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**MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** Montgomery County Planning Board

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Functional Planning and Policy Division

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**SUBJECT:** Roundtable Discussion: Healthy and Sustainable Communities, A Framework for Action, 2008. Update on Indicators Data

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Information and Discussion

In November 2007 the County Council adopted a Montgomery County Growth Policy Resolution. This resolution required the Planning Board with the aid of the Executive and input from the public to develop sustainable quality of life indicators to guide:

- Land use,
- Capital programming, and
- Public facility design.

After the resolution was adopted, discussions with the County Council and the Executive indicated that the County Executive was developing indicators for each of his results areas. In discussion with County Executive staff, it was agreed that the Planning Department staff would take the lead in developing indicators for one of those results areas "Healthy and Sustainable Communities" in coordination with the Department of Environmental Protection. The County Executive would take the lead on the other areas coordinating with Planning Department staff.

In 2008 the Planning Board published the report: Healthy and Sustainable Communities, A Framework for Action, in coordination with County Executive staff and based on public input. The purpose of this report was to:

- Propose goals for Healthy and Sustainable Communities
- Present indicators to measure progress towards the goals
- Suggest actions to help reach the goals

Our current Work Program includes briefing the Planning Board on new data for the indicators in the Report. The purpose of today's briefing is to present the new data, information on potential new indicators, and receive additional guidance/feedback from the Board on this topic.