

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 and with other agencies in the park development program. In Prince George's County, the Commission operates the County's recreation program.

Within the Maryland-Washington Regional 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 Councils sitting as District Councils for the portion of the District within the respective counties. 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 administrative tax levied within the District.

The taxes levied by the Commission, which are collected in both counties, are as follows:

Montgomery County

Regional District:	
Administrative Tax:	7.68¢/\$100
Metropolitan District	
Park Tax:	18.08¢/\$100
All County:	
Advance Land	
Acquisition Tax	1.00¢/\$100

Prince George's County

Regional District:	
Administrative Tax:	7.80¢/\$100
Metropolitan District	
Park Tax:	20.17¢/\$100
All County:	
Advance Land	
Acquisition Tax	1.10¢/\$100
Recreation Tax	7.26¢/\$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; Acts 1966, chaps. 101, 417, 426, 430, 478, 576, 603; Acts 1967, chaps. 170, 177, 232, 233, 307, 308, 425, 508, 555, 583, 586, 659, 660, 667, 683, 720, 852; Acts 1968, chaps. 181, 419, 471, 535, 625,