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Toll Brothers to host public meeting on WMAL property preliminary plan April 9



Developer Toll Brothers has announced it will be hosting a community meeting regarding their preliminary plan for the WMAL tower site in Bethesda on Saturday, April 9 at 10:00 AM at North Bethesda Middle School (8935 Bradmoor Drive). Mark Nosal, President of Toll Brothers' Maryland Division, says the preliminary plan will detail the configuration of lots, roads and public space within the development.

Landscaping and amenities will be fleshed out at a future planning stage, Nosal said. The plan that will be unveiled will reflect the ten months of public input Toll Brothers has received, he said, as well as feedback from Montgomery County Government.

The site at 7115 Greentree Road houses four transmitters for WMAL Radio in a partially-forested, parklike setting surrounded by single-family residential neighborhoods. There is limited road access to the site, expected to be remedied by connecting Greentree Road with Greyswood Road, as suggested by an earlier master plan. How Greyswood Road residents might feel about that is another story.

It will be interesting to see the final mix of housing types proposed. At a meeting last year, Toll Brothers predicted there would be a 50/50 mix of single-family houses and townhomes, with 330 homes altogether. Current residents have raised several concerns, including already-overcrowded schools in the Walter Johnson cluster, and traffic, given the overwhelmingly auto-oriented nature of the site.

WMAL is expected to relocate its transmitters to Germantown if the development is approved.

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