

**THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND
PLANNING COMMISSION**

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This Commission has general planning and park jurisdiction over the Maryland-Washington Metropolitan District created by Chapter 448, Acts 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 767 square miles and 906 square miles, respectively. The 1965 estimated population of the entire Regional District is just short of 1,000,000.

The 1965-1966 estimated taxable basis of the Montgomery County portion of the Regional District is \$1,870,000,000 and the Metropolitan District is \$1,681,000,000. The 1965-66 estimated taxable basis of the Prince George's County portion of the Regional District is \$1,800,000,000 and the Metropolitan District is \$1,297,000,000.

The Commission has been given, through bi-county enactments of 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, and at least one member from each county must be a resident of the predominately agricultural portion of the county. Montgomery County members of the Commission are appointed by the County Council. Prince George's County members are appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the State Senator for Prince George's County. 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, and in so doing may designate the full-time members as chairman of their respective planning boards. The Commission then elects one of these full-time members as chairman of the full Commission and the other as vice chairman.

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