

Oella HOA Landscaping/Common area survey

Hello, Oella neighbor! We are working to develop a long-term master landscaping and greening plan for our common areas. We would like your feedback to learn how you currently use our common areas and how you would like to use our common areas in the future. Our goals include: 1) increasing the tree canopy, 2) reducing invasive plant species, 3) reducing the number of small grassy areas, 4) improving our landscape with low-maintenance native perennials, 5) improving the recreational usage of our larger common areas, 6) improving property values and quality of life.

Quality landscaping can increase the salability of homes and improve property values by approximately 10-20%. Nonmonetary benefits of well-planned landscaping include: encouraging exercise, improving neighborhood aesthetics and views, moderating temperatures in the summer and serving as windbreaks in the winter, optimizing use of outdoor spaces, fostering a sense of community, reducing water and chemical usage through proper plant selection and placement, reducing erosion and pollutant flow, improve air quality, providing habitat for birds and pollinators, and enhancing mood and relaxation.

Please take a few minutes to fill out this survey and return it to Amanda Lauer at 748 Oella Ave, Ellicott City, 21043. If you prefer, you may e-mail a copy of the completed survey (found online at www.oellahoa.com) to amangen@communitymanagers.net. Thank you very much for your time and input.

I/we live in _____ (address or area). I have lived in Oella for ____ years.

Number of household members by age:

__under 10
__under 18
__adults

I __do __do not own a pet that visits the outdoors.

What led you to choose Oella as your place of residence? (check all that apply)

__Access to trails and parks
__Historic Status
__Architecture
__Green spaces
__Sense of community
__Serene atmosphere
__Location relative to _work, _schools, _cities, _highways, _Main Street Ellicott City
__Other (please specify)_____

How do you and your family use the Oella HOA common green spaces?

__Walking/Jogging for exercise
__Strolling with children

- Walking pet
- Relaxing outdoors
- Enjoying river view
- Picnic/gathering of family and friends
- Gardening
- Other (please specify) _____

Are there other ways you would like to use our green spaces? Please describe. _____

What is currently stopping you from using our green spaces as you'd like (if applicable)? _____

What are the top 3 assets you ascribe to Oella?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

What are the top 3 liabilities you think Oella has?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Other comments: