

Connecting the corridor

a century of racism and resilience along the PURPLE LINE

Presented by Kaiser Permanente, the Coalition for Smarter Growth, and the Purple Line Corridor Coalition

The Purple Line will provide a new transit option for commuters traveling between Bethesda in Montgomery County and New Carrollton in Prince George's County. The 16.2-mile light rail will also connect Maryland neighborhoods that have been historically separated.

With the east-west transit project underway, join us for Connecting the Corridor, a virtual event that will explore how communities along the Purple Line corridor have been affected by discrimination and urban renewal. It will also detail how patterns of residential and economic segregation can be perpetuated by contemporary policies.

Facilitated by urban planner, writer, and advocate Dan Reed, the event will feature community storytellers who will share personal and enduring stories that show the effects of inequitable development, along with ways that we can all ensure that the Purple Line fosters racial equity.

Wednesday, April 21, 2021, 6 - 8 p.m.

REGISTER

For more information about equitable development efforts along the Purple Line, visit the Purple Line Corridor Coalition at purplelinecorridor.org and the Coalition for Smarter Growth at www.smartergrowth.net.

SPEAKERS



Welcome

Michael O. Willis, PhD
Vice President and Information Officer, Kaiser Permanente



Keynote remarks

The Hon. Parris Glendening
Former Governor of Maryland



Conversation moderator

Dan Reed
Urban planner and writer

STORYTELLERS



Lakeland

Maxine Gross
Chairperson, Lakeland Community Heritage Project



Lakeland

Courtnie Thurston
Community Designer, Lakeland Community Heritage Project



Lyttonsville

Pat Tyson
Community advocate



Lyttonsville

Merrie Blocker
Vice President, North Woodside Citizens Association



Langley Park

Yolanda Quintanilla
Community advocate



Bethesda

Ben Ross
Author, *Dead End: Suburban Sprawl and the Rebirth of American Urbanism*