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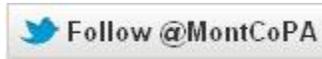
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## **Montgomery County Planning Commission Releases 2015 Annual Report**

**Norristown, PA (March 11, 2016)** – The Montgomery County Planning Commission (MCPC) has released its 2015 Annual Report. The report provides information on projects and plans that will have a positive effect on the lives of county residents in the future. It highlights how MCPC works with municipal leaders, businesses, organizations, and agencies, and engages citizens to achieve these efforts and provides important resources for citizens and private and public decision makers.

“With the adoption of *Montco 2040: A Shared Vision*, Montgomery County’s new, award-winning comprehensive plan, the planning commission had a truly remarkable year. The 2015 Annual Report highlights how we have been implementing the new plan throughout the year,” said Jody L. Holton, AICP, Executive Director of the Montgomery County Planning Commission.

The report contains many accomplishments throughout 2015 and features:

- The adoption of *Montco 2040: A Shared Vision* – which received national, state, and local awards – and implementation activities associated with the plan’s themes of Connected Communities, Sustainable Places, and Vibrant Economy.
- The completion of Montgomery County’s walkability study, *Walk Montco*, which provides information on various pedestrian improvements that will enhance the walkability of communities by creating safe and attractive pedestrian environments.
- The completion of the award-winning Turnpike Corridor Reinvestment Project study, which focuses on improving accessibility to business centers and redeveloping older business parks with mixed uses and vibrant public spaces.

- The development of the award-winning *Sustainable Green Parking Lots* guidebook, which looks at improving parking lots to make them safer, more attractive, and more environmentally sound.
- The creation of a county open space priorities report that focuses on opportunities to expand parks, open spaces, and trails throughout the county.
- The development of an innovative master plan for two important business parks in Horsham Township, which focuses on the creation of a more cohesive and dynamic business park with a mixture of land uses and shared amenities.
- The continuing success of Planning Smarter, a program offering planning education and outreach throughout the year, which engaged over 400 people in 2015.
- An overview of the exceptional 2015 Montgomery Award recipients.
- Information on county trends and available resources, including a new, interactive Montgomery County atlas residents can use to learn about and visit the great destinations in the county.
- An overview of important community projects completed under the Montgomery County Community Planning Assistance Contract Program.
- A look at the many ways MCPC shares information and promotes good planning in Montgomery County for the benefit of everyone.

The 2015 Annual Report is available at <http://www.montcopa.org/MCPC2015AnnualReport>. For additional information, please contact Rita McKelvey at 610-278-3753 or via email at [rmckelve@montcopa.org](mailto:rmckelve@montcopa.org).