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**PLANNING BOARD TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING
ON CIRCLE MANOR PROPERTY IN KENSINGTON**

SILVER SPRING, MD – The Montgomery County Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, May 11, 2006 at 7 p.m. on elements to be included in the draft memorandum of understanding between The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and the Town of Kensington on the Brainard Warner Property widely known as the Circle Manor property, in the M-NCPPC auditorium at 8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring.

The Planning Board is interested in getting public input on a number of issues, including the Town of Kensington's financial contribution toward the purchase of the Warner Property, planning and design principles that would guide future reuse plans, and the process for making a decision on the ultimate plan for reuse of the site.

Slated for purchase by the Planning Board under the Legacy Open Space program, this 4.45-acre property located at 10231 Carroll Place, includes the 1890s era Warner House and is one of the largest parcels available for potential redevelopment in Kensington.

Those interested in testifying are encouraged to sign up to speak in advance by calling the Planning Board's Community Outreach and Media Relations staff at 301/495-4600. Elected officials have seven minutes to speak, organizations have five minutes and individuals have three minutes. A staff report is now available online at http://www.mcparkandplanning.org/board/meetings_archive/06_meeting_archive/agenda_051106/Agenda_5-11-06.shtm by scrolling down and clicking on item 16.

During a community workshop this spring, participants focused on the following topics:

1. Design and planning principles that should guide future uses of the Brainard Warner house and grounds.
2. Appropriate uses that might be accommodated on the site.
3. Concept or "bubble" diagrams to help guide future development decisions.

Information is available on the Legacy Open Space web page at http://www.mc-mncppc.org/legacy_open_space/index.shtm or the Town of Kensington's web page at www.tok.org.