



George Washington Memorial Parkway is associated with a long and continuous planning effort for the Washington D.C. Region. Frederick Law Olmstead, Jr. urged connections between parks including a road network that would extend parks to the perimeters of the regional city, in particular to Mount Vernon, and along both sides of the Potomac to Great Falls. Despite opposition from the public utilities at Great Falls, the planning commission vigorously promoted a parkway, by the Capper-Cramton Act of 1930. This act established the funding and planning for the parkway, creating the means for design and construction between 1930 and 1966. The upper parkway commemorates the life of Washington, providing unparalleled views of the city he founded and the river he traveled.



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