

# I. INTRODUCTION

The Fairland Master Plan covers one of four contiguous master plan areas covering Eastern Montgomery County (Figure 5). These four master plans (Cloverly, White Oak, Four Corners, and Fairland) are being updated simultaneously so that common issues, such as transportation and environmental protection, can be addressed in the master plans in a comprehensive and consistent manner. Supporting information regarding the analysis of the region covered by the four plans can be found in the following documents referenced in this Plan: *Population and Household Profile Eastern Montgomery County Master Plan Areas* (1995), *Eastern Montgomery County Neighborhood Retail Study* (1994), *Transportation Report: Eastern Montgomery County Master Plan Areas* (Revised 1996), *Historic Resources of the Eastern Montgomery County Master Plan Areas* (1995), *Environmental Resources: Eastern Montgomery County Master Plan Areas* (Revised 1996), and *The Upper Paint Branch Watershed Planning Study* (1995).

In 1992, at the direction of the Montgomery County Council, the Montgomery County Planning Board hired consultants to assist in designing a consensus-based citizen participation process that would be used in revising the Four Corners, White Oak, Fairland, and Cloverly master plans. The Concordia Systems Group and the Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution at George Mason University formed the consultant team. The Planning Board endorsed the consultants' recommendations to initiate a collaborative method for citizen involvement in the Eastern Montgomery County master plans. The major changes to the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) process for these four master plans include: selection of a chairperson by the CAC members, development and presentation of the Issues Report and subsequent master plan drafts as a collaborative effort between the Montgomery County Planning staff and the CAC, and extension of the life of the CAC beyond the County Council adoption of the master plan.

This Plan is a culmination of a two-year process involving more than 40 meetings of the Fairland CAC, M-NCPPC, and County and State agencies. During these meetings, issues and concerns regarding the Fairland Master Plan area were discussed. Forums with the other Eastern Montgomery County CACs and informational sessions with various citizens groups and business groups were also held.

This Master Plan serves as a guide for the communities in Fairland, the general public, and government agencies to direct and assure that public investment and future growth occur in a manner consistent with *The General Plan (On Wedges and Corridors) for the Maryland-Washington Regional District in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties* and *The 1993 General Plan Refinement*.

# RELATIONSHIP TO EASTERN MONTGOMERY COUNTY

FIGURE 5

