

Greensboro Participatory Budgeting

Vote Results November 2017

The Process

Participatory Budgeting (PB) is a democratic process in which community members directly decide how to spend part of a public budget. PB gives ordinary people real decisionmaking power over real money. In 2011, after a presentation by the Participatory Budgeting Project to the Greensboro community, residents began organizing to bring PB to Greensboro. Council passed the resolution in October 2014 allocating \$500,000 for Greensboro's PB process where each of the five Greensboro council districts receive \$100,000 for residents to decide upon capital projects. Greensboro is the first city in the south to implement PB. The first cycle of PB was completed in 2016.

Greensboro Timeline

IDEA COLLECTION: April - May 2017 Residents from across the city shared ideas at neighborhood assemblies, meetings and online in 1904 engagements. Greensboro residents proposed 388 ideas. Project ideas can be seen [here](#).

PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT: June - October 2017 Volunteer Budget Delegates worked together with City Staff and subject matter experts to take all of the submitted ideas from the Idea Collection phase and turn them into concrete, project proposals.

EXPOS & VOTING: October - November 2017 Final proposals were presented to the community at the Expo event on October 19 and then put on the ballot for the Vote. Voting happened over a period of four weeks, starting October 23 and ending on November 18.. Projects with the most votes in each district will be funded until the funds expire. 1,199 Greensboro residents participated in the 2017 Greensboro Participatory Budgeting vote.

District 1 - 27% of voters

District 2 - 20% of voters

District 3 - 16% of voters

District 4 - 28% of voters

District 5 - 9% of voters

Greensboro Participatory Budgeting Winning Projects

District 1 Winning Projects	Total Votes	Paper Ballot Votes	Digital Votes	Cost	Remaining Total
7. Safe Sidewalk Access on Van Wert Street	201	183	18	\$10,000	\$90,000
5. Bus Shelter in Glenwood Neighborhood	175	157	18	\$11,600	\$78,400
4. New Playground Equipment at Apache Street Park	166	154	12	\$35,000	\$43,400
3. Improvements to Children's Play area at Westbury Park	114	110	4	\$10,000	\$33,400
2. Adult Exercise Equipment at Westbury Park	91	88	3	\$30,000	\$3,400
The remaining \$3,400 could be used for cost overruns or go towards funding another project in a different district.					

District 2 Winning Projects	Total Votes	Paper Ballot Votes	Digital Votes	Cost	Remaining Total
6. Improvements to East Washington Street	66	59	7	\$14,850	\$85,150
2. Increase Seating at Windsor Recreation Center	48	45	3	\$7,000	\$78,150
1. Solar Charging Station at Peeler Recreation Center	45	44	1	\$20,000	\$58,150
3. Improvements to Textile Drive Park	41	38	3	\$33,100	\$25,050
7. Improve Playground at Arlington Park	39	36	3	\$22,000	\$3,050
The remaining \$3,050 could be used for cost overruns or go towards funding another project in a different district.					

District 3 Winning Projects	Total Votes	Paper Ballot Votes	Digital Votes	Cost	Remaining Total
10. Beautify Greenway Near Wesley Long hospital with a Natural Shrub Buffer	120	112	8	\$15,000	\$85,000
9. New Water Fountain and Bench on Lake Daniel Greenway	99	92	7	\$9,000	\$76,000
2. Safe Bicycle Parking: Lawndale Area Along Battleground	61	56	5	\$10,000	\$66,000
4. Solar Charging Station at Bus Depot	55	50	5	\$20,000	\$46,000
8. Solar Charging Station - Central Library	48	47	1	\$20,000	\$26,000
1. Safe Bicycle Parking: North Downtown Along Battleground	45	41	4	\$5,000	\$21,000
5. Solar Charging Station Country Park	34	33	1	\$20,000	\$1,000
The remaining \$1,000 could be used for cost overruns or towards funding a project in a different district.					

District 4 Winning Projects	Total Votes	Paper Ballot Votes	Digital Votes	Cost	Remaining Total
3. Increase Pedestrian Safety at Intersection of Spring Garden & Elam Ave.	208	188	20	\$14,900	\$85,100
6. Inclusive Playground Equipment at Lindley Park	197	183	14	\$37,400	\$47,700
2. Make Crossing Safer at Intersection of Muirs Chapel Rd. & Market St	171	154	17	\$14,470	\$33,230
1. Bus Shelter at Friendly Center	164	151	13	\$13,310	\$19,920
(Runner up - could only be partially funded) 5. Upgrade Greenway Park in Sunset Hills	119	111	8	\$70,840	

District 5 Winning Projects	Total Votes	Paper Ballot Votes	Digital Votes	Cost	Remaining Total
5. Turn Lane at Griffin Park	70	63	7	\$5,500	\$94,500
3. Update Fitness Trail at Hester Park	65	59	6	\$68,800	\$25,700
(Runner up - could only be partially funded) 2. Update Playground Equipment at Twin Lakes	55	50	5	\$50,200	

Approval of Funding

After the vote, winning projects will be submitted to the City Manager for inclusion in the recommended budget. The City Manager will submit his recommended budget to City Council for adoption. City Staff will keep residents updated on implementation progress and may confer with the Steering Committee for guidance on project details.

Please note that there are two districts in which the projects that were next in line for funding far exceeded the available funding. The Steering Committee and the City of Greensboro will need to decide how best to allocate funds in these cases.

Addendum

An addendum has been created to include additional metrics requested from the city. Please see [attached](#).