



Transatlantic Land Use Conference Post-Conference Tour: Innovative Land Uses in Montgomery County, Maryland

****Seating is limited, so please register early****



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If you are interested in learning about cutting-edge solutions to pressing rural/urban land use problems facing major US cities, you won't want to miss this exciting post-conference tour. This is also an important opportunity to network with colleagues from both sides of the Atlantic and other countries.

Experience the high tech Bethesda/Rockville Corridor as the tour bus begins its exploration of Montgomery County, Maryland. Following the urban/rural gradient, the tour features farmland preservation and new urbanism style developments typical of areas surrounding Washington, DC. Montgomery County, which borders the USA's capital on the northwest, has implemented several interesting programs related to land use along the rural-urban fringe. The area has a strong economy as well as innovative housing developments with widely varying housing values. Due to its close proximity to the city, the county has many public transportation options.

On the way to the scenic overlook at the top of Sugarloaf Mountain, **John Frece** from the **National Smart Growth Research and Education Center** at the University of Maryland, will discuss the Maryland Smart Growth Program: What came before the program, what it is, how it is working. Weather permitting, the bus will stop at the overlook where one can see the agricultural reserve on the west side, and the **sprawl/spill-over into neighboring Frederick County** on the east side.

Next, **John Zawitoski**, Director of Planning and Promotions, **Montgomery County Department of Economic Development**, will join the tour to discuss the county's transfer of development rights program (TDR). Driving by one of the initial receiving areas in Olney, participants have the opportunity to see if they can tell which developments used TDR's to increase their density and which did not. Driving down Maryland's Route 27, tour participants can see the border of the agricultural reserve – one side of the street is developed and the other side is all farmland. John, who is very knowledgeable about the history of the program and the issues that remain, will discuss various land preservation programs and funding.



During the last leg of the tour, the group will visit **Kentland**, a **new urbanism community** in Maryland which is one of a kind (<http://kentlandsusa.com/kentlands/community.php>). An architect who has been very involved in Kentland will discuss the community- and ecological-oriented benefits of this style of development as well as the process of the community's creation. As the tour makes its way back to the hotel, the group will witness first hand the rush hour traffic on the roads leading into and out of the city.

This tour will provide an excellent opportunity for participants to network with U.S. and international colleagues. Boxed lunches will be provided at the hotel before the tour departs at noon. There will be time to eat lunch on the bus during the first part of the tour.

12:00 noon – 5:00 PM, Wednesday