

Regional Planning Council is in effect a council of local governments with state participation. Its membership of twenty-six persons consists of three representatives from each of these six member jurisdictions, the Secretary of State Planning, the Chairman-Director of the State Roads Commission, the Chairman of the Metropolitan Transit Authority, a member of the Maryland Port Authority, a member of the State Senate, a member of the House of Delegates, and two members-at-large. The last four members are appointed by the Governor. Of the three members from each of the six jurisdictions, the following are members: the Mayor of the City of Baltimore, the County Executives of Baltimore and Anne Arundel and Howard counties, the President of the Baltimore City Council, the Chairman of the County Council in Baltimore, Anne Arundel and Howard counties, a member of the Boards of County Commissioners from Carroll and Harford counties, and a member of the Planning Commissions or advisory boards of each of the six member jurisdictions. The elected officials representing the six member political subdivisions have the right to designate an alternate to act in their absence.

The scope of the Council's work covers the range of the problems and opportunities confronting the Baltimore Region. Its work includes the development, amendment, and extension of the Suggested General Development Plan, including plans, programs and implementation recommendations for regional facilities, land use and other physical factors affecting the development of the region such as open spaces, rural area, water bodies, water supply, highway and transit systems, aviation, libraries and various land uses; comprehensive health planning for the region; economic and social research, provision of advisory and other services to units of government, and conduct of coordinative, consultative and community information and participation activities in the above areas. These plans and programs are coordinated both with one another and with plans and programs prepared by state, local and private agencies.

By virtue of the Regional Planning Council's adoption, in September 1967, of the General Development Plan, no plan may be adopted by any unit of government within the area, and "no road, park, public way, public buildings, or any other development which is metropolitan or regional in nature or affects an area greater than a single unit of government, may be constructed or authorized in the Regional Planning Area until and unless the proposed location and extent thereof has been referred to the Regional Planning Council for its consideration."

The Regional Planning Council receives two-thirds of its budget from the six political subdivisions of the Region and one-third from the State. The portion of each of the subdivision's share of the budget must be in the same ratio as their respective assessed value of real property is to the total for the Region; in no event can it be an amount which exceeds the amount that would be produced by a levy of an ad valorem tax of $\frac{1}{2}\%$ per \$100. These funds are augmented by various federal grants (Code 1957, 1965 Repl. Vol., Art. 78D).

MARYLAND COMMISSION ON THE CAPITAL CITY

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