

of Management and Budget Circular A-95. All applicants for Federal aid under the specified programs must first submit to the State Clearinghouse a Notification of Intent to Apply for Federal Aid. This notification is forwarded to appropriate State, regional and local governmental agencies for review and comment to assure consistency with comprehensive State, regional and local plans; for environmental impact, and to eliminate duplication and conflict thereby increasing the effectiveness and value received from the expenditure of resources. The State Clearinghouse also coordinates the review of all Program Open Space projects, all applications for sub-grant awards made by the Governor's Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice and all Railroad Abandonment Notifications. The Clearinghouse is also designated as the State Central Information Reception Agency to receive all information from Federal agencies on grants made within the State. This information is compiled and distributed monthly and annually to interested officials and agencies of the State and its subdivisions. The Clearinghouse is responsible for maintaining an inventory of all State and Federal owned land in the State and for coordinating the disposal of all excess State and surplus Federal property.

As a result of Hurricane Agnes and resultant flooding of June, 1972, Governor Marvin Mandel directed the Department to establish a Flood Disaster Coordination Office (FDCO). This office coordinates flood disaster planning, rehabilitation and recovery efforts within the State. It also administers Federal flood planning funds.

State Planning Commission.

The State Planning Commission constitutes an Advisory Board for the Department of State Planning. The Commission consists of nine members, each serving four-year terms. Seven members representing the public are appointed by the Governor; an ex-officio member of the State Senate appointed by the President of the Senate; and an ex-officio member of the House of Delegates appointed by the Speaker. Members are selected as far as possible to reflect different broad geographic, economic and social interests in the State. The Chairman of the Commission is designated by the Governor.

The State Planning Commission advises and reports to the Secretary of State Planning on all matters submitted to it by the Secretary, such as the State Development Plan. It may also consider current operations and activities of the Department, the needs of the State for further development, the establishment of regional or metropolitan planning areas, the effectiveness of the Department and its planning activities, and the public awareness and understanding of the objectives and functions of State and local planning. The Commission may establish such sub-committees as may be necessary, and may with the approval of the Secretary of State Planning, hold private or public hearings, and sponsor public forums in any part of the State whenever it deems it necessary or useful in connection with its advisory functions (Code 1957, 1969 Repl. Vol., 1972 Supp., Art. 88C, secs. 1-11).

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