

Makeover Montgomery II



The Continuing Transformation of America's Suburbs

Call for Presenters

(Proposals Due by January 17, 2014)

Following the success of the original *Makeover Montgomery* conference in 2011, the [National Center for Smart Growth Research and Education](#), the [Montgomery County Planning Department](#) and the [Urban Studies and Planning Program](#) at the University of Maryland, are seeking presentation proposals from planners, designers, engineers, social scientists, ecologists and others for ***Makeover Montgomery II: The Continuing Transformation of America's Suburbs***.

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. Conference organizers are looking for presentations that focus on innovative planning and policy tools and strategies that continue to transform suburbs into exciting, attractive and sustainable communities. Multiple session tracks will allow for a diverse audience that includes practitioners, academics and interested community members.

The conference will be held **May 8-10, 2014** in **Silver Spring, Maryland**, an inner-ring suburb of Washington, DC, which boasts a newly rejuvenated, nationally recognized center that serves as a model for future suburban revitalization efforts across the country.

If you would like to present your research and case studies to community planners and others at *Makeover Montgomery II*, submit a proposal using the form on the following page **by 5:00 pm on January 17, 2014**. (When you click "Submit," your completed proposal form will be attached as a PDF to a new email that you must send to complete the submission.) Please visit <http://montgomeryplanning.org/makeover2014> for more information.

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

The Role of Transportation in Evolving Suburbs

- Changing parking policies
- Multimodal "Complete Street" designs
- Implementation and use of Bus Rapid Transit and Light Rail systems
- Commuting cultures (including growing emphasis on biking)
- Taming suburban street design
- The interplay between land use and transportation
- Sidewalks and other pedestrian solutions

Creative Use of Public Assets

- Opportunity Mapping – where should affordable housing be located?
- Public/private partnerships used to provide civic buildings and amenities, such as schools, fire stations and parks
- Public/private partnerships used to provide affordable housing
- Public/private funds used to support watershed cleanup projects
- Development of transit sites

Assistance with travel-related expenses may be available for out-of-town speakers.

Questions? Please email Jason Sartori at jason@ipcllc.net.

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Name

Affiliation

Contact info

Presentation title

Description (not to exceed 250 words)

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- Other (please specify):