

The Commission may establish subcommittees to which it may delegate any of its functions. It is also to (1) "study and report from time to time upon the effectiveness of planning in the State;" (2) "evaluate the effectiveness of this Article, and . . . urge its revision or amendment whenever necessary;" (3) "receive and approve, disapprove, or resubmit to the Director of State Planning recommendations concerning the establishment of regional or metropolitan areas;" (4) "hold public and private hearings and sponsor public forums in any part of the State."

The State Planning Department is the successor to the former State Planning Commission. Under the modified enabling legislation, the Medical Care Committee, the former Commission's major subcommittee for the study of medical and health problems continues to function. In addition, the creation in the near future of a Committee on High Education, functioning in the same manner as the Medical Care Committee is contemplated. The revised Planning Department has continued to participate in the functioning of the Baltimore Regional Planning Council. (Code 1957, 1960 Supp., Art. 88C.)

Appropriations	1961	1962
General Funds	\$177,455	\$210,398
Staff: 24.		

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, as amended. 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 his designee; 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 from member jurisdictions. Office space is provided for the Council in the State Planning Department.

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, lasting eighteen months and financed by a \$60,000 Federal planning grant, began in July 1959. Three technical reports