

## Landmark/Van Dorn Focus Area Voting (April 18, 2026)

From February 2026 – March 2026, community members submitted 170 potential focus area ideas for the Landmark/Van Dorn coalition. These options were organized into the 15 options below.

In April 2026, community members were able to vote on their top three options for the coalition to work on. An online form was available as well as an in-person voting session and canvassing effort on April 18, 2026. Additionally, the Alexandria Health Department worked with the Alexandria Office of Planning and Zoning, who are developing their Duke Street Land Use Plan (DSLUP) at the same time. A large portion of the DSLUP is in the Landmark/Van Dorn neighborhood. The DSLUP had a major community input effort (more than 270 ideas shared) taking place within the same time period as the Landmark/Van Dorn Focus Area input. Therefore, to allow residents’ input to be incorporated into more than one community plan, we added 3 additional votes where there was significant overlap between the two plans (4 focus areas).

Results are listed below. The Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) 2030 will work on the top three options below (highlighted). To learn more, email [healthmatters@vdh.virginia.gov](mailto:healthmatters@vdh.virginia.gov).

Focus Area	Votes				
	Canvassing	Meeting	Online	Duke Street Plan Bonus	TOTAL
<b>Create more opportunities for youth outside of school</b>	9	6	10		<b>25</b>
<b>Improve community safety and prevent violence</b>	7	10	7		<b>24</b>
<b>Increase green space, recreation, and safe outdoor places to be active</b>	3	2	13	3	<b>21</b>
Ensure existing resources are culturally competent and can support all residents	2	9	9		<b>20</b>
Empower residents to navigate and access available local resources	4	5	10		<b>19</b>
Increase access to affordable healthcare	3	7	9		<b>19</b>
Create stronger workforce development pipelines	3	10	5		<b>18</b>
Support small businesses and entrepreneurs	3	4	8	3	<b>18</b>
Address food insecurity and increase healthy eating knowledge	6	1	10		<b>17</b>
Improve bikeability and safe pedestrian infrastructure	4	2	5	3	<b>14</b>
Ensure transportation options meet the community's needs	2	1	7	3	<b>13</b>
Build arts, entertainment, and civic engagement spaces for all ages	1	1	10		<b>12</b>
Co-locate health and other supportive services	3	4	4		<b>11</b>
Increase oral healthcare access	2	6	3		<b>11</b>
Increase supports for older adults and those aging in place	4	0	4		<b>8</b>