

THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

Chairman: ROYCE HANSON, Montgomery
County, 1978

Vice Chairman: W. C. DUTTON, JR.,
Prince George's County, 1979

Montgomery County Commissioners:

MABLE H. GRANKE, 1978; HELEN M.
SCHARF, 1979; GEORGE O. KEPHART,
1979; RICHMOND M. KEENEY, 1980.

Prince George's County Commissioners:

RAYMOND G. LAPLACA, 1977; EDWIN
H. BROWN, 1978; ANN HOPPER, 1979;
JOHN W. CHURCHILL, 1980.

DON L. SPICER, *Executive Director*

RANDALL W. SCOTT, *General Counsel*

A. EDWARD NAVARRE, *Secretary-Treasurer*

JOHN F. DOWNS, JR., *Prince George's
County Planning Director*

RICHARD E. TUSTIAN, *Montgomery County
Planning Director*

STANTON G. ERNST, *Montgomery County
Parks Director*

HUGH B. ROBEY, *Prince George's County
Parks Director*

BARRY D. MANGUM, *Director of Recreation,
Prince George's County*

8787 Georgia Avenue,
Silver Spring 20907 Telephone: 589-1480

6600 Kenilworth Avenue,
Riverdale 20840 Telephone: 277-2200

This Commission has general park and planning jurisdiction over the Maryland-Washington Metropolitan District created by Chapter 448, Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland 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, 1975 census population of the bi-county region is 1,264,400 with 589,600 in Montgomery County and 674,800 in Prince George's County.

The 1975-1976 estimated taxable base of Montgomery County is \$5,090,000,000; the Regional District is \$4,544,000,000; and the Metropolitan District is \$4,544,000,000. The 1975 - 1976 taxable base of Prince George's County is \$4,194,600,000; the Regional District is \$4,132,200,000; and the Metropolitan District is \$3,967,300,000.

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 which 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 for 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 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 shall designate a member for the position of Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Commission. The Chairmanship and Vice Chairmanship of the Commission alternates between the Chairmen of the respective County Planning Boards on a fiscal year basis.

The five members 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 appoints its Executive Director, Secretary-Treasurer, General Counsel, as