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Staff Review of a public-private partnership application...

- Approach
- Issues
- Results
• Garage Entrance
• Building Design
• Parking Waiver
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Master Plan Vision Silver Spring:
The Sector Plan articulates six themes for the CBD:

- Transit oriented downtown
- Commercial downtown
- Residential downtown

- Civic downtown
- Green downtown
- Pedestrian-friendly downtown

Veteran’s Plaza
Library Site
The Fenton Overlay District calls for:

- Upgraded streetscapes
- New housing
- A lively of multi-cultural environment
- Specialty and convenience shops serving local and regional customers
- Neighborhood-scale commercial uses along Fenton Street
Wayne and Fenton: Gateway to Fenton Village
Context: 8415 Fenton Street

Wayne Avenue and Fenton Street

Fenton Street and Bonifant Street  
Bonifant Street
Gateway to Fenton Village

8415 Fenton Street

Library and Residence

Wayne Avenue

Fenton Street
Challenges:

Parking -

- No parking provided on-site, as with the existing suburban oriented library

- Solution: use available parking spaces across the street in the existing the County parking garage
Challenges:

Proposed Pedestrian Bridge -

- Some community members wanted direct access to library from garage for safety and handicapped patrons
- A bridge would take foot traffic off of Wayne and Fenton, depriving those streets of pedestrian activation
- Urban Renewal Plan for Silver Spring ruled out pedestrian bridges and County Council did not support bridge
- **Solution:** create a better, safer crosswalk at Wayne Avenue, which is planned
The Library and Residence fulfills the urban design vision of the Sector Plan:

- **Transit oriented downtown** – Purple Line station at the Library
- **Commercial downtown** – Retail at 8415 Fenton Street and in Library
- **Residential downtown** – 414 new residential units
- **Civic downtown** – New public library
- **Green downtown** – Public plaza and streetscaping on Fenton Street and Wayne Avenue
- **Pedestrian-friendly downtown** – New residential units, new library and new transit stop will bring in large numbers of pedestrians to Downtown Silver Spring and Fenton Village