

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

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Name of archive/collection/records: Department of Assessment and Taxation Property Maps; Department of Assessments and Taxation Property Assessment Records.

Date Range of archive/collection/records: 1970s-1991

Language of archive/collection/records: English

Background Information: The agency was organized in 1975 in order to assume the responsibilities of the property assessment functions following the State's takeover of the property assessment process from local jurisdictions. The Director of Assessments and Taxation, appointed by the Governor, administers and enforces property assessment and property tax laws of Maryland. This organizational structure allows for uniformity of property assessment throughout the State. The agency is also responsible for the administration of several property tax credit programs and business processes including the business formation process. All entities operating in Maryland must first register with the Department. The agency promotes fairness in taxation for Maryland property owners by uniformly appraising all taxable property at market value, certifying property values to local governments, and offering programs of property tax relief and business services in a manner that is courteous and convenient.

Summary and scope of archive/collection/records: The archive's collections and records consist of property assessment information and cadastral maps for all properties within the county.

Special Collections: None.

Collections of Particular Interest to Suburbanization: The property tax maps contain property boundary lines and parcel IDs for all mapped parcels. The property assessment information contains the name, property address and property descriptions, as well as the assessed value for all properties within Montgomery County, MD.

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

Suburbanization Subject Terms within archive/collection/records: Maps/Atlas/Street,

Access and Use: The agency's archival information is maintained by the Maryland State Archives. For public hours and fee schedules please visit <http://msa.maryland.gov>.