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**MONTGOMERY COUNTY'S FUTURE EXPLORED AT  
COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP ROUNDTABLE**

**SILVER SPRING, MD** -- The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) will host a Community Leadership Roundtable to open a discussion exploring the future of planning for Montgomery County in the 21<sup>st</sup> century on **Monday, November 7** from 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Community activists, elected officials, recognized academics and planning professionals are scheduled to participate.

“We’re looking for new ways to plan and develop great livable neighborhoods and incomparable public places as we protect our Agricultural Reserve and our national award-winning 32,600-acre park system,” said Derick P. Berlage, M-NCPPC Chairman. “From the beginning, we’re involving the community in developing new and emerging strategies from around the country and around the world.” Future direction will evolve in upcoming months and years.

**WHO:**

County Council President Tom Perez  
M-NCPPC Chairman Derick P. Berlage and staff  
Maryland State Highway Administrator Neil Pedersen  
Urban Land Institute Senior Resident Ed McMahon, also past Director, American Greenways Program  
Project for Public Spaces President Fred Kent  
University of Maryland Professors of Architecture Ralph Bennett and Roger K. Lewis  
Audubon Naturalist Society Executive Director Neal Fitzpatrick  
TortiGallas and Partners President and CEO John Torti  
Street Sense President John Eisen  
Nationally recognized architect and author Richard Heapes  
Virginia Tech Professor Chris Nelson  
Community leaders

**WHAT:**

Community Leadership Roundtable: Engaging the Community...Planning for the Future

**WHEN:**

**Monday, November 7, 2005, 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.**

**WHERE:**

Brookside Gardens Visitors Center  
1800 Glenallan Avenue, Wheaton, Maryland

**NOTE: Members of the media are invited to observe the discussion.**