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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Montgomery County Planning Board

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SUBJECT: *Public Hearing (Preliminary) Draft Amendment to the Master Plan for  
Historic Preservation: Damascus-Goshen Resources*

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The historic resources included in the *Public Hearing (Preliminary) Draft Amendment to the Master Plan for Historic Preservation: Damascus-Goshen Resources* are being evaluated in conjunction with the update of the Damascus Master Plan. The amendment includes all resources on the *Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites* that are located in Planning Area 11 (Damascus and Vicinity) and Planning Area 14 (Goshen-Woodfield-Cedar Grove and Vicinity). The amendment also includes resources in Planning Areas 11 and 15 that were not previously identified on the *Locational Atlas*. Finally, the amendment includes evaluation of resources in adjacent Planning Areas 10 and 15 by citizen request. The amendment considers in sum 56 individual resources and 2 historic districts.

In 2004, the Historic Preservation Commission conducted its evaluation of these resources. The HPC held public hearings on April 13 and October 27, and worksessions on April 28, May 26, June 9, and July 28, September 8, September 22, and October 27.

The HPC's recommendations are reflected in the enclosed *Public Hearing (Preliminary) Draft Amendment to the Master Plan for Historic Preservation: Damascus-Goshen Resources*. The HPC recommends designation of 26 individual historic sites and one historic district on the *Master Plan for Historic Preservation*. The HPC finds 29 resources are not eligible for designation and recommends they be removed from the *Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites*. Finally, the HPC recommends one resource be retained on the *Locational Atlas* pending further study.

The Planning Board's December 2 public hearing for these resources will be the first step in the Board's review of this amendment. Worksessions are scheduled for January 6 and January 20, 2005. Staff will present staff recommendations for the resources at these worksessions.