

economic, and geographic information for planning purposes. Included within the Office are the Research and State Data Center, the Automated Geographic Information and Remote Sensing Program, and the Planning Library and State Depository of Plans.

Research staff prepares projections of population, housing demands, and employment by place of work for each jurisdiction in the State for a twenty-year planning horizon. These projections are updated on a three-year cycle. Annually, ten-year projections of public school enrollment by grade for each jurisdiction are prepared. These projections are used by other State and local agencies as well as the private sector in their planning and in preparing projections specific to their client or customer population.

The *State Data Center* maintains statistical data from the U.S. Bureau of the Census and other information sources. The data covered include such areas as: population, housing, employment, income, agriculture, construction, manufacturing, retail and wholesale trade, government, and education.

Planning Data operates the Maryland Automated Geographic Information (MAGI) System, a computerized system that has geographically grid-referenced data on the physical, cultural, and aerial attributes of the State.

Planning Data also maintains a Geographic Districting Information System (GeoDIS), a computer-based interactive system for the analysis and map display of socio-economic and client specific data for the State.

The *Department of State Planning Library* serves as the central depository for all government general, area, and functional plans. The Library has the

most complete collection of Maryland plans and an extensive collection of books and periodicals.

PATUXENT RIVER COMMISSION

Chairperson: Constance Lieder, *Secretary of State Planning*

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Authorized by Chapter 746, Acts of 1980, the Patuxent River Commission annually reviews the operation of State and local agencies in regard to the Patuxent River. It provides a clearinghouse for watershed information and reviews plans and comments on reports and development projects impacting the river. The Commission assisted in the preparation of the Patuxent River Policy Plan, and will contribute to its updating and implementation.

The Commission is composed of ten members, one from each of the seven counties within the watershed and three ex officio members. The Commission reports annually to the General Assembly.

Defunct Departmental Agencies

REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

By executive order, removed from the Department in July 1983. Established as an independent agency by chapter 373, Acts of 1984.