

for tax-sheltered income deferral, tax-deferred annuity, and profit sharing and salary reduction. They enable State employees and teachers to secure the tax advantages of such plans.

Appointed by the Governor, the Board consists of nine members. Three are appointed from the following departments and offices: the Departments of Personnel, Budget and Fiscal Planning, and Education; the Comptroller of the Treasury; the Treasurer of the State; the State Retirement Agency; or the State Board for Higher Education. Three are appointed from those eligible to participate in one or more of the plans. Three are public members who are not eligible to participate in the plans. At least one public member must have experience with deferred compensation and salary reduction plans. Members serve four-year terms. The Governor designates the chairperson (Code 1957, Art. 73C, secs. 1-8).

TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL FOR SOUTHERN MARYLAND

Chairperson: William T. Bowen

Southern Maryland Legislative Delegation: J. Ernest Bell; Bernie Fowler; Samuel C. Linton; Thomas A. Rymer; James C. Simpson; John F. Slade; Michael J. Sprague; John F. Wood, Jr.

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Southern Maryland Municipal Association: Warren A. Bowie

Members at Large: John T. Parran, Jr.; J. Frank Raley; John Whisman.

Nonvoting members: Matthew Gambrell, Raymond T. Tilghman, William E. Curtis (*County Economic Development Commissions*); Edward M. Blanchard, Maurice Lusby, Joseph M. Gough, Jr. (*County Planning Commissions*); Edwin L. Thomas, *Department of State Planning*; Edward Wise, *Department of Housing and Community Development*.

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The Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland was formed on December 6, 1964, as a cooperative planning and development agency to foster the economic and social development of the Southern Maryland region, and to initiate and coordinate plans and projects for the development of human and economic resources in Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's counties.

In 1965, the Governor recognized the Council as the cooperative planning and development agency for Southern Maryland. The Council was established by statute in 1966 (Chapter 586, Acts of 1966) and became a tax-exempt corporation in 1970 (Chapter 573, Acts of 1970). The Council's enabling law was reenacted as State general legislation in 1976 (Chapter 708, Acts of 1976). In 1984, the status of the Council as an independent agency was confirmed (Chapter 373, Acts of 1984).

The Council brings together local, State and federal resources to attain regional goals and address areawide issues. The Council is active in five program areas: economic development; tourism promotion; environmental protection; and regional resource management, which includes issues related to transportation, utilities, urban growth and development, housing, and public facilities and services. The Council, in 1979, was empowered to reevaluate the General Development Plan for Southern Maryland at least every four years, following the election of State and local officials (Chapter 36, Acts of 1979).

In recent years the Council has been a major contributor to State policies and programs to restore the Patuxent River, and it cooperated with the Maryland Heritage Committee in the coordination and promotion of Maryland's 350th anniversary in 1984.

Annually, the Council submits its proposed work programs and operating budget for the following fiscal year to the Department of Housing and Community Development.

The Council consists of twenty-nine members. Twenty-one are voting members. They include the State senators and delegates representing Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's counties; three county commissioners from each county; one member appointed by the Southern Maryland Municipal Association; and one member at large from each Southern Maryland county. The eight nonvoting members represent each County Planning Commission and County Economic Development Commission of the Southern Maryland counties;