

Survey Question 2:

This question is about what you value most about the Elizabeth area. Please tell us how important each of the following things is to you.

Answer Options	Very important to me.	Somewhat important.	I don't have a strong opinion one way or the other.	Somewhat unimportant.	Not important at all to me.
Tree-lined streets	185	23	3	2	0
Parks and open space	164	40	7	0	1
Walking distance to shops and dining	159	46	7	0	0
Convenient to Uptown Charlotte	153	46	8	4	1
Historic architecture	133	66	12	1	1
Organic and eclectic neighborhood character	127	64	15	3	2
Socializing with other Elizabeth residents	91	83	26	7	3
Shared community values	82	90	31	7	2
Schools and colleges	71	66	49	16	6
Easy access to local and interstate highways	44	86	42	25	15

Optional Comments

- Anything that makes in-town neighborhoods walking, biking and public transportation friendly builds **community** among the residents.
- **Character** is probably of upmost importance.
- You need at least 6-9 blocks of retail on the street with parking behind and on street for these business's to be successful, Think King Street, Charleston. The new Elizabeth Ave redo is a great start, I would love to see this on 7th Street, I have to many idea's to share them here.
- Retaining a **sense of community and walkability** are essentially what this neighborhood is all about. It attracted us twenty-five years ago because of the many attributes checked above, and is worth fighting to save those attributes.
- Good CMS Eastover **neighborhood school**.
- **Safety of children** to play in their front yard - Very Important to Me
- Our **tree lined streets** are what people from other areas comment on every time I mention where I live. They are incredibly important to Elizabeth's character and I feel like the city is not doing enough to keep them planted and evolving.
- The Independence Park blocks between Caswell and Charlottetowne, Park and 7th, are especially important to me as **green space where I walk** daily. I would not want the passive areas between Caswell and Hawthorne to be changed for more active use.
- Especially critical right now given CMS craziness is retaining zoning for **schools** we bought in the area for (and paid dearly for): Eastover (AT CURRENT LOCATION, not MP Traditional), AG, Myers Park.
- I have different opinions of the 'Schools and Colleges" question above: Being in a **great Public School** zone (Eastover / AG / Myers Park) is very important to me, but colleges are not.

- We chose Elizabeth deliberately for the **convenience** to work, good schools, and all the other things that make up the "**character**" of the **neighborhood**, such as older homes, tree canopy, active neighborhood association, diverse mix of housing styles, shops, nearby park, etc.
- My priority for neighborhood is converting lower Independence Park from a parking lot to something the neighborhood can use/
- The **sense of community** is most important, and next to that it is the unique feel of the neighborhood.
- Some of the areas along 7th street need development to enhance the property values in the area.
- I'm not quite sure how to answer shared community values. I don't need for all of us to think alike (and would add "diverse" to the first item on this list), but I would be concerned if the neighborhood was full of folks whose key priority was proximity to downtown or the interstates and who had no care for trees, historic architecture, parks & open space, and diversity. I hope all those items would be part of the **shared community values**.
- Elizabeth is a special kind of neighborhood that is progressive, eclectic and historic; it is NOT monolithic nor subject to generalizations. This planning effort must **respect the historic qualities** of Elizabeth but it must also encourage the pedestrian/neighborhood quality fostered in Elizabeth. Collectively since the previous plan, over \$40 million has been invested by residents in Elizabeth and we have watched the commercial fabric (and owners) not improve the non-residential land qualities (ie, Stanleyville, Elizabeth Ave., and the hospitals). Independence Park is the heart and soul of the neighborhood and CPCC should stop infringing on the quality of the neighborhood with its bad architecture along 7th Street. Independence Park should be extended from Charlottetown Road to the Little Sugar Creek Greenway and the whole of the neighborhood should invest in pedestrian/bicycle access and safety.
- Eclectic personality of our community, our **strong neighborhood bonds**, our commitment as a neighborhood to preserve the character and soul of Elizabeth.
- Upper park is just as it should be, open and used for a **quiet and peaceful solitude** end of the park with dog walking and park relaxing areas. The lower park is for the general gathering for public events and concerts and these two separate areas should remain as such.
- I have lived in Elizabeth for 15 years. I love our **annual events** because I can meet more of my neighbors. The monthly get togethers are fun. Neighbors always are willing to help out with projects and I feel very connected.
- Parks & Rec/CPCC/City/Elizabeth Community involvement in cooperative construction projects and repairs to Veteran's Memorial Stadium/Grady Cole etc.
- **Schools are important** from the standpoint of CMS school zoning -- currently favorable as Eastover, Alexander Graham and Myers Park.
- **Historic architecture** and **Independence Park** are what I value most about Elizabeth.
- If I had to rank my most important , it would be the walkability of our neighborhood and walking to shops and dining on **well kept tree lined streets**.
- Elizabeth is beautiful, well most of it. Elizabeth is friendly, a walk can bring conversations, hugs, dogs and babies to stop and enjoy. It is a **place to know all your neighbors**. What a gift.