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**PLANNING BOARD TO DELIBERATE ON CHANGES PROPOSED FOR THE COUNTY'S
AGRICULTURAL RESERVE:
PUBLIC ENCOURAGED TO COMMENT**

SILVER SPRING, MD -- The Montgomery County Planning Board seeks public comment, Thursday, November 3, 7 p.m., at 8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, on two changes proposed for the county's protected agricultural reserve.

The County Council has proposed legislation to limit the percentage of a lot that can be used for non-agricultural buildings, paved surfaces, driveways and others surfaces which do not permit rain water from directly soaking into the ground, in agricultural and other large lot zones (Zoning Text Amendment 05-15).

And the county executive has proposed to eliminate community water and sewer extensions for new private institutional facilities in the agricultural zone (Comprehensive Water Supply and Sewerage Plan Amendment).

The staff report for both items is now available on the Planning Board web site, www.mcparkandplanning.org.

Public testimony will be strictly limited to three hours, followed by the Board's deliberation and decisions on its recommendations to the County Council and the county executive.

To sign up in advance to testify in person, those interested may call 301/495-4600. Written testimony may be sent to the Planning Board Chairman Derick Berlage at 8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland, 20910, faxed to 301/495-1320 or emailed to mcp-chairman@mncppc-mc.org.

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