

program for the development and effective employment of all State resources, known as the State Development Plan. To this end the Department studies "the resources of the State and . . . existing and emerging problems of agriculture, commerce, transportation, population, housing, public service, local government" and other matters that affect the development of Maryland. It also "prepares the State's capital program in collaboration with the Department of Budget and Procurement and . . . assists in the preparation of the annual capital budget." In addition, it acts "as an advisory . . . and coordinating agency," harmonizing its planning activities with those of State or local government agencies and providing these agencies with planning assistance. Finally, it attempts to stimulate "public interest and participation in the development of the State." The Director of the State Planning Department is appointed by the Governor and serves at his pleasure.

The law provides for a State Planning Commission within the State Planning Department to advise and assist the Director. The Commission consists of nine members: Seven are appointed by the Governor for four-year terms; the other two represent the House of Delegates and the State Senate and are appointed by the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate respectively.

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 Medical Care Committee, which formerly functioned under the Planning Commission as a study group to review medical and health problems, was discontinued as an operation of the Planning Commission and the Planning Department as of July 1, 1963. This was brought about by Legislative action, discontinuing appropriation to the Planning Department for staffing the Medical Care Committee (Code 1957, 1963 Supp., Art. 88C).

Appropriations	1963	1964
General Funds	\$232,188	\$223,281
Staff: 24.		

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