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TOWN OF HERNDON'S PLANNING COMMISSION TO HOST PLANNING SEMINAR *Regional Planning Expert to Lead April 17-18 Sessions*

Herndon, VA (April 2, 2009) – The Planning Commission of the Town of Herndon is hosting a public discourse and seminar aimed at preparing the town, its citizens and business owners for the upcoming master planning processes. The seminar, to be held the evening of Friday, April 17 and all day on Saturday, April 18, will be led by Michael Chandler, PhD, professor emeritus in the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics at Virginia Tech and director of Education for the Citizens Planning Association of Virginia. The seminar is free and open to the public.

“With initiation of the Downtown Master Plan as well as the Herndon Metro Area Plan, Herndon’s citizens have a tremendous opportunity to engage in the public process and shape the face of Herndon for decades to come,” said Planning Commission Chair Carl Sivertsen. “This seminar, led by one of Virginia’s foremost experts on planning and development, will provide a step-by-step overview into the complex environment of real world planning, zoning and real estate development.

“Michael Chandler has conducted planning and zoning training programs, seminars and conferences in 43 states,” Sivertsen added. “Over the years, I have had the pleasure of doing

seminars with Mike and have always been impressed with his vast knowledge and ability to make complex topics easy to understand.”

The evening session on Friday, April 17, is directed toward elected and appointed officials and will be held from 5:45 p.m. until 9 p.m. (Dinner for invited participants will be provided, beginning at 5 p.m.) Citizens are invited to observe the session.

The day-long session on Saturday, April 18, is directed toward all citizens and will be held from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. (Registration begins at 8 a.m., with light refreshments available; attendees will be given a one hour lunch break on their own.) The session will provide attendees with insight into issues such as the inter-relationship of public planning documents, the impact of zoning regulations in the real world, and the constraints private sector developers face.

Participation in the Planning Commission’s planning seminar is free of charge, but pre-registration is requested by April 14. To register or for more information, call (703) 787-7380 or email planning.commission@herndon-va.gov.

The Town of Herndon was incorporated by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia on January 14, 1879. Located in western Fairfax County, Herndon is the 3rd largest town in the Commonwealth and is home to more than 23,000 citizens. Businesses located within the Town of Herndon, which range from high tech enterprises to entrepreneurially-owned establishments, employ approximately 25,000 people. *Business Week* Magazine has named Herndon one of the nation’s “Best Affordable Suburbs.”

For more information, visit the town’s Web site at www.herndon-va.gov.

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