



February 15, 2022

**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**  
Montgomery County Council

Dear President Albornoz and Members of the Montgomery County Council:

On behalf of the Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers, we write in support of the conversion of parking lot 10 (between Walsh and Leland) and a large portion of parking lot 24 (behind the Farm Women's Market) to public parks as proposed in the Bernstein/EYA Farm Women's Market project. The Bethesda Downtown Plan (the Plan) calls for this conversion, and the current proposal has broad community support.

We understand that the proposed parks and the replacement underground parking will be financed in part by Bernstein/EYA and a voluntary contribution from the Town of Chevy Chase in the amount of \$4 million, but county funds will be needed to fully fund the project. We urge the county to commit to the allocation of the additional funds needed for this critically important project and to include this project in the Capital Improvements Program for FY2023.

The proposed parks will provide critical public amenities for the many new and current residents, office workers, and shoppers in the Bethesda area. As well, the parks will contribute to the success of the proposed retail space in the refurbished and expanded Farm Women's Market. Within walking distance of Bethesda Row, Metro, and the Purple Line, the parks will be a magnet for people from all over the county and beyond to meet, mingle, and relax.

Please ensure the funds needed for this project are allocated and designated in the 6-year Capital Improvements Program.

Sincerely,

Elissa A. Leonard  
Chair, Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers

cc: Mr. Marc Elrich, Montgomery County Executive  
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