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STATUS INFORMATION ON THE PROPOSED CHEVY CHASE HISTORIC DISTRICT
HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD CASE #24-03

In November 2023, a nomination for a Chevy Chase Historic District was submitted to the Historic Preservation Office (HPO) by the Chevy Chase DC Conservancy. In order to meet the expectations of the Historic Preservation Review Board, HPO has encouraged the applicants to conduct community outreach and education efforts on the proposal. Based on the information that HPO has received to date, it is clear that public sentiment on the proposal is sharply divided. Additionally, HPO's preliminary assessment is that the proposed boundaries are not sufficiently justified.

Given the lack of community consensus and concerns about the proposed boundaries, as well as the need to conduct a citywide analysis in order to more effectively evaluate historic district nominations, HPO is not prepared to recommend that the current proposal for a Chevy Chase Historic District be considered by the HPRB at this time.

In Fall 2024, HPO will begin data collection, mapping, and equity analysis of historic resources across the District. This work will be critical in informing HPO's evaluation of future historic district proposals.

HPO staff will continue to be available for inquiries from all residents and organizations about the recognition and protection of historic resources in their neighborhoods.

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