

The Commission is composed of ten members. Five are residents of Montgomery County and five of Prince George's. The five members from each county make up the county's planning board.

Within the Maryland-Washington Metropolitan District the Commission is empowered to acquire, develop, maintain, and operate parks systems with recreational facilities, the expense of which, including debt service, is paid from a separate park tax levied within the district.

Taking into account all factors of urban, suburban, rural, and regional planning, the Commission is empowered to make, adopt, and amend a General Plan for the physical development of the Maryland-Washington Regional District. The Planning Boards make zoning recommendations to their respective County Councils, sitting as District Councils, for the portion of the district within their County to enact the zoning ordinances and change the zoning map. The Planning Boards have exclusive responsibility for subdivision approval, location and grades of streets, location of public buildings and utilities, and street naming and house numbering. The administration and planning expenses of the Commission are paid from an administrative tax levied within the regional district.

Not more than three members from each County's Planning Board may be members of the same political party. In Montgomery County members are appointed by the County Council and confirmed by the County Executive. In Prince George's County the Executive appoints and the Council confirms. Members serve four-year terms. The appointing authority designates the chairperson of the Planning Board. Chair of the Commission alternates on a fiscal year basis between the two board chairs. The alternate becomes vice-chairperson.

The Commission appoints the executive director, general counsel, and secretary-treasurer. The parks director, planning director, and community relations manager for each county are appointed by the Planning Boards (Code 1957, Art. 28).

MILITARY DEPARTMENT

Major General Warren D. Hodges, *Adjutant General and Ranking Line Officer*

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The Maryland Charter of 1632 empowered Lord Baltimore to raise troops to put down insurrection or rebellion and to subdue enemies of the province. Since that time the organization, maintenance, and administration of the Maryland Militia have been an integral part of the State's functions. The present military establishment of Maryland conforms to Title 32, U.S. Code and regulations issued pursuant thereto, and to the Militia Law of Maryland (Code 1957, Art. 65).

The Adjutant General is appointed by the Governor with the consent of the Senate and serves until his successor is appointed and qualified or until he is removed from office as a result of sentence imposed by courts martial (Const. 1867, Art. IX, sec. 2). The Ranking Line Officer (at the present time also the Adjutant General) is head of the Military Department and exercises all his powers and duties under the Militia Law of Maryland.

The Military Department prepares all State forms and records required for militia use and the reports and returns required by the Federal Government. It maintains the service records of all officers and enlisted persons who have or are serving in the Maryland National Guard.

The Ranking Line Officer is the custodian of all State and federal property used by the Organized Militia. He apportions and provides for the proper application of funds for the military establishment. He also maintains all State-owned armories located in Maryland and all other properties that may be occupied, purchased, or leased by the Military Department. The Ranking Line Officer makes all regulations for the use of such facilities; applications for their use should be made to him. In addition, he is responsible for the administration, training, and supply of approximately 8,800 National Guardsmen, including 1,220 full-time employees (200 State-paid and 1,020 federally paid).

The Governor, as commander in chief of the militia, has the power to organize and maintain additional military forces, known as the Maryland State Guard, which are separate and distinct from the National Guard. Such forces are composed of officers, commissioned or assigned, and all able-bodied citizens of the State who volunteer and are accepted for service. They may be ordered to active duty in the State by the Governor whenever the National Guard has been called into the military service of the United States. Members of the State Guard are uniformed as prescribed by the Govern-