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A recent decision by the President's Cabinet-level committee on Federal Office Space—to concentrate Federal construction in a largely rebuilt downtown Washington—has given strong impetus to the radial corridor and central core philosophy embodied in the *Year 2000 Plan*, and in the recommended General Plan for the Regional District. There will certainly be other such endorsements, and implementing actions, in the near future.

The recommended General Plan for the Maryland suburban area is a plan that reaches beyond the boundaries of the bi-county Regional District. It dovetails harmoniously with the long-range *A Plan For The Year 2000*, thus carrying the radial corridor concept into the heart of Washington and across the Potomac into the Virginia suburban area. Planning of this sort, reaching uninterruptedly across political boundaries, is absolutely essential in today's super-urbanized metropolitan regions. No plans of lesser scope can hope to meet the complex needs of area growth.

Clearly, all these considerations are compelling reasons why Maryland suburban residents should adopt the recommended General Plan and push it to a successful culmination.