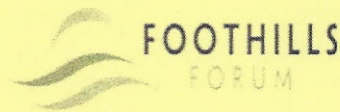


Dear Rappahannock County Resident,

We are writing to ask for your help with an important study being conducted by Foothills Forum, a nonpartisan, nonprofit group of your neighbors, and the University of Virginia's Center for Survey Research.



In a few days you will receive a questionnaire in the mail, asking about your opinions regarding quality of life in Rappahannock and issues that currently face residents. We believe that the results will help leaders and citizens make decisions about the needs of the future while continuing to preserve the best things about life in Rappahannock County. In order for the survey to be successful, we need an adult from each household in the County to fill out and mail back the questionnaire.

We thank you for your help and for taking the time to complete the survey. We hope you will enjoy the questionnaire and the opportunity to voice your thoughts about life in Rappahannock County. If you have any questions about this survey, please contact Kate Wood at the University of Virginia - kwood@virginia.edu or 434-243-1088.

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