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## **Montco Event Focuses On Transit-Oriented Housing Trend**

**Norristown, PA (October 5, 2015)** – The Montgomery County Planning Commission (MCPC) is hosting an event and tour to highlight transit-oriented development (TOD) trends in the county. *Attracting Great New Transit-Oriented Housing* will take place on Tuesday, October 6, 2015 from 6:00pm to 8:00 pm in the game room of The Courts at Spring Mill Station at 1100 E. Hector Street in Whitemarsh Township. Online registration is available at [www.montcopa.org/PlanningSmarter](http://www.montcopa.org/PlanningSmarter).

Several speakers will explore new development near train stations, which is largely due to young professionals and older adults looking for low-maintenance, convenient housing near transit to enhance their access to employment and downtown Philadelphia. New apartments are also being located near trails, the Schuylkill River, and other recreation facilities. They have popular amenities such as structured parking, common rooms, fitness centers, theaters, and luxury pool areas.

“Part of what makes Montgomery County and the Philadelphia region a wonderful place to live is transit. The Courts at Spring Mill Station is an example of new development at a train station that offers a variety of modern, enjoyable extras, while reinvesting in a key piece of our community,” said Jody L. Holton, AICP, Executive Director of the Montgomery County Planning Commission.

The event program will include presentations on Whitemarsh Township’s TOD zoning ordinance, SEPTA TOD Partnership, and an overview of The Courts at Spring Mill Station – an outstanding example of a transit-oriented development in Montgomery County. Participants will tour the development and its connections to the SEPTA station and Schuylkill River Trail.

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 Land Use Vision contained in

*Montco 2040: A Shared Vision*, Montgomery County's new, nationally awarded comprehensive plan. Additional events are available at [www.montcopa.org/PlanningSmarter](http://www.montcopa.org/PlanningSmarter). The new comprehensive plan is available at [www.montcopa.org/Montco2040](http://www.montcopa.org/Montco2040). For more information, please contact Rita McKelvey at 610-278-3753 or via email at [rmckelve@montcopa.org](mailto:rmckelve@montcopa.org).