

An aerial photograph of a large-scale residential development. The houses are arranged in neat, rectangular blocks separated by wide, winding roads. In the upper left corner, a child is seen on a swing set. In the upper right, a group of people is gathered around a picnic table. In the lower left, a bulldozer is working on a construction site. In the lower right, a multi-lane highway bridge spans across the scene.

PLANNING BRINGS PROGRESS

**MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL
PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION
ANNUAL REPORT JULY 15, 1953**

MARYLAND-WASHINGTON REGIONAL DISTRICT



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Of The
**MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL
PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION**
MAY 1, 1952 – APRIL 30, 1953



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THE Commission has jurisdiction over the heavily populated suburban area in Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties adjacent to the Nation's Capital. This area has common economic and social problems, thus constituting the planning unit, and was incorporated by the Maryland General Assembly as the Maryland-Washington Regional District.

This widely recognized principle of planning on a regional basis is essential in providing a framework into which the development of local communities can fit in a harmonious pattern.

It also enables you, the residents of the Regional District, to present a united front through your Commission in dealings with Federal, State and local governmental agencies.

CHAIRMAN'S LETTER



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THE MARYLAND - NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION REGIONAL AND METROPOLITAN DISTRICTS IN MONTGOMERY AND PRINCE GEORGES' COUNTIES, MARYLAND

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July 1, 1953

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To the Residents of the Maryland-Washington Regional District:

During the year ended April 30, 1953, this Commission continued its work of providing a physical pattern for better living within the Maryland-Washington Regional District.

A summary of the Commission's activities for that period, together with a general description of the functions and objectives of the Commission, is contained in this report.

It is our hope that the report will not only prove interesting reading, but that it will provide useful information that should assist in solving the planning problems of the area.

Sincerely,

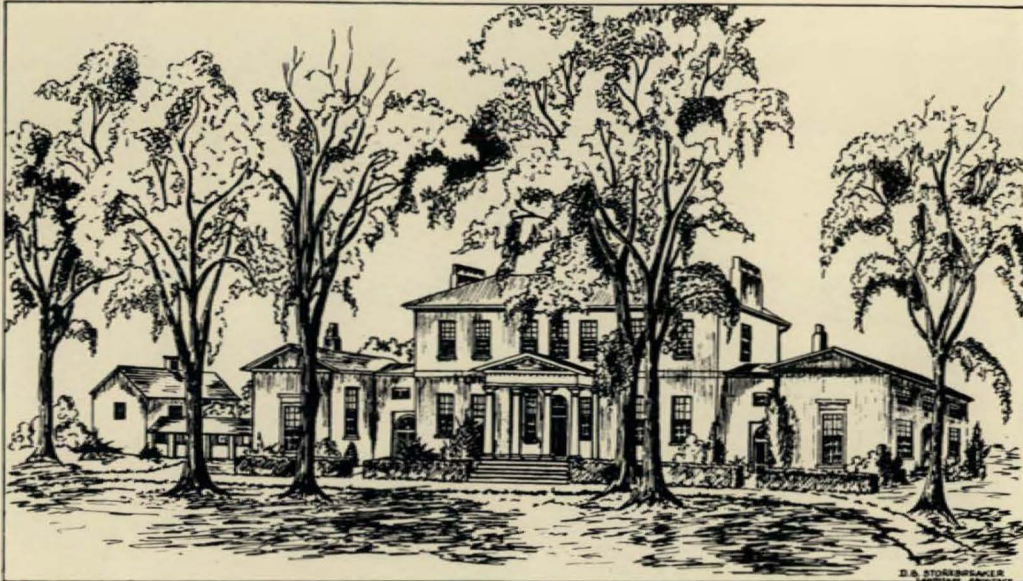
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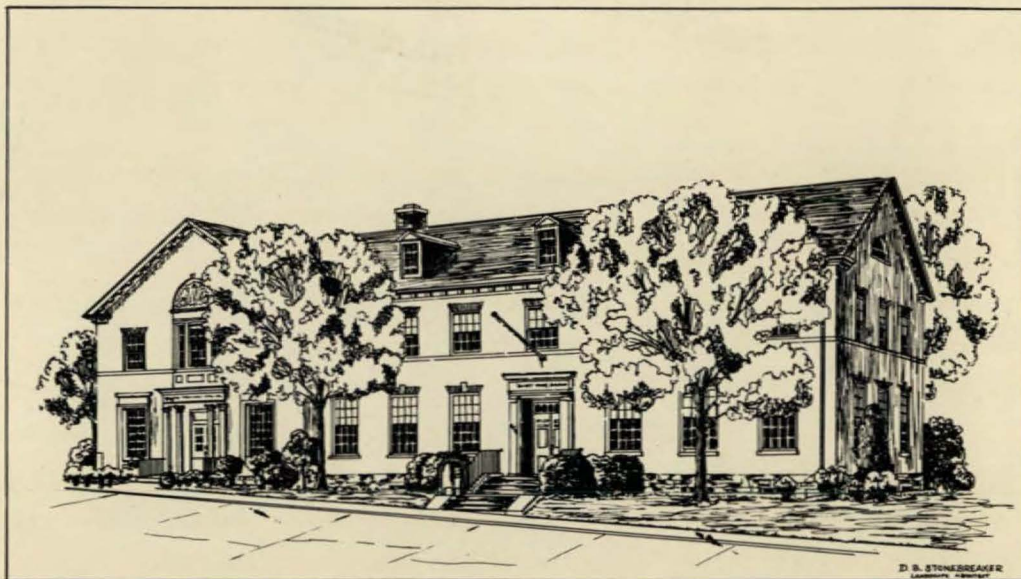
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PLANNING BUILDINGS



The historic Calvert Mansion, Riverdale, where the Commission maintains a regional office. Built in 1801, this structure was once the home of George Calvert, son of the sixth Lord Baltimore.



Planning Building, Silver Spring, in which the Commission has another regional office.

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INTRODUCTION

THE last 12 months marked the 26th year since The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission was established to guide the orderly development of the Maryland suburbs adjoining the District of Columbia.

As in the first quarter-century of its existence, the Commission's record during the past year speaks for itself in the continued progress achieved through the application of sound planning practices to the problems which constantly arise in one of the fastest growing areas in the country.

This planning unit extends over some 320 square miles in Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties with a population of over 400,000. And the surge of new residents into this area is still going on.

It is estimated that approximately 30,000 new home owners and apartment dwellers settled in suburban Maryland during the period covered by this report.

While keeping pace with the demand for planning services within the Regional District, the Commission continued to make clear its willingness to extend this protection to communities outside the district, if they so desire.

Under a law passed at the 1949 session of the Maryland General Assembly, the Commission may extend its authority at the request of the governmental agency having jurisdiction over the outside area involved.

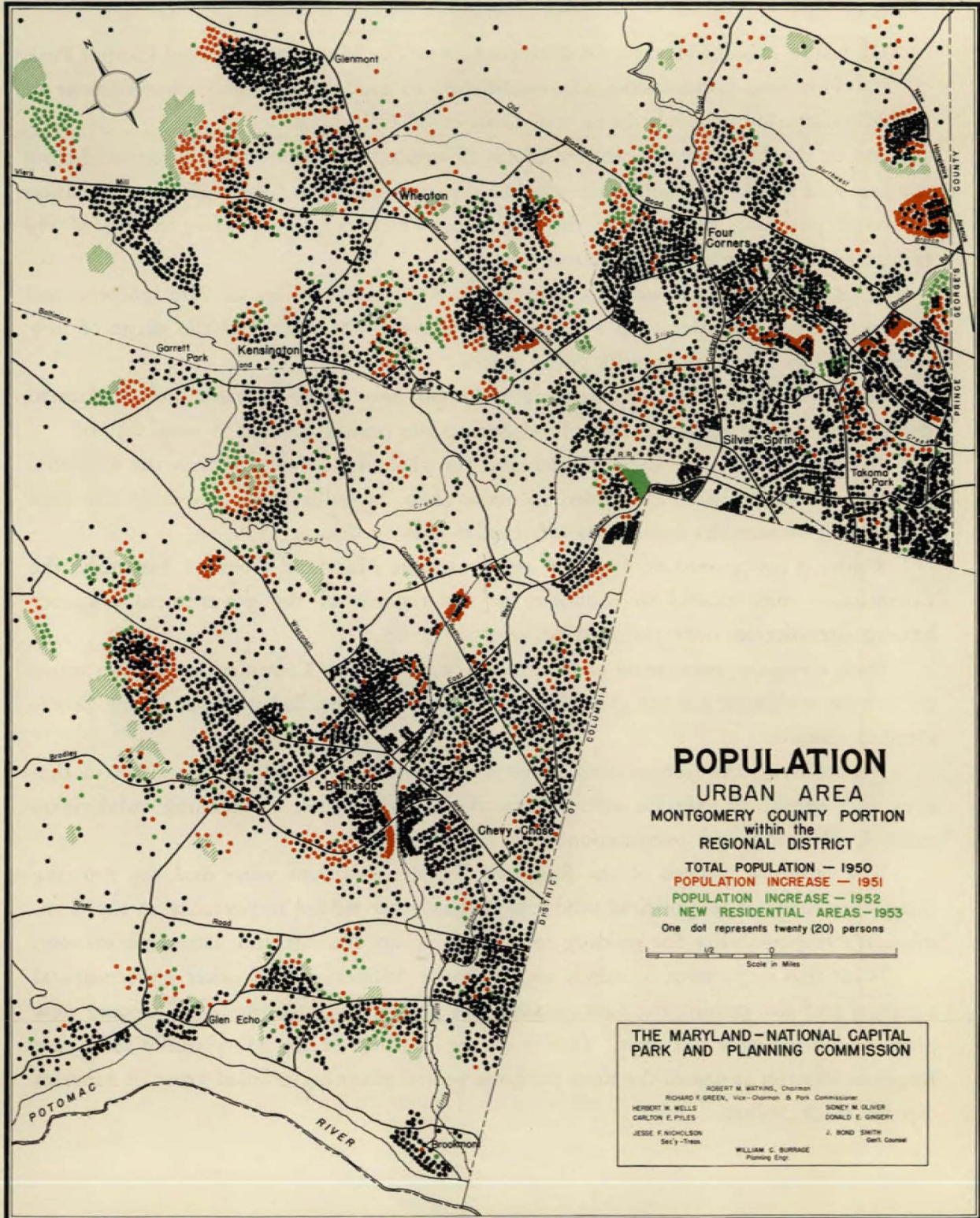
Such a request came from the Prince Georges County Commissioners, who transmitted the wishes of a large group of people living in the 2nd precinct of the Bowie election district.

Accordingly, the Commission immediately instituted building inspection in that area and agreed to exercise other protective functions there, including subdivision control, planning and preparation of a zoning map.

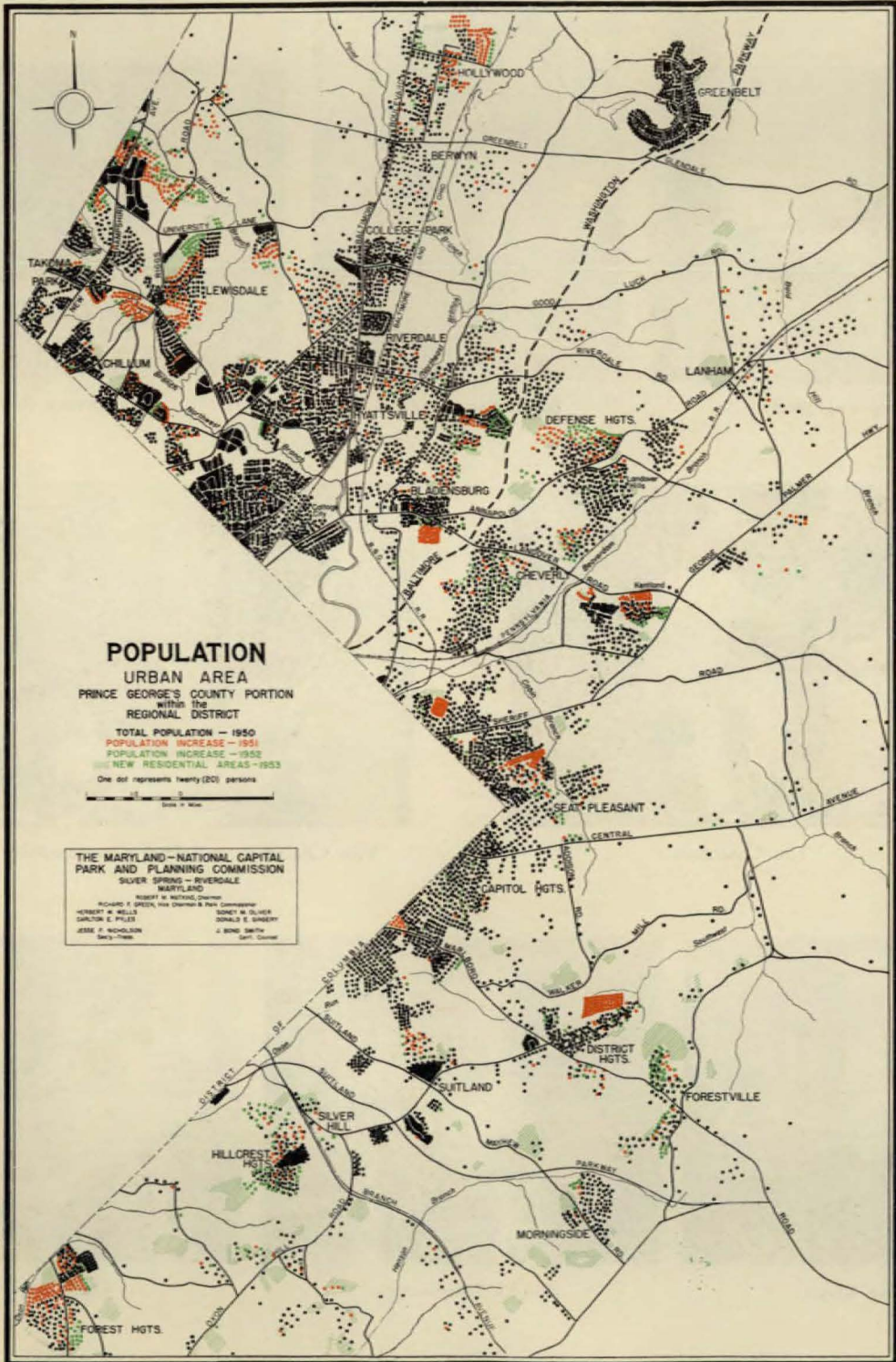
The amazing growth of the Regional District in recent years and the growing interdependence of its political subdivisions has given added importance to the Commission's responsibility for guiding its growth in an efficient and attractive manner.

With this uppermost in mind, and with the co-operation of other governmental agencies and the public, the Commission and its staff will continue to prepare new plans and modernize old ones. That way, the position of the Maryland-Washington Regional District as one of the most progressive and planning-minded areas in America can be made secure.

POPULATION



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OFFICE TOUR



Planning Engineer



Subdivision Control



Conference Room



The Chairman



Vice Chairman and Park Commissioner



Drafting Room



Zoning Information



Drafting Room

REGIONAL PLANNING

ONE of the Commission's most vital functions is the over-all, long-range planning of the Regional District.

The general plan for the physical development of the Region, under the Commission's enabling legislation, includes such elements as the location of roads, parks, aviation fields, housing projects, Federal buildings and other public structures, the uses of land and other factors of urban and regional planning.

Acting under that authority, the Commission adopted a Master Highway Plan for the Regional District as a part of the general plan.

Primary purpose of the highway plan is to show the pattern of roads — parkways, freeways, major and secondary thoroughfares — which the Commission believes should be developed in the area during the next 25 years.

It thus serves as a guide to construction agencies — county, State and Federal — in the acquisition of rights-of-way needed to build new highways and improve present ones. It does not set up priorities and indicates only general locations of new roads.

Two public hearings and many smaller meetings were held by the Commission to acquaint residents with details of the plan before final action was taken.

Some of the projects recommended by the Commission have been included in the 12-year construction plan of the Maryland State Roads Commission and several of these already are under construction.

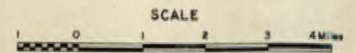
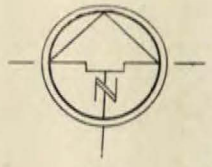
In many cases, the planning commission has obtained dedications of the necessary rights-of-way from developers when their land is subdivided. In other instances, the Commission reserves the necessary land under authority granted it by the General Assembly.

By seeing to it that housing and commercial developments are not built in the paths of proposed highways, the planning commission saves the taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars in condemnation costs when the highways are built.

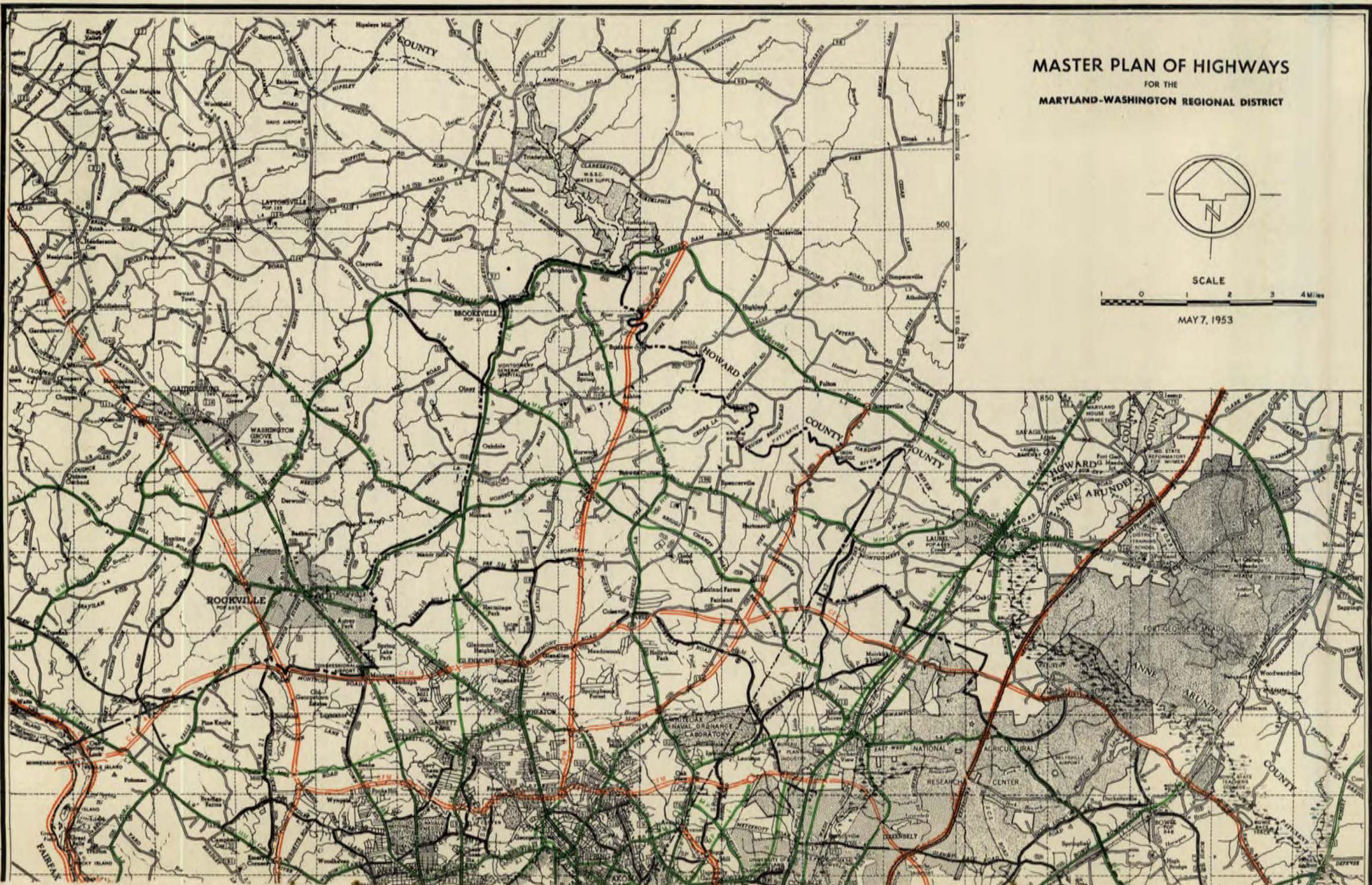
Similarly, the Commission sets building lines when it approves subdivision plats. This makes land available for future widening of existing roads.

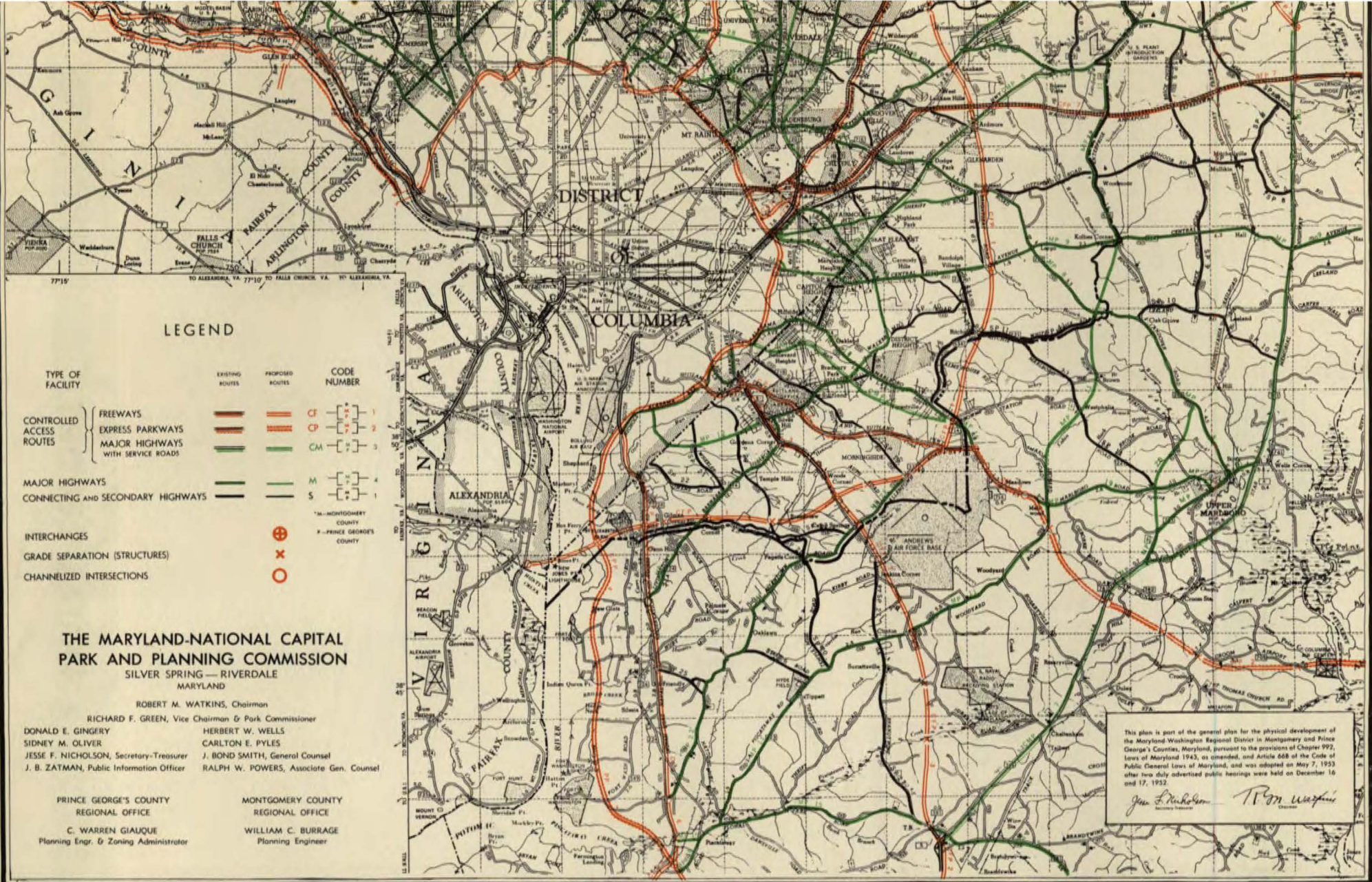
This highway plan was developed from a series of earlier plans on which the Commission has been working for many years. Like those first plans, this proposal will be revised from time to time. Its broad goals will not change, but the immediate steps proposed to reach those aims will have to shift with new ideas, new ways of doing things.

MASTER PLAN OF HIGHWAYS
FOR THE
MARYLAND-WASHINGTON REGIONAL DISTRICT



MAY 7, 1953





LEGEND

| TYPE OF FACILITY | EXISTING ROUTES | PROPOSED ROUTES | CODE NUMBER |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| CONTROLLED ACCESS ROUTES | Freeways | Freeways | C1 |
| | Express Parkways | Express Parkways | C2 |
| | Major Highways with Service Roads | Major Highways with Service Roads | CM |
| MAJOR HIGHWAYS | Major Highways | Major Highways | M |
| CONNECTING AND SECONDARY HIGHWAYS | Connecting and Secondary Highways | Connecting and Secondary Highways | S |
| INTERCHANGES | Interchanges | | ⊕ |
| GRADE SEPARATION (STRUCTURES) | Grade Separation (Structures) | | ⊗ |
| CHANNELIZED INTERSECTIONS | Channelized Intersections | | ○ |

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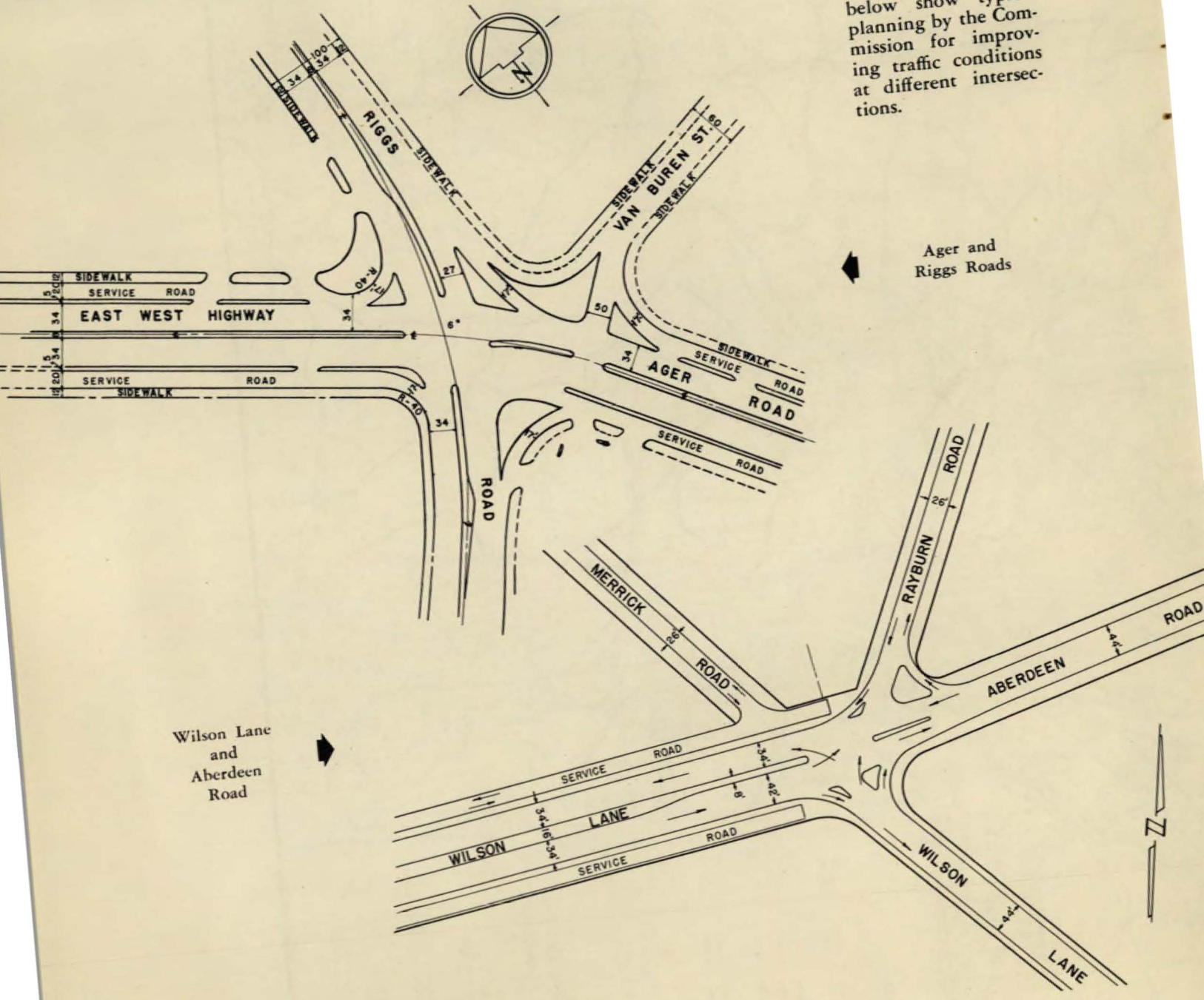
This plan is part of the general plan for the physical development of the Maryland-Washington Regional District in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, Maryland, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 992, laws of Maryland, 1943, as amended, and Article 88B of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, and was adopted on May 7, 1953 after two duly advertised public hearings were held on December 16 and 17, 1952.

John F. Nicholson
Robert M. Watkins

BASE MAP COMPILED FROM NAVYLAND STATE PLANS 1:50,000 SCALE

INTERSECTIONAL TREATMENTS

The two sketches below show typical planning by the Commission for improving traffic conditions at different intersections.



Ager and Riggs Roads

Wilson Lane and Aberdeen Road

PARKS

THE Commission last year continued to expand its park system in suburban Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties. During that period, the Commission acquired 141 acres of park land, bringing the total to 2,942 acres.

This land lies along eight main streams in the two counties — Cabin John Creek, Little Falls Branch, Rock Creek, Sligo Creek, Northwest Branch of the Anacostia River, Paint Branch, Anacostia River and Oxon Run.

It is acquired in accordance with the park plan adopted by the Commission in 1948. With this plan as a guide, the Commission fixes park-taking lines to determine the amount of land it believes will be needed for park development in the various stream valleys.

Sometimes, the Commission is able to obtain the land within these lines from public-spirited developers when the property is subdivided. But more often, the Commission must buy the land. And the mushroom-like growth of the Maryland-Washington Regional District has made this land extremely expensive.

Some financial assistance has been afforded the Commission in the past under provisions of the Capper-Cramton Act, passed by Congress in 1930. This law authorizes Congress to appropriate funds for the purchase of park land on the basis of a one-third grant and a two-thirds loan to the Commission.

However, Congress failed to make any funds available to the Commission for the 1951-2 and 1952-3 fiscal years. The Commission's request for \$265,000 for 1953-4 is now pending before Congress. Approval of this amount would clear the way for the Commission to borrow an additional \$530,000 in matching funds.

The Commission also contributes 50 per cent of the cost of buying land for the George Washington Memorial Parkway along the Potomac River from the District of Columbia line to Great Falls. The remainder comes from the Federal Government. To date, the Commission's share has amounted to \$448,000.

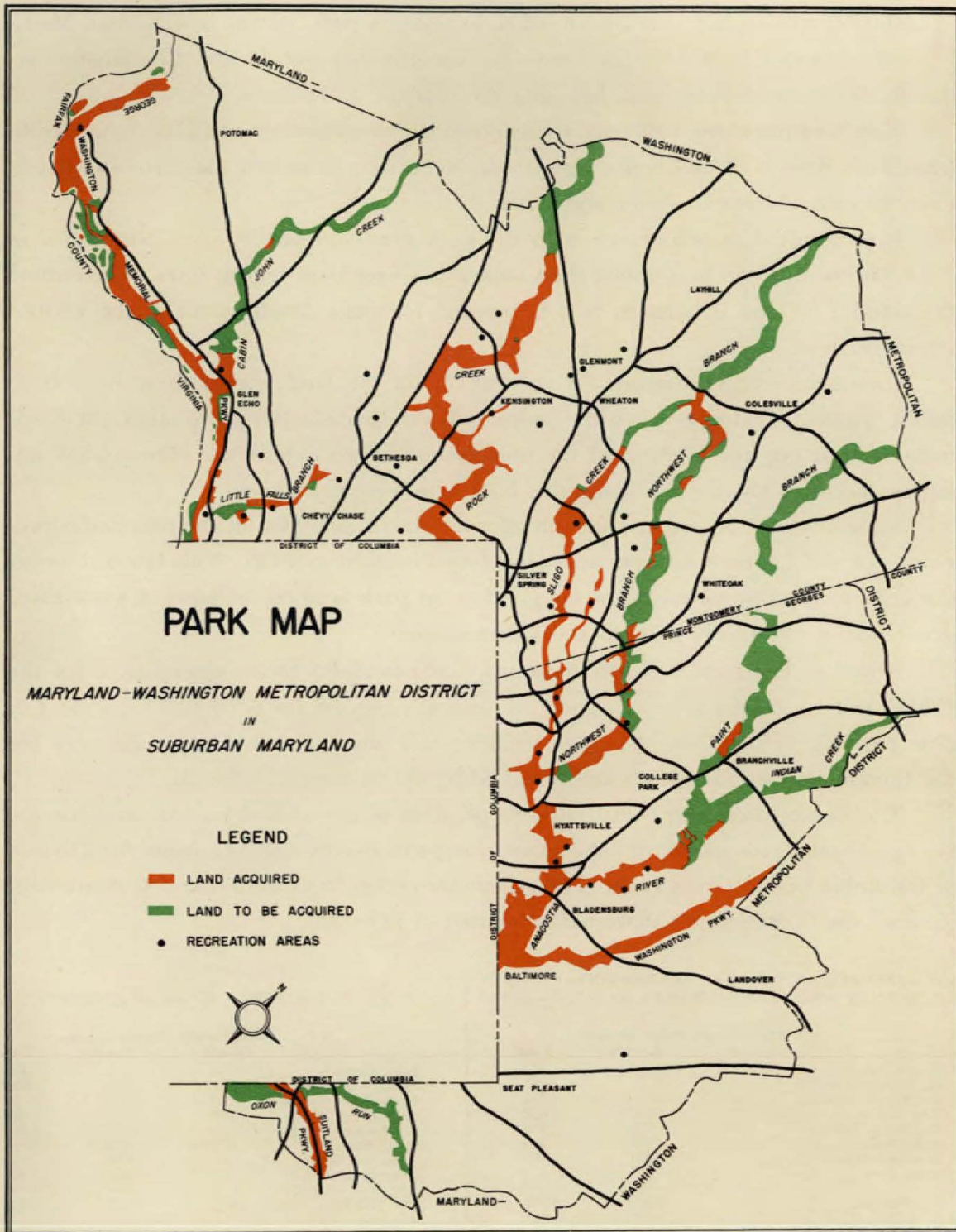
PARK LAND ACQUIRED IN CAPPER-CRAMTON SYSTEM IN MONTGOMERY AND PRINCE GEORGES COUNTIES—ACRES

| | Montgomery County | Prince Georges County | Total |
|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| Rock Creek | 917 | ... | 917 |
| Cabin John Creek | 73 | ... | 73 |
| Little Falls Branch | 116 | ... | 116 |
| Sligo Creek | 277 | 153 | 430 |
| Northwest Branch | 240 | 413 | 653 |
| Paint Branch | ... | 146 | 146 |
| Anacostia River | ... | 602 | 602 |
| Oxon Run | ... | 5 | 5 |
| TOTAL | 1623 | 1319 | 2942 |

TOTAL ACRES TO BE ACQUIRED

| | Montgomery County | Prince Georges County | Total |
|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| Rock Creek | 177 | ... | 177 |
| Cabin John Creek | 829 | ... | 829 |
| Little Falls Branch | 30 | ... | 30 |
| Sligo Creek | 107 | ... | 107 |
| Northwest Branch | 1252 | 113 | 1365 |
| Paint Branch | 1475 | 471 | 1946 |
| Anacostia River | ... | 180 | 180 |
| Oxon Run | ... | 367 | 367 |
| TOTAL | 3870 | 1131 | 5001 |

PARK DEVELOPMENT



PARK MAINTENANCE

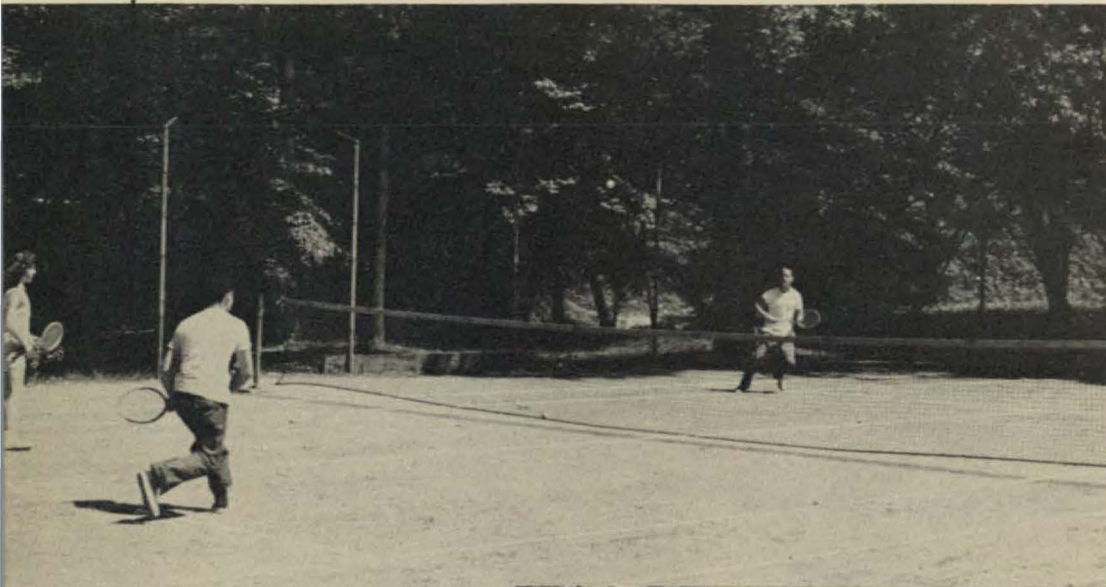
Cutting
grass
in
Anacostia Park



Retaining
wall
goes up
in Sligo
Creek Park

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PARK FACILITIES



One of the
26 tennis
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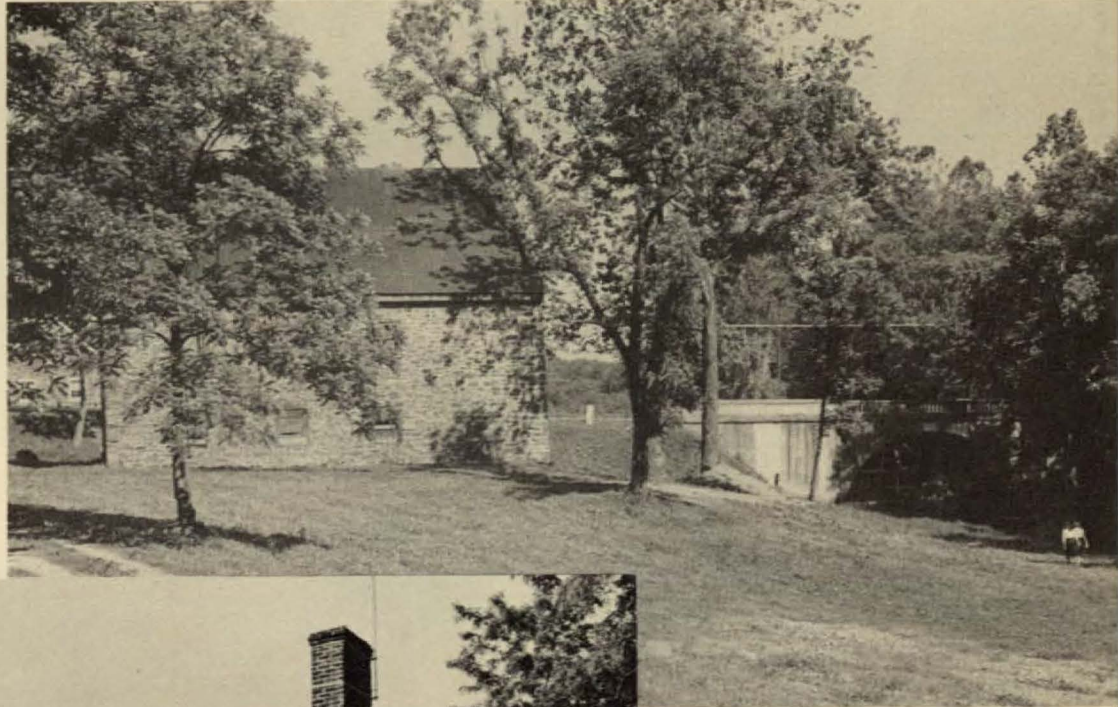


Typical
play scene
in a
Commission
park.

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PARK DEVELOPMENT

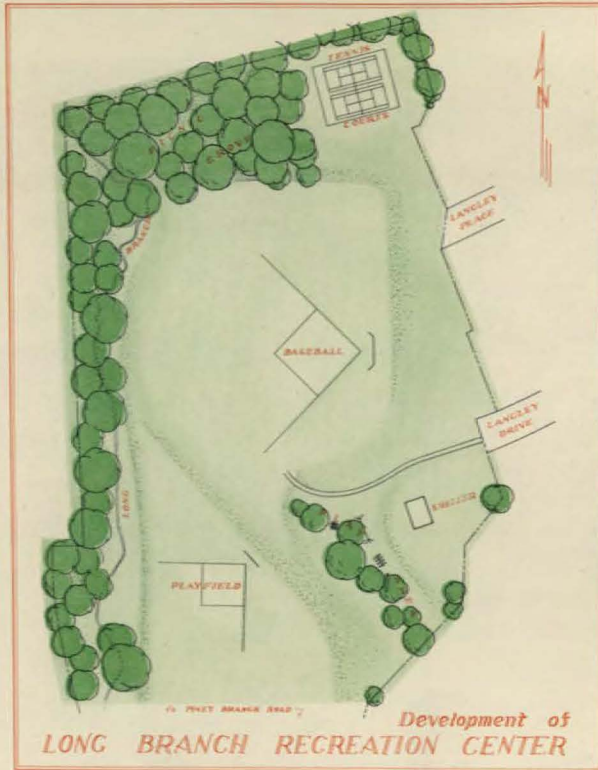
The 150-year-old Adelphi Mill in Northwest Branch Park adjacent to Riggs Road, a favorite sketching spot for art students.



The miller's cottage across the road, which was restored by the Commission last year. It is now occupied by a park custodian.

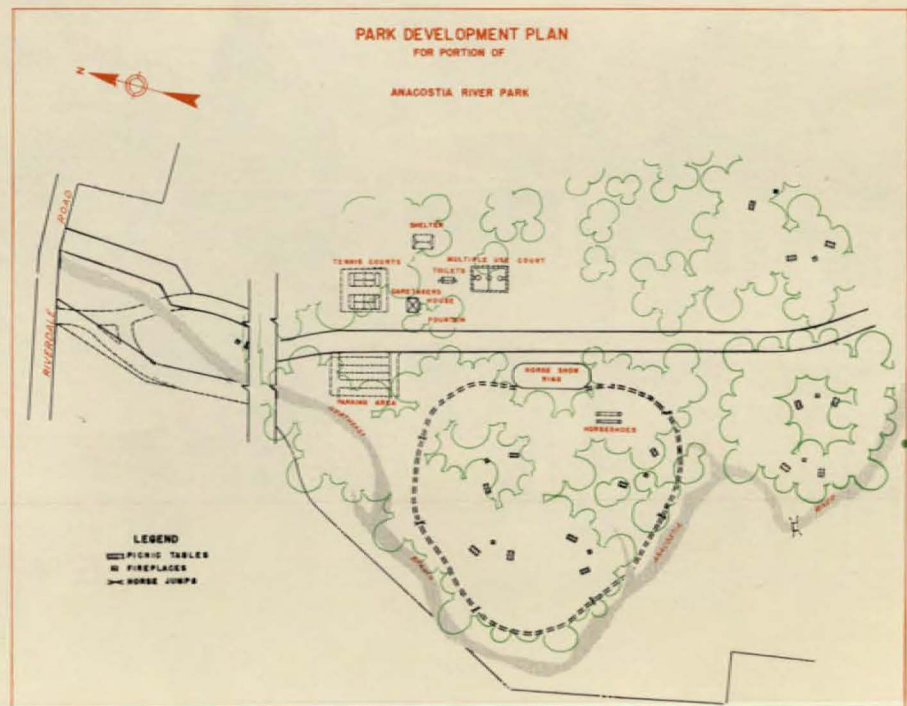
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PARK PLANS



Development plan for Long Branch Recreation Center

Development plan for a portion of Anacostia River Park along Tanglewood Drive near Riverdale Road

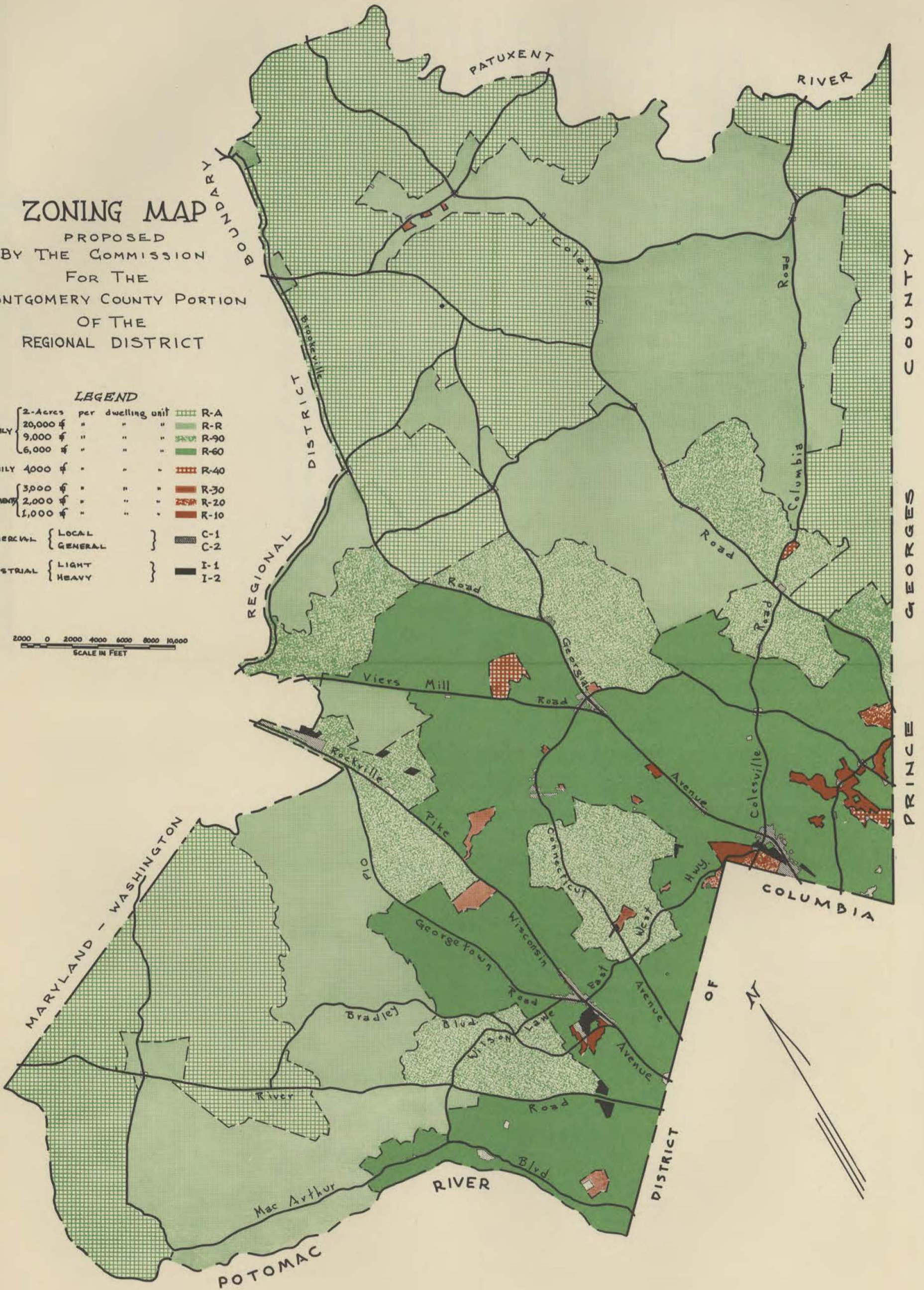
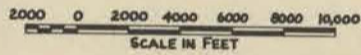


ZONING MAP

PROPOSED
BY THE COMMISSION
FOR THE
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PORTION
OF THE
REGIONAL DISTRICT

LEGEND

| | | | |
|------------|---------------------------|---|------|
| 1-FAMILY | 2-Acres per dwelling unit | ▨ | R-A |
| | 20,000 sq ft | ▨ | R-R |
| | 9,000 sq ft | ▨ | R-90 |
| | 6,000 sq ft | ▨ | R-60 |
| 2-FAMILY | 4000 sq ft | ▨ | R-40 |
| | | ▨ | R-30 |
| APARTMENTS | 3,000 sq ft | ▨ | R-20 |
| | 2,000 sq ft | ▨ | R-10 |
| | 1,000 sq ft | ▨ | |
| COMMERCIAL | LOCAL | ▨ | C-1 |
| | GENERAL | ▨ | C-2 |
| INDUSTRIAL | LIGHT | ▨ | I-1 |
| | HEAVY | ▨ | I-2 |



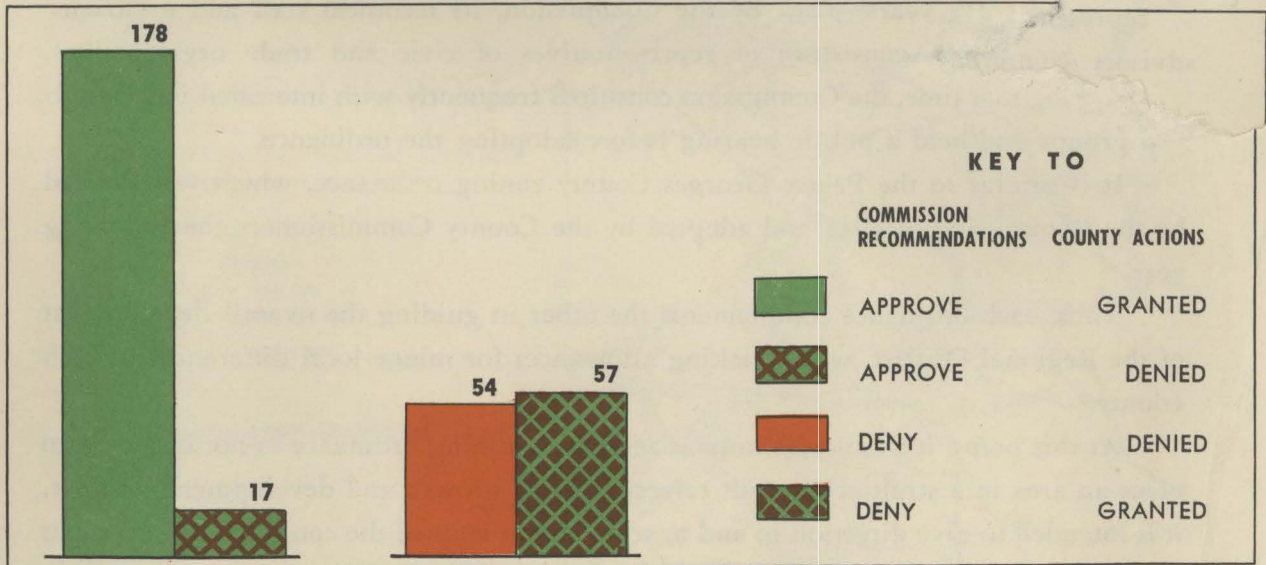
ZONING PROGRESS

PREPARATION of a proposed new zoning ordinance for the portion of the Maryland-Washington Regional District in Montgomery County and adoption of a zoning plan for Takoma Park highlighted the Commission's zoning activities during the year.

The Commission also proposed changes in the Prince Georges County zoning ordinance dealing with signs, cleaning establishments, nurseries and kindergartens.

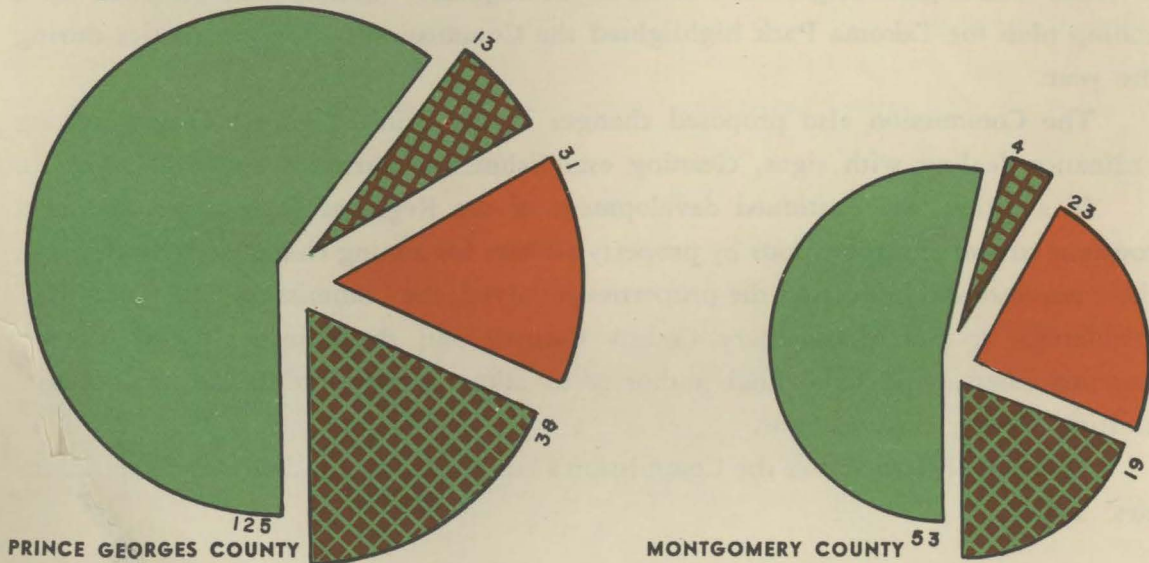
In addition, the continued development of the Regional District resulted in a constant stream of applications by property owners for zoning changes. After studying these requests and inspecting the properties involved, the Commission made its recommendations to the Montgomery County Council and the Prince Georges County Commissioners, who have final authority to adopt zoning ordinances and change existing zoning classifications.

The chart below shows the Commission's zoning recommendations and the counties' actions.



ZONING PROGRESS

Using the same key, here is a breakdown by counties of final zoning actions as compared with the Commission's recommendations.



THE proposed new Montgomery zoning ordinance, now before the County Council, represents 2½ years' work by the Commission, its technical staff and a citizens' advisory committee consisting of representatives of civic and trade organizations.

During that time, the Commission consulted frequently with interested individuals and groups and held a public hearing before adopting the ordinance.

It is similar to the Prince Georges County zoning ordinance, which was drafted by the Commission in 1948 and adopted by the County Commissioners the following year.

Thus, each ordinance complements the other in guiding the overall development of the Regional District, while making allowances for minor local differences in each county.

At this point, it should be emphasized that a zoning ordinance is not designed to place an area in a straitjacket with reference to its growth and development. Rather, it is intended to give direction to and to some extent control the course of development for residential, commercial and industrial purposes.

The Commission, therefore, will continue its practice of making recommendations for changes in either zoning ordinance to meet changing conditions.

TAKOMA PARK ZONING PLAN

THIS plan, which is a detailed land use map of the city, is the result of three years' work by the Commission and its staff. It represents the Commission's recommendations as to how land should be used in the bi-county municipality.

Although the need for such a plan had been evident for some time, the Commission was prevented from taking up the job by the more pressing need of drafting plans for new areas which were being built up rapidly throughout the Regional District after the war.

Frequent meetings were held with city officials and citizens' groups. Their recommendations as to proposed zoning classifications were considered and in many cases included in the Commission's proposals.

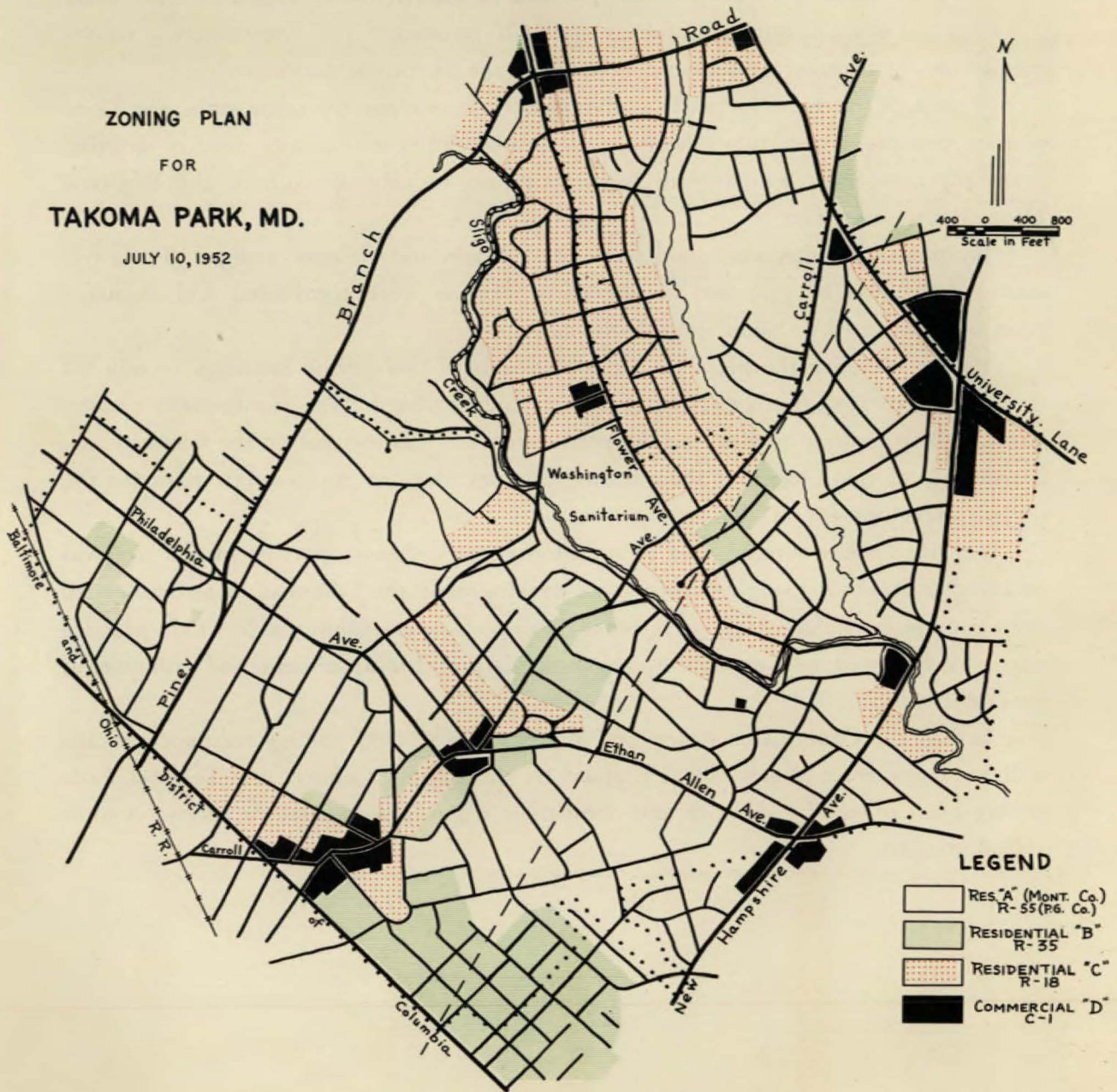
Before adopting the plan, the Commission held two public hearings — one for the Prince Georges County portion of the city and another for the Montgomery County portion. Throughout its work on the plan, attention was focused on the necessity and desirability of tying together the various recommendations into a single plan for the orderly development of the city.

For example, where an area in the Montgomery County portion of the city was believed desirable for single-family home development, the Commission recommended the same use for adjacent property on the Prince Georges County side. This practice also was followed in Commission recommendations for apartment and commercial uses of land.

Unlike the Commission's proposed Montgomery County zoning ordinance, which will have the effect of law when adopted by the County Council, the Takoma Park zoning plan is merely advisory and constitutes a guide to official decisions on individual matters.

TAKOMA PARK ZONING PLAN

ZONING PLAN
FOR
TAKOMA PARK, MD.
JULY 10, 1952



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SUBDIVISION CONTROL

CONTROL over the division of land into lots for building purposes is one of the Commission's most important activities.

Through its subdivision regulations, the Commission sees to it that houses are not jammed together haphazardly; that the lot sizes meet minimum requirements and are in conformity with those of surrounding housing developments; that the streets are wide enough and are laid out in such a way as to provide for easy traffic circulation, and that areas are set aside for parks, schools and recreation where necessary.

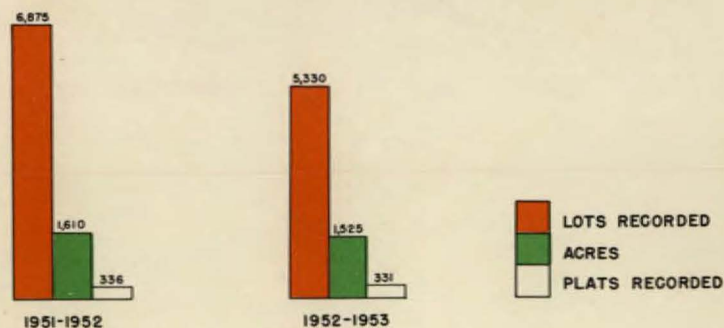
In addition, the Commission and its staff carefully study each subdivision plan to make certain that the topography of the area is suitable for building and that erection of homes on the lots would not result in an excessive expenditure of public funds for essential services, such as water and sewer.

A similar procedure is followed in checking proposed apartment, commercial and industrial developments.

Actually, the Commission maintains a double check on each subdivision plan. The land developer must first present a preliminary plan. If and when that is approved, he then must come in with a final plat in a form for recording in the land records. In many cases, the Commission and its technical staff work with the developer in helping him prepare a desirable plan.

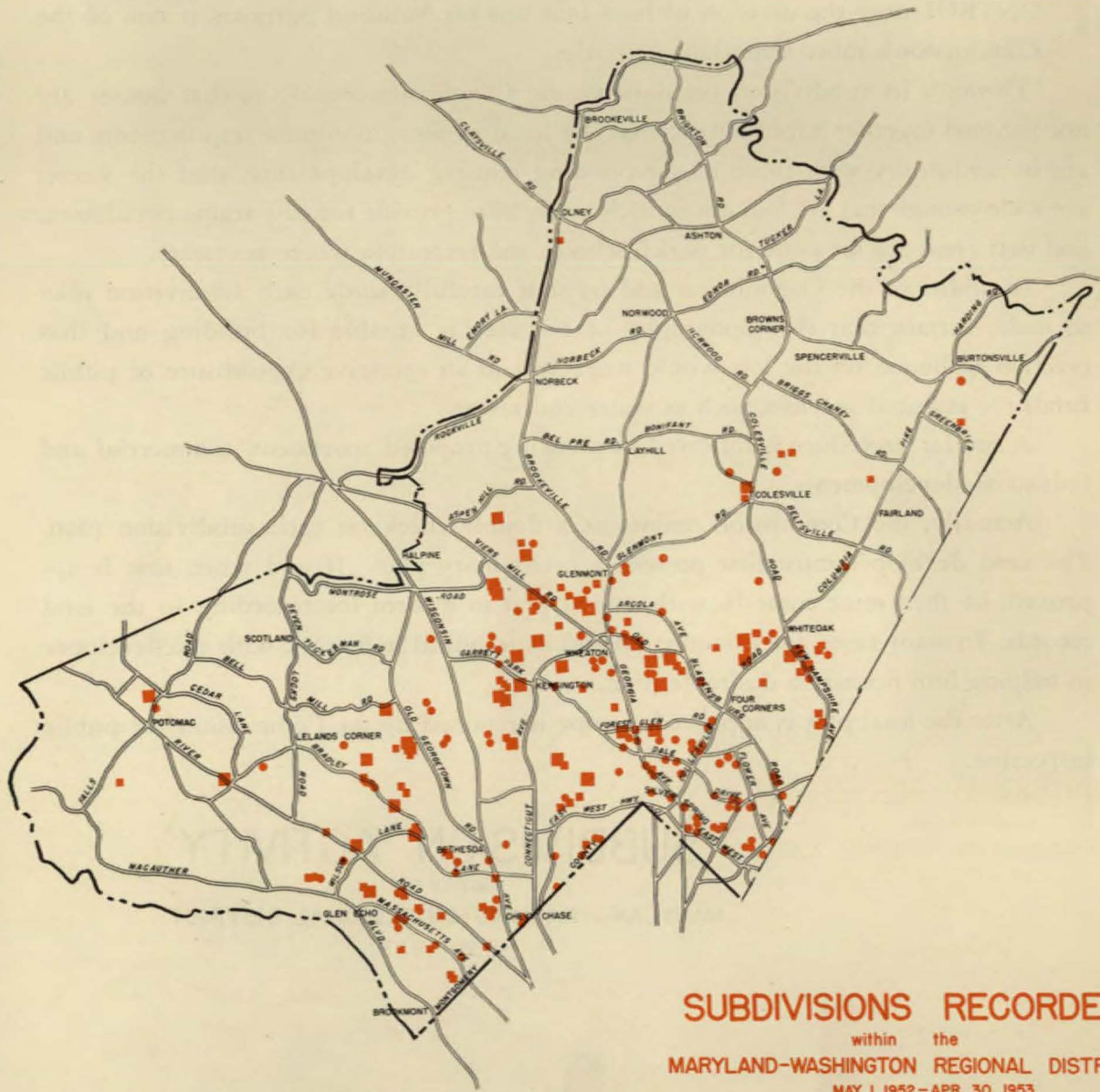
After the final plat is approved, a copy is retained by the Commission for public inspection.

SUBDIVISION ACTIVITY WITHIN THE MARYLAND-WASHINGTON REGIONAL DISTRICT 1951 - 1953



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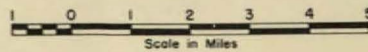
SUBDIVISIONS



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- 5 or less lots
 - 6 to 20 lots
 - 21 or more lots



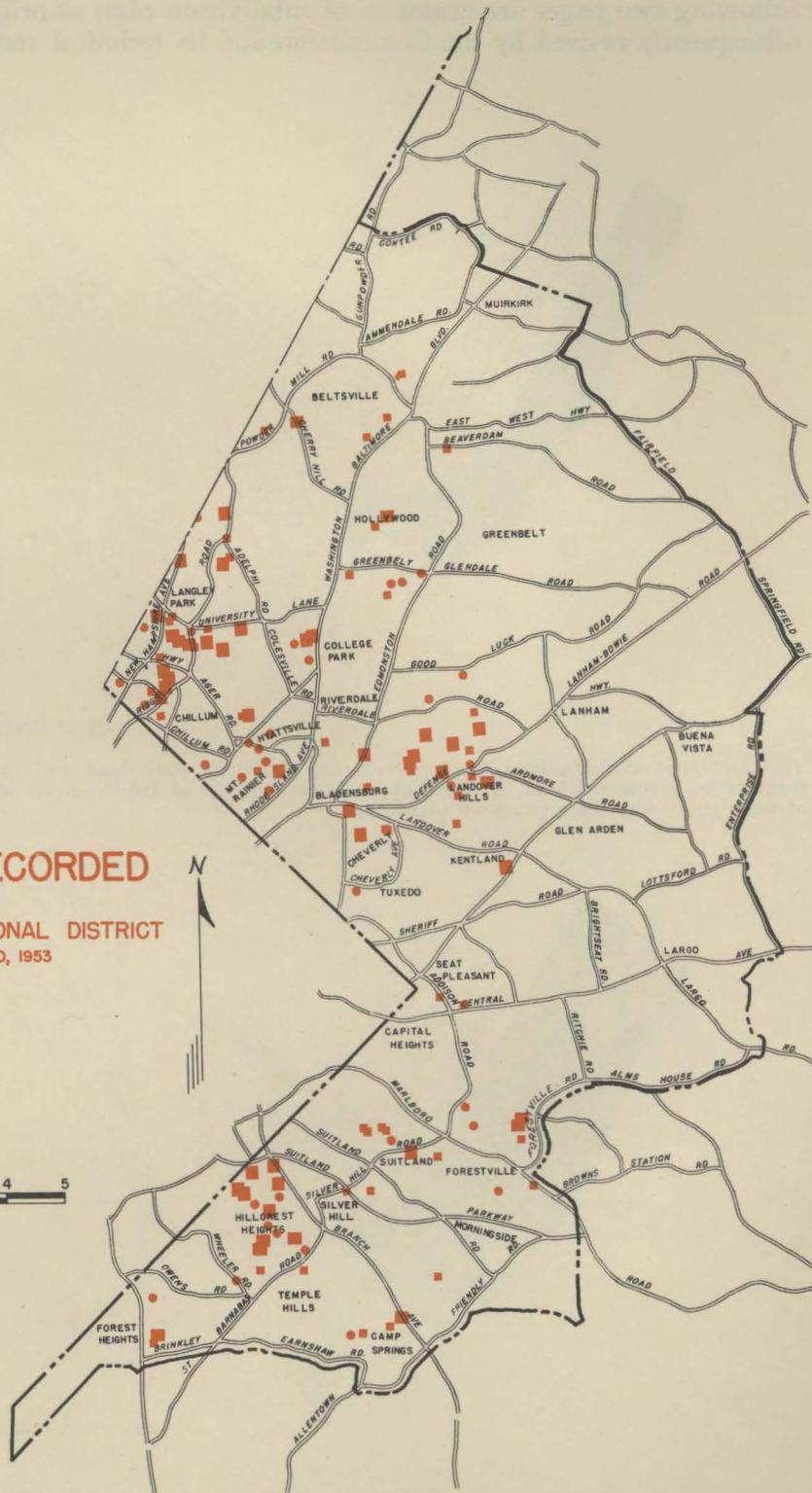
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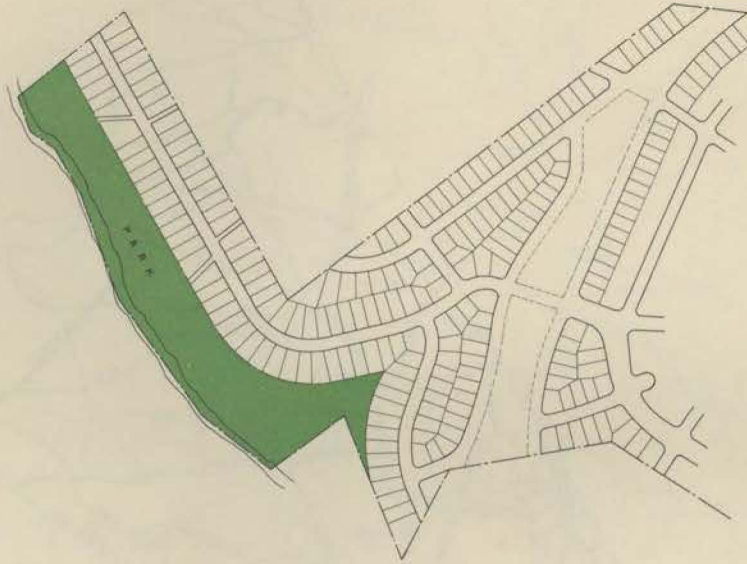
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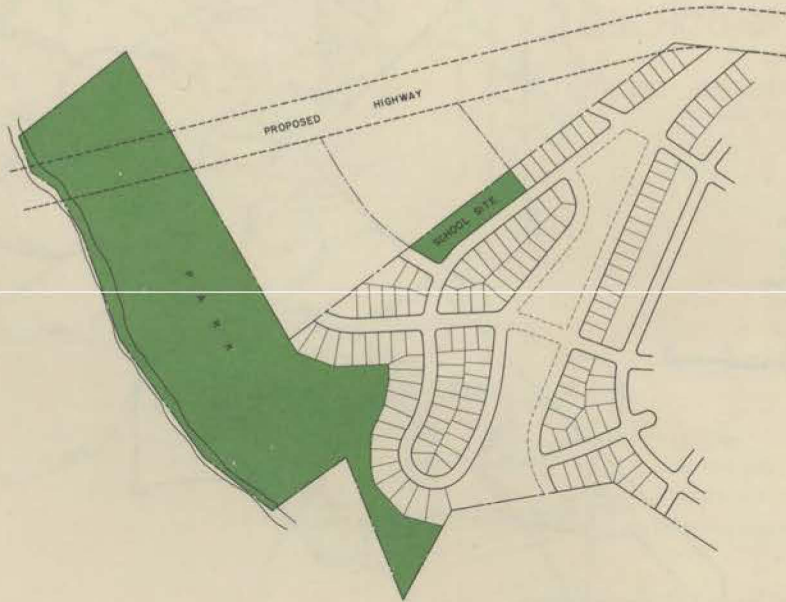
SUBDIVISION PLANNING

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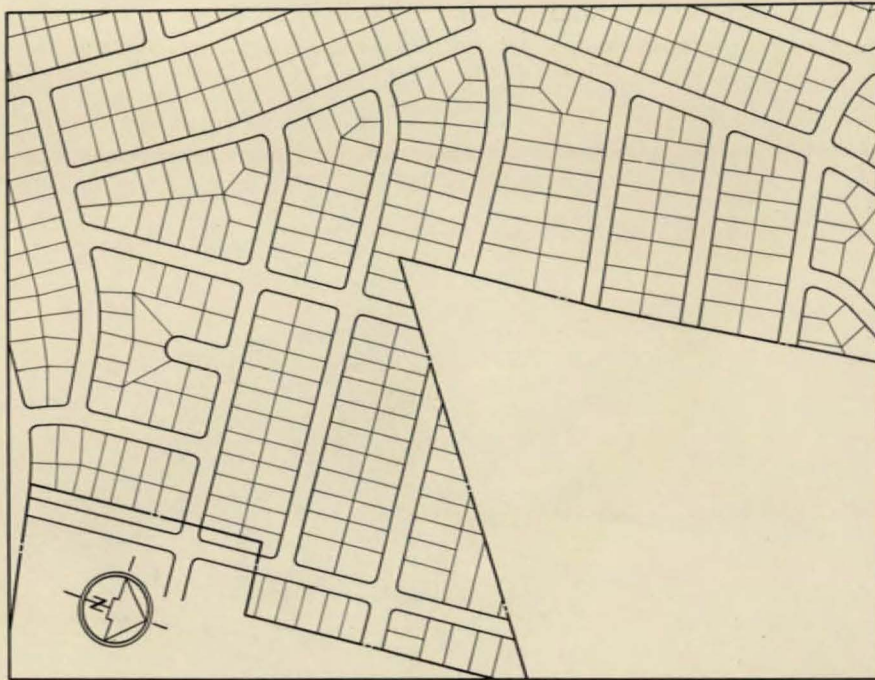
AS SUBMITTED.

This plat was revised primarily to provide for additional park land and to give street frontage to a future school. In addition, a small triangle of land was set aside as part of the right-of-way for a proposed highway.



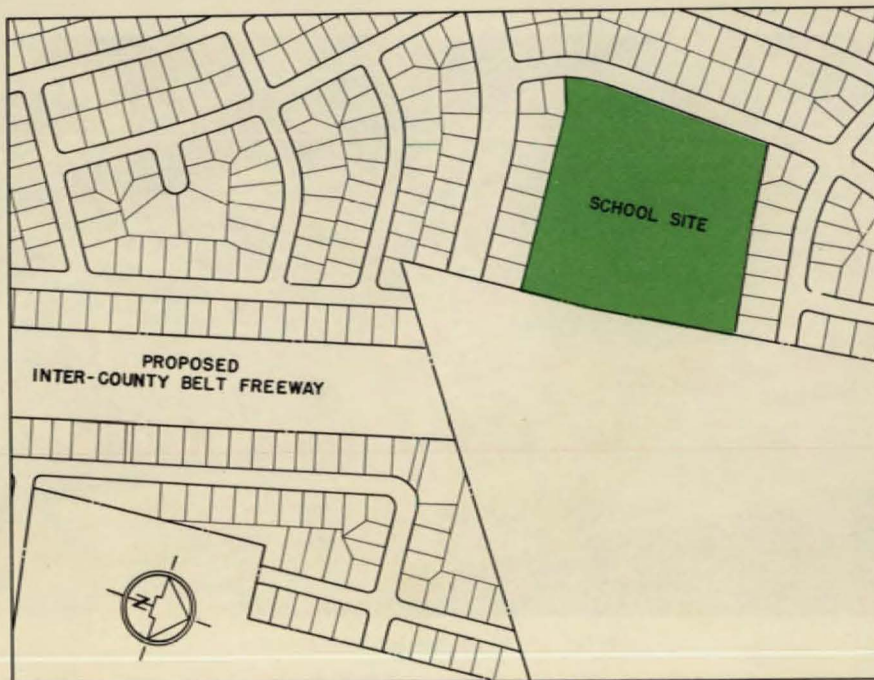
AS REVISED.

SUBDIVISION PLANNING



AS SUBMITTED.

The revised plat below makes allowance for the right-of-way of a proposed highway and for a school site located in proper relation to the area to be served. These revisions also necessitated changes in the street pattern.



AS REVISED.

FROM PLAN TO REALITY



Subdivision plan for Kentland.



Aerial photo of finished community.

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BEFORE AND AFTER



This is how a section of Forest Heights looked last year when construction had just begun.



Here is the finished product today.

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RECREATION ACTIVITIES



Senior
basketball
tournament
sponsored by
the Commission.

Children
playing carrom
as part of a
recreation program
in one of the
Commission's
parks.



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RECREATION

A RECORD number of 13,340 boys and girls ranging in age from 5 to 17 years were enrolled in the 41 recreation centers operated last summer in suburban Montgomery County by the Commission's Recreation Department.

Activities offered at these recreational sites with qualified instructors included tennis, golf, softball, baseball, track and field events, archery, movies, arts and crafts, music, badminton, swimming and dancing.

During the fall, the Commission sponsored four football leagues for elementary and high school students. A total of 273 boys were enrolled in 21 teams.

Beginning in December and continuing through March 15, the Commission organized 25 teen-age and adult basketball leagues with an enrollment of over 400.

The Commission also sponsored a special basketball tournament for approximately 2,000 junior and senior high school students during the Christmas holidays.

In the spring and continuing to the opening of the Commission's summer program June 21, the Commission sponsored 20 junior and senior high school baseball leagues in which about 600 youths participated.

In Prince Georges County, the Commission assisted the county-appointed Recreation Board in a similar program last year by contributing \$12,600 and making its park and playground facilities available to the board. The Commission chairman is a member of the board.

A total of 23 centers were operated by the Recreation Board last summer and approximately 5,000 children were enrolled. The board also sponsored 14 teen-age centers during the fall and winter months.



Midget baseball league in action during the Commission's recreation program last year.

BUILDING INSPECTION

A TOTAL of 6,296 permits for \$41,373,767 worth of building construction in suburban Prince Georges County were issued by the Commission's Building Inspection Department during the past year.

This compared with 6,814 permits and \$34,409,864 worth of building construction during 1951-2.

In the field of zoning enforcement, the Commission, through its chief building inspector, swore out warrants against six persons on charges of zoning violations and issued warnings in about 100 other cases.

The six against whom warrants were sworn out were convicted on charges ranging from putting up a sign without a permit to permitting apartments in a residential zone and maintaining a junkyard in a commercial or residential zone.

Most of the 100 warnings involved building additions or making alterations to single-family homes without a permit.

Here is a breakdown of building permits and construction valuation for 1952-3:

| <i>Type of Construction</i> | <i>Permit</i> | <i>Valuation</i> |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Single family detached homes | 1,838 | \$17,450,045 |
| Triple attached homes | 170 | 1,556,000 |
| Apartments—768 units | 81 | 3,801,000 |
| Semi-detached homes | 795 | 7,321,200 |
| Two-family homes | 15 | 242,000 |
| Miscellaneous * | 2,432 | 1,432,786 |
| Private garages | 280 | 216,505 |
| Oil burners | 475 | 333,400 |
| New Commercial | 64 | 1,020,873 |
| Commercial alterations | 53 | 169,807 |
| New industrial | 37 | 2,340,800 |
| Industrial alterations | 12 | 74,980 |
| Schools | 17 | 2,803,801 |
| School additions | 9 | 891,682 |
| Rectory | 1 | 63,500 |
| Churches | 6 | 474,000 |
| Church additions | 2 | 56,000 |
| Church alterations | 2 | 180,400 |
| Drive-in theater | 1 | 14,950 |
| Post Office | 1 | 50,000 |
| Public utility buildings | 2 | 726,800 |
| Public building | 1 | 100,000 |
| School bus garage | 1 | 25,000 |
| Hospital addition | 1 | 28,238 |
| TOTAL | 6,296 | \$41,373,767 |

* This item includes additions and alterations to residential buildings; tool sheds, chicken houses and similar small structures.

LITIGATION

AN 18-month legal battle by the Montgomery County Council to wrest title to the 4-acre Silver Spring Armory lot from the Commission ended last April when the Maryland Court of Appeals upheld the Commission's title to the property.

The tract is located in the rear of the Armory and fronts on Fenton Street, Pershing Drive and Wayne Avenue.

The Council filed suit in December, 1951, in Montgomery County Circuit Court claiming that the transfer of the property to the Commission in 1944 by the county was invalid.

Chief Judge Charles W. Woodward of the Montgomery Circuit Court sustained the Commission's demurrer and dismissed the suit. The county then appealed to the Maryland Court of Appeals.

The case was heard by the appellate court in February, 1953, and Chief Judge Simon Sobeloff handed down the court's unanimous decision upholding the Commission's title two months later.¹

Judge Sobeloff also pointed out in the opinion that when the Commission was created to assure integrated planning in Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties, there was "legislative expectation that the counties and the Commission should function in harmonious cooperation."

¹ Montgomery County v. Maryland-Washington Metropolitan District, et al, 96 A. 2d 353.

LEGISLATION

MAJOR changes in the Commission's setup have been effected as a result of legislation enacted at the 1953 session of the Maryland General Assembly and signed by Gov. McKeldin.

The bill, sponsored by Senators Anders R. Lofstrand, Jr., of Montgomery County and John R. Fletcher of Prince Georges County, was passed unanimously by the Senate and with only two dissenting votes in the House.

It was introduced after a proposal to abolish the Commission and create separate planning agencies in Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties was overwhelmingly defeated in the House.

The bill as passed does these things:

1. Reduces the Commission's 16-cent tax in Montgomery County to 10 cents by eliminating the 5-cent recreation tax and cutting the administration tax from 4 cents to 3 cents.

2. Provides further automatic reductions in the Commission's tax in both Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties by crediting the Commission's unexpended balances in its park and administration funds against future levies.

3. Transfers the recreation program in Montgomery County from the Commission to the County.

4. Transfers building inspection and zoning enforcement in Prince Georges County from the Commission to the County.

5. Requires the Commission to hold public hearings in both counties on its budget, before adopting it.

6. Compels the Commission to send the reports of its technical staff on zoning petitions to the Montgomery County Council and the Prince Georges County Commissioners, along with the Commission's recommendations.

7. Requires bi-partisan membership of the Commission by providing that not more than two of the three members from each county be of the same political party.

Transfer of the administration of the recreation program in Montgomery and building inspection and zoning enforcement in Prince Georges was recommended by the Commission because each was recognized as a local function which the respective counties are entirely qualified to perform.

The legislation consequently enables the Commission to devote more time to its principal bi-county functions — regional planning and park acquisition and development.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

THE Park and Planning Commission believes a comprehensive public information program is an important activity of any progressive planning agency.

Further, the Commission feels that practical planning requires mutual cooperation with the citizens of the community and with other governmental agencies.

The two — information and cooperation — go hand-in-hand and help the Commission to properly diagnose the varied needs of the community and to recommend the necessary steps for their fulfillment.

To accomplish this, the Commission intensified its public information program during the past year with a two-fold purpose in mind:

1. To acquaint the taxpayers with the Commission's objectives and achievements.
2. To stimulate greater public interest in planning.

In line with these aims, the Commission published a 25th anniversary booklet showing what it has done to guide the orderly development of the Maryland-Washington Regional District during the last quarter-century and tracing in broad outline what it plans to do in the future.

A total of 15,000 copies of the booklet were printed and distributed to all interested individuals and organizations.

The Commission also sponsored a tour of its parks and road projects in Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties in which more than 100 representatives of civic and other interested groups participated.

In addition, newspaper releases and talks by Commission and staff members before all types of organizations contributed to the Commission's policy of explaining its operations to the public.

To further implement this policy, the Commission transacts its business at open meetings held every two weeks which are attended regularly by newspapermen.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS
AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR MAY 1, 1952 TO APRIL 30, 1953 INCLUSIVE
ADMINISTRATION FUNDS

| | <i>Montgomery County</i> | <i>Prince Georges County</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|--|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| BALANCE — May 1, 1952 | \$ 85,038.65 | \$ 16,654.98 | \$101,693.63 |
| RECEIPTS: | | | |
| Tax Levy 4¢ | \$175,591.52 | \$ | \$175,591.52 |
| Tax Levy 3¢ | 286.97 | 90,096.12 | 90,383.09 |
| Plat Fees | 11,278.00 | 5,866.65 | 17,144.65 |
| Recording Fees | 795.00 | 655.00 | 1,450.00 |
| Sale of Prints and Maps | 2,106.52 | 1,483.10 | 3,589.62 |
| Zoning Sign and Special Exception Fees | ... | 2,800.00 | 2,800.00 |
| Sale of Zoning Ordinances | ... | 264.00 | 264.00 |
| Reimbursement of Telephone Expense | 374.69 | 87.28 | 461.97 |
| Refunds of Salaries and Expense | 312.85 | 71.87 | 384.72 |
| Dividend on Building and Loan Deposit | ... | 200.75 | 200.75 |
| Miscellaneous | 60.50 | 11.80 | 72.30 |
| Total Receipts | \$190,806.05 | \$101,536.57 | \$292,342.62 |
| Transfers from Building Inspection Fund | ... | 35,000.00 | 35,000.00 |
| Total | \$190,806.05 | \$136,536.57 | \$327,342.62 |
| Total Available | \$275,844.70 | \$153,191.55 | \$429,036.25 |
| DISBURSEMENTS: | | | |
| Commissioners and Officers Salaries and Expense Allowances | \$ 16,837.46 | \$ 15,737.41 | \$ 32,574.87 |
| Engineering, Clerical and Custodial Salaries | 86,515.72 | 51,180.42 | 137,696.14 |
| Stationery and Printing | 12,788.54 | 9,478.40 | 22,266.94 |
| Telephone and Postage | 4,688.13 | 2,090.12 | 6,778.25 |
| Equipment | 2,028.28 | 3,826.84 | 5,855.12 |
| Office Expense | 4,481.15 | 1,980.58 | 6,461.73 |
| Maintenance and Repairs | 4,742.18 | 5,696.26 | 10,438.44 |
| Travel Expense and Mileage | 1,625.43 | 954.34 | 2,579.77 |
| Insurance and Bond Premiums | 1,525.15 | 1,021.09 | 2,546.24 |
| Publication of Notices and Reports | 1,022.14 | 671.85 | 1,693.99 |
| Books and Technical Publications | 1,163.30 | 861.91 | 2,025.21 |
| Professional Services | 11,629.16 | 3,656.94 | 15,286.10 |
| Highway and Freeway Study | 3,043.94 | 9,628.43 | 12,672.37 |
| Payments to Employees Retirement Fund | 5,531.21 | 2,925.49 | 8,456.70 |
| Plat Recording | 729.00 | 630.00 | 1,359.00 |
| Refund of Plat and Zoning Fees | 76.00 | 328.00 | 404.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 777.62 | 511.42 | 1,289.04 |
| Total Disbursements | \$159,204.41 | \$111,179.50 | \$270,383.91 |
| Balance — April 30, 1953 | \$116,640.29 | \$ 42,012.05 | \$158,652.34 |

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

PARK FUNDS—GENERAL

| | Montgomery County | Prince Georges County | Total |
|--|----------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| BALANCE — May 1, 1952 | \$164,164.75 | \$ 94,132.40 | \$258,297.15 |
| RECEIPTS: | | | |
| Tax Levy 7c | \$302,406.08 | \$... | \$302,406.08 |
| Tax Levy 5c | ... | 127,071.19 | 127,071.19 |
| Rentals | 6,630.00 | 3,939.00 | 10,569.00 |
| Reimbursement of Expenses—Buildings and Grounds | 2,227.28 | ... | 2,227.28 |
| Rental of Park Land to U. S. Government | 4,315.07 | ... | 4,315.07 |
| Refund of State Gasoline Tax | 139.50 | 166.45 | 305.95 |
| Commissions and Refunds on Telephones | 221.39 | ... | 221.39 |
| Refund of Damages to Park Shelters | 53.30 | ... | 53.30 |
| Refund of Deposit on Land Purchase | 500.00 | ... | 500.00 |
| Accrued Interest | 250.48 | ... | 250.48 |
| Miscellaneous | 88.87 | 53.00 | 141.87 |
| Total Receipts | \$316,831.97 | \$131,229.64 | \$448,061.61 |
| Transfer from Other Funds | 28,057.06 | ... | 28,057.06 |
| Total | \$344,889.03 | \$131,229.64 | \$476,118.67 |
| Total Available | \$509,053.78 | \$225,362.04 | \$734,415.82 |
| DISBURSEMENTS: | | | |
| Park Commissioner's Salary | \$ 3,600.00 | \$... | \$ 3,600.00 |
| Park Supervisor's Salary | ... | 3,300.00 | 3,300.00 |
| Maintenance Labor Wages | 48,028.54 | 48,021.27 | 96,049.81 |
| Engineers and Clerical Salaries | 17,836.29 | 18,705.44 | 36,541.73 |
| Insurance and Bond Premiums | 6,615.62 | 1,614.28 | 8,229.90 |
| Telephone and Postage | 1,952.69 | ... | 1,952.69 |
| Equipment | 26,108.34 | 3,945.14 | 30,053.48 |
| Auto, Truck and Tractor Expense | 12,295.39 | 8,384.08 | 20,679.47 |
| Building Maintenance | 29,312.48 | 3,266.93 | 32,579.41 |
| Roads and Grounds Maintenance | 15,327.96 | 8,557.09 | 23,885.05 |
| Park Development | 9,505.00 | 8,162.52 | 17,667.52 |
| Travel and Mileage | ... | 300.00 | 300.00 |
| Land Purchases | 51,432.05 | 1,775.00 | 53,207.05 |
| Land Acquisition Costs | 5,822.88 | 638.60 | 6,461.48 |
| Bond Principal | 44,447.23 | 11,000.00 | 55,447.23 |
| Bond Interest and Expense | 26,541.64 | 8,168.40 | 34,710.04 |
| Payments to Employees Retirement Fund | 2,173.44 | 1,880.84 | 4,054.28 |
| Recreation Program | ... | 15,693.56 | 15,693.56 |
| Refund of Rental Cabins and Shelters | 50.00 | ... | 50.00 |
| Cost of Right of Way | ... | 231.00 | 231.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 186.81 | 357.54 | 544.35 |
| Total Disbursements | \$301,236.36 | \$144,001.69 | \$445,238.05 |
| Balance — April 30, 1953 | \$207,817.42 | \$ 81,360.35 | \$289,177.77 |

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

PARK FUND—MONTGOMERY COUNTY—PUBLIC GOLF COURSE ACCOUNT

| | <i>Sligo Park</i> | <i>Glenbrook</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------|
| BALANCE — May 1, 1952 | \$ 22,191.21 | \$ 25,885.48 | \$ 48,076.69 |
| RECEIPTS: | | | |
| Golf Fees | \$ 31,738.10 | \$ 34,642.50 | \$ 66,380.60 |
| Food Bar Sales | 13,793.61 | ... | 13,793.61 |
| Food Concession | ... | 423.27 | 423.27 |
| Commissions — Vending Machines | 394.48 | ... | 394.48 |
| Refund of State Gasoline Tax | 12.50 | 20.50 | 33.00 |
| Miscellaneous | ... | 9.77 | 9.77 |
| Total Receipts | \$ 45,938.69 | \$ 35,096.04 | \$ 81,034.73 |
| Total Available | \$ 68,129.90 | \$ 60,981.52 | \$ 129,111.42 |
| DISBURSEMENTS: | | | |
| Salary — Director | \$ 1,699.92 | \$ 1,699.92 | \$ 3,399.84 |
| Maintenance Labor Expense | 11,976.94 | 17,863.33 | 29,840.27 |
| Maintenance and Repairs | 3,349.88 | 3,443.68 | 6,793.56 |
| Equipment | 186.80 | 248.50 | 435.30 |
| Food Bar Labor | 4,540.58 | ... | 4,540.58 |
| Food Purchases | 7,029.12 | ... | 7,029.12 |
| Printing | 289.49 | 439.50 | 728.99 |
| Insurance | 470.46 | 707.77 | 1,178.23 |
| Licenses | 27.50 | ... | 27.50 |
| Payments to Employees Retirement Fund | 363.00 | 121.16 | 484.16 |
| P.G.A. Tournament Expense | ... | 175.75 | 175.75 |
| Total Disbursements | \$ 29,933.69 | \$ 24,699.61 | \$ 54,633.30 |
| Transfers to Park Fund | 13,952.75 | 11,604.31 | 25,557.06 |
| Total | \$ 43,886.44 | \$ 36,303.92 | \$ 80,190.36 |
| Balance — April 30, 1953 | \$ 24,243.46 | \$ 24,677.60 | \$ 48,921.06 |

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

PARK FUND—CAPPER-CRAMTON ACCOUNTS

Montgomery County

| | | |
|---|-------------------|---------------------|
| <i>George Washington Memorial Parkway:</i> | | |
| Balance — May 1, 1952 | | \$155,250.48 |
| Receipts | None | |
| Disbursements: | | |
| To National Capital Park and Planning Commission for Land Purchases | \$155,000.00 | |
| To Park Fund — General — Accrued Interest received on Bonds | 250.48 | |
| Total Disbursements | <u>155,250.48</u> | |
| Balance — April 30, 1953 | | \$... |
| <i>Rock Creek Park — Unit #3:</i> | | |
| Balance — May 1, 1952 | | \$ 2,243.43 |
| Receipts | None | |
| Disbursements: | None | |
| Balance — April 30, 1953 | | <u>2,243.43</u> |
| <i>Rock Creek Park — Unit #4:</i> | | |
| Balance — May 1, 1952 | | \$ 28,583.95 |
| Receipts | None | |
| Disbursements: | | |
| Land Purchases | \$ 6,649.20 | |
| Land Acquisition Costs | 575.70 | |
| Total Disbursements | <u>7,224.90</u> | |
| Balance — April 30, 1953 | | 21,359.05 |
| <i>Sligo Creek Park — Unit #4:</i> | | |
| Balance — May 1, 1952 | | \$ 65,207.78 |
| Receipts | None | |
| Disbursements: | | |
| Land Purchases | \$ 24,469.81 | |
| Land Acquisition Costs | 1,394.94 | |
| Total Disbursements | <u>25,864.75</u> | |
| Balance — April 30, 1953 | | 39,343.03 |
| <i>Little Falls Branch Park — Unit #2:</i> | | |
| Balance — May 1, 1952 | | \$238,806.65 |
| Receipts | None | |
| Disbursements: | | |
| Land Purchases | \$ 45,683.27 | |
| Land Acquisition Costs | 1,303.76 | |
| To Park Fund — Reimbursement Parcel #8 | (1) 2,500.00 | |
| Total Disbursements | <u>49,487.03</u> | |
| Balance — April 30, 1953 | | 189,319.62 |
| Total Balance — Montgomery County — April 30, 1953 | | <u>\$252,265.13</u> |

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

PARK FUND—CAPPER-CRAMTON ACCOUNTS

Prince Georges County

| | | |
|---|------------------|----------------------------|
| <i>Anacostia River Park — Unit #1:</i> | | |
| Balance — May 1, 1952 | | \$ 31,392.89 |
| Receipts | None | |
| Disbursements | None | |
| Balance — April 30, 1953 | | <u>\$ 31,392.89</u> |
| <i>Anacostia River Park — Unit #2:</i> | | |
| Balance — May 1, 1952 | | \$ 59,076.80 |
| Receipts | None | |
| Disbursements: | | |
| Land Purchases | \$ 500.00 | |
| Land Acquisition Costs | 129.75 | |
| | <u>629.75</u> | |
| Balance — April 30, 1953 | | <u>58,447.05</u> |
| <i>Northwest Branch Park — Unit #4:</i> | | |
| Balance — May 1, 1952 | | \$202,062.73 |
| Receipts: | | |
| Trade of Land | | 2,500.00 |
| | | <u>\$204,562.73</u> |
| Disbursements: | | |
| Land Acquisition Costs | | 592.00 |
| | | <u>203,970.73</u> |
| <i>Sligo Creek Park — Unit #5:</i> | | |
| Balance — May 1, 1952 | | \$ 65,760.12 |
| Receipts | None | |
| Disbursements: | | |
| Land Purchases | \$ 12,386.85 | |
| Land Acquisition Costs | 1,331.17 | |
| | <u>13,718.02</u> | |
| Balance — April 30, 1953 | | <u>52,042.10</u> |
| <i>Paint Branch Park — Unit #1:</i> | | |
| Balance — May 1, 1952 | | \$ 57,567.29 |
| Receipts | None | |
| Disbursements: | | |
| Land Acquisition Costs | | 500.00 |
| | | <u>57,067.29</u> |
| Balance — April 30, 1953 | | <u>57,067.29</u> |
| Total Balance — Prince Georges County — April 30, 1953 | | <u><u>\$402,920.06</u></u> |

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

BUILDING INSPECTION FUNDS

Prince Georges County

| | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| BALANCE — May 1, 1952 | \$ 17,601.99 |
| RECEIPTS: | |
| Building Permit Fees | \$ 78,356.42 |
| Oil Burner Permit Fees | 1,517.00 |
| Occupancy Permit Fees | 4,498.00 |
| Oil Burner License Fees | 860.00 |
| Building Codes | 711.00 |
| Street Index Guides | 55.00 |
| Insurance Coverage | 62.33 |
| Rental | 900.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 5.05 |
| Total Receipts | \$ 86,964.80 |
| Total Available | \$104,566.79 |
| DISBURSEMENTS: | |
| Inspectors and Clerical Salaries | \$ 44,333.58 |
| Telephone and Postage | 2,015.31 |
| Equipment | 3,449.76 |
| Maintenance and Repairs | 5,462.30 |
| Travel Expense and Mileage | 863.49 |
| Office Expense | 1,292.47 |
| Printing | 1,209.69 |
| Insurance and Bond Premiums | 1,225.99 |
| Refund of Permit Fees | 787.60 |
| Payments to Employees Retirement Fund | 2,521.72 |
| BOCA Codes | 105.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 106.00 |
| Total Disbursements | \$ 63,372.91 |
| Transfers to Administrative Fund | 35,000.00 |
| Total | \$ 98,372.91 |
| Balance — April 30, 1953 | \$ 6,193.88 |

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RECREATION FUND—GENERAL

Montgomery County

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| BALANCE — May 1, 1952 | | \$ 45,193.17 |
| RECEIPTS: | | |
| Tax Levy 3c of 5c | | \$129,470.77 |
| Tax Levy 5c | | 219.80 |
| Basketball Franchise Fees | | 300.00 |
| Miscellaneous | | 16.25 |
| Total Receipts | | <u>\$130,006.82</u> |
| Total Available | | <u>\$175,199.99</u> |
| DISBURSEMENTS: | | |
| <i>General Expense</i> | | |
| Salaries | \$ 14,336.12 | |
| Office Expense | 909.29 | |
| Site Development | 2,768.87 | |
| Office and Playground Equipment | 3,425.19 | |
| Playground Maintenance Labor | 48,028.54 | |
| Surveys | 185.00 | |
| Insurance | 956.27 | |
| Employees Retirement Expense | 1,744.65 | |
| Miscellaneous | 83.06 | |
| | | <u>\$ 72,436.99</u> |
| <i>Fall-Winter-Spring Program</i> | | |
| Instructors Salaries | \$ 7,561.26 | |
| Athletic Equipment | 89.50 | |
| Supplies and Photos | 948.61 | |
| Kensington Art Class | 799.12 | |
| Trophies | 87.25 | |
| Gymnasium Rental | 182.50 | |
| Franchise Fees Refunded | 60.00 | |
| | | <u>9,728.24</u> |
| <i>Summer Program</i> | | |
| Instructors and Leaders Salaries | \$ 57,467.34 | |
| Athletic Equipment | 5,475.62 | |
| Transportation and Janitors Expense | 9,256.45 | |
| Arts and Crafts | 5,657.00 | |
| Supplies and Photos | 2,179.96 | |
| Umpires and League Trophies | 1,059.75 | |
| Repairs and Replacements | 215.85 | |
| Rental of Equipment | 50.00 | |
| | | <u>81,361.97</u> |
| Total Disbursements | | <u>\$163,527.20</u> |
| Balance — April 30, 1953 | | <u>\$ 11,672.79</u> |

RECREATION FUND—BOND ISSUE ACCOUNT

Montgomery County

| | | |
|--------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Balance — May 1, 1952 | | \$106,360.36 |
| RECEIPTS | None | |
| DISBURSEMENTS: | | |
| Site Development | \$ 21,826.60 | |
| Surveys | 2,855.01 | |
| Equipment | 229.04 | |
| Land Acquisition Costs | 144.74 | |
| Total Disbursements | | <u>25,055.39</u> |
| Balance — April 30, 1953 | | <u>\$ 81,304.97</u> |

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RECREATION FUND—BOND ISSUE DEBT SERVICE ACCOUNT

Montgomery County

| | | |
|--------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Balance — May 1, 1952 | | \$ 76,595.54 |
| RECEIPTS: | | |
| Tax Levy 2c of 5c | | 86,313.83 |
| | | <u>\$162,909.37</u> |
| DISBURSEMENTS: | | |
| Bond Principal "L" Bonds | \$ 20,000.00 | |
| Bond Interest | 9,000.00 | |
| | | <u>29,000.00</u> |
| Total Disbursements | | 29,000.00 |
| Balance — April 30, 1953 | | <u>\$133,909.37</u> |

SUMMARY OF BALANCES

| | Montgomery County | Prince Georges County | Total |
|--|----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Administration Funds | \$116,640.29 | \$ 42,012.05 | \$ 158,652.34 |
| Park Funds — General | 207,817.42 | 81,360.35 | 289,177.77 |
| Park Fund — Public Golf Course Account | 48,921.06 | ... | 48,921.06 |
| Park Fund — Capper Cramton Account (2) | 252,265.13 | 402,920.06 | 655,185.19 |
| Building Inspection Fund | ... | 6,193.88 | 6,193.88 |
| Recreation Fund — General | 11,672.79 | ... | 11,672.79 |
| Recreation Fund — Bond Issue Account | 81,304.97 | ... | 81,304.97 |
| Recreation Fund — Bond Issue Debt Service | 133,909.37 | ... | 133,909.37 |
| Total Fund Balances | <u>\$852,531.03</u> | <u>\$532,486.34</u> | <u>\$1,385,017.37</u> |
| Employees Taxes Withheld | 2,367.85 | 1,711.60 | 4,079.45 |
| Employees Retirement Contributions | 755.65 | 536.06 | 1,291.71 |
| Total | <u>\$855,654.53</u> | <u>\$534,734.00</u> | <u>\$1,390,388.53</u> |
| On Deposit in the Following Banks: (3) | | | |
| Kensington Bank, Kensington, Maryland | \$448,151.52 | \$... | \$ 448,151.52 |
| Suburban Trust Company, Silver Spring, Md. | 14,433.98 | ... | 14,433.98 |
| Bank of Bethesda, Bethesda, Maryland | 189,686.53 | ... | 189,686.53 |
| Bank of Silver Spring, Silver Spring, Md. | 109,026.02 | ... | 109,026.02 |
| Citizens Bank of Takoma Park, Maryland | 94,306.48 | ... | 94,306.48 |
| Citizens Bank of Maryland, Riverdale, Md. | | 341,417.75 | 341,417.75 |
| Suburban Trust Company, Hyattsville, Md. | | 5,385.63 | 5,385.63 |
| Bank of Maryland, Seat Pleasant, Md. | | 177,554.87 | 177,554.87 |
| First Federal Savings and Loan Association Laurel, Maryland | | 10,200.75 | 10,200.75 |
| Petty Cash | 50.00 | 175.00 | 225.00 |
| Total | <u>\$855,654.53</u> | <u>\$534,734.00</u> | <u>\$1,390,388.53</u> |

Notes:

- (1) Transfer to reimburse Park Fund-General for advance for land purchase pending receipt of Capper-Cramton Funds.
- (2) One third of Capper-Cramton Funds contributed by Federal Government, two thirds by the Commission; Use restricted to acquisition of land and related cost.
- (3) Agreements have been made with the depositories to have them secure all funds in excess of the \$10,000 guarantee by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation with U. S. Government obligations.

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STATEMENT OF LAND PURCHASES

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

7¢ Park Funds:

| | | |
|---|-------------|---------------------|
| Jennings Property, Proposed Sligo Creek Park — Unit #6 | \$ 3,000.00 | |
| Northwest Park Apartment Tract, Part Parcels A & C, proposed Northwest Branch Park — Unit #3 | 1,090.62 | |
| Gerber and Taetle Property, Proposed Northwest Branch Park — Unit #3 | 2,169.90 | |
| Boy Scouts of America Tract, Proposed Northwest Branch Park — Unit #3 | 13,955.20 | |
| Light Development Co., Proposed Northwest Branch Park — Unit #3 | 8,449.75 | |
| Goff Property, Proposed Cabin John Creek Park — Unit #2 | 3,000.00 | |
| "Two" Farms, Final Payment, Proposed Northwest Branch Park — Unit #4 | 19,266.58 | |
| Total — 7¢ Park Fund | | \$ 50,932.05 |

Capper-Cramton Funds:

| | | |
|---|-------------|---------------------|
| Straight Development Co. Tract, Rock Creek Park — Unit #4 | \$ 6,649.20 | |
| Ellis Property, Parcels 19a & 19b, Sligo Creek Park — Unit #4 | 2,955.20 | |
| Nauck Property, Parcel 10, Sligo Creek Park — Unit #4 | 18,527.11 | |
| Gassoway & Snure Property, Parcels 15 & 16, Sligo Creek Park — Unit #4 | 2,987.50 | |
| Wood Property, Parcels 7b & 7c, Little Falls Branch Park — Unit #2 | 17,500.00 | |
| Brooks Property, Parcel 12, Little Falls Branch Park Unit #2 | 7,000.00 | |
| Posey Property, Parcel 7e, Little Falls Branch Park — Unit #2 | 5,450.00 | |
| Hinton Property, Parcel 7a, Little Falls Branch Park — Unit #2 | 13,000.00 | |
| Seidle Tract, Parcel 8 (part), Little Falls Branch Park — Unit #2 | 2,733.27 | |
| Total — Capper-Cramton Funds | | 76,802.28 |
| Total — Montgomery County | | \$127,734.33 |

PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY

5¢ Park Funds:

| | | |
|---|-----------|--------------------|
| Robinson Property, Proposed Paint Branch Park — Unit #2 | \$ 275.00 | |
| Little Property, Proposed Paint Branch Park — Unit #2 | 500.00 | |
| Seaman Property, Proposed Northwest Branch Park — Unit #2 | 1,000.00 | |
| Total — 5¢ Park Fund | | \$ 1,775.00 |

Capper-Cramton Funds:

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| Raulin Tract, Parcel 75, Anacostia River Park — Unit #2 | \$ 500.00 | |
| Crown Property, Parcels 39, 40, 41, 46, 47 & 48, Sligo Creek Park — Unit #5 | 7,020.70 | |
| Pohle Property, Parcel #44, Sligo Creek Park — Unit #5 | 972.00 | |
| Mace Property, Part Parcel 13, Sligo Creek Park — Unit #5 | 688.15 | |
| Beaulieu Property, Parcel 49, Sligo Creek Park — Unit #5 | 1,500.00 | |
| Mooney Property, Parcels 26, 27, 28 & 29, Sligo Creek Park — Unit #5 | 2,206.00 | |
| Total — Capper-Cramton Funds | | 12,886.85 |
| Total — Prince Georges County | | \$ 14,661.85 |
| Total — Both Counties | | \$142,396.18 |

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

We have compiled the above Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements for the fiscal year May 1, 1952 to April 30, 1953 both dates inclusive, from our audit reports dated December 8, 1952 and June 24, 1953 covering the same period.

Respectfully submitted,
(signed) Harold S. Roberts
Certified Public Accountant (D.C.)

Approved:

Jesse F. Nicholson

Jesse F. Nicholson, Secretary-Treasurer

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