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Commander Drive	Yes		Yes			
	Yes				we live next to Buddington Property. there is often foot traffic through the woods at night. We feel this is a safety issue for those going to and from cars and our home after dark. Brightness helps to see those in the shadows.	
		No	Yes			
	Yes				Dimming the lights is acceptable to me.	We live on the curve on Commander Dr. It would be quite helpful to see people walking and cars driving by as we back out of our driveway at night
	Yes			No		Important on Commander due to high volume of suspicious foot traffic in and out of the woods
		No		No		
Commander DriveTotals	4	2	2	2		
Calverton Drive		No	Yes			Unfortunaste that the lights on the side streets are so bright, while the lights along Wells Parkway, by far the busiest street in the neighborhood is dark
		No	Yes			I do not want my neighborhood to look like an apartment complex. We have a beautiful, charming older neighborhood that is why I have chosen to live here. The lights already installed are harsh, unattractive and really add nothing to our quality of life. College Heights homes already have lamp posts in the front yards that are very attractive.
		No			I have walked along Chansory and was stunned to see how bright the lights are! Houses that face the exposed lights are completely illuminated. (1) It is clear that light from these street lights will enter bedroom windows unless very tight shades are used. (2) There is a pressing need for shades to be put on these lights by Pepco. Painting the sides of the lights facing houses is clearly not sufficient. I don't understand why the county doesn't insist Pepco do these. (Why was Pepco allowed to unilaterally decide not to install shades anymore?) (3) The purpose of the lights should be to illuminate the street -- not entire front yards!!! I dread having a light installed opposite my house! (4) I think the lights that have already been installed should be dimmed.	(1) If neighbors around a particular telephone pole (upon which a light is scheduled to be installed) agree they don't want that particular light, is it possible to NOT install that one particular light? (2) We were promised information/maps depicting the planned location of lights. And we were promised that we'd receive this in a timely fashion. Why haven't we received this information from the county???
		No			Removal would be fine.	I do not want to have the night destroyed by these powerful lights. We all have our own post, porch and motion sensor lights and can control them if wanted. Security is not improved as most break-ins and robberies happen in the day time. NO TO STREET LIGHTS!! I do not want my neighborhood to look like an apartment complex. We have a beautiful, charming older neighborhood that is why I have chosen to live here. The lights already installed are harsh, unattractive and really add nothing to our quality of life. College Heights homes already have lamp posts in the front yards that are very attractive.

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	Yes			No		
		No	Yes			How can the County afford the costs of installing street lights when leaf removal has been eliminated?
	Yes			No		I think lighting is a crime deterrent and aids in general safety while walking at night. I have lived in several other communities and all had street lights,,even ones that were more suburban in nature than this community.
		No			not using "crime light" bulbs and something more esthetically appealing and in keeping with the style of the neighborhood. Perhaps even just a change of the shade used over the bulb/light itself.	It would be nice to have a light here or there on a totally darkened cul de sac; but not four or five in a row on one street. There is helpful ambient lighting that would serve the purpose and be appealing to prospective neighbors; that would not scream that we're afraid in our own neighborhood. A little more thought instead of a cookie cutter solution, please.
	Yes		Yes			The type of light fixtures, the distance between the lights and the brightness are all negatives. The lights change the nature of the community. From my address I have two lights from Chansory lighting up my bedroom at night. I think there could be fewer light fixtures still providing more than enough light. I would appreciate it if the County would be asked for the type of light bulb or fixture and the wattage and what the County street light standard is for residential areas (intersections as well as between intersections)
	Yes		Yes			I am for anything that may discourage dirtbags from breaking into a house or a car...it's that simple.
	Yes				If my neighbors are more comfortable with dimming, I am fine with that. I do feel that it provides an element of safety & allows us to see our neighbors & their children clearly while they are walking dogs, jogging & walking with the new lights.	I do feel that additional over head lighting is a good thing. If they should be spread further apart than the County's present criteria of 200' & a bit dimmer, so be it. Thank you
	Yes			No		
Calverton DriveTotals	6	6	5	3		
Clagett Road	Yes			No		
		No	Yes			
		No	Yes			Any street lights that are installed should be as environmentally friendly as possible. Solar power, low light polluting.
	Yes			No		Why does the county/pepco persist in replacing bulbs in lighting fixtures that have no cover? Without covers the lights break/fail and we are back to a dark street light.
	Yes				n/a lighting on my street is not new	
Clagett Road Total	3	2	2	2		

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Chansory Lane	Yes			No		We are glad for the added security provided by the lights and are surprised that anyone would object to them. In the past, there were two major burglaries..an auto theft and things stolen from vehicles, on this section of Chansory. We have had things stolen from a vehicle and around the premises. We are strongly in favor of the lights.
	Yes				I do not mind the brightness of the lights. I feel that they contribute to the safety of the neighborhood.	One of the arguments about the lights was the cost of installing them. It would cost just as much to remove them so I am not in favor of that solution. It would not be practical. Those in place should remain.
					I am against any street lighting but would be willing to compromise if the lighting were more appropriate to our neighborhood. Removal of the lights completely should be an option. Street lights in a residential area should not be so bright, and the residents should be notified of the plans beforehand.	I feel any street lighting is an invitation to others to be on our street at night. We prefer wildlife and the ability to see the night sky and feel any money on lighting to benefit so few people is a shameful waste of taxpayer money in these tough economic times. Prefer that money was spent on jobs, schools, police and fire. The lights are waste of money in a time of severe cutbacks, a violation of my right to be involved in county decisions that affect me, an invasion of privacy felt in every sleeping area of my house, and an invitation to burglary of my home and those of my neighbors Street lights in a residential area should not be so bright, and the residents should be notified of the plans beforehand. Street lighting on Chansory Lane was an unpleasant surprise that makes me groan every time I turn up my street. We were not consulted at all before installation and I have to say I don't understand the perceived need for crime lights. Thank you so much for being attentive to this issue!
	Yes			No		I was surprised to see them go in but the street was so dark before, I am pleased to have them now. If they had never been installed, I would not have thought to ask for them--so if they cost a lot to maintain--perhaps I would be fine to see them go.
				No	Please dim our lights if possible. This is a quality of life issue. Many studies have been done about the negative effects of light pollution on people and wildlife.	Why were more poles installed? My neighbor and I were perfectly happy with the old amount but we got a new pole. This new pole shines into our house and is very annoying.
Chansory Lane Total	3	2	0	2		

College Heights Drive	Yes				Brightness increases security.	
	Yes			No		My street is very dark; the additional street lights will be appreciated.
	Yes			No		I wish the lights on College Heights were brighter.
	Yes				I cannot comment on the recently installed lighting, however dimmer lighting is preferable to no lights.	Because all county governments are currently strapped for fiscal resources, particularly P.G., I think a bird in hand is worth two in the bush. Accept the service now because it will not be offered later. If lights were sufficient on College Heights Drive, perhaps we would not have to illuminate our houses as we presently do, thereby saving on our electric bills.

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		No		No		We have underground lines and I do not want a utility pole installed in my yard. I am not opposed to street lights that are aesthetically proper for the neighborhood and have all wires buried - the only visible sign would be the street lamp itself, no visible wires overhead.
	Yes			No		Our street is very dark, particularly between our house and the empty lot next to us. I requested lighting in front of the lot about 2 years ago.
		No			I would defer to the residents of those streets	
College Heights Dr	5	2	0	4		

Eversfield Drive	Yes				Maybe. I still want them to deter the cars from parking at the end of my street near the vacant lot, doing drugs and having sex (leaving their sex gear for all to find the next day on the street!) I will add that perhaps the Fetter's living full time (ie Not leaving for Florida for months at a time) and the new neighbors at the Legin's property will likely deter the "parking" as well.	Overall, I think it is a good idea. I do not have a bedroom in the front of my house, so do not have the issue of bright lights shining into my room at night. So many people use this U of MD pass through that I like to have the lights there so I can see them and they can see as well.
	Yes				We love it! Thank you!	
		No			If there has to be street lighting, I'd like it dimmed. Our bedroom faces the street, and there's a light right outside our window.	I find it odd that street lights were installed without consulting residents of the street in question.
		No			The lights that were installed are not attractive and too bright. I would not be opposed to attractive streetlamp style lights.	I would prefer to have no lights than the ones they installed. They are ugly, and cast a ghastly glow on the street.
		No	Yes			could the lighting be every other pole instead of every pole?
		No			The best solution for us would be to have all of the lights on our street removed. If that's not possible, then removal of every other light and painting the remaining lights with something that dims the entire light would lessen the brightness somewhat.	1. The community, in general, was not polled before hand to see if there was support for street lights. I believe that's wrong. 2. I don't understand why County money is being spent on this given the financial condition of the County, especially the reduction on school funding.
Eversfield Drive Total	2	4	1	0		

Hunter Lane	Yes			No		I seem to be about the only house now with any bright light out front. Very dark here.
	Yes			No		The addition of the light in front of our home means so much to us. We no longer fear going out in the darkness to place our trash for pick-up. Also we attend all the games at the University even the late night ones, etc. It makes living here a lot safer. Thank you for all of your help.
	Yes			No		lights deter crime! i'm for it. who wouldn't be?
	Yes		Yes			I would only agree to installing lights if they are not bright and will not alter the character of the street.
		No	Yes			If you want your neighborhood to look like every other development in the county you should go live in one of those.
	Yes			No		

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	Yes		Yes			if the lights are not extremely bright I am all for them.
	Yes			No		
	Yes			No		Very happy that we now have street lights on Hunter Lane. Thanks.
	Yes			No		Pepco should make sure that lights are on only during dark. We had to call them because "our" street light was on all day and night.
	Yes		Yes			
	Yes			No		
	Yes		Yes			
		No			If it can't be removed, then dimming is better than nothing at all.	It sounds like it was apparent that the lighting was in the works so I wish we had had the opportunity to respond to such a survey before installation. While I understand that our neighborhood is quite dark at night, we could have handled that problem with some much more pleasing lighting than the parking lot variety sodium vapor lights that we ended up with. And for folks who wanted added light around their houses, motion sensitive lights are quite reasonable now, and the fact is that while the front of my house is very bright, the rear remains very dark. That is where some one would surely break in if that were to occur. Thank you for doing this survey.
		No	Yes			Initially, we were in favor of the lighting, but now that we have seen how bright and unattractive the lighting is, we are opposed to the continuation of installation of the same time of lighting, and sincerely hope that the lights that have been installed can be modified. if lighting more in keeping with the character of the neighborhood can be installed, we would support that initiative.
	Yes		Yes			Half as many would work.
	Yes		Yes			surprised that these ugly and industrial looking lamps were installed in a neighborhood setting. They belong at Prince Georges Plaza!
Hunter Lane Total	14	3	8	8		
Lovell Drive		No			I am in favor of dimming the lights or having the circuits cut to not light them at all if possible. The character change to the neighborhood is tremendous and not at all in keeping with the aesthetic we all loved when we purchased our homes. Light pollution is an issue as is the brightness factor at street level. Thank you.	Got my questions answered at the chea meeting. Please do not change the character of our community. It is the reason we bought here. I am concerned about what will be done with new housing goes in down my streets at the Buddington Property. I hope there is no plan to add street lights there, but instead each home would have a post lamp like in CHE. Thank you.
Lovell Drive Total	0	1	0	0		
Partridge Place	Yes		Yes			
		No	Yes			How do they want to do the lights where there is underground electricity? street lighting makes sense only where there are sidewalks.
	Yes			No		Street lighting is an integral part of maintaining a safe community.

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		No			Our street lights seem fine, however several of the streets in CH are very dark.	There are probably ways to dim the lights that were installed recently. I would pursue this. It would be helpful if the citizens on a given street had some way of providing input to the project. It would be helpful if the citizens on a given street had some way of providing input to the project.
	Yes			No		
		No	Yes			Street lights should not be installed unless the vast majority of residents of a street favor them. A simple majority is not enough.
	Yes			No		
Partridge Place Total	4	3	3	3		
Remington Court		No			None	On Remington Court, yard lights on posts make street and yard bright enough - any additional would be too bright!
	Yes			No		
	Yes			No		Is there any cost to the homeowner?
Remington Court Total	2	1	0	2		
Southwark Terrace		No	Yes			have them. They cost money on tax assessment, don't prevent crime and make it
	Yes				we are very pleased with the lighting "as is". We said we were in favor of	As mentioned above, we DO NOT WANT additional lighting on our street.
	Yes				shines into bedroom windows.	Glad the lights are free, and we don't have to pay for them indiviudally
	Yes			No		
Southwark TerraceTotal	3	1	1	1		
Wells Parkway		No	Yes			

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		No	Yes			It's entirely possible that the original 2 people who submitted the request for lighting have moved out of the community. Since this request didn't flow through CHEA and was not vetted by the larger community we essentially have a situation where a minority can negatively impact the larger majority. That is very unfortunate and not very democratic. A better system or approach would have been for the concerned individuals to bring their message before CHEA for vetting. Even if that didn't occur it should still be the policy of DPWT to forward the request on to CHEA or whatever responsible organization that can speak for the community. Developers in and around CHEA have followed this approach for years and it's worked very well. I am very dismayed that private industry (e.g. Buddington property development, Belcrest, Hyattsville, ..) has been responsible enough to solicit CHEA's opinion on matters but our own government has not. As important as the lighting issue is to me I am also looking out for "what's next?" from DPWT in so far as what other projects will we be blindsided with? If they didn't consult with homeowners on this issue what confidence do we have that they will consult with us on future issues? Second issue... The lighting is very overpowering. The light from the post across the street illuminates my entire front
	Yes				Lights in front of my house are fine. No issues.	
Wells Parkway Total	1	2	2	0		
Steed Court	Yes				None installed	Brighter the better.
	Yes		Yes			
Total	2	0	1	0		
Windsor Lane		No			None	
		No			None.	
	Yes			No		
		No			For heaven's sake - Football stadium lighting not only blinds drivers on these streets it completely destroys the ambiance and natural beauty of the neighborhood. From my perspective, it also lowers the property value of these beautiful homes, many of which have lovely landscape lighting, which is now completely destroyed by the Launch-pad level street lighting. Please do seriously consider significantly dimming the lighting that was recently installed.	County Government Officials - please do not assume that a few residents speak for all of us. You could have spared the county this additional expense at a time when these funds could have been put to better use (schools?!?!?) during a time of economic crisis. Honestly, if we who live in CHEA want more lighting around our homes, most of us can afford to add it ourselves, taking the time to talk with our neighbors so that we do not intrude on the general ambiance of someone else's home, our street, or the surrounding neighborhood. Please do not install any more street lights, and definitely not on Windsor Lane.
	Yes			No		We really need them for safety!
		No	Yes			
		No			I fully sympathize with those living with the harsh lights.	With low crime (at night) we don't need street lights. There's already too much light pollution.

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	Yes				I just visited the streets with the new lighting. Complaints waged at the association meeting led me to believe the lighting made the neighborhood look like a public parking lot. In fact, I don't agree, and actually felt the light gave a nod to public safety. But if our community could be swayed simply on the basis of dimming the lighting recently installed as well as new installation, we would be fine with that.	
		No	Yes			i feel my street is well lit by the lighting installed by home owners. it is not dark-- there is lighting but not the grotesque street lighting that i saw on chansory.
Windsor Lane Total	3	6	2	2		
House#; No Street		No			Let the people on those streets decide for themselves.	I don't want those ugly telephone poles on my street. What are you thinking!!!!!!!!!!
House# only Total	0	1	0	0		
Grand Total	52	36	27	29		