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“Over the years Bryn Mawr is still a great place to live and be proud of. People are free to talk to each other – and live their private lives.”

“Events make community. Parks and natural areas are the key to making it a unique neighborhood.”

“Organize a summer neighborhood festival / block party at Bryn Mawr Meadows – live music, cookout, name tags and a chance to meet – nothing all that lavish – just an offering of some food, free entertainment and some neighborly love... I’ll help organize ... Thanks!”

“Our Bryn Mawr NRP has made good choices. Keep up the good work.”

“Keep it a safe place to live.”

“Would like to see a community center built.”

Diversity? “It’s really white here.”

“We need affordable housing not tacky lamp posts!”

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“Our neighborhood is full of people who walk which is a very good thing. Neighbors get to know each other... They observe each other’s homes, notice improvements, are inspired to make improvements of their own, spot problems, prevent crime. To encourage walking and to make the area as civilized as possible, I would like to see continuous public sidewalks on all residential public streets.”

“Many of the programs and projects are the result of naïve and overly precious expectation. It would be better if our resources were spent on improving and maintaining the basic quality of our neighborhood and the discouragement of anti-social incursions.”

“Look ahead to retirement and the need to downsize and find a place to live with less upkeep and maintenance, we worry that the housing options in Bryn Mawr will mean we’ll have to leave this neighborhood that we love so much. I would hope more modestly priced condo or townhouse type housing can be added to our area, so that people at all stages of life can stay here and enjoy the roots they’ve put down.”

“All / any funds should only be spent on “capital” improvements or other “tangible” assets – better lighting, housing, gardens, trails – not this “touchy-feely” good neighbor crap.”

Opinion of Neighborhood Revitalization Program?:

“I don’t know enough about it. But I understand the intention is to ‘make things better’. Thank you.”

“Has to do with how much I am paying attention – No fault of BMNA.”

“It seems a few things I know a lot about and some almost nothing.”

“Just recently became aware. Visited website.”

“I am new to Bryn Mawr (60 days). Much of what is known as NRP is unknown to me. I like what I have seen and heard of BMNA. You should be pleased that someone so new to Bryn Mawr knows “so much”.

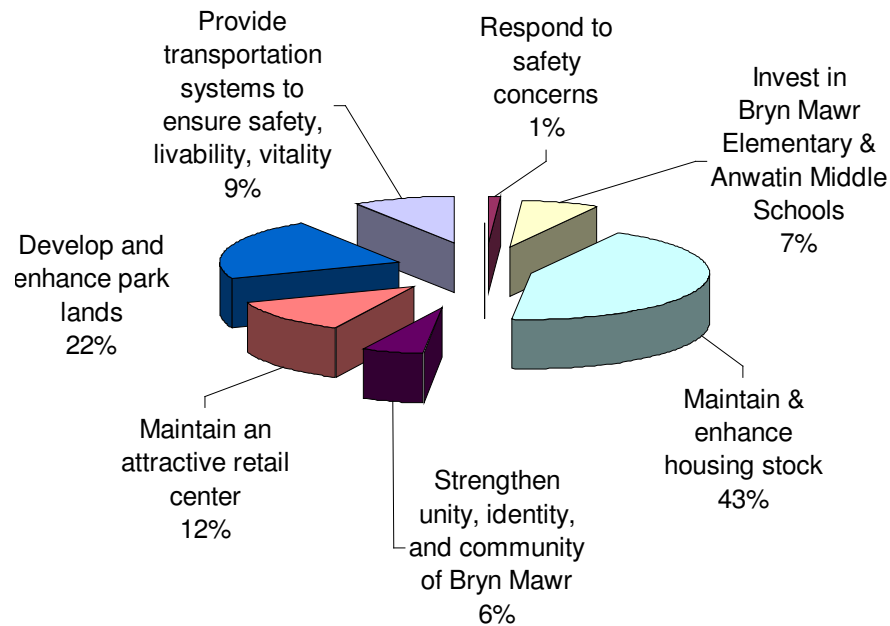
“I’ve been in Bryn Mawr 45 years, and love it. I hope I live long enough to enjoy more.”

“Thank you for your efforts to make Bryn Mawr the very livable neighborhood it is.”

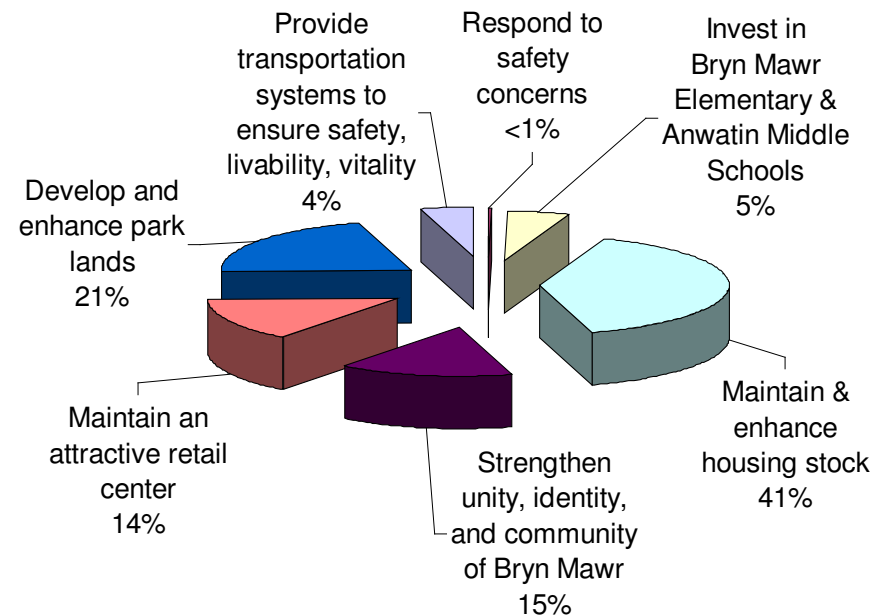
“I love this neighborhood and thank all the people who have helped make it so vibrant and welcoming. I wish I had more time to volunteer and appreciate those who put in so many hours.”

“Keep it up with what you are trying to achieve.”

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REVITALIZATION PROGRAM PHASE I:
PLANNED DISTRIBUTION OF
EXPENDITURES OF OUR \$713,000
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**BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD
REVITALIZATION PROGRAM PHASE I:
ACTUAL DISTRIBUTION OF
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"Thanks to all the volunteers and involved people who make this such a vibrant neighborhood"

– Comment from neighborhood survey.

Quotations posted in the report originate from the Phase I Neighborhood Revitalization Survey conducted November 2004-January 2005. The range of opinions is represented by these comments reflects the range of viewpoints of our independently minded residents.