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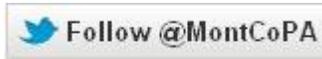
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Montco Offers Workshop on Municipal Tools for Enabling Solar Energy Use And Promoting Energy Efficiency

Norristown, PA (April 12, 2016) – The Montgomery County Planning Commission (MCPC), in sponsorship with the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC), is offering a workshop on solar energy and energy efficiency on Thursday, April 21, 2016 from 6:00pm to 8:30pm, at the Towamencin Township Meeting Hall, 1090 Troxel Road, Lansdale.

The workshop will explore new opportunities for governments, residents, and businesses to incorporate energy efficiency measures and solar energy technologies that may reduce energy costs and greenhouse gas emissions. It will highlight innovative ways to encourage, finance, and properly regulate energy efficiency and solar technologies.

“Solar energy is a real option for businesses and residents in Montgomery County. We want to share some of the financial opportunities for solar and make sure municipal ordinances and codes are up-to-date to allow for smooth installation of these systems,” said Jody L. Holton, AICP, Executive Director of the Montgomery County Planning Commission.

The event will feature Larry Schweiger, President and CEO of PennFuture, as keynote speaker, and a panel of legal and energy professionals. Participants will have an opportunity to learn more about:

- Energy efficiency in municipal buildings
- The state of solar technologies from a policy and financial market point of view
- Zoning and permitting best practices for solar technologies
- Innovative ways to finance solar and energy efficiency projects

Those attending will also be invited to ask the presenters questions. The workshop offers continuing education credits including 1.5 CM credits for professional planners, 1.5 CLE credits for attorneys, and professional engineering credits.

This event is being provided as part of [Planning Smarter Montco 2016](#), a Montgomery County initiative offering planning education and outreach, and corresponds to the Sustainable Places theme contained in [Montco 2040: A Shared Vision](#), Montgomery County's new, nationally awarded comprehensive plan. More information and online registration are available at www.montcopa.org/Planning-Smarter.

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