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Montco Names New Planning Director

Norristown, PA (May 2, 2013) – The Montgomery County Commissioners today announced the appointment of Jody L. Holton, AICP, as the new executive director of the county Planning Commission.

Holton comes to Montgomery County from the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) where she was manager of long range planning. She has more than a decade of experience as a project manager and planner for a wide range of projects, many of them in Montgomery County.

“We are extremely happy to have Jody assume the leadership of our planning commission,” said Commissioner Leslie Richards. “She has a broad range of talents as a leader, manager and planner and she has the personality, understanding and vision to maximize the immense talents of our planning staff for all the residents and municipalities of Montgomery County.”

At SEPTA, Holton managed all aspects of the King of Prussia Rail study, which will be an extension of the Norristown High Speed Line into King of Prussia.

Previously, she was a senior planner with URS Corporation, where, among other duties, she was the Willow Grove redevelopment coordinator for Upper Moreland Township.

From 2001 to 2008, Holton was an associate and senior planner at Kise Straw and Kolodner where she was a project planner or manager for several community development projects including those in Jenkintown, Conshohocken, Penndel, Phoenixville and Chinatown in Philadelphia.

She has won numerous awards including two Pennsylvania Planning Association Outstanding Planning Awards for the Center City Residents’ Association Neighborhood Plan and the Chinatown Master Plan.

Holton earned a bachelor of arts in geography from the University of Colorado in 1999, and in 2004 earned a Certified Planner certificate from the American Institute of Certified Planners.

Holton lives in Narberth with her husband and two children.