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**COMMISSION ADOPTS PLAN TO PROMOTE HOUSING AND
REVITALIZATION IN THE WOODMONT TRIANGLE**

SILVER SPRING, MD – The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission adopted the Woodmont Triangle Amendment to the 1994 Bethesda Central Business District (CBD) Sector Plan yesterday. The Amendment implements the County goals of increasing housing near Metro stations and creating mixed-use neighborhoods to combat sprawl. The Amendment allows new development to reach the full potential for providing housing and amenities. Plan goals are to encourage housing for a variety of income levels, to improve the retail environment, to provide public amenities and to support the Bethesda CBD Arts and Entertainment District.

In January, the Montgomery County Council, acting as the District Council, adopted the Woodmont Triangle Amendment. The Woodmont Triangle is in the northwest area of the Bethesda CBD, bounded by Old Georgetown Road on the southwest, Woodmont Avenue on the southeast, Wisconsin Avenue on the east and The National Institutes of Health on the north.

Features of the plan include:

- Increasing the supply of housing including affordable housing;
- Increasing the zoning on three blocks nearest the Metro station;
- Allowing the transfer of density between properties in the Triangle to help retain small businesses and promote revitalization;
- Providing a list of priority amenities for the Woodmont Triangle to guide future development;
- Focusing on Norfolk Avenue as the neighborhood's main street;
- Supporting the unique character of the Woodmont Triangle neighborhood by encouraging the arts.

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