

necessary technical assistance to the Board of Public Works which is charged with the administration of the Capital Improvements program. The Department also acts as approving agency under the Hill-Burton Act, which provides federal aid for hospital construction. The Department of Public Improvements prepares the specifications for all buildings being constructed under its supervision, appoints the architect and supervises and approves the architectural drawings and designs. In cooperation with the Maryland Planning Commission, the Department has organized site-planning panels at many of the State institutions where construction is in progress or contemplated. Through these individual planning committees, the sites of buildings and other improvements may be selected with the thought of the maximum growth and development of the institution. The Department also maintains a record drawing of each institution showing water supply lines, sewage disposal systems and public utilities locations. These drawings will show all changes made and thus provide at all times accurate and complete information regarding all building sites. An inspection division is also maintained by the Department to insure that the standards and specifications established are observed. In addition to these continuing functions, the Department is preparing the State building code which will be presented to the General Assembly. The agency is also supervising the demolition of the former Naval Base at Solomons.

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