

Dear County Council,

I'm a resident of the Brookdale community near Friendship Heights and am writing to voice my concern about the possibility of higher density development including duplexes, triplexes, and apartment buildings being allowed in our single-family neighborhood. I understand that the Planning Department is moving forward to implement a plan that isn't even approved. I urge the Council to slow the process down and expand your outreach efforts to locations across the county to obtain input from your constituents and allow for debate on such a significant change to the county plan.

The Planning Board's one-size-fits-all approach doesn't benefit stable and historic neighborhoods like Brookdale. Higher density in our single-family neighborhood with narrow streets, little or no sidewalks, and limited parking would create safety problems and would ruin the unique and architecturally significant character of Brookdale. There are ample opportunities for providing higher residential density near the Friendship Heights metro stations outside of our residential neighborhood along Wisconsin Avenue, on the Mazza Gallerie site, GEICO, and the Lord and Taylor site among other locations.

I urge you to consider residents' perspectives before moving forward on any zoning changes and allow a full airing of all concerns and not a rushed initiative to implement the Thrive 2050 plan and associated zoning.

Sincerely,

Gail Dansky