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**GREATER OLNEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION HONORS
M-NCPPC STAFF MEMBER WITH PRESIDENT'S AWARD**

SILVER SPRING, MD – The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission's planning team leader Khalid Afzal received the President's Award today from the Greater Olney Civic Association (GOCA) for his work with the association and the community on the update of the Olney Master Plan.

During GOCA's annual awards ceremony held at Longwood Recreation Center in Olney, the association presented its yearly awards: Citizens of the Year, GOCA Worker of the Year and a few others. GOCA and community members nominated individuals for these awards and GOCA's executive board selected the final recipient for each of these annual awards.

Afzal was chosen to receive the President's Award for his dedication to and professional work on the Olney Master Plan update, for establishing the Olney Town Center Advisory Committee and regularly participating in GOCA's monthly meetings during the past two years.

Afzal was also presented with a proclamation from the Maryland House of Delegates for his work with the community on the Olney Master Plan.

M-NCPPC Chairman Derick P. Berlage was on hand to congratulate Afzal. "Khalid Afzal is a professional who offers planning expertise and a sincere commitment to the future of Olney and the other communities in the Upper Rock Creek. We're pleased and proud to call Khalid one of our own."

GOCA represents 35,000 residents in the Olney area of Montgomery County, Maryland. Monthly meetings are usually held at 7:45 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the community room of the Buffington RE/MAX Building in Olney. For information on membership or other details, those interested can go to www.goca.org.

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