



MARC RAIL COMMUNITIES PLAN

The new MARC Rail Communities Plan will build on the recommendations of the previous 1985 Boyds Master Plan, the 1989 Germantown Master Plan and the 2009 Germantown Employment Area Sector Plan, and will examine in greater detail the land uses, zoning, design and multimodal access to the two MARC stations in Boyds and Germantown.



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The MARC Brunswick line is a well-traveled commuter rail line connecting West Virginia to Washington, DC. The Boyds and Germantown MARC stations areas are historic communities along this line, located less than 2.5 miles apart. Although they developed unique identities, both stations are integrally connected. While the area around the Boyds station has remained rural, the area around the Germantown station has seen significant change. These two MARC rail station areas are an underutilized element of the existing transportation infrastructure.

The population of the upper portion of Montgomery County has increased significantly in recent years. The focus of this limited master plan is to make better pedestrian, bicycle, bus and auto connections to the two stations, to enhance the historic communities around each MARC station area, and enable them to serve the growing upper county.

M-NCPPC staff welcomes your participation. We will hold extensive design work sessions as well as meetings with State and County agencies, civic associations, community members and other stakeholders to evaluate the appropriate land uses, zoning, design and access conditions around each station during the planning process. We plan to present our initial recommendations to the Planning Board in summer 2016.



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