

Rollin Stanley

Planning Director, Montgomery County Planning Department

Since February 2008, Rollin Stanley has served as director of the Montgomery County Planning Department. In that position, Stanley has directed work on community plans -- including visions for Germantown, the Great Seneca Science Corridor (formerly Gaithersburg West) and White Flint -- as well as overseeing reports on such high-profile issues as the Purple Line, redevelopment in strategic areas, innovative Commercial-Residential zoning and affordable housing. Overall, Stanley has steered staff and the Planning Board toward new ways of thinking about growth, focusing on transit-oriented development and urban design.

Previously, Stanley held top planning jobs in St. Louis and Toronto.

Stanley's five-year tenure in St. Louis includes authoring a comprehensive strategic plan that outlines ways to revitalize the historic city. Stanley also laid the groundwork for a 1.3-mile-long civic open space corridor that will bisect the city and oversaw staff teams addressing neighborhood revitalization, tax incentives and other initiatives. Before his stint in St. Louis, Stanley spent 20 years in Toronto as a planner who was instrumental in transforming the city's industrial district into a mix of residential and retail.

As Planning Director of Montgomery County, Stanley leads one of the largest planning agencies in the country. The Department is leading the discussion on urbanizing a diverse county that includes urban centers like Bethesda and Silver Spring, while implementing the pioneering "agricultural preserve" policy through transfer of development rights.

Stanley has a degree in urban and regional planning from Ryerson University, Toronto. He is a division chairman in the American Planning Association, and has lectured and consulted widely throughout China, Canada, England and the United States.