

THE PLAINS PRESERVATION SURVEY

Please deposit completed survey in the bright green box on the side counter of the Post Office by or before June 19th, 2024.

If you would prefer to complete the survey online, please visit:

www.townoftheplainsvirginia.gov/survey

This survey is being conducted as part of the larger project to develop a Preservation Plan for the Town of the Plains. The Preservation Plan will have tools to identify, celebrate, and protect the culture and heritage that is important to the community. This is one part of the larger community engagement process and will help the consulting team understand from the community their goals for the project. The responses to this survey will help inform the recommendations of the Preservation Plan and are critical to the project's success. In this survey, "historic preservation" is defined as the management and care of historic and cultural resources. These resources include, but are not limited to buildings, structures, places, landscapes, viewsheds, and below-ground resources (like archaeological artifacts or cemeteries) that still exist. Additionally, the plan may address more tangible resources like those that have been lost over time, oral histories, or community traditions or practices. These resources contribute to the character of The Plains

Note: An individual should submit only *one* survey response either online or in hard copy. Hardcopies should be submitted to the *drop box located on the side counter of the Post Office*

- 1. If you would like to be added to The Plains' email list to receive updates on this project, please enter your email below.**

- 2. What attracted you to The Plains to live and/or do business?**

3. Which images below show buildings, sites, or places that you consider historic? Circle all that apply.



a) The Plains Depot Railroad Station



b) The Post Office



c) Stone Walls



d) Town Hall (formerly St. Mark's Methodist)



e) First Baptist Church



f) The Jail



g) Cochran Lodge

4. Please identify places that are culturally significant to the community from the images below.
Circle all that apply.



a) The Rail Stop restaurant



b) Green Space/Open Space (open land surrounding town)



c) Potter's House



d) Groom's Cottage (structure from fox hunt)



e) John Page Turner House – The Community League



f) Grace Episcopal Church

5. Which option below best describes your perspective as you respond to this survey? **Circle all that apply.**
- a) I am interested in local history and/ or historic places
 - b) I live in an old house (older than 50 years)
 - c) I serve on the board of a non-profit organization focused on historic preservation, cultural history, or museums
 - d) I am a Realtor/Real Estate Agent or Developer
 - e) I do not have any past experience with historic or cultural resources
 - f) Other (please explain below)
6. What do you think is the greatest threat to historic resources and/or historic communities in The Plains? **Circle up to three.**
- a) Funding Constraints
 - b) Development Pressure
 - c) Housing Affordability
 - d) Loss of historic buildings
 - e) Natural or Man-Made Damage (e.g. flooding and erosion)
 - f) Inconsistent enforcement of historic district regulations
 - g) Other: If you circled "Other," please describe below:
7. What should be weighted most heavily when recommending preservation priorities? **Circle your top three.**
- a) Rarity of the resource
 - b) Age of the resource
 - c) Level of significance or cultural value to the community
 - d) Association with historically underrepresented or underserved groups
 - e) Threats to resources such as flooding/natural disaster, neglect, lack of enforcement, or development pressure
 - f) Potential for secondary economic benefits to the community
8. What community events would you be willing to support - in planning, execution, and attendance? **Circle up to three.**
- a) Social media posts highlighting historic sites or neighborhoods and their history
 - b) Award programs that recognize excellence in preservation work
 - c) Special fundraising events to support preservation efforts
 - d) History in the Attic program (Residents bring their family photos, scrapbooks, etc., to an event to be digitized for local research)
 - e) Oral history interview program
 - f) None

9. Name one historic or cultural resource, building, site, or place that is significant to underrepresented communities in The Plains.

10. Which of the following do you think is important to address in preservation plan recommendations? Circle up to three.

- a) Already Designated Historic Landmarks and Districts
- b) Places currently or historically associated with African American, Native American, Hispanic, or other underrepresented groups
- c) Below-ground resources (Cemeteries and Archaeological sites)
- d) Streetscapes, viewsheds, and public open space
- e) Oral history
- f) Preservation should not be a priority in The Plains

11. What do you want to see accomplished through this plan? Circle up to three.

- a) Maintain the physical integrity and character of the Town
- b) Enhance the sense of community
- c) Articulate community standards and traditions
- d) Retention of housing affordability and community diversity through preservation strategies such as land banking, rehabilitation grants, or tax incentives
- e) Other: If you circled "Other," please describe below:

12. Do you live within the town limits of The Plains?

- a) I live within the incorporated town limits
- b) I live outside the town limits in the zip code 20198
- c) I live outside 20198

13. What is your association with The Plains?

14. How long have you lived in The Plains? Circle all that apply.

- a) 1-15 years
- b) 16-30 years
- c) 31+ years
- d) I am a native
- e) I do not live in the incorporated town limits of The Plains

15. Which represents your current living situation?

- a) I own a home in The Plains
- b) I rent in The Plains
- c) Neither (I live outside the incorporated town limits)

16. What age group are you a part of?

- a) 17 or younger
- b) 18-25
- c) 26-30
- d) 31-40
- e) 41-50
- f) 51-64
- g) 65 or older

17. Which of the following best describes you?

- a) American Indian or Alaska Native
- b) Asian
- c) Black or African American
- d) Hispanic or Latino
- e) Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- f) White or Caucasian
- g) Multiracial or Biracial
- h) A race/ethnicity not listed here: _____ (space to identify)
- i) Prefer not to answer

18. With which of the following do you most identify?

- a) Female
- b) Male
- c) Gender Variant/Non-conforming
- d) Not Listed: _____ (provide written answer)
- e) Prefer Not to Answer

THANK YOU for your participation!

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