

Type H Residential Sub-Areas

The property in residential areas with this designation represents the negro developments and the lowest grade of residential area in the Washington Metropolitan Area. These areas have been developed especially for negroes or have been left open for negroes to build for themselves. There is not control of any kind existing in these areas and they represent the very worst of heterogeneous developments. These areas definitely do not include sections originally intended for white occupancy and now occupied by negroes. They are strictly areas intended for or permitting negro usage.

The only possible future for properties in these areas is that the present scattered structures may be razed and new planned subdivisions instituted in their place. This may occur in some instances where the negroes are squatters on property still held in tracts by white owners, but in general, such a transition is improbable to any great extent. In the cases where the present negroes are squatters, no facilities of any kind are present and the structures are nearly all temporary shacks. However, where small plots have been sold to negroes some facilities are present though no signs of planning are in evidence. The sections are more the result of exploitation of the negro rather than a planned development. These areas are therefore characterized as the poorest grade of housing in the metropolitan district.