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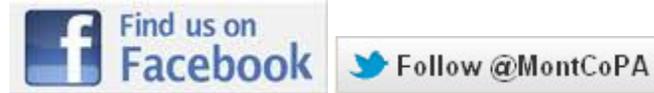
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Public Invited to Comment on Draft Montgomery County Comprehensive Plan

Norristown, PA (August 27, 2014) – The Montgomery County Planning Commission (MCPC) invites residents to come share the county’s future! The new draft county comprehensive plan—*Montco 2040: A Shared Vision*—is ready for public review and comment. Residents are invited to any one of four public meetings to discuss the plan.

This important plan sets a future vision for the county and contains goals, a future land use plan, and proposed transportation projects for the county. It was created after analyzing current conditions and emerging trends and incorporating input received from thousands of residents and a diverse 28-member steering committee.

“The strength of this draft is in the many layers of community engagement that have shaped it so far. We hope these next community meetings assist the steering committee in further refining this dynamic plan,” said Dr. Karen Stout, chair of the comprehensive plan steering committee and President of Montgomery County Community College.

The plan focuses on three major themes: Connected Communities, Sustainable Places, and a Vibrant Economy. Montgomery County is continuing to grow—with more people, more jobs, and more development—and it's important to make the right planning decisions for the future.

The public is invited to attend a meeting to discuss the plan and give feedback. “These meetings are a tremendous opportunity for residents to see what Montgomery County will look like moving forward and to offer their comments on this incredibly important document,” said Leslie Richards, Vice Chair of the Montgomery County Board of Commissioners. “Individual residents and the hard-working steering committee have already played a major role in providing their input on the Montgomery County they would like to see take shape over the next few decades, and our talented planning staff

has added context with its knowledge. This will be a living document, and these public sessions will be a final chance to help shape our future.”

Public Meetings:

September 9 – 7 PM – Pottstown
Montgomery County Community College West Campus
Community Room
101 College Drive, Pottstown, PA 19464

September 10 – 7 PM – North Wales
North Wales Area Library
Community Room
233 S. Swartley Street, North Wales, PA 19454

September 17 – 7 PM – Abington
Abington Township Building
1176 Old York Road, Abington, PA 19001

September 18 – 6 PM – Norristown
Montgomery County-Norristown Public Library
Community Room
1001 Powell Street, Norristown, PA 19401

The plan, maps, and an online comment form are available at www.montcopa.org/Montco2040. For additional information, contact Anne Leavitt-Gruberger at 610-278-3727.