

**City:** Clarence (Du) Burns, *Mayor* (Larry Reich, alternate); Frank X. Gallagher, *President, City Council* (Anthony J. Ambridge, Jr., alternate); Sally J. Michel, *Chairperson, Planning Commission*. **Baltimore County:** Dennis F. Rasmussen, *County Executive* (J. Timothy Fagan, alternate); Norman W. Lauenstein, *Chairperson, County Council* (Melvin G. Mintz, alternate); Harold Gibbs Reid, *Member, Planning Board*. **Carroll County:** John L. Armacost, *President, Board of County Commissioners* (Vacancy, alternate); Julia Gouge, *Vice President, Board of County Commissioners* (Edmund Cueman, alternate); William V. Lauterbach, Jr., *Member, Planning and Zoning Commission*. **Harford County:** Habern Freeman, Jr., *County Executive* (William G. Carroll, alternate); John W. Hardwicke, *President, County Council* (Barbara A. Risacher, alternate); John Kunkel, *Member, Planning Advisory Board*. **Howard County:** Elizabeth Bobo, *County Executive* (Thomas G. Harris, Jr., alternate); C. Vernon Gray, *Chairperson, County Council* (Shane Pendergrass, alternate); Sue-Ellen Hantman, *Member, Planning Board*.

Municipalities representative: Phillip R. Miller, *Mayor of Manchester*

Appointed by Governor: James P. Chandler; Henry R. Hergenroeder, Jr., *House of Delegates*, (Nancy L. Murphy, alternate); Nathan C. Irby, Jr., *State Senate*, (Michael J. Wagner, alternate).

Non-voting members: Dennis M. Callahan, *Mayor of Annapolis*; Adele Wilzack, *Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene*; Torrey C. Brown, *Secretary of Natural Resources*; Constance Lieder, *Secretary of State Planning*; Richard H. Trainor, *Secretary of Transportation*.

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The Regional Planning Council was created in 1963 as the successor to the Baltimore Regional Planning Council (Chapter 753, Acts of 1963). The prior agency had functioned as part of the State Planning Department since 1956. In 1983, the Regional Planning Council was removed from the Department of State Planning by Executive Order. It was made an independent agency in 1984 (Chapter 373, Acts of 1984).

The Council's area of jurisdiction covers all of Baltimore City and Anne Arundel, Baltimore,

Carroll, Harford, and Howard counties, and encompasses an area of 2,259 square miles. The 1980 Census showed that this metropolitan area had a population of 2,174,000.

The Regional Planning Council is in effect a council of local governments with State participation. The Council provides an opportunity for its member governmental units to work together with the State in dealing with common problems and planning for the future development of the region.

Every five years, the Council is required by law to reexamine, revise if necessary, readopt, and republish the General Development Plan for the region. The next revision is scheduled for 1991. Transportation, housing, recreation, water/sewer, solid waste, energy and environmental planning are all facets of the Council's program. The work of the Council also encompasses socio-economic analysis and evaluation of regional problems and opportunities, including housing, regional economy, and coordination of statistical data resources (Code 1957, Art. 78D).

The Council publishes reports on transportation, demographics, housing characteristics, economic forecasts, and similar matters. Copies of these and the *1986 General Development Plan* are available through the Council's library at nominal cost.

The Council's voting membership of twenty-three persons includes three representatives from each of six jurisdictions, as well as five members appointed by the Governor. Representatives from each jurisdiction include the mayor of the City of Baltimore; the county executives of Baltimore, Anne Arundel, Harford, and Howard counties; the president of the Baltimore City Council; the chairpersons of the County Council in Baltimore, Anne Arundel, Harford, and Howard counties; the president and a member of the Board of County Commissioners from Carroll County; and a member of the planning commissions or advisory boards of each jurisdiction. Members appointed by the Governor include a member of the State Senate, a member of the House of Delegates, an elected municipal official, and two members-at-large. The Governor may designate alternates for the legislative members, and the elected officials representing the six jurisdictions may designate an alternate. The mayor of the City of Annapolis serves ex officio as a non-voting member.