

miles, respectively. The 1967 estimated population of the entire Regional District is just over 1,000,000.

The 1967-1968 estimated taxable basis of the Montgomery County portion of the Regional District is \$2,330,000,000 and the Metropolitan District is \$2,330,000,000. The 1967-1968 estimated taxable basis of the Prince George's County portion of the Regional District is \$2,030,000,000 and the Metropolitan District is \$1,920,000,000.

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 Prince George's County Board of County Commissioners. 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 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.

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