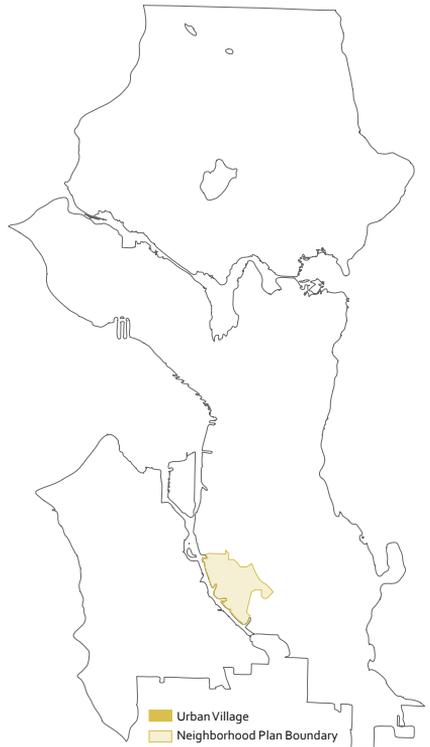


GEORGETOWN

Who did we hear from?

There were 75 online participants and six participants in the neighborhood discussion. The comments gathered online and in-person were generally consistent with each other. Most of the participants have lived in the Georgetown neighborhood for ten years or less. Many of the participants commented on the growing variety of businesses, parks and transportation efforts in Georgetown. Many participants feel safer in their neighborhood with a decrease in crime, but felt that there was still room for improvement. Participants acknowledged the industrial presence in the neighborhood.



What did we hear?

- New businesses have brought people to the restaurants and stores on Airport Way.
- Strong sense of community and pride in neighborhood. There are many activities that promote Georgetown.
- Park and transportation improvements include Oxbow Park, upgraded playfield, street tree and right-of-way plantings, cleaner streets, work towards balancing users of street.
- Residents are taking pride in their neighborhood. Residential areas are feeling safer and well kept.
- Transportation (bus, pedestrian, and bicycle) connections beyond Downtown can be challenging, especially on major truck streets.
- Lack of public facilities including library, school, and community center.
- Residential and industrial communities need to continue to coordinate. Both are important components of Georgetown neighborhood. The existing Neighborhood Plan has conflicting direction on strategies and project implementation.
- Lack of grocery store in or nearby Georgetown.
- Variety of housing stock accommodates range of residents. Affordable housing stock attracts people to live in Georgetown. Low income housing is available.
- Air, water, and soil quality a concern for some residents.
- Some residents feel disconnected from other Seattle neighborhoods due to lack of transportation infrastructure, lack of transit connections, and physical location of Georgetown.
- Many of the strategies and priorities in the existing Neighborhood Plan could be updated to reflect the current changes in the community.

For more information about the Neighborhood Status Check, including the complete summary of the neighborhood discussion and the transcript of the online responses, please see the Planning Commission's [report](#).

What are the similarities between the in-person and online responses?

Both groups were pleased with the increased commercial activity in Georgetown, especially the new establishments along Airport Way. Many people responded that the improvements at Georgetown playfield and Oxbow Park have been well received in the community. Many people expressed that there was a renewed sense of community and pride in the neighborhood. In addition, responses identified that the existing Neighborhood Plan does not support industrial and residential areas in Georgetown working together. Less than half the responses identified that the Neighborhood Plan vision and strategies are being achieved “somewhat well”.



What are the differences between the responses?

Most of the responses online and in-person were very similar. One difference was the perception of the current demographics in the neighborhood. For example, some people thought there were more children and other people felt the neighborhood was losing families to other neighborhoods with more services.

In their own words...

How has your neighborhood changed?

Increase in density — which is good. Cleaner & less crime. Eclectic and strong residential voice that is not reflected in the plan. Instead of listing the residents as secondary to industry as the plan does now, residents are a strong partner with industry that can coexist and support one another.

Georgetown is much cleaner, safer and yet busier. In other words, with more businesses opening up and more people moving into the neighborhood the quality of life has improved since 1998.

We didn't really have a plan. The plan was more for Industrial use. The plan was written by the MIC. I'm suprised that the city of Seattle even considers us a neighborhood. I hope that maybe the city will take into consideration that humans do live down here. We need transportation and police patrols. Something that we lack down in Georgetown. If not for the residents then for at least your workers at all the industrial sites.

In the last 3.5 years since I bought a home in Georgetown: Our retail business district along Airport Way S has increased/improved. The Carleton Grocery store has opened, filling a long-time void. More traffic calming and pedestrian safety features have been added to some of the streets.