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Ambler Borough and Lower Salford Township Renew Contracts for Professional Planning Services from Montgomery County Planning Commission

Norristown, PA (December 9, 2014) – Ambler Borough and Lower Salford Township have renewed their contracts for professional planning assistance from the Montgomery County Planning Commission (MCPC). The contracts are part of the Montgomery County Community Planning Assistance Program, which was established in 1950 to provide professional planning services that achieve a municipality's vision for an exceptional community.

Ambler's contract involves ongoing economic development assistance that includes selective zoning updates, design assistance, and intensive development reviews. Previous contract work included new parking standards for the business district, design standards for street furniture, a new wireless communications ordinance, and a new floodplain ordinance.

Lower Salford's contract involves a complete update of the township's subdivision and land development ordinance. Previous contract work included new parking standards for all religious institutions and an audit of past developments to review the successes/shortcomings of existing subdivision and land development regulations as a precursor to the ordinance update.

Half of the municipalities in Montgomery County, including four regional planning areas, are participating in the county's community planning assistance program. Work accomplished through this program typically focuses on smart growth, economic development, the environment, sustainability, and parks and recreation. Municipalities are asked to make a three-year commitment. The three-year contracts are on a fee-for-service basis. The county subsidizes the program 50 percent to ensure good planning is within financial reach of all county municipalities.

“We are proud to be providing professional planning services to half of the municipalities in Montgomery County. These planning partnerships set goals and lead the way to exceptional communities,” said Jody Holton, AICP, Executive Director of the Montgomery County Planning Commission.

While specific planners work with individual municipalities, MCPC’s planning services involve a comprehensive approach that utilizes the extensive expertise of its team of professionals. Visit www.montcopa.org/planningservices to learn more about the community planning assistance program and other planning services offered by MCPC. For more information, contact John S. Cover at 610-278-3741 or via email at jcover@montcopa.org.