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**PLANNING STAFF TO HOLD MEETING JAN. 23 ON
ARORA HILLS AND CLARKSBURG VILLAGE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS**

SILVER SPRING, MD – Montgomery County Department of Park and Planning invites the public to a general information meeting on the Arora Hills (Greenway Village) and Clarksburg Village Future Development Districts, on Monday, January 23, Rocky Hill Middle School in Clarksburg.

A Development District is a special assessment applied to residential and commercial properties within the district to pay for needed infrastructure. Montgomery County issues a bond to pay for specific capital projects, then the bond is repaid by collection of the additional property taxes within the Development District.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. for informal networking with planners. Montgomery County Department of Finance staff has also been invited to participate. From 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., planning staff will present an update on the future development district and answer questions. At 8 p.m., the Clarksburg Civic Association business meeting will begin.

Planning staff will describe the Clarksburg Master Plan basis for using special use districts and/or development districts to fund infrastructure in Clarksburg. Steps in forming these districts and issuing bonds to fund certain infrastructure costs will be explored. In addition, the staff will share the experience of the West Germantown Development District that includes new homes near the Maryland Soccerplex at South Germantown Recreational Park.

Those unable to attend are welcome to call Clarksburg planner Nellie Shields Maskal, 301/495-4567 or email her: Nellie.maskal@mncppc-mc.org.

WHO:

Montgomery County Department of Park and Planning
Montgomery County Department of Finance (invited)

WHAT:

Community Meeting on future development districts in Clarksburg

WHEN:

Monday, January 23, 2006

6:30 p.m. – networking
7 p.m. to 8 p.m. presentation and questions
8 p.m. Clarksburg Civic Association Meeting

WHERE:

Rocky Hill Middle School
22401 Brickhaven Way
Clarksburg, MD

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