



rEcovery Community Meeting #2 *Rebuilding and Economic Development* Final Report

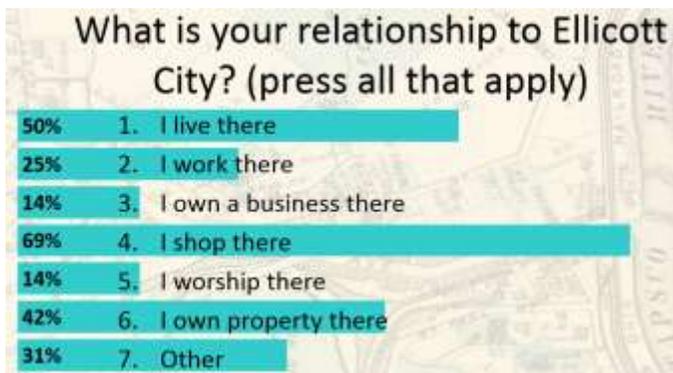
December 1, 2016

Participants listened to presentation on economic development efforts in Ellicott City

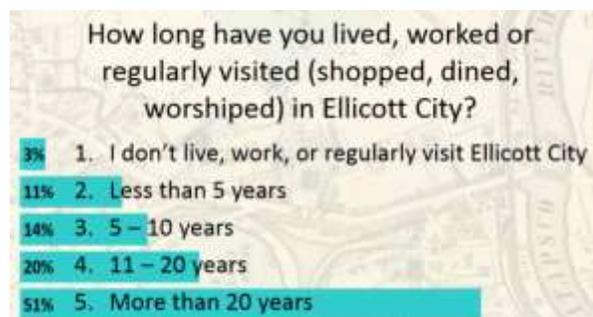
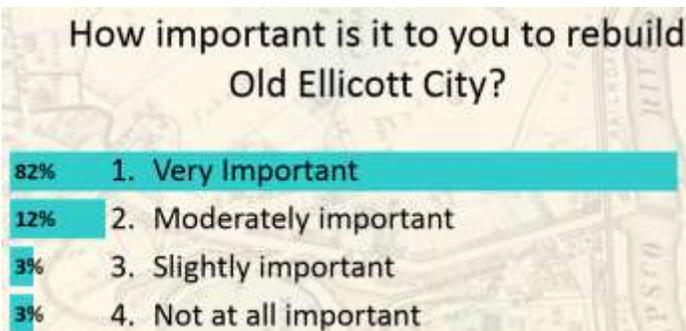
On December 1st, residents, community members, and stakeholders of the Greater Ellicott City area met at Roger Carter Community Center to: engage in community dialogue, learn from a presentation by an expert from the City of Frederick, and share ideas for rebuilding a stronger and more resilient Ellicott City. This meeting was the third in a series of four. The meetings all focused on rebuilding with an emphasis on resilient infrastructure and flood mitigation. This meeting had a special additional focus on economic development.

Throughout the evening, participants were able to share their thoughts and feelings on the recovery process and learn about the County’s response and the process moving forward. Participants engaged in facilitated group discussions and used keypad polling to provide instant feedback. This feedback will assist the County in identifying clear priorities for rebuilding a stronger, more resilient Ellicott City.

Polling results:



Keypad used to record participants votes





After a short welcome video from **County Executive Allan H. Kittleman, Councilmember Weinstein** opened the meeting and stressed the importance of the community coming together to learn from the examples of other jurisdictions and brainstorm ways to restore Old Ellicott City.



Councilman Weinstein greeting the participants



Carroll Creek and surrounding development in downtown Frederick

Richard Griffin, Economic Development Director for the City of Frederick, presented the City's response to the flooding that impacted the area. After decades of planning, millions of dollars of investment, and the commitment of multiple levels of government, the Carroll Creek project was implemented, removing the City of Frederick from the floodplain and contributing to the economic revitalization of the historic city.

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Compelling & Applicable Ideas for EC Recovery: THEMES from discussion around City of Frederick presentation

- A long term commitment to a vision
- The use of innovative structures to mitigate floods and store stormwater
- Invest in amenities to create a public attraction e.g. carousel, park and/or train
- Importance of public private partnerships to implement the vision
- Need parking that is safe and accessible but not free

Howard County Economic Development Authority: Ellicott City Update

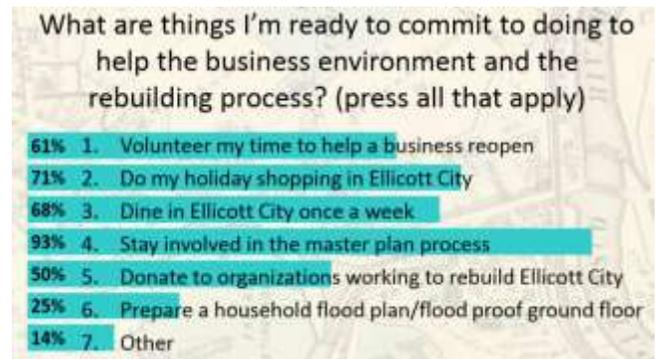
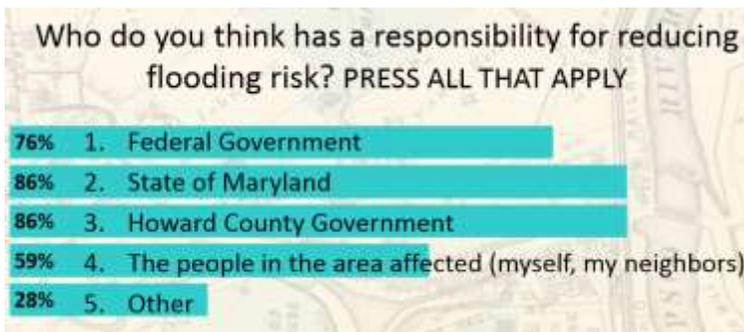


Mr. Lawrence F. Twele, CEO of the Howard County Economic Development Authority (EDA), highlighted the ways in which EDA worked to support businesses on Main Street both before and after the flood. Before the flood, EDA provided financial assistance, served on the board of Ellicott City Partnership, and held workshops for business planning and growth. After the flood, EDA coordinated site visits, sponsored educational forums, and initiated case management for businesses. Mr. Twele highlighted EDA’s future plans to open a business resource center and co-working space on Main Street as well as implement a branding campaign.

Project Idea Generation

Project Ideas for how to rebuild Ellicott City as a model, resilient city have been collected from the County’s senior staff, a group of engineers and designers, the Flood Work Group, CAG members, and experts on economic recovery and historic preservation. Project ideas have also been gathered at each of the four community meetings. The ideas are organized by pillar and categorized as either part of a long-term process or as a potential short-term, ready-to-go strategy. Participants and anyone with a project idea to help make Ellicott City a model, resilient city are invited to submit a Project Idea at www.ecstrong.org through December 31.

Final Polling Results:



NEXT STEPS:

- Stay engaged in the Master Plan process in 2017
- Participate online at www.ecstrong.org

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