

**FEEDBACK FROM NORTHWEST COMMUNITY MASTER PLAN  
COMMUNITY MEETING  
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## IN THE COMMUNITIES OF NORTHWEST BALTIMORE...

### WE VALUE:

Green Spaces, Tree Canopy  
The feeling of safety that was once part of this neighborhood  
Safety, cleanliness  
Sense of community  
Mt. Washington School  
Church in Mt Washington - Pimlico and Ken Oak  
NW Park and Fields  
Greenspaces, places to play, safety  
Diversity of the neighborhood, family orientation  
The many good grocery stores  
Our rich history that we will build upon.  
Glen resident for 52 years (Maxine)  
Diversity, respect for all neighbors (Mt. Washington Resident)

### WE ASPIRE TO:

To feel safe again  
More parks, please!  
Bring our community standards up

Improve sidewalks - especially on Cross Country from Sulgrave to Ken Oak  
Improve sidewalks

Improve petty crime in area of Mt Washington - more police presence  
Interact more across communities  
Improve aesthetics and accessibility - cars are not the boss of us!  
Create walkable sidewalks for wheelchairs, walkers, and strollers  
Having our children (and ppl across generations) from different backgrounds,  
play and build lasting relationships!  
Mt Washington High School close to neighborhood  
Less expensive housing/Apts in Mt Washington  
Diversity of communication  
Not everyone is on the internet  
More home ownership

### OUR PLACES ARE SPECIAL BECAUSE:

We have direct access to transportation (bus, subway), grocery stores, drug stores. All are within walking distance.  
We create relationships that last with our neighbors.  
The beauty of Mt. Washington preservation  
Neighbors In Mt Washington -working together

Great relationship with Mt Wash School  
We plant flowers and make our neighborhood attractive  
Diverse, friendly neighbors - Mt. Washington  
Highly educated residents

## ASSETS + CHALLENGES

### ASSETS

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The Track @ Northwest High School

The sense of community

Community helping each other

The trees and walking places - the trail along Cross Country - the freedom that are available for youth

Walking in the neighborhood

Citizen patrols

Business district in walking and short driving distance

Homes made into alternative schools to give children choices

Parks - Luckman, Northwest Park

Flyers in English and Spanish

Walking in neighborhood

#### Assets:

-Stable neighborhoods, with many good schools

-Great neighborhood associations

-Groups such as One Park Heights that help unite us in our diversity

-Beautiful real estate

-Mt Washington Arboretum

Convenient to stores, shops, library, super market, synagogues, churches, and shopping districts  
Schools

Transportation - Good buses, Nearness to subway system - Diverse community (friendly)

The abundance of houses of worship is fantastic!

Walking paths along Kelly Ave kept clear of debris and through NW Park

Love mosaic of cultures in NW - Music, restaurants, Nat'l night out events

Walking areas

Community activities

Programming

Street fairs, flea markets, celebration

Taste of Northwest

We are a beautiful mosaic

Cleanliness, quiet, love tree lined streets

Active community associations

My neighbors

Lots of home improvements happening

Mt Washington Church on Ken Oak + Pimlico

Even though it's a church, its historic grounds can be used to enhance economy

Use for childcare/nursery school

1. Sanitation education for residents for Apartments, homeowners and commercial (Maxine 443-310-7670)
2. Let the people help create the program (Maxine 443-310-7670)  
 DPW props for drainage, gas, and attend meetings  
 Lots of Kosher restaurants/responsible residents

## CHALLENGES

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Single family homes becoming schools and houses of worship

Homeowners renting rather than selling homes

Proliferation of poorly supervised / illegal group homes that have become a source of blight, crime and fracturing blocks

Apathy of community members

I would like to see the back of Burger King improved without having a through-way

People often are coming to see the homeowners' personal space. More privacy is required to make the neighborhood safe

I would like to see more bike trails for people to use and have fun!

The community on 4200 Labrynth Rd would like to know what are they going to do about the vacant lot from the explosion?

Putting elementary/middle schools on plots of land meant for only elementary schools

Building on NW park property restored as rec center

Making walkways safe

Mobility for seniors so they can stay in their homes

More props being rented instead of purchased- city pushing this

More landlord responsibility

City council likes criminals (resists dealing with crime)

Barriers to community events

red tape and requirements to have vents in public spaces (permits, forms, -- requirements)

Deteriorating infrastructure

streets and especially sidewalks

Help people fix sidewalks

More commons (Spaces or enterprise co-op) that help people have a better quality of life

Need to address in middle class. Language barrier in Spanish/English - neighborhoods need a way to talk to each other

Providing center for community resilience. In case of climate change weather, power outages

Trash/clean up - conditions of streets and busy streets with piles of trash. More frequent, methodical cleanup. More public dumpster, no fees to get rid of trash.

Aging poorly managed, poorly funded, condominiums with no reserves

Barrier

valuing "growth" over quality of life

Take care of what we have before growing for profit

Challenges: Language barriers  
home ownership versus renters  
Parking - too many vehicles in a neighborhood  
Developing community pride  
Commercial vehicles tearing up roads  
Vacant lot explosion - Redev't plants 4200 Labryinth Rd

It takes years for Baltimore City to repair sidewalks due to their funding process  
Rentals increasing, homeownership decreasing  
No street cleaning everywhere  
# of group homes disrupting safety

The need for a more systematic approach to repair electrical and water meter (small mains). One block is upgraded, all other blocks sometime in the future  
Lack of public transportation. Buses on my street only go to schools. I would have to try to get to Downtown Balt.  
Auto Zone needs to put up a sufficient fence - they make the neighborhood look awful w/ half a fence!  
Need more Bmore city arborists

Fallstaff shopping center and management fails to maintain the property (trash on front and back of buildings). They fail to have waste management pick up large containers. After 7am in the morning - We hear trucks at 3,4, and 5 in the morning. Worst neighbors ever!  
More play space for kids within the neighborhoods.  
How to help condos stay alive

The stop sign at Cross Country and Fallstaff needs removed. Traffic flowed better without it.  
Not enough parking spaces  
No parks and playgrounds, safety needed

Ped friendly streetscapes /trees needed for shade - one day / week walking  
City converting single family to rental  
Challenge: Patronizing businesses and feeling safe doing it.  
Food deserts

Lack of green space and retail  
Challenge: Cleanliness and lighting  
The water in Western Run is polluted and has been for several years, yet our water bills are very high  
Call 311 for street lighting issues  
Mt Washington - Removing trees along 5600 block  
Availability of fields for the new elem+middle school. Middle schoolers need fields for sports.

The vacant lot where the explosion happened should be a community vegetable or flower garden.  
"I second this!"  
Re-pave streets  
Clean up trash  
Traffic speed mitigation

Challenges: Reisterstown Road is ugly and inhospitable to pedestrians  
Bus/rail system inadequate  
Crime makes walking around (esp at night) feel unsafe  
Traffic mgmt around schools needed  
The homeowner on Fallstaff who covers the side of his yard in tar paper should be asked to remove it  
Driving can be crazy around here!  
Delayed bulk pickup - need to inc. bulk pick-up  
Harm reduction/need for Narcan  
overdoes response training  
mental health crisis support  
Pedestrian support  
improving public transit  
Traffic safety  
Parking

## CROSS COUNTRY + CHESWOLDE NEIGHBORHOODS

### Asset Mapping.

NUMBER NOTE

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- 1 Western Run - Cross Country Path
- 2 Informed walkway connecting Benhurt and Baywood
- 3 Trail from Greenspring to Mt Washington - Could extend west along Cross Country
- 4 Shomrei Synagogue
- 5 Agudath of Greenspring Synagogue
- 6 Small Scale Commercial/Businesses
- 7 Cross-Country E/MS Playground
- 8 Apt Bldgs across from Bnos
- 9 Taney - Good walkability/lighting
- 10 Apts - Good mix of housing types
- 11 Western Run - Water's polluted but good litter pick-up
- 12 Cross Country Park - like'siding' - Also wish there was a walking bike path here

### Additional Commentary.

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Deer a issue in the nieghborhood - Everywhere!  
No commercial areas - go into other NW areas - not a problem

## FALLSTAFF NEIGHBORHOOD

### Asset Mapping.

NUMBER	NOTE
1	Once the new school reopens what happens to the building (North Western High)
2	Home ownership is decreasing
3	Parking is limited with no solution (semi-detached homes)
4	Fallstaff shopping center - although vendors/landlords need to be more responsible community partners

### Additional Commentary.

NOTES
Redevelop NW High School and turn it into a park/picnic area
Reisterstown Rd Plaza is <u>the linchpin</u> for Fallstaff & Glen. It is key to future of all of our areas. Once RPP sets its direction, all NW communities will be SET
I can no longer go for walks in the community due to the quality of the sidewalks. So the outside is not even a possibility for me.
Fallstaff has <u>NO</u> parks. Reisterstown Rd is the linchpin for CRIME strategies.
Crime is increasing. How do we stop it?
The Hispanic area is going down. Surrey Rd is the major Rd.
Reisterstown Rd is crime ridden and unsafe.
Language barrier between Hispanics and other nationalities
Following city codes and neighborhood standards as far as litter
Rental properties/transient people
Move police patrol 9W Reisterstown Rd
Move lighting at Reisterstown subway station

## GLEN NEIGHBORHOOD

### Asset Mapping.

NUMBER	NOTE
1	Northwestern H.S. - Redev't slated
2	Cross Country Elem - Traffic patterns impact community
3	Bnos Yisroel - Traffic issues onto Biltmore, impedes on Park Heights
4	Reisterstown Rd. - Only commercial corridor - Not safe/walkable - traffic
5	Small School - 5 Major Synagogues - A lot of Ped traffic
6	Corner park by fire house - only public park - crime - not safe
7	Major green space - youth groups meet there Becoming unsafe - athletic fields
8	Luckman Park - unsafe, better lighting
9	Take down dying trees. Replace trees. Remove ivy.
10	Appreciate the new green space by Public Safety Training Ctr.
11	JCC is an asset
12	Love the new green Space/Bldg is a mess
13	Renovate the public safety training center
14	Keep Northern Pkwy clean

### Additional Commentary.

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Rabbi Goldberges Machzikei Torah Aguedoeth Istrael Glen Avenue Shearith Israel Beth Abraham (Herizberg) Khah Chasidim Synagogues Northwestern HS impacts Fallstaff + Glen - Redev't will impact both Mt. Wash Elem - made into Elem/Middle Cross Country Elem - Now Elem/Middle Pimlico - on Cross Country's border - huge impact

## REISTERSTOWN STATION NEIGHBORHOOD

### Asset Mapping.

NUMBER	NOTE
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- 1 Less shopping more services (Current)
- 2 More merchants needed
- 3 Better lighting
- 4 Cleanliness
- 5 Missing bus line from Pk Heights Ave to R>R Plaza Metro
- 6 Love the Rita's Ices shop at RRP
- 7
- 8 Library
- 9 Pimlico Elementary Swim Club

### Additional Commentary.

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State moving offices into Reisterestown Plaza - just sold to diff owner  
Talk to Reisterstown shopping Ctr. Folks - impacts planning

## MOUNT WASHINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD

### Asset Mapping.

NUMBER	NOTE
1	Mt Wash School -Future plans to renovate school?
2	Village - great shops /restaurants - how can it be improved with more businesses and services?
3	Western Run - green space part of Jones Falls When will streams be improved
4	Luckman Park - great park - more programming
5	Northwest Park - Park is wonderful green commons but it needs help. Park is leased not owned by city - keep this as green space
6	Walking is great - need better sidewalks and share street space
7	Elderslie St Andrews UMC - Great small community oriented church
8	Awesome park - need more like it
9	Nice park could use some updates
10	NW Park - beautifully updated except for building - should be turned into Rec Ctr
11	Elderslie St. Andrews Church - Beautiful building - kept well - used for community
12	New trait? walk down Kelly Ave
13	Mt Washington School - update building for Elem/middle - sidewalks on Sulgrave
14	Improve sidewalk along Ken Oak
15	Northwest Park - great for nature Help us get the city to approve our FONWP master plan
16	Arboretum - hidden treasure
17	Bike Path - good for avoiding cars BUT it needs repairs. Don't let it fall apart
18	Walk thru/around park