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Jenkintown Borough, Narberth Borough, and Upper Moreland Township Contract for Professional Services from Montgomery County Planning Commission

Norristown, PA (March 20, 2015) – Jenkintown Borough, Narberth Borough, and Upper Moreland Township have contracted 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 1970 to provide professional planning services that achieve a municipality's vision for an exceptional community.

Jenkintown's contract involves the development of a new comprehensive plan. The plan will be drafted with a specific focus on economic revitalization. Jenkintown has partnered with MCPC in past contracts.

Narberth has renewed its contract with MCPC. Contract services include assistance with the adoption process of the borough's form-based zoning code (prepared under the previous MCPC contract) and the development of a form-based code user guide. Additional work includes a parking study for the downtown and a new floodplain ordinance.

Upper Moreland has also renewed its contract with MCPC. The contract scope is being developed and will involve a vision for development, a closer look at the interchange area, and, potentially, trail planning. Previous contract work included a redevelopment plan, a revitalization plan, and a draft comprehensive zoning ordinance.

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.

“A major focus of MCPC is to provide professional planning services to 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.