

**THE CHEVY CHASE LAND COMPANY**  
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The Honorable Isiah Leggett  
Montgomery County Executive  
101 Monroe St.  
Rockville, MD 20850

Dear County Executive Leggett,

As you know, Capital Bikeshare has been an instant success in D.C. and Arlington, with rapid expansion of bikeshare stations throughout the metro area. We believe that bikeshare can be equally successful in parts of Montgomery County, if executed properly and with an appropriate commitment to the bike infrastructure that would support the program. We are excited to see that Montgomery County is actively considering a bikeshare network that would connect into the already successful program in D.C.

We believe that station selection is among the most critical components to a successful bikeshare program. Stations should be installed in our already dense transit-oriented areas, where there is a vibrant mix of uses, so that bikeshare creates a new connection between a convenient, exciting array of destinations.

The Chevy Chase Land Company has a portfolio of properties in the Bethesda/Chevy Chase area that we believe fit this description well and therefore are ideally suited for bikesharing. One of our locations is the Newlands Building, located at 2 Bethesda Metro, and the other is our Two Wisconsin Circle property, located at Western Ave and Wisconsin Ave, at the Friendship Heights Metro station. In addition to these two properties, the Land Company believes that our property at Chevy Chase Lake would be ideally suited for a future bikesharing station, as this property is developed around the Purple Line station.

In these difficult budget times for County and State government, we are interested in playing a role in the financing of a network, and have committed the capital costs to get the two stations built: one on our Bethesda property and one on our Friendship Heights property. We hope this commitment of nearly \$56,000 per station will help the County move quickly forward with the establishment of a bikeshare network. We want to be clear that this financial commitment is contingent on the County providing the operating costs for these stations, as well as getting the other stations in the network funded.

We believe that there are many other private property owners that have similar interests in helping with this process and encourage the County government to embrace private sector participation in bikeshare.

Sincerely,



David Smith  
President  
The Chevy Chase Land Company

Cc: Montgomery County Councilmembers  
Montgomery County Planning Board  
Senator Brian Frosh  
Delegate Bill Frick  
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