

and the establishment of regional or metropolitan planning areas. The Commission fosters public awareness and understanding of the objectives and functions of State and local planning.

The Commission consists of thirteen members. Eleven members representing the public are appointed by the Governor to four-year terms. One senator and one delegate, chosen by the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of Delegates respectively, serve *ex officio*. Members are selected to reflect the various geographic, economic, and social interests in the State. The chairperson is designated by the Governor (Code State Finance and Procurement Article, secs. 5-801 through 5-808).

### **CAPITAL PROGRAM PLANNING DIVISION**

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The Capital Program Planning Division prepares the Governor's Annual Capital Budget (exclusive of most transportation facilities) and develops the Five-Year Capital Improvements Program. This division conducts site visits, holds hearings, and prepares testimony for the General Assembly on all capital projects. It coordinates the purchase of all capital equipment for State agencies. Planning for the construction of the State system of multi-service centers and district courts is also coordinated by this unit. The Division provides technical assistance to State agencies in preparing master plans and undertakes studies on the feasibility and need for certain State facilities. The Division provides planning support to the Interagency Committee on School Construction.

### **COMPREHENSIVE POLICY PLANNING DIVISION**

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The Comprehensive Policy Planning Division is responsible for preparation of studies and plans for the development of the State. Special attention is accorded land use and growth, agriculture and forest preservation, restoration and protection of the Chesapeake Bay, outdoor open space and recreation planning, and implementation of the

Patuxent River Policy Plan. Related functions include intervention in land use proceedings of substantial interest, and analysis of annexation proposals. The Division reviews and coordinates plans and programs of local governments and State agencies.

Four regional offices of the Division are located in Centreville, Cumberland, Salisbury, and Charlotte Hall. They maintain liaison with local governments and planning organizations in these regions on matters relating to activities of the Department.

### **OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION**

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The Office of Administration is responsible for personnel matters, accounting and fiscal management, budgeting, office management, printing, drafting, and graphics.

### **STATE CLEARINGHOUSE FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL ASSISTANCE**

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The State Clearinghouse for Intergovernmental Assistance facilitates intergovernmental review and coordination of applications for financial assistance, direct federal development programs, draft environmental impact statements, nominations to the National Register of Historic Places, State plans requiring gubernatorial review, and certain specified applications for State assistance.

The Clearinghouse has been designated as the State single point of contact for federal agencies and functions as the focal point for dissemination of notices and announcements of proposed federal and some State actions. The Clearinghouse is responsible for transmitting the views of Maryland public officials to federal agencies, facilitating resolution of disputes, and formulating a single recommended course of action. The Clearinghouse is also responsible for recommending the disposition of State excess and federal surplus real property.

The Clearinghouse publishes an Inventory of State-Owned Real Property, a Catalog of State Assistance Programs, quarterly and annual reports of federal financial assistance awards, and the weekly *Intergovernmental Monitor*, which lists proposed federal and State actions.