

**THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION  
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**PLANNING BOARD INVITES PUBLIC TO EXPLORE  
CHALLENGES TO PLANNING IN THE FUTURE**

**SILVER SPRING, MD** – The Montgomery County Planning Board and its planning staff, the Coalition for Smarter Growth and the Urban Land Institute invite residents, business and community leaders and others to participate in a series of three community discussions on the challenges and opportunities in land planning in the future.

Each evening's in-depth discussion will focus on a different topic as follows:

**Community and Building Design**

**Wednesday, May 3, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.**

The Johns Hopkins University

Shady Grove Campus, Building III

9601 Medical Center Drive

Rockville, Maryland

**Growth and Planning**

**Wednesday, May 17, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.**

The Johns Hopkins University

Shady Grove Campus, Building III

9601 Medical Center Drive

Rockville, Maryland

**Implementation Strategies and Tools**

**Wednesday, September 27, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.**

Brookside Gardens Visitors Center

1800 Glenallan Avenue

Wheaton, Maryland

“Together with elected officials and national experts, we’ll explore where new residents are likely to live, how to sustain livability in existing communities, how to prevent decline of our older communities and much more,” said Derick P. Berlage, Montgomery Planning Board Chairman.

Seating space is strictly limited to 165 people and is filling up quickly. To reserve a seat for these free discussions, those interested may call 301-495-2192 or email [Margaret.Gahelrasoul@mncppc-mc.org](mailto:Margaret.Gahelrasoul@mncppc-mc.org).

For those who wish to prepare in advance for these discussions, background information is available at the following websites:

[www.mcparkandplanning.org](http://www.mcparkandplanning.org) then click on “A Framework for Planning in the Future”  
[www.mc-mncppc.org/research/data\\_library/montgomery\\_county\\_glance/ataglance.pdf](http://www.mc-mncppc.org/research/data_library/montgomery_county_glance/ataglance.pdf)  
[www.mc-mncppc.org/research/analysis/residential\\_capacity/rce2004.pdf](http://www.mc-mncppc.org/research/analysis/residential_capacity/rce2004.pdf)  
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