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## **Montgomery County Planning Commission Assists Horsham Township with Master Plan for Office Centers**

**Norristown, PA (November 19, 2014)** – Horsham Township has entered into a special one-year contract for professional planning assistance from the Montgomery County Planning Commission (MCPC). This contract focuses on the development of a master plan for two business centers in the community—the Horsham Business Center and the Pennsylvania Business Campus.

While these active business parks have a relatively low vacancy rate of around 11 percent for the offices, many of the buildings were developed in the 1970s and 1980s and will need updating. In addition, the suburban office market is in a state of flux, with internal office designs changing, parking needs increasing, and many employees preferring walkable, mixed-use environments.

“We’re looking forward to working with Horsham on the master plan for these two business campuses. The planning done today will help to create a sustainable future for these important centers,” said Jody L. Holton, AICP, Executive Director of the Montgomery County Planning Commission.

The master plan will identify market opportunities, appropriate land uses, locations for new land uses, recommended design guidelines, recommended zoning changes, possible business park amenities, and potential road and other infrastructure improvements, all aimed at keeping these centers competitive for the future. The project will be guided by a steering committee that includes local business leaders, property owners, municipal officials, and county economic development professionals.

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