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**M-NCPPC, CITY OF GAITHERSBURG TO HOST
GREEN HOME WORKSHOP**

SILVER SPRING, MD – The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) and the City of Gaithersburg invite the public to a free **Green Home Workshop, Saturday, February 4, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** at Brookside Gardens Visitors Center in Wheaton, Maryland. Helen English, Executive Director of the Sustainable Building Industry Council, is the featured speaker.

“For those considering building a new home or adding on to their present homes, the Going Green at Home Workshop is a great opportunity to discover choices they can make while planning their projects,” explained Derick Berlage, M-NCPPC Chairman. “They’ll learn how to insure that they save the maximum amount of energy and live with the cleanest, most comfortable air quality. They’ll see how others have built new, remodeled or added on with green at home.”

For more information on the workshops, call 301/495-4540 or go to www.goinggreenathome.org.

In addition, Brookside Gardens has planned its annual **Green Matters Symposium: Managing Water in the Landscape**, on **Friday, February 24**. Rainwater is clearly essential to nature, although sometimes the pollutants it carries are destructive. Yet the perfect filter is just underfoot: the soil in yards and gardens. Featured speakers explore the best methods to capture and use this resource to its greatest potential while creating beautiful landscapes. For additional information, including registration fee, call 301-962-1470 or check out www.brooksidegardens.org.

Green Home Workshop - Free

Saturday, February 4, 2006, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Brookside Gardens

1800 Glenallan Avenue in Wheaton

Featured Speaker: Helen English, executive director, Sustainable Building Industry Council

Green Matters Symposium: Managing Water in the Landscape

Friday, February 24, 2006, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Brookside Gardens

1800 Glenallan Avenue in Wheaton

Featured Speakers: Neil Weinstein, executive director, Low Impact Development Center; Dawn Gifford, executive director, D.C. Greenworks; Joe Keyser, “The Green Man” cable show host and newspaper columnist; Meo Curtis, senior planning specialist, Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection; Mike Goatley, extension turfgrass specialist, Crop & Soil Environmental Sciences; Julie Myers, senior landscape architect, Low Impact Development Center; and Warren T. Byrd, Jr., principal, Nelson Byrd Woltz Landscape Architects.

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