



## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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### **Arlington County Board to vote on Reeves Farmhouse conveyance to nonprofit development team**

*Arlington County will vote on July 22 to convey the historic farmhouse to nonprofit partners Habitat DC-NOVA, HomeAid NCR, and L'Arche GWDC to provide a home for adults with intellectual disabilities*

ARLINGTON, VA — On Monday July 22, 2024 the Arlington County Board will vote on the conveyance of the historic Reevesland Farmhouse property to Habitat for Humanity of Washington, DC & Northern Virginia (Habitat DC-NOVA), who in partnership with HomeAid National Capital Region (HomeAid NCR) will revitalize the historic Reevesland Farmhouse located in North Arlington's Boulevard Manor neighborhood. The revitalized property will serve as a home for adults with intellectual disabilities for L'Arche Greater Washington, D.C. (L'Arche GWDC). The County Board will simultaneously vote to approve a \$2,500,000 Community Development Block Grant for the project. This conveyance vote is a major milestone towards groundbreaking and follows a recent May 2024 project approval from the Arlington County Historical Affairs and Landmark Review Board.

WHO: Arlington County Board, including:

- Libby Garvey, Chair
- Takis P. Karantonis, Vice-Chair
- Matt de Ferranti, Member
- Maureen Coffey, Member
- Susan Cunningham, Member

Luke Smith, Executive Director and Community Leader, L'Arche Greater Washington DC

Kristyn Burr, CEO, HomeAid National Capital Region

Kat Shaub, VP of Resource Development, Habitat for Humanity of Washington, DC & Northern Virginia

WHEN: Monday July 22, 2024 | 05:30 PM to 10:00 PM

WHERE: County Board Meeting Room, Bozman Government Center, 2100 Clarendon Blvd. Ste. #307, 22201

## WHAT:

The Reevesland Farmhouse, originally built in the 1860s, was Arlington's last operating dairy farm. In the early 2000s the farmhouse was purchased by Arlington County and designated a historic landmark. The property sits vacant on two acres overlooking the beloved Bluemont Park and hosts the Reevesland Learning Center and garden. L'Arche GWDC, HomeAid NCR, and Habitat DC-NOVA came together to propose a plan to restore the property and repurpose it into a home for adults with intellectual disabilities operated by L'Arche GWDC.

The existing farmhouse will be restored and renovated into a group home with community space and administrative offices for L'Arche GWDC. A new historically compatible addition will be added to accommodate living quarters for four core members and their assistants. The interior of the home will be fully renovated to accommodate current living standards and functionality while increasing its energy efficiency whenever possible.

Construction and renovations will be jointly provided by Habitat DC-NOVA, a nonprofit affordable homebuilder, and HomeAid NCR, a nonprofit connecting regional builders with other nonprofits to provide housing and programmatic facilities for those experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness.

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### **About L'Arche Greater Washington, DC**

L'Arche Greater Washington, D.C. is creating a more human society where people with and without intellectual disabilities share life together. We celebrate the unique value of every person, recognizing and accepting our need of one another and building relationships that transform all of us. People come from all over the country and the world to visit L'Arche and learn from core members and the model of mutual care and relationships. L'Arche GWDC is part of the L'Arche International Federation. There are over 150 L'Arche communities around the world. Learn more at [larche-gwdc.org](http://larche-gwdc.org).

### **About HomeAid National Capital Region**

HomeAid National Capital Region builds and maintains housing and programmatic facilities for nonprofit organizations serving those experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness by leveraging their relationships within the building industry to garner in-kind donations of labor and materials.

HomeAid has completed more than 170 construction projects that together have served as a safe and stable space for more than 197,000 vulnerable individuals in our community.

Learn more at [homeaidncr.org](http://homeaidncr.org).

### **About Habitat for Humanity Washington, D.C. & Northern Virginia**

Habitat for Humanity Washington, D.C. & Northern Virginia (Habitat DC-NOVA) believes everyone deserves a safe, decent, and affordable place to call home. Our mission is to reduce poverty housing and homelessness by building decent, affordable, energy-efficient homes for those

in need. In addition to building and selling affordable homes, Habitat DC-NOVA provides home repairs, offers financial education, and advocates for policies that create more housing for struggling families in the national capital region. Learn more at [habitatdcnova.org](http://habitatdcnova.org).