

The Board consists of nine members appointed by the Governor. Three are appointed from any of the following agencies: Department of Budget and Fiscal Planning; Department of Education; Department of Personnel; Comptroller of the Treasury; State Treasurer; State Retirement Agency; or Maryland Higher Education Commission. Three are appointed who are eligible to participate in one or more of the plans. Three are public members not eligible to participate in any plan. 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 II; Bernie Fowler; Samuel C. Linton; George W. Owings III; James C. Simpson; John F. Slade III; Michael J. Sprague; John F. Wood, Jr.

County Commissioners: William T. Bowen, Barbara Stinnett, Joyce L. Terhes (*Calvert County*); Murray D. Levy, Thomas M. Middleton, Nancy J. Sefton (*Charles County*); W. Edward Bailey, Robert T. Jarboe, John G. Lancaster (*St. Mary's County*).

Appointed by Southern Maryland Municipal Association: Warren A. Bowie

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

Nonvoting members: Matthew Gambrill, 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, *Office of Planning*; Edward Wise, *Department of Housing & 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 comprising 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 four 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).

The Council has helped shape State policies and programs to restore the Patuxent River, and it also 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 members of the House of 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; the Office of Planning; and the Department of Housing and Community Development (Code 1957, Art. 20).

TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL FOR WESTERN MARYLAND

Chairperson: Arthur T. Bond

Allegany County members: David Edgerley; Ronald May; George Wyckoff, Jr.; *one vacancy*.

Garrett County members: DeCorsey E. Bolden; Ernest J. Gregg, Jr.; John Hinebaugh; Tom Jones; Walter Younkin; *one vacancy*.

Washington County members: Leroy Burtner; R. Lee Downey; William McLean, Sr.; Fred Papa; Richard Parks; *one vacancy*.