

Thank you for your time and attention. I am a homeowner in Chevy Chase and I support the Planning Board draft of Thrive 2050 and urge you to maintain its vision for a sustainable and inclusive county.

Infill development prevents sprawl. This allows the county to use its resources and tax dollars much more effectively. For example, roads in denser areas serve more residents and are used for many more trips per day than a road in a development that serves only a few residents. There are similar “economies of scale” for other services such as sanitation, water, power, internet, and even schools. Allowing more infill development as opposed to sprawl will be a long term investment that will provide the county with more resources to improve quality of life and achieve its other goals.

As an added benefit the plan will also have other beneficial outcomes such as:

- Creating more diverse mixed-income communities
- Making the county more affordable while also minimizing displacement, promoting integration, and expanding opportunities for homeownership
- Allowing more residents to walk or bike to meet their daily needs
- Reducing the amount of carbon emitted in the county

For these and other reasons, I urge you to support the Planning Board draft of Thrive.

Thank you,
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