

THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

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This Commission has general park and planning jurisdiction over the Maryland-Washington Metropolitan District created by Chapter 448, Acts of 1927, and the Maryland-Washington Regional District created by Chapter 714, Acts of 1939. Both districts are within Montgomery and Prince George's counties adjoining the District of Columbia, and embrace approximately 841 square miles and 987 square miles respectively. The estimated January 1, 1978, census population was 593,500 in Montgomery County and 677,100 in Prince George's County.

The 1977-1978 estimated taxable base of Montgomery County is \$6.2800 billion; the Regional

District is Assessable Base \$5.5806 billion; and the Metropolitan District is Assessable Base \$5.5806 billion. The 1977-1978 taxable base of Prince George's County is \$5.0250 billion; the Regional District is \$4.9537 billion; and the Metropolitan District is \$4.7536 billion.

The Commission has been given, through Public General Laws enacted by the Maryland General Assembly, definite jurisdiction over the regional planning of the Maryland-Washington Regional District, which includes all of Montgomery County and Prince George's County, excepting certain incorporated communities that retain their own planning and zoning authority.

The Commission is composed of ten members, five of whom must be residents of Montgomery County and five of whom must be residents of Prince George's County. Not more than three members from each county may be members of the same political party. Members of the Commission are appointed by the County Executive of Prince George's County and confirmed by the County Council. In Montgomery County, members of the Commission are appointed by the County Council and confirmed by the County Executive. Appointments to the Commission are for four-year terms. Vacancies are filled in the same manner as appointments and are for the unexpired term. The respective appointing authorities may, at their discretion, designate a member of the Commission from each county to serve on a full-time basis. Each appointing authority designates a member for the position of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Commission. The positions of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Commission alternate between the Chairpersons of the respective County Planning Boards on a fiscal-year basis.

The five members from each County constitute the County Planning Board. The Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson of the Commission also act as Chairpersons, respectively, of their County Planning Boards. The Commission appoints its Executive Director, Secretary-Treasurer, and General Counsel, as well as other staff members as may be necessary. The respective County Parks Directors and County Planning Directors are also Commission appointees and act as Director of Parks and Director of Planning, for bi-county matters, in the years that coincide with those years in which the Chairperson of the same County's Planning Board serves as Chairperson of the Commission.

Within the Maryland-Washington Metropolitan District, the Commission is empowered to