

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

FINDING AID

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Website: www.montgomeryplanning.org/historic

Name of archive/collection/records:

Date Range of archive/collection/records: 1873-1960s.

Language of archive/collection/records: English

Background Information: M-NCPPC is a state agency established in 1927 to provide planning functions for Prince George's and Montgomery Counties. The preservation program has its origins in the early 1970s when M-NCPPC undertook a countywide survey of historic sites. The *Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites* was published in 1976. The preservation program was codified in 1979 with the enactment of the Preservation Ordinance, Chap 24A of the County Code, and adoption of the *Montgomery County Master Plan for Historic Preservation*. Since 1996, our office has taken on the staffing function of the Historic Preservation Commission, which had previously been staffed by the Executive Branch's Department of Housing and Community Affairs. The historic preservation office supports the county preservation program in identifying, researching and protecting historic resources in Montgomery County as an integral part of a comprehensive planning process. One primary function is to research historic sites and guide their evaluation through the designation process. Other functions are the regulatory review of Historic Area Work Permits for designated historic sites; and raising public awareness about historic sites through education and outreach.

Summary and scope of archive/collection/records: The records encompass historic resources in Montgomery County from earliest settlement through the 1960s. The collection includes paper and digital files; individual sites and historic districts); historic maps and Atlases; vertical files; and reference library.

Collection(s) of Particular Interest to Suburbanization: Records pertaining to suburbanization begin with the 1873 opening of the Metropolitan Branch of the B&O Railroad. The concentration of the records extends through the 1960s, though there are photographs and master plans that extend through the present day.

Special Collections: M-NCPPC maintains files on each historic resource that has been designated on the Master Plan for Historic Preservation, and are included in the National Register of Historic Places, or was ever listed on the Locational Atlas. M-NCPPC holds research reports commissioned by the office on special topics, including early 20th century historic resources; historic contexts for the Chevy Chase Land Company developments; Quaker resources; and Charles Goodman architect. For each of these studies, research files have been preserved. The Master Plans and other M-NCPPC records comprise 1927 to the present.

Format of materials in archive/collection/records: Paper, Digital Records, Photographs, Maps,

Suburbanization Subject Terms within archive/collection/records: Commercial Real Estate Development; Government (Federal/State/Local); Land Development/Infrastructure Development; Maps/Atlas/Street Maps; Residential Real Estate Development; Transportation: Railroad, Streetcar, Automobile, Bus, Light Rail, Bike; Zoning Ordinances; Master Plans/Planning Publications

Access and Use:

Open: Monday to Friday: 9:00am to 5:00pm. Note: Researchers should make sure to schedule an appointment in advance to access archival materials. Records from the archives must be requested three (3) days in advance.

Admission: Free

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