

Appropriations	1959 <sup>1</sup>	1960
General Funds .....	\$144,763	\$164,363
Staff: 27.		

### BALTIMORE REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

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The Baltimore Regional Planning Council was established by the Maryland State Planning Commission in December, 1956 to take advantage of federal assistance for regional planning under Section 701 of the Federal Housing Act of 1954. The Council consists of two persons from each of six constituent jurisdictions; Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Carroll County, Harford County, and Howard County. One member from each jurisdiction is the elected head of government or someone he designates; and the other is the director of the local planning agency. In addition, the State Planning Department is represented by its Director. The Council is financed by a grant from the Urban Renewal Agency of the U. S. Housing and Home Finance Agency and a matching amount represented by contributions of staff services from member jurisdictions.

Between April 1957 and July 1959, the Council undertook studies covering population, land use, industrial development, open space, freeways, water supply and sewerage facilities and published its findings in two technical bulletins, four technical reports, and one summary report. A \$100,000 Federal planning grant financed this first project.

A second project, to last fifteen months and financed by a \$60,000 Federal planning grant, began in July 1959. To carry out the project, the Council is making a comprehensive study of regional open-space needs and is drawing up a master plan to a regional system of parks, recreation areas, and open spaces. It is also studying and establishing standards for residential land use to provide a balance between anticipated needs of residents and the financial resources available to each jurisdiction for the necessary public services connected with the various types of housing. Finally, the Council is making a long-range study of the relationships between the highways systems planned for the Baltimore and Washington regions and the ultimate land-use pattern proposed for these two areas. It will make this last study in close cooperation with the National Capital Regional Planning Council.

The Baltimore Regional Planning Council performs its tasks with a staff of four persons, aided by expert technical committees and consultants. The Council has established close working relationships with the many departments of its constituent jurisdictions as well as with State agencies such as the State Roads Commission, State Health Department, and Maryland Port Authority.

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Federal Funds .....	\$100,000 (granted for 27 months)	\$60,000 (granted for 15 months)
Staff: 4.		

<sup>1</sup>State Planning Commission.