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Montco Event Focuses on Establishing Green and Sustainable Parking Lots

Norristown, PA (September 28, 2015) – The Montgomery County Planning Commission (MCPC) is hosting an exciting event that focuses on transforming parking lots in communities. *Establishing Green and Sustainable Parking Lots* will take place on Wednesday, September 30, 2015 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm in the Amenity Center of the Hillcrest II Building of Arborcrest, 721 Arbor Way, Blue Bell. Online registration is available at www.montcopa.org/PlanningSmarter.

“Parking lots are essential in our communities. This event focuses on how we design parking lots to be green infrastructure that helps to keep pollution out of our streams and create attractive spaces in our communities,” said Jody L. Holton, AICP, Executive Director of the Montgomery County Planning Commission.

The event, which features several speakers, will highlight excellent examples of green and sustainable parking lots throughout the region. Participants will be among the first to view MCPC’s new guidebook on green parking lots, which includes detailed information and guidelines on how to green parking lots, the benefits of green parking lots, parking demand management, and recommended plant lists. Those attending will also have an opportunity to take a brief tour of the green elements of the Arborcrest parking lot. Arborcrest is an award-winning facility, receiving a 2013 Montgomery Award.

This event is being provided as part of *Planning Smarter Montco 2015*, a Montgomery County initiative offering planning education and outreach, and corresponds to the Sustainable Places theme in *Montco 2040: A Shared Vision*, Montgomery County’s new, nationally awarded comprehensive plan. Additional event are available at www.montcopa.org/PlanningSmarter. The new comprehensive plan is available at www.montcopa.org/Montco2040. For more information, please contact Rita McKelvey at 610-278-3753 or via email at rmckelvelve@montcopa.org.