

This agency was created in 1958 to operate and maintain the fifteen-story State Office Building and the six-story State Roads Building, first occupied in 1959. The Superintendent is responsible for facilities consisting of parking areas, heating and air conditioning plant, common telephone switchboard, concession-operated cafeteria, modern elevators, landscaped grounds, etc. The buildings house forty-one State agencies. The cost of operation is partially borne by funds collected from Special Fund Agencies (Acts 1959, chap. 585).

Appropriations	1961	1962
Gross Requirements	\$490,204	\$537,130
Reimbursable Funds	148,583	157,548
Net General Funds	\$341,621	\$379,582
Staff: 62.		

Public Planning

STATE PLANNING DEPARTMENT

State Planning Commission

Chairman: Joseph Meyerhoff, 1963

Ex officio members: William S. James, State Senate; E. Homer White, Jr., House of Delegates.

Appointed members: James C. Anderson, 1963; John McC. Mowbray, 1963; F. Murray Benson, 1965; James H. Grove, 1965; Saul I. Stern, 1965; Sidney H. Tingley, Jr., 1965.

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The State Planning Department was created by Chapter 543, Acts of 1959 as the successor to the Maryland State Planning Commission, established by Chapter 39, Acts of the Special Session of 1933.

The State Planning Department functions "as the Governor's Staff Agency in planning matters," and prepares and keeps up-to-date a program for the development and effective employment of all State resources, known as the State Development Plan. To this end the Department studies "the resources of the State and . . . existing and emerging problems of agriculture, commerce, transportation, population, housing, public service, local government" and other matters that affect the development of Maryland. It also "prepares the State's capital program in collaboration with the Department of Budget and Procurement and . . . assists in the preparation of the annual capital budget." In addition, it acts "as an advisory . . . and coordinating agency," harmonizing its planning activities with those of State or local government agencies and providing these agencies with planning assistance. Finally, it attempts to stimulate "public interest and participation in the development of the State." The Director of the State Planning Department is appointed by the Governor and serves at his pleasure.

The law provides for a State Planning Commission within the State Planning Department to advise and assist the Director. The Commission consists of nine members: Seven are appointed by the Governor for four-year terms; the other two represent the House of Delegates and the State Senate and are appointed by the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate respectively.