

(1) IN GENERAL.—The purposes of this chapter (except sections 8733–8736) are—

(A) to secure comprehensive planning for the physical development of the National Capital and its environs;

(B) to provide for the participation of the appropriate planning agencies of the environs in the planning; and

(C) to establish the agency and procedures requisite to the administration of the functions of the Federal and District Governments related to the planning.

(2) OBJECTIVE.—The general objective of this chapter (except sections 8733–8736) is to enable appropriate agencies to plan for the development of the federal establishment at the seat of government in a manner—

(A) consistent with the nature and function of the National Capital and with due regard for the rights and prerogatives of the adjoining States and local governments to exercise control appropriate to their functions; and

(B) which will, in accordance with present and future needs, best promote public health, safety, morals, order, convenience, prosperity, and the general welfare, as well as efficiency and economy in the process of development.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
8701(a)	40:71(a) (2d sentence).	June 6, 1924, ch. 270, §1(a), 43 Stat. 463; Apr. 30, 1926, ch. 198, 44 Stat. 374; May 24, 1928, ch. 726, 45 Stat. 726; July 19, 1952, ch. 949, §1, 66 Stat. 781.
8701(b)(1)	40:71(a) (1st sentence).	
8701(b)(2)	40:71(a) (last sentence).	

In subsection (a)(7), the words “from time to time” are omitted as unnecessary.

In subsection (b), the text of 40:72a, restated as section 8732 of the revised title, is included in the purposes and objectives of this chapter because by its terms, the authority of the National Capital Planning Commission is enlarged as provided in that section.

§ 8702. Definitions

In this chapter—

(1) ENVIRONS.—The term “environs” means the territory surrounding the District of Columbia included in the National Capital region.

(2) NATIONAL CAPITAL.—The term “National Capital” means the District of Columbia and territory the Federal Government owns in the environs.

(3) NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION.—The term “National Capital region” means—

(A) the District of Columbia;

(B) Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties in Maryland;

(C) Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William Counties in Virginia; and

(D) all cities in Maryland or Virginia in the geographic area bounded by the outer boundaries of the combined area of the counties listed in subparagraphs (B) and (C).

(4) PLANNING AGENCY.—The term “planning agency” means any city, county, bi-county, part-county, or regional planning agency authorized under state and local laws to make and adopt comprehensive plans.

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8702	40:71(b).	June 6, 1924, ch. 270, §1(b), 43 Stat. 463; Apr. 30, 1926, ch. 198, 44 Stat. 374; May 24, 1928, ch. 726, 45 Stat. 726; July 19, 1952, ch. 949, §1, 66 Stat. 782.

In clause (3)(D), the words “now or hereafter existing” are omitted as unnecessary.

In clause (4), the words “whether or not its jurisdiction is exclusive or concurrent” are omitted as unnecessary.

SUBCHAPTER II—PLANNING AGENCIES

§ 8711. National Capital Planning Commission

(a) ESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSE.—The National Capital Planning Commission is the central federal planning agency for the Federal Government in the National Capital, created to preserve the important historical and natural features of the National Capital, except for the United States Capitol Buildings and Grounds (as defined and described in sections 5101 and 5102 of this title), any extension of, or additions to, those Buildings and Grounds, and buildings and grounds under the care of the Architect of the Capitol.

(b) COMPOSITION.—

(1) MEMBERSHIP.—The National Capital Planning Commission is composed of—

(A) ex officio, the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Defense, the Administrator of General Services, the Mayor of the District of Columbia, the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, the chairman of the Committee on Governmental Affairs of the Senate, and the chairman of the Committee on Government Reform of the House of Representatives, or an alternate any of those individuals designates; and

(B) five citizens with experience in city or regional planning, three of whom shall be appointed by the President and two of whom shall be appointed by the Mayor.

(2) RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT.—The citizen members appointed by the Mayor shall be residents of the District of Columbia. Of the three appointed by the President, at least one shall be a resident of Virginia and at least one shall be a resident of Maryland.

(3) TERMS.—An individual appointed by the President serves for six years. An individual appointed by the Mayor serves for four years. An individual appointed to fill a vacancy shall be appointed only for the unexpired term of the individual being replaced.

(4) PAY AND EXPENSES.—Citizen members are entitled to \$100 a day when performing duties vested in the Commission and to reimbursement for necessary expenses incurred in performing those duties.