



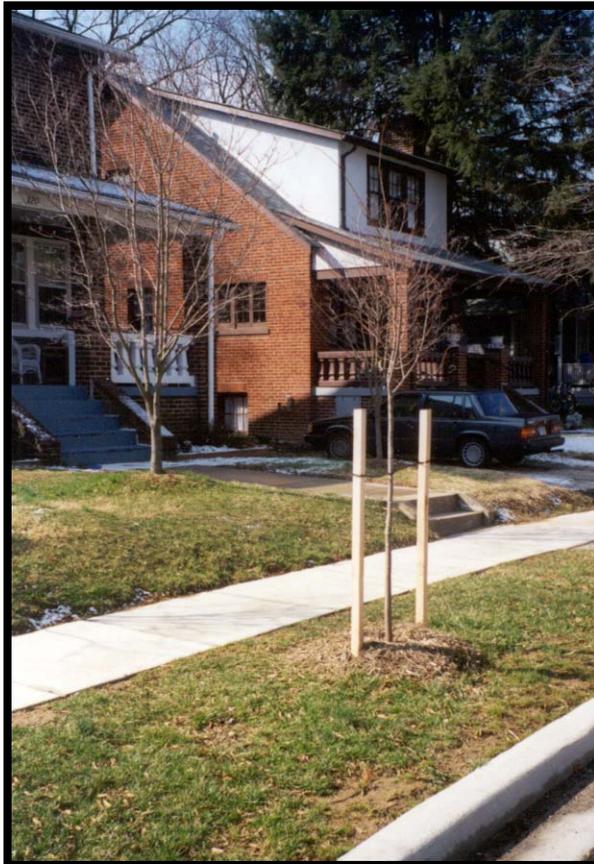
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RENEW MONTGOMERY

Restoring Neighborhood Infrastructure

Renew Montgomery is a comprehensive program which coordinates Department of Transportation services to improve the infrastructure of matured neighborhoods. The program helps to assure safe and attractive access to business districts, public facilities, and recreational opportunities. It also serves to enhance neighborhoods, ensuring a high quality of life in the County.



Department of Transportation

GOALS

- Reduce infrastructure maintenance backlog.
- Provide comprehensive, coordinated Department of Transportation services within identified neighborhoods.
- Empower neighborhoods.
- Enhance neighborhood environments.

BENEFITS OF RENEW MONTGOMERY

- County and community working together to improve neighborhoods.
- Increased pedestrian accessibility.
- Enhanced visual appearance within neighborhoods.
- Neighborhood pride.
- Shifting of maintenance priorities from emergency repairs to scheduled preventive maintenance.

Since its inception on July 1, 1996, through December 30, 2006, a total of \$37 million has been spent in 64 neighborhoods. Renew Montgomery has been successful in addressing the backlog of infrastructure repair needs in matured neighborhoods; coordinating repair activity with other programs within the department; and providing citizens with an opportunity to voice their neighborhood infrastructure concerns.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Under the Renew Montgomery program, the following services can be provided in targeted neighborhoods based on community needs and infrastructure requirements.

- **SIDEWALK, CURB AND GUTTER REPAIR** - Removal and replacement, in kind, those public sidewalks, curbs and gutters which are cracked, raised, exhibit periodic ponding or have missing segments. This work includes installation of root barriers, as appropriate, to reduce future root damage.
- **ROADWAY BASE REPAIRS** - Removal and replacement of defective road base which allows water penetration and the resulting road failures. This work is completed prior to sealing/resurfacing roads.
- **ROAD RESURFACING** - Application of a durable surface which offers improved traction and coloration to road surfaces.
- **AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) IMPROVEMENTS** - Provision of accessible streets, roads, and walkways for people with disabilities by: (1) installing curb ramps; (2) removing barriers on existing sidewalks, such as signs, poles, and fences, which hamper accessibility to wheelchair users; and (3) reconstruction of median breaks and sidewalks to comply with ADA.
- **SIDEWALKS - NEW** - Construction of sidewalks to encourage greater pedestrian circulation throughout neighborhoods and to provide safe access to schools, transit facilities, parks, and other major pedestrian destinations. Requests for construction are prompted by members of the community seeking improved pedestrian access.
- **TRAFFIC CALMING** - Identification of residential streets which require a combination of physical measures mainly, as warranted by engineering standards and supported by the community. These measures reduce the negative effects of motor vehicle use such as speeding and neighborhood cut-through traffic, alter driver behavior, and improve conditions for pedestrians.

- **STREET LIGHTING** - At the request of 2/3 majority of effected residents, areas that have substandard lighting are identified. Street lighting improvements (i.e. upgrade of existing and/or installation of new streetlights) are designed then implemented to achieve lighting levels that meet County standards.
- **SIGN AND MARKING MAINTENANCE** - Removal, repair or replacement of damaged, vandalized or faded traffic signs and pavement markings.
- **BUS STOP AMENITIES** - Installation of Ride On bus stop signs, shelters, benches and bus stop access improvements such as connecting sidewalks and waiting pads where applicable. Shelters and benches are installed where Division of Transit Services ridership standards are met. Currently, those standards are: for shelters, 50 boardings per day; for benches, 15 boardings per day.
- **TREE MAINTENANCE** - Resolution of priority and requested tree maintenance needs. Work may include tree and stump removal of appropriate trees, pruning to resolve pending priority citizen requests, and replacement tree planting.
- **STORM DRAIN IMPROVEMENTS** - Analysis and design to upgrade substandard existing systems in conjunction with sidewalk, curb and gutter replacement and resurfacing. Provision of new drainage structures where possible to improve chronic problems. Identification of major system improvements for future Capital Projects when warranted.
- **NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION** - Designation of beautification grants to assist neighborhoods with beautification projects. Through the Keep Montgomery County Beautiful program, neighborhoods are eligible for a grant of up to \$500 to match the community's share of a beautification project. Types of projects can include planting flowers, shrubs, or trees; landscaping a community entranceway; and converting weed fields to grassy areas.