups

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The Vision 2020 Standing Committee and its Task Groups are pleased to present this report on their projects and activities for 2013, Warrant Article 39, and the 2014 Annual Survey, "Help Shape the Future: Arlington's Library, Open Spaces, and Household Waste Programs." Complete survey results and analysis will be available on the Town website this summer. Initial data tables follow this introduction.

Details of the work Vision 2020 has performed on behalf of the Town of Arlington during 2013 appear in:

- The Town's 2014 Annual Report, pages 96-105, which briefly reviews Vision 2020's history, describes specific Standing Committee and Task Group accomplishments in 2013, and includes results of the 2013 Vision 2020 Annual Survey, "Collaborative Arlington: Exchanging Information, Working Together." Findings from that survey have been cited in recent online discussions about pre-Town Meeting Community meetings.
- The Finance Committee's Report to the 2014 Annual Town Meeting, which shows their recommended vote for Warrant Article 39 (Water Bodies Fund) and the inclusion of Vision 2020 in Warrant Article 35 (Appropriation/ Committees and Commissions).

Vision 2020 is in transition as an organization. Its reexamination of its purposes, processes, and leadership structures continues during 2014. The 2014 town survey is a successful example of a new Vision 2020 process. The survey focused on three town organizations -- the Library, Open Space Committee, and the DPW -- that are engaged in long range planning. Vision 2020 collaborated with these organizations to develop survey questions and a process for sharing survey findings on a biweekly to monthly basis as surveys came in. Since January, Vision 2020 has been providing comments from the surveys and initial trend data to these organizations.

Underlining the benefits of this approach, Library Director Ryan Livergood said, "The Library is implementing data received from the Vision 2020 survey into our new Strategic Plan. We believe the information we gathered from the Vision 2020 survey will help us to improve the library experience for everyone in our community." Speaking for the Department of Public Works, Charlotte Milan, Recycling Coordinator, said "We can use this information to inform how we improve outreach to residents and continue to build positive recycling habits while reducing solid waste costs for the town." The Open Space Committee has already initiated a series of Arlington Advocate articles which will feature open space sites, starting with those the survey identified as having high percents of "Don't Know About" responses. Ann LeRoyer, Chair of the Open Space Committee, said, "The survey is bearing immediate direct results in terms of community education, and it will be incorporated into the next Open Space Plan for posterity." In addition to providing timely data to the town, this year's survey also achieved a 34% return rate, a Vision 2020 record. Of the 19,383 surveys mailed out with the census, 6,536 completed surveys were returned by the March 17 deadline. We deeply appreciate residents' participation.

As part of its revisioning and revitalization efforts, Vision 2020 has conducted an internal survey, developed a leadership team job description, and initiated a search for new leaders.

Vision 2020 Annual Survey Results for 2014

Demographics

Total Responses:
6,536

Precinct

	#	%
Pct. 1	235	3.6%
Pct. 2	310	4.7%
Pct. 3	304	4.7%
Pct. 4	308	4.7%
Pct. 5	272	4.2%
Pct. 6	317	4.9%
Pct. 7	304	4.7%
Pct. 8	347	5.3%
Pct. 9	315	4.8%
Pct. 10	318	4.9%
Pct. 11	311	4.8%
Pct. 12	344	5.3%
Pct. 13	290	4.4%
Pct. 14	295	4.5%
Pct. 15	296	4.5%
Pct. 16	286	4.4%
Pct. 17	286	4.4%
Pct. 18	297	4.5%
Pct. 19	317	4.9%
Pct. 20	296	4.5%
Pct. 21	320	4.9%
No Response	168	2.6%

Household includes children < 18

	#	%
Under 18 yrs	1,933	29.6%

Household includes 18-29 year olds

	#	%
18-29 yrs	1,009	15.4%

Household includes 30-44 year olds

	#	%
30-44 yrs	2,119	32.4%

Household includes 45-54 year olds

	#	%
45-54 yrs	1,708	26.1%

Household includes 55-64 year olds

	#	%
55-64 yrs	1,543	23.6%

Household includes 65-74 year olds

	#	%
65-74 yrs	1,122	17.2%

Household includes 75+ year olds

	#	%
75+ yrs	993	15.2%

Years in Arlington¹

	#	%
<5	1,605	24.6%
6-15 yrs	1,748	26.7%
16-25 yrs	1,028	15.7%
26-40 yrs	872	13.3%
40+ yrs	1,180	18.1%
No Response	103	1.6%

Housing Type

	#	%
Single family	3,347	51.2%
2-family	1,806	27.6%
3-8 unit bldg	351	5.4%
9+ unit bldg	715	10.9%
No Response	317	4.9%

Own/Rent

	#	%
Rent	1,650	25.2%
Own	4,654	71.2%
No Response	232	3.5%

How many people are in your household?

	#	%
1-2 people	3,444	52.7%
3-4 people	2,213	33.9%
5-6 people	321	4.9%
7+ people	20	0.3%
No Response	538	8.2%

¹There are two age ranges that overlap, 26-40 yrs and 40+ yrs. This is how the choices were presented in the paper survey.

*Note: Because of rounding, some choices add to 99 or 101%.

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Arlington's Libraries - Robbins Library and the Fox Branch Library

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The %'s shown on this page represent the % of total responses for each question.

How does the survey information benefit the Library?

According to Andrea Nicolay, Assistant Director of the Library, "The timing of the 2014 survey couldn't have been better for the Library because we were in the process of developing our new Strategic Plan just as the valuable Census survey results were rolling in." Director Ryan Livergood said, "The Library is implementing data received from the Vision 2020 survey into our new Strategic Plan. We believe the information we gathered from the Vision 2020 survey will help us to improve the Library experience for everyone in our community."

How likely is it that your household would use these Library services?

	#			%		
	likely	very likely	not likely	likely	very likely	not likely
Check out books	1,512	3,454	1,263	24%	55%	20%
Attend technology/computer trainings	1,049	338	4,578	18%	6%	77%
Use study/meeting rooms	1,509	568	3,888	25%	10%	65%
Download eBooks/eAudioBooks	1,976	1,545	2,447	33%	26%	41%
Use Arlington/regional history resources	1,686	440	3,835	28%	7%	64%
Borrow museum passes	2,294	1,523	2,243	38%	25%	37%
Attend library-sponsored events/programs	2,635	1,015	2,378	44%	17%	39%
Attend book discussion groups	1,165	284	4,502	20%	5%	76%
Use a makerspace with a 3D printer	1,057	413	4,403	18%	7%	75%
Use Library databases	2,110	1,234	2,648	35%	21%	44%
Use Library social media (Facebook, blog)	698	222	5,012	12%	4%	84%
Request an item from another library	1,663	2,414	2,029	27%	40%	33%

How frequently do people in your household use the Library?

		Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Yearly	Never	Just started
In Person:	#	75	1,549	2,331	1,169	1,007	211
	%	1%	24%	37%	18%	16%	3%
Online:	#	106	970	1,494	721	1,997	225
	%	2%	18%	27%	13%	36%	4%

What would increase your use of the library

	#	%
More hours	1,625	14%
Summer weekend hours	2,084	18%
Add. popular materials	949	8%
More entertaining programs	975	9%
Variety of useful programs	1,278	11%
More downloadable content	1,441	13%
Better parking	2,599	23%
Additional locations	413	4%

Has your household used the Library as a place to stay:

	No		Yes	
	#	%	#	%
Warm:	5,728	96%	213	4%
Cool:	4,406	84%	861	16%

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Open Space Committee

Arlington's Open Space Committee is revising the Town's 2007-2014 Open Space and Recreation Plan to provide more current information and to fulfill a requirement of the State Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. Many of the Town's recreational areas and large open spaces (such as the Minuteman Bikeway, Spy Pond, Menotomy Rocks Park and Robbins Farm) are popular and well used, but a variety of smaller parks and natural areas are not as well known. To find the location of these parks, go to <http://arlingtonma.gov/maps> and click "Vision 2020 Map of Arlington".

How does the survey benefit the Open Space Committee?

A review of Open Space data showed low use of some sites and high percents of "Don't Know About" responses. To address this, Open Space Committee has initiated a series of Arlington Advocate articles which will feature open space sites, starting with the least known sites. According to Ann LeRoy, Chair of the Open Space Committee, "The survey is immediately bearing direct results in terms of community education, and it will be incorporated into the next Open Space Plan for posterity!"

The following questions are designed to create better awareness of and access to all open spaces and recreational facilities.

Have any household members visited any of these open spaces?

	#			%		
	No	Yes	Don't know about	No	Yes	Don't know about
Arlington's Great Meadows (in East Lexington)	1,832	2,776	1,434	30%	46%	24%
Meadowbrook Park	2,110	837	2,866	36%	14%	49%
Mill Brook	2,026	1,775	2,044	35%	30%	35%
Cooke's Hollow	1,983	548	3,227	34%	10%	56%
Mt. Gilboa	2,207	901	2,679	38%	16%	46%
Turkey Hill	2,370	1,577	1,926	40%	27%	33%
Ottoson Woods/Crusher Lot	2,306	930	2,539	40%	16%	44%
Summer St. Multigenerational Park	1,912	1,708	2,266	32%	29%	38%
Hill's Hill	1,878	1,117	2,818	32%	19%	48%
Window on the Mystic	1,879	624	3,225	33%	11%	56%
Alewife Greenway Path	1,575	3,595	861	26%	60%	14%
Reservoir Path and Wildlife Habitat Garden	1,598	2,623	1,730	27%	44%	29%

Does the Town have an adequate # of these resources?

	#		%	
	No	Yes	No	Yes
Children's playgrounds	495	4,864	9%	91%
Tennis courts	1,334	3,685	27%	73%
Neighborhood parks	922	4,526	17%	83%
Natural areas/nature trails	1,645	3,715	31%	69%
Community gardens	2,663	2,414	52%	48%
Outdoor/indoor swimming	3,552	1,817	66%	34%
Off leash dog recreation areas	1,583	3,452	31%	69%
Outdoor ice skating	2,733	2,302	54%	46%
Indoor ice skating	998	4,109	20%	80%
Walking/bike trails	1,108	4,461	20%	80%

Does your household use Arlington's open spaces and recreational facilities?

	#	%
No	1,501	23%
Yes	4,631	71%
No Response	404	6%

If No, then why not?

	#	%
Don't know about locations and programs	907	26%
Don't know about open spaces in our neighborhood	600	18%
Not interested in outdoor recreation and competitive sports	407	12%
Not aware of opportunities for casual, non-competitive recreational activities	569	17%
Can't access due to disability barriers	208	6%
Not convenient to travel to and park at some locations	362	11%
Not interested open spaces, in general	372	11%

How do you prefer to learn about open space and recreational resources/programs? (Fill up to three bubbles)

	#	%
On-line sources (Arlington List, Patch, Wicked Local, Your Arlington)	2,272	20%
Arlington Recreation or Town websites	3,605	32%
Signage/announcement at a given site	1,139	10%
Seasonal Arlington Rec brochures	2,330	21%
Arlington Advocate (print media)	1,941	17%

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Public Works - Household Waste Program

The Town would like to know more about your residential trash, recycling, and yard waste practices in order to continue to update and improve the recovery of **recyclable and reusable** materials.

How does the survey benefit the Department of Public Works?

Speaking for the Department of Public Works, Charlotte Milan, Recycling Coordinator, said, "We can use this information to inform how we improve outreach to residents and continue to build positive recycling habits while reducing solid waste costs for the town."

The following questions are designed to create better understanding of waste disposal and recycling behavior.

How many 35-gallon equivalent bags or barrels of TRASH - not including recycling - does your household put out on the curb or in your building's dumpster each week, on average?

	#	%
One or fewer	4,322	68%
Two	1,553	24%
More than two	492	8%

How many RECYCLING CONTAINERS does your household put out on the curb each week, on average? (Fill in ONLY ONE bubble)

	#	%
One 16-gal bin	1,910	30%
More than one 16-gal bin	1,786	28%
One recycling barrel - 35 gal	1,087	17%
More than one 35-gal barrel	935	15%
Shared recycling totes	554	9%
Recycling not available	58	1%

What does your household do with YARD WASTE? (Fill in ALL answers that apply)

	#	%
Composted on the property	1,288	15%
Put on curb for Town collection, April - November	4,419	52%
Removed by a hired lawn service	1,230	15%
Handled by condo association/apartment building	900	11%
Kept on property	634	7%

What does your household do to dispose of FOOD WASTE? (Fill in ALL answers that apply)

	#	%
Include food waste with trash	4,477	46%
Compost some or all food waste at home	1,359	14%
Contract with a private company to take food waste for composting	43	0%
Use a garbage disposal	3,708	38%
Use a worm bin	69	1%

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Public Works - Household Waste Program - TRASH

The Town would like to know more about your residential trash, recycling, and yard waste practices in order to continue to update and improve the recovery of **recyclable and reusable** materials.

Explanation of tables

These tables show how waste disposal and recycling practices vary for different demographic segments among survey respondents.

The percentages displayed indicate the % of that segment that provided a specific response. For instance 1,166 or 74% of households that have lived in Arlington <5 years put out one or fewer waste barrels per week. Percentages in most categories add to 100%.*

How many waste barrels per week?

Housing type	One or fewer		Two		More than two	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Single family	2,291	69%	815	25%	202	6%
2-family	1,151	65%	479	27%	151	8%
3-8 unit bldg	242	71%	71	21%	27	8%
9+ unit bldg	456	70%	100	15%	91	14%

Number of people in household	One or fewer		Two		More than two	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
1-2 people	2,494	75%	611	18%	231	7%
3-4 people	1,374	63%	664	30%	155	7%
5-6 people	147	46%	117	37%	54	17%
7+people	2	11%	7	39%	9	50%

Years in Arlington	One or fewer		Two		More than two	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
<5	1,166	74%	338	21%	82	5%
6-15 yrs	1,200	70%	404	24%	102	6%
16-25 yrs	696	69%	239	24%	68	7%
26-40 yrs	558	65%	215	25%	84	10%
40+ yrs	640	57%	332	30%	152	14%

Own/rent	One or fewer		Two		More than two	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Rent	1,072	68%	377	24%	135	9%
Own	3,112	68%	1,115	24%	344	8%

*Note: Because of rounding, some choices add to 99 or 101%.

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Public Works - Household Waste Program - RECYCLING

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The percentages displayed indicate the % of that segment that provided a specific response. For instance 1,015 or 31% of households who are in Single family homes put out One 16-gal recycling bin/week. Percentages in most categories add to 100%.*

How many recycling containers does your household put out on the curb each week, on average?

Housing type	One 16-gal bin		More than one 16-gal bin		One recycling barrel - 35 gal		More than one 35-gal barrel		Shared recycling totes		Recycling not available	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Single family	1,015	31%	1,013	31%	645	20%	563	17%	32	1%	8	0%
2-family	529	30%	584	33%	344	19%	291	16%	17	1%	6	0%
3-8 unit bldg	119	35%	93	28%	41	12%	23	7%	54	16%	6	2%
9+ unit bldg	133	20%	38	6%	18	3%	17	3%	422	64%	34	5%

Number of people in household	One 16-gal bin		More than one 16-gal bin		One recycling barrel - 35 gal		More than one 35-gal barrel		Shared recycling totes		Recycling not available	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
1-2 people	1,336	40%	778	23%	418	13%	269	8%	467	14%	45	1%
3-4 people	378	17%	768	35%	511	23%	481	22%	47	2%	3	0%
5-6 people	17	5%	110	35%	73	23%	117	37%				
7+people	4	24%	7	41%			5	29%	1	6%		

Own/rent	One 16-gal bin		More than one 16-gal bin		One recycling barrel - 35 gal		More than one 35-gal barrel		Shared recycling totes		Recycling not available	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Rent	494	31%	372	24%	181	12%	133	8%	343	22%	47	3%
Own	1,348	30%	1,352	30%	872	19%	777	17%	190	4%	5	0%

Years in Arlington	One 16-gal bin		More than one 16-gal bin		One recycling barrel - 35 gal		More than one 35-gal barrel		Shared recycling totes		Recycling not available	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
<5	412	26%	417	26%	339	21%	229	14%	175	11%	14	1%
6-15 yrs	399	24%	520	31%	306	18%	309	18%	142	8%	16	1%
16-25 yrs	287	29%	311	31%	164	16%	150	15%	81	8%	10	1%
26-40 yrs	291	34%	254	30%	119	14%	107	13%	69	8%	5	1%
40+ yrs	477	43%	268	24%	146	13%	132	12%	79	7%	10	1%

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Arlington's Libraries - Robbins Library and the Fox Branch Library

The Library is developing a long-range plan to improve services to the community and to anticipate changing needs. These tables show how Library responses vary for different demographic segments of the survey respondents.

Explanation of tables

The percentages displayed indicate the % of that segment that provided a specific response. For instance, 64 households or 28% of Precinct 1 respondents use the Library weekly. The options in the left hand table all add to 100%.* In the right hand table, in Pct 1, 98 households indicate that "Better parking" would increase their use of the Library. This represents 21% of all the respondents to this question from Pct 1.

How frequently do people in your household use the Library?

			Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Yearly	Never	Just started
Pct. 1	In Person:	#	3	64	71	46	39	8
		%	1%	28%	31%	20%	17%	3%
Pct. 2	In Person:	#	1	77	106	59	42	11
		%	0%	26%	36%	20%	14%	4%
Pct. 3	In Person:	#	4	67	114	57	44	15
		%	1%	22%	38%	19%	15%	5%
Pct. 4	In Person:	#	4	69	104	64	49	13
		%	1%	23%	34%	21%	16%	4%
Pct. 5	In Person:	#	3	62	98	53	39	9
		%	1%	23%	37%	20%	15%	3%
Pct. 6	In Person:	#	8	85	111	47	44	12
		%	3%	28%	36%	15%	14%	4%
Pct. 7	In Person:	#	4	79	110	45	44	9
		%	1%	27%	38%	15%	15%	3%
Pct. 8	In Person:	#	4	97	143	60	34	5
		%	1%	28%	42%	17%	10%	1%
Pct. 9	In Person:	#	10	80	102	43	53	13
		%	3%	27%	34%	14%	18%	4%
Pct. 10	In Person:	#	4	102	119	48	29	6
		%	1%	33%	39%	16%	9%	2%
Pct. 11	In Person:	#	3	67	124	52	45	8
		%	1%	22%	41%	17%	15%	3%
Pct. 12	In Person:	#	1	82	136	64	42	7
		%	0%	25%	41%	19%	13%	2%

What would increase your use of the Library?

		#	%
Better parking	Pct. 1	98	21%
	Pct. 2	110	21%
	Pct. 3	87	16%
	Pct. 4	108	19%
	Pct. 5	112	22%
	Pct. 6	101	18%
	Pct. 7	111	21%
	Pct. 8	91	16%
	Pct. 9	90	18%
	Pct. 10	149	25%
	Pct. 11	125	26%
	Pct. 12	160	26%

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How frequently do people in your household use the Library?

			Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Yearly	Never	Just started
Pct.13	In Person:	#	4	58	100	54	59	8
		%	1%	20%	35%	19%	21%	3%
Pct.14	In Person:	#	5	80	102	47	41	15
		%	2%	28%	35%	16%	14%	5%
Pct.15	In Person:	#	2	66	111	50	51	6
		%	1%	23%	39%	17%	18%	2%
Pct.16	In Person:	#	1	74	103	61	39	6
		%	0%	26%	36%	21%	14%	2%
Pct.17	In Person:	#	6	62	76	60	56	19
		%	2%	22%	27%	22%	20%	7%
Pct.18	In Person:	#	2	66	100	54	60	6
		%	1%	23%	35%	19%	21%	2%
Pct.19	In Person:	#	1	58	134	61	47	6
		%	0%	19%	44%	20%	15%	2%
Pct.20	In Person:	#		58	105	58	53	12
		%		20%	37%	20%	19%	4%
Pct.21	In Person:	#	4	68	107	68	54	11
		%	1%	22%	34%	22%	17%	4%

What would increase your use of the Library?

		#	%
Better parking	Pct.13	140	29%
	Pct.14	126	23%
	Pct.15	139	27%
	Pct.16	140	28%
	Pct.17	110	23%
	Pct.18	139	28%
	Pct.19	150	26%
	Pct.20	129	25%
	Pct.21	132	24%

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Explanation of tables

The percentages displayed indicate the % of that segment that provided a specific response. For instance 878 households that include members "Under 18 years" indicated that "Summer weekend hours" would increase their use of the Library. This represents 21% of all households with members Under 18 years old. Percentages in most categories add to 100%.*

What would increase your use of the Library?	Age of household members													
	Under 18 yrs		18-29 yrs		Age 30-44		45-54 yrs		55-64 yrs		65-74 yrs		75+ yrs	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
More hours	648	16%	262	15%	1,625	14%	488	15%	391	15%	211	12%	116	10%
Summer weekend hours	878	21%	316	18%	2,084	18%	633	20%	498	19%	271	16%	172	15%
Add. popular materials	356	9%	167	9%	949	8%	285	9%	167	7%	108	6%	67	6%
More entertaining programs	386	9%	137	8%	975	9%	274	8%	176	7%	131	8%	95	9%
Variety of useful programs	405	10%	172	10%	1,278	11%	345	11%	313	12%	221	13%	140	13%
More downloadable content	520	13%	278	16%	1,441	13%	425	13%	311	12%	176	10%	45	4%
Better parking	826	20%	388	22%	2,599	23%	676	21%	632	25%	532	31%	404	36%
Additional locations	111	3%	56	3%	413	4%	111	3%	74	3%	74	4%	74	7%

What would increase your use of the Library?	# Years in Arlington									
	<5		6-15 yrs		16-25 yrs		26-40 yrs		40+ yrs	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
More hours	471	15%	531	16%	277	15%	175	12%	157	11%
Summer weekend hours	615	19%	690	20%	340	19%	234	17%	182	12%
Add. popular materials	304	10%	287	9%	138	8%	96	7%	118	8%
More entertaining programs	294	9%	298	9%	129	7%	119	8%	130	9%
Variety of useful programs	373	12%	320	9%	213	12%	171	12%	187	13%
More downloadable content	468	15%	456	14%	221	12%	175	12%	111	7%
Additional locations	117	4%	94	3%	58	3%	59	4%	80	5%

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Open Space Committee

Arlington's Open Space Committee is revising the Town's 2007-2014 Open Space and Recreation Plan to provide more current information and to fulfill a requirement of the State Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. Many of the Town's recreational areas and large open spaces (such as the Minuteman Bikeway, Spy Pond, Menotomy Rocks Park and Robbins Farm) are popular and well used, but a variety of smaller parks and natural areas are not as well known. To find the location of these parks, go to <http://arlingtonma.gov/maps> and click "Vision 2020 Map of Arlington".

The following questions are designed to create better awareness of and access to all open spaces and recreational facilities.

Explanation of tables

These tables show how answers for Open Space responses vary for different demographic segments of the survey respondents.

The percentages displayed indicate the % of that segment that provided a specific response. For instance 148 or 11% of households in Arlington <5 years responded No to the question of whether there are an adequate number of Children's playgrounds. Percentages in most categories add to 100%.*

Does the town have an adequate number of these resources?

Years in Arlington	Children's playgrounds				Tennis courts				Neighborhood parks				Natural areas/nature trails			
	#		%		#		%		#		%		#		%	
	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
<5	148	1,216	11%	89%	385	843	31%	69%	226	1,170	16%	84%	384	1,002	28%	72%
6-15 yrs	112	1,391	7%	93%	376	1,049	26%	74%	268	1,256	18%	82%	473	1,034	31%	69%
16-25 yrs	66	793	8%	92%	215	601	26%	74%	160	705	18%	82%	305	558	35%	65%
26-40 yrs	71	626	10%	90%	167	495	25%	75%	131	585	18%	82%	254	445	36%	64%
40+ yrs	88	790	10%	90%	175	660	21%	79%	124	764	14%	86%	211	635	25%	75%

Years in Arlington	Community gardens				Outdoor/indoor swimming				Off leash dog recreation areas			
	#		%		#		%		#		%	
	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
<5	713	585	55%	45%	938	415	69%	31%	387	873	31%	69%
6-15 yrs	791	645	55%	45%	1,054	457	70%	30%	446	952	32%	68%
16-25 yrs	466	355	57%	43%	593	279	68%	32%	299	539	36%	64%
26-40 yrs	337	319	51%	49%	433	271	62%	38%	206	448	31%	69%
40+ yrs	331	478	41%	59%	495	376	57%	43%	235	599	28%	72%

Years in Arlington	Outdoor ice skating				Indoor ice skating				Walking/bike trails			
	#		%		#		%		#		%	
	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
<5	684	555	55%	45%	307	934	25%	75%	306	1,107	22%	78%
6-15 yrs	806	625	56%	44%	252	1,187	18%	82%	320	1,218	21%	79%
16-25 yrs	423	393	52%	48%	147	688	18%	82%	200	697	22%	78%
26-40 yrs	336	317	51%	49%	97	579	14%	86%	148	590	20%	80%
40+ yrs	448	393	53%	47%	180	684	21%	79%	117	803	13%	87%

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Explanation of tables

These tables show how answers for Open Space responses vary for different demographic segments of the survey respondents.

The percentages displayed indicate the % of that segment that provided a specific response. For instance 337 or 21% of households who have lived in Arlington <5 years responded No to the question of whether they use Arlington's open spaces and recreational facilities. Percentages in most categories add to 100%.*

Does your household use Arlington's open spaces and recreational facilities?

Years in Arlington	No		Yes		No Response	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
<5	337	21%	1,217	76%	51	3%
6-15 yrs	274	16%	1,400	80%	74	4%
16-25 yrs	192	19%	790	77%	46	4%
26-40 yrs	212	24%	605	69%	55	6%
40+ yrs	457	39%	565	48%	158	13%

Ages of household members	No		Yes		No Response	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Under 18 yrs	145	8%	1,751	91%	37	2%
18-29 yrs	223	22%	736	73%	50	5%
30-44 yrs	276	13%	1,784	84%	59	3%
45-54 yrs	270	16%	1,382	81%	56	3%
55-64 yrs	358	23%	1,103	71%	82	5%
65-74 yrs	339	30%	697	62%	86	8%
75+ yrs	445	45%	391	39%	157	16%



Arlington Vision 2020, Standing Committee Co-Chairs 2014 Job Search: Position Overview

Arlington's Vision 2020 is seeking a new volunteer leadership team of two or three Co-Chairs. Co-Chairs jointly manage and oversee the organization's Standing Committee and 11 volunteer task groups and committees. Established by Town Meeting, Vision 2020 has served the town for over 24 years, collaborating with town leadership and residents to develop plans and projects that further the nine town goals.

Task groups work in these areas: business, citizen service, communication, culture and recreation, diversity, education, environment, fiscal resources, and governance.

Vision 2020 Co-Chairs work with town leaders and departments, collaborate with other town organizations and with residents to develop initiatives that serve town needs. Co-Chairs promote long range planning within the entire organization, and advise task groups and committees as they work toward their goals. Some tasks that Chairs have performed in the past include seeking funding; writing proposals; preparing reports on the organization's work and accomplishments, both for the town's Annual Report* and for publication in the local paper; making public presentations; engaging in outreach to inform the town about Vision 2020's ongoing work and to attract new volunteers to its task groups and committees. Some of these tasks may be delegated to other Vision 2020 volunteers.

Major projects during a year have included co-sponsoring Candidates' Night with the League of Women Voters of Arlington, overseeing the development and printing of the census insert survey, as well as analyzing and reporting the data to Town Meeting; planning and staffing a Vision 2020 booth at Town Day and at Feast of the East.

The leadership team will have these attributes:

- Familiarity with Arlington
- Commitment to the nine town goals
- Comfort with long range planning, outside the box ideas, multiple perspectives
- People-oriented, enthusiastic
- Organizational skills: ability to prioritize and organize work, plan ahead, adapt to changing situations
- Communication skills: work effectively with town leaders, residents, and Vision 2020 volunteers; web savvy, comfortable with social media
- People skills: facilitate, mentor, foster the growth and participation of others; delegate and coach as needed
- Marketing skills: promote and publicize Vision 2020, engage in outreach and recruit volunteers
- A team player: coordinate and support task groups and their co-chairs, collaborate with other groups

*Find Vision 2020 in the Community Development section of the town's 2013 Annual Report:
http://www.arlingtonma.gov/Public_documents/ArlingtonMA_Home/01D1D206-000F8513

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