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## SOME OTHER THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE CITY OF MANASSAS PARK

**POPULATION:** 1978 estimated population was 8,960.

**CLIMATE:** Generally, the area has a mild climate with little snow in the winter. The area, though, still experiences four distinct seasonal variations with leaves turning in mid-October and spring foliage coming forth beginning in early April. Summers are not unbearably hot, though a few very warm weeks can be expected. All new housing is air conditioned.

**EDUCATION:** Three elementary and one combination junior/senior high school serve Manassas Park, as well as an outstanding vocational program and special education. Pupil/teacher ratio is 24-1. Northern Virginia Community College has a branch campus 15 minutes away; other campuses are within one-half hour's drive. George Mason University is located in Fairfax City, approximately one-half hour away. There are major universities and colleges in the metropolitan Washington area. Virginia Polytechnic Institute and University of Virginia are near enough to serve students from the Manassas Park.

**MEDICAL:** Prince William and Fairfax Hospitals are utilized by area residents. For very specialized medical problems the Washington, D. C. metropolitan area with its several medical school teaching hospitals provides outstanding medical services to the area.

**RECREATION:** There is one major public recreation area with swimming pool, tennis courts, etc., and two minor recreation areas within the city limits, as well as several private facilities. Also, Conner Center is adjacent to 270 acres of passive park land. Manassas National Battlefield Park is within ten minutes of the site. Two future sites and bike paths are to be developed. Plans are being formulated to utilize schools for leisure activities for all age groups. Bull Run Park, Prince William Forest Park, Conway Robinson Park are within one-half hour's drive and provide a variety of year-round outdoor recreational activities.

**HOUSING:** Approximately 1,612 single family units and 293 multi-family homes now exist; several new housing developments are in the planning stage. Price range for houses and condominiums is \$30,000 to \$70,000.

**PUBLIC SERVICES:** Fire and rescue: one platoon, 25 volunteers, 7 full-time paid firefighters, 6 EMT rescue squad. Police: one station, 12-man force plus 5 dispatchers, utilize county jail. Trash removal: provided by City, twice weekly pick-up, fee included in annual tax bill. There are no additional fees.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT:** The City is governed by a non-partisan Mayor and 6 members of Council who are elected at-large. A City Manager is responsible for the day-to-day administration of City business. The City provides all of the services normally found in a municipality.

**LABOR:** In 1970, the largest portion of male workers were craftsmen, followed by service employees, clerical and kindred workers, professional/technical, and operatives except transport drivers. Most of the women employed were service or clerical workers. Total labor force numbered about 2,300 persons. The City presently has approximately 1,000 young people in the 15-19 age range who will be seeking employment in the next two to five years. The Manassas Park area can also draw upon the large labor pool in Fairfax County which contains a large number of professional/technical persons and other white collar workers, as well as available workers in Prince William County which is one of the fastest-growing counties in the nation. The Special Training Division of the Virginia Department of Community Colleges will help any industry requiring special skills to train needed employees by: analyzing the job(s); recruiting trainees; tailoring training programs and if required, assigning a specialist to aid in defining manpower requirements. These services are available through Manassas campus of the Northern Virginia Community College.

**TAXES:** Real estate - \$2.40 per 100 at 100% assessment; machinery and tools - \$.40 per 100; personal property - \$3.00 per 100. Detailed information on taxes available to industry will be provided on request.