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**PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION, MONTGOMERY COUNTY AND
GAITHERSBURG INVITE PUBLIC TO THE
2ND ANNUAL GOING GREEN AT HOME FAIR**

SILVER SPRING, MD – The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Montgomery County and the City of Gaithersburg invite homeowners, home buyers, families and organizations to learn more about including environmentally friendly “green” features and products to save on energy costs during the second annual Going Green at Home Fair on **Saturday, May 20 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Wheaton Regional Park.**

Going Green exhibits, discussions with green experts and face painting for the kids will be held in the Shorefield Road section of the park.

During this free fair, visitors will learn about energy efficient, earth-friendly products from vendors and local experts through a series of seminars and exhibits. A drawing for prizes includes a variety of “green” books, a one-hour “green” design consultation, cotton insulation and a household cleaner set-up kit.

Expert presentations include: Practical Improvements to Make Your Home More Energy Efficient by Doug Anderson, U.S. EPA Energy Star Program; Get Your Extra Credit Tax Incentives for a Greener Home by Rebecca Rush, CPA, Financial Stewardship Services Network, LLC; and Green Kitchens by Chris Donaghy, Kitchen Brokers, LLC.

Going Green at Home exhibitors include Nature Neutral, LLC, Building Supply and Home Center, Abrams Design Build, Maryland Natives Nursery, Full Circle Life, LBA Renewable Energy Systems and Helicon Works Architecture.

“Energy costs skyrocketing, so we encourage everyone to spend a great afternoon at Wheaton Regional Park to learn how to be more energy efficient,” said M-NCPPC Chairman Derick P. Berlage.

“The City of Gaithersburg is delighted to once again co-sponsor this Going Green event,” said Mayor Sidney Katz. “We encourage everyone in our community to explore ways to reduce energy consumption, help improve the environment and create a healthier home.”

"A clean and sustainable environment is the legacy that we leave for future generations, and I am proud that Montgomery County is a leader in the state of Maryland in protecting our natural resources," said James Caldwell, director of the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection.

For more information, a website is available: www.goinggreenathome.org.

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