



THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION  
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TO: Montgomery County Planning Board

Via: Jeff Zyontz, Chief, Countywide Planning Division

FROM: John Hench, Ph.D., Supervisor, PPRA Unit  
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**SUBJECT: Montgomery County Planning Board Public Hearing on the Draft Amendment to the Countywide Park Trails Plan: The Trail Corridor Planning Process**

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The Public Hearing Draft Amendment to the Countywide Park Trails Plan is attached. This Amendment describes how generalized trail concepts in the Countywide Park Trails Plans should be further studied, refined and implemented.

The Public Hearing is scheduled to begin at 7:30 PM on Thursday, February 6. Staff recommends the record remain open until Friday, February 21, 2003.

BACKGROUND

On December 12, 2002 the Planning Board discussed the Staff Draft version of this document. Planning Board members suggested the following changes to the Staff Draft, all of which have been incorporated in the Public Hearing Draft:

1. Add chapters from the Countywide Park Trails Plan for context.
2. Edit and make more reader friendly the section entitled "Achieving Recreational and Environmental Protection Objectives."
3. Add better explanation of how environmental concerns are addressed in hard surface trail planning process.

PRESENTATION

At the beginning of the Public Hearing, staff will make a brief presentation highlighting the key recommendations of the Public Hearing Draft Plan.

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