

Chevy Chase Small Area Plan Visioning Survey

Project Engagement

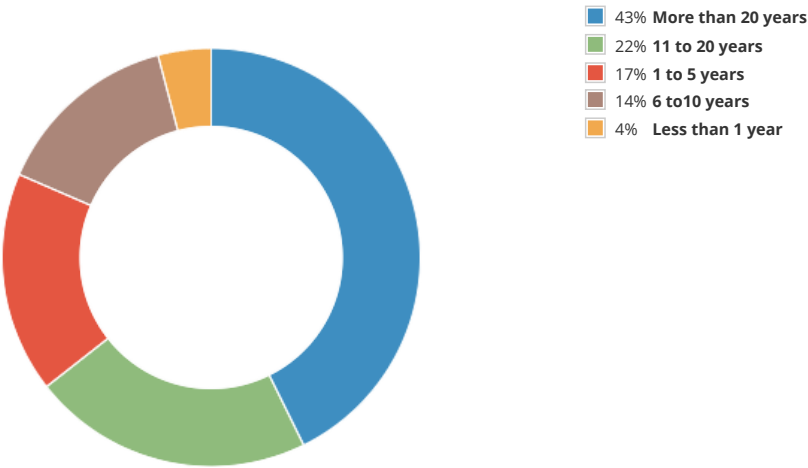
VIEWS	PARTICIPANTS
1,287	567
RESPONSES	COMMENTS
14,131	1,693
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What is your relationship to the Connecticut Avenue corridor in Chevy Chase? (check all that apply)

95%	I live nearby	517 ✓
62%	I shop or take care of household tasks nearby	341 ✓
48%	I recreate nearby	262 ✓
43%	I have family or friends nearby	237 ✓
12%	I attend a place of worship nearby	67 ✓
10%	I volunteer nearby	57 ✓
10%	I work nearby	56 ✓
6%	I go to school nearby	35 ✓
4%	Other	20 ✓

547 Respondents

How long have you lived, worked, or been involved in the Chevy Chase DC community?



562 respondents

Please share with us one of your favorite experiences of living, working, or visiting Chevy Chase DC:

Walking kids to school

one year ago

The walkability and general feel of the area,

one year ago

Generally being active in the community and making acquaintances of neighbors

one year ago

Walking along beautiful, tree-lined streets.

one year ago

I like the scale of the street, the small shops, the fact that the shops meet some of my daily needs - groceries, PO, etc., the library.

one year ago

Walking to parks and shops, having neighbors as friends, knowing merchants, being close to Metro

one year ago

I have valued sending my kids to public school in the neighborhood, taking long walks on residential and commercial streets, and eating at local restaurants.

one year ago

The Halloween celebrations with businesses having tables on the street; the Lafayette (Pointer!) Community Fair. Running into congregants at local restaurants.

one year ago

Being able to walk to places I shop and worship, as well as the library.

one year ago

The neighborhood feel of the Connecticut corridor north of Military.

one year ago

the Avalon theater, the Uptown theater, the numerous restaurants, the vibrancy, Ch Ch and Cl Pk libraries, Magruder's!

one year ago

I live in my favorite neighborhood, Chevy Chase Village and work at 20 Chevy Chase Circle.

one year ago

I've tried to fill this box 4 times now and it is getting frustrating. We enjoyed the camaraderie that developed in the Tai Chi class.

one year ago

Tai Chi class

one year ago

We made friends easily in the Tai Chi class.

one year ago

WE made quick friends in the Tai Chi class.

one year ago

We like the activities at the Community Center, from exercises for seniors to Tai Chi. The center is not far from our home in Tenleytown, so it is convenient. The people who work there are very pleasant and helpful.

one year ago

Running into neighbors when shopping, dining, or just walking. Using the iconic businesses and spaces along the avenue, e.g., the Avalon, the Arcade, restaurants like the Parthenon, small businesses like the Fishery.

one year ago

small town community feel within the heart of a major city

one year ago

I appreciate having access to everything I need, maybe not want, within walking distance of my home

one year ago

My favorite experience of living in Chevy Chase, DC is the annual Halloween Parade where kids in costumes walk from business to business collecting treats. The turnout is great and the energy and excitement is palpable. This kind of event is what makes our neighborhood special.

one year ago

Avalon theater, Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church, Safeway, restaurants, Library my neighbors

one year ago

great 2 and 3 story scale and retail within a one block walk.

2 years ago

2-4 story commercial building on Connecticut Ave.

2 years ago

visiting restaurants along Connecticut ave

2 years ago

The diverse and neighborhood scaled retail and restaurants a block from my house.

2 years ago

Loved eating at Arucola and walking into Child's Play before or after

2 years ago

Walkable for diverse, neighborhood stores and services

2 years ago

Walking through the neighborhood

2 years ago

The ability to walk to do errands, to go out to dinner and see a movie in the neighborhood. AND THE FISHERY!!!!

2 years ago

Going to the library and community center for stories, classes, performances, and recreation

2 years ago

It is a wonderful place to live and raise a family, with wonderful amenities like public schools, parks, library, community center, groceries, toy stores, parking, churches and walkable areas.

2 years ago

beautiful community and parks

2 years ago

Going to Avalon Theatre, attending spring & fall fair at Lafayette, taking my grandson on walks in the neighborhood,

2 years ago

The commercial district has a lot of street-level retail that is small scale and accessible. None of the buildings is too large in comparison with the surrounding community, so everything feels very welcoming. Consequently, I enjoy parking in one spot and walking several blocks to run my errands, instead of feeling compelled to park in a separate spot of each errand (as happens on Rockville Pike, for example). There's a real community feel that is unlike more suburban areas.

2 years ago

Raising family, time with friends

2 years ago

leaving close to rock creek and to a relatively urbanized area.

2 years ago

Long walks around the neighborhood

2 years ago

The community and the green space

2 years ago

Walkability and human scale

2 years ago

This is a nice community - local business owners are kind, residents know each other well, and transportation downtown has been easy for my commuting.

2 years ago

Eating at the restaurants

2 years ago

Walking, biking to experience the trees, vegetation, and architecture

2 years ago

Norman Rockwell feel

2 years ago

Norman Rockwell feel

2 years ago

everything I need is available within walking distance

2 years ago

I love that even though the neighborhood contains many single family homes you can still walk to a restaurant, walk to the metro, walk to a store. It's much more walkable than people give it credit for.

2 years ago

Dog walks on quiet streets in the evenings

2 years ago

Love the walkability of the area and love the small retail shops and local restaurants

2 years ago

It' doesn't have the congested city feel.

2 years ago

Love the stores, the community

2 years ago

seeing neighbors

2 years ago

Avalon, Bread&Chocolate, Starbucks, Safeway

2 years ago

Access to Rock Creek and being able to bike/walk around; access to grocery stores.

2 years ago

Eating out, going to library, playgrounds and sitting outdoors

2 years ago

Shopping and restaurants

2 years ago

The beauty and convenience of the neighborhood

2 years ago

shopping at Catch Can!

2 years ago

the residential feel of the neighborhood; the buildings along Connecticut Ave are not very tall, and the surrounding streets have single family homes only 3 stories high

2 years ago

Small neighborhood feel in a city

2 years ago

Going to the little bagel place, now closed. Going to the Greek restaurant, still open. Authentic, both of them.

2 years ago

Easy to walk through

2 years ago

Beauty of the neighborhood

2 years ago

I love the beauty, neighborliness, and peacefulness of the community. And I love the local town feel of Connecticut Avenue

2 years ago

I like that everything is within walking distance from my house.

2 years ago

Patronizing the casual dining options on Connecticut Ave.

2 years ago

As my wife and I have lived in Chevy Chase DC for 45 years, and our two middle-aged children did so for 20 to 25 years, in my case that's not an easy question to answer. First, its simply the overall ambience of Chevy Chase, whether walking or driving, or just experiencing life. Second, are two sons went to Lafayette and my wife was President of the Home and School Association. Further, I have been quite active in neighborhood affairs having served on the ANC for ten years, including its chair for three years. Finally, in the 45 years we have lived in Chevy Chase DC, both my wife and I have regularly use the public and private facilities of Connecticut to the Circle.

2 years ago

My favorite experience is the Halloween trick or treating event sponsored by the CCCA. It is great to see neighbors and friends gathering for this festive holiday.

2 years ago

Having lived within Chevy Chase, DC

2 years ago

Going to the Avalon Theater and eating in the area

2 years ago

I love being able to safely walk to run errands--shop for groceries, go to the movies, eat at several good restaurants, use the library or just walk for pleasure. I love leaving my car in the garage.

2 years ago

Having dinner at Little Beast celebrating our vaccinations as a family

2 years ago

Living in a caring friendly neighborhood. Raising my children here. Enjoying long friendships with neighbors

2 years ago

Lafayette Park

2 years ago

I really appreciate the mix of a suburban-type existence in a single family home with a yard, combined with the perks of being near city offerings (walkable shopping, library, grocery store, etc.)

2 years ago

Love the western side of the commercial district at Chevy Chase. I visit stores, restaurants & services here. It's a great mainstreet for not only the surrounding community, but also visitors from the rest of the city & region.

2 years ago

Participating in ANC Task Forces and other activities along with my neighbors.

2 years ago

Supporting amazing small business along Conn Ave, the feeling is a true neighborhood community

2 years ago

Walking. Stores within walking distance that have almost every thing I need.

2 years ago

It is a great area to walk in. The tree lined streets are incredibly important to the beauty and health of the neighborhood. I appreciate the fact that my neighbors are engaged in their community

2 years ago

The streets are walkable, it's safe, and I love the corridor.

2 years ago

My neighbors

2 years ago

The convenience of having the library, post office, good stores, and great restaurants nearby.

2 years ago

excellent community

2 years ago

The neighbor feel of our area, the walkability and the nearby public amenities are all part of the reason we moved here.

2 years ago

Parks with kids

2 years ago

I have loved shopping at the local businesses here. I miss the ones that failed during COVID-19. The restaurants are lovely and I enjoy dining at them. My bank is here and I do grocery shopping as well. The Avalon is among my favorite entertainment venues.

2 years ago

Dining outdoors at the Parthenon

2 years ago

Living close to Connecticut means that I can shop, goes to movies, and my children could walk to school. It is definitely a community feel and we plan to age in place here

2 years ago

Restaurants that are local. The library is great. All our close neighbors. Lafayette and Broadbranch market.

2 years ago

Family friendly, busy high street, good access to public transport and still green and quiet neighborhood

2 years ago

Walkability to school and amenities.

2 years ago

Beautiful leafy, walkable neighborhood

2 years ago

Community Life

2 years ago

Love the neighborhood and friendliness of the neighbors. The safety and easy access to shops, restaurants and parks is wonderful.

2 years ago

Small neighborhood feel. Bumping into friends at the Avalon or library. Small restaurants with outside dinning. Small interesting shops that are not chain retail.

2 years ago

Visiting the library

2 years ago

Walking around and seeing familiar faces.

2 years ago

outdoor restaurants

2 years ago

Walkability

2 years ago

Having lived here over 40yrs I appreciate the small town feel of this neighborhood. This inconsistent with greater density. We all love the trees and open sky of Chevy Chase.

2 years ago

A walkable and diverse community with wonderful amenities including restaurants and retail along Connecticut Avenue and close access to Friendship Heights (Metro) and Rock Creek Park

2 years ago

There are many! There is a small town feel here in the midst of a big city.

2 years ago

I grew up at 33rd and McKinley. I loved walking down to the avenue for ice cream.

2 years ago

shopping all along the street

2 years ago

Childs Play is the reasons we head to Chevy Chase DC. Along with UPS, library, and CVS are top visited sites. We've dined at the venues several times too.

2 years ago

Walkable and family friendly

2 years ago

I like having small stores and businesses in walking distance

2 years ago

I like the small commercial strip in a residential area, with many amenities for residents.

2 years ago

Taking my children up the Avenue to eat, go to Child's Play, Ramer's Shoes, the library, and--once upon a time--get an ice cream

2 years ago

Taking my children (now adult) Trick or Treating up and down the Connecticut Avenue strip

2 years ago

Taking my children (now adult) Trick or Treating up the Connecticut Ave strip

2 years ago

Shopping, Banking, Dining, Library

2 years ago

The neighbor restaurants and coffee shops help create a strong sense of community.

2 years ago

Watching films at the Avalon Theatre

2 years ago

The daily sense of community while walking, shopping, visiting my neighbors

2 years ago

We moved to this community (half block from Conn. Ave.) more than 30 years ago because we wanted a home and community that reflected the community, ie with local "mom and pop" shops and restaurants plus the convenience of the grocery store, library, movie theater, working garage, etc. We do NOT want to see this changed in any large way. We are not alone in this. Most people who live near the Avenue in CC DC feel the same. (Why make it look like other "modernized" neighborhoods in the city? It then loses the special qualities of the existing community.)

2 years ago

Everything! It's Heaven! We walk, exercise, run errands, dine out, carry out, grocery shop all here near our home and after a long day of working, it's so easy.

2 years ago

Great neighborhood with wonderful neighbors. Friendly. Some nice stores to shop in.

2 years ago

convenience for shopping and eating out

2 years ago

Walkable, small shops

2 years ago

Walking distance to library, grocery, drug store, restaurants, community ctr; small community feel

2 years ago

Ability to walk to grocery stores, library and church.

2 years ago

Walkability to transportation and groceries.

2 years ago

Residential neighborhood with walkable retail

2 years ago

Small town feel. Yes to affordable housing but use existing structures that are empty.

2 years ago

I enjoy and value the small town feel of our neighborhood.. the scale is a relief from places like Friendship Heights and now . Bethesda with its larger scale buildings . I am for opportunities. for affordable housing but we now have empty building. in both Chevy Chase and Friendship Heights (and Woolley Park). Utilize them instead of building more

2 years ago

Born and bred here, as are my children. Around the world and back again for good, simply because I wouldn't want to live anywhere else.

2 years ago

The vibrant, low-scale commercial district with affordable rents in old buildings with character.

2 years ago

Going to the American City Diner before it closed.

2 years ago

Convenience

2 years ago

The charm and small town feel of the neighborhood

2 years ago

the commercial strip

2 years ago

The Chevy Chase Library and Recreation Center and the restaurants

2 years ago

Walking from my home to the Avalon, the restaurants, the CC Recreation Center, and the library.

2 years ago

Dining at the Parthenon

2 years ago

Peaceful and green

2 years ago

Used to feel safe here!! Loved the local businesses, what used to be friendliness of people and no nauseating weed smell everywhere. Boy, has this neighborhood changed, especially along Conn. Ave.

2 years ago

I love walking around and people- and dog-watching with my family, seeing movies at the Avalon, and grabbing food or drinks from Little Beast, Macon, or the Avenue.

2 years ago

It's a community of responsible citizens, formerly quiet

2 years ago

I like the intimate nature of the chevy chase dc shopping area. And, honestly, I love how beautiful everyone has landscaped their yards and all of the fully grown trees in the neighborhoods. It is absolutely beautiful to walk through the streets each day.

2 years ago

Seeing friends and neighbors at Halloween celebrations, when the businesses give out candy

2 years ago

Starbucks walk up window and meeting friends for coffee; playing with my kids at the CC Library and playground; CC Day celebration

2 years ago

walking to Connecticut Ave for coffee, shopping, eating and seeing friends

2 years ago

Being able to walk to shops, restaurants, movie theater, banks, post office, etc. Very convenient and great sense of community

2 years ago

Walkable, green, clean, pleasant neighborhood

2 years ago

I like the leafy green neighborhood and good public schools.

2 years ago

Shopping at boutiques (which have since closed), having brunch, and then taking my son to the toy store

2 years ago

The walkability to a variety of shops and restaurants - it has a small town feel.

2 years ago

From the best toy store in the city to the wonderful local restaurants, this area of upper Connecticut Ave NW is where I feel at home. The best experience any year is the sidewalk trick-or-treating. I love to grab a coffee and watch the families in their finest Halloween costumes, including often the doggies.

2 years ago

We love going to Childs Play and the restaurants. We've had some good (and bad) children's story hour at the library.

2 years ago

We love going to Childs Play

2 years ago

Going to the Avalon Theatre, eating at the local restaurants there.

2 years ago

Having a small town walkable neighborhood feel to the community. Shopping in the local stores where "everyone knows my name"

2 years ago

Raised two children here, I can walk to shop for groceries, can park in front of my house, love to walk the neighborhood where homes and gardens express the individuals living there.

2 years ago

Raising my children in this neighborhood, spending time in Rock Creek Park, walking in the neighborhood, enjoying seeing the homes and yards

2 years ago

I live in a condo on the corner of Connecticut Ave and Legation Street. We have been here since 2019 and love the restaurants, movie theater, shops and services (post office and library) all within walking distance. We love the village feel and the ability to leave the car at home.

2 years ago

walkability, neighborhood feel, easy access to shopping, historic buildings

2 years ago

I like that it is a walkable community with a low key feel within close proximity to downtown DC. Its been a great place to raise a family with good public neighborhood schools (albeit overcrowded).

2 years ago

Being able to walk to things

2 years ago

Beautiful neighborhoods and proximity to shops, restaurants, etc

2 years ago

Beautiful neighborhoods, convenience to shops, restaurants, etc

2 years ago

Local restaurants, convenience of banking, dry cleaners, service station

2 years ago

Shops

2 years ago

We've enjoyed the opportunity for our children to walk or bike to school at Lafayette and have friends within walking/biking distance.

2 years ago

I live within the Small Area Boundary, on Chevy Chase Parkway. I appreciate immensely that in one direction I can walk to locally owned shops and restaurants, and Metro, and in the other direction I can walk, run, or ride my bike through the neighborhood or into Rock Creek Park.

2 years ago

Walkable to almost everything I need (add a Trader Joe's and my life here will be complete!)

2 years ago

Knowing all my neighbors and socializing with them

2 years ago

Being able to walk up to the library, a meal at a restaurant, going to the Avalon.

2 years ago

Locally owned restaurants and stores.

2 years ago

Halloween is special on the Avenue in the past. Merchants and residences all enjoyed the childrens parade.

2 years ago

Walking to the library, post office and locally owned stores such as the shoe and book stores. Also shopping at the Safeway.

2 years ago

Convenient shopping

2 years ago

Love the home town atmosphere, and lack of congestion because there's no metro nearby. Like the owner-run businesses.

2 years ago

Very walkable and nice selection of restaurants nearby. Wish there were more services close by though.

2 years ago

Clean, safe sidewalks and streets

2 years ago

Walking over to the stores and restaurants for my daily needs.

2 years ago

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2 years ago

It is close to downtown DC and offers excellent public schools

2 years ago

I value the safety of this neighborhood and this is a key reason we moved to Chevy Chase DC from Capitol Hill.

2 years ago

Taking my son to Child's Play and shopping at Magruder's

2 years ago

Walkability to non chain shops and restaurants

2 years ago

It is a safe, friendly area in which to live. I have most things I need very nearby. It's a walkable area, which is important to me. Access to Rock Creek Park is nearby which is another plus. I have used the Park for exercise for years and would hope we can keep Beach Drive closed to vehicular traffic for good. Now that I am retired, easy access to retail, restaurants, parks and especially The Avalon have become increasingly important

2 years ago

The neighborhood has a great mix of retail and neighborhood feel.

2 years ago

Great place to live.

2 years ago

the small-town/village feel, with no high buildings (so I can see the sky!), where I can easily drive to places, with restaurants, a library, PO, Community Center, yoga studio and other small shops nearby.

2 years ago

friendliness of people. convenience. ease of parking for shopping

2 years ago

walkability

2 years ago

Easy, close in, walkable distance to restaurants, grocery shopping, pharmacy & movie theater

2 years ago

Library

2 years ago

Convenience of shops, dry cleaning, Magruders, etc.

2 years ago

Convenience of local stores & services, Magruders, dry cleaning, bread & Choc, library.

2 years ago

taking my kids to school two blocks from my home

2 years ago

Trees, greenery, quiet

2 years ago

Safe, family neighborhood

2 years ago

As a kid, I spent huge portions of my summers at the library and community center.

2 years ago

Convenience-bank, grocery, theater, library, restaurants etc

2 years ago

I am in my upper 70s and appreciate very much ability to visit a variety of shops and park nearby.

2 years ago

Walkable neighborhood

2 years ago

Walking to many destinations - enjoying Rock Creek Park - frequenting the restaurants and businesses on Connecticut Ave

2 years ago

I bought a home in Chevy Chase because of the space, trees, and the fact that it wasn't overbuilt with high rises and retail chains.

2 years ago

It's very walkable and convenient.

2 years ago

walkability to Connecticut Avenue stores and restaurants

2 years ago

Safety and beauty of the neighborhood

2 years ago

Using the CC for class offerings for my growing daughters

2 years ago

I like that I can walk up to Connecticut Avenue from my home, eat at local restaurants, take classes at the Community Center and catch a movie there.

2 years ago

Using Connecticut Avenue as a pedestrian corridor to Circle Yoga, the Chevy Chase Library, Politics & Prose, etc

2 years ago

Visiting seafood and greek restaurants.

2 years ago

Frequent visits to the library and Maagruders

2 years ago

Beautiful Homes,landscaping and except for too many banks,an excellent mix of shops.

2 years ago

Walking everywhere (library, exercise classes, stores, movies, restaurants, bars)

2 years ago

walking everywhere to do weekend chores (banking, shopping, etc), go to a movie, eat out, or grab a drink with fridnds

2 years ago

Dining in the area. Frequent biking, walking and bus commuting on Connecticut Ave.

2 years ago

Checking out DVDs at the wonderful public library

2 years ago

It's so walkable, and I love visiting Politics and Prose and Little Red Fox

2 years ago

Community, shops, easy to walk.

2 years ago

Community, shops, easy to walk

2 years ago

Good restaurants, movie, library and kids centered stores and places

2 years ago

Walking distance to shops, restaurants, movie theater , etc,

2 years ago

Walkable community, building footprint hasn't changed much (lots of original 1920s buildings), church, school, library, movies all in walking distance

2 years ago

community walkability

2 years ago

I love walking in the morning to get a coffee and running errands at the local business.

2 years ago

Enjoying restaurants on Connecticut Avenue.

2 years ago

Riding bikes with my kids to get ice cream.

2 years ago

As I do my various errands in Chevy Chase, I wonder at it being a small town in a city. It's a nice feeling.

2 years ago

Shopping, seeing neighbors, ability to walk to shopping options, bank, movie theater, library

2 years ago

Eating out at restaurants; using Chevy Chase Library; shopping at Safeway, Magruder's; movies at Avalon

2 years ago

All my experiences have been comfortable, quiet, and safe. The way it should be everywhere in DC

2 years ago

Movies at the Avalon; classes at the community center; spending days at the library; shopping at the wonderful small shops-magruder's, catch can, toy store. Eating at restaurants, thank goodness Bread & Chocolate is still there!

2 years ago

Walking daily in the neighborhood. . .to shops, the library, restaurants, to friends, and neighbors . . .and on Sundays to church

2 years ago

The small town atmosphere or low-rise buildings, local businesses, and walkability.

2 years ago

I love being able to walk to shops and restaurants from my apartment building at Legation and Connecticut.

2 years ago

Small community feel of area and history of area.

2 years ago

My 2 year old loves the playground and basketball courts by the CC library. It's the only place that we can play that is close by. He asks everyday to go.

2 years ago

I love the library, trees, and restaurants

2 years ago

Being able to walk to neighborhood stores that are unique and locally owned

2 years ago

Supporting local businesses that are the backbone of a genuine local community

2 years ago

taking advantage and supporting all the small shops, restaurants and the movie theatre.

2 years ago

It has basic necessities available but is not a major tourist or commercial destination. It is quiet & not as congested as some other areas in the city. Open air and open space and natural surroundings while still having easy access to amenities.

2 years ago

Halloween trick or treating with kids on Connecticut Avenue, shopping at Magraders and Childs' Play

2 years ago

Walking to local shops. Politics and Prose.

2 years ago

Going to the Avalon Theatre

2 years ago

Very green neighborhood

2 years ago

Ability to live, shop, walk nearby. Beautiful green neighborhood and safe.

2 years ago

access to businesses while still being a real neighborhood with friendly feel

2 years ago

I enjoy the small-scale, "small town" atmosphere of the area. I grew up within a block of Chevy Chase Circle on Patterson Street, and spent my youth in the old Chevy Chase library, the Avalon on Saturday afternoons, the Pharmacy that was on the corner where the P.O. is now, and running errands for my parents in the old Safeway where Magraders is now and Wimsett's hardware store where Monarch paint store is now. That was over 60 years ago. Although ownership of these properties has changed hands over time, the look and feel of the streetscape along Connecticut Avenue has fortunately been preserved and maintained. Although I now live several blocks farther from the area in Friendship Heights, I shop at Magraders, fill my prescriptions at CVS, meet friends for lunch at Bread & Chocolate, have dinner with family at the Parthenon, go to the movies at the Avalon, and generally treasure the fact that all these places are still there.

2 years ago

The community

2 years ago

We bought our home in the early '70's. It was an ideal place to bring up kids. They played together after school no matter which school they attended during the day. They explored "Little Forest", sleighed down the Kanawha Street, or at St. John's Highschool or Dog Hill. During the Olympics, one of the back yards was turned into an Olympic Game afternoon and their was high jumping and other events mixed in with a birthday party celebration.

2 years ago

Great architecture, very walkable....good restaurants and stores

2 years ago

The charm of teh neighborhood

2 years ago

Walkable

2 years ago

It's like living in a small town full of friendly ,familiar faces

2 years ago

The my branch, the Chevy Chase Library is big with excellent collection. I use Safeway, The jeweler, movie theater, restaurants, and the community center for citizen meetings,

2 years ago

Access to shopping, transportation and the Avalon

2 years ago

Wonderful community of people

2 years ago

Beautiful homes and gardens; walkability to useful retail, restaurants, library, playgrounds and parks; quiet; safe and family-friendly.

2 years ago

Safe and friendly neighborhood

2 years ago

I loved taking my kids to the diner when it was still there. We love Little Beast as well. I really like walking to restaurants and stores from my house.

2 years ago

Beautiful homes, very green

2 years ago

We have a vibrant block which has a couple of block-wide events each year and a high degree of connectedness.

2 years ago

The Chevy Chase Library is so convenient! It's one of my favorite neighborhood spots!

2 years ago

Walking to and then along Connecticut Ave. looking in small shops, having a coffee or meal, and visiting the library before returning home

2 years ago

Running into friends and neighbors at Chevy Chase day, or at Lafayette Park on the weekends.

2 years ago

I love walking to Conn Avenue for library, shops and groceries.

2 years ago

The overall pleasure of living in quality neighborhood, including the shopping, library, restaurants, and overall ambience of the Upper Connecticut Avenue shopping area.

2 years ago

Indigenous history and all the trees and green spaces throughout the area

2 years ago

Being able to readily access neighborhood dining, shopping, and public services (e.g., the library), and becoming acquainted with many who work in said places. The key word is a recognizable neighborhood, with the intimacy it fosters.

2 years ago

The convenience of all the shops

2 years ago

Love the convenience of that strip and how many different things you can do - library, post office, UPS, Child's Play, restaurants, nails, shoe repair, shopping though I miss Catch as Catch Can.

2 years ago

Tha small town charm, but crime is having its effect.

2 years ago

being able to walk to so many amenities, yet not being in a high density, noisy area; low crime; good schools; access to transit

2 years ago

Visitng the library

2 years ago

I have raised my 2 children from toddlerhood/birth (respectively) to adulthood in Chevy Chase, DC, and am helping my elderly mother to move here after my father's death last winter. It is a city neighborhood for all generations.

2 years ago

Walkability!!

2 years ago

The village feel of Chevy chase - walking distance to amenities but with less hustle and bustle of downtown locations.

2 years ago

I have lived and raised a family in Chevy Chase DC and enjoy the quiet of the neighborhoods but the closeness to the Avenue for everthing we need.

2 years ago

Attending movies at the Avalon and helping it survive; shopping at the Fishery, the Safeway, and the woman's clothing store that has now closed.

2 years ago

Living close to Rock creek park

2 years ago

Walkable, metro accessible, unique shops and restaurants

2 years ago

Walking the neighborhood

2 years ago

Visiting restaurants with my young and oddly foodie son

2 years ago

Love the mature trees. Love to be able to walk most places to run errands, go to the library, see a movie, eat out.

2 years ago

ease of parking

2 years ago

Walkable corridor largely free of chain outlets.

2 years ago

The sense of community. Great small local businesses that are well supported.

2 years ago

block parties

2 years ago

Shops and walkability

2 years ago

Walking to CT ave to shop & visit library.

2 years ago

walking wide sidewalks

2 years ago

I enjoy shopping at the independent shops, seeing movies at the Avalon and eating at local restaurants. We are regular visitors to the library and the supermarket in that area.

2 years ago

Being an ANC Commissioner and President of the Chevy Chase Citizens Association in the past.

2 years ago

Walkable; easy transportation; good shopping and restaurants; trees and shrubs; safety ; neighbors

2 years ago

Walking to shops and restaurants on Connecticut

2 years ago

Walkability

2 years ago

rock creek park, walkability of area, neighborhood schools

2 years ago

Sitting on the sidewalk having dinner and/or drinks.

2 years ago

The walkable friendly neighborhood, access to lots of different kinds of businesses and multiple playgrounds

2 years ago

Sitting in the Chevy Chase garden outside the library.

2 years ago

The neighborhood and small town feel of the area, and it's easy access to all DC offers, while abutting fabulous Rock Creek Park.

2 years ago

Beautiful, idyllic setting.

2 years ago

Family friendly, not congested , walkable

2 years ago

Going to the local Starbucks for morning coffee.

2 years ago

Taking my young children to the CC library and restaurants on Conn. Ave.

2 years ago

The feeling that we live in the city but have a lot of green space, quiet, and low rise buildings

2 years ago

I love the walkability of the neighborhood. We often walk to a restaurant or shop. We almost always run into someone we know while we are out -- less so during the pandemic, but even this past year, we run into people while out walking.

2 years ago

Love the walkability to CT Avenue shops, Friendship Heights, Metro, Bus

2 years ago

The community itself is engaged, friendly and acts together. We support the local shops, restaurants and one another via a listserv and in conversation ; it's a true community.

2 years ago

What brought us to Chevy Chase is that it is a tight-knit, walkable, beautiful community, anchored by a great public school.

2 years ago

Small town feel

2 years ago

I grew up in CC and I enjoy the beauty of the neighborhood. I also enjoy the convenience of shopping. My neighbors are lovely and diverse.

2 years ago

Walking in the neighborhood, to the fountain, to stop to pick up groceries, do banking, get coffee, have a meal.

2 years ago

small town atmosphere; magruders grocery store, unlike bethesda

2 years ago

The neighborhood is neither suburban nor a cement and large building landscape but manages to mix types of residential dwellings and support small independent businesses.

2 years ago

Great restaurants, community, Lafayette elementary, parks

2 years ago

Dining on Connecticut Ave

2 years ago

Be able to walk everywhere! Like the independent shops, restaurants and theatre.

2 years ago

Safe area, walk ability, restaurants, grocery, pharmacy, public transit

2 years ago

You know your neighbors throughout the area and the business owners/workers on the avenue.

2 years ago

All the gardens and flowering trees as we walk our dog through the neighborhoods after getting coffee there on Saturday morning!

2 years ago

Neighbors, walks on residential streets, dining out

2 years ago

New restaurants are a breath of fresh air

2 years ago

Seeing shows at the Avalon Theater and meeting friends at Macon for dinner

2 years ago

I love the comfort and relaxation of our residential community, particularly the dining options, while also having an easy commute to work/other recreation downtown.

2 years ago

Raising my family

2 years ago

Small town feeling; friendly neighbors; able to support local independent merchants and restaurants

2 years ago

Love the small town feel within the city!

2 years ago

The greenery is nice, pretty houses, people are pretty nice. But super boring and impractical. So many empty businesses.

2 years ago

I really enjoy walking around the leafy streets, taking in the houses. I also really like being able to walk to several restaurants, the metro, and the L2 bus line!

2 years ago

Walking in neighborhood and knowing neighbors

2 years ago

Connecticut Avenue Spooktacular

2 years ago

I am proud that my community resurrected the Avalon Theatre and continues to support it.

2 years ago

I am proud of this community its support of the Avalon Theatre

2 years ago

Going to the Avalon Movie theater. Using our library for research and going to the Community Center for meetings and classes.

2 years ago

I love to meet friends at local restaurants- whether it's a quick coffee or a lingering brunch or an evening meal. We have some great choices!

2 years ago

I love that I can walk to take care of most errands and needs including groceries, fresh seafood, drugstore items, restaurants. I am very sorry that some of our wonderful retail have gone. We need some interesting stores to come back.

2 years ago

I love the convenience.

2 years ago

Talking with neighbors as they walk by the house. Running into friends on the Avenue

2 years ago

I like the residential and home town feel of the neighborhood.

2 years ago

Feeling a part of a neighborhood, seeing friends when I shop, having a library, restaurants and shops nearby.

2 years ago

The community, quiet and tree lined streets, short walk to shops and restaurants

2 years ago

convenience - open areas along Connecticut unique relaxing area as transition to more crowded areas down Connecticut.

2 years ago

Small scale walkable neighborhood with plenty of green space

2 years ago

Walking to Connecticut Avenue to eat at a restaurant, shop, see a movie, or visit the library garden.

2 years ago

Patronizing the shops of local entrepreneurs such as Child's Play, Periwinkle, and the Avalon.

2 years ago

I can stop in almost every shop on Connecticut Avenue, Livingston and Northampton Street, and greet the shop owner by name and have a conversation with them. It's wonderful to walk along the Avenue and see friends and neighbors, and have a chat. Chevy Chase DC is really a small Village that we now cherish, after living within walking distance for the past 26 years.

2 years ago

recently eating outside with friends at Blue 44

2 years ago

Avalon Theater

2 years ago

I love my personal family history of growing up and living in DC my whole life as well as my family stories dating back to 1840. I remember when my Uncle Lew opened up one of the first Armand sub shop next to the Post office.

2 years ago

The small town feel of shopping along the Avenue. The small town feel of the Library & Community Center. The Avalon. Halloween along the Avenue with the kids.

2 years ago

The small town feel of "the Avenue" shops on Connecticut Avenue from Livingston St to Patterson St. on both sides of Connecticut. The neighborhood feel of the Library & Community Center. The Avalon.

2 years ago

A good retail street that could become a great retail street, greater housing diversity, filling in the gaps in streets!

2 years ago

The neighborhood feel and the ease of walking to stores/services as well as parking in the neighborhood.

2 years ago

I enjoy the sense of community, the diversity and the scalable environment. Having lived in Adams Morgan, Mount Pleasant, in the past, CC is a unique neighborhood within the city and its character should not be compromised.

2 years ago

Beautiful tree lined streets, good access to downtown, Rock Creek Park, Avalon

2 years ago

I value walking to neighborhood small businesses - retail and restaurants.

2 years ago

Nice low key vibe

2 years ago

Walkability, access to Metro, lots of trees and greenery

2 years ago

the availability of restaurants, CVS, Safeway, and other retail

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The availability of restaurants, CVS, Safeway and other retail

2 years ago

human scale commercial area with neighborhood oriented retail and restaurants, leafy green pedestrian and bicycle friendly streets,

2 years ago

Going to the farmers market near Brookville Market.

2 years ago

I love walking in our beautiful neighborhood! And, I love eating in our local restaurants.

2 years ago

Running into friends while walking along CT Ave

2 years ago

A small town less intense atmosphere. Housing not dense

2 years ago

walking - less dense more suburban - open space - historical feel -

2 years ago

The Chevy Chase environment - Green space/trees, intimate scale buildings, and bumping into neighbors/chatting with people while walking to grocery stores, restaurants, the library/community center, dry cleaners, kids shops, the Avalon Theatre, drug stores, Metro rail and bus, etc. Can live carless. It is the primary reason we purchased our house 38 years ago.

2 years ago

Going to the Avalon theater

2 years ago

Many favorite experiences -- housing, parks, shopping, schools, friends -- not just one.

2 years ago

Lots of favorite experiences, not just one.

2 years ago

Overall quality of life, great neighbors, sense of community, variety and mix of housing types, proximity of my house to commercial area, safety, green tree canopy.

2 years ago

The community and small close knit neighborhood

2 years ago

I like the "village" atmosphere.

2 years ago

The neighborhood feel, there is breathing space, sufficient light and trees and yet can walk to shops, restaurants and transportation

2 years ago

Broad Branch Market

2 years ago

I grew up in Chevy Chase D.C. on Patterson Street. I now live on the Maryland side of Friendship Heights but still shop, go to the Avalon and patronize restaurants along the Connecticut Avenue area under study. I am very interested in the future of that area.

2 years ago

I grew up in Chevy Chase D.C. on Patterson Street off the Circle. I now live close by on the Maryland side of Friendship Heights, but still shop, and go to movies and restaurants along the Connecticut Avenue area under consideration. I am very interested in the future in the area.

2 years ago

Coffee at little red fox and books at Politics and Prose, breakfast at bread and chocolate

2 years ago

Walking in a relatively quiet, manageable-traffic area and visiting the small businesses that populate the corridor.

2 years ago

Walking and bicycling everywhere, for errands as well as recreation

2 years ago

Visiting my friends in the community for meals

2 years ago

Small fabulous neighborhood with independent shops and yet convenient to other areas. Ability to park near businesses and much more. I love the community atmosphere and don't want it to change. no high rises. A excellent example is what happened to Chevy Chase Lake. Small community with great neighborhoods and the landowners decided to sell to developers who in turn created a monster apartment community. Ruined the area. Who needs more apartment buildings. MLook what is happening to cathedral Heightsmore unattractive development of hundreds of apartments. You can put a number of mid to lower income families in that huge complex. ”.

2 years ago

I love the trees and the walkability.

2 years ago

Being able to easily walk to various stores as well as to the library and the Community Center

2 years ago

Walkability to stores! And a neighborhood school

2 years ago

Walking up for coffee at Starbucks or sandwich at Jetties

2 years ago

playing with my granddaughter at Lafayette-Pointer Park

2 years ago

There is not just one, but a collection of experiences from getting my children's toddler shoes at Ramers, toys at Child's Play, milkshakes at American City Diner, and music lessons at Harmonic.

2 years ago

The safety of the neighborhood

2 years ago

Love the feel of the neighborhood + balance between residential vibes / green space & still being in the city.

2 years ago

It is a part of town having a strong mix of apartments and single family homes. It has lovely tree lined side streets and an interesting mix of both necessary establishments for errands and more idiosyncratic businesses for less necessary but pleasurable doings.

2 years ago

Raising children where they could walk to the toy store, get to know vendors and neighbors, get a job at a neighborhood restaurant, within walking distance.

2 years ago

Raising our children where they could go to the toy store, get a job at one of the restaurants, go out to eat, shop, within walking distance from home

2 years ago

Tree canopy, biking, small shops

2 years ago

The community as it currently is. That is the reason that we moved to Chevy Chase, worked hard and own our home. Our neighborhood is now being threatened just because of who we are.

2 years ago

Being able to walk to get necessities, or just browse, while supporting local shop owners.

2 years ago

I love being able to walk to multiple parks, stores, restaurants and church.

2 years ago

Some years ago--the last time DC got a very heavy snow--all of us on our block of Livingston St came out and shjovelled out the whole street PLUS everybody's cars. Those of us lessd able to shovel baked and distributed chocolate chjp cookies and spiced cider .

2 years ago

The attractiveness of CC corridor was the reason we bought. DC has lost a lot of its charm that CC DC still has and it reminds be of my downtown when I grew up.

2 years ago

starting Circle Yoga and Opening Heart Mindfulness Community

2 years ago

It's a very convenient, accessible neighborhood. If it had a hardware store, pretty much all my immediate needs would be covered.

2 years ago

I can walk to local shops, buy groceries, a bottle of wine, go out to lunch or dinner, see a movie when the Avalon is open.

2 years ago

Going out for an evening in the neighborhood -- restaurant, Avalon Theater

2 years ago

Limited congestion

2 years ago

Walking in the neighborhood, using the library, eating at restaurants and going to movies at the Avalon.

2 years ago

So many of my errands are walkable. Grocery, bank, post office, library, paint, theater, restaurants, plus a cute clothing shop and toy store. I love having all of it so nearby. The wide sidewalks are also great. They make it feel neighborly.

2 years ago

I enjoy the experience of living in a comfortable, friendly, quiet and safe community for everyone, where a car is not needed to benefit from the offerings and services available on Chevy Chase Main Street. In fact, when I moved here over 30 years ago, it reminded me of where I grew up in New York City.

2 years ago

Hiking in Rock Creek Park

2 years ago

Comfortable, quiet and safe environment that continues to meet our family's needs with Main Street just a block away.

2 years ago

One of my favorite experiences is walking through the neighborhood, seeing the children at Lafayette play.

2 years ago

Visiting the library, quick shopping,easy parking

2 years ago

Proximity to Van Ness metro, Connecticut Ave is a convenient avenue to get to MD and to downtown

2 years ago

The Avenue, relatively the same for the last 40 years

2 years ago

Sitting outside Bread and Chocolate with a coffee reading the paper and then walking through the neighborhood back home.

2 years ago

I enjoy taking my kids to trick or treat every year along the corridor and walking from home to eat, shop and run errands

2 years ago

I love that I can walk from my house to the grocery store, liquor store, hair salon, movie theatre, dry cleaners, auto service station, fish store and numerous non-chain, individually owned restaurants. It is a fantastic place to raise a family with a genuine sense of community.

2 years ago

Variety of commercial services offered in close proximity to the library and community center, and that almost all of it is verdant with trees. The variety of services has decreased dramatically during the past decades. We now have an excellent opportunity to prioritize small businesses in the commercial spaces. Rents need to be accessible for them, too, or we will end up with all restaurants and banks and no cobblers or hardware stores or barbers. I fully support adding density in the form of low income and community housing. Such housing doesn't need to be in the form of ugly six story buildings. That's a short sighted, developer-centric approach that should be avoided.

2 years ago

Friendly, convenient, safe

2 years ago

walkability- most everything I need is within walking distance and it is a pleasant walk

2 years ago

As a working mother for 25 years I was able to do all my shopping chores by walking! (Except hardware.)

2 years ago

I enjoy being able to walk to the Chevy Chase Gateway shopping area.

2 years ago

Eating on the sidewalk outside Little Beast.

2 years ago

The quiet, tree-lined neighborhoods and the easy access to restaurants and other stores.

2 years ago

I love the Avalon Theater and have been going there since I was a child.

2 years ago

Beautiful area of families and green space with needed shops and restaurants. Love that it's not like downtown. Smaller buildings make it liveable.

2 years ago

Peaceful living atmosphere with proximity to needed shops and restaurants. Trees everywhere. Not many tall buildings. Feels like a small town instead of a busy, unliveable city.

2 years ago

I used to shop at Full of Beans and Catch Can. I enjoy eating at the Parthenon and meeting people for coffee at Bread and Chocolate.

2 years ago

I have far too many good experiences living in this neighborhood to recount, having been here for 47 years and raising my family here. Among many other things, I cherish its community spirit, its family feel, its walkability and its handsome appearance.

2 years ago

Walking my kids to school at Lafayette Elementary. Walking with my husband and kids to Lafayette Park so they can play and ride their bikes. Walking them to Broad Branch Market for a treat. Walking them to Child's Play for a special treat. Walking alone to Connecticut Ave for coffee or to get my nails done and hair cut.

2 years ago

Light, sunshine, human scale

2 years ago

Walkable area

2 years ago

being able to access shops, restaurants, supermarkets, pharmacy, medical offices within walking distance in an area that has a leafy, suburban feeling.

2 years ago

The "village" type feel of being able to walk to see neighbors, get to stores, restaurants

2 years ago

Eating in the restaurants and shopping and walking in the neighborhood

2 years ago

None really. It's ok.

2 years ago

Proximity to conn avenue where we have a post office pharmacy dry cleaner grocery stores restaurants and retail of small scale. Mostly it's the small town in the big city. I know my neighbors and the shop keepers. We love and support our local theater and it's history. We walk the alleys and people here invest in there homes and neighbors.

2 years ago

Walking around the neighborhood admiring flowers and yards and chatting with neighbors, old and new

2 years ago

The walkability, neighborhood feel, small local businesses.

2 years ago

My husband and I purchased our home in CCDC 12 years ago after living in a condo in DuPont Circle for many years. We were drawn to the quieter streets of Chevy Chase and were very excited to afford a yard for our dog. We enjoy shopping and dining along the Avenue and have become friends with many of the shop and restaurant owners. We had our first child in 2020 and she has become a big fan of the playground that is part of the Library and Community Center. As we consider what's best for the future of CCDC, I hope that the charm that has drawn many of us to this neighborhood is kept intact.

2 years ago

Access to shopping and Metro

2 years ago

Quiet peaceful atmosphere, green space at library and community center, free movies at library.

2 years ago

Living in nature while being able to walk to stores and restaurants.

2 years ago

Having businesses close enough that I can walk to them. Having the feeling of a community.

2 years ago

Walking to the farmers market at Lafayette

2 years ago

Eating at Chevy Chase Lounge and using the Library

2 years ago

The charm of the retail corridor and neighborhood feel.

2 years ago

It is terrific to be able to walk to everything.

2 years ago

Frequenting businesses on the Avenue, grocery shopping, going to the community center.

2 years ago

I love being able to walk on the sidewalks and eat at the locally owned restaurants.

2 years ago

Beatiful neighborhood, great community, wonderful neighbors and convenient and friendly retail/amenities.

2 years ago

I like the small-town feel within the big city.

2 years ago

I like the walkability of the neighborhood.

2 years ago

Being able to walk to schools, amenities, and public transit.

2 years ago

the bars and restaurants

2 years ago

the small town feel, beautiful/green area, closed to downtown DC.

2 years ago

What is the most important issue around growth and change facing Chevy Chase DC?

Affordable housing

one year ago

Not changing the character (including walkability, variety of business/gov't services), losing the "small town" feel

one year ago

Needs to be easier and more affordable for new local businesses to open

one year ago

The most important issue around growth and change in Chevy Chase DC is how to create a unified campus where the community center and public library are located and build affordable housing above both buildings (modernized facilities to accommodate neighborhood needs whose exterior design fits with the surrounding area) AND create opportunities for the community to congregate and participate in civic activities together (and addresses any noise and other concerns of nearby neighbors). This unified campus can pull our neighborhood together, add more density on upper CT Ave., add more necessary services, and bring more business to our local small businesses. Tall order, but doable if we work together. We would need the District government to provide better, reliable local transportation and address the overcrowding in schools to accommodate this growth. Added to this is the necessary streetscape and placemaking within the SAP to create a stronger community and Chevy Chase Gateway...

one year ago

concern with development that is detrimental to the character of the neighborhood, including Connecticut Avenue commercial area as well as nearby residential areas

one year ago

I love this neighborhood as it is, and value the low-density, human-scale feel. I want to see as little development as possible.

one year ago

I love this neighborhood as it is, and value the low-density, human-scale feel. I want to see as little development as possible. There needs to be a least one low-density commercial area left.

one year ago

The death of local retail as people shop on-line more and more.

one year ago

Creating and maintaining more vibrant and vital street life on Connecticut Avenue

one year ago

Finding ways for our neighborhood to help address the demand for affordable housing in the city, and be responsive to the need to address inequities that detract from our collective experience.

one year ago

It can't be a community just for white wealthy people. It needs diversity and density, if only to keep the struggling businesses alive (and to diversify the types of business on the strip).

one year ago

Cost of housing which inhibits a growth in diversity.

one year ago

Not altering the neighborhood feel of the corridor with large apartment buildings or otherwise turning it into a Friendship Heights or similar to the Connecticut Ave north of Woodley.

one year ago

that of affordable housing for others in our city who would enjoy Ch Ch just as much as I do

one year ago

lack of affordable housing

one year ago

Beautification and marketing promotion of the Avenue- as prime retail and restaurant location.

one year ago

Including significant affordable housing.

one year ago

home affordability and diversity of the business corridor

one year ago

The increased height of the new proposed mixed-use buildings will have negative impact on the neighborhoods. Cleveland Park neighborhood is a good example of a low rise and thriving retail in town neighborhood.

2 years ago

Maintaining small town character along Connecticut Ave, especially on west side.

2 years ago

Need more

2 years ago

HEIGHT OF THE BUILDINGS ON CONNECTICUT AND DAMAGE TO EXISTING BUSINESS DURING TRANSITION.

2 years ago

That the opinions of the aging community people who live here be heard and addressed

2 years ago

Getting more diverse

2 years ago

keeping neighborhood feel for diverse income populations

2 years ago

Too many cars, especially SUVs

2 years ago

The schools are already way too crowded. And the protection of longtime, independent small businesses. Cleveland Park did ok with this, but I would hope for even better.

2 years ago

To me, the most important issue is maintaining the livability of Chevy Chase DC while making that liveability available to a more diverse population in terms of income, culture, race and ethnicity. Chevy Chase DC has been White for 90 years, and doesn't reflect DC's diverse population.

2 years ago

Lack of housing and very high cost of renting or owning

2 years ago

The area is a white upper-class enclave with businesses, schools, etc. that predominately attract clients from that demographic group. In that way, it doesn't represent the diversity of DC at large. It is not an interesting place to spend much time.

2 years ago

Preserving the small town neighborhood atmosphere and not Hong on to developers who want to transform the area into a new Bethesda with high rise buildings and million dollar condos.

2 years ago

Creative adaptive reuse of existing buildings to create non-traditional affordable housing opportunities.

2 years ago

Keep it in line with current size and feel

2 years ago

having more restaurants and services at walking distance.

2 years ago

Managing increased traffic, more density, attracting small businesses

2 years ago

inclusivity - housing costs are astronomical

2 years ago

Same

2 years ago

Local business. Why are so many store fronts empty? Its my opinion that the city and Ward 3 council members are doing a poor job of retaining and attracting businesses up here.

2 years ago

A general upgrade in the retail (smarten up or replace) and Major upgrade/Replacement to the Community Center and Library

2 years ago

Environmental sustainability and affordable housing

2 years ago

Loss of the Norman Rockwell feel

2 years ago

how to balance different interests (residential and commercial, young and old, families and singles), look to future, develop sense of safe community

2 years ago

traffic on Connecticut ave., affordable housing

2 years ago

Making it a place that benefits those who live here instead of for those who are commuting though it.

2 years ago

Attracting more restaurants and businesses

2 years ago

Preserving neighborhood feel, small retail and local restaurants, while also addressing the failure of almost all retails at Friendship Heights

2 years ago

Limiting population growth and maintaining the community esthetic.

2 years ago

Keeping small business successful in the community

2 years ago

Making room for people and cars

2 years ago

the need to do our part to address climate change

2 years ago

Maintaining character, supporting local businesses, providing community gathering spaces

2 years ago

Cars are way too fast on Connecticut Ave making it unsafe to bike on them; and there are not a lot of variety of stores that are DC/local; no dive bars; no boutique stores; no theaters or art galleries; it is rather bland.

2 years ago

balancing equity and business development

2 years ago

parking

2 years ago

I don't think there is one

2 years ago

Not to allow pressure from the Mayors office and developers or others to change the quiet residential character of the neighborhood

2 years ago

Long term sustainability of retail and restaurants

2 years ago

Not to change it

2 years ago

affordable workforce housing (that is done in a just way, and it's not a gift to private developers to only make 30% of a building affordable). It is also very important to keep the local character of Connecticut Avenue, and not allow big national Chains to dominate the strip.

2 years ago

I enjoy the small town feel of the area being talked about. I would hate to lose that. I don't want to drive the Safeway to leave the area.

2 years ago

The most important issue is the growth of the District as a whole. Going from a population of 563,000 in 2003 to a population of 703,000 in 2018 was, generally speaking, a very good thing, though it did cause very serious problems of gentrification. However, per the Comprehensive Plan Amendments, growing to a population of nearly one million people in the next 25 years, is not a good thing. DC has only 62 square miles of land, making it the third smallest of 35 U.S. Central Cities with populations exceeding 500,000. I think DC will grow to about 800,000 and that will be very, very difficult. Working towards a population of one million people put tremendous pressure on neighborhoods across the District including neighborhoods that are well-off, neighborhoods that are not well-off, and those sort of in the middle. Impacts on Chevy Chase-DC mean that more and more millennials will be moving into Chevy Chase with small children putting very substantial pressure on school facilities and programs, while an increasing number of elderly, just as myself and wife will continue to live in Chevy Chase DC. This means that middle class people (a family of four with incomes of 75k to 175K or a little more, simply can not afford to live in Chevy Chase DC. It also is one of the reasons why it will be very difficult if not impossible for additional families which are 80% or lower of the AMI to move into Chevy Chase DC as well as other neighborhoods in northwest DC (e.g. American University Park) and that will probably be increasingly true of

2 years ago

Need more & bigger buildings to accommodate more people and make sure businesses continue to have customers

2 years ago

Ensuring access to all of main streets services in a safe manner. Having a thriving business district that attracts customers to the area. Providing opportunities for residents to recreate and congregate together.

2 years ago

High cost and low inventory of housing; lack of density to support retail and amenities, maintaining retail and amenities

2 years ago

Preserving the amenities currently offered--i.e. Safeway, Magruder's, CVS, a variety of restaurants. and small businesses.

2 years ago

Adding more housing to enable more equitable growth, support our local businesses and allow for more people to live a more environmentally friendly life

2 years ago

Reinvigorating the commercial area. Keeping Lafayette school strong and able to accommodate neighborhood children.

2 years ago

Pedestrian safety

2 years ago

Chevy Chase DC is an exclusive community that can & should be more open to less affluent people and people of color. We should guide many new housing opportunities here, including affordable (like on top of the library/rec center).

2 years ago

Maintenance of the sense of community

2 years ago

Get new restaurants, support the ones that are struggling

2 years ago

Increasing density without proper planning.

2 years ago

Keeping the community safe and not driving down housing prices

2 years ago

Balance

2 years ago

That it allow for truly affordable housing. Not the fake definition of affordable used by developers that is far too expensive for the types of diversity this neighborhood is missing

2 years ago

The need for more economic diversity.

2 years ago

That we not lose the "small-town" feel by over developing on Connecticut Avenue. That the growth fits in with the existing neighborhood.

2 years ago

Keeping businesses open

2 years ago

That it not destroy the character of the neighborhood or the economic foundation that is accessible to local small businesses.

2 years ago

Retail decline

2 years ago

Overbuilding with condos for those who are upper middle class and not diverse in terms of income, race etc

2 years ago

Not enough affordable housing, to make sure retail/commerce is supported.

2 years ago

The increase in the size of Lafayette elementary Open the last six years.. It's not sustainable and needs to be looked at especially if we're talking about adding additional housing. Also in rent prices for small business owners has increased over the last few years as well again this is not sustainable either unless we want a bank on every corner.

2 years ago

Preserving small-town feel

2 years ago

We need to create affordable housing for families, create 3rd space for communities, support small local businesses, protect the environment and maintain a safe & vibrant community for families

2 years ago

I fear for the safety of neighborhood residents and especially children in the area as the traffic has increased and speeding is an issue on all the streets in the area, especially Nevada Ave. Traffic noise has increased.

2 years ago

Traffic

2 years ago

Continuing to be friendly to small and local businesses.

2 years ago

Being friendly to small local businesses.

2 years ago

Building high density affordable housing, not just more expensive housing. Also concerned about Nevada Ave safety issues.

2 years ago

Sustainable retail and dining

2 years ago

Greater density erodes our quality of life.

2 years ago

Balancing smart growth of higher density development along Connecticut Avenue and commensurate increase in retail/restaurants and other amenities to support increasing population in the area.

2 years ago

Not allowing over development- we do not need high rises with more multi use residential housing. We need to focus on improving the small things that make the area great: nice retail and restaurants , nice parks!, clean and beautiful streets.

2 years ago

Pedestrian and bike safety

2 years ago

reinvigorating the retail shops

2 years ago

Affordability, restaurants

2 years ago

Making sure that needed affordable housing is actually built, not as a proxy to build more luxury highrise buildings, like 5333. And to try to keep the commercial area full of small businesses, not chains or franchises.

2 years ago

Keep it a neighborhood friendly environment

2 years ago

Need to support small businesses and not become an overdeveloped wasteland like Friendship Heights

2 years ago

Modest growth while maintaining neighborhood character

2 years ago

Combining growth with preservation

2 years ago

Keeping the sense of safety and community.

2 years ago

Maintaining a viable neighborhood serving retail and dining corridor

2 years ago

The most important concern about growth and change in Chevy Chase DC is the "city's" interest (not the community's interest) in increasing DENSITY and REDEVELOPMENT. As mentioned, people move here for many reasons, but a major one is the low density, old world ambiance of the Conn Ave strip. There are loads of apartment buildings and townhouses on Conn. Ave. for moderate income housing. We know lots of people in some of these buildings and those who we know moved there for the good rents and charming ambiance and conveniences of the Conn. Ave. strip. If OP and developers have their way, our part of Conn Ave will look like Van Ness or north Cleveland Park, ie a sanitized, overbuilt, unappealing place to live. Plus it could drive the rents higher for the people now living in the apartment buildings in the area, which defeats the purpose. Moreover, given the results of the pandemic, how much does the city really think the population of DC will increase? Really.

2 years ago

That the growth of the area be measured and that it actually accomplishes including moderate income housing, not just more expensive condos and high rise apts.

2 years ago

Sky rocketing prices.

2 years ago

If buildings are built too high (density). Too crowded (parking, etc.)

2 years ago

That it does not become congested and over built with apartments buildings and/or multifamily dwellings

2 years ago

Too much traffic making streets unsafe for children, starting to think about moving to Chevy Chase MD

2 years ago

keeping small community feel while increasing amenities (improving community center, more options for shopping etc esp since losing most at friendship heights. any increase in housing should be accompanied by more than sufficient parking and retail to compensate

2 years ago

restrain growth

2 years ago

Maintain single family homes.

2 years ago

Retain the green uncrowded spaces and single family home environment.

2 years ago

We bought in this community because it was quiet, pleasant, convenient and a fine, safe place to rear a family.

2 years ago

Planners are attacking single family neighborhoods and not providing for parking as new development happens

2 years ago

To avoid furthering the wealth disparity in our city and keeping our present positive neighborhood and community nature.

2 years ago

Creating a historic district to help manage change so it's compatible with the historic "small town in a big city" character of the neighborhood.

2 years ago

Traffic & parking

2 years ago

More single family affordable dwellings for Minorities who are trying to get into the middle class and add diversity to the neighborhood

2 years ago

We need to increase the amount of affordable housing and racial and economic diversity of the neighborhood

2 years ago

affordable housing

2 years ago

Overcrowding of public schools

2 years ago

Lack of parking for the venues on Connecticut Ave

2 years ago

Affordable Housing

2 years ago

Safety. As the criminal activities have gone up, the quality of life has gone down.

2 years ago

Extremely high cost of living, low density, and lack of diversity. We're renters who would love to own a home in the neighborhood, but can't afford to.

2 years ago

I follow Raj Chetty's research, and I think we need to bring more families with children of lower and mid incomes into our neighborhood. I think that is one way to create greater economic mobility and stability for the city. But, it won't be as simple as building housing. Two issues that come to mind. Is this a neighborhood lower income families will enjoy living in and feel comfortable living in? If not, how can we be intentional about making it so. And, where are we going to put an influx of new children in DCPS? Lafayette can't handle it. And bussing students to a new location is not going to get the outcomes that a lot of well-intended but misinformed people think it will get. And I say this not because I fear going to another school. I say this because that kind of integration where the kids go home and socialize in their own neighborhoods, is why the integration of different incomes needs to happen on a neighborhood level, not solely at the school level.

2 years ago

TO cut back on traffic by commercial, construction vehicles at all hours, including after midnight

2 years ago

making sure to sustain the independent businesses and restaurants, so that it is not taken over by franchises. The independent businesses give the corridor its unique identity. Also the cooperative relations between all the business owners provides community.

2 years ago

have diversity in the businesses available (no more banks!) to ensure we have a robust neighborhood community that serves our needs but also supports local businesses

2 years ago

Maintaining the sense of community and small businesses, as well as making the neighborhood more racially diverse

2 years ago

Housing affordability

2 years ago

Getting a more affordable mix of housing.

2 years ago

Keeping the cute feel while expanding and modernizing. Also need adequate parking somehow

2 years ago

Hi rents make it difficult to independent, mom and pop businesses to thrive

2 years ago

Keeping our stores local (not chains!) and increasing affordable housing.

2 years ago

Availability of affordable housing

2 years ago

Keeping the small businesses there viable. Provide affordable housing in that area.

2 years ago

To keep the unique feel of the community and not turn it into just another urban sprawl

2 years ago

Keeping out large scale developers.

2 years ago

Retaining the small town atmosphere, forbidding very large buildings on Conn. Ave. whether residential or commercial and stopping influx of bloated houses.

2 years ago

Our US racist history and the segregationist history of Chevy Chase made it impossible for people of color to build wealth and own homes here. Wards 3 and 4 must become a more inclusive and diverse community. We need to create viable affordable housing in Chevy Chase and provide greater opportunities for BIPOC who have historically been denied equal opportunities.

2 years ago

Making it more inclusive, keeping it walkable.

2 years ago

protect the character and components

2 years ago

Providing affordable housing, and addressing the challenges of social inequality while maintaining the neighborhood feel of a much loved community.

2 years ago

We need more housing so that our neighborhood can accommodate the people that want to live in DC, and in Chevy Chase more specifically.

2 years ago

Connecticut Avenue, the shops and sidewalks could use an update. A cohesive plan for development is also needed.

2 years ago

Should have a wide brick sidewalk on the West side. Push the landlord to tidy the area up. New lighting

2 years ago

Revitalizing the empty businesses in Connecticut. We need more restaurants and retail.

2 years ago

Maintaining a safe and secure neighborhood for children.

2 years ago

Preserving the low-mid rise character of the neighborhood and ensuring the neighborhood schools continue to have enough space to serve in-bounds students.

2 years ago

The most important issue is preserving the unique balance of urban commercial and neighborhood residential life, while upgrading infrastructure, modernizing roadways, and ensuring commercial viability. It's all about balance, neither unfettered NIMBYism nor unbound growth.

2 years ago

Adding interesting businesses

2 years ago

CCDC is becoming unaffordable for all but the truly wealthy. As a result, the community is becoming less, rather than more, diverse.

2 years ago

Having enough housing, preserving trees, minimizing cars.

2 years ago

inclusion.

2 years ago

New business and commerce.

2 years ago

Keeping the Small town environment. Trees and Lower buildings to see the Sunrises and sets ove the Avenue.

2 years ago

Affordable housing. I spend about half the year living with family in Chevy Chase to spend time with grandchildren. I would love to see affordable housing for young families and for older independent seniors.

2 years ago

Controlling vehicle traffic

2 years ago

How to maintain current atmosphere and avoid turning it into Friendship Heights. Also, still make it possible for those who live along the Connecticut Avenue Corridor, above and below the circle, to get downtown when they need to. The current system works pretty well.

2 years ago

I want to ensure there is parking for guests as well as when shopping or eating at a restaurant.

2 years ago

Better commerce (higher quality, lower prices, family friendly). Keeping crime low.

2 years ago

The entrance to DC from Connecticut Ave must be glorious. The area from the circle to Morrison street feels neglected with buildings that have no connection with each-other. Modernization is necessary .

2 years ago

Safety from sidewalk robbers

2 years ago

Keeping the character of the neighborhoods in tact - that's the entire reason people move here.

2 years ago

Preserving the historic fabric of the neighborhood.

2 years ago

School size

2 years ago

Vibrancy!! We need businesses!!

2 years ago

Finding suitable uses for vacant buildings (such as the old diner) and rebuilding the community center

2 years ago

Maintaining the aspects that make this a great neighborhood for families - safety, low crime, strong schools, walkability, strong sense of community.

2 years ago

Not letting it turn into a land of high rises and closed retail like Friendship Heights. It's miserable over there.

2 years ago

Carte blanche given to developers by "pro Business" city officials

2 years ago

Need more housing.

2 years ago

keeping the village "feel," with limited heights of any new buildings (no high-rises with more than 4 stories, 3 preferably).

2 years ago

retaining community feel. don't want it to become another congested tenley town

2 years ago

too much growth

2 years ago

Preserving the businesses that already exist - pandemic was devastating for some.

2 years ago

Filling empty storefronts

2 years ago

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2 years ago

Parking

2 years ago

traffic and keeping a vibrant retail stretch

2 years ago

Connecticut Ave traffic- need more pedestrian/bike safety

2 years ago

Safety and density of new building

2 years ago

Gracefully transitioning to higher density housing for more varied income levels, and providing sufficient mixed-use businesses to support more residents.

2 years ago

Congestion

2 years ago

Maintaining the attributes of a neighborhood with the friendliness and ability to get things done

2 years ago

Not changing the character of the neighborhood.

2 years ago

Aging of the population - needing affordable, disability-adapted housing and mobility on the streets

2 years ago

I don't want Chevy Chase turned into a high density, subsidized housing neighborhood, where local businesses are driven out by the mayor's lust to redistribute earnings in the name of racial equity from hard working Americans to those who haven't worked as hard to live here. No one has a right to live wherever they want to unless they've earned it.

2 years ago

Maintain retail

2 years ago

Lack of holistic/coordinated planning and traffic/parking issues. Currently there are three plans that will affect the neighborhood: (i) plan to broaden and modify Broad Branch Road ; (ii) plan to take out 2 lanes on Conn. Ave. and replace them with bike lanes; and (iii) Small Area Plan. None of these plans are being done in concert and each will have a big impact on traffic and parking. None of the plans address this issue, but all of them will contribute to traffic issues and parking issues, critical matters for the neighborhood. Also, the Small Area Plan is a giveaway to developers who will receive taxpayer breaks and subsidies and will have no obligation to the neighborhood. Chevy Chase already suffers a dearth of decent retail and restaurants and those business people who have stuck it out through thick and thin will be displaced, lose their livelihoods and not be compensated so that developers can come in and put up a high-rise building which will end up with vacant retail space at street level for which they can get a write-off. Furthermore, where will the additional cars go? Unless each building provides free parking, these additional cars will park illegally in the adjacent streets. Already this is a chronic problem, which will only be made worse if new buildings go up and parking is eliminated on Conn. Ave. Furthermore, the apartment buildings that currently exist have vacancies. So what is the point of building more housing stock when the current stock is not at full occupancy? Also, what is the environmental impact of these plans? Tall buildings kill hundreds of birds that fly into windows. The plan was developed with no real input by the neighborhood residents. The Bowser administration has allowed rampant development across the City which has displaced numerous low income families, and never required a serious plan for low income and subsidized housing and now an ad hoc plan that targets Conn. Ave. is going to be implemented to tick the subsidized housing box without a serious plan for implementing a program that makes sense for the neighborhood.

2 years ago

That "density" is being equated with "diversity," which is not accurate, because too easily could increasing density mean pricing out most middle- to lower-income individuals in this neighborhood.

2 years ago

traffic

2 years ago

I don't want it to become crime ridden or blighted which always happens when you bring in low income housing.

2 years ago

Mixed use and availability. Modernization. Inclusion.

2 years ago

My greatest concern is overwhelming the already overwhelmed amenities, the school system, parking and grocery stores (our small Safeway) to handle the growth that is being proposed.

2 years ago

That the planners accommodate the increased need for local slots in nearby public schools and (presumably) an increased need to underground parking.

2 years ago

Traffic congestion

2 years ago

traffic congestion

2 years ago

Don't kill of the goose of tax payer with high rise building on Conn.Ave

2 years ago

Not most important, but a community makerspace with 3D printers, laser cutters, and heavy duty tools would be nice to see. Think Torpedo Factory, or Philly Next Fab spaces (<https://nextfab.com/>)

2 years ago

preserving the character, while allowing inevitable growth

2 years ago

Needs more density and energy. The area used to be more of a hot spot but the energy in the city has moved further and further away as other areas have revitalized and this area has not. Increased housing density and more exciting retail would do a lot of good

2 years ago

Too many cars. Speeding. Unsafe crossing streets. Too many drivers cutting through neighborhoods.

2 years ago

sufficient free parking

2 years ago

Lack of ethnic eateries, diversity in types of shops/businesses, and other conveniences.

2 years ago

Lack of diversity

2 years ago

Limiting car traffic flow so that the storefront areas can be more enjoyable for pedestrians

2 years ago

School overcrowding

2 years ago

Terrifying traffic (as a biker, walker and driver) at the circle.

2 years ago

The neighborhood will change/be harmed by overdevelopment.

2 years ago

DC Office of Planning presenting a plan that will benefit developers and not the existing neighborhood. All for what? There are better ways to provide affordable housing in a neighborhood that already has many apartment buildings and affordable housing units on the corridor. Why tear down existing Mom and Pop store fronts that serve our community for the benefit of a few developers and political points. There is no thought regarding the impact of this so called growth the surrounding neighbors in regards to parking, trash and traffic.

2 years ago

Providing housing at all levels of affordability, and sprucing up Conn. Ave. commercial landscape/opportunities, incl Safeway site, bank properties

2 years ago

That any change should reflect the residents desire to maintain the quality of living in this area. Friendly, comfortable, quiet, and safe

2 years ago

Keeping a vibrant local commercial area, with community services like library and community center.

2 years ago

Maintaining historic family homes and small business enterprises

2 years ago

Maintaining a neighborhood feel.

2 years ago

Noise and crowding

2 years ago

Traffic is already congested on Connecticut. Adding more population growth will cause additional issues, including access to parking.

2 years ago

Sustainability and helping to address climate change (i.e. we should make way for more density and bicycling/pedestrians)

2 years ago

Creating truly affordable housing for people with very low incomes so they can also enjoy living in this neighborhood

2 years ago

Traffic. Losing neighborhood sensibility to over building.

2 years ago

High speed thru traffic & its impact on pedestrian life / space.

2 years ago

We need to make sure residents have adequate street parking near their homes and we need to support our local independent businesses, not large national chains

2 years ago

The natural environment

2 years ago

Make it people centered, where people can walk, and have fun leisure experiences, sit down for coffee or beer or food and music—and build a large enough parking deck.

2 years ago

Overcrowding of local schools

2 years ago

The overcrowding of the schools

2 years ago

neighbors who are afraid of change and make everything feel like a catastrophe

2 years ago

To maintain the integrity of the community

2 years ago

I do not want to see tall sterile, glass buildings that look like factories and blot out the sky being built. I want to see green space mixed in with whatever needs to be built to replace underused space. It must be community focused, not "development" focused.

2 years ago

Revitalizing retail. Too many empty store fronts

2 years ago

Limited population growth.

2 years ago

Crime , safety and traffic

2 years ago

1) Deeply affordable housing. 2) Maintain existing green space. 3) Need an Off street FREE city parking garage.

2 years ago

Preserving the neighborhood's amenities (retail, library, post office, community center, playgrounds, parks, restaurants) that make it a nice, convenient place to live. I also like the current human scale of the neighborhood. Would prefer to avoid development that looks like downtown Bethesda or Ballston.

2 years ago

Clarity on the timeline of construction and parking concerns

2 years ago

Why do we need to build and disrupt current businesses, traffic and parking. Seems to be no plan to address all the plans for taking out lanes on Conn Ave and proposed closing off Beach Drive to cars and what the impact is on surrounding neighborhoods, parking and traffic

2 years ago

Keep lower density and no high rises

2 years ago

Lack of diversity

2 years ago

I don't really want to see more housing - the area is already crowded with traffic, and I like that it feels like a suburban neighborhood rather than downtown.

2 years ago

maintaining the vibrancy of the small business community in the corridor, increasing infrastructure to meet new demand (transit, schools, etc).

2 years ago

Not enough housing availability

2 years ago

We need more density.

2 years ago

Providing enough walk-up business to keep our commercial strip alive and providing additional housing, especially affordable housing, but market rate housing too to reduce the relentless upward pressure on house prices.

2 years ago

Infrequent transit options and not enough affordable housing

2 years ago

increasing density to help the economics of small businesses; affordable housing

2 years ago

The number of closing stores and lack of bike lanes

2 years ago

The number of empty businesses and lack of affordable housing

2 years ago

Not destroying the character of Chevy Chase DC

2 years ago

Maintaining family focus and small businesses

2 years ago

School overcrowding

2 years ago

Allowing for more density without destroying the neighborhood vibe/architecture. I would be happy with the entire east side being torn down - especially the Community Center and library - ugly buildings. But I love the row of buildings on the west side.

2 years ago

That it is well planned, that it involves all neighborhood shareholders, that it recognizes legitimate pending changes, and that its planning is carried out in such a way as to not be received by current DC residents as a radical, ill-conceived, unworkable policy and program thrust.

2 years ago

No loss of green spaces and trees; maintain affordable housing, keep small businesses

2 years ago

Insuring that change is done in a measured fashion so as to avoid diminishing the qualities that make the neighborhood as appealing as it is.

2 years ago

Crime that stems from individuals who are placed along the Conn Ave in need of help or reform before they are placed to live on their own. DC is a liberal city and individuals are compassionate towards those in need and recognize the need for housing. "Housing first" is supposed to put people in homes and provide support and rules so other tenants and the community are not in danger. CCDC's neighbor, Forest Hills, now has graffiti, drug vials outside, assaults, gunshots in the park--you name it and the community is crumbling (there is no cap or percentage so every current tenant who pays market rate is being forced out by vouchers that offer 175% for the same unit. It started in 2017-18 and it has compounded because of no limit. DC is doing "housing first" in a near-criminal way--without any support for recipients except from MPD who just shows up over and over--they just intervene for the moment but there is nothing long term (you would think--but it's not happening--living it firsthand). Families who live in apts/condos along Connecticut who live in small spaces to attend good schools and pay a significant part of their income are leaving for Bethesda/Rockville. It's just forcing the small middle income in DC--a very diverse group--out and replacing them with government subsidized housing that is unchecked and has no rules. Any person/family, no matter where the income is from(including from families with vouchers who would like to be part of a community) can live next to the unchecked minority whose crime and behavior makes life miserable. Bowser does not seem to care as long as her homeless data can be skewed. Everyone wants folks to have a home, but pushing out one for the other--at the expense of the working/middle class is an economic and social disaster. 25 years in DC, worked our tails off to live in a small, but formerly safe, space, volunteered hours to the community and now we have to leave. It's no place to raise a kid anymore and the community is so focused on "affordable housing" that they don't seem to realize they are forcing those with the current affordable housing out.

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2 years ago

addressing overcrowding in the schools and tearing down perfectly fine houses to make huge, expensive ones

2 years ago

Maintaining the neighborhood feel

2 years ago

Inclusiveness

2 years ago

Increasing density and diversity while preserving community feeling / ensuring services keep up with higher density: school, transport, etc.

2 years ago

School size, keeping neighborhood roads safe for families.

2 years ago

The most important issue is to retain the balance between the neighborhood and overdevelopment on the Avenue

2 years ago

Balancing growth with safety. This is a community of families with children. We picked this neighborhood so my kids could ride their bikes to friends' houses and walk over to Conn Ave. the roads, schools and infrastructure must be able to accommodate growth in a safe manner. Any density changes must include appropriate changes to neighborhood infrastructure as well.

2 years ago

Building deeply affordable, workforce, mixed-income housing without dependence on for-profit developers. Try the social housing model.

2 years ago

Want to be sure to maintain the local community feeling of the Avenue and not to get a bunch of high rise apartments like you find further down Connecticut. Goal should be to promote a Palisades or Takoma Park vibe with attractive restaurants and shops.

2 years ago

Empty storefronts

2 years ago

Good schools and affordable and inclusive housing. Part of Chevy Chase DC is in Ward 4, need to revert back to Ward 3

2 years ago

We do not enjoy driving to CCDC, and prefer taking the bus. More frequent service would serve the area well and eliminate a lot of traffic and parking problems.

2 years ago

Hope to protect the trees and the neighborhood feel of the place.

2 years ago

Need workforce housing

2 years ago

Affordable housing

2 years ago

Traffic along Connecticut Avenue and school capacity. Vacant storefronts last for a long time.

2 years ago

Traffic, Parking, Need for Less Expensive Housing, Central Community Center (Hopefully Soon)

2 years ago

Keeping shops and restaurants in the neighborhood

2 years ago

Allowing growth to accommodate more affordable housing without destroying character of neighborhood by overbuilding.

2 years ago

maintaining village-scale shopping and stores

2 years ago

I fear that local businesses will be priced out of the neighborhood and that there will be no parking available to patronize those small business shops. I fear that the neighborhood will lose its unique character—more town than city.

2 years ago

too much density with more multi - unit buildings; change in easy, safe neighborhood

2 years ago

Redesigning the Community Center and Library.

2 years ago

Keeping the neighborhood family friendly (would be great if we could get some more daycare in the area!)

2 years ago

School overcrowding and maintaining the nature in the neighborhood

2 years ago

over population of area, not enough space at neighborhood school

2 years ago

Retaining commercial business (stores, restaurants, services like banks and drycleaners) that SERVE THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

2 years ago

Affordable house, decrepit library/rec center, not enough super charger spots for electric and plug in hybrid vehicles, maintaining the diversity and viability of local businesses

2 years ago

Keeping the small-town quality of the community

2 years ago

Figuring out the most effective way to have inclusivity without changing the nature of the neighborhood.

2 years ago

Diversity- we need it badly.

2 years ago

Maintaining community feel

2 years ago

I don't want to become Bethesda, with large buildings and crowds.

2 years ago

Need for increased density to become a more inclusive community

2 years ago

Keeping the neighborhood thriving and accessible.

2 years ago

We need more affordable housing that will welcome young families. The neighborhood is becoming unaffordable. It will be important to consider the impact on overcrowded schools. DCPS should be encouraged to offer workable solutions to the problem.

2 years ago

Keeping the character of the commercial strip while adapting to a changing city

2 years ago

DCPS overcrowding.

2 years ago

Local businesses face too high rents and regulations and are losing out to the Internet; Friendship Heights is owned by many different companies and there is no cohesive plan that involves all the constituents as well as Chevy Chase, MD side

2 years ago

I think some people are hesitant to see the growth because they don't like change. But sometimes change is just what is needed. By keeping everyone well informed and asking for input - like done here - it gives the impression that we are in this together.

2 years ago

We need to bring more businesses to Connecticut and support the ones that are there, prioritize pedestrian safety, improve access to downtown for biking.

2 years ago

To keep the small town character.

2 years ago

Traffic. I live on McKinley St. Commuters use it to cut from Military Rd. During morning and evening traffic. I like the idea of housing on top of the library but traffic is an important consideration.

2 years ago

Size and type of growth. Should not be tall buildings or too much density. Character of the neighborhood must be maintained. Small shops must be kept. Affordable housing must be everything built. Workforce and low income only. No luxury apartments.

2 years ago

destruction of green space and small town atmosphere

2 years ago

Lately however larger luxury-priced condos are dotting the area from Nebraksa Avenue northward despite the Council saying it has an interest in affordable housing and so not only is the mix changing to solely luxury, it is also encroaching on the old city infrastructure and adding more cars while WMATA proposes ending bus routes. No one of any income will gain if the small area plan exacerbates the infrastructure capacity, affordable housing is a myth, and small businesses are run out of the area in favor of chains.

2 years ago

To not change the beautiful character of this neighborhood.

2 years ago

Reducing petty Crime

2 years ago

Allowing for housing growth necessary to meet demand in the city and providing affordable places for everyone in DC to live.

2 years ago

Many shops closed. Hard to know how this will transition

2 years ago

No one wants any more disruption after going through all the upheaval from the pandemic.

2 years ago

Preserving the character of the neighborhood while enabling affordable housing that does not weaken existing property values.

2 years ago

We need more affordable housing

2 years ago

Livability

2 years ago

Grocery store

2 years ago

Evolution of the CC retail corridor along Conn Ave and figuring out how to accommodate more housing types.

2 years ago

Street safety- cars commute through here at high speed.

2 years ago

Maintain the residential quality

2 years ago

Managing increased density in a coordinated manner that takes into account adequate school capacity, parking and other transportation issues. To date, I have not seen how this SAP process is taking those other factors into account.

2 years ago

Need missing middle housing

2 years ago

Maintaining affordable housing, transportation options, and keeping small businesses afloat.

2 years ago

That it is incredibly boring and people think they need cars for everything. We need small and practical businesses that promote the local economy and encourage people to walk or take bikes rather than drive somewhere else.

2 years ago

No overdevelopment

2 years ago

Traffic and maintaining neighborhood feel

2 years ago

Pedestrian safety, as the stream of fast moving cars along Connecticut Ave and Chevy Chase Circle are quite dangerous for pedestrians.

2 years ago

Maintaining neighborhood while increasing housing opportunities

2 years ago

Support to local businesses

2 years ago

The schools are all overloaded. We don't need more demountable buildings, we need another lower school and probably another middle school.

2 years ago

How will increased growth be accommodated by our over crowded schools

2 years ago

How will increased growth be accommodated by our over crowded schools?

2 years ago

managing traffic: 1- coming from maryland and speeding through the chevy chase circle; 2- managing the traffic going around that circle from all sides;

2 years ago

Keeping it a neighborhood

2 years ago

Winning local support for somewhat denser development along the Connecticut Ave. corridor to make room for affordable housing

2 years ago

Pedestrian safety/landscaping/evening lighting/nice retail and restaurants updated state of the art library and community center

2 years ago

Pede

2 years ago

Overcrowding at local dcps schools

2 years ago

New housing is larger and more expensive, making the neighborhood even more exclusive. Families with two federal workers can no longer purchase a house here, and certainly not teachers, police or firefighters.

2 years ago

Maintaining character of community

2 years ago

Preserving its village atmosphere

2 years ago

Expanding its embrace to include a wider economic and racial range of residents, businesses, and shoppers

2 years ago

How to preserve the charming buildings and low profile architecture.

2 years ago

lack of affordable housing

2 years ago

Density is currently too low especially with the gas station and bank taking too much valuable land

2 years ago

Retaining the character and scale of our existing neighborhood while welcoming more diversity and inclusion. I am worried about agreements that may change with more consideration for what the real estate company wants as opposed to what the neighbors want.

2 years ago

The risk that Chevy Chase DC becomes Friendship Heights. The city will permit development in the misguided view that the area will develop like Friendship Heights creating tax revenue. But it won't be successful. Firstly the available area for development does not mirror Friendship Heights. Chevy Chase Village sees what happened to Friendship Village and Somerset and will never permit development. So there will be a cliff of development that stops at the District line. Secondly, without a Metro stop the Conn Ave development will not be mass transit friendly so it will be less desirable (i.e., lower rents, less economic activity) and traffic will increase and parking will be a disaster.

2 years ago

Helping people understand that good growth, adding new uses and residents is possible, while preserving the unique character....they are not mutually exclusive

2 years ago

How to accommodate growth without ruining the village feel of the neighborhood.

2 years ago

The new condo's and apartments are contextually out of place. They basically all look the same, and are compromising the character of the neighborhood

2 years ago

traffic and parking management

2 years ago

Increasing racial and economic diversity

2 years ago

being inclusive

2 years ago

Adding too much density, reducing available off street parking,

2 years ago

Balancing the need for a diverse and well rounded neighborhood with maintaining the architectural integrity of Conn Ave and developing solutions for our already over-taxed schools.

2 years ago

Too much density

2 years ago

Maintain the low density commercial and residential architecture, avoid introduction of "chain" commercial establishments, support small business, expand tree coverage, improve pedestrian and bicycle access, improve affordable housing

2 years ago

Providing additional housing and supporting services like schools and transportation for an expanded community.z

2 years ago

Equitable distribution of resources and community connection.

2 years ago

We cannot continue to be an elitist neighborhood.

2 years ago

I want affordable housing.

2 years ago

Increasing diversity, both racial and economic

2 years ago

Letting developers be at the front of the planning. I feel they have their own issues to accomplish which is not what is best for Chevy Chase DC

2 years ago

Not lose the town feeling. Diversity of population is good but my concern is it will not provide very much truly affordable housing. It will only up the population along with the traffic, parking, school accommodation. It will increase density without accomplishing the affordable housing issue

2 years ago

Lack of affordable housing, and the frustrating resistance to improving this problem.

2 years ago

Very major impact goals not understood (by anyone) in terms of feasibility.

2 years ago

Retaining the charm and character, respecting the history of the commercial district (many buildings are 100 yrs old or nearly that) and the scale of the buildings and wide sidewalks that foster casual positive interactions, while adding to housing options in the neighborhood.

2 years ago

How to include more housing density in order to sustain the businesses and allow more people to enjoy the community.

2 years ago

Maintaining the family & friendly character of the neighborhood. The SAP promises to become very controversial and create neighborhood disharmony.

2 years ago

Destruction of small scale commercial. In early 1990s as a planner for Arlington county, we came up with what turned out to be a viable solution for the commercial area immediately adjacent to the Clarendon metro. The Vietnamese merchants still there then were adamant that their customers would not patronize their restaurants and small businesses even if they could return to ground floor commercial in new development. They also feared that the « soul » of the place would be lost. The height setbacks enacted took away development incentives to build on the existing commercial, but allowed infill behind that stepped down to both the commercial and to the neighborhood residential behind. Some of the side street half block commercial was also preserved. The Vietnamese businesses, save a few, are long gone, but Clarendon thrived. New residential at some scale was developed. It is not affordable, but it is added density in a fairly sensitive way. A model like that which preserves the heart of our commercial area bears looking at.

2 years ago

Engineering a change to the community

2 years ago

Assuring mixed use and diversity.

2 years ago

preservation of single family homes on side streets, limited growth on main thoroughfares, preservation of small neighborhood feel

2 years ago

affordability

2 years ago

I would hope that that area of Chevy Chase DC would not be "urbanized." Its low rise neighborhood shops, restaurants, and services should be preserved and protected at all costs.

2 years ago

More equitable housing...more pedestrian friendly

2 years ago

Controlling traffic and population density.

2 years ago

Making use of increased density opportunities for reasonable development, including affordable housing. Reducing reliance on automobiles.

2 years ago

Increasing affordable housing

2 years ago

Don't want expansion here and where the heck would you put it. No more tear down and putting unimaginative buildings up. Not enough creative design by urban planners...everything is cookie cutter and does not fit the Aura of the area

2 years ago

How to provide more housing for people of all income levels

2 years ago

Sustaining local businesses and dealing with crowding in middle and high schools

2 years ago

Need for more affordable housing

2 years ago

reducing cost of housing and increasing the density of areas zoned for single family homes

2 years ago

finding a common story we can and would like to tell about our neighborhood

2 years ago

DC needs more homes for people at all income levels, so the most important issue for me is to increase supply. Hopefully we can make a real difference adding deeply affordable housing at the city owned property. But homes for all incomes will help.

2 years ago

safety

2 years ago

Would be great to support new growth for additional businesses & some additional apartment buildings so there are more people to spend money at local businesses

2 years ago

It is imperative that CC DC's streets/sidewalks be made safer for people outside of cars- those walking and biking. In fact, the needs that walkers and bikers have so as to be kept safe should be prioritized far and above the conveniences for drivers in cars.

2 years ago

Increasing housing opportunities while maintaining a neighborhood scale

2 years ago

Ensuring appropriate neighborhood scale while increasing mixed-income housing opportunities

2 years ago

The most important issue is that there should not be any growth or change.

2 years ago

Not dramatically changing the scale of the community and it's local nature (ie. no chain stores). Even now, management of garbage, deliveries to restaurants, the rat issue -- these are very poorly managed both by individual businesses and the city. So growth is worrisome in that regard.

2 years ago

We need more schools to support the growth of young families in the area.

2 years ago

accessible housing and controlled heights on Connecticut Ave

2 years ago

Affordable single family homes

2 years ago

Being anti-racist and anti-classist - opening the space to all people regardless of class, race, gender, ethnicity, religion. Counter our history of white supremacy and make the space beautiful and livable for all.

2 years ago

There is a misperception by many that increasing density will increase diversity. This is not a given, and a dangerous assumption that could result in the loss of the neighborhood feel of the area without seeing any benefit. Increasing density is fine, if done in a very deliberate, aware manner.

2 years ago

How to grow, provide affordable housing for police, teachers, service workers in the neighborhood while maintaining the small town feel of the Connecticut Avenue.

2 years ago

Income accessibility and growth in consumer welfare

2 years ago

The neighborhood should be more inclusive of people of color.

2 years ago

Making sure it does not increase overcrowding, especially at extremely over crowded schools already

2 years ago

Maintaining the low rise, accessible neighborhood feel. Avoiding the mistakes of Van Ness and Tenleytown.

2 years ago

It's too White.

2 years ago

The most important issues around growth is how to maintain the comfortable, quiet and safe environment that exist now. And that planners stop using the term "inclusive" as a means of selling change. Growth will happen if it comprehensively planned in a human scale manner.is needed..

2 years ago

Increasing affordable housing

2 years ago

How to accommodate growth without losing the charming small town vibe of our low-rise Connecticut Avenue "main street"

2 years ago

It is most important that what ever change is planned, is that it be done in a comprehensive manner accounting for keeping Chevy Chase DC a comfortable and safe environment that respects its history and continues to serve the people that live here.

2 years ago

Keeping the small town feel. This is not New York City.

2 years ago

Maintaining a small scale, accessible neighborhood center.

2 years ago

I want more mixed use (residential above commercial), more ethnic restaurants, more diversity in the population (economic & racial). We cannot cling to some image of the past. If we don't grow we will stagnate and shrink.

2 years ago

Changes to the Avenue

2 years ago

How do we plan for the future needs of the City while preserving what makes Chevy Chase special to so many residents

2 years ago

Maintaining local shops and including black owned businesses in the process as merchants, contractors and financiers one second ago

2 years ago

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2 years ago

How to increase the density/diversity without permanently displacing the existing merchants and destroying the character of the neighborhood.

2 years ago

Increase residential and commercial density while also increasing, or at least maintaining, the residential -neighborhood feel of the strip. Replacing human-scale architecture with concrete blocks usually ends badly for everyone. .

2 years ago

Pedestrian access and safety. The amount of traffic and traffic speed can be overwhelming. We have many seniors living in this area. The vehicle traffic makes it unsafe for everyone.

2 years ago

Allowing for growth and change while maintaining the small town feel of Chevy Chase DC.

2 years ago

need for affordable housing

2 years ago

Sharing our great community with people who haven't been able to afford housing in our neighborhood.

2 years ago

Child safety and education.

2 years ago

Affordable housing

2 years ago

Increasing density for increased diversity

2 years ago

Keep density low, while still providing low income housing, rather than more luxury apartments which are not needed at all.

2 years ago

The most important issue is this ill-advised and needless planning process. There is nothing wrong with the neighborhood and no realistic way of making lower-cost housing feasible without doing serious violence to what makes this neighborhood desirable to its residents. I and many other residents are sincerely alarmed about what this process portends for our neighborhood. By the way, this form continually insists that I am Jordan Benderly. I am not. I have tried to remove that name, but have not succeeded.

2 years ago

increase density to provide more housing and density to feed its commercial area.

2 years ago

That it can change the character of the neighborhood and negatively affect Lafayette School.

2 years ago

Overcrowded schools

2 years ago

tall buildings that will plunge the street into shade and darkness

2 years ago

Climate emergency

2 years ago

Maintaining a village feel/do not replace small retailers with mass retailers/modest density increase to increase customers for local shops

2 years ago

Smart growth is needed. More local amenities - public and business - are both in demand, as is more affordable housing. However, CCDC is very much a residential neighborhood - so development and growth needs to keep scale in mind and not overly build. The area needs to keep its walkability, increase pedestrian and bike spaces, sidewalk cafes, etc. Add small park spaces, reduce parking lots, refresh public spaces (including the community center), and add a collective sense of continuity up and down both sides of Conn Ave.

2 years ago

Loss of character when it doesn't have to be that way. Loss of small local businesses. I want any development to be in east side of Connecticut avenue and not more than four stories regardless of PUD status. I want subsidized housing above the community center for seniors and development on the Wells Fargo property and along strip from gas station to Livingston. We want more street friendly design for the Connecticut avenue corridor with seating maybe wine bar and plantings

2 years ago

The character of the neighborhood is likely to change along with increased traffic

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2 years ago

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2 years ago

Making it affordable for businesses and people to live and work here. We need more neighborhood oriented shops, restaurants, etc.

2 years ago

Maybe more affordable options for lunch.

2 years ago

Lafayette is overcrowded and doesn't have room for any growth

2 years ago

There isn't enough housing supply, leading to soaring prices that ensure that only the wealthiest can afford to live here.

2 years ago

Making it more congested.

2 years ago

Balancing competing interests, in many cases irreconcilable

2 years ago

Improve traffic safety around Chevy Chase Circle - Crossing Connecticut Avenue at the Circle light I've nearly been hit multiple times by cars running the red light coming from Maryland.

2 years ago

Keep rush hour traffic off Nevada Avenue.

2 years ago

Too much growth will harm bucolic setting.

2 years ago

I want to keep the smallish community feeling. I don't want it to become too crowded or buildings to get too tall.

2 years ago

Make sure we have open public outdoor spaces (parks, plazas, etc)

2 years ago

Empty storefronts and insufficient family oriented food and restaurant options (e.g., diner, bagels)

2 years ago

That the planning commission or whoever is in charge seems to be forcing change.

2 years ago

Convincing residents that change is positive.

2 years ago

Building a diverse community and supporting local businesses. Nurturing a dynamic community.

2 years ago

Attracting more small businesses to the area without adding traffic or changing local character.

2 years ago

social equity and economic balance, providing more opportunity for existing and new retailers/commercial.

2 years ago

Keeping the growth manageable (small and incremental) to minimize school overcrowding.

2 years ago

Increasing affordability. Adding housing options. Redeveloping the east side of the Avenue for mixed use. Placemaking everywhere.

2 years ago

We need more density so that we have more shops, people, and vibrancy.

2 years ago

Smart development and increasing density in a smart way to increase housing, retail, and public services (such as the library and community center). Also, regardless of whether housing is added, addressing overcrowding at schools and better public transit.

2 years ago

recruiting new and more diverse businesses

2 years ago

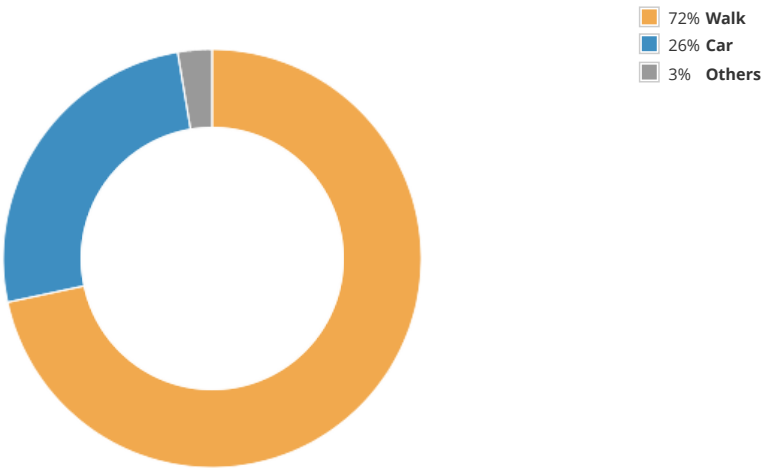
Creating more public/commercial spaces for residents that encourages community connection and educational opportunities

2 years ago

Not repeat the failures of Friendship Heights and strengthen infrastructure (schools, library, community center)

2 years ago

How do you usually travel around Chevy Chase DC? (check one)



529 respondents

Share your perspective on the following statements:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Housing options in Chevy Chase DC are accessible to residents of moderate to low income levels:	3% Strongly Agree	10% Agree	14% Neither Agree nor Disagree	36% Disagree	37% Strongly Disagree
Chevy Chase DC is inclusive of households of all sizes and compositions (singles, families, seniors, etc.):	17% Strongly Agree	34% Agree	19% Neither Agree nor Disagree	19% Disagree	11% Strongly Disagree
Chevy Chase DC is inclusive of individuals of all racial backgrounds and ethnicities:	18% Strongly Agree	31% Agree	18% Neither Agree nor Disagree	21% Disagree	12% Strongly Disagree

455 respondents

New housing development should focus on more housing options for the following groups of people (check all that apply):

58%	Families	268 ✓
55%	Households making less than 80% Median Family Income (\$100,800 for a family of four).	253 ✓
47%	Households making between 80% - 200% of Median Family Income (\$100,800 - \$252,000 for a family of four).	219 ✓
41%	Households renting their home.	191 ✓
38%	Households owning their home.	175 ✓
35%	Seniors	163 ✓
34%	Singles	157 ✓
8%	Other	38 ✓
464 Respondents		

Poll Questions 'Other' Responses:

Focus should not be on any one category

one year ago

Subsidized housing at 30-50% MFI

2 years ago

I really don't know how to answer this question without more context. One question is where is it possible to add new housing without making Connecticut Avenue unmanageable

2 years ago

no new housing development

2 years ago

Households making less than 30% MFI

2 years ago

keeping drug pushers and hostile neighbors out

2 years ago

Diversity in occupations

2 years ago

The government should give aid to low income residents so that they have a wider range of options for housing. Then the market will meet their need for housing.

2 years ago

None. Too many apartments already.

2 years ago

Friends who live together

2 years ago

"Households making between 80%-120%-the Missing Middle--this survey is so skewed by not making that an option--making a span of 120% is ridiculous.

2 years ago

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2 years ago

Don't need new development.

2 years ago

Households making less than 30% of Median Family Income

2 years ago

No new housing should be planned until the impact on the Lafayette School is assessed.

2 years ago

young singles and young families

2 years ago

I'd like to see more diverse families purchase the existing homes. If more housing is created, I'd like to see the new housing be owned by more diverse families.

2 years ago

priority to first responders/teachers etc

2 years ago

How should the Small Area Plan prioritize the creation of affordable housing in the neighborhood (rank your priorities top to bottom):

61%	Redeveloping the Chevy Chase Community Center and Library into a mixed-use campus that includes residential units.	Rank: 1.55	256 ✓
58%	Redeveloping commercial buildings along Connecticut Avenue into mixed-use buildings with housing on upper levels.	Rank: 1.59	245 ✓
22%	Other	Rank: 1.80	94 ✓
41%	Promoting "Accessory Dwelling Units" on the property of existing detached/semi-detached homes, such as a rental unit in the home or as a small, separate building on the property).	Rank: 2.25	173 ✓

422 Respondents

Over the next decade, what changes would you like to see to make Chevy Chase a more inclusive community?

I think it needs to be accessible to people with lower incomes. However, I would not want to see the character changed (e.g., adding levels to the commercial spaces on CT Ave). The low-rise buildings are part of what makes the area special/desirable. Put in lots of higher rise buildings and turn it into the WI Ave/Chevy Chase area and you no longer want to come here for recreation, shopping, etc. You might as well go somewhere on a metro line.

one year ago

To make Chevy Chase a more inclusive community, I'd like for us to attract more unique local businesses (including lower price point cafes, bagel shops, ramen noodle -- perhaps all operating out of a big space) owned by women and people of color, bring in more affordable housing, and highlighting and celebrating diverse cultures through civic programming at the public library and community center.

one year ago

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one year ago

Chevy Chase is already and has been for decades an inclusive and welcoming community. I would like that to continue.

one year ago

Additional affordable housing.

one year ago

Denser, mid to high-rise mixed-use retail and housing development along Connecticut Avenue from Livingston to the Circle with subsidies to enable workforce and affordable housing

one year ago

The public schools in the neighborhood (Lafayette, Murch elementary schools, Deal MS and Wilson HS) have gotten too large. Additional public school options, perhaps on the Washington Episcopal School property, would help support this expanding neighborhood. More affordable family housing likely would be welcomed in this community but the overcrowding of the schools must be concurrently addressed.

one year ago

There should be so much mixed income, multi-tiered housing that there's no longer a way to distinguish where "the poor people" live. Integration is key to all healthy systems in every discipline that studies them. This is a no-brainer.

one year ago

Actions to make a more diverse community.

one year ago

It is not true that CC isn't inclusive. It is true that it is more expensive to own in the area than NE and SE. If the purpose is to make CC less expensive the city can buy existing residential units and lease them. But I wouldn't increase density, the neighborhood's infrastructure cannot handle it.

one year ago

more diversity, racial, economic, etc It enhances a community - many of us go downtown or to Adams Morgan to enjoy that atmosphere - better to spend our dollars enjoying the same in our own community

one year ago

DC should offer to buy some of the older condo buildings in the area, or provide funding to developers who will buy them, and develop them into denser mixed-income residential buildings.

one year ago

Greater variety of housing choices for different income levels.

one year ago

Redevelopment of Connecticut Ave buildings into multi-use buildings (daily used businesses/professional offices/condos/apartments).with the restructure of the library and community center being a major focus in the corridor restructuring

one year ago

More parks with trail,

one year ago

Develop the commercial buildings on Connecticut Ave into mixed-use buildings within the current zoning requirements.

2 years ago

more accessory units on single family land and mixed use, apartments over stores, within the current zoning.

2 years ago

More buildings with 2+ units, instead of the giant wastes of space and energy of the huge single family homes

2 years ago

More affordable housing for all including senior residents who are downsizing and want to stay in their community

2 years ago

A welcoming atmosphere created.

2 years ago

Fewer cars, more transit.

2 years ago

I think there is a new and genuine desire among many (most?) residents of Chevy Chase to be more inclusive. The community center is horrible, but it could be a place to bring people together if blown up and done right. Also the Avalon Theater. What kind of programming could it host to be a more inclusive community hub? As far as more affordable housing, accessory dwelling units are great. Our neighbors put one in a couple of years ago and they have had renters who would not otherwise have been in the neighborhood. A real plus. Also a well-designed project on the library/community center property could help. I don't pretend to be an expert but I have heard of European-style social housing. That seems like it might be very helpful. But market-rate mixed-use buildings along Connecticut Ave are not going to make anything more inclusive. Easy to imagine developers going with luxury buildings marketed to older folks in the neighborhood will buy or rent them when they are ready to downsize out of their homes. Rents or prices would be high and there would be very few affordable units through the set-asides. That's not really a great option. At least in Friendship Heights there is the possibility for enough volume to make a difference.

2 years ago

Rezone streets above the existing Connecticut Ave, highrises for higher density units, both rental and condominium, with affordable housing commitments at 60% and 80% MFI included in the mix. As a start, redo the DC-owned tracts of land (the public library and community center) with underground parking and 6-to-8 story housing, including affordable housing, above the library/community space. Use the Housing Production Trust Fund if needed. Then use incentives to make multi-story, mixed affordable and market-rate housing practicable above the existing 2-story private commercial buildings.

2 years ago

Somewhat higher density to allow more residential units, BUT with at least 10% of these being very affordable to moderately affordable housing, as well as subsidized or Section 8 units.

2 years ago

New housing units should prioritize families and individuals making 80 percent (or less) of median income and should make units attractive to both families and single individuals. City should find ways to support new businesses in mixed-use buildings that are more diverse and affordable. Transportation needs to be supported for those lower-income families who need to commute to jobs. elsewhere.

2 years ago

I am very concerned that The unique character of Chevy chase DC will be destroyed with over development of million dollar condos and retail in the guise of "affordable housing". The city redeveloped the Wharf failed to put in affordable housing. What legal guarantee does the city include that development will require a certain number of low income housing?

2 years ago

yes

2 years ago

Greater density on commuter routes and near metro stations

2 years ago

In the near term, absolutely promote/create affordable units within the multi-family unites and apartment buildings. DO NOT change the expanded traffic lanes during rush hour to create bike lanes on Connecticut Avenue though. This is a ridiculous idea. The expanded lanes allow working residents to commute downtown (or to VA) quickly - and it prevents traffic build up. As someone that lives on Connecticut Avenue, I can attest traffic right now is outrageous and my commute to Alexandria is now 1 hour, where it used to be only 30 minutes. Plus, no person will commute via bike UP Connecticut Avenue - that's crazy belief.

2 years ago

Redevelop the Community Center and Library into a mixed use campus that includes residential units

2 years ago

I like the neighborhood as is

2 years ago

Adding bike lanes to Connecticut and building higher density housing along Connecticut with a focus on families.

2 years ago

Bike lanes

2 years ago

Promote lower cost housing, but focus on available property around Friendship Heights while preserving the neighborhood feel along Connecticut Avenue. Some height addition and lower cost housing options good for Connecticut Ave but would limit the height. DO NOT want another big ugly building like 5333 Connecticut Ave NW!

2 years ago

Women owned businesses

2 years ago

Redevelop Wells Fargo land with emphasis on low and middle income

2 years ago

Preserving our history as memories and understanding of the past -- but letting go of a focus on preserving our history as buildings.

2 years ago

More affordable housing

2 years ago

Not sure.

2 years ago

better transportation, jobs, affordable housing

2 years ago

This sounds like busing. This community should grow naturally

2 years ago

minority owned businesses

2 years ago

more pedestrian-friendly shopping

2 years ago

Why does this survey assume that everyone wants to make Chevy Chase a "more inclusive" community, whatever that means? There is nothing wrong with having a neighborhood of low story detached or semi detached houses. There is no constitutional right to put high rises in every neighborhood.

2 years ago

It is nice as it is

2 years ago

It would be great to have affordable workforce housing, and we must make sure that we have schools to accommodate new families, since Lafayette is already the biggest and most overcrowded school in DC. How will the small area plan support the community with increased density? How can we make sure that developers do not overtake the process and make the claim of affordable housing a Figleaf to develop on affordable and fancy apartments that just increase density without increasing affordability? How can we ensure that we support local businesses rather than gross and impersonal national chains?

2 years ago

The DC area is an expensive place to live. I don't think new houses is going to make a difference.

2 years ago

I think it is more inclusive than is perceived. Some of your prior statistics show this. The fact that 19 percent are foreign born or that the White population has dropped from 86 to 77 percent is another indicator. The fact that the African American population is very low---6 percent I believe--- is not good. However, I do think that will change with time as interracial marriage becomes more prevalent as I think will be the case. However, in Chevy Chase, DC a larger percentage of the population being African American will probably also mean that it will be an African American population with moderate to higher income levels. I would certainly hope that the building of a combined Chevy Chase library/rec center which provides for affordable housing will change things. That is why I spoke up rather forcefully at one of the last public ANC meetings before Covid 19 shut down things. I also think that the development of more development on Upper Connecticut Avenue should be linked, at least in OP thinking, to development at Friendship Heights. The latter given the shut down of Lord and Taylor and the recent announcement that the building in which Neiman Marcus is located will be converted to housing and retail along with the fact that the Chevy Chase Pavilion on the other side of Wisconsin Avenue provides excellent opportunities to develop a lot of affordable housing. The redevelopment of parts of Upper Connecticut Avenue (e.g. redevelopment of Chevy Chase Library and Chevy Chase Center) should be viewed in tandem. At least this should be true in the minds of the OP and the local leaders of the increased development of Upper Connecticut Avenue.

2 years ago

More & bigger buildings to have the density needed to have a vibrant community rather than single family homes where people drive to Maryland to do basic things

2 years ago

more local-owned businesses spurred by affordable rents. Redevelopment of the community center, and the mall that houses macron. Fill empty spaces. More green space and enhanced tree canopy. More transport options and encouragement of low carbon options, EV charging stations.

2 years ago

Build more multiresidential properties on and near Connecticut Ave.

2 years ago

Develop the vacant properties--Lord and Taylor and Mazza Gallery-- in Friendship Heights

2 years ago

I would like to see all of the above happen. Though we should prioritize residential units that are affordable on DC owned property at CCCC & Library we should also encourage more housing in general on the commercial corridor (and elsewhere!) to allow for redevelopment of properties in an area where there are no reasonable fears of displacement. Zoning changes to allow this for private development are free, while the CCCC land should use HPTF money and maximize the use of District owned land in this extremely wealthy and majority white community.

2 years ago

Renovate older existing apartment buildings and ensure that some percentage are "affordable". Accessory dwellings are a terrible idea. Do we want houses with white people and "accessory building" with minorities? Terrible setup. Your statistics support the fact that Chevy Chase is not "all white". If black people want to live in Chevy Chase they can and do. Why must there be a certain percentage. Do we care about religion too? Is this effort about race or affordability?

A new apartment building was built on Military and Connecticut in the past few years. Condos were created on Conn Ave in formerly single family row houses. Do these not count as new units added to Chevy Chase?

2 years ago

100% very low income housing at CC Community Center/Library; mixed use buildings along Conn. Ave. with rental apartments above ground floor retail; promotion of accessory apartments, & other allowance for duplexes and triplexes instead of single family when homes are expanded (where a larger, high-priced home simply serves a single household).

2 years ago

Workforce housing for teachers, police, and the like, together with taxpayer subsidized opportunities for families of color with children

2 years ago

Rent controlled apartments with options to buy and turn into condos. Small, no-chain businesses at street level.

2 years ago

I think we are sufficiently inclusive and do not believe we should let "inclusion" drive policy.

2 years ago

More truly affordable housing (50% or less than the MFI)

2 years ago

Using existing buildings not being used to make affordable units.

2 years ago

Providing more affordable and diverse housing options will help with inclusivity. I also think investing in public resources and diversifying commercial projects will draw a greater mix of ages and ethnicities to the neighborhood. Doing it at a scale that fits within the neighborhood and maintains its character is important to making the neighborhood an attractive place to live.

2 years ago

Not sure of specifics.

2 years ago

The city should protect existing Black homeowners and provide massive support to qualifying families to build equity in new housing available in Chevy Chase. The city should invest in and own housing stock that has either gotten distressed or is an option in the development of the corridor (the Community Center property) to provide affordable access to Black families or individuals.

2 years ago

Give more power to the ANCs....and funding

2 years ago

Affordable housing

2 years ago

More affordable housing, sustainable growth of the school community. Better/ more frequent public transportation.

2 years ago

Increased development of commercial space on Connecticut Ave. with increased, low-cost parking access to businesses.

2 years ago

Encourage more middle housing and more small business growth. Maintain Avalon and library cultural hub. Incorporate low income rather than market rate development.

2 years ago

More planning around how investment in housing will impact the severely over crowded schools.

2 years ago

True high density affordable housing. I am worried that developers will build 100 high cost units for every 15 affordable units.

2 years ago

We are presently inclusive.

2 years ago

More retail

2 years ago

Redevelopment of select parcels along Connecticut Avenue to include improved/modernized restaurants and retail as well as increased rental units for singles and new families (i.e., entry to the local market) and to provide increased population needed to support restaurants and retail establishments. Development should be scaled appropriately to blend into the surrounding single family or duplex nature of the surrounding neighborhoods. Less bank branches would also be nice... while I know they pay their landlords well, I think we have enough of those here.

2 years ago

I would like to see community building activities, the growth of the cc library and rec center to expand the programming they offer. Housing development should focus on maintaining or reducing population density. More equitable housing would be wonderful if there is a way to retool current properties for affordable housing. The "high street" of dc could offer an interesting option for apartments or other multi family residential housing but that is complicated also because the strip there needs its own revitalization: a face lift NOT a transplant. It would be a failure to tear any of that area down for bigger properties. The smaller, more quaint nature of the strip is an important part of what makes the quality of life here high. We don't need another development like you see in most of dc (cathedral heights, Clarendon, Bethesda...) with big buildings, empty or chain-filled retail and restaurants. We have something much more special here with unique shops and restaurants, places we can gather to see and meet neighbors. I would love to see efforts made to bring people together here / not bring more people here.

2 years ago

Protected bike lanes, full traffic light at the library/Avalon insane intersection, ice cream parlor on Connecticut ave, redo Safeway and use that land better, turn the bus depot into a farmers market, make crossing conn ave at the circle safer for pedestrians

2 years ago

I am in favor of providing more affordable housing in Chevy Chase, with increases in family sized units, not studio or one bedroom units in luxury buildings, like 5333. There should be a critical mass of units so newcomers feel welcome, and that they can fully partake in activities of the community. The scale on Connecticut Av corridor should be of moderate rise, 2-4 stories, not 6-10 like has happened in other similar corridors, like on the Wisconsin Av corridor in Cleveland Park. The District should take the lead on developing affordable housing, not relying on scraps from commercial luxury development that yields a handful of affordable units.

2 years ago

More development along Connecticut Avenue, while leaving the single family home nature of the neighborhood intact

2 years ago

I hope that the DC Office of Planning be more transparent and open about their goals. This survey is a perfect example of built-in bias that will produce outcomes desired by big developers. What is your definition of inclusion? Are you proposing to raze buildings? How will our neighborhood not become a mess like Friendship Heights? I recommend a lot of outreach if the Office of Planning ever wants the trust and support of the citizenry of Chevy Chase DC.

2 years ago

More rent-controlled apartment units

2 years ago

Safety cannot be sacrificed for the goal of inclusivity. To broaden the community should require equal investment in the support services that will help all people's thrive not just affordable housing. This should include accessible social services, job training/placement, after school care, affordable childcare options, and the like.

2 years ago

Build/repurpose to create more affordable housing

2 years ago

Your previous question sets up a default response of agreeing to redevelopment!! Who came up with this? Apparently I can't respond to that question.

2 years ago

Developing moderate, family and single housing units close to public transportation & including parking if in the commercial area.

2 years ago

Keeping development & expansion of public infrastructure like community centers, playgrounds, schools etc easily accessible by metro. This would allow residents from all areas of the city to more easily access and participate and make use of any resources in this area. (including those without cars or who have mobility limitations)

2 years ago

More green spaces.

2 years ago

Diversity in restaurant types (tapas, Asian, Indian), etc. currently too many burger and other American food.

2 years ago

No more changes! Chevy Chase is and has always been inclusive. It was also safe from crime. That has changed in recent years -- we heard gunshots outside our home and down the road (twice in 2020). Strangers knock on door asking for so-called donations. One afternoon I opened the door to go out and discovered a young black man sitting on our porch "because it's raining" and he was waiting for a ride. I had to threaten to call the police to get him to leave. Very disconcerting. Rather than ensure the opportunity to learn at all public schools throughout the city, the derelict mayor instituted open enrollment--resulting in overcrowding at schools in our neighborhood. Neighborhood students now enroll in private schools. We bought our home in this neighborhood because residents have similar socioeconomic and education background and share the same values AND we felt safe in our homes and walking the neighborhood. Not any more.

2 years ago

improve community center - hate to say, but is rather depressing atmosphere. Improve activities and advertising of activities offered - the park could be used for community activities as well - by providing more opportunities for interacting (esp free activities and specifically w goal of interacting w mixed groups (something w specific purpose of being inclusive and welcoming) -- maybe even regular activities once a month w different focus - again, advertising is important. Maybe somehow take advantage of post COVID to initiate something? I'm not sure how communication is being done anymore - maybe a onetime mailing to the community announcing a single official online community bulletin board along w a big gathering? (i wouldnt be surprised if there was one already - but i feel like i no longer know what's going on in the neighborhood - prob due to COVID mainly and loss of some of the free newspapers). Also, i feel this community is always interested in learning - lectures on various topics related to inclusiveness would probably be well attended. and, of course - any thing w food!

2 years ago

Identify existing properties that can be designated for vouchers

2 years ago

True affordable housing for families that does not disrupt character of neighborhood.

2 years ago

It's very inclusive already. Much more so than most affluent areas of DC. Make it easier for retailers to start businesses and make parking more available so people can enjoy the areas near Politics and Prose and the Avenue more. Many people don't go there due to lack of parking.

2 years ago

It's very inclusive already. Much more so than Forst Hills, Georgetown, Cleveland Park, Foxhall, Spring Valley, etc. Murch Elementary is the most diverse school in upper northwest.

2 years ago

Charge developers for zoning changes rather than give them windfall gains from density changes that increase the value of their land and use the proceeds for affordable housing in DC where there are ample places to build. DC should be focused on affordable housing overall and developers keep a step ahead of planners and laugh to the bank. A few 80% affordable units are NOT affordable housing.

2 years ago

Improve community center, improve public transportation. Not increase density which raises the cost of housing. Do not turn it over to developers. How many units would then be truly affordable?

2 years ago

Create a historic district to help preserve smaller, older homes so they can be lived in as starter homes or downsizing options, instead of being demolished for multi-million dollar homes.

2 years ago

Don't know

2 years ago

More single family dwellings so people of color can begin to build generational wealth by purchasing an affordable single family home and having equity already built in it because of the neighborhood

2 years ago

Build more affordable housing both lower income and workforce

2 years ago

Buy private apartment buildings and make them public housing. Expand library and rec center for educational and recreational uses.

Public-public partnerships are the best for creating affordable housing (30% of AMI) and social housing.

2 years ago

See above

2 years ago

Affordable housing for working people.

2 years ago

More housing units set aside for lower income individuals, including those at 30% or 50% AMI, to the extent possible. (I know there are complications in providing these units when the property values are so high, but again...I go back to the Chetty research. I think this is the kind of city investment that long term pays for itself.)

I think we should put some effort forward as a neighborhood (not sure who leads) to understand the shopping, dining, and service level needs and wants of the neighborhood to help small businesses make good choices about placing their businesses in our neighborhood and possibly attracting businesses to our neighborhood that might not have thought to come here. One small (and admittedly superficial) example, I think there is a perception that the only restaurants that will do well here must cater to the "bland and Americanized" tastes of children. But we (including my six year old) are constantly leaving our own neighborhood to eat Thai, Ethiopian, Georgian, Israeli, Filipino, and other cuisines to get variety (and deliciousness)! We were thrilled, by the way, when Muchas Gracias opened up. This doesn't mean get rid of the American restaurants. We love those too, but variety would be nice. And supporting more diversity in chef backgrounds may bring more inclusivity in other ways. Another thing that concerns me...many of the Black families at Lafayette shared that they are often warned by other Black friends about moving to Chevy Chase DC and attending Lafayette (and frankly they say it extends to places like Murch and Janney too...not just singular to Lafayette). I think there is a lot to unpack for everyone on why that is, and maybe the first step is to start having MORE public conversations about it where we build toward different work we can take on to improve the situation. We need not wait for the perfect solution, but we should start implementing and iterating on ideas that move toward progress.

2 years ago

More--and more affordable--housing! And more frequent bus service to connect the area to transit.

2 years ago

This part of the city needs NO new residential construction of multi-unit housing. There are hundreds of vacant apartments along Connecticut Ave NW, from Cleveland Park thru Livingston St, NW. There is no Metro line in this part of NW, not enough parking and only one bus line (L). As it is, there isn't enough parking and too much traffic headed in and out of the city. We have one grocery store already without the capacity to fully to serve the area. People already come from far away neighborhoods via the E bus line to patronize that store as well. Where are these new people supposed to shop, to park, to use public transportation without overwhelming the current population here? As far as "inclusive", this is a highly diverse and inclusive neighborhood already (race, religion, disabled, elderly, young, LGBTQ, etc. We have a large, low(er) income apartment building above Nebraska Ave, as well. But if you are defining "diverse" & "inclusive" to mean Section 8, homeless or halfway houses here, it will change the entire environment.

2 years ago

I think the community does an excellent job supporting families and seniors. I do not think we need more studio apartments, but more affordable, multi-bedroom family apartments. I would love to see the community become more economically and racially diverse. I would love to see our family friendly community traditions, such as Halloween and CC Day, continue.

2 years ago

More diverse businesses to include shopping or options for children, coffee shop (or more seating at Starbuck's), better use of the community center and adding in family programming, ice cream shop, facelift for some of the business on the Connecticut corridor, allowing parking in some of the bank lots (do they really need all those parking spaces for people who don't bank in person anymore - PNC and Wells Fargo have huge lots!

2 years ago

Encouraging more minority-owned businesses, including restaurants on Connecticut Ave. and nearby.

2 years ago

I would like to see a thoughtful expansion of housing, with emphasis on moderate to low-income affordability. The walkability of the community should be preserved, with some increase in density.

2 years ago

Well publicized programs at the library and community center.

2 years ago

The establishment of businesses that reflect a greater diversity of culture and minority owned shops, markets, and restaurants.

2 years ago

Housing choices that are more affordable

2 years ago

It would be wonderful if Chevy Chase could be a more diverse community.

2 years ago

Housing for long time residents who can no longer afford to maintain a house.

2 years ago

Affordable housing in rental and purchasing, improve the rent control process and optimize all current units, increase public transportation, create incentives and opportunities for minority-owned businesses here, loosen zoning to accommodate these things plus the creation of ADUs, increase number of quality public schools in the area, greater community cohesion and opportunities to know one another

2 years ago

I would like to see more diversity in race and ethnic background as well as more families. Having more non-chain, moderately priced eateries would be wonderful!

2 years ago

see above

2 years ago

More flexible zoning laws that allow HomeOwners like myself to redevelop our properties to include more affordable housing. For example, why can't I add multiple ADUs on my property (i.e. both basement and backyard cottage rentals)? Current zoning only allows one ADU and has overly restrictive rules (i.e. either primary residence or ADU must be owner occupied) that discourage development of this important missing middle housing type in Chevy Chase and DC more widely.

2 years ago

It is inclusive. If someone wants to move here and cannot afford, they should save money and work their way up to it (like most of us did)

2 years ago

I reject the premise of the question. It is already an inclusive community.

2 years ago

I disagree with the premise of the question. I believe Chevy Chase is already an inclusive community. Expensive, yes, but still inclusive. Focusing government resources on creating more affordable or "inclusive" housing will just lead to high cost and inefficiencies. Just allow more development within reason, and the rest will follow.

2 years ago

Neighborhood events

2 years ago

I would like CCDC to have more housing that lower-income residents - families in particular - can afford.

2 years ago

Generally, providing more housing will help.

2 years ago

More affordable shopping and restaurants, more affordable family houses and apartments.

2 years ago

More family friendly centers, businesses, and events.

2 years ago

Its pretty good Now!

2 years ago

affordable housing that is attractive and inviting.

2 years ago

More Asian-Americans

2 years ago

Chevy Chase is inclusive now. All ethnicities are welcome. There will always be some communities with more or less wealth and education. I would like to see the feel of the neighborhood preserved -- mostly owner-occupied houses with some green space and trees. Let's not become Manhattan -- loaded with \$\$\$ condos that are largely owned by internationals who use them only to convert their wealth into dollars.

2 years ago

More affordable housing.

2 years ago

This survey is manipulative. Using the average neighborhood housing cost is misleading. You should use the median.

2 years ago

Modernize the community center. Add a soccer field please. Kids love it.

Add commercial buildings that look both modern and traditional. We need shops, bars, restaurants. We need Connecticut Ave to be lively and inclusive. Connecticut Ave is an important corridor and the entrance to DC must be glorious.

Safeway is too small. Can't use a shopping cart. A need a project that resembles Safeway in GT that is both modern and traditional.

Exxon must go.

2 years ago

None - it's inclusive as is. Everyone is welcome. If you want to rezone the busy streets like Conn ave, then great. But leave the neighborhoods alone - that's what gives the neighborhood it's character and it's why we live here.

2 years ago

Create affordable housing for families. Increase public transportation options.

2 years ago

Chevy Chase is an inclusive community, albeit an older one demographically. There are far more trendy neighborhoods where the young people want to live and that is fine with me.

If the issue is how to create more subsidized housing (which is what you are getting at), there are few options as the geographic area is already developed - hence only 2 new houses built in the last several years. The land is already occupied. The idea of going up - building on top commercial - is one I am not in favor of. It would change the nature and feeling of the neighborhood and make it more like Tenleytown and Friendship Heights - neither of which is attractive. I wouldn't want to live in either neighborhood.

2 years ago

I think Chevy Chase is already inclusive. If people can't afford to live in a certain area, that's due to choices they have made during their lifetime (for example, choosing to drop out of high school and have a pile of kids). Adding affordable housing would likely increase crime in the area and lead to the decline in quality of the nearby schools. We are already seeing this play out further south along Connecticut Avenue. It creates a problem for the residents who have worked very hard to be able to live in a clean, safe, quiet neighborhood. Chevy Chase makes up a large part of the D.C. tax base, and it would be a shame if many of them relocated due to a deterioration in their quality of life.

2 years ago

Quality public schools attract diversity. A neighborhood population increase must deal with the issue of already overcrowded schools in the neighborhood.

2 years ago

Encourage lots of small businesses!

2 years ago

Upzone everything!

2 years ago

This is a complicated issue. I am not sure what the answers are. I would love to see a more diverse community but what how is that best achieved? What role does having having more variety of jobs in the community have on making residents more diverse? would people who work in nearby Maryland want to live in our community? Do differences in state taxes between MD and DC prevent people from living in DC? DC has the reputation of having higher taxes but I am not sure that is true. Since we don't have a metro hub, do we need a shuttle bus service in order to make our community more attractive for those who rely on public transportation? Even though our community has an excellent elementary school, DC has had the reputation of not having the best public school education; how does that influence people's decision to live in DC? Even the fact that DC doesn't have voting representatives in Congress could influence some not to live here, regardless of the advantages and amenities there may be.

2 years ago

keep the local community feel of the neighborhood

2 years ago

Reverse the trend of less bus service to this area. More businesses that cater to middle-income people (instead of only high-income).

2 years ago

Focus on racial equity

2 years ago

return the E6 bus so that we can get to the shops from areas like Barnaby woods and Hawthorne.

2 years ago

focus on small, affordable, disability-adapted units - both accessory dwelling units and additions to existing homes and apartment/condo units that fit.

2 years ago

Chevy Chase is already an inclusive community of people of all colors and gender.

2 years ago

Make it more affordable. Focus significantly less on car culture and significantly more on alternative modes of transportation.

2 years ago

I don't want it to become blighted and crime-ridden which always happens when you bring in low income housing.

2 years ago

Modernization doesn't mean contemporary buildings. In keeping with the feel and esthetic it is important to advance change that creates inclusivity in areas like technological advancement while maintaining community and natural beauty while upgrading food and beverage and food shopping options and ensuring recreational outlets in safe curated district sponsored offerings

2 years ago

Increasing but not overwhelming the community with affordable housing and more mixed use buildings.

2 years ago

More affordable housing in mixed use developments along the arteries of Connecticut & Wisconsin Avenues.

2 years ago

Allow development of kiosks and smaller storefronts affordable for small and 1st time business owners.

2 years ago

None

2 years ago

I would not change except making sure library and community center be available. I would like to see the area in Friendship Heights be developed with attractive and well built apartments and townhouses that are affordable. That area has all the amenities for transportation to jobs. And a new grocery store as well. Also the Safeway on Connecticut needs to be torn down and a larger market built with proper parking. No point in bringing people into the area that does not have the ability to handle more people, Friendship Heights has the space and vacant buildings to accommodate increase in population,

2 years ago

I don't know. A big Open Street Day like the one on Georgia Avenue 2 years ago? Events that explicitly "import" talent from elsewhere in the city? And vice-versa, e.g. a choir / band that travels the city and does folk, rock and rap / hip-hop music from '60's to 2000's? No idea really.

2 years ago

More low and moderate income housing.

2 years ago

Massively increased density and rental options for younger and lower income residents. The older homeowners in this area come up with excuses to hide the fact that they only want one thing - no poor people living near them. They'll halt progress anyway they can to keep their fears away

2 years ago

We should keep community centers and libraries. Separately, housing subsidies should be used to allow families to afford housing in the city.

2 years ago

I already think Chevy Chase is inclusive so none.

2 years ago

More options for ethnic eateries.

2 years ago

Opportunities to engage as a community, e.g., weekly jazz or music nights.

2 years ago

Mixed-use development along Connecticut Avenue within existing zoning.

2 years ago

DC should stop rent control city wide and instead provide direct subsidies to residents who need financial aid. Residents would then be free to move into and out of neighborhoods (including Chevy Chase) as their priorities in life change. Currently many people are stuck in a rental unit because a move would result in the loss of their rent control rental rate.

2 years ago

Fix public school overcrowding and build low rise mixed use developments on Connecticut Avenue to support more businesses.

2 years ago

If school capacity can't accommodate more students, adding more housing ultimately creates more divide: students who can afford to escape overcrowding will leave and the divide between haves and have less grows. Deal with school overcrowding as a priority!!

2 years ago

Get rid of Rory S. Coakley's name as a real estate owner on upper Connecticut Avenue. His rents are evidently so high that businesses don't stay and new businesses can't afford to move in.

2 years ago

Get exorbitantly high-rent Rory S. Coakley's name off upper Connecticut.

2 years ago

Instead of building more apartments how about mandating that existing rental apartments set aside a percentage of their units for affordable housing especially for families and seniors.

2 years ago

Mandate that existing rental buildings offer a percentage of their units as affordable housing so families and seniors

2 years ago

Housing at all levels of affordability; public art to display racial history of CC DC and welcome families and people of color; affirmative outreach to teachers, police officers, fire dept employees, health care workers, other non-wealthy, working people, including people who work in CC DC, to invite them to live in our community; planning for needed school expansion; planning for senior housing at all levels of affordability

2 years ago

Stop using the word inclusive unless the same plans existing in all wards. Focus on making sure that no matter what change occurs it does so in a ways that the area remains comfortable quiet and safe.

2 years ago

I would like to see the Safeway/Community Center side of the Chevy Chase Main St have growth that reflects and conforms with the historic appearance of the opposite side of the Main Street. And further. Upgrade all walking surfaces and cross walks and human scale street lighting.

2 years ago

I do not want to see huge condo or apartment buildings such as what happened to Bethesda or other parts of town.. I want to the area to maintain its community feel and I want the area to maintain its architectural style and aesthetic. I would like to see more restaurant and small local businesses being added to the area.

2 years ago

More community space

2 years ago

Preserve and improve the pedestrian space.

2 years ago

The schools need to have larger capacity and existing apartments along Connecticut Avenue should be subject to rent controls in some fashion. Building new units will make this part of the city overcrowded. The lower density is one of the most valuable things about living here. I would like to see the community composition become more inclusive but not through the addition of enormous projects.

2 years ago

Better public transportation. More green space.

2 years ago

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2 years ago

More Asians. There is little to no representation here.

2 years ago

Back to the drawing board. I recently saw a new small building on Murdoch Mill & 43rd PL. NW. It is another building that adds nothing to the neighborhood. One of the joys of living in an area like NW DC, is that if you get lost, you find all kinds of delightful houses and yards. We need to insist that beauty must be incorporated into all dwellings. The space around is just as important as the building. So architects should take note. There should not be zones of cheaply made buildings crammed together.

2 years ago

I think the community is inclusive. It is an expensive neighborhood and I don't think you can change that without dragging down the area

2 years ago

Better transportation options.

2 years ago

I'd like to see farmers markets and dedication to brining in more stores, restaurants and other small businesses. New apartment buildings without school space is not a solution to any problems. Smart development should be the focus, this includes parking, retail, and preserving the nature of the community.

2 years ago

Housing for UDC students and faculty north of UDC along Conn. Ave. transit corridor.

2 years ago

City property becomes 0-60 AMI affordable housing with opportunities for renters to gain equity. Rent controlled rental single family detached homes or townhomes.

2 years ago

I like it the way it is currently, other than the need to upgrade the commercial spaces and buildings along Connecticut Ave. There is nothing wrong with having neighborhoods that are more expensive to live in than others. That's what makes them appealing.

2 years ago

increased transit, more independent restaurants and shops to make CC a destination.

2 years ago

More density on Connecticut, more retail options

2 years ago

I would like to see a major reduction in minimum lot size so that the current incentive to McMansion-ize houses is reversed and the incentive is to replace large single-family homes with small multi-unit dwellings.

2 years ago

Affordable housing and more frequent connections to DC transit hubs. I think CC also needs to shoulder more of the DC obligation to building lower income, accessible housing.

2 years ago

more affordable housing for those making under 80% AMI

2 years ago

Attract a younger crowd like Shaw or navy yard. Do this by adding mixed use and food

2 years ago

Over the past decade, the community make up has changed significantly with the addition of Asian, mixed race, and other racial backgrounds with the foreign-born population nearly doubling to 19% of the population, higher than any other DC neighborhood. During this time the Black population remained stable and was not affected even though the White population decreased from 86% to 77%. This demonstrates that the Chevy Chase community is, in fact, currently an inclusive community. Any actions that are designed to manipulate racial balance will adversely affect this inclusivity and discriminate against the current communities that have developed.

2 years ago

Improved community center, parks and library

2 years ago

More affordable housing via higher density - better public transportation options too. But, the schools - especially at Deal/Wilson - are already overcrowded as it is so how will that be addressed?

2 years ago

DC homebuying incentive giving families making less than \$235,000 per year a substantial subsidy so these families can afford to buy homes and condos in this area.

2 years ago

See responses appearing elsewhere in this survey.

2 years ago

Realization of a redeveloped community center and library possessing amenities desired by the community, with affordable housing atop this redevelopment. Also, increased off-street parking, metered (unlike most existing off-street parking) with variable pricing to account for fluctuations in demand. And finally, publicly funded programs to sustain family-run retail so the commercial corridor is not gradually transformed into increased strip commercial and banking establishments.

2 years ago

Focus on the "missing middle." It's the most diverse section of any economy in a city. Put a cap on the amount unit of Conn Ave with government subsidized housing that has no rules and enforcement(this is what is happening to us now--living it and we will need to move out of state so we are safe and so kids can sleep). It's heart-breaking because we gave so much to the community and it's crumbling. There needs to be a balance, but there seems to be no desire for it. We don't care about race or income--we care about safety and community.

2 years ago

an incremental increase in density - allow for large lots to become duplexes/triplexes, slow the trend of tearing down 'naturally affordable' houses and rebuilding with oversized McMansions that are very expensive

2 years ago

More frequent bus service, both on Connecticut Ave and McKinley St and bus service extending into Maryland.

2 years ago

Fewer banks/financial institutions and other commercial buildings; more mixed-use buildings with affordable housing and childcare.

2 years ago

Higher density on CT ave - better transport options - subsidy for lower income access to housing.

2 years ago

Redevelopment Chevy chase community center, Wachovia bank lot and bus depot areas to include some rental units.

2 years ago

I believe market forces should dictate the housing mix, not the DC government.

2 years ago

Constructing or converting existing buildings as social housing.

2 years ago

It's a bigger picture- promote education and financial opportunity.

2 years ago

include the homeless and get all churches involved

2 years ago

I like the idea of small apartment buildings (2-4 units) mixed in with houses. As long as they are attractive and look like houses. It would be nice to have more single people, including single parents, around.

2 years ago

Marked increase in affordable housing units for families at a level of at least 25 percent of new construction (less affordable housing = no tax breaks), continued support for local/non-chain restaurants and shops, to include minority-owned.

2 years ago

workforce housing above library/community center

2 years ago

Do not agree with more residential housing on Connecticut Ave. History shows this housing will not be available for low and mid-income individuals. Also developers need to be accountable for promises of low-income housing as they manage and build rental units. Changes to traffic and building new housing units have been a disaster in Van Ness and Tenley. More density will not create profits for retail businesses. Eliminating parking and driving lanes along Connecticut will create more traffic jams and deter shoppers. The alternatives offered, specifically diverting traffic to Reno/34th Street, reflects ignorance about residential traffic patterns.

2 years ago

More housing options that are affordable and bring amenities to the Chevy Chase neighborhood

2 years ago

I would like the District to support small businesses and homeowners.

2 years ago

More housing for Fire Fighters, Police Officers and Teachers.

2 years ago

It is currently inclusive

2 years ago

It is already inclusive

2 years ago

I think it is inclusive enough

2 years ago

Somehow manage to attract a bigger grocery store.

2 years ago

More affordable housing and range of housing size. More accessory dwellings permitted

2 years ago

More diversity in schools/support for other school districts with less funding

2 years ago

Affordable housing options , another school

2 years ago

I do not accept that Chevy Chase is not inclusive. I can understand wanting more affordable housing, but this survey is completely slanted to get the responses you and the developers who fund the city politicians desire. In no way is it an unbiased survey.

2 years ago

Adding affordable housing and simultaneously creating a plan for schooling the additional residents, i.e. more classrooms.

2 years ago

More affordable housing for families (3-4 BR units), but also affordable units for singles and seniors. DC does NOT need more luxury condos.

2 years ago

Redevelop Friendship Heights, where there are abundant empty buildings next to a metro

2 years ago

I'd like to see housing units that are affordable and safe for all along with restaurants/stores owned by more BIPOC.

2 years ago

building more schools.

2 years ago

Chevy Chase cannot tackle equity issues looking at the dynamics of the city as a whole. Adding affordable housing in Chevy Chase should be secondary to real investments in infrastructure, housing, and public safety in other parts of the city.

2 years ago

More amenities that attract singles and dynamic individuals to the area

2 years ago

I want it to remain a residential community. I don't want to see any any big rise buildings over 4 floors. With that said, I'm all for inclusion. I just don't want it to look like Bethesda with all the high apt. buildings. I'm especially concerned about the homeless and and low income and believe they should be a priority.

2 years ago

More library programs. However, as a family living in CCDC, we do t want or turned into a busy downtown. We left Adams Morgan for that very reason. The small town feel should be preserved. It is not fair to impose high density where folks have specifically sought out low density.

2 years ago

Workforce and low income housing added to encourage inclusivity. No more banks or chain businesses. Encourage small local shops. Expand grocery store.

2 years ago

stop ripping down older properties by developers. Let minority companies and minorities buy these houses at the pre jacked up price and redo.

2 years ago

Maintain the beauty and character of this neighborhood by not destroying it with high rises and high density housing or commercial areas. Every part of the city should not be a dense residential and/or commercial zone. Citizens should envision changes for their residential areas - Not developers and politicians as this process seems to be playing out.

2 years ago

It is not just a matter of housing that makes a community more racially diverse. More support for business owners of color to also open and succeed in Chevy Chase is needed. The schools would need to be more diverse, but they draw from the residents and the new affordable housing does not really change the diversity of the schools because it will probably mean more single people and seniors.

2 years ago

Doubling the amount of housing units currently available.

2 years ago

Redevelop buildings that are not well used now or vacant.

2 years ago

It is already an inclusive community. The developers and the mayor should focus on the wards in the city that need community centers, medical care, libraries, and a safe environment.

2 years ago

More diversity, racial and economic.

2 years ago

More affordable housing and apartments developed above the Connecticut Avenue small business strip north of Livingston.

2 years ago

Better public information about diversity already here and about neighborhood amenities

2 years ago

More accessible public information about diversity already here and about neighborhood amenities

2 years ago

Incentivizing housing options listed above.

2 years ago

Redo apartments in current apartment buildings on Connecticut Ave

2 years ago

Redevelopment along Connecticut Avenue will not result in more affordable housing in Chevy Chase. Look at the 5333 building. We'll get more of those if we encourage market-driven redevelopment along Connecticut Avenue. We will also lose our small local businesses that cannot afford the rent in redeveloped properties. Affordable housing in Ward 3 will require a think-outside-the-box approach, such as the suggestions to redevelop the Wardman Park Hotel or the abandoned buildings in Friendship Heights in a public-private partnership. I also urge the planners to include steps to protect the apartment buildings along Connecticut Avenue that are largely inhabited by senior citizens because they are relatively affordable. We should not consider it "progress" to tear down an apartment building that is providing affordable housing and replace it with a building like 5333 Connecticut. That will drive out our senior citizens, and make our community less inclusive. I understand that most of these properties are south of the SAP boundary, but this needs to be considered in the context of making the community more inclusive.

2 years ago

Apartment buildings with housing for families

2 years ago

Penalties for vacant or unused housing (this is epidemic in the apartment buildings!), developers forced to create affordable 3 and 4 bedroom housing, penalties for developers with empty commercial property (e.g. affordable for small businesses would make the neighborhood more vibrant and provide employment opportunities), much more public transportation.

2 years ago

Traffic calming techniques, minority-owned local businesses, affordable housing, charging for electric vehicles, varied portfolio of free activities at the community center and library

2 years ago

Walkability - 20-minute commute model

2 years ago

More apartments and condominiums on Connecticut Ave

2 years ago

Add some affordable housing to The Library and Community Center site and add programs which reach a broad audience of ages.

2 years ago

A livelier business district.

2 years ago

Bring in more options for families with small children and do a better job of upkeep at the DPR park on Livingston; Establish a neighborhood pool and splash park; create more diverse restaurants with outdoor patios and late hours to make the evening scene more vibrant; bring in more one of a kind small business retail

2 years ago

More affordable housing

2 years ago

The redevelopment especially of the east side of the Connecticut Avenue commercial corridor to make room for affordable housing to see if we can attract a more economically and racially diverse population.

2 years ago

Not sure

2 years ago

more affordable housing with expanded dcps options

2 years ago

The key to making Chevy Chase more inclusive is to increase the housing for diverse populations. We all talk the talk about wanting diversity, but then say we don't want "them" to move in to the ADU next door, or to the apartment building on Connecticut Avenue. With housing will come additional students for Lafayette and Deal, parents for the HSA, members for the CCCA, etc. Our community will benefit.

2 years ago

Opportunities exist for significant affordable development along near Connecticut below Livingston. That lack of diligence is quite troubling. Can discuss. I understand, (I've done my homework can discuss) , that development opportunities are very limited, are very costly, and represent at best a marginal feel good type of effort. Money / effort can be far better spent to achieve for more meaningful racial equity results. In short, we are not scratching the surface

2 years ago

I would like to preserve green space and the village atmosphere of Chevy Chase while redeveloping commercial buildings along Connecticut Ave. to include mixed use housing.

2 years ago

City investment in additional housing for families earning 30% or less of MFI, and related support service.

2 years ago

develop the city-owned properties in Chevy Chase to include affordable housing

2 years ago

Increase density along Connecticut Ave and boost bus sizes along same

2 years ago

I think development at the Library & Community center that would have affordable housing above is a great idea that could lead to more of a community hub.

2 years ago

Chevy Chase DC is already an inclusive community. Your demographic data cited above shows that the area is becoming increasingly diverse and more family populated. Adding more housing density does not make a community more inclusive. Communities are more inclusive by creating a reason to be there. The library and the community center are great examples of that.

Development that takes away the Avalon or Magruder's or makes it harder for the churches to have day care does not make the area more inclusive. Encouraging entrepreneurs to, for example, locate in the arcade, would bring different voices to the area.

2 years ago

More diverse housing, infill development of everything from residential over retail, senior housing, affordable housing, better definition of the street frontage, continued preservation of the best aspects of the neighborhood while incorporating new residents and retail frontage.

2 years ago

housing with priority for those working in public service jobs I.e. police, fire, teachers, first responders

2 years ago

Who says it's not inclusive, the developers?

2 years ago

Affordable housing focus

2 years ago

Even beyond the Connecticut Avenue commercial strip, change zoning to allow moderate density on residential streets, not just single family detached houses.

2 years ago

Stop being so provincial and close minded about who "belongs" in Chevy Chase; change is good.

2 years ago

This question is already biased, assuming that Chevy Chase has a problem with being exclusive which couldn't be farther from the truth. This is not a racist neighborhood--far from it. When I look at the stats presented above, several things are clear. First, this is an expensive neighborhood, but so are many other neighborhoods in D.C., such as Forest Hills, Cleveland Park, Woodley Park, Cathedral Heights, Dupont Circle, Georgetown, Shaw, Capitol Hill, etc. It's expensive to live in D.C., period (and not much cheaper if at all to live within ten miles of here). The second data point that I noticed is that there's been an increase in young children and seniors living in D.C. That's because families like living here because the schools are good and the lots are bigger and there's more open space. Plus, the seniors who have lived here for decades continue to live here and are getting older. No surprises there. Chevy Chase has always been known as an established neighborhood, appealing to families. Third, this area has become more diverse, not less, in the last decade, with greater racial and ethnic populations. Fourth, the area's international population has nearly doubled, adding to the neighborhood's diversity. So in terms of many if not most indicators, the Chevy Chase community is already more diverse and less exclusive than much of the rest of the city. What then is the problem and why is this question phrased as if Chevy Chase is a racist, exclusive neighborhood, keeping people out of its borders?

That brings us to the data point that is perhaps driving this debate: There are fewer millennials living here than other age groups. It's worth examining why. First, the millennials who could afford it moved downtown during the development boom of the last ten years. Suddenly those new hot neighborhoods in former drug havens sprung up with luxury housing and expensive amenities and lots of young people bought into it, kicking out the long-term residents. Now the millennials have aged and perhaps see that those downtown neighborhoods aren't so nice after all and want to move uptown to raise families in larger homes with yards near good schools but guess what it's expensive here too, and many of the homes are occupied already, and the housing is old and doesn't always have cutting edge features and there aren't as many restaurants and bars and they still want those features too. So the push is to make Chevy Chase more urban, dense and edgy like downtown, and in the process kick out the local residents currently living here by permanently altering the environment and ambiance and making Chevy Chase just another D.C. neighborhood, losing its distinctness and culture.

The other issue worth noting is that there are already many apartment buildings with vacancies (with diverse apartment size and cost) up and down Connecticut Avenue from Chevy Chase Circle to Van Ness Street. If this area were actually exclusive then there would be no vacancies; renters would be lining up to get those apartments. So why aren't they? I believe it's because the housing stock on the market tends to be older buildings without a lot of amenities and potential renters who tend to be younger expect more luxury features. This is where the developers enter the room. They want to build more luxury housing at a high cost to appeal to this market and in the process build restaurants and bars and nightlife that they believe the neighborhood lacks.

There has been an attempt to bully the Chevy Chase community into believing that we are all racist when that is simply not the case. The issue is development, development, development that will bring more money to the D.C. tax base.

2 years ago

I would like to see more retail and housing to attract new residents including more moderate income housing.

2 years ago

Housing opportunities absolutely must be expanded, but this cannot be accomplished without taking other systems (such as DCPS) into account.

2 years ago

I would like to see more units available to middle income families

2 years ago

Foster community gatherings that bring together people with diverse backgrounds and create more opportunities to enrich a sense of community. These are not necessarily tied to changes in the physical or built environment.

2 years ago

Many more community gardens, plus a creation of a Commons which could include a community orchard for all to pick from and foraging spaces.

2 years ago

Affordable housing

2 years ago

More affordable housing.

2 years ago

Need to include below Livingston development - totally ignored - represents actual realistic / doable opportunity for housing. Also, I've tried to make suggestions to improve the planning process. I would appreciate more tangible feedback - vs. another survey.

2 years ago

More housing options that will attract a more diverse population.

2 years ago

Promote more income diversity

2 years ago

Regarding the prior question, you have not given the respondents an opportunity to comment or to clarify what they mean by "Other" The result is coercing people to agree that affordable housing is a priority. The city talks a lot about affordable housing but seems unwilling to provide the resources to foster the development of such housing. Instead, the city seems to have chosen to rely upon developers by giving them bonuses for affordable housing. This is cost effective for the city, but it does NOT foster the maximum number of affordable housing units. This is playing politics and, at its worst, giving "gifts" to developers. Shame on the city for not devoting its own resources to funding affordable housing, while talking out of both sides of its mouth. Unless there will be a new neighborhood school built to deal with the already overcrowded Lafayette, the mixed use campus should include CITY FUNDED units for seniors and singles. The campus should continue to include a park area, a basketball court and a playground for toddlers as it currently does. Also, adequate parking needs to be provided on the site -- even the current parking is not adequate, so more is needed. The current level of amenities MUST be maintained. The result may be a very limited number of units on this site. Meanwhile, the Friendship Heights area -- which is part of this neighborhood -- is filled with unused buildings and even vacant lots which could be developed by the city into affordable housing -- and include a new school and include the neighborhood amenities of Chevy Chase.

2 years ago

I think the neighborhood should develop naturally without forced demographics and be welcome to all who can afford the community

2 years ago

Encouraging Blacks and other racial/ethnic groups to feel comfortable living here.

2 years ago

Chevy Chase is an inclusive community; we need education, job and wealth creation to allow more people to afford a single family home

2 years ago

A more holistic, equitable focus on housing, immediately adjacent to Connecticut Avenue

2 years ago

More affordable housing (rental in particular, with units of a range of sizes, including some options for single occupancy, e.g., studios and one-bedrooms)

2 years ago

Expanded affordable housing for a more diverse community

2 years ago

Nothing as far as I am concerned it is inclusive. How inclusive is the Gold Coast —used to be pretty exclusive.

2 years ago

Change the zoning laws to make it easier to construct middle income apartments on top of commercial buildings.

2 years ago

Denser Connecticut Avenue to support more successful local businesses

2 years ago

Expand offerings at the library and community center, including the new Lafayette rec center. Host more CC Ave events along the sidewalks to promote a sense of community.

2 years ago

learn our own collective history here, install way-signs about local history; offer affordable housing; endow partnerships with other parts of the city; review the school curricula

2 years ago

Allow multi unit buildings to be developed where single family homes are now

2 years ago

Like many neighborhoods in NW DC, many single family houses are large and could be subdivided into 2-3 homes. Those smaller 'homes' would be far more accessible to more households. Apartments on the Avenue will also add to the diversity of people living in the neighborhood. New housing would likely make nearby older apartments more affordable, as the demand of new housing will attract a higher price.

2 years ago

More semi-affordable housing units & maybe better public transit downtown too (like express bus to dupont; metro center; l'enfant or something).

2 years ago

More affordable housing, as ranked above.

2 years ago

More affordable housing as ranked above.

2 years ago

Increasing housing opportunities for low and moderate income families and maintaining and improving walkable/bikeable spaces, welcoming gathering spots, and green spaces

2 years ago

yes, increase density and opportunities for lower and middle income families, and make every effort to maintain a welcoming neighborhood feel by ensuring ample setback space from the street, trees and other greenery, sidewalk dining, and welcoming gathering places

2 years ago

yes, increase density and opportunities for lower and middle income families, however make every effort to maintain a welcoming neighborhood feel by ensuring ample setback space from the street, trees and other greenery, sidewalk dining, and welcoming gathering places

2 years ago

Better connectivity (bus routes, bike shares farther into the neighborhood from Conn. Ave to promote quick access)

2 years ago

low-rise (not more than 6 stories) apartment buildings, revitalization of Friendship Heights area for housing and small businesses, a bookstore, better programming and more inviting atmosphere at CC Community Center, small shops. And much much better enforcement and planning for garbage, deliveries, parking, etc.

2 years ago

A diversity of mixed small businesses on Connecticut Avenue, not just restaurants

2 years ago

I would like to see more individuals be able to afford living in the neighborhood and more diversity.

2 years ago

more black-owned businesses, and support for those of lower income to purchase homes in the neighborhood.

2 years ago

Stop worrying so much about simply increasing density, and start focusing on affordability, which will contribute more toward diversity than density alone. I make a decent living, but an inordinate amt. of my paycheck goes toward rent, and if my unit wasn't rent controlled, no way I could afford to live in this area. I love the character of Chevy Chase, but it really does often feel like a rich person's neighborhood and everyone else is a fraud. This also means a concentrated effort re: reliable, comprehensive public transit, bike/scooter lanes, more pedestrian friendly street crossings (not the take-your-life-in-your-hands ones w/o lights), etc. Much less focus on cars and driving--eliminate the Connecticut Ave. speedway and air/noise pollution central. If Chevy Chase really wants to be more inclusive, it needs to be more affordable--for home owners, renters, and small businesses.

2 years ago

I would like to see the east side of Connecticut Avenue developed for 4-6 story mixed use commercial and residential with affordable housing as part of the development. I would support no higher than 40 foot high mixed-use structures of the west side of Connecticut Avenue.

2 years ago

Redevelop the Chevy Chas Community Center and Library into a mixed-use campus including residential units. Redeveloping commercial buildings into mixed-use buildings including housing. Consider accessory dwelling units.

2 years ago

Use subsidies to reduce rents in existing apartment buildings, which have many vacancies. Add affordable units south of Livingston Street. Purchase houses on large lots and rezone to allow for three-flat rentals or small apartment buildings. No building above four stories.

2 years ago

Comprehensive human scale design that achieves a comfortable, quiet and safe environment for all. The term "inclusive" is just a cover term to force unnecessary change. Do it correctly--assure residents that the values inherent in Chevy Chase DC will be maintained and polished.

2 years ago

Building one or two new apartment buildings along Connecticut Ave. I would not want the corridor to turn into wall to wall new high rise buildings and lose its current character. I would prioritize singles and seniors because Lafayette ES has limited capacity to accomodate additional students. Also, singles and seniors may have difficulty purchasing single family homes with one income, especially a fixed retirement income. All the new condos in the city seem to cost over \$1 million!

2 years ago

More affordable housing, possibly rezoning to allow multi-unit dwellings in the neighborhoods; more rowhouses/townhouses would be amazing!

2 years ago

I would like to see the Chevy Chase Main Street make the necessary human scale street development along side and partner too any proposed changes to increase affordable housing. I also would like to see the references to being or not being an inclusive community be removed as a rationale for future development.

2 years ago

We need to increase density.

2 years ago

The City directly subsidize housing costs of working class low and middle income DC residents.

2 years ago

Consideration should be given to developing some but perhaps not all of the numerous surface parking lots in the neighborhood and adding underground structured parking on the Safeway and Community Center/Library sites

2 years ago

Affordable housing with an emphasis on rent stabilized units

2 years ago

Low-rent apartments with 3+ bedrooms and easy to access green space in human -scale buildings of 2-4 stories; rent control for independent businesses.

2 years ago

More family-size apartments with 3+ bedrooms that have low-income rental rates and plenty of easily accessible (within a block) green space. Rent control for independent businesses would make it a more equitable commercial neighborhood.

2 years ago

Reduce vehicular traffic. More protected bicycle lanes. Add 3 bedroom condominiums or apartments.

2 years ago

affordable housing near public transportation- need to maintain good bus lines on Connecticut and McKinnley

2 years ago

Multi family units that are affordable

2 years ago

Sufficient planning for traffic safety and public education.

2 years ago

By enabling higher density mixed-use residential/commercial construction as a matter of right, developers will be able to assess market demand for new construction in this area while preserving walkability and a neighborhood feel to the 3-4 blocks south of CC circle.

2 years ago

More housing for workforce families like police and firefighters. More housing for low income families and lowest income singles and seniors.

2 years ago

I am not Jordan Benderly, but have not figured out how to remove the name or why it appears on this form.

2 years ago

Invest in diverse families to purchase the existing homes for sale through down payment assistance and other incentives.

2 years ago

More mixed income families and individuals, as well as racial and ethnic groups. But not only specific to Chevy Chase, but specific to Ward 3.

2 years ago

Chevy Chase is already an inclusive community in that it includes residents of many backgrounds. I do not believe that it is feasible to have substantial numbers of low-cost housing units in an area as expensive as this one without doing serious damage to the neighborhood. I do not believe there is a feasible economic model except for large subsidies from government or private sources, and I see no possibility of such subsidies materializing. If the population of the neighborhood were to increase, however, it would be vital to build an additional elementary school. Lafayette has recently be rebuilt at double its traditional size, and many feel it is now too large to be expanded any further, even though it is once again on the verge of overcrowding.

2 years ago

When I moved in my neighbors were a black family but with mansionizing it has become less affordable but these were long time residents that moved out or passed away. This has been over a thirty year period. We prided ourselves about being integrated. I think it will gradually happen again with new development in friendship heights which can better handle density. And purchasing rental units I. Existing apartments and expanding the number of bedrooms to accommodate families. New construction will not work unless it's public property.

2 years ago

As noted by the survey itself it is already becoming a more inclusive community and no doubt will continue to evolve in this direction. I would like to see a ban on additions to keep housing size smaller, using fewer resources and therefore more affordable.

2 years ago

Public housing increase

2 years ago

More restaurants and places to gather and socialize

2 years ago

Don't forget the business rents need to be affordable too. We NEED more affordable housing, but we also need more businesses.

2 years ago

If we want the community to be inclusive, we need to make room for more people to live here. If we don't, the average cost of homes will continue to skyrocket, preventing all but the wealthiest from moving to the neighborhood. The solution is to remove the restrictions on construction that maintain the status quo and build more homes of every type and size.

2 years ago

The City should not rely on inclusionary zoning but rather subsidize both buildings as well as families to live in are. For the former, land acquisition grants, capital grants etc. For the for City run rent subsidies

2 years ago

None

2 years ago

None.

2 years ago

Provide more affordable family apartments along Connecticut Avenue, especially at the Community Center site.

2 years ago

Condominiums and apartments have been added along Connecticut south of Military, but I don't think the units are affordable. Would also like to see better options for bicycling (bike lanes on Connecticut)

2 years ago

More affordable housing, less crowded Lafayette Elementary School, and a vastly improved Safeway.

2 years ago

I feel the area is inclusive of all races and backgrounds. It is an expensive area and has been.

2 years ago

Increase affordable housing.

2 years ago

We really need to make the area bike friendly. I cycle a lot, though primarily walk around Connecticut Ave. because it is too dangerous to cycle there. I hope we can take the needs of cyclists and their safety seriously and promote bike lanes on Ct Ave.

2 years ago

mixed use development on the Avenue, more 'missing middle' housing in the surface parking lots and through the creation of accessory dwelling units.

2 years ago

Workforce housing, so the teachers, police, etc., who serve our community can afford to live here.

2 years ago

More urban mixed-use development of the gateway corridor. 5-7 story buildings at northern end, and along the east side of Connecticut. Maintain existing structures along west side with occasional additions/renovations. A major effort at placemaking in public space. Create a living room for the neighborhood. A place to meet neighbors and have a drink and hang a bit. Lots of cafes, markets, special Lighting, street furniture, etc. Move the Farmers Market to the Avenue, underscoring that the Ave is the heart fo the community. Significant outdoor public space at new comm ctr/library co-development. Big pieces of sculpture for kids to climb on. A celebration of transitioning from the suburban environment of ChChMD to DC, a diverse and bustling urban neighborhood. <https://www.sociallifeproject.org/11-ways-to-reinvigorate-towns-cities-everywhere>.

2 years ago

We just need more density, full stop.

2 years ago

Better bike lanes and more commercial development along Connecticut ave

2 years ago

Increase rent-control in existing buildings in Chevy Chase and Friendship Heights. Increase school sizes to address over-crowding. Build a new middle school and/or high school in Friendship Heights.

2 years ago

From your experience, what would help to transport more customers and employees to and from Connecticut Avenue between Livingston and Western? (check all that apply)

44%	Improving visibility and access to parking spaces, such as adding more signs or implementing a mobile app to direct drivers to rear lots.	192 ✓
41%	Adding more racks where people can lock their bikes.	181 ✓
37%	Increasing bus stops and bus routes (The L2 and the E4 routes are currently running).	162 ✓
33%	Making Chevy Chase Circle safer and more navigable for drivers.	144 ✓
29%	Making retail signage more legible or attractive.	127 ✓
27%	Other	117 ✓

438 Respondents

From your experience, what would make Connecticut Avenue from Livingston to Western a more welcoming place? (check all that apply)

71%	Adding more outdoor dining spaces, such as sidewalk cafes.	314 ✓
67%	Adding plants, tree boxes and other buffers between pedestrians and traffic.	297 ✓
57%	Planting more shade trees.	252 ✓
52%	Adding a plaza for public gatherings and events.	228 ✓
48%	More public art, such as murals, sculptures, and memorials integrated into the architecture and landscape of the corridor.	210 ✓
41%	Attracting more people to the street throughout the day and evening.	183 ✓
38%	Increasing sidewalk benches and other places to sit.	168 ✓
20%	Improving street lighting.	88 ✓
13%	Other	56 ✓

442 Respondents

What additional stores and services would you like to see in Chevy Chase? (check all that apply)

79%	Specialty Stores, such as bookstores, bakeries and coffee shops.	344 ✓
64%	Restaurants.	281 ✓
52%	Merchandise Retail, such as clothing, home goods, toy and jewelry stores.	229 ✓
35%	Goods and Services Retail, such as grocery stores, pharmacies and fitness studios.	152 ✓
25%	Small office spaces and professional service.	109 ✓
17%	Other	75 ✓

437 Respondents

What role can the arts play in the future of Chevy Chase DC? (check all that apply)

75%	Creating a sense of community.	321 ✓
75%	Beautification through public art.	319 ✓
61%	Encouraging social interaction.	261 ✓
35%	Storytelling and commemoration.	151 ✓
7%	Other	28 ✓

427 Respondents

Poll Questions 'Other' Responses:

Use music events to attract public (not only consumers).

2 years ago

using art pieces created by local artists, winners of art competitions or schools

2 years ago

I don't really care that much about the arts and don't want the government to pay for this.

2 years ago

As an artist, of course I see the arts taking a large role. But I don't want my statements to be taken out of context.

2 years ago

Art Gallery

2 years ago

Acknowledging Indigenous and BIPOC historic roots in this community

2 years ago

Employment for artists, educational opportunities for kids, therapy for seniors and people who are differently abled

2 years ago

Exposing residents and visitors to a mix of art styles and cultures.

2 years ago

Adding nature to achieve all of the above. The Circle/Island offers potential for all of the above possibilities. We need police officers at the Circle to encourage civility, calm speed and keep cars moving.. No other Circle in DC has this level of self-entitled driving or noise. As drivers accelerate speed, instead of slowing speed into the Circle, they cause car jams. Slowing down gives drivers a chance to get into the selected lanes. Police-guided traffic monitoring would go a long way to avoid bottlenecks in the block before the Circle. mo

2 years ago

Beautifying through landscape art and design

2 years ago

If done right, a small outdoor performance space would be a great addition -- much like the stage at Ft. Reno, it would be an outlet for local music groups and a place for residents to gather informally to enjoy free performances.

2 years ago

More street music programs

2 years ago

Please, stop with the art. We need affordable housing and jobs!! It is such an incredible waste of money when people are truly suffering!

2 years ago

would look to the library / community center rebuild to address

2 years ago

Live music in cafes, bars, restaurants, and outdoor street-side performance spaces

2 years ago

We already have these things.

2 years ago

Celebrating racial diversity

2 years ago

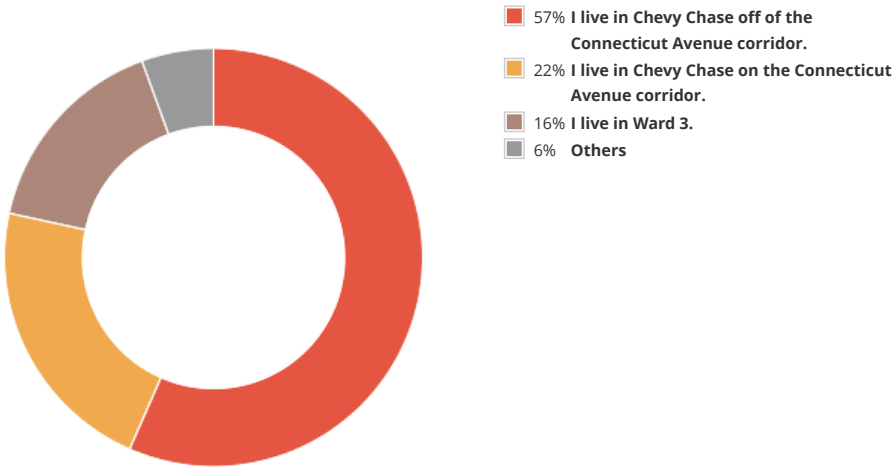
Arts education at the community center would provide programming for people of all incomes.

2 years ago

We need more wilderness or semi-wilderness, not more artifacts

2 years ago

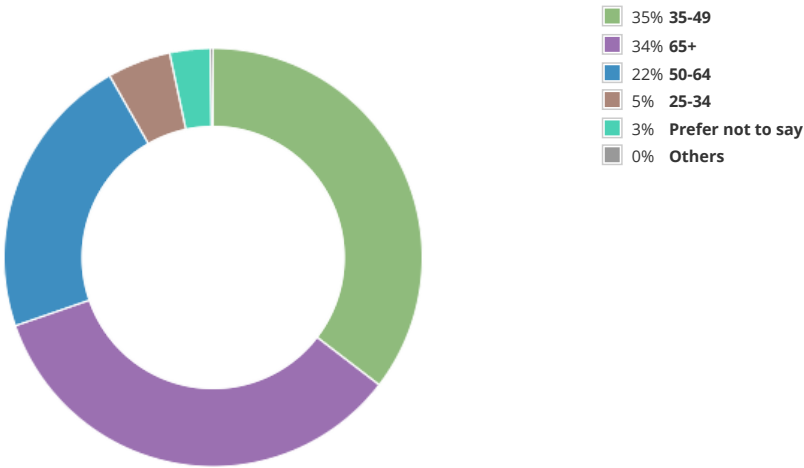
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449 respondents

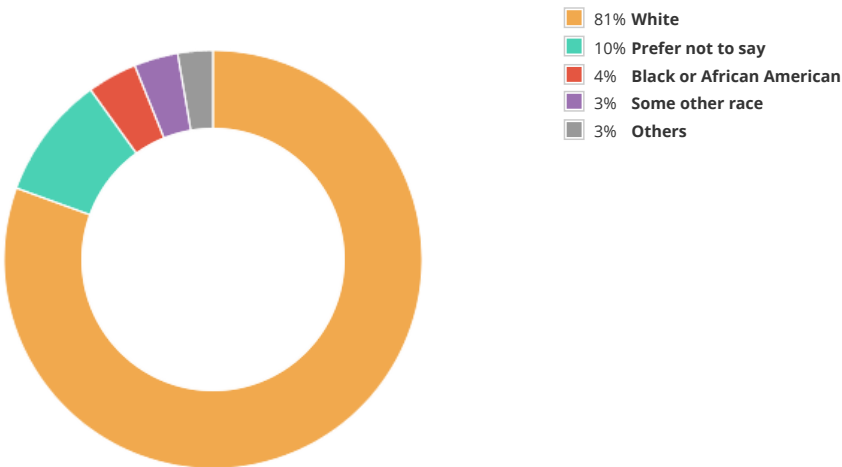
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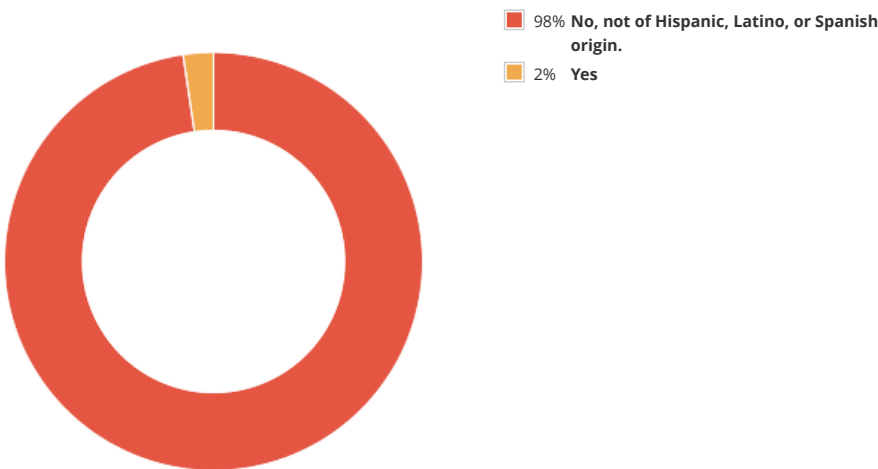
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What is your race?



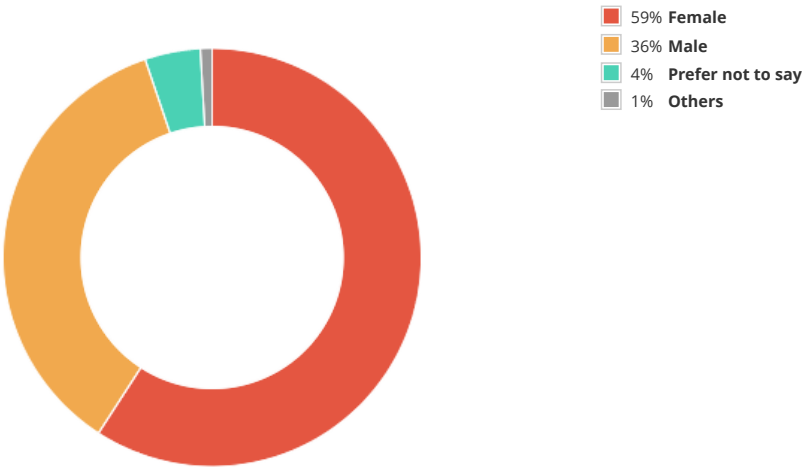
442 respondents

Are you Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?



429 respondents

What gender do you identify as?



443 respondents

How would you like to participate in upcoming activities related to the development of the Chevy Chase Small Area Plan? (check all that apply)

61%	Virtual Webinars on topics such as Neighborhood Design, housing and economic development	208 ✓
53%	Virtual Workshops	180 ✓
51%	Outdoor pop-ups or walks (socially distant)	176 ✓
17%	Virtual Office Hours	57 ✓
11%	Other	37 ✓

342 Respondents

Poll Questions 'Other' Responses:

virtual reviews of plans, future surveys, email updates

one year ago

in person activities

one year ago

I do not plan to participate

2 years ago

Via ANC and public hearings

2 years ago

Briefings on developments

2 years ago

I don't plan to participate much, which I suspect is true of many people like me who don't want much change.

2 years ago

It would be feasible now for in-person gathering to have community dialogs around these issues.

2 years ago

Public meetings at the Community Ctr. ASAP.

2 years ago

Litigation as necessary because voting does not seem to matter.

2 years ago

Working groups amd task force participation

2 years ago

ANC

2 years ago

CCCA and ANC meetings

2 years ago

Surveys

2 years ago

public meetings

2 years ago

Neighborhood meetings

2 years ago

Written communication and surveys

2 years ago

surveys

2 years ago

Following the news about it online

2 years ago

Surveys and votes, I assume that the Office of Planning will ignore voices and views that did not conform to their own.

2 years ago

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