



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – September 27, 2023

Agenda Item 1

Presentation

Presentation of the initial findings of Montgomery Planning's Segregation Mapping Project.

Recommended Council Action

Listen to the presentation.

Context with Key Issues

In December 2022, staff from Montgomery Planning's Historic Preservation Office released the staff report summarizing the first phase of research on their Mapping Segregation Project. The project is a multi-phase effort to use interactive mapping tools and historical document research "to determine which neighborhoods were constructed with or later adopted racial restrictive covenants" and expand the understanding of historic and present demographic and cultural shifts in these areas as a result.

Within their research, and in alignment with the Minor Master Plan historic resource analysis, the Historic Preservation team conducted a deep dive on the City of Takoma Park. This presentation will share broad findings from their study of the County, as well as new details that they are learning about Takoma Park's history with racial segregation.

Council Priority

A Livable Community for All

Environmental Considerations

There are no identified environmental impacts as a result of the contents of the presentation.

Fiscal Considerations

There are no immediate identified fiscal considerations as a result of the contents of the presentation.

Racial Equity Considerations

The Mapping Segregation Project was created in an effort to use the County's research and analysis capabilities to operationalize the County Council's racial equity goals. A deeper understanding of the City's role in racial segregation and a fuller picture of the people, community, and activism attached to those actions are important pieces of the story of Takoma Park. Elevating these buried stories allows City leadership, staff, and residents to more holistically approach efforts to improve racial equity within the City, and the work directly supports the City Council's racial equity initiative. The findings of this research could have impacts on the way that the City allocates various future capital and programmatic resources, although it is too early to know how.

Attachments and Links

[Working Draft Interactive Map of Research Findings \(link\)](#)