

**ATTACHMENT # 7**

**ASSESSMENT  
OF SPECIAL NEEDS HOUSING SUPPLY**

*A JOINT VENTURE WITH DHHS, DHCA, and HOC*

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## Assessment of Special Needs Housing Supply

Additional housing for persons with special needs is among the highest priorities of the 2001 Montgomery County Housing Policy and of the Montgomery County Council. As a starting point, the Council and the Policy asked for an assessment of the County's current inventory of this housing. This study describes the County's existing supply of special needs housing by geographical location and type of disability served. It outlines industry trends in preferred housing types and styles for those with different types of disabilities. In addition to shelter, the study recognizes the crucial importance of services and case management for many of those with special needs. Finally, the study begins to explore the extent of need among County residents and the financial resources available or required to meet this need.

To prepare this study, Department staff formed a working group of representatives from a wide range of County government departments and agencies. Members of the working group include staff from Health and Human Services (DHHS), Housing and Community Affairs (DHCA), the Housing Opportunities Commission (HOC), and the Department of Park and Planning. This group is currently drafting its initial report, which will be delivered during the spring.