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**COMMUNITY LEADERS, LOCAL AND NATIONAL EXPERTS 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 and local and national experts will convene for a discussion on **Wednesday, May 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the Johns Hopkins University Shady Grove Campus** with more than 150 residents, business and community leaders and others to discuss the challenges and opportunities associated with land planning in the future.

The second of three community discussions, the May 17 event will focus on the key elements of planning policy in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and feature a welcome and introduction by Montgomery County Planning Board Chairman Derick P. Berlage. Faroll Hamer, acting director of the Montgomery County Planning Department, will outline the policy, planning and regulatory framework essential to meeting community needs in the future.

Discussion moderator Dr. Arthur C. Nelson, FAICP, Professor and Director of the Urban Affairs and Planning Program and Associate Director for the New Metropolis at Virginia Tech's Metropolitan Institute, will seek advice from national experts including:

- Tony Downs, Senior Fellow, Metropolitan Policy, Brookings Institution, on the challenge of providing a full range of housing opportunities with as the cost of housing escalates;
- W. Thomas Lavash, Vice-President, Economic Research Associates, on how growth, emerging economic pressures and market forces will influence community design, residential development and lifestyle preferences in the future
- Reid Ewing, Research Professor, National Center for Smart Growth, University of Maryland, College Park, on pursuing sustainable quality community design, development, connectivity and the role of public facilities and services in creating livable communities.

Local leaders will present the views on future growth, development and change, then will pose questions to the national experts. Local leaders include:

Dan Wilhelm, President, Montgomery County Civic Federation  
Bryant Foulger, Principal and Vice President, Foulger Pratt Companies  
Frankie Blackburn, Executive Director, Impact Silver Spring  
Pamela Lindstrom, Civic Activist and Smart Growth Advocate  
Richard Parsons, President, Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce  
Paul Mahon, Executive Vice President, Strategic Planning, United Therapeutics Corporation

The audience will engage in a free-flowing discussion of their perceptions and opinions of community change and redevelopment followed by concluding observations by Roger Lewis, Architect, Planner, Educator and Washington Post columnist.

More information is available online 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)

[www.mwcog.org/store/item.asp?PUBLICATION\\_id=241](http://www.mwcog.org/store/item.asp?PUBLICATION_id=241)

[www.realitycheckwashington.org/pdf/RCfinalLR.pdf](http://www.realitycheckwashington.org/pdf/RCfinalLR.pdf)

[www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/04/02/AR2006040201268.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/04/02/AR2006040201268.html)

[www.rclco.com/demographic\\_changes](http://www.rclco.com/demographic_changes).

On Wednesday, September 17 from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Brookside Gardens, 1800 Glenallan Avenue, Wheaton, the final community discussion will focus on Implementation Strategies and Tools. To reserve a seat, call 301/495-2192 or email [Margaret.gahelrasoul@mncppc-mc.org](mailto:Margaret.gahelrasoul@mncppc-mc.org).

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