



Dear Nine Districts Supporters, I'm back and need your help. The campaign for Nine Districts is over but we're facing yet another threat, which will impact how we live and what our communities will look like. The Montgomery County Planning Board has created a General Plan for the County that will eliminate single family homes, the General Plan is called Thrive Montgomery 2050, [Thrive Montgomery 2050 - Montgomery Planning](#)

According to the Montgomery County Planning Board, we're running out of space to provide housing for the 200,000 people the Planning Board has projected will be moving here over the next 30 years. The General Plan called Thrive Montgomery 2050 will change the character of our neighborhoods dramatically. The plan allows single family homes to be replaced with duplexes, triplexes and quadplexes without any input or consideration of residents living in the community. Why is this important to you?

As the Planning Board and the County Council rush to pass Thrive 2050, many County residents don't even know that this rezoning proposal is taking place and those few who know are confused about this complicated General Plan, which will shape our lives for the next 30 years.

The plan is a dream, to create complete communities

where we will walk/bike to work and shop within 15min.. How realistic is that?

The Plan will allow "by right" developers to tear down a single family home and in its place build a duplex, triplex or quadplex.

It will change our communities, property values and property taxes will increase.

It does not address increased infrastructure to accommodate the influx of people or how it will be paid for.

It proposes no additional highways, even to serve the growing Tech corridor.

It loosens neighborhood parking restrictions to allow cars to be parked in front of your house by residents of the new multi-family buildings.

Property taxes will increase and force many of our neighbors near transit corridors to move to areas with less transit.

Seniors will not be able to age in place.

We'll lose trees and green space and we'll see even more flooding.

What can you do? Tell your neighbors, Thrive Montgomery 2050 will negatively impact every corner of Montgomery County.

Email: [County.Council@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:County.Council@montgomerycountymd.gov) and tell them, we won't thrive with thrive. We deserve a real plan not a wish list. I have formed a new group called EPIC of MoCo - Empowering People in Communities. Please Like and follow EPIC of MoCo on FB and Twitter. Together we can make a difference!

Best, Kim Persaud

