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FDA Stresses Importance of Regional Science Center

*Washington Adventist Hospital is Crucial Part of
"Silicon Valley of Healthcare"*



The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and Washington Adventist Hospital are urging planning officials to consider faster completion of the East County Science Center Master Plan, citing an incredible opportunity to put the Montgomery County and Prince George's County region on the map.

Representatives of the FDA were quoted this month in a Gazette article saying they want to see the Master Plan come to fruition sooner than in two years.

"We are anxious for the arrival of our future neighbors, whose arrival will offer the opportunity for our employees to enhance their quality of life," said Marc Bloom, director of the FDA White Oak division of logistics services and facilities operations.

One of those future neighbors is [Washington Adventist Hospital](#). Deanna Murphy, director of the FDA office of White Oak services, urged planners at a meeting this month to move forward with the process because FDA employees would like to see the eastern part of the county become the "Silicon Valley of healthcare."



"While the FDA is seen as an economic engine that runs regulatory science, it's our local partners that start the engine and keep it running," Murphy said.

Jere Stocks, president of Washington Adventist Hospital, joined Murphy and Bloom at the meeting.

"We have an extraordinary opportunity within our reach to become a major gateway for that which is fast becoming the foundation of our economic future — biotech and life sciences," he said. "Let's be bold. Let's be oriented to action. Let's be oriented to results. Let's get this done."

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Quick Facts About the Washington Adventist Hospital Project

- Ensures improved health-care access for residents – both insured and uninsured – in Montgomery and Prince George's counties.
- When the campus is complete, it will bring more than 1,000 permanent jobs to both counties, plus create long-term economic growth in the region.
- Keeps the hospital viable. Washington Adventist's current campus faces several challenges: a small campus, an aging facility and lack of space for outpatient services.
- The project has more than 1,200 letters of support from Montgomery and Prince George's counties.
- The application is currently being reviewed by the Maryland Health Care Commission.

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