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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Cynthia Gudenius, Land Use and Development Planner  
**FROM:** Sally Nash, Chief of Comprehensive Planning  
**RE:** Consistency with the Comprehensive Plan for 1410 - 1420 West Street  
**DATE:** February 6, 2017

The proposed project is special exception approval to enlarge the existing library located at 1410-1420 West Street. The land use for this parcel proposed in the Comprehensive Plan is Institutional. The 2009 *Annapolis Comprehensive Plan* states:

*Future library needs will have to consider growth in the Upper Annapolis Neck area, not just from within Annapolis. Nevertheless, the anticipated City growth will increase library service requirements. The County completed the Annapolis Area Library Feasibility Study in 2008 to help determine the future size and strategic role of the Annapolis Library. The study recommended that the library be expanded from its current size of 20,000 square feet to 52,000 square feet. This Comprehensive Plan recommends that the library be expanded and remain at its existing site” (p. 77).*

Per State of Maryland law, the applicant must demonstrate that the project is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. The City of Annapolis requires in Section 21.26.050 (F) that the “special exception shall, in all other respects, conform to the applicable regulations of the district in which it is located, including any use provisions or standards set forth in Chapter 21.64 and be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.” The applicant states that the proposal conforms to the applicable City regulations.

The proposal is an expansion of an existing use and is specifically called for in the Comprehensive Plan. It is therefore consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.