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Montgomery County Planning Commission Effective Local Sign Control Workshop

Norristown, PA (April 18, 2014) – The Montgomery County Planning Commission (MCPC) is having an Effective Local Sign Control Workshop on Thursday, April 24, 2014 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the Plymouth Township Building, 700 Belvoir Road, Plymouth Meeting.

The public is invited to come and learn about how effective sign control plays an important role in protecting community character, maintaining vibrant local businesses, and enhancing traffic safety. The workshop, based upon MCPC's recently prepared model sign ordinance, will provide many examples of signage control strategies that enable the constitutional principles of free speech and content neutrality while managing signage at an appropriate scale, location, context sensitivity, and digital display.

Participants will hear perspectives from a panel consisting of a legal expert, Joseph J. McGrory, Jr., Esq., Hamburg, Rubin, Mullin, Maxwell, & Lupin, PC; a local code enforcement officer, John Ernst, AIA, Lansdale Borough Director of Community Development; and a Main Street manager, Stephen M. Barth, Main Street Hatboro Manager.

Join MCPC for an informative event that will offer an opportunity to ask questions and receive a free copy of the ordinance. This workshop is part of *Planning Smarter 2014*, an educational program offered by MCPC. Register for the sign workshop and other events online at:

www.montcopa.org/PlanningSmarter.

For further information on the workshop, contact Marley Bice at mbice@montcopa.org or 610-278-3740 or Meredith Trego at mcurran@montcopa.org or 610-278-3749.