



HOW THE POLL WAS CONDUCTED

This poll was conducted by Mason-Dixon Polling & Strategy, Inc. of Jacksonville, Florida from September 17 through September 19, 2018. A total of 625 registered Howard County voters were interviewed by telephone. All indicated they were likely to vote in the November general election.

Those interviewed were randomly selected from a phone-matched Howard County voter registration list that included both land-line and cell phone numbers. Quotas were assigned to reflect voter turnout by council district.

The margin for error, according to standards customarily used by statisticians, is no more than ± 4 percentage points. This means that there is a 95 percent probability that the "true" figure would fall within that range if all voters were surveyed. The margin for error is higher for any subgroup, such as a gender or age grouping.

QUESTION: Would you support or oppose alternative solutions to reducing flooding on lower Main Street in Ellicott City that did not include the demolition of historic buildings?

	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
COUNTY	74%	12%	14%

<u>COUNCIL DISTRICT</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
Council District 1	79%	12%	9%
Council District 2	72%	9%	19%
Council District 3	69%	17%	14%
Council District 4	76%	14%	10%
Council District 5	74%	9%	17%

<u>SEX</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
Men	72%	15%	13%
Women	76%	10%	14%

<u>PARTY REGISTRATION</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
Democrat	77%	8%	15%
Republican	74%	15%	11%
Independent	69%	17%	14%

<u>AGE</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
18-34	83%	7%	10%
35-49	73%	11%	16%
50-64	74%	12%	14%
65+	67%	17%	16%

<u>RACE/ETHNICITY</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
White	72%	11%	17%
Black	81%	11%	8%
Other	73%	16%	11%

QUESTION: The flood mitigation plan that proposes demolition of historic buildings in Ellicott City would cost \$50 million and could still result in flood levels of 4-6 feet on lower Main Street? Do you feel it is or is not worth spending \$50 million for this result?

	<u>YES, IT IS</u>	<u>NO, IT IS NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
COUNTY	31%	43%	26%

<u>COUNCIL DISTRICT</u>	<u>YES, IT IS</u>	<u>NO, IT IS NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Council District 1	37%	37%	26%
Council District 2	26%	45%	29%
Council District 3	31%	47%	22%
Council District 4	30%	48%	22%
Council District 5	32%	38%	30%

<u>SEX</u>	<u>YES, IT IS</u>	<u>NO, IT IS NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Men	33%	40%	27%
Women	29%	46%	25%

<u>PARTY REGISTRATION</u>	<u>YES, IT IS</u>	<u>NO, IT IS NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Democrat	31%	42%	27%
Republican	35%	37%	28%
Independent	24%	52%	24%

<u>AGE</u>	<u>YES, IT IS</u>	<u>NO, IT IS NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
18-34	22%	54%	24%
35-49	31%	41%	28%
50-64	33%	41%	26%
65+	35%	40%	25%

<u>RACE/ETHNICITY</u>	<u>YES, IT IS</u>	<u>NO, IT IS NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
White	33%	37%	30%
Black	26%	54%	20%
Other	29%	52%	19%

QUESTION: Howard County’s current Flood Mitigation and Demolition Plan will be partially funded by a transfer of funds already appropriated for other County projects, including the Route One Fire station and the County’s road resurfacing fund. Do you support or oppose diverting funding away from these projects?

	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
COUNTY	42%	36%	22%

<u>COUNCIL DISTRICT</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
Council District 1	48%	27%	25%
Council District 2	35%	43%	22%
Council District 3	42%	33%	25%
Council District 4	37%	45%	18%
Council District 5	48%	32%	20%

<u>SEX</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
Men	46%	31%	23%
Women	38%	41%	21%

<u>PARTY REGISTRATION</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
Democrat	35%	42%	23%
Republican	58%	21%	21%
Independent	38%	43%	19%

<u>AGE</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
18-34	35%	45%	20%
35-49	47%	34%	19%
50-64	46%	30%	24%
65+	35%	41%	24%

<u>RACE/ETHNICITY</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
White	45%	31%	24%
Black	36%	45%	19%
Other	39%	42%	19%

QUESTION: How important do you feel the historic buildings on Main Street in Ellicott City are to the overall experience of living or visiting there? Are they very important, somewhat important, not too important or not important at all?

	<u>VERY IMP</u>	<u>SW IMP</u>	<u>NOT TOO IMP</u>	<u>NOT IMP</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
COUNTY	46%	39%	9%	5%	1%

<u>COUNCIL DISTRICT</u>	<u>VERY IMP</u>	<u>SW IMP</u>	<u>NOT TOO IMP</u>	<u>NOT IMP</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Council District 1	52%	44%	4%	-	-
Council District 2	53%	27%	13%	6%	1%
Council District 3	46%	38%	11%	4%	1%
Council District 4	44%	38%	8%	8%	2%
Council District 5	35%	48%	9%	7%	1%

<u>SEX</u>	<u>VERY IMP</u>	<u>SW IMP</u>	<u>NOT TOO IMP</u>	<u>NOT IMP</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Men	44%	37%	11%	7%	1%
Women	48%	40%	8%	3%	1%

<u>PARTY REGISTRATION</u>	<u>VERY IMP</u>	<u>SW IMP</u>	<u>NOT TOO IMP</u>	<u>NOT IMP</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Democrat	56%	34%	6%	3%	1%
Republican	31%	48%	13%	7%	1%
Independent	39%	43%	11%	6%	1%

<u>AGE</u>	<u>VERY IMP</u>	<u>SW IMP</u>	<u>NOT TOO IMP</u>	<u>NOT IMP</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
18-34	59%	31%	10%	-	-
35-49	46%	39%	9%	5%	1%
50-64	44%	36%	11%	7%	2%
65+	38%	50%	5%	6%	1%

<u>RACE/ETHNICITY</u>	<u>VERY IMP</u>	<u>SW IMP</u>	<u>NOT TOO IMP</u>	<u>NOT IMP</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
White	41%	38%	13%	7%	1%
Black	58%	37%	2%	3%	-
Other	48%	45%	4%	1%	2%

QUESTION: Would you support or oppose exploring the establishment of a state park to manage flood prone historic properties in lower Ellicott City instead of demolishing them?

	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
COUNTY	64%	13%	23%

<u>COUNCIL DISTRICT</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
Council District 1	78%	7%	15%
Council District 2	60%	13%	27%
Council District 3	70%	6%	24%
Council District 4	69%	9%	22%
Council District 5	43%	30%	27%

<u>SEX</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
Men	60%	17%	23%
Women	67%	10%	23%

<u>PARTY REGISTRATION</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
Democrat	73%	9%	18%
Republican	48%	21%	31%
Independent	66%	10%	24%

<u>AGE</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
18-34	77%	12%	11%
35-49	60%	16%	24%
50-64	60%	13%	27%
65+	63%	11%	26%

<u>RACE/ETHNICITY</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
White	61%	12%	27%
Black	67%	14%	19%
Other	72%	14%	14%

QUESTION: Do you believe that the County has or has not acted effectively in mitigating flood risks in Ellicott City since the 2016 flood?

	<u>YES, IT HAS</u>	<u>NO, IT HAS NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
COUNTY	28%	51%	21%

<u>COUNCIL DISTRICT</u>	<u>YES, IT HAS</u>	<u>NO, IT HAS NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Council District 1	26%	63%	11%
Council District 2	32%	45%	23%
Council District 3	30%	52%	18%
Council District 4	29%	45%	26%
Council District 5	33%	40%	27%

<u>SEX</u>	<u>YES, IT HAS</u>	<u>NO, IT HAS NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Men	32%	52%	16%
Women	24%	51%	25%

<u>PARTY REGISTRATION</u>	<u>YES, IT HAS</u>	<u>NO, IT HAS NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Democrat	28%	55%	17%
Republican	27%	44%	29%
Independent	27%	50%	23%

<u>AGE</u>	<u>YES, IT HAS</u>	<u>NO, IT HAS NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
18-34	23%	57%	20%
35-49	31%	50%	19%
50-64	29%	51%	20%
65+	28%	47%	25%

<u>RACE/ETHNICITY</u>	<u>YES, IT HAS</u>	<u>NO, IT HAS NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
White	33%	44%	23%
Black	17%	61%	22%
Other	23%	63%	14%

DEMOGRAPHICS

PARTY IDENTIFICATION:	Democrat	322 (52%)
	Republican	178 (28%)
	Independent/Other	125 (20%)

AGE:	18-34	113 (18%)
	35-49	163 (26%)
	50-64	212 (34%)
	65+	129 (21%)
	Refused	8 (1%)

RACE/ETHNICITY:	White/Caucasian	377 (60%)
	Black/African-American	127 (20%)
	Hispanic/Latino	41 (7%)
	Asian/Other	64 (10%)
	Refused	16 (3%)

SEX:	Male	295 (47%)
	Female	330 (53%)

COUNCIL DISTRICT:	District 1	127 (20%)
	District 2	117 (19%)
	District 3	114 (18%)
	District 4	126 (20%)
	District 5	141 (23%)