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The Maryland Lower Eastern Shore Tourism Center Advisory Committee was created in 1984 (Chapter 716, Acts of 1984). The Committee advises the Department of Economic and Employment Development on the development and operations of the Maryland Lower Eastern Shore Tourism Center. Located on U.S. 13 North, the Center opened in December 1985.

The Committee consists of nine members. The Somerset County and Worcester County Boards of County Commissioners and the Wicomico County Council each appoint three members from their respective counties. Members serve five-year terms (Code 1957, Art. 83A, sec. 4-201).

MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

Chairperson: Vacancy
Vice-Chairperson: John W. Rhoads, *Prince George's County*, 1989

Montgomery County Planning Board:
 Nancy Floreen, 1990; Carol G. Henry, 1991; John P. Hewitt, 1991; Richmond M. Keeney, 1992.

Prince George's County Planning Board:
 Samuel Y. Botts, 1990; Roy I. Dabney, 1991; Margaret S. Yewell, 1991; Morgan Wootten, 1992.

Michael E. Petrenko, *Prince George's County Acting Planning Director*; Richard E. Tustian, *Montgomery County Planning Director*; Hugh B. Robey, *Prince George's County Parks & Recreation Director*; Donald K. Cochran, *Montgomery County Parks Director*

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Certified Annual Financial Report to be made available for distribution to public.

Created in 1927, the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission has jurisdiction over parks and planning in Montgomery and Prince George's counties (Chapter 448, Acts of 1927). This authority covers all of the two counties except for certain incorporated municipalities.

The Commission is composed of ten members. Five are residents of Montgomery County, and five are from 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, the expense of which, including debt service, is paid from a separate park tax levied within the District. In Prince George's County only, the Commission operates the public recreation program, funded by a separate county-wide recreation tax.

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. Administration and planning expenses of the Commission are paid from an administrative tax levied within the District.

Commission members serve four-year terms. In Montgomery County, three members are appointed by the County Council and confirmed by the County Executive, and two members are appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by the County Council. In Prince George's County, the County Executive appoints all five members subject to County Council confirmation. No more than three members from each county's planning board may be members of the same political party. The appointing authority designates the chairperson of the Planning Board. Chairing of the Commission alternates on a calendar year basis between the two planning board chairpersons. 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