

CITIZEN SURVEY RESULTS

1. How many years have you lived in North Beach?

0-5	19
5-10	10
10-15	6
15+	7
30+	1
Lifetime	0
No Answer	2

2. Do you own or rent your home?

Own	41
Rent	4

*Have owned property since 1971 but has only lived in North Beach < 5 years

3. If you were to move, what type of housing would you move in to?

Single Family	16
Townhouse	3
Mixed-Used	2
Multi-Family	1
Duplex	1
Other	2***
No Answer	3

*** Small one story home near beach or condo at beach or city Waterfront condo

4. What type of commercial services do you want to have in town?

	Very Important	Important	Fairly Important	Don't Care	Allow as Home Occupation SE	No Answer
Adult Day Care	4	7	13	9	2	10
Barber/Salon	2	11	13	11	2	7
Clothing Shop	4	4	9	15	1	11
Commercial Parking Lot	3	9	8	15	0	11
Convenience Store	4	12	6	14	1	8
Dentist/Doctor	6	17	7	3	2	10
Drug Store	6	18	6	5	1	7
Dry Cleaners w/o processing equipment	5	6	8	15	1	9
Grocery Store	22	14	2	1	1	4
Medical/Urgent Care	12	13	9	3	2	8
Nature Museum	4	7	7	19	0	7
Professional Offices	0	11	10	13	0	10
Sports Rental Facilities	2	5	9	17	0	10

Recreation Facility	7	11	10	7	0	9
Tailor/Dressmaker	1	2	6	21	1	13
Theater/Theater Group	5	9	7	14	2	7
Veterinarian	5	5	10	13	0	11

- > Need upscale retail
- > Nice, but not "important"

Commercial Parking Lot

- > In middle of town
- > No

Convenience Store

- > Would take away from stores we have
- > Have one

Drug Store

- > Care Drug is close enough
- > Can't support

Grocery Store

- > A small one
- > Can't support

Medical/Urgent Care

- > Have it

Nature Museum

- > Nice, but not "important"

Professional Offices

- > Low Demand

Sports Rental Facilities

- > Why?

Recreational Facility

- > For local youth, i.e. skating rink
- > Pool

Tailor/Dressmaker

- > No

Theater/Theater Group

- > Movies, local playhouse, not religious oriented
- > We have this one

Veterinarian

- > Already close by

General Comments:

- > Gift Shop/Art Gallery - very important
- > Better drainage
- > Sidewalks
- > Leave it alone and no more development

5. How important are the following attributes in your town?

Attribute	Very Important	Fairly Important	Adequate	No Opinion	No Answer
Attractive Streetscape	34	6	2	0	2
Bicycle/Pedestrian Trails	21	13	5	0	2
Nature Trails	13	15	9	2	4
Community Activities	17	17	7	0	2
Expanded Beach Area	13	15	15	0	2
Additional Housing Stock	2	13	18	3	6
Rental Boat Slips	3	11	15	7	6
Library	20	11	8	2	2
Additional Parkland	9	20	6	1	6
Traffic Calming Devices	14	15	11	1	1

Bicycle/Pedestrian Trails

> Would be very nice

Nature Trails

> Would be very nice

> Can't really have nature trails in a town

Community Activities

> Yes

Additional Housing Stock

> Don't understand

Rental Boat Slips

> No

> Would not work well on the Bay

Library

> if cost effective

> we have one

> Not likely since Chesapeake Beach has one

Additional Parkland

> Would be nice

Traffic Calming Devices

> Speed bumps are unfriendly, obnoxious. Post lower speed limits for Bay Avenue and enforce

General

> Leave the rest alone (respondent checked off bicycle/pedestrian trails/nature trails as very important)

- > Better drainage please
- > Sidewalks
- > I believe we need more commercial to be used as the market demands.

6. List the importance of improving the following facilities in town in the next 20 years.

	Extremely	Very	Fairly	Hardly	Insignificant	No Answer
Regular Public Transit	11	15	13	0	0	5
Water Supply	28	11	1	1	0	4
Sewer Treatment	28	11	1	1	0	4
Stormwater Management	35	6	0	0	0	3
Municipal Buildings	5	6	20	4	2	7
Recreational	12	13	11	1	1	6
Solid Waste Management	20	15	4	0	0	4
Libraries	15	9	8	3	2	6
Assisted Living Facilities	6	13	14	2	3	5
Cultural Resources	7	11	11	5	1	8
Parking Facilities	8	10	17	2	4	2
More Commercial Services	6	7	16	5	2	7
Utilities	18	9	8	0	1	7
Disaster Plan	20	11	9	1	1	1

Regular Public Transit

- > Metro to DC

Municipal Buildings

- > Need to rebuild not overbuild
- > Ours are new

Recreational

- > Continue Boardwalk all the way north on Atlantic Avenue
- > Just keep beach/boardwalk up

Solid Waste Management

- > Keep up with development

Libraries

- > Enough already
- > We have libraries close by
- > Share with Chesapeake Beach

Assisted Living

- > Enough already
- > No, not practical for here.

Cultural Resouces

- > Develop nature center

Parking Facilities

- > Yes

More Commercial Services

- > As needed

Utilities

- > Put overhead wires underground!! Especially along Atlantic Ave
- > Yes, electric and comm need updating and put underground

Disaster Plan

- > Yes

7. Check the box next to objectives you would like to see reflected in the Comprehensive Plan.

	Needs to be Addressed
Historic preservation district or Historic floating zone	18
Market North Beach as Tourist Destination	17
Modernization of downtown Waterfront area	22
Establish North Beach as an Entertainment/Arts District	12
Beautification with trees/flowers at Gateways to town	27
Green Building or Environmentally Sound Building	16
Promote Low Traffic Home Occupations	19
Add dwelling units with infill, adaptive re-use, dev.	5
Bed and Breakfast or Inns in town	18
Characterization of town as a Bedroom Community	21
Additional employment opportunities in town	16

Historic preservation district or Historic floating zone

- > In town yard
- > Too late

Market North Beach as Tourist Destination

- > No
- > Already have many tourists
- > After improvements and paid parking for out-of-towners
- > More speciality shops/more commercial shopping
- > Extremely important
- > Family oriented tourism

Modernization of downtown Waterfront area

- >Leave it alone
- > If it doesn't become too modern/lose small town feel
- > It's good now, but could use improvement
- > Explain

Establish North Beach as an Entertainment/Arts District

- >No
- >Controlled
- > Nice to have a theater/playhouse
- > What entertainment

Green Building or Environmentally Sound Building

- >Don't care
- >Is being addressed
- > Not necessary unless Government/County will offer grants towards building it.
- > Storm water management more important

Promote Low Traffic Home Occupations

- >No
- > Through expanding mix use area

Add dwelling units with infill, adaptive re-use, dev.

- >No
- >No, higher control on rental units
- >No more houses
- > Explain

Bed and Breakfast or Inns in Town

- > Always nice to have because it will help tourism.
- > Should be allowed

Characterization of town as a Bedroom Community

- >No
- >Not really
- > We are

Additional employment opportunities in town

- > Not likely to happen

General

- >These are great but we'd like to eliminate our yard pond that happens everytime it rains.

8. Do you feel a sense of community within your neighborhood?

Yes	36
No	8
Kind of	1

Comments:

N/A - not here long enough

9. What are key issues the town faces today? What do you think makes North Beach special and adds to a good quality of life?

- Pedestrian friendly community - services and facilities are within walking distance - this quality must be maintained and encouraged.
- Don't over-develop! This is not Ocean City or New York City. It's a residential community that happens to be at a beach. Let's keep it that way! Work for the good of the citizens.
- The key issue is water quality - 3-4 days a month the water is brown and City Manager only offers washing detergent to get the iron out while washing clothes. Sewer plant has overflowed into bay when it rains very heavy.
- Transportation, parking facilities, lack of theater, lack of swimming pool, lack of clothes shopping stores.
- Preserving waterfront - Incursion of commercial on Bay Avenue 1st to 3rd St.
- Needs a dog park. Friendly streets with ample lighting. Dogs don't have a place to run freely without leash. Very important for residents and their pets. Otherwise, love the area, what made me buy TH here.
- Parking is a problem but is being looked into. Add sidewalk to West side of town. Treat East and West of Chesapeake equally - in services even through the waterfront is our bread and butter.
- The town was special; but, it has changed.
- Key issues - poorly controlled business and residential growth. North Beach special because it is a small town, family oriented without excessive commercialism.
- Needs honest enforcement of building codes.
- Walkability - small stores all close together; farmers market community activities at boardwalk; sense of community.
- A professional medic unit not controlled by the volunteer fire department.
- Needs code-law enforcement. High taxes.
- Lower taxes. Litter pickup and activities for teenagers roaming around.
- Stormwater management! I live on 9th Street where stormwater meets the marsh. Our street continues to flood because the drains can not handle all of the runoff. My neighbors and I have to wade to our trash cans!
- Manage drainage/stormwater treatment issues. Improve waterfront area. What makes North Beach special? It has a quaint waterfront town feeling/fishing town feeling that should be maintained.
- Building expensive condos with town folk looking like bikers and rednecks will not attract people who have \$ to spend - upscale retail and continued upscale restaurants, would help to resolve some of the poor appearance and more culture and arts.

- Stop construction of North Beach Resort and Latitudes. Create public parking on "IGA" property. Preserve open access to have view of the water.
- Repair infrastructure neglected from 1998 to 2006. Establish waterfront park on "IGA" lot across from public beach.
- Small town, coastal Chesapeake beachy community. Not industrial or busy. The Boardwalk is a wonderful addition and needs to be continued all the way down Atlantic Avenue. As it is, people walk in the street and it is unsafe! Plus, Atlantic Avenue still has power lines ALONG the water going to 1 house whereas the rest of our houses have poles in back! Put ALL underground to add to our beachy community!!!
- North Beach already has lots of things that make it special. We'll have a new town hall soon. It is doing well.
- Better police control of town streets.
- Drugs. There are open drug markets in town. I know, because I live next door to one. Also, more activities for teens to keep them off the streets.
- Small town, RESIDENTIAL, waterside living – not tourist trap
- Keeping it a small town.
- Parking for bars/restaurants/multi-person homes, speeders. Ugly duplexes. Quiet, walkable, close to water. Not too bureaucratic.
- Code and building enforcement. Mayor and Council lack of citizen demands.
- The people and the beauty of the boardwalk and bay.
- Youth activities are much needed for teenage group. Small town feeling and many activities along beach front throughout the year.
- Infrastructure needs improvement.
- North Beach is small and quaint; it seems far from the city madness even though it is close. The town should have more festivals like Bayfest.
- Small town feel. However, I do not see a lot of support for the small business (entrepreneur) on Main Street. We need to reach out and welcome the small businesses and as citizens we need to spend our money in the North Beach community.
- Drug dealing!!! Drug and alcohol use, profanity, incivility, lack of a consistent presence of authority (i.e. police).
- Traffic – off street parking – enforcement of building code – home permits
- I love North Beach administration of the town because of its community activity, its constant efforts to keep up landscaping/all beautification efforts to keep North Beach beautiful and its constant efforts to become a better town. I think it's great. I wish taxes were lower, but at least you can see where some of the money is going.

10. Anything else that you would like us to know is appreciated.

- I like North Beach, as I remembered it many years ago - quiet - except for the War time period and not so commercialized.
- Also remember that many residents are retired, and living on fixed incomes, and struggle to put food on the table and gas in the car. Work for the residents and not against them. Be an advocate for the residents. Don't just dress up the town with cutesy things for outsiders.
- Water and sewer plant is licensed under a person who never comes here from Prince Frederick. I talked to this person and he wants his name off it because it is not run properly, this should be a wake-up call to everyone involved.
- Please do something about the flooding of the municipal parking and streets during storms. The flooding of the streets in the area cause loss to business and I personally have not been able to go to work a few times when the parking lot was flooded.
- Grocery store is a must!
- Please more parks/walking paths/bike paths. And ESPECIALLY A DOG PARK!! Soon. Thank you.
- Staff works very hard and most residents don't understand or appreciate what they do.
- Better police and code enforcement.
- Better code enforcement, law enforcement, infrastructure improvements. Maintain stable and affordable tax levels, more responsive and responsible government.
- Need commercial spaces to go into the first floor of all new waterfront commercial/residential buildings. There is almost no other good location for restaurants to go in near the beaches. Would be a great location and draw locals and tourists to new eateries.
- North Beach is a charming little beach town with an edge. The best part about it is the fact that it is a walking town. A small grocery store, a small drug store, and a dentist office would make it more of a community instead of a tourist town.
- I'm worried we are overspending on town hall. Beautiful, smaller buildings are in keeping with the town "look". Plus - too much \$ spent there is money not spent somewhere else.
- Love the community events, such as outdoor movies and concerts and farmers market. Need more variety at Bay Fest and more advertising of the event. Same vendors each year is boring. We need to give Rod 'n Reel more competition!
- Preserve North Beach for the people who live here not the outside interests who would exploit it for their own personal gain.
- Stop the construction of the planned 62' tall concrete wall of condos planned for the waterfront area.

- We need to control flooding from the bay and marsh areas on the north end of town and make the marsh areas healthy again. We need some kind of rip rap extended along the south end of "Forbidden Road".
- Make the Landlords accountable for the conditions of their rental properties – too many slumlords.
- It would be nice to have fundraising events to help fund various projects to help keep taxes down. Just a thought.
- Would appreciate getting information by mail. The rolled up papers don't always reach me; water, winds and other issues. Out-of-town owners should be notified of the same. They are getting nothing. I would like to see 9214 Bay Avenue revised to full commercial use. It would make sense to make this whole block commercial which would bring miscellaneous commercial activity. All an easy walk.
- Let North Beach be North Beach! Kill the Town Hall. North Beach is great as a Town. Unfortunately, its successive governments don't recognize that and insist on forcing change, leading to divisions which create an ugly atmosphere instead of a neighborly atmosphere that would otherwise be.
- North Beach is nice the way it is.
- Fishing closer to water for TOWN residents. More parkland on waterfront for family time. Place to run/walk dogs on GRASS. Why does North Beach have to be a tourist town? Make it nice for residents and make others pay-to-play.
- Impact on Town if a parking garage is built – traffic, residential impact, buffer (eg. residential vs. business)
- We love living here!
- How friendly everyone is and how "well-kept" the beach area is. The farmer's market, beach movies, and cruise-in are great!!
- Lighting, in the various neighborhoods, is too bright. TURN THE BULB WATTAGE DOWN.
- Shore parking facility on Chesapeake Ave. to serve entire town. Lower taxes.