

# **updated general plan**

FOR

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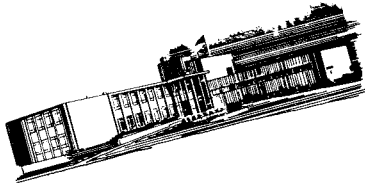
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Letter to Montgomery County Council  
From MCPB 1/2/70

Mrs. Avis Birely, President  
Montgomery County Council  
County Office Building 20850  
Rockville, Maryland

Dear Mrs. Birely:

As scheduled in the 1969-70 planning work program and in accordance with the County Council's Resolution No. 6-801, December 5, 1967 and action of January 14, 1969, the Montgomery County Planning Board is pleased to submit the Updated General Plan "On Wedges and Corridors" for Montgomery County. The Planning Board recommends that the map entitled "A General Plan, Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, December 1969 and the policies document entitled Updated General Plan "On Wedges and Corridors", for Montgomery County, Maryland be approved by the County Council.

The updated document supplements the General Plan adopted by the Planning Commission January 22, 1964, and consists of a map incorporating all area and functional plans adopted to date as well as the Planning Board's recommended development policies. These policy statements are general in nature, and they have been constructed as extensions and elaborations of the development policy contained in the 1964 General Plan, as amended. The Planning Board also gave serious consideration to the report of the Committee to Evaluate the General Plan, and the recommended updated policy statements reflect those revised goals proposed by this Committee.

Even though the population/employment structure for the County is changing much more rapidly than originally forecasted, the Planning Board concludes that the Wedges and Corridors development concept is still viable and that the overall development policies of the 1964 General Plan are valid.

However, the Planning Board recommends that the General Plan, as well as area and functional plans, not be allowed to

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become static documents, and that these plans be a part of a continuing planning process involving such things as periodic review of public and private institutional policies, capital improvement programs, changing conditions, and readoption of plans as circumstances warrant.

In summary, the Planning Board recommends the County Council approve the updated General Plan for Montgomery County for the purpose of establishing a development policy as soon as possible. Amendments to the Plan, such as the relocation of the Outer Beltway, can be then effected when appropriate and when project reports, such as the transportation and economic studies have been completed and analyzed.

The Planning Board expresses its sincere hope that the County Council will approve the updated General Plan. Toward this end, the Board would be most receptive to further guidance from the Council and respectfully offers its continued assistance and cooperation.

Very truly yours,

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