

Washington Quad Redesign Survey
University of Maryland
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(Original survey was done in an electronic format)

Introduction

Capstone Development (South Campus Commons) is teaming up with the University to examine design options to redevelop the Washington Quad. Any new design would likely include the following elements:

- Restoring much of the current quad to grass, plants and trees
- New walkways and areas to sit and gather
- Security lighting throughout the quad
- Additional bike racks
- Open space for unstructured recreation (Frisbee, playing catch)
- Wireless capability
- Some accommodation for vehicle access during move-in and move-out

Since the quad is primarily used by residents, it is important that we have your input as part of this process. Please complete the following questions, so we can factor residents' needs into future decisions.

1. Which activities would you like to be able to do in the Washington Quad? (Select all that apply)
 - Eating
 - Gathering with friends
 - Grilling (i.e., outdoor cooking)
 - Reading/Studying
 - Sunbathing
 - Structured recreation (i.e., volleyball)
 - Other _____

2. Given the activities above, what types of seating would you prefer? (Select all that apply)
 - Benches
 - Brick walls with built in seating
 - Outdoor tables and chairs
 - Picnic Tables

3. Should the recreational activity space in the Washington Quad be predominately structured or unstructured? (Select one)
 - Structured (i.e., most likely a volleyball court)
 - Unstructured (i.e., open grass)

4. We are considering building a pavilion with a covered area for tables and seating, which could be used by residents and for community programs. How often would you use such a space?
 - Often
 - Sometimes
 - Rarely
 - Never

5. How frequently would you use a volleyball court if one were built in the quad?
 - Often
 - Sometimes
 - Rarely
 - Never

6. To minimize noise disruption to nearby residents, after what hour should playing volleyball not be allowed? (Select one)
 - Earlier than 9 PM
 - 9 PM
 - 10 PM
 - 11 PM
 - No restriction

7. What type of grilling option would you prefer? (Select one)
 - Individual grills located around the quad
 - Larger grill(s) located adjacent to a central area with tables and chairs
 - I have no preference
 - I do NOT want outdoor grills in the quad

8. Please rank the following plans for the redesign of the Washington Quad (1 = first choice; 2 = second choice, etc.) Should you prefer an alternative option, please rank the alternative and briefly explain what it would entail.
 - _____ Open space of grass, plantings and trees
 - _____ Open space with a covered pavilion
 - _____ Open space with volleyball court
 - _____ Covered pavilion, volleyball court, and open space

 - _____ Alternative Plan (*Rank this choice only if you provide an alternative plan*)

9. Please provide any additional comments and any specific details you would like us to consider regarding the redesign of the Washington Quad. (short essay response format)