

DEPARTMENT OF STATE PLANNING

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Origins of the Department of State Planning date back to 1933 with the formation of the State Planning Commission (Chapter 39, Acts of Special Session of 1933). The Commission was replaced by the State Planning Department in 1959 (Chapter 543, Acts of 1959). This latter agency in 1969 became the present Department of State Planning (Chapter 155, Acts of 1969).

The Department of State Planning is the Governor's staff agency on planning matters. Its major functions are first, to plan for State government itself, primarily through the capital program and through assistance to State agencies, and second, to plan for overall State growth and development, conservation and preservation of resources, and coordination of economic, environmental, and social policies and programs.

The Department publishes numerous studies, capital programs, and reports containing land use, economic and demographic data. Publication inquiries should be directed to the Office of the Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

The Office of the Secretary provides direction to the Department and performs other specific duties. Among these duties is participation on many boards, commissions, and committees mandated by the General Assembly or by appointment of the Governor.

The Secretary serves as chairperson of the State Development Council. Created by the Governor in 1980, the Council includes the Lieutenant Governor and the secretaries of the five other departments most closely associated with the physical development of the State. Based upon the recommendations of the Council, the Governor in May 1982 issued an executive order defining policies to guide State actions for the physical and economic development of Maryland. The Council examines issues where comprehensive and consistent State policies are required to guide the effective and efficient allocation of State resources.

The Secretary also chairs the Executive Management Board, which oversees the planning and construction of State office space. In addition to the Baltimore and Annapolis State Office Complexes, the Board oversees the multi-service center program of regional offices for State agencies.

The Patuxent River Commission is chaired by the Secretary, and she is a member of the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Commission.

Other activities of the Secretary's office are legislative analysis, public communication, and various interagency and intergovernmental coordination functions. Planning workshops and conferences are promoted by this Office.

The major functions of the Department are met through two principal operating divisions—Capital Program Planning and Comprehensive Policy Planning—and three support offices—State Clearinghouse for Intergovernmental Assistance, Office of Planning Data, and Office of Administration.

STATE PLANNING COMMISSION

Chairperson: Arnold M. Kronstadt, 1985

George B. Reeves, 1985; Thomas B. Beyard, 1986; Margaret M. Kline, 1986; Michael P. Kushner, 1986; Julia A. Metcalf, 1986; George M. Brady, Jr., 1987; Patricia C. Layton, 1987; *three vacancies.*

Ex officio: Julian L. Lapides, *State Senate*; Martha S. Klima, *House of Delegates.*

The State Planning Commission is an advisory board to the Department of State Planning. The Commission advises and reports to the Secretary of State Planning on all matters submitted to it by the Secretary. It may also consider current operations and activities of the Department, development issues, the establishment of regional or metropolitan planning areas, the effectiveness of the Depart-