# Character Search

Explore a section of your community to investigate local character.

1. Identify the area that you surveyed (e.g., neighborhood, downtown, streets explored). Make a map of the area.

2. Choose five adjectives to describe the appearance of your community.

3. What makes your community unique?

4. List five things you see that add to your community’s visual character.

5. What are the assets in your community?

6. What detracts from your community’s visual character?

7. What would you like to change about your community’s character?

8. Interview community elders, relatives, long-term residents, local architects, contractors, real estate agents, or shop-keepers to gain their insights into how your community’s character has changed over time.

9. Optional: Attach any pictures (e.g., photos or sketches) of the area you surveyed.

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- Natural?
- Built?
- Historical?
- Scenic?
- Cultural?