

# GUIDE TO PRIMARY & SECONDARY SOURCES ON THE SUBURBANIZATION OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD

## FINDING AID

### **Montgomery County Department of Parks**

Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC)

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#### ***Name of archive/collection/records:***

The M-NCPPC Archives is located at Saddlebrook, 12571 Layhill Road, Silver Spring, MD 20906.

The PPC Cultural Resources Archives is located at Parkside, 9500 Brunett Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20901.

***Date Range of archive/collection/records:*** 1927–present.

***Language of archive/collection/records:*** English

***Background Information:*** Created in 1927, the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission embodies the vision of forward-looking community leaders who saw the need to plan for orderly development and protection of the natural resources in the two suburban counties bordering the District of Columbia. During the Commission's proud 80 plus years of existence, the population of the area it serves has increased to more than 1.6 million residents who inhabit a bi-county area of great economic, racial, ethnic and geographic diversity. Throughout 80 plus years of service, the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission has endeavored to improve the quality of life for the citizens of the bi-county area it serves and the communities in which these citizens live, work and raise families. The mission of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission is to manage physical growth and plan communities; protect and steward natural, cultural and historic resources; and provide leisure and recreational experiences. This mission is embodied in three major program areas. These major program areas respond to the vision of our founders and are incorporated into our charter.

***Summary and scope of archive/collection/records:*** The M-NCPPC Archives are located at Saddlebrook and contain records for the Department of Parks and Planning in Montgomery County and the Department of Planning and Parks/Recreation in Prince George's County. Archive materials including land plats, architectural and landscape drawings, internal memos pertaining to park development are held at Parkside, the Parks headquarters in Silver Spring. Research materials on historic sites in Montgomery County Parks are also maintained at Parkside by the Cultural Resources Stewardship Section.

***Collection(s) of Particular Interest to Suburbanization:*** M-NCPPC records on suburbanization begin with the creation of M-NCPPC in 1927. Our concentration of records extends through the 1960s, though we have photos and master plans that extend through the present day. Probably the most valuable collection for suburbanization studies are the M-NCPPC issued Master Plans, which generally contain information on zoning, schools, and parks. Many of these plans are available electronically through the M-NCPPC Montgomery County Planning Department website.

***Format of materials in archive/collection/records:*** Paper, Digital Records, Photographs, Maps, Architectural and Landscape Drawings

***Suburbanization Subject Terms within archive/collection/records:*** Government (Federal/State/Local); Land Development/Infrastructure Development; Maps/Atlas/Street Maps; Parks/Recreation

***Access and Use:***

*Open:* Monday to Friday: 9:00am to 5:00pm.

Researchers should make sure to schedule an appointment in advance to access archival materials.

*Admission:* Free

*Cost per copy:* \$.025 per copy. However, the archive encourages the use of non-flash photography in order to prolong the longevity of the collections. Researchers are required to sign a release form for the usage of copyrighted materials.

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