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### **Developers Establish ‘Commitment to Montco’s Preservation’ for Proposed Villages at Whitemarsh**

*Letter sent to County Commissioners outlines action steps*

WHITEMARSH, PA – K. Hovnanian Homes, the developers proposing the Villages at Whitemarsh townhomes, today issued their “Commitment to Montco’s Preservation.” K. Hovnanian’s proposed home development will maintain the surrounding land’s historical value and maximize open space.

In a letter to the Montgomery County Commissioners, the developers outlined the action steps they implemented as part of this commitment. Many of these steps were based on community input, and meant to preserve the historic structures adjacent to the proposed development at 4006 Butler Pike, including Abolition Hall and the Hovenden House.

“We have listened to and met with neighbors and community leaders through all stages of the development process, including preservationists and local officials,” said Barry McCarron, Division President. “We adopted many of their suggestions into our proposed plan.”

A key component to the Commitment to Montco’s Preservation is creating open space adjacent to the historical structures, which could function as a welcome park. This space will be owned by members of the Whitemarsh community, as part of the development’s homeowners association.

Other action steps include:

- Supporting all efforts to ensure these sites remain on the National Register of Historic Places, which will be fully preserved as part of the development;
- Utilizing only 70 percent of the allowed density for the overall site;
- Incorporating a walking trail across the site that will be part of Montgomery County’s “Cross County Trail” system; and
- Fulfilling a suggested use in the township’s comprehensive plan, without any significant traffic impact.

“We want our proposed development to meet the needs of the community and create an opportunity for families to grow and be part of the Whitemarsh community,” said McCarron.

K. Hovnanian Homes first proposed the construction of the development and started meeting with local leaders in 2015. Since that time, the developers have hosted a community meeting where neighbors provided feedback, and have revised the initial plans several times based on input from neighbors and community leaders. In 2018, K. Hovnanian began the process of presenting its conditional use application to Whitemarsh Township Board of Supervisors.

The developers will present again before the township supervisors on Thursday, May 24, at the Board of Supervisors' public meeting.

“We look forward to continuing the process of presenting our development to the township and community members,” said McCarron.

The developers' action steps, along with additional facts about the 67-unit Villages at Whitemarsh townhome development, can be found at [www.villagesatwhitemarsh.com](http://www.villagesatwhitemarsh.com)

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