



# Public Input

## INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this section is to describe the community input process coordinated through the Citizens Advisory Boards and present demographic data for each of the five Regional Services Center service areas. The community input process makes it easier for residents to focus on regional issues in the proposed Capital Improvements Program (CIP). The preparation of this section completes several months of consulting the citizens of the various communities within Montgomery County.

The consultation process included the following steps:

- During the preparation of the recommended CIP, the Citizens Advisory Boards sponsored forums in all five of the Regional Services Centers service areas: Bethesda-Chevy Chase, East County, Mid-County, Silver Spring, and Upcounty. In addition, a forum was also scheduled at Leisure World. These forums provided residents with an opportunity to express their views on the future of the CIP in their area and to indicate their priorities for the CIP. Department and agency representatives were present at the forums.
- The Citizens Advisory Boards provided their recommendations to the County Executive.
- The County Executive considered each recommendation in making decisions on projects to be included in this recommended CIP.

The Public Input section also includes the following information:

- A geographic and demographic description of each of the Regional Services Centers.
- Information about the Open Data Budget Publication.
- A map of the County Regional Services Center service areas showing the service areas by communities and vicinities.

## OPEN BUDGET

Montgomery County, Maryland offers a comprehensive Open Data Budget Publication that takes the very complex and detailed data found in the traditional budget publication and transforms it into an intuitive, accessible, and shareable format making it easier for the public to be informed about approved and recommended capital projects. Features included are:

- Interactive charts, tables, maps, and videos
- A custom Google search engine
- Archiving previous years' data / content
- Unlimited sharing/discovery of data, tables, and visualizations
- Mobility (works on smartphones, tablets, and desktops)
- American with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant
- Instantly translatable into 90+ languages
- For more, please visit the following web site: <http://montgomerycountymd.gov/openbudget>

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## REGIONAL SERVICE CENTER SERVICE AREA DESCRIPTIONS

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The Regional Services Center service areas were established by grouping together the existing land use master planning areas to form contiguous areas broadly similar in growth and development characteristics and with similar capital planning issues. The division by service area is intended mainly for the convenience of residents in understanding capital budget issues in their areas. Established planning documents, such as the Growth Policy and master plans, will continue to be presented by policy area or planning area, as appropriate. The charts on the following pages display percentages of County population by service area from 2015 to projected 2045 and household population and the number of household data, as well as growth rates, by service area for the same period.

An index of CIP projects by planning area is contained at the back of the CIP publication.

### **Bethesda-Chevy Chase**

The Bethesda-Chevy Chase service area consists of the older, more developed areas in the southwestern part of Montgomery County, closest to the District of Columbia. It includes the communities and vicinities of Potomac-Cabin John, North Bethesda-Garrett Park, City of Rockville, and Bethesda-Chevy Chase. Bethesda-Chevy Chase is the second largest service area in population size, containing in 2015 approximately 24.9 percent of the County's total population. Growth in all service areas is tracked by total growth in household population and number of households. From 2015 to 2030 the area is expected to grow by 18.3 percent in household population. The growth of household numbers is slightly higher, at about 20.2 percent. From 2030 to 2045, area population growth is expected to be 10.1 percent, with household growth for this same period expected to be 10.7 percent.

### **East County**

The East County Service Area consists of the easternmost sections of the County closest to Prince George's County. It includes the communities and vicinities of the Patuxent Watershed, Cloverly-Norwood, Colesville-White Oak, and Fairland-Beltsville. East County is the smallest service area in population size, containing 9.9 percent of the County population in 2015. From 2015 to 2030, the area is expected to increase 4.0 percent in household population. There will be growth in the number of households at about 4.7 percent. From 2030 to 2045, area household population growth is expected to increase more substantially by 10.6 percent while household growth will increase by 12.5 percent.

### **Mid-County**

The Mid-County Service Area is centered along both sides of Georgia Avenue. It covers the communities and vicinities of Patuxent Watershed, Upper Rock Creek, Olney, Aspen Hill, Kensington-Wheaton, and Kemp Mill-Four Corners. Mid-County is the third largest service area in population, containing 21.4 percent of the County population in 2015. From 2015 to 2030, 5.7 percent growth is expected in household population and the number of households is expected to grow 6.7 percent over the same period. From 2030 to 2045, area population growth of 8.5 percent is expected while about 9.5 percent growth is expected in the number of households. A small portion of this area remains parkland and agricultural preserve, limiting future growth opportunities.

### **Silver Spring**

The Silver Spring Service Area includes the communities and vicinities of Kemp Mill-Four Corners, Silver Spring, and Takoma Park. It covers the southeastern corner of the County bordering the District of Columbia and Prince George's County. Silver Spring is the second smallest service area in population size, containing 10.3 percent of the County population in 2015. From 2015 to 2030, the area is expected to grow 13.3 percent in household population. The growth in households will be faster, at 15.4 percent. From 2030 to 2045, area population growth of approximately 7.2 percent is expected while 7.4 percent growth is expected in the number of households.

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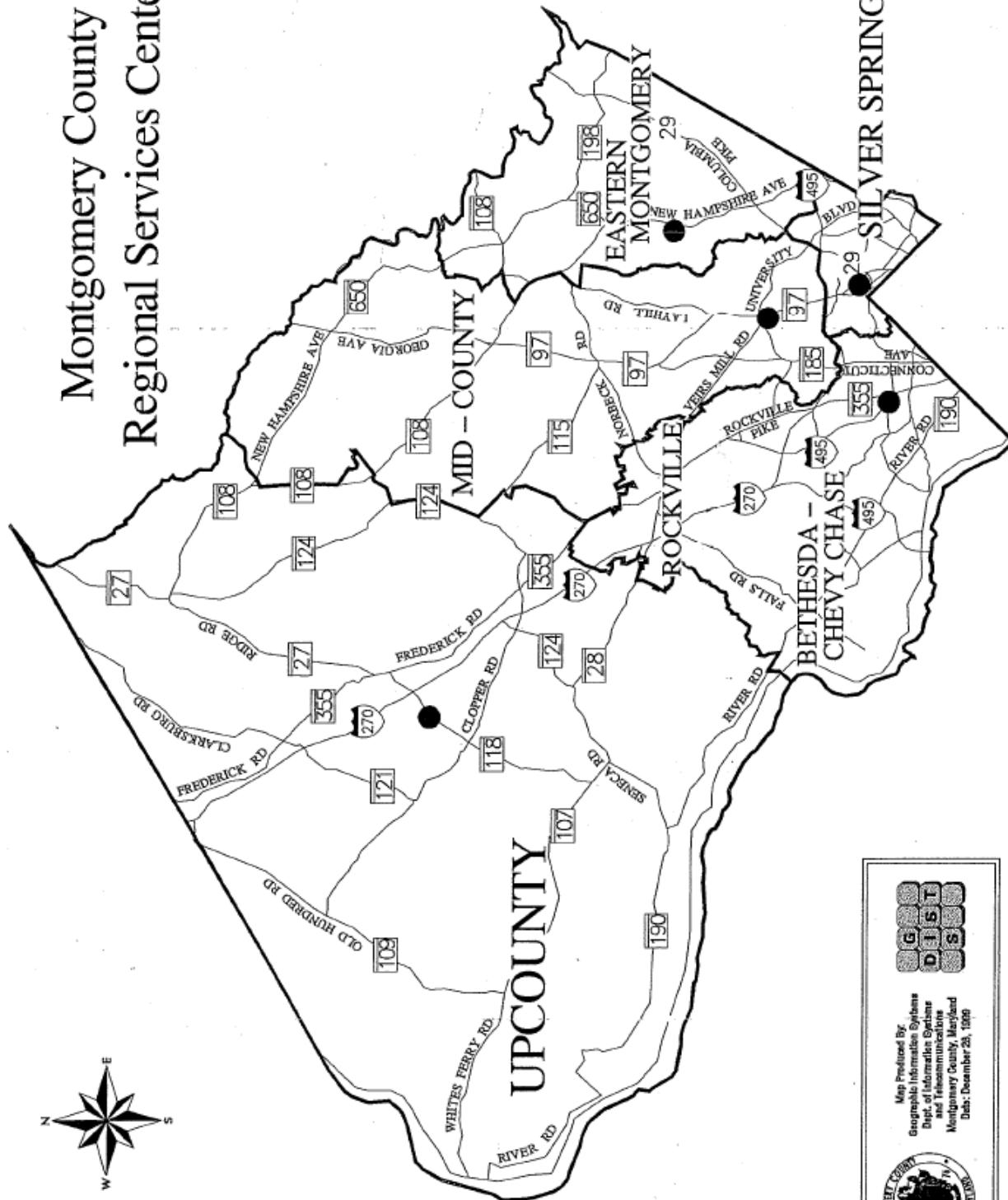
## **Upcounty**

The Upcounty service area consists of growing areas of the County along the upper I-270 corridor, encompassing the largest geographical area which consists of the northern and western parts of Montgomery County. This area includes the communities and vicinities of Bennett and Little Bennett Watershed, Damascus, Barnesville, Dickerson, Clarksburg, Goshen, Woodfield, Cedar Grove, Martinsburg, Poolesville, Lower Seneca Basin, Germantown, Gaithersburg, Upper Rock Creek, Darnestown, and Travilah. Not only has this area experienced swift growth in the number of residents, it is also the area with the greatest concentration of new research and development, manufacturing, and commercial employment. Upcounty is the largest area in population size and comprises 33.5 percent of the entire County population in 2015. From 2015 to 2030, the area is expected to grow 10.6 percent in household population. The household growth rate is expected to be faster, at 11.4 percent. From 2030 to 2045, area population growth is projected at 6.9 percent while growth in the number of households is projected at 7.8 percent.

### **Countywide Projects**

Numerous Countywide projects are included in the CIP and may include improvements located in one or more of the service areas. For more information on improvements included in Countywide projects, please refer to the individual project description forms.

# Montgomery County Regional Services Centers



## MONTGOMERY COUNTY POPULATION/HOUSEHOLDS BY REGIONAL SERVICES AREA, 2015 - 2045

### Growth and Projections for Regional Services Areas Household Population and Number of Households: 2015, 2030, and 2045

Regional Services Area	HOUSEHOLD POPULATION					HOUSEHOLDS				
			Percent Change					Percent Change		
	2015	2030	2045	2015 to 2030	2030 to 2045	2015	2030	2045	2015 to 2030	2030 to 2045
Bethesda/Chevy Chase	250,379	296,310	326,321	18.3%	10.1%	103,677	124,632	137,998	20.2%	10.7%
Eastern Montgomery	99,496	103,497	114,441	4.0%	10.6%	35,831	37,506	42,211	4.7%	12.5%
Mid-County	215,228	227,531	246,885	5.7%	8.5%	76,596	81,702	89,466	6.7%	9.5%
Silver Spring	103,611	117,376	125,798	13.3%	7.2%	41,485	47,881	51,432	15.4%	7.4%
Upcounty	336,987	372,785	398,583	10.6%	6.9%	117,259	130,587	140,796	11.4%	7.8%
County Total	1,005,701	1,117,499	1,212,028	11.1%	8.5%	374,848	422,308	461,903	12.7%	9.4%

\*Totals may not sum due to rounding

Source: Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Cooperative Forecast, Round 9.1, Research & Special Projects, Montgomery County Planning, M-NCPPC

- Bethesda-Chevy Chase includes Potomac-Cabin John, North Bethesda-Garrett Park, City of Rockville, and Bethesda-Chevy Chase.
- East County includes Patuxent Watershed, Cloverly-Norwood, Colesville-White Oak, and Fairland-Beltsville.
- Mid-County includes Patuxent Watershed, Upper Rock Creek, Olney and vicinity, Aspen Hill, Kensington-Wheaton, and Kemp Mill-Four Corners.
- Silver Spring includes Kemp Mill-Four Corners, Silver Spring, and Takoma Park.
- Upcounty includes Bennett and Little Bennett Watershed, Damascus and vicinity, Little Monocacy-Dickerson-Barnesville, Clarksburg and vicinity, Goshen, Woodfield, Cedar Grove and vicinity, Martinsburg and vicinity, Poolesville and vicinity, Lower Seneca Basin, Germantown, Gaithersburg and vicinity, Upper Rock Creek, Darnestown and vicinity, and Travilah and vicinity.

Notes: Planning areas of Kemp Mill-Four Corners, Patuxent Watershed, and Upper Creek Watershed are split between two service areas.

## PLANNING AREAS AND CORRESPONDING SERVICE AREAS

Planning Area Name	Service Area
Aspen Hill and Vicinity	Mid-County
Bennett and Little Bennett Watershed	Upcounty
Bethesda-Chevy Chase and Vicinity	Bethesda
Bi-County	All
Clarksburg and Vicinity	Upcounty
Cloverly-Norwood	East County
Colesville-White Oak and Vicinity	East County
Countywide	All
Damascus and Vicinity	Upcounty

Darnestown and Vicinity	Upcounty
Fairland-Beltsville and Vicinity	East County
Gaithersburg and Vicinity	Upcounty
Germantown and Vicinity	Upcounty
Goshen-Woodfield-Cedar Grove and Vicinity	Upcounty
Kemp Mill-Four Corners and Vicinity	Mid-County and Silver Spring
Kensington-Wheaton	Mid-County
Little Monacacy Basin Dickerson-Barnesville	Upcounty
Lower Seneca Basin	Upcounty
Martinsburg and Vicinity	Upcounty
North Bethesda-Garrett Park	Bethesda
Olney and Vicinity	Mid-County
Patuxent Watershed Conservation Area	East County and Mid-County
Poolesville and Vicinity	Upcounty
Potomac-Cabin John and Vicinity	Bethesda
Rockville	Bethesda
Silver Spring and Vicinity	Silver Spring
Takoma Park	Silver Spring
Travilah and Vicinity	Upcounty
Upper Rock Creek Watershed	Mid-County and Upcounty