

**RESOLUTION**  
**MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**ENDORISING AND RECOMMENDING ADOPTION OF**  
**A NEW COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH**  
**THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPALITIES PLANNING CODE**

**WHEREAS**, the Montgomery County Planning Commission prepared the current comprehensive plan for the county, which was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners in 2005, and the Planning Commission has the duty of preparing a new comprehensive plan for Montgomery County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission has prepared a new county comprehensive plan in accordance with Sections 209.1 and 301 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, with said plan titled *Montco 2040: A Shared Vision, the New Comprehensive Plan for Montgomery County*, dated 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the plan consists of two volumes, which include *Montgomery County Today* and *Montco 2040: A Shared Vision*; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of the preparation of this new comprehensive plan, the Planning Commission held four public meetings to solicit input on *Montgomery County Today* and the goals for the county; held four public meetings on *Montco 2040: A Shared Vision*; worked with a 28-member Steering Committee with representatives from the public, non-profit, and business communities; met with many municipalities and interest groups on the plan; sent the draft plans to all municipalities and school districts within the county as well as all abutting counties, municipalities, and school districts; and considered the comments received and incorporated appropriate revisions into the plans; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission recognizes that it is essential for the health, safety and welfare of all county residents for Montgomery County to have an up-to-date set of coordinated policies to guide the county's physical development, preserve its natural and cultural resources, and make optimum use of its financial resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission recognizes the need for the county comprehensive plan to serve as a basis for intracounty cooperation and coordination among the 62 townships and boroughs, 23 school districts, numerous special-purpose authorities, boards, and commissions; and

**WHEREAS**, the county comprehensive plan will continue to serve as a policy guide for all units of Montgomery County government; and

**WHEREAS**, the county comprehensive plan will continue to present a comprehensive set of county plans, goals, and policies for the use and guidance of regional, state, and federal agencies.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Montgomery County Planning Commission hereby endorses and recommends that the Board of County Commissioners adopt as official county policy, in accordance with Section 302 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, a new comprehensive plan for Montgomery County, containing

2 volumes and titled *Montco 2040: A Shared Vision, the New Comprehensive Plan for Montgomery County*,


- with the first volume, titled *Montgomery County Today*, consisting of background information on Montgomery County, including existing conditions, recent trends, and future forecasts about the county on regional position, people, health, built environment, natural environment, open space, recreation, housing, the economy, infrastructure, cultural resources, and government;
- with the second volume, titled *Montco 2040: A Shared Vision*, consisting of 15 goals divided into three themes of Connected Communities, Sustainable Places, and Vibrant Economy and containing a Development Potential map, a Future Land Use map, various transportation project maps, infrastructure maps, conservation maps and supporting text, tables, and charts; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Planning Commission certifies that it has prepared the comprehensive plan consistent with the requirements of the planning code; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Planning Commission will continue to refine, maintain, and update its plans as necessary to ensure that the policies of the comprehensive plan are fully supported, maintained, and implemented in a reasonable and up-to-date manner, and to conduct new studies and prepare new plans that may become necessary as Montgomery County continues to change and face new issues; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that, assuming the Board of County Commissioners does adopt this plan as official county policy, the County Planning Commission will transmit an accurate copy of the plan and a copy of this resolution to the governing body of each municipality in Montgomery County, to each school district and school district library in Montgomery County, all public libraries in the county, county colleges, and to appropriate county departments and agencies to ensure compliance with Sections 303, 304, 305, and 306 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, and to other appropriate municipal, regional, state, and federal agencies.

The above resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Tornetta, seconded Ms. Flaharty, and carried a vote of (8 yes) (0 no) (0 abstain) at the November 12, 2014 meeting of the Montgomery County Planning Commission Board.

  
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Marc D. Jonas, Esq., Chairman

  
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Jody L. Holton, AICP, Secretary