

the same period, household sizes declined in Potomac and Travilah.

The following pages will explore the above-noted themes concerning the demographic character of the Potomac Subregion. All demographic information, unless otherwise stated, is from the 1997 Census Update Survey conducted by the Department of Park and Planning, Research and Technology Center. Data on previous conditions are generally from the 1987 Census Update Survey.

Development Densities

The density of development is related to many demographic traits and helps to define the character of an area. This table shows the tremendous range of population density across the Subregion in 1997. The densest area, North Potomac, has more than double the density of the Potomac Planning Area and the County and over twelve times the density of the most sparsely settled area, Darnestown.

Area	Square Miles	Population per Sq. Mile
Potomac Subregion	66.7	1,188
Potomac Planning Area	28.1	1,596
Travilah	15.2	421
Darnestown	16.4	272
North Potomac	7.0	3,361
Montgomery County	497.0	1,657

The map on the next page shows the property lines in the Potomac Subregion. Areas with smaller lots show up darker, indicating higher density development. Notice the higher densities in North Potomac and the northern and eastern parts of the Potomac Planning Area. The map also shows that there is relatively little unsubdivided land left in the Subregion.

Property Line Map of the Potomac Subregion

