

evaluated. The Area Plan recommends the landscape buffers between NNMC and the adjacent residential communities and the open space character of the site along Stoney Creek be maintained. Seven goals and objectives were established in the B-CC Master Plan. (B-CC)

1. Perpetuate and enhance the high quality of life which exists in the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Planning Area. (Figure 3-5 Montgomery County Community Based Planning Areas and Figure 3-6 Bethesda-Chevy Chase Planning Area 35)
2. Achieve a level of future employment development that is in balance with a high quality of life and the transportation capacity of the Planning Area.
3. Provide for a balanced housing supply so that persons of varying income levels, age, backgrounds, and household characteristics may find suitable housing appropriate to their needs.
4. Protect the high quality residential communities throughout the Planning Area, as well as the services and environmental qualities that enhance the area.
5. Achieve a significant shift of new travel from auto use to transit and other mobility alternatives.
6. Protect natural resources and environmental qualities of the Planning Area.
7. Contribute to a strong sense of community and help reinforce community cohesion.

The 1990 B-CC Master Plan does not recommend any changes in the zoning surrounding NNMC. It identifies the desire to retain the residential character. (M-NCPPC) (See also, Figure 3-5 Montgomery County Community Based Planning Areas)

3.3 Bethesda

The name Bethesda is taken from an early church in the area built in 1820. In 1871 the post office used the same name and eventually the surrounding was known as Bethesda. The area defined as Bethesda includes approximately 13.2 square miles.

Originally, the town's location was situated on an ancient Native American trail. Between 1805 and 1820, it was a toll road to carry products between Georgetown and Frederick. Maryland Route 355, or Rockville Pike, is that corridor today that runs through Bethesda connecting North Bethesda and Rockville to the north and Frederick Maryland. Rockville Pike continues beyond Bethesda to the south through Chevy Chase, Friendship Heights, and into Washington DC.