

Planning Board Comment #5

September 11, 2023

We need more affordable housing in Montgomery County, especially right on top of Metro. However, we are concerned about how the proposed development at 9801 Georgia Avenue (Project ID320230020) would move cars and how that would impact safety and access.

The current plan calls for parking for over 500 cars and an entrance at Woodland and Sherwood. We oppose this traffic flow. Sherwood Road is narrow, about three car widths, and does not have a sidewalk for its entirety. Cars are frequently parked on both sides of the street, making it difficult to drive through, and we are concerned that adding more through-traffic would make this even more congested for cars and pedestrians. It is not appropriate or safe to direct car traffic from Woodland onto Sherwood.

The exit on Woodland would also give access to Forest Glen Road, which is also not appropriate or safe. Traffic is backed up throughout the day on Forest Glen between Georgia and Dameron, sometimes stretching back to Sligo Creek Parkway. Woodland is roughly twenty feet from the Forest Glen/ Georgia intersection and adding more cars from that turn will create more congestion and further endanger pedestrian and cyclist safety, especially since there is not a bike line and a sidewalk on only one side of Forest Glen.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our comments. We look forward to participating in the process to ensure everyone is as safe as possible.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Scott & Nathanael Green



Planning Board Comment #4

March 30, 2023

Comments submitted March 30, 2023 Planning Board Hearing on 9801 Georgia Avenue (320230020)

Dear Montgomery County Planning Board,

We're writing about the proposed development at 9801 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring MD (Project ID320230020). We need more affordable housing in Montgomery County, especially right on top of Metro. However, we are concerned about how the project would move cars and how that would impact safety and access.

The current plan calls for parking for over 500 cars and an entrance at Woodland and Sherwood. We oppose this. Sherwood Road is narrow, about three car widths, and does not have a sidewalk. Cars are frequently parked on both sides of the street, making it difficult to drive through, and we are concerned that adding more through-traffic would make this even more congested for cars and pedestrians. It is not appropriate or safe to direct car traffic from Woodland onto Sherwood.

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Sincerely,

Elizabeth Scott & Nathanael Green
1602 Sherwood Road
Silver Spring, MD 20902

Planning Board Comment #3

March 25, 2023

Dear Montgomery County Planning Board,

We're writing about the proposed development at 9801 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring MD (Project ID320230020). We need more affordable housing in Montgomery County, especially right on top of Metro. However, we are concerned about how the project would move cars and how that would impact safety and access.

The current plan calls for parking for over 500 cars and an entrance at Woodland and Sherwood. We oppose this. Sherwood Road is narrow, about three car widths, and does not have a sidewalk. Cars are frequently parked on both sides of the street, making it difficult to drive through, and we are concerned that adding more through-traffic would make this even more congested for cars and pedestrians. It is not appropriate or safe to direct car traffic from Woodland onto Sherwood.

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Sincerely,

Elizabeth Scott & Nathanael Green
1602 Sherwood Road
Silver Spring, MD 20902

Planning Board Comment #2

January 13, 2023

Dear Montgomery County Planning Board,

We are writing as a follow-up to our letter on December 14, 2022 regarding the proposed development at 9801 Georgia Avenue (320230020). It is our understanding that the developer submitted another proposal on December 20, 2022 that contained no substantive changes to the previous proposal, therefore the concerns we previously expressed about this project remain.

We are the owners of 1602 Sherwood Road, Silver Spring, MD 20902, located about two blocks from the proposed development. We oppose the central element of the planned development that would have the main entrance onto Woodland Drive. Although this development would be immediately adjacent to the Forest Glen metro, the current plan calls for parking for 555 cars. We walk and drive down Woodland frequently, and it is a narrow street that has sidewalks on only one side. It is not appropriate or safe to direct all the development's car traffic onto this street. Traffic is already backed up frequently on Forest Glen from Georgia, and Woodland is roughly twenty feet from that intersection - this will create more traffic congestion, confusion, and frustration.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Scott & Nathanael Green
1602 Sherwood Road
Silver Spring, MD 20902

Planning Board Comment #1

December 10, 2022

Dear Montgomery County Development Review Committee,

We are the owners of 1602 Sherwood Road, Silver Spring, MD 20902 and are submitting comments in response to the proposed Medical Center development at the intersection of Forest Glen and Georgia Avenue.

We oppose the central element of the planned development that would have the main entrance onto Woodland Drive. Although this development would be immediately adjacent to the Forest Glen metro, the current plan calls for parking for 555 cars. We walk and drive down Woodland frequently, and it is a narrow street that has sidewalks on only one side. It is not appropriate or safe to direct all the development's car traffic onto this street. Traffic is already backed up frequently on Forest Glen from Georgia, and Woodland is roughly twenty feet from that intersection - this will create more traffic congestion, confusion, and frustration.

We are not alone in this concern. We have spoken with many neighbors, including the Forest Grove Citizens Association, and almost everyone is concerned about this proposed entrance onto Woodland and its impact. There is almost universal opposition to this element of the proposed development.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our comments. We look forward to participating in the process to ensure our community is safe and that any development serves the needs of everyone.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Scott & Nathanael Green
1602 Sherwood Road
Silver Spring, MD 20902