

City of Takoma Park Priorities for 2023-25

- Advancing a Community of Belonging
- Fiscally Sustainable Government
- Environmentally Sustainable Community
- Community Development for an Improved & Equitable Quality of Life
- Engaged, Responsive, Service-Oriented Government



Advancing a Community of Belonging

- Continue advocacy efforts focused on immigrant rights and needs, including connecting those in need of assistance to appropriate area organizations and supporting and protecting immigrants and refugees.
- Build on lessons learned during COVID-19 and provide services to support residents in need.
- Specifically in 2024:
 - Support legislative efforts to expand both public and private health insurance to people without legal documentation
 - Support legislative and budget initiatives that make childcare services more accessible and affordable
 - Additional funds for municipalities to address community mental health service needs through initiatives such as crisis intervention teams

Fiscally Sustainable Government

- Increase advocacy and lobbying activities at state and county levels to advocate for additional revenue sources for municipalities.
- Advocate at county and state levels for changes in property taxes to assist residents in need.
- Specifically in 2024:
 - Collaboratively explore potential sources of new revenue streams for municipalities such as the authority to collect a sales tax, receive a percentage of sales tax collected in the jurisdiction, receive a portion of revenue generated by alcohol and tobacco sales
 - Support legislation to change calculations to the homeowner's and renter's property tax credit programs

Environmentally Sustainable Community

- Coordinate and advocate for climate change mitigation, resiliency, and sustainability funds and programs with non-profits organizations, County, State, region and federal governments.
- Specifically in 2024:
 - Support legislation that prohibits deceptive recycling claims on packaging and products
 - Support the Responding to Emergency Needs from Extreme Weather (RENEW) Act and invest in disaster relief and preparedness
 - Support progress on Climate Solutions with an eye toward the impact on new construction in the City
 - Support storm water mitigation efforts, including funding and technical assistance geared to use in municipalities

Community Development for an Improved & Equitable Quality of Life

- Work with State Highway Administration (SHA) to address safety at dangerous intersections as identified by Montgomery County Predictive Safety Analysis and Takoma Park Police data.
- Advocate for transportation improvements that impact access and safety of Takoma Park residents through regional collaboration and coordinated efforts, including Purple Line construction, Metro, bike lanes, etc.
- Specifically in 2024:
 - Pass legislation requiring the State Highway Administration to increase its responsiveness to the pedestrian and cyclist safety needs
 - Pass legislation enabling local jurisdictions to enact Just Cause eviction laws
 - Support budget and legislative initiatives to significantly increase the stock of affordable housing, including housing for the missing middle and for people with disabilities
 - Support legislative efforts to create a source of funds for multi-family buildings including condominium rehabilitation

Bond Funding Request: Community Center Renovation Project

- Advancing a two-year pilot program to employ two mental health counselors on a full-time basis to respond to residents in crisis.
- Funding a \$1.2M capital project to renovate the Community Center including filling in the atrium area. This project will allow for more office space and meeting rooms for the mental health counselors.
- Requested Amount:
 - \$200,000

