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Town of Riverdale Park Mixed-Use Town Center Zone  
Development Plan

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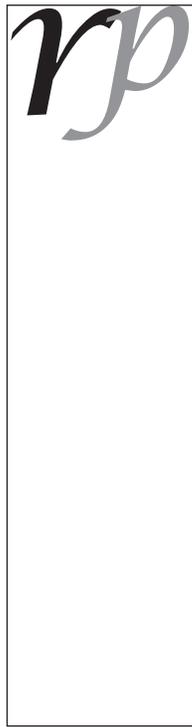
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**ABSTRACT:** This development plan includes design review process and standards to establish a framework for property owners, tenants, the local municipality, county officials, and staff to review planned new development or redevelopment within the proposed Mixed-Use Town Center boundary. The development plan implements the Mixed-Use Town Center Zone, which was recommended to replace the existing zones within parts of the designated boundary in the master planning process. The Planning Area 68 master plan and sectional map amendment were approved and adopted on May 17, 1994. The Mixed-Use Town Center Zone stipulates that regulations concerning the location, size and other provisions for all buildings and structures in the zone are as provided in an approved town center development plan.

This document provides the following: a brief introduction and historical overview; overall development and design concepts; a specific long-range design concept for the town center that proposes an arrangement and mix of uses with new and improved public spaces; specific design principles and standards to guide development in the implementation of the development plan goals; description of the local design review and special permit processes; inventory of existing uses and street right-of-way widths; the permitted uses and special permit process in the M-UTC Zone; and recommended plant species.



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The Commission has three major functions:

- i The preparation, adoption, and, from time to time, amendment or extension of the General Plan for the physical development of the Maryland-Washington Regional District;
- ii The acquisition, development, operation, and maintenance of a public park system; and
- iii In Prince George's County only, the operation of the entire county public recreation program.

The Commission operates in each county through a Planning Board appointed by and responsible to the county government. All local plans, recommendations on zoning amendments, administration of subdivision regulations, and general administration of parks are responsibilities of the Planning Boards.

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- i Our mission is to help preserve, protect and manage the county's resources by providing the highest quality planning services and growth management guidance and by facilitating effective intergovernmental and citizen involvement through education and technical assistance.
- ii Our vision is to be a model planning department comprised of responsive and respected staff who provide superior planning and technical services and work cooperatively with decision-makers, citizens and other agencies to continuously improve development quality and the environment and act as a catalyst for positive change.

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