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To: Columbia Association Board of Directors (Board)

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Subject: County Land Development Regulations Assessment Process

At the March 23, 2017 Columbia Association (CA) Board meeting, Valdis Lazdins, Director and Amy Gowan, Deputy Director from the Howard County Department of Planning and Zoning will speak to the Board about the county's initiative to undertake a comprehensive review and assessment of the county's land development regulations. This is the first phase of the effort to re-write and modernize the development regulations.

This presentation to the Board is in advance of the first community public meetings on the assessment process, which the county will host on March 28, 29 and 30 at three different locations. The Columbia public meeting is on March 28 at 7:00pm at Howard Community College's Health Sciences Building.

At the Board meeting, Mr. Lazdins and Ms. Gowan will discuss the scope and timeframe of the project; its phasing; and the stakeholder and public engagement process. The selected consultant is Clarion Associates, led by Don Elliott. Mr. Elliott spoke to the Columbia community in 2015 on "Best Zoning Practice for Large Planned Communities" as part of CA's Community Building Speakers Series. He will be at the public meetings later this month.