Introduction and Screening

S3. Are you registered as…?

A Democrat .......................................................... 42%
A Republican .......................................................... 36%
Not affiliated with one of the two major political parties ........................................ 22%

S5. How many years have you lived in Anne Arundel County? Just round to the nearest year.

Less than ten years .................................................. 26%
10-19 years .......................................................... 24%
20-29 years .......................................................... 19%
30-39 years .......................................................... 11%
40-49 years ..........................................................  9%
50+ years .......................................................... 12%

S6. People don’t always get a chance to vote in every election. The last time there was an election for County Executive and County Council in November 2018, did you vote or not vote in that election?

Voted .......................................................... 77%
Did not vote .................................................. 20%
Can’t remember .................................................. 3%

General Issues

1. In general, how would you rate Anne Arundel County as a place to live?

Excellent .......................................................... 31%
Good .......................................................... 54%
Top 2 (Excellent + Good) ........................................ 85%
Fair .......................................................... 13%
Poor .......................................................... 1%
Not sure or prefer not to say .................................. %

2. When you think about the job Steuart Pittman is doing as Anne Arundel County Executive, do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, are neutral, somewhat disapprove, or strongly disapprove?

Strongly approve .................................................. 14%
Somewhat approve ............................................. 30%
Total Approve .................................................. 43%
Neutral .......................................................... 47%
Somewhat disapprove ......................................... 7%
Strongly disapprove ............................................. 3%
Total Disapprove .................................................. 10%
3. And when you think about the job your local County Councilmember is doing, do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, are neutral, somewhat disapprove, or strongly disapprove?

   Strongly approve ........................................................................................................ 11%
   Somewhat approve ..................................................................................................... 36%
   **Total Approve** ....................................................................................................... 47%
   Neutral .......................................................................................................................... 46%
   Somewhat disapprove ................................................................................................. 6%
   Strongly disapprove ................................................................................................... 1%
   **Total Disapprove** .................................................................................................... 7%

4. Would you describe the pace of growth and development in Anne Arundel County as (rotate low to high and high to low): [much too fast, a little too fast, about right, a little too slow, (or) much too slow]?

   Much too fast ................................................................................................................ 25%
   A little too fast .............................................................................................................. 28%
   **Total Too Fast** ......................................................................................................... 53%
   About right .................................................................................................................. 35%
   A little too slow ............................................................................................................ 7%
   Much too slow ............................................................................................................. 2%
   **Total Too Slow** ......................................................................................................... 9%
   Not sure ......................................................................................................................... 4%

**Tree Cover**

5. In general, have you noticed any changes in forest cover in the County? *(Read categories. Rotate low to high and high to low.)*

   Much less forest .......................................................................................................... 27%
   Somewhat less ............................................................................................................. 33%
   **Total Less** ............................................................................................................... 60%
   About the same amount ............................................................................................. 23%
   Somewhat more ......................................................................................................... 4%
   Much more forest ....................................................................................................... 1%
   **Total More** ............................................................................................................. 6%
   Not sure ......................................................................................................................... 11%

6. In general, how much does having trees close to where you live matter to you

   A lot ............................................................................................................................... 58%
   Somewhat.................................................................................................................... 33%
   **Top 2 (A lot + Somewhat)** .................................................................................... 91%
   Not much ..................................................................................................................... 6%
   Not at all ....................................................................................................................... 2%
   Not sure ......................................................................................................................... 1%
Forest Conservation Act

7. Current law allows a developer to remove 68 acres of a 100-acre forest without replacing a single tree. When a developer cuts down more than the allotted “free clearing” amount, they are only required to replant a quarter of the trees beyond that threshold. If they don’t want to replant trees, developers can pay a fee of 40 cents per square foot of tree cover, an amount that does not cover the cost of replanting trees.

Now there is a proposal before the Anne Arundel County Council called the Forest Conservation Act, which would require developers to replant more trees, or if they don’t want to replant the trees to pay a higher fee so the County can replant them. In light of this information, would you \( \text{(rotate low to high and high to low): [strongly favor, somewhat favor, are neutral, somewhat oppose, (or) strongly oppose]} \) the Anne Arundel County Forest Conservation Act?

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8. Here are a few more facts about the Forest Conservation Act. It would raise the conservation thresholds for projects on sites 2 acres or larger, double the tree replacement rate, and increase the fee from 40 cents to $2.50 per square foot of tree cover. Knowing those facts, would you \( \text{(rotate low to high and high to low): [strongly favor, somewhat favor, are neutral, somewhat oppose, (or) strongly oppose]} \) the Anne Arundel County Forest Conservation Act?

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Arundel Rivers Federation
Anne Arundel County Voter Poll on the Forest Conservation Act

Topline Results

N=539 registered voters interviewed by telephone and online, September 30–October 4, 2019

Attitudes

9. Here are a few statements. Please indicate if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, are neutral, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with each one.

A. Every tree that is taken down when land is developed should be replanted.
B. When developers cut down trees, they should be required to pay the full cost needed to replant those trees.
C. Trees increase your property value.
D. For too long, developers in Anne Arundel County have been allowed to get away with whatever they want to do. We need to do a better job protecting forested area.

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Classifying the Survey

C1. These last few questions are to classify the survey only. What is your age?

Less than 35 ................................................................................................................................. 22%
35 to 49 ...................................................................................................................................... 25%
50 to 64 ....................................................................................................................................... 29%
65 or more ................................................................................................................................... 22%
Not sure or prefer not to say ........................................................................................................ 1%

C2. What is the last grade in school that you completed?

Less than 12th grade ..................................................................................................................... 2%
12th grade/High school diploma/GED .......................................................................................... 17%
Some college/Associate degree .................................................................................................. 28%
Four-year degree/Bachelor’s degree .......................................................................................... 31%
Graduate work/Advanced degree ............................................................................................... 21%
Not sure or prefer not to say ......................................................................................................... 1%

C3. Do you most closely identify your race or ethnicity as (randomize): [White, African-American or Black, Hispanic or Latino, Asian, Native American], or some other? Mention any that apply to you.

White .............................................................................................................................................. 75%
African-American/Black ................................................................................................................. 18%
Hispanic/Latino ............................................................................................................................... 4%
Asian .............................................................................................................................................. 5%
Native American ............................................................................................................................ 1%
Other .............................................................................................................................................. 1%
Not sure/Refused ............................................................................................................................ 2%
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C4. What is your gender?

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