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Public Area Cleanliness and Appearance

Cleanliness and Appearance of Public Areas

The cleanliness and appearance of several public areas including *streets*, *median/roadsides*, *parks*, and *greenways* was assessed by a set of four questions in the survey. Again, the same nine-point scale from "very poor" to "excellent" was used.

The results shown in Tables 9-12 (placed in descending order by ratings) indicated the respondents were generally satisfied with the cleanliness and appearance of the Town's public areas. They were pleased with the *cleanliness and appearance of Town parks* (Table 9). The grade in this case remained a B+ but the mean decreased from 8.03 in 2004 to 7.88 this year. The grade for *cleanliness and appearance of greenways* declined slightly from a B+ to B this year after a small mean decrease from 7.86 to 7.78 (Table 10). The means for *cleanliness and appearance of streets* (Table 11) and *cleanliness and appearance of median/roadsides* (Table 12) both decreased slightly with the grades remaining a B- this year. Although the means remained high, the cleanliness and appearance of public areas experienced a small decline this year with 4 mean decreases and 1 grade decline within the 4 areas examined.

Table 9. Cleanliness and Appearance of Parks.

Year	Mean	Very Poor	2	3	4	Average	6	7	8	Excellent	Grade
		1				5				9	
06	7.88	0.5	0.3	1.4	0.3	4.1	4.4	15.9	34.9	38.2	B+
04	8.03	0.8	0.0	0.3	0.3	3.4	3.4	14.1	34.7	42.9	B+
02	7.99	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.5	4.0	2.1	15.7	40.7	36.4	B+
00	7.86	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.6	2.5	5.4	21.1	40.8	29.3	B+
98	7.42	3.9	0.0	0.5	1.0	2.6	5.4	26.6	39.0	20.9	B-

Table 10. Cleanliness and Appearance of Greenways.

Year	Mean	Very Poor	2	3	4	Average	6	7	8	Excellent	Grade
		1				5				9	
06	7.78	0.6	0.3	1.4	0.3	4.9	4.3	17.3	37.9	32.9	B
04	7.86	0.9	0.0	0.9	0.0	3.0	6.3	17.1	36.8	35.0	B+
02	7.70	0.3	0.0	0.6	1.4	6.9	4.6	19.0	37.4	29.9	B
00	7.64	0.6	1.2	0.3	0.3	4.0	7.4	21.9	36.7	27.5	B
98	7.32	4.5	0.3	1.1	0.8	3.7	6.3	25.1	36.4	21.9	B-

Table 11. Cleanliness and Appearance of Streets.

Year	Mean	Very Poor 1	2	3	4	Average 5	6	7	8	Excellent 9	Grade
06	7.35	0.7	0.7	1.2	1.2	9.7	6.5	22.6	37.1	20.1	B-
04	7.44	0.7	0.7	1.7	1.0	6.5	9.5	21.9	30.9	26.9	B-
02	7.28	1.5	0.0	1.0	2.0	6.5	7.7	30.8	33.3	17.2	B-
00	7.43	0.8	0.0	0.5	0.5	4.8	8.8	30.5	39.8	14.5	B-
98	7.45	0.0	0.2	0.5	1.0	4.7	10.9	29.4	34.6	18.7	B-

Table 12. Cleanliness and Appearance of Median/Roadsides.

Year	Mean	Very Poor 1	2	3	4	Average 5	6	7	8	Excellent 9	Grade
06	7.31	1.3	0.5	2.0	2.0	7.3	7.0	23.6	36.1	20.3	B-
04	7.48	1.0	0.3	1.5	1.0	6.3	7.3	25.6	30.3	26.8	B-
02	7.16	1.0	0.3	2.3	2.5	8.3	9.3	28.0	31.3	17.3	B-
00	7.30	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.8	5.0	11.0	29.6	34.8	16.0	B-
98	7.16	0.5	1.0	0.2	2.0	7.7	13.2	31.3	28.6	15.4	B-

Public Areas Crosstabulations

Crosstabulations were conducted on housing type, years in Cary and zip code for the cleanliness and appearance of public areas questions. The *cleanliness and appearance of parks* crosstabulations (Tables B58-B60) were consistent and high across groupings. The grades for *cleanliness and appearance of greenways* (Tables B61-B63) were also generally positive and consistent with the only lower marks coming from small sample size groups. However, the crosstabulations for *cleanliness and appearance of streets* (Tables B64-B66) and *cleanliness and appearance of median/roadsides* (Tables B67-B69) both received a lower grade of C+ from residents with over 10 years in Cary and the 27519 zip code.

