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**PLANNING BOARD SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED ZONING CHANGES
FOR SHADY GROVE SECTOR PLAN AREA**

SILVER SPRING, MD -- The Montgomery County Planning Board seeks comments from the public on **Thursday, April 27, at a 10 a.m. hearing** located at 8787 Georgia Avenue in Silver Spring on a proposed zoning change in a new sectional map amendment to implement the vision for the Shady Grove Sector Plan.

Residents, business and civic leaders, organizations and others are encouraged to testify, and advance signups are not necessary. Government officials have seven minutes to speak, organizations have five minutes and individuals have three minutes.

The recently approved Shady Grove Sector Plan will transform the current industrial area into a mixed-use community with housing, shops, restaurants, extensive parks and amenities all within walking distance to Metro. It also preserves significant historic resources in Old Derwood and Blueberry Hill Park, a favorite community park.

Highlights of the plan include the creation of a series of neighborhoods clustered around the Metro station with the highest density and building heights located on the west side of the station, a street network lined with trees, a local park and two urban parks, a library and a new elementary school. The plan establishes a new technology corridor along Shady Grove Road. The plan maintains the existing residential communities to the east of the Metro station and increases pedestrian access to Metro and pedestrian connectivity throughout the planning area.

In addition, the plan provides for up to 6,340 new housing units, including many Moderately Priced Dwelling Units (MPDUs), and 7,000 new jobs.

More information on the Shady Grove Sector Plan is available online at <http://www.mc-mncppc.org/shadygrove/index.shtm>.

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