

The CDA is responsible for the overall State-level coordination among state, regional, local and federal development and development-related programs. The primary regional development programs operating in Maryland at present are: (1) The Appalachian Regional Commission program, functioning in Allegany, Garrett and Washington Counties; (2) The Economic Development Administration program, under which Garrett, Calvert, Dorchester, Somerset and Washington Counties are currently fully eligible; (3) The Delmarva Economic Development District (Tri-State), operating with both State and federal (EDA) assistance under the Delmarva Advisory Council, with offices in Salisbury; (4) The Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland, with offices in Waldorf, covering Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's Counties, sponsored by state and local government. Federal developmental programs, with potential benefits amounting to many millions of dollars annually, are a major source of funds, and research and technical assistance for economic development, especially in underdeveloped areas (Code 1957, 1971 Repl. Vol., Art. 41, secs. 258-266).

The CDA also maintains a Western Maryland Regional Development Office (Code 1957, 1971 Repl. Vol., Art. 41, secs. 266DD-1-266DD-6).

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The Western Maryland Regional Development Office functions as a field arm of the CDA in the local coordination of plans and projects under the Appalachian program. The staff of the office will also assess the economic and resource potential of the three counties, consult with Western Maryland leaders to obtain their ideas for strengthening the area's economy, and seek to enlist broad-based public support and cooperation in regional development tasks. To assist in these tasks, the Tri-County Council for Western Maryland, Inc., was created and consists of civic, local government and business leaders.

#### **TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL FOR WESTERN MARYLAND, INC.**

##### **Council Membership**

County Commissioners: Burton Smith, Allegany County; Earl E. Opel, Garrett County; Lem E. Kirk, Washington County.

Mayor or Councilmen: Donald DeVore, Councilman of Westernport, representing incorporated towns of Allegany County; Charley B. Miller, Councilman of Friendsville, representing incorporated towns of Garrett County; David B. Cole, Councilman of Williamsport, representing Washington County Council of Governments.

County Economic Development Commissions: George L. Baker, Jr., Allegany County; Bernard M. Guy, Garrett County; J. Lee Potterfield, Washington County.

County Planning Commissions: Albert S. Paye, Allegany County; Wayne B. Hamilton, Garrett County; Donald R. Frush, Washington County.

Labor: Charles E. Stutzman, Western Maryland Central Labor Council (non-voting).