

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY OF THE GENERAL PLAN

GENERAL PLAN REFINEMENT ADOPTION PROCESS

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The statutes governing amendment to and adoption of the General Plan, contained in enabling State legislation called "The Regional District Act," have changed over time. In 1964, when The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission adopted *...on Wedges and Corridors, A General Plan for the Maryland-Washington Regional District in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties*, there was no legal provision for the Montgomery County Council, acting as the District Council, to participate in the preparation, review, or adoption of the Commission's long-range plans. By 1969, State law had been amended to require County Council review and approval of such plans. The County Council approved the 1969 General Plan Update by resolution in 1970. By virtue of the General Plan's acknowledgment in subsequent master and sector plans, the 1969 General Plan Update has served as a policy guide for land use planning since that time.

HISTORY & ADOPTION

1964 General Plan Land Areas Map
(Montgomery and Prince George's
Counties)

Montgomery County citizenry is critical to its successful implementation.

Master plans and sector plans approved and adopted subsequent to this Amendment will continue to amend the General Plan. As the County changes, and as technology and social dynamics evolve, the General Plan will continue to require review of its vision, goals, and objectives.

The General Plan Refinement was presented to the Planning Board as a Staff Draft Amendment in July 1992, following eight preliminary worksessions by the Planning Board. A Public Hearing (Preliminary) Draft Amendment was approved by the Board in August for the purpose of public hearing in October. After the public hearing, the Planning Board conducted worksessions and ultimately authorized the preparation of the Planning Board (Final) Draft Amendment. The Planning Board (Final) Draft was transmitted to the County Executive and County Council. The County Executive's fiscal impact analysis recommendations were transmitted to the County Council within 60 days of its receipt. After holding a public hearing and worksessions on the Refinement, the County Council made changes and approved the Amendment. Finally, the Amendment will be transmitted to The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission for adoption.

Throughout the process, community participation and outreach have been encouraged. Ensuring that the Refinement reflects the needs, aspirations, and visions of

