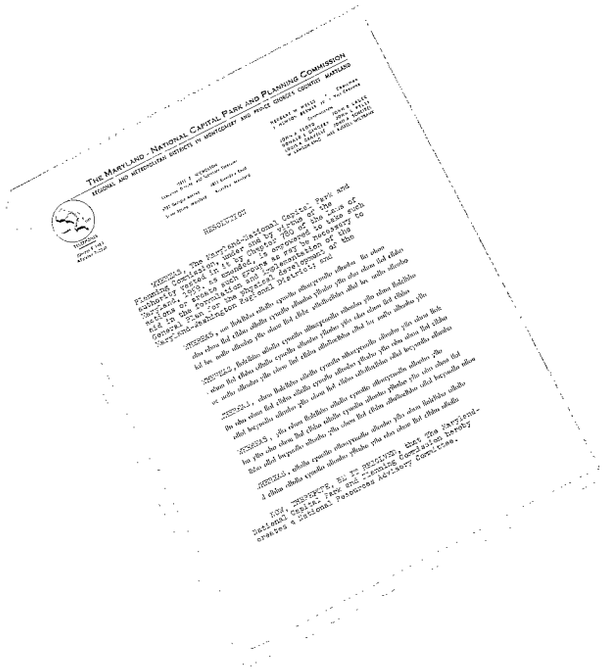
NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Our nation, looking toward a future of continuing economic progress, is well advised to take stock of its natural resources.
—Twentieth Century Fund



To help carry out the rural features of the General Plan, the Park and Planning Commission needs the help of a Natural Resource Advisory Committee. This Committee's role would be to advise the Commission on all resource subjects, expressing the needs of natural resource businesses and helping to formulate equitable means of regulating harmful or objectionable activities. The Committee will have Commission staff assigned to it to help it define resource potentials in rural areas, promote resource development in accordance with the General Plan, and supervise resource use. The Committee should also be extremely valuable in bringing about closer intergovernmental cooperation and action, and in providing convenient information services in the field of natural resource development. Its activities should be designed to inform the residents of the open space wedges about the complete range of assistance programs available to them, and help them to make the most of their natural resources.

Members of the Natural Resource Advisory Committee will include professional farmers and members of State and local agencies concerned with agricultural, forestry, conservation, mineral extraction, and recreational uses of land and water in the Regional District, and will report directly to the Commission. The Committee's assigned staff will provide professional planning skills in the field of natural resource protection and development. In addition to assisting the Resource Committee, this staff will assist in the preparation of detailed master plans, working very closely with County Agricultural Agents; Soil Conservation Districts; the State Departments of Forests and Parks, Game and Inland Fish, Geology, Mines and Water Resources; the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin; the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers; and the Natural Resources Institute at the University of Maryland.

ROLE OF THE NATURAL RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN PROMOTING RURAL DEVELOPMENT

THE MARYLAND NATIONAL–CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

PREPARATION AND ADOPTION

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

GENERAL PLAN GOALS FOR RURAL DEVEL. & REQUESTS FOR STUDY

RECOMMENDATIONS
Master Plans
Zoning Recommen.
Proposed Regul.
Proposed Devel. Prog.
Review of Capital Improvement Prog.
Etc.

IMPLEMENTING ACTIONS
Subdivision Regulations
Highway Reservation
Park Acquisition
Etc.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

RURAL CITIZENS

COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION ON RURAL DEVEL. IN THE MARYLAND-WASHINGTON REGIONAL DISTRICT

NATURAL RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND ACTION

INFORMATION and COOPERATION

LOCAL GOVERNMENT
Montgomery County Council
P. G. County Commission
Zoning Boards of Appeal
County Agricultural Agents
Soil Conservation Board
Forest Conservancy Board
Revenue Authority
Etc.

STATE GOVERNMENT
Dept. of Forests and Parks
Dept. of Geol. Mines & Water Res.
Game & Inland Fish Commission,
Etc.

INTERSTATE GOVERNMENT
Commission on the Potomac River Basin
Etc.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
Corps of Engineers
Dept. of Agriculture
Dept. of Interior
Housing and Home Finance Agency
Dept. of Health Education and Welfare
Etc.

Zoning Decisions
Public Works Projects
Forest, Wetland and Park Acquisition
Regulation of Lumbering Operations
Hunting and Fishing Licensing
Reg. of Stream and River Pollution

IMPLEMENTING ACTIONS

Regulation of Water Supply Wells
Mapping of Soils, Geology & Phys. Features
Regulation of Mineral Extract. Operations
Open Space Grants

Soil Bank Payments
Agricultural Land Adjustment Programs
Economic Surveys
Technical Assistance
Education
Etc.