



CHEVY CHASE LIBRARY, MD FACT SHEET



What's the issue? Chevy Chase Library needs major repairs, and the county can either renovate the library as-is, or redevelop the library with mixed-income housing. County Executive Marc Elrich has directed the county to renovate the existing library, leaving behind an important opportunity.

What are the benefits?

- Good for climate – the library is a short walk from bus stops and a future Purple Line station
- More housing opportunities for retiring seniors, young people starting out, and county workers
- A bigger library with 4,000 new square feet
- Uses public land to help the most people



How much will it cost? In 2020, the county received proposals for redevelopment. One proposal included 250 housing units, with 75 below-market rate units. The county's estimated contribution with that proposal would be \$5 million, meaning \$66,700 per affordable unit. Renovating the library without housing is estimated to cost nearly \$8 million.



Good Hope Library; credit: OnMilwaukee

Has this been done before? Yes! Libraries throughout the country have been rebuilt to include housing. In fact, the District of Columbia is rebuilding its Chevy Chase Library to put mixed-income housing on top as a part of the city's racial equity and social justice initiative. Montgomery County can do this too!

Learn more and take action at:

actioninmontgomery.org/resources/chevy-chase-library/

