

CDOT Visual Opinion Survey Results

Section 5, Overall Residential Street Image- Comments

<p>The streets that appealed the most to me were wide enough to permit side street parking without impeding traffic; had sidewalks with wider planting strips, and included trees planted in the planting strip.</p>
<p>Mature hardwoods in the planting strip are most appealing. Sherwood Avenue should be a model for every residential street in the city...just the right width street and planting strip, mature trees and sidewalks on both sides of the street that actually lead to, who would have guesses, more sidewalks.</p>
<p>Planting strips in residential areas should be wide enough to accomodate the growth of a large deciduous tree. Myers Park and Dilworth are prime examples of planting strips done correctly.</p>
<p>Love the mature street-side trees, but the ones with the larger grass-strips are the best. I HATE the barren cookie-cutter cul-de-sac look. It's so cheap and utilitarian looking. Why would anyone want to come home to that?</p>
<p>Residential streets depend on where the neighborhood is located. If cars cut through the neighborhood then the roads need to be widen and it needs to have sidewalks.</p>
<p>Spacious residential communities allow ample room for police, medics, bikers, etc.</p>
<p>In picture 2, the houses didn't face the road and the sides didn't have windows on the road side. Not good. In other pictures the planting strip was still too narrow. Residential street right-of-way should be at least 60 feet wide with only a 22 foot wide road. Mountable curbing was very unattractive.</p>
<p>Disliked: trees/bushes too close to pavement; on-street parking impairs sightlines; mailboxes should be mounted on the house instead of a pole at the curb. Liked: open to the R/W line in some pictures.</p>
<p>Residential streets should be wide, and tree-lined.</p>
<p>Trees should not be cut down and should be kept close to the road in a residential setting. Streets should also be narrow enough to allow two cars to pass by at once and if a community is built with on-street parking in mind then that should be built in with the two car rule. Extreemly wide streets only hurt the areas over all feel.</p>
<p>I loved ltos and lots of trres next to the road</p>
<p>Residential streets look better if sidewalks are landscaped with trees between curb and sidewalk. Otherwise its a waste of residential yards even if city has a right a way! My neighborhood has no sidewalks 1960's neighborhood and almost every home landscapes already next to the road with flower beds and various low growing shrubs. To come in a build sidewalks would take a lot of nice landscaping away.</p>
<p>Again, street trees seem to make a world of difference on streets, even if the houses are ugly -- all streets look better with them and worse without them. Also, streets that are too wide are unattractive.</p>
<p>I like calm streets - many of these (probably due to lack of mature trees) seem to facilitate expediant car travel. Neighborhood streets should be SLOW and designed to promote that. Few want to walk on a sidewalk if cars are whizzing down the road</p>
<p>I liked the smaller trees and flowers with the wider medians.</p>

I liked the photos with sidewalks, planting strips with trees and narrower traffic lanes. I also liked when the houses faced the street.

I enjoy tree-lined streets.

Liked lighting

Trees and sidewalks that looked welcoming.

Trees that were present but not obstructing the view-good.

Developments that focus on housing not neighborhoods are awful!

I like streets with sidewalks on both side of the road, as well as lined with tree to provide shade for the walker. The width of the sidewalks in these photos was adequate, however, sidewalks that curve, rather than are completely straight, are more appealing. They add dimensions and depth to the neighborhood. Streets should also be wide enough to allow traffic to flow through easily.

It's one thing to require developers to plant trees along the street for new neighborhoods but the key is to require them to plant REAL trees that will last and endure like hardwoods.

large spans between the sidewalk and the street

Due to or weather, some of the planting seems close to the street, problems may occur.

I like tree lined streets.

I prefer the streets with older, larger, mature trees, larger sidewalks, cleaner surroundings.

DO NOT LIKE VALLEY CURBS

Subdivisions without trees are an eyesore. Anything without mature trees is substandard.

Wide planting strips are good. Sidewalks are vital.

Anything with sidewalks got a point, but...streets should not be too wide--narrower streets, with on-street parking allowed, and mature trees, are ideal. Dilworth is a great example, although some of those streets are a bit wide (but wouldn't be if you marked off bike lanes)--which reminds me, you didn't have bike lanes in the commercial sections. They are needed!!!!!!

Residential street scape is extremely important to the feel of the neighborhood. Trees provide shade for housing and walking or jogging. Also having a planting strip between the road and sidewalk adds to safety for kids and pets. Neighborhoods with no trees, as most clear cut residential areas are, creates an unstable atmosphere. It takes far to long for large trees to grow and become a fixture in the neighborhood. Clear cutting new neighborhoods should be eliminated entirely! Homes build value faster if neighborhood is "asthetically pleasing" and clean.

trees, planting

The issue here seems to be more of on-street parking...the City does not pave private driveways, but does widen roads for the purpose of parking cars.

<p>While they are quaint and represent the appearance of a well established and "older" neighborhood, Large trees are a maintenance nightmare when it comes to the roads and underground utilities. Smaller, decorative trees are more inviting and provide adequate shading to other smaller shrubs and plantings, as well as pedestrians. The neighborhoods built in "fields" and have little to no shade trees or plantings at all, need to be required to plant more trees for aesthetics and environmental reasons so the area is not as stark.</p>
<p>I like narrow streets with wide sidewalks and wide planting strips with larger or medium sized trees in them</p>
<p>Again, trees lining the street are positives. Limitations on parking improve the visual (from no street parking to one side of the street parking to both sides of the street parking). Limit street signs to improve visual.</p>
<p>wimpy planting strips in newer neighborhoods.</p>
<p>These streets do not have any character. While some of the trees are nice, most of the streets are boring. No sense of community. No sense that they are intended for anyone to walk places.</p>
<p>Parking on residential streets is a definite plus. Taller, longer lived trees are preferred.</p>
<p>Trees, trees, trees! The more the better.</p>
<p>Need trees in planting strips. Sidewalks on both sides of street. Neighborhood streets should be narrow!!</p>
<p>I liked when planting strips and sidewalks were used in the neighborhoods. I feel that this made the pictures more visually pleasing and would make the areas more pedestrian friendly.</p>
<p>I did not like areas that did not use trees at all. I also didn't like when double sided on-street parking was allowed on narrow streets.</p>
<p>I do NOT like on street parking on residential streets as a means of primary parking.</p>
<p>Nice wide streets are great but speeds increase on wide streets. Bikes lanes and painted lines should be used to create the illusion of narrow streets.</p>
<p>Street trees and sidewalks are good. Street width should be no more than 22' from FOC to FOC to keep speeds low, unless on-street parking is to be provided, in which case the width should be no more than 42' FOC to FOC...even narrower would be better. People speed on wide streets.</p>
<p>The neighborhoods look terrible when all the trees are bulldozed and there are just houses in the middle of empty lots.</p>
<p>I prefer sidewalks, trees, and off-street parking</p>
<p>Tree coverage, landscaping, less-exposure to homes is preferred. Narrower streets are fine and lower speeding, as does onstreet parking.</p>
<p>Some of the streets were too open. The houses stuck out like a sore thumb due to poor landscaping. In some of those pictures all you see is vinyl siding. It's a little tough to imagine kids playing on some of those roads as they seem to be geared more for the cars moving through the area.</p>
<p>a tree-lined street is best, as long as the trees are not too big</p>

These treatments can be beautiful but the cost factor must be addressed. Being able to own a home without much street treatment is better than not being able to afford a home.

Large trees are beautiful but size depends on the age of the development as well as the allowed planting strip. The newer developments may have to wait for their trees to grow before being as attractive as the older developments.

WE NEED TREES!!!!

Subdivision streets should have street trees for environmental benefits. The streets look hot and boring.

I greatly prefer to see tree-lined streets

I absolutely loved the majority of these pictures due to them being tree lined streets. It gives the neighborhood a feeling of family and is very inviting to someone looking to purchase a home in that area. The only ones I scored low was due to them being very stark and naked feeling in the planting strip area and those pictures gave the feeling of the neighborhood not being very inviting.

streets with trees in planting strip looked the most attractive

liked narrower streets vs. wider streets, but liked them wide enough to allow at least one side on-street parking

The best streets were the one with sidewalks on both sides and mature trees. The newer developments without any trees and the small strip of grass near the sidewalk is very ugly.

the neighborhood w/out trees looks very cold and uninviting

All of the roads seem to be very narrow. Although we do not have sidewalks in our neighborhood (I glad of that) I like sidewalks with neatly kept streets. I especailly like the trees along side of the road.

Planting strips need to be wide if large maturing trees are to be planted. Pictures are deceiving because we don't have yards that big, or planting strips that big, or lot widths wide enough for trees to grow like some of these pictures show.

I did not like the streets/neighborhoods without trees. They seemed stark. The shaded streets were prettier.

liked-large treelined streets, wide streets allowing for biking, walking
disliked-lack of trees and lack of space to ride/walk safely

Myers Park is much more attractive without the recycling buckets.

almost sounding repetitive... like the use of treey and the more mature the better. Anlo the "old time" street lights are a nice touch.

Trees are good, the more old growth producers the better. Sidewalks and off street parking good too.

Sidewalks need to be at least 5' wide; 4' is too narrow to allow passage of 2 pedestrians. A narrow planting strip is worse than none at all, especially if the sidewalk has to be narrower to accomodate it.

Large trees demonstrate the problem of a narrow planting strip and the wrong species of street tree.

Sacrificing street wide to allow for a planting strip is also a mistake; narrow streets are dangerous.

Trees.....

Lack of street trees a negative. Sidewalks on both sides of street a positive.

liked sidewalks on both sides with trees on planting edge

<p>Love the tree-lined streets...not only does it help keep the area cooler, but it also adds a charm and friendliness to the area that a treeless street lacks. The photos without tree-lined streets -- well, the neighborhood--while nice and clean-looking -- didn't have a very welcoming appearance. Those photos would actually stop be from buying a house in those neighborhoods, completely uninviting.</p>
<p>Liked mature trees. Liked se no on street parking. Liked newer wider sidewalks. Did not like narrower streets or sidewalks.</p>
<p>I like curbs and on street parking.</p>
<p>Trees, wide planting strips, on-street parking and sidewalks all make me happy.</p>
<p>beattiesford road need streets thats wide and people friendly thats all i'm asking for please don't forget us too thanks</p>
<p>Narrow = slow = good.</p>
<p>Residential streets should be as wide as possible. I only feel that due to the fact that-its a residential area. There are kids in the neighborhood, who like to play if you have narrow streets for car to pass through there's always the possiblity that one car isn't going to see that one kid who may run after a toy out into the street. If residential streets were made wide, especially in cases of on the street parking, then not only is there room for traffic to flow in a safe manor but drivers will have a more open view of all activity that is occuring, opposed to a narrow view in which only assumptions can be made.</p>
<p>higher curbs are needed,water stood on some,wide and visible on most</p>
<p>Don't like too many cars in street, too dangerous and a pain to navigate through. Must have trees.</p>
<p>Planting strips need more than grass. In new developments, I believe the developer should install the trees. I think more people would find it inviting and buy in a "treed" development verse a grass plain. I lived in Cary, NC for 5 years, theirs is a model to follow. Of course, the developers did not have control. Zoning was strict & rigid. If you wanted to build there, you had to conform, or you could build somewhere else. Charlotte has never had teeth. Many people moving to Charlotte, don't have say it how their neighborhoods look, because they buy what is on the market that is built by developers. If you don't force the developers and get it right the first time, then it will be generations before it changes and then at taxpayers expense. Why should I, living in the North end on a lighted, sidewalked, tree-lined street, pay for sidewalk improvements in the South end on a plain-jane streetscape.</p>
<p>Sidewalks only needed on one side of the street. Tree lined streets are much more visually appealing.</p>
<p>mature trees are great for curb appeal</p>
<p>Once again, my unifying element appears to be trees and flowers, without having either one over-represented. Neighborhoods with trees and flowers appear pleasant; neighborhoods without them look completely undesirable.</p>
<p>I do not like very large trees planted next to the road because I cannot see around them to look for cars before I pull out. I do like small trees and as much green as I can possibly get.</p>
<p>I did not like narrow streets, streets where cars were parked, or streets with no lane markings (bike lane, etc).</p>

Trees lining the street look good and seem to slow traffic a bit. Wide streets are nice, and accomodate parking, but also seem to encourage speeding.

Wider streets that are less congested with cars but have wide planter strips and trees look best overall. Narrow streets congested w/ cars and without planter strips look bad.

Trees are good as long as they do not obstruct view.

Likes: Wider city streets are preferrable.

Dislikes: Narrow streets can be difficult to navigate especially when cars coming in opposite direction.

Like narrower residential streets to encourage neighborhood interaction. Like trees/landscaping, really hate those rounded curbs where people park in the grass instead of on the street. Geez.

The residential subdivisions are overwhelmingly mundane. They need trees and other plants.

Wide streets that could accomodate two lanes of traffic and parked cars is a waste of space and prioritizes the car over the pedestrian. Residential streets should be wide enough for one lane of traffic and one lane of parked cars, max.

Small streets make for an accident. Overcrowding is easy to do also. Especially if residents have parties and such. Not very safe for kids either.

Trees make all the difference. Some street were too narrow.

Like streets with trees and sidewalks on BOTH sides of the street where small children can ride tricycles and skate safely.

I liked old, tall trees that are consistently spaced. I liked the old-style non-concrete curbs, and street parking. I liked wider streets only if there is lots of street parking, otherwise more narrow streets seem more friendly and cozy.

I strongly disliked the culdesacs, streets with no trees, and streets with lots of driveway cutouts and concrete suburban curbs.

We need to inter-connect ALL subdivisions so that traffic flow can be dispersed through multiple routes rather than one grandiose entrance that is effectively a giant cul-de-sac subdivision ... that is what encourgaes people to hurry/speed as they compete for a position along that one access route. Connections should also be for peds & bikes to schools, markets, parks, greenway trail system, etc.

relatively narrow; lots of trees; sidewalks

I lilke green. makes it look like a neighborhood whether new or old. Trees that are allowed to grow really big have to be where there are no phone lines. and where they have enough room to not erode the median

While most pictures were taken in winter, do they have to clear all the trees when building new subdivisions? Never understood that.

Hard to compare mature versus, newly built communities.

Trees provide a much nicer setting. Sidewalks are desirable.

Streets not too wide, with sidewalks and trees each side are the best.

I don't like the old trees.

The street trees and wider planting strips are most appealing.

I prefer wider planting strips between the sidewalk and the street, and having trees in the strips makes it much more pleasant (especially for walking in the summer -- under the shade of the trees).

i like the wide residential streets, they are more community friendly, and you can navigate them better.

Again, trees sure do make a positive difference. I liked the street lights that look like gas lamps. I also liked not seeing wires....phone, cable, electric, etc.

Trees and sidewalks are great - still don't like the width of the streets. Feelings of exposure when optimally a residential street should provide a feeling of enclosure. This will also serve as a natural speed reducing measure.

Narrow streets with parked cars on roadway.

rollover curbs ugly. narrow streets better. wide sidewalks better than 4' ones. or 5' ones.

Diversify the tree plantings in newer neighborhoods.

Liked:

- Narrower streets with parallel parking.
- Buildings that address the street.
- Mature/planned landscaping.
- Public sidewalks on both sides of street.

Disliked:

- Excessively wide "collector" streets.
- Mountable curbs.

I didn't notice any medians with trees. "Green medians break up the pavement. Streets with trees and without power lines are much more pleasing and give a small town friendliness atmosphere. Streets without trees and with power lines have a very desolate industrial feel, even if the buildings are attractive.

Trees should be located in the setback and not within the planting strip. Why do we have site triangles at intersections but then we put trees in the planting strip that are difficult to see around.

Force developers to conform with higher setbacks and more importantly, save trees. Either save trees, or force them to plant native species.

sidewalks should be wider. Geenary is ok.

trees!

Most of the pictures were nice, the trees on the sides were most appealing. It would be preferable if streets could be wide enough to safely accomodate parking on the side.

Seems to me like residential streets are getting smaller. For safety reasons, I prefer a wider street that allows for on-street parking, especially if driveways are small.

The lack of trees in the newer neighborhoods really make a negative impact. Narrower streets are more attractive.

I like sidewalks on both sides of the street, as well as wider planding strips filled with trees and additiional landscaping.

I believe every street in Charlotte should be retrofitted with sidewalks.

Trees good.

AGAIN TREES AND LOTS OF LANDSCAPING!

Many of the streets looked to narrow to hold cars parked on the side and two lanes of traffic. Most streets were so narrow that once a person parked on the street it was very hard to let 2 cars go through at the same time.

don't like cars parking on street; like wide grass planting strip between street and sidewalk; don't like clearcut neighborhoods; like tree lined roads, but don't wants trees to block 'open' feel of street, e.g., tall trees that grow above the street view are okay, but short bushy trees that block the view of the residential houses and line the edges of the roads close in the road and make it feel dark, small, unpleasant, not open

Large trees most important in creating a positive image. Sidewalks also help as does decorative street lighting.

The homes should be required to be closer to the street and the planting strips should have trees and other plants in them. Combined driveways would reduce the amount of curb cuts.

A mixture of tree sizes and types is most appealing. Small space between street and sidewalk is better than none. The nicer neighborhoods obviously have wider planting strips and larger trees.

Trees should not encroach the pavement.

Trees...

it's a shame they flattened areas before building new subdivisions....it takes TOO long for trees/plants to regrow....LEAVE some trees!! Sidewalks....YES

Even residential streets need to be wide enough to allow some onstreet parking without impeding two-way traffic flow. Street trees are ideal, but there should be a sufficiently wide planting strip to accommodate them.

I like wide streets and curbs. It's important to have room for two lanes of traffic with parking alongside as well. Charlotte is good about having curbs that define yards well.

Liked wide streets, big full trees on planting strip. Disliked no or few trees.

Liked tree lined streets. The others look so bare.

again, the more trees, the more attractive the street. certainly they can't all be large trees, but at least plant them now, so that one day they will be large and majestic, as dilworth and myers park.

Plants and trees! Mature, large trees on tree-lawns are best, and even better when the yards are attractively landscaped with trees, shrubs, and flowers. Large, hardwood trees are much nicer than smaller, ornamental trees.

most of them i like

Bigger trees, and more of them are desirable.

Trees make it look much nicer.

Again, dislike the trees. Those with immature trees are somewhat better, but they'll keep growing to impede vision. I like on street parking, as said earlier. Parked cars and narrow streets slow traffic. Road humps piss me off, and I try to get airborne. See the presentation and research I just did for Chief Burke. Road humps are bad news.

narrow planting strips are OK if trees are planted behind the sidewalk. Large maturing trees need large (10+ feet) planting strips to prevent busting up sidewalks in the future. Also, large maturing trees in narrow strips can create extended sight distance obstructions.

Dislike on-street parking, especially for narrow streets. Sometimes with parking on both sides it is difficult for even one car to get through.

Like trees in the neighborhood. Totally treeless neighborhoods look stark.

We need to stop mass-grading for residential neighborhoods, require developers to work more with the natural topography and leave more of the existing trees undisturbed (not just in "buffer" areas but throughout the neighborhood).

The streets I liked had large sidewalks with a large green area on the roadside of the sidewalk.

The parking along the road should be either eliminated or parking lanes drawn to give an illusion of order.
Overall, good streets. Streets that allow parking and traffic flow are prefer. A few streets seemed very narrow. I sidewalks on both sides.
Wide planting strips with trees are preferable. Care needs to be taken to provide wide sidewalks to accommodate wheelchairs.
Big trees to close to road makes it seem to tight for traffic.
Didn't like having lots of cars parked in the street.
Liked having trees near the street, but not right on the street.
I do not like to see vehicles parked on the streets.
Trees are very important. Narrow streets are good for slowing traffic in residential areas, and sidewalks with sufficient planting strips look best.
There needs to be trees, trees, trees. Make new neighborhoods into neighborhoods that will look like Dilworth and Myers Park and Plaza Midwood and Country Club and any other older, established neighborhood.
Like sidewalks on both sides with fairly wide planting strips.
Liked...seeing somewhat mature trees in the landscaping. Disliked...very very large mature trees directly behind curb. Also, a wide open street with zero trees.
I really hate neighborhood that the developers had mowed down all natural trees. Neighborhoods should all have shady sidewalks to encourage outdoor activities.
Likes: narrow streets, wide sidewalk planting strips, trees on planting strips Dislikes: wide streets, narrow sidewalk planting strips, no trees on planting strips
trees make the neighborhood. narrow streets help calm traffic. sidewalks-at least on one side of the road-with a planting strip of trees are necessary.
Landscaping, color, wideness, no parking on grass...
New subdivisions that remove mature trees look HORRIBLE. I would never want to live in an area like that, and it is definitly reducing the city's attractive qualities.
Street width, sidewalk consideration, and trees are the main factors here. Residential streets have no reason to be any wider than 3 car widths (4 at the most)! Firetruck access can be acheived by not allowing on street parking a caclulated distance from any given intersection.

Is there a reason half these pictures were taken in the middle of winter and half were taken when all the trees are in full bloom? Of course greenery is important, but more important is walkability. All of these pictures had sidewalks, a definite plus. One picture was of a cul-de-sac. Why are they called cul-de-sacs? They should just be called 'roads to nowhere'.

parked cars on the street really lower the appearance

I like the sloped curbing, sidewalks on both sides of street and wider planting strips with trees and decorative street lighting that is not so high and bright as to create light pollution at night with obscene energy waste.

If people are going to be parking on the street they need to be wide so that there will still be a place for others to get by

Newer neighborhoods should plant trees in planting strips. Residential street width should be compatible with the traffic volume: i.e. low volume, narrow width.

I hate it when the developer cuts down all of the trees to make room for as many homes as the ordinance will allow. That is wrong and it shows in all of these new, crappie looking developments popping up all around the city. Trees are there for a reason.

I like houses close to the street, narrow streets, parking on the street, tree-lined streets, planting strips wide enough to accommodate trees, curving streets, and streets paved with brick, cobblestones, or concrete units.

large trees on city right-of-way pose a safety hazard, prone to disease and have larger cost to maintain. Smaller trees that are maintained and don't obstruct line of sight are an amenity to that street.

I don't like street parking on the last picture.

Liked streets with limited on street parking, tree lined and with sidewalks.

Trees in residential is good to see, better than the ones without trees.

Really liked the open road area with the clean lines allowing you to see clearly the foot, bike and car traffic but had peaceful light shading trees.

Like wide planting strips with trees

Residential streets where every yard and every mailbox is the same is monotonous and boring.

Streets with mature trees that are narrow barely large enough for two cars to pass feel more pleasing and more to scale with a 'home' atmosphere.

I like trees, but small ones back from the street. Too many large trees is overpowering, and dangerous.

The only street I didn't like was the neighborhood that had been clear cut. Trees provide a nice canopy for a neighborhood. Shade for the houses. Lower energy bills. Yet we continue to let the builders cut down every tree and plant tiny 4 foot cherry trees to replace the 100 foot pine trees they destroyed. Then everyone is suprised when strong winds topple the tall trees surrounding the neighborhood onto their house. It's simple. Those trees were in the middle of the forest protected from high winds. Nature works by design. Only man messes it up.

With large houses built close together, it is important that the planting strip be wide. This helps prevent a cluttered feel and obstructs the view of the bland structures.

Wide streets = speed. Street trees helped

Best with trees (new or mature) along street and road not too wide. Sidewalks not needed on both sides in residential areas if roads narrow enough to control traffic and to cross. Residential street parking makes it hard to see pedestrians and cyclists and looks more like parking lot than neighborhood although no cars at all made it look abandoned.

I liked the wider planting strips and sidewalks.

I like the trees. They break up the monotony of houses after houses.

I like trees between the curb and the sidewalk. I dislike planting strips that are too narrow. I dislike on street parking.

street need to be wider

Love the old oak-lined streets, but medians were too narrow for their growth. Liked the wider residential streets. Too many of the newer developments leave little room for parking.

Including trees along the streetscape made a positive impression. The wider streets in some of the subdivisions did not appear appropriate or create a sense of community.

Mature trees are always great and naturally take decades, but artifically meadndering streets and allowing one architech to design 100% of the houses in a residential area is horrible whether the houses are 1200 sq/ft tract homes or 3000 sq/ft McMansions.

No need to get 'sidewalk crazy' in some of these developments. Do you really need sidewalks on BOTH sides of a street that is far into a residential neighborhood?

I truly hate subdivisions that have been clear cut with little attempt to save any trees. Little scraggly replacements aren't much better. The best neighborhoods are those new and established where they made a concerted effort to save the trees or plant fairly mature ones and leave grass dividers and sidewalks.

Many too narrow to get around safely but if too wide it encourages speeding.

The wider sidewalks look better but any sidewalk is better than no sidewalk! The planting strips that had trees planted in them look much better.

cars on narrow streets detract from the overall look. again neat, clean curbs and planting strips count a lot. the sidewalks and curbs with no effort to make them interesting detract a lot. the introduction of brick pavers instead of concrete for the sidewalks would improve the look drastically.

Sidewalks with planting strips with adequate space for pedestrians/trees are great. Allowing parking too close to intersections block the driver's views.

Liked wider streets w/wider planting strips and mature foliage.

I prefer the residential streets that have planting areas to help buffer pedestrians from vehicles. I prefer trees along the roadsides and sidewalks - to help encourage walking and more pedestrian-friendly neighborhoods.

More trees. Lack of trees makes a neighborhood look bare. Don't use so many Bartlett Pear trees as they split and aren't as pretty as other trees.

not fair to compare summer to winter images as the foliage is so different. also, the photos with less street parking are more attractive, but this isn't always practical

Large trees in planting strip much more important than width of sidewalk. Neighbor-hoods without any trees in the front or those with only tiny, recently planted immature trees are horrendous. PLEASE stop letting developers raze all the trees in order to make a neighborhood cheaper to build. These neighborhoods are SO UGLY.

The streets with wide planting strips, and trees planted, coupled with narrow street width which allows for parking on the street to act as a speed deterrant instead of to have no affect at all

Obviously, trees always win over no trees. However, I think balance and cleanliness are the keys. You need to balance the street in order to make the sidewalks useful (making them widen enough) while still providing enough space (and protection) from the street.

Sidewalks should be required in all new neighborhoods. Planting strips look nice as well. Some mature trees should be left when building new subdivisions. Developers should not be allowed to bulldoze an entire area and then plant sticks that will take 20 years to be noticeable.

Planting strips and trees add a lot. The first picture with the huge mature trees felt too crowded. Too bad the picture was taken when the recycle buckets were at the curb.

curved streets, narrow streets for neighborhoods and palntings all make the streets tha have them look inviting

The streets with bigger trees look more "homey" than those with small or no trees. The last picture, of the newer development, looked more inviting than an earlier picture of a new development - probably just because there were more cars and things like that to make it look like people actually lived there.

Trees are a good thing!

The streets that I did not like were older neighborhoods with "HUGE" trees in the planting strip. On the newer neighborhoods, this too can happen. I like wide streets where two cars can go down regardless if a car is parked on the side. The narrow streets creates a problem for street parking.

I love on street parking that is not striped - not only because it narrows the street, but it feels more social and traditional. In the pictures of the newer subdivisions, they are trying to achive that but the streets are too wide and they don't take advantage of the planting strip.

I hate the way builders are allowed to clear all the large trees and leave just a like of like looking houses. Nice, tree lined roads with sidewalks make a neighborhood

I prefer the wooded streets as well as the streets with a large planting strip. I always like to see sidewalks on both sides of the street. I am still looking for those bike lanes.

Some streets were too narrow

The trees make the difference, also the width

Again, wide strips, lanes wide enough to accomodate bicycles and wide sidewalks

I liked the streets with Trees evenly spaced out in the planting strip and sidewalks on both sides of the road.

I prefer the roadways that are wide enough to accomodate for parked cars and passing motorists. Also, sidewalks should be on both sides of the street. The planting strip between the sidewalk and the roadway is attractive, especially when trees, etc and planted.

Sidewalks need to be wide enough for 2 strollers side by side.

residential developers and counties/cities should demand that residential developers who level big fields/acres of land and plant rows and rows of houses, should have wide streets (if there is to be streetside parking), and tree lined sidewalks. Again planting strips bordering streets and sidewalks are an added degree of protection and automatically make drivers feel they are in neighborhoods/residential areas where they is a need to slow down and watch out for pedestrians, bikers and children playing. Tree lined streets with large old trees should be well maintained and pruned for old, splintery, or dead branches that may fall in the streets...but again tree lined streets are BEAUTIFUL and add to the charm of the neighborhood and the quality of life of the area...the first thing i noticed after moving to charlotte were the trees!!!!

More trees, the better.

Trees are so important as well as not too much space between the two sides of the streets.

There was a huge lack of vegetation. The side walk width of some of these was very good, the first one had very nice large trees, but still lacked real foliage.

Narrow streets simply stink--people parking in the streets stinks worse...in my sub division you can park on street one or two nights and then it's gotta get off street. I know it's hard to monitor this unless you get neighbors to monitor. City needs to make sub-division builders keep streets wider instead of them squeezing every extra home possible..New neighborhoods look cheezy with roads wide enough for a single car to pass.

Planting strips, green or brown need good looking shrubbery

I like mature canopy trees not cheap developer trees i.e. bradford pears. Also like off street parking trees in yards and high-quality housing made actual streets look better

I liked the trees in bloom and people on the streets.

I like the trees and little or not streetside parking.

I like the streets with the high tree cover. They provide beauty and shade.

I prefer the narrower residential streets with large maturing trees particularly when you can keep Duke Power away from the trees.

If on street parking is allowed, the lanes should be wide enough to accommodate two way traffic with parked cars on either side.

cleanliness had a big impact here. the streets that were cleaned up, nicely edge were really nice to look at and left me with a feeling of "hey I would like to live there"

The others made me glad I lived where I currently do and don't have to live in a neighborhood like those without care.

I like on-street parking, planting strips, trees near the road, sidewalks. Dislike very much rolled curbs, wide residential streets, lack of vegetation.

Trees trees trees. It's all about the trees. Also, a lot of these photos crop out the houses...houses make a huge impact on the impression of a street.

some streets are too narrow for parking and no bike lanes which I disliked.

All had sidewalks..first priority...and again the trees give it a lovey feeling...perhaps developers should be required to install the sidewalks and good size tree plantings.

I liked the mature trees. I did not like the bare, treeless roads.

I dislike neighborhoods of single family structures without trees. Developers should be "encouraged" to leave old growth trees.

New subdivisions without trees are ugly.

I like the narrow street to slow traffic in neighborhoods. I also like squared-off curb tops to discourage pulling off onto the grass.

Wider streets plus trees are best.

planting strips here are OK because homeowner must maintain them

some times roads are too wide - grass buffer with trees the best

I liked the ones that were not bare and more kept.

Like: large sidewalks, large medians and planting strips, trees lining streets

Dislike: no trees, no grass, no sidewalks

Most-liked: wide streets and sidewalks with trees for shading and variety in landscaping

Least-liked: lack of trees, or completely homogenous landscaping

Curb appeal, indeed! I prefer the streets lined with older trees and shade to the streets in the more newly-developed neighborhoods. Trees make property look more inviting and those without such growth look bare and unfortunate.

I like street trees, decorative mailboxes, sidewalks, and planting strips.

I hate wide overly widened neighborhood streets.

Most of those images had fairly narrow sidewalks. If we want to encourage more walking (we should), we need to have wide sidewalks.

trees!

i like the old-growth trees, they make the neighborhood seem homey and established.

Large street widths provide drivers an opportunity to drive fast in residential areas. Narrow streets can reduce speeding.

I did like the neighborhoods with lots of trees, disliked the ones that appeared to have been completely bulldozed when initially developed.

The ones I didn't like were narrow, with lots of curb parking. Doesn't seem to allow good access.

The new neighborhoods with no trees have really ugly streets. The neighborhood roads that have cars parked on both sides are dangerous.

Residential streets need to be built wide enough to handle on-street parking while at the same time provide room for two vehicles to pass each other. Heavy tree development may be nice for residents but the large thick trees present safety issues with sight lines.

Bad: Sharing the roads/neighbors with bikers, sorry! Small sidewalks inhibits pedestrian traffic.

Good: wide sidewalks promotes pedestrian traffic, trees and flowers are relaxing. On street parking can stick up a good looking neighborhood though

no onstreet parking.

planting strips should be a MINIMUM of 4', and more like 6'

trees and s/w required down both sides of street.

buried elec. necessary.

wide streets wide plant strip with trees and street lights.

Clean and safe sidewalks through neighborhood is important. Tree lined streets are also nice.

i really don't like those little cookie cutter houses that are all close together. trees are good too. the bigger trees looked magnificent.

The trees add interest, privacy and shielding.

Some of the streets in the residential community allow parking on both sides on very narrow streets and this creates difficulty for access for solid waste trucks, fire trucks, moving vans and construction vehicles. Parking on certain width streets should always be restricted to one side only.

Most of these streets were newer developments. Therefore most of the plants and trees, if any, hadn't fully bloomed yet. A few of the pictures were taken in the fall or winter which added to the dreary look and dead look. If some year round flower and shrubs were planted it could help the overall look. I don't like residential streets that do not have sidewalks.

wider sidewalks and less clutter with landscaping is preferred

I LOVE tree-lined streets, and the larger and more mature trees offers the better canopy. However our very large oak trees were planted in very narrow planting strips which they have outgrown, causing their roots to spread into and buckling the sidewalk, curb and street. When we plan and design streets with trees, make sure the area is adequate for years of growth, to insure the health and life of the tree, as well as the integrity of the infrastructure.

there should be more trees and flowers

I like streets to be wide enough for two moving cars and one parked car. I like them to have sidewalks.

I liked the wide, tree lined streets with sidewalks on both sides of the street.

I liked the wider residential streets that had sidewalks on both sides of the street.

Curb and gutter is a must! Tree lined streets looked better,

The streets with lots of cars parked on them were not as appealing

It is appalling that new construction builders are permitted to wipe out every tree (almost) and barely re-plant. Planting 1 or 2 trees per homes is an outrage!

Trees, trees, and more trees are a good thing

I do not like neighborhood streets where there are no trees.

Liked flowering trees and green spaces near streets. Dislike on-street parking on narrow streets.

We need more trees! Wider planting strips as well.

Prefer mature trees.

STREET LAMPS IS A MUST

Housing Developments should be required to keep as many existing trees along the street as possible or they need to replant trees in the treelawn. Cars should be in driveways, not parked on residential sidestreets.

scales important/ plus 75 yr old Myers Park trees are hard to place in new sub divisions

Liked them all. Sidewalks & trees are good.

I liked the wider streets. Even the streets that appeared wider because of lack of parking on the street. Also those streets with space extending from it before the nearest obstacle (car, house, mailbox, etc) appealed to me.

residential roads should be wider to help accomodate parking and pedestrians where sidewalks are not available. I also believe that sidewalks should be on both sides of the road...not just one.

Some streets are too narrow. Some streets while they had appeal, were dirty along the curbs - street cleaners are wonderful devices...

Parking along narrow streets should be limited & NEVER allowed behind someone's driveway!

Treed lined streets are lovely; however, there must be enough space for tree roots. Cramming trees into a small strip is detrimental to their health. Establish trees in a neighborhood give a permanence feel and offer many benefits from aesthetic, to property value, and oxygen production.

I liked the trees, but not too thick

NEED SOME SPACE FOR PARKING

Liked the heavy tree coverage the best. But trees close to the road made me a little nervous on the narrower streets. If I had to swerve for anything, I'd be swerving into one of them!

tree lined streets are appealing to the eye. make sure roads are wide enough for 2 cars to travel on at the same time without having to pull over.

Everyone should have trees. It adds so much to neighborhoods. New developments sould be required to save some existing older trees.

I didn't particularly care for the residential street images mainly because they are mostly suburban, though I noticed Queens Road, which is nice to the eye, but the need for sidewalks to be in all neighborhoods is essential to the creation of a neighborhood and a true community.

Tree lined streets: good. Tract housing neighborhoods: bad. Parking on the street: bad. Planned street with trees, flowers, sidewalk, cars in driveways with lots appropriately sized (unlike tract housing):priceless.

Don't like street parking. It really detracts from the streets & can be hard to navigate. Bikes tend to move in & out between parked cars which is dangerous.

Do like the greener, wider lawns between sidewalks and streets. Like the shade trees.

Sidewalks should be wide enough to accomodate two adults passing w/out moving off sidewalk. Streets should be passable by 2 cars at once.

Like large lots with houses set off the road. Like mature trees and lots of grass.

Likes: off street parking, wide planting strips with trees and plantings, clean curb & gutter areas (no debris)

Dislikes: cars parked street side, narrow planting strips with only grass, debris along curb & gutter.

the wide grass strips by the side-walk, lined with trees.

The newer neighborhoods seemed to show entirely too much clearcutting. Those old trees give so much more of a regal air to the image of the street.

Narrow streets are less appealing, increase likelihood of accidents, especially when cars park on streets.

Don't like streets that are too narrow to comfortably provide on-street parking (unsightly and a driving hazard). Wide streets are appealing, with planting strips that separate sidewalk from street.

Tree lined streets are just pretty. The wider streets are much better for on-street parking.

I prefer those residential streets with a dense tree canopy, narrow roads, on-street parking and sidewalks.

the community sidewalk lighting and trees need to be more consistant. from what i noticed most was there were different trees near the sidewalks and one pic the other side of the street did not have trees.

The patio homes infer sprawling communities (i.e. some areas in Harrisburg). I enjoyed the neighborhoods that appear to live in harmony with their natural surroundings.

I have found that some of the streets in residential neighborhoods are very narrow, making it hard to get around cars parked on the side of the road.

I didn't like the streets that had no trees and the ones that had too many trees that had overgrown.

the real turn off for me on several of these pictures were the cookie cutter homes, with no trees along the streets, very narrow ugly planting strips. It looks like military housing. The street with beauty and charm were, of course, the ones with the mature canopy of trees, large planting strips, which brought beauty and charm. The only change I could see in those pic were the need to widen the road for safety in driving and parking.