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**PUBLIC INVITED TO VIEW AND COMMENT ON PROPOSED PLANS FOR
OLNEY SKATE PARK ON FEBRUARY 2**

SILVER SPRING, MD – The Montgomery County Department of Park and Planning and the Montgomery County Recreation Department invite the public to a Thursday, February 2 community meeting, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., where the concept plans for the proposed skate park at Olney Manor Recreational Park will be presented. Upon completion, the skate park will become the first of its kind within the park system.

This is the second in a series of public meetings to get the community's ideas for the new facility. During the first meeting in November 2005, Site Design Group, the consultant for the project, gathered information from more than 60 participants of all ages. This follow-up meeting will illustrate the resulting concepts and seek input on them before a final design is developed.

The total project cost is \$750,000, \$350,000 funded through the Capital Improvements Program, \$350,000 from a State bond bill and \$50,000 of private contributions.

To view the design, go to www.sitedesigngroup.com. Use the log-in button in the upper right hand corner. The user name is "olney" and the password is "grind". For those unable to attend, comments may be sent to Ellen Masciocchi, Project Manager with the Department of Park and Planning, at 301-650-2867 or to ellen.masciocchi@mncppc-mc.org.

WHO:

Community members
Representatives from the Montgomery County Department of Park and Planning
Representatives from the Montgomery County Recreation Department
Representatives of the Site Design Group

WHAT:

Second public meeting on the proposed design of the Olney Skate Park

WHEN:

Thursday, February 2, 2006 -- 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

WHERE:

Olney Manor Indoor Swim Center
All Purpose Room
Georgia Avenue and Emory Lane, Olney, MD

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