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**Harford County Economic Development to Host July 18 Open Forum on Edgewood
Revitalization**

BEL AIR, Md., (July 5, 2017) - What is the best way for Edgewood to grow? Harford County's Office of Economic development will host an open forum on Tuesday, July 18 for community members, businesses, and representatives from Aberdeen Proving Ground to discuss their ideas for Edgewood's future. Attendees are welcome any time between 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the American Legion Post #17 located at 415 Edgewood Road in Edgewood. Public input will help form a community vision to launch the Edgewood Small Area Study being conducted for Harford County by an independent consulting firm. The study was commissioned by the administration of County Executive Barry Glassman to assess existing resources, analyze market opportunities and help drive revitalization efforts in the area.

At the open forum, representatives from the consulting firm Thomas Comitta Associates will provide a brief project overview, take questions, and gather input at intervals throughout the evening as new participants arrive. Those who cannot attend may send comments via email to Jake Adler, project manager in the Harford County Office of Economic Development, at jzadler@harfordcountymd.gov or call 410-638-3414.

The Edgewood Small Area Study is an implementation of APG's Joint Land Use Study (JLUS), which advances the partnership between the community and the installation through resource planning and cooperative land use. A federal program that assists communities impacted by planning for the nation's defense will fund the Edgewood Small Area Study. The study will result

in plans to improve the quality of life in the community that borders APG by redeveloping Edgewood in a way that is compatible with APG's missions, enhances area business opportunities, and advances stakeholder goals.

"We hope to have input from a variety of stakeholders for this project, which is significant for the revitalization of the Edgewood community," Karen Holt, Harford County's director of Economic Development, said. "The outcome will be a comprehensive assessment of the area's market and a concept to attract investors interested in redeveloping the community, leading to job creation and career opportunities."

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