

of Prince George's County. Not more than three members from each County may be members of the same political party and at least one member from each County must be a resident of the predominately agricultural portion of the County. The governing body of each County appoints five members of the Commission. Appointments to the new Commission were made on June 15, 1957, upon which date the terms of office began. The terms are for four years except that the terms of the members first appointed will expire on the following dates: one from each County on June 14, 1958; two from each County on June 14, 1959; one from each County on June 14, 1960 and one from each County on June 14, 1961. Any vacancy in the membership of the Commission must be filled by the governing body of the County in which the vacancy occurs and for the unexpired term. The Commission elects its own Chairman and Vice-Chairman. The respective appointing authorities may at their discretion designate a member of the Commission from each County to serve on a full-time basis. The five members of the Commission from each County constitute the County Planning Board. The Chairman and the Vice-Chairman of the Commission also act as Chairmen, respectively, of their County Planning Boards. The Commission must appoint a Secretary-Treasurer, General Counsel, Director of Planning, Director of Parks, and a Director of Public Relations and may appoint a Director of Land Acquisition as well as such other staff members as may be necessary. It maintains regional offices in both counties.

Within the Maryland-Washington Metropolitan District, the Commission is empowered to acquire, develop, maintain, and operate a park system with recreational facilities, the expense of which, including debt service, is paid from a separate park tax levied within the District. The Commission is authorized to cooperate and negotiate with Federal agencies for financial assistance under the terms of the Capper-Cramton Act, and with other agencies in the park development program.

Within the Maryland-Washington Regional District, which includes and extends beyond the Metropolitan District, the Commission is empowered to make, adopt, and amend a general plan for the physical development of the District which takes into account all factors of urban, suburban, rural, and regional planning. The Commission prepares plans and specifications for the construction of public works improvements and facilities. Through each of the two County Planning Boards, the Commission has specific subdivision control power and jurisdiction over street grades and locations, public buildings and utilities, and after the adoption of a major road plan, over street naming and house numbering. The Commission has advisory zoning powers, but the zoning ordinances and amendments are enacted by the County Council of Montgomery County and the Board of County Commissioners of Prince George's County sitting as a District Council for that portion of the District within each County. Through the County Planning Boards, the Commission recommends land use or zoning ordinances and similar ordinance subject matters to the respective District Councils. The administrative expenses of the Commission are paid from an administrative tax levied within the District. The taxes levied by the Commission, which are collected by the County