



RENDERING OF LAKEFRONT NEIGHBORHOOD

# Downtown Columbia News

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## Proposals for Downtown Columbia

The Downtown Columbia Plan provides recommendations about its future redevelopment by continuing the evolution of Downtown Columbia into a mixed-use urban center supported by a variety of open spaces and amenities in a pedestrian-friendly environment.

Visit the [website](#) to read the Plan.

### JOINT RECOMMENDATIONS

The Howard County Council requested that the Columbia Downtown Housing Corporation and the Howard Hughes Corporation meet to compile joint recommendations regarding housing affordability in Downtown Columbia. The organizations presented draft joint recommendations to the Council on September 8, 2015.

Subsequent to the presentation, the Council has hosted two work sessions (to date) to further discuss the recommendations and supporting analyses of the projected impact of these recommendations.

### COUNTY COUNCIL WEBPAGE

The County Council has created a webpage dedicated to this topic. It includes the proposal and all supporting documents. To view this webpage, click [here](#).

[Joint Recommendations from the Columbia Downtown Housing Corporation](#)

[Fiscal Impact Analysis](#)

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The IAT hosts a public presentation on November 3.

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## Merriweather Park

The Inner Arbor Trust is holding a public presentation called, “**The Math of Architecture and the Architecture of Math,**” on Tuesday, November 3, 7:00 p.m. at Smith Theater at the Howard Community College. This presentation will be similar to the “Designers of Delight” event which introduced the designers of features of Merriweather Park at Symphony Woods.

The Math of Architecture and the Architecture of Math has two presenters:

**Joni Newkirk** is the former Senior Vice President of Walt Disney Parks and Resorts,

who was responsible for global research and forecasting. As you recall, Joni and her firm, Integrated Insight, conducted extensive research for the Trust, consumer testing the plans for Merriweather Park at Symphony Woods. Joni will talk about her career, her research methodology and Integrated Insight’s research results on the Trust’s Merriweather Park plan, all in the **Math of Architecture.**

**Bill Zahner** is the CEO of A. Zahner Company, which is doing the detailed design, fabrication and installation of the Chrysalis canopy. Zahner is a 120 year old, fourth

generation, family owned company, known around the world for enabling cutting edge architecture for those such as Frank Gehry. Bill is an artists, engineer and entrepreneur, and he will be presenting his work, methodologies, patents, and explain what his company is doing for the Trust, all in the **Architecture of Math.**

To learn more about Merriweather Park, visit the [website](#).



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