

From: Erica Bollerud

Dear Council President Andrew Friedson,

I am writing to share my support for the recommendations in the Planning Board draft of the Takoma Park Minor Master Plan Amendment. The proposed plan will support a walkable, well-connected, vibrant community with great connectivity to parks and amenities and a variety of housing options. Allowing a mix of housing types and retail on the former Washington Adventist Hospital site will better serve the community than retaining the existing constraint of single-family zoning on this site. This is an exciting opportunity to bring great amenities, public gathering spaces, and additional affordable housing options to this area. It is also an important climate change policy to build more affordable housing more densely.

The plan also supports equitable, sustainable living and environmental resilience across the plan area. It will preserve and promote access to important natural resources and recreation opportunities like Sligo Creek Park and the Sligo Creek Trail. It also reflects Thrive's goal of creating "walkable, bikeable, transit-connected neighborhoods," which both promotes sustainable transportation options and ensures people of all ages, income levels, and abilities can travel safely and efficiently.

I strongly urge you to vote to adopt the Takoma Park Minor Master Plan Amendment.

Sincerely,
Erica Bollerud