

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 for planning matters. Its major functions are first, to plan for State government itself, through the capital program and provision of assistance to State agencies, and second, to plan for overall State growth and development, through preparation of plans and policies for the State's resources, and coordination of economic, environmental, and social policies and programs.

The Department publishes numerous studies, capital programs, and reports containing land use, economic, facility 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 chairs the Executive Management Board, which oversees the planning and construction of the district court/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, the Interagency Committee on School Construction, the Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation, and the Capital Debt Affordability Committee.

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, 1989

George M. Brady, Jr., 1987; Patricia C. Layton, 1987; George B. Reeves, 1989; Thomas B. Beyard, 1990; Margaret M. Kline, 1990; Julia A. Metcalf, 1990; *four vacancies.*

Ex officio: Julian L. Lapidés, *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 considers current operations and activities of the Department, development issues,