

Mount Vernon Comprehensive Plan- Phase II Seniors Community Conversation November 7, 2024



Welcome & Introductions

City of Mt. Vernon

• Department of Planning & Community Development

Consultant Team

- Cleary Consulting
- AKRF
- Pattern for Progress
- BRS
- Creative Urban Alchemy



Why Are We Here?

The goals of this community outreach process are as follows:

- Build trust, support, and open dialogue between community members, the city, and the consulting team.
- Identify and understand the community's concerns and unique needs and preferences.
- Promote community participation throughout the comprehensive planning process.
- Obtain community support for land use decisions.
- Engage new resources and allies.
- Address overall community land use concerns and improve outcomes.





- \checkmark Be respectful to others.
- \checkmark Only one person will speak at a time.
- \checkmark Keep an open mind.
- \checkmark Please leave opportunities for others to speak.





- How many of you were born in Mt. Vernon?
- How many of you have lived here since you were school age? (0-18)
- How many of you moved here as working aged adults? (18-55)
- How many of you moved here as seniors?
- How did you get here this morning? Raise your hands if you drove alone car pooled took mass transit walked or biked





We often have a sense of nostalgia about the way our communities were in the past. Part of that is because of the impact that our communities have on us, particularly when we were young. Please share a "one-minute memory " of Mt. Vernon that had an impact on shaping your life. Please limit to one memory per person.





For those of you who moved to Mt. Vernon as adults, what brought you here? Were there particular things about Mt. Vernon that attracted you to come?





Change is an inherent part of all communities, but part of what we do when we plan is try to understand some of what makes a community unique, so that we can preserve that essence. Given that, are there particular buildings or homes, landscapes or features in your neighborhood that you really love, that give your community character?





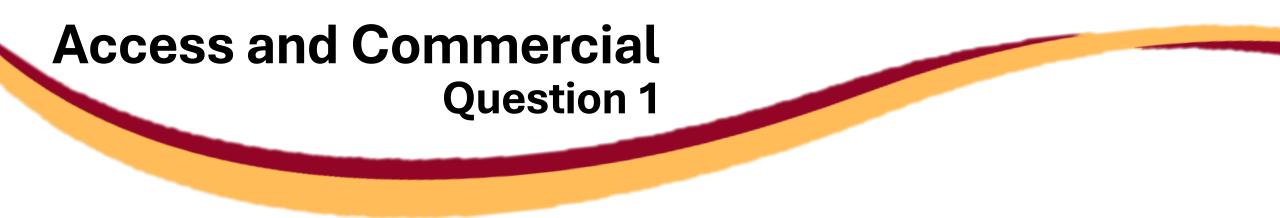
What is your favorite place to relax in the city? What do you like about it?





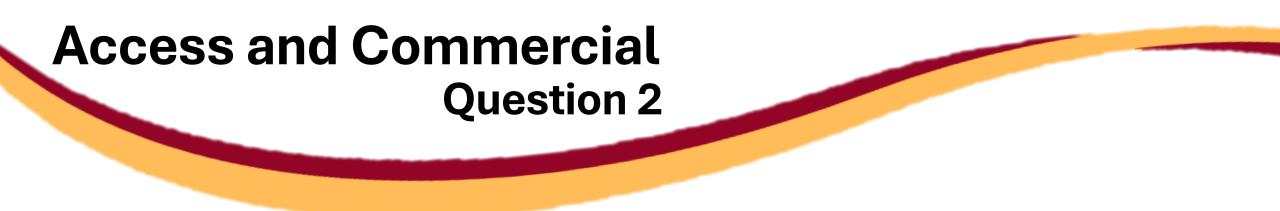
- How many of you regularly go into Downtown Mt. Vernon?
- How many of you regularly go to some of the other retail strips or neighborhoods in the city to shop?
- How many of you primarily do your shopping in your own neighborhood?
- How many of you regularly take public transportation around Mt. Vernon? Around other parts of Westchester? Into New York City?





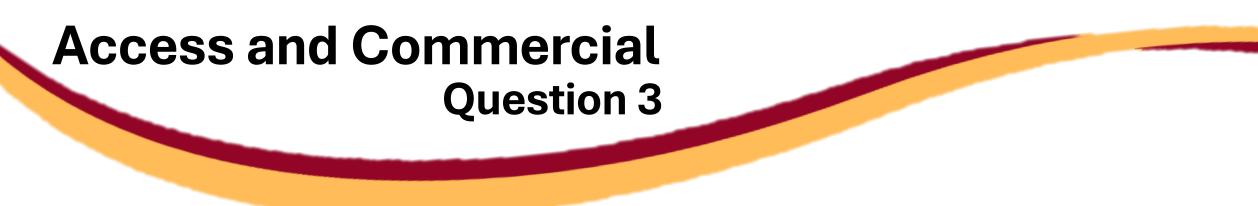
How do you feel when you go to either the Downtown or some of the other retail corridors in the city? Do they feel safe? Welcoming? Attractive?





How easy is it to walk around the city? Are facilities such as sidewalks, crosswalks, and streetlights adequate?





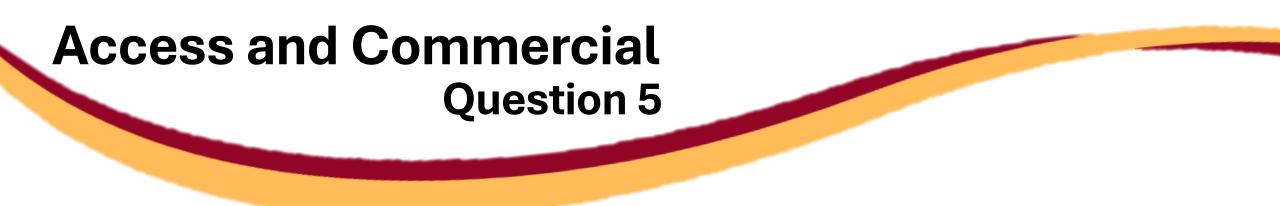
If you drive, is adequate parking available when you are doing your regular shopping?





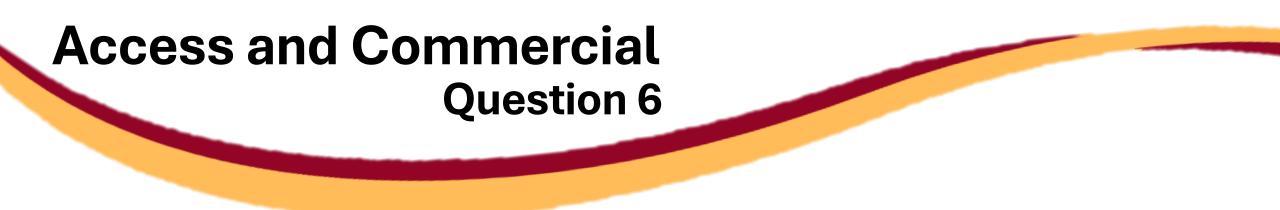
Are there any challenges to shopping for the basics that you need in Mt. Vernon such as food, clothing, and medicine?





Are there any challenges to accessing the healthcare facilities that you need?





Are there any other shopping opportunities that are missing from Mt. Vernon?





If you have children or grandchildren, do they still live in Mt. Vernon? If not, what barriers are there to moving here?





Are there enough housing opportunities for people to live in Mt. Vernon? Are there any kinds of housing that are missing or too difficult to access?





How often, in a given year, do you have problems with your plumbing (toilet back-ups), water pressure, electricity (black-outs), internet service, cable TV?





- Do you have any problems with your trash collection or recycling?
- Is snow removal from sidewalks and roadways adequate?





- Do you have access to high-speed internet access at home? (Not on your phone.)
- If you do not have internet access at your home, do you depend on a community facility to access the internet? Where?





Is there any other type of housing, amenity, facility, business or service that you have seen in other communities, that we have not yet talked about, that you would like to see in Mt. Vernon?





What would you like Mt. Vernon to be known for?



Closing Remarks

Upcoming Community Conversations

Spanish Language

November 21, 2024 6pm to 8pm Hamilton Elementary School-20 Oak Street

Industrial Businesses

December 10, 2024 8am Virtual on Zoom

Save the Date

•January 2025 – 2 Citywide Community Comp Plan Meetings

•Spring 2025 – 2 Comp Plan Public Workshops

