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***MOREHOUSE TO HOST TOWN HALL MEETING ON THE IMPACT OF
URBAN SPRAWL ON HEALTH IN THE INNER CITY***

ATLANTA— December 8, 2004— The Public Health Sciences Institute at Morehouse College in conjunction with the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences is hosting a town hall meeting about the impact of urban sprawl on health in the inner city.

“We’re excited to be coming to Morehouse College,” said Dr. Kenneth Olden, NIEHS director, ““We want to make our science responsive to the American people and this gathering will help promote a broader public understanding of environmental health issues specific to the Atlanta area.”

“The town hall meeting brings together leaders from the community and leading experts on the impact of urban sprawl on health,” said Dr. J.K. Haynes, Dean of the Division of Science and Mathematics at Morehouse. “We hope that the discussions will provide some new ideas for the city and more importantly serve as a catalyst to address emerging problems. This effort is yet a part of Morehouse's continuing commitment to become more involved with the Atlanta community.”

Part of the National Institutes of Health, the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences supports research to understand the effects of the environment on human health.

What: Town Hall Meeting
“The Impact of Urban Sprawl on Health in the Inner City”

When: Thursday, December 16, 2004
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Where: Sale Hall Chapel
830 Westview Drive, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30314
(on the campus of Morehouse College)

Who: Moderator: Dr. Kenneth Olden
Director NIEHS

Participants:

Mr. Ceasar C. Mitchell
Council member (Post1 AT Large)
City of Atlanta

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Mr. Bruce Morton
Chief of Dept. of Communications
Atlanta City Council

Ms. Dazon Dixon Diallo
President, Sister Love, Inc.

Participants Continued: **Mr. James Shelby**
Commissioner of Planning & Development
City of Atlanta – Mayor’s Office

Ms. Tanisa Foxworth
Coordinator
African American Environmental Justice Action Network

Ranked three times as the number one college in the nation for educating African American students by Black Enterprise magazine, and recognized by The Wall Street Journal as one of the top feeder schools for the 15 most prominent graduate and professional schools in the country, Morehouse College is the nation’s largest, private liberal arts college for men. Founded in 1867, the College enrolls approximately 3,000 students and confers bachelor’s degrees on more black men than any other institution in the world. The College offers 26 majors in three academic divisions: Humanities and Social Sciences, Science and Mathematics, and Business and Economics. Morehouse offers a number of programs and activities to enhance its challenging liberal arts curriculum through the Leadership Center at Morehouse College, Morehouse Research Institute, and Andrew Young Center for International Affairs. Morehouse is one of only two Historically Black Colleges or Universities to produce three Rhodes Scholars.

Prominent alumni include Martin Luther King Jr., Nobel Peace Prize laureate and civil rights leader; Dr. David Satcher, former U.S. Surgeon General and director of the National Center for Primary Care at the Morehouse School of Medicine; Sheldon “Spike” Lee, filmmaker and president of 40 Acres & A Mule Productions; Samuel L. Jackson, Academy Award nominated actor; Maynard H. Jackson, founder of Jackson Securities and the first African-American mayor of Atlanta; and Nima A. Warfield, the first African-American Rhodes Scholar from an Historically Black College or University.

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