

Makeover Montgomery



Innovative Strategies for Rethinking America's Suburbs

April 14-16, 2011

Call for Presenters

(Proposals Due by Friday, November 5)

All across the country, suburban planners and residents are grappling with how to handle pressures to adapt to demographic shifts, changing housing preferences, and growing infrastructure costs – all while making their communities more sustainable.

Join planners, designers, engineers, social scientists, ecologists and others by presenting at *Makeover Montgomery: Innovative Strategies for Rethinking America's Suburbs* April 14-16, 2011. The conference, located in Montgomery County, Maryland, long known as a smart growth pioneer, will focus on innovative planning and policy tools and strategies that have the potential to redesign the suburbs in exciting new ways.

The National Center for Smart Growth Research and Education (www.smartgrowth.umd.edu), the Montgomery County Planning Department (www.montgomeryplanning.org) and the Urban Studies and Planning Program at the University of Maryland (www.arch.umd.edu/planning), are co-hosting the conference in Silver Spring. This inner-ring suburb boasts a newly rejuvenated, nationally recognized center and will be a model for a rewrite of Montgomery County's zoning code that seeks to strategically redevelop the suburban county on the edge of Washington, D.C.

If you would like to share your research and case studies with community planners and others at *Makeover Montgomery*, visit www.montgomeryplanning.org/rethink2011 to submit a proposal **by 5:00 pm on Friday, November 5.**

Consider a presentation that ties into one of our conference themes, including:

- Redesigning the suburbs
- Suburban building typologies
- Zoning for sustainable practices
- Financing tools
- Housing choice and affordability
- Transportation successes and challenges
- Sustainable infrastructure
- Alternative energy
- Public health and locally-grown food
- Green buildings and neighborhoods
- Real estate trends and sustainability
- Working with communities

Travel-related expenses will be covered for out-of-town speakers.

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