

Commission appoints its Executive Director, 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. The two County Planning Boards have exclusive subdivision control, power and jurisdiction over street grades and locations, public buildings and utilities, and after the adoption of a Master Plan of Highways, over street naming and house numbering. The Planning Boards have 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 and planning expenses of the Commission are paid from an administration tax levied within the District. The taxes levied by the Commission, which are collected by the County Treasurer in Prince George's County and the Director of Finance in Montgomery County, are as follows:

Montgomery County	
Regional District:	
Administrative Tax:	4c/\$100
Lower Metropolitan District	
Park Tax:	13½c/\$100
Sp. Bond Issue Tax:	
Upper Metropolitan District:	
Park Tax:	5c/\$100
Prince George's County	
Regional District:	
Administrative Tax:	6c/\$100
Metropolitan District:	
Park Tax:	14c/\$100
Sp. Bond Issue Tax:	1c/\$100

(Acts 1959, chap. 780; Acts 1961, chaps. 265, 450, 452, 484, 485, 496, 567, 596, 597, 611, 612, 613, 707, 752, 764, 792, 814, 821, 851; Acts 1963, chaps. 407, 524, 579, 603, 629, 630, 647, 648, 738, 814, 815, 816, 819, 825; Acts 1965, chaps. 173, 373, 433, 599, 604, 605, 630, 670, 695, 769, 854, 873, 875, 880).