

## APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION

### MARYLAND REPRESENTATIVES

Harry Hughes, *State Member*

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### OFFICERS OF THE COMMISSION

*Federal Co-Chairperson:* Albert P. Smith

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By Chapter 415, Acts of 1965, the Governor and the Board of Public Works were authorized to appoint a State member and an alternate to the Appalachian Regional Commission to implement the Federal Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965. Commission membership, in addition, includes a regional representative selected by the majority of the thirteen Appalachian states (Code 1957, Art. 78A, sec. 13A).

The Commission was created by the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965 (P.L. 89-4) to plan and coordinate projects and programs authorized by the Act for the development of the thirteen-state Appalachian Region, which includes the Western Maryland counties of Washington, Allegany, and Garrett. The Commission consists of a federal co-chairperson appointed by the President and one member from each participating state who must be the Governor or his alternate. A state co-chairperson is elected annually by the governors.

Programs for Appalachian development authorized by the Act include the construction of a developmental highway system, access roads, health centers, vocational educational schools, and sewage treatment works; the development of land, timber, and water resources; the rehabilitation of areas damaged by strip and surface mining; and the establishment of local development districts to support economic development efforts at the local level. The Act provides authority for the Appalachian Regional Developmental Highway System, a network of 2,700 miles of development highways and 1,600 miles of access roads. The Maryland portion of the highway system consists of 79.8 miles.

The Commission is not an operating agency. Its major function is the planning and coordina-

tion of programs and projects to be carried out by the appropriate federal and State departments and agencies. The Commission can act only on those programs and projects that are submitted to it by State members. Its decisions require the affirmative vote of the federal co-chairperson and of a majority of State members (Code 1957, Art. 78A, sec. 13).

## TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL FOR WESTERN MARYLAND, INC.

*Chairperson:* William M. Kenny

*Vice-Chairperson:* R. Lee Downey

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The Tri-County Council for Western Maryland, Inc., was chartered as a nonprofit corporation on July 22, 1971, to serve Allegany, Garrett, and Washington counties. The Council replaces the Governor's Council for Appalachian Maryland, originally established in 1968. The Council consists of nineteen voting members and two non-voting members. On August 9, 1971, the Governor certified that the Council was an entity eligible for designation as a Local Development District under the provisions of Section 301, Title III, of the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965, as amended (P.L. 89-4).

The Council functions as a cooperative economic, social, and cultural development agency within Allegany, Garrett, and Washington counties by developing a comprehensive development plan for the region; providing liaison with local, State, and federal agencies; preparing data and studies to support comprehensive development planning, including the recommendation of projects and activities to meet public service needs of the region; and providing assistance in the implementation of the State's Appalachian development program in the region.

The Council is functioning under a grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission covering 65 percent of its operating costs.

## TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL FOR SOUTHERN MARYLAND

*Chairperson:* James C. Simpson

Southern Maryland Legislative Delegation: J.

Ernest Bell; C. Bernard Fowler; Samuel C.