



SIERRA CLUB
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD

To,
The Montgomery County Council
100 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, Maryland

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THE IMPORTANCE OF THRIVE MONTGOMERY 2050

Dear Council members,

Thrive 2050 is an update to the General Plan. Thrive's 30-year vision for a more sustainable Montgomery County promotes compact infill development along corridors, allowing people to walk, bike and use transit for many of their trips. There will be less need to build new roads and extend other infrastructure, thus cutting costs.

With our rapidly changing demographics and growing population, we need smart growth policies that can provide the next generation with an affordable, pleasant and economically vibrant place to live. As climate change sets in, we need plans that preserve land for recreation, agriculture, and plenty of trees.

Yet, the county's Climate Action Plan does not speak directly to land use policies --- in terms of land use, that plan merely refers to Thrive. Thus, there is a hole in the Climate Action Plan – and to fill it, the Council needs to endorse Thrive.

The Planning Board approved a draft plan of Thrive in April and delivered it to the Council and County Executive. It's now time for action. We depend on leaders to step up when big things need to be done.

Sincerely,

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