

(b) With the approval of the [Secretary] DIRECTOR of [State] Planning and whenever it believes it necessary or useful for its advisory functions, the Commission may hold public or private hearings and sponsor public forums in any part of the State.

Subtitle [9.] 8. Patuxent River

5-802. Reserved.

5-803. Reserved.

[5-905.] 5-805.

(a) (1) The [Department] OFFICE has primary responsibility for preparing proposed amendments to the Plan.

(2) In preparing a proposed amendment, the [Department] OFFICE shall consult with local jurisdictions and appropriate units of the State government, who shall:

(i) provide the [Department] OFFICE with pertinent information, including information on implementation of the Plan; and

(ii) cooperate with and assist the [Department] OFFICE in preparing the proposed amendment.

(b) Before the [Department] OFFICE presents a proposed amendment to the Plan to local jurisdictions for their approval, the Commission shall:

(1) review and comment on the proposed amendment and work with the [Department] OFFICE in making any modifications to the proposed amendment that the Commission considers necessary;

(2) distribute copies of the proposed amendment to the Governor, appropriate members of the General Assembly, the local jurisdictions entitled to voting representation on the Commission, other affected local jurisdictions, and appropriate units of the State government, for their information and comments; and

(3) conduct at least 1 public hearing on the proposed amendment.

(c) After a proposed amendment to the Plan has been acted on by the Commission, the [Department] OFFICE may present the proposed amendment to the governing bodies of the local jurisdictions entitled to voting representation on the Commission, for their approval, by resolution. The [Department] OFFICE shall include any comments made by the Commission.