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MANDATED REPORTS

*Annual Report to Governor & General Assembly.  
 General Development Plan revision due 1992.*

The Baltimore Regional Council of Governments received its present name in 1989 (Chapter 736, Acts of 1989). Formerly it was the Regional Planning Council, 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 Baltimore Regional Council of Governments provides an opportunity for local governments to work together and with the State on regional problems and planning. The Council uses an extensive committee structure to study issues and prepare recommendations.

Council jurisdiction encompasses an area of 2,259 square miles. Known as the Baltimore metropolitan area, it covers all of Baltimore City and Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford and Howard counties. The area's population totaled 2,348,200 in 1990.

Every five years, the Council is required by law to reexamine, revise if necessary, readopt, and republish the General Development Plan for the region (next revision scheduled for 1992). 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. The Council also provides planning and technical services for State and local governments and serves as a regional information center for the community at large.

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 at nominal cost from the Council's library.

The Council has twenty-three voting members. They include 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 each designate an alternate.

The Council's ex officio, nonvoting members include the mayor of the City of Annapolis; the Secretaries of Economic and Employment Development, the Environment, Health and Mental Hygiene, Housing and Community Development, Human Resources, Natural Resources, and Transportation; and the Director of Planning (Code 1957, Art. 78D).

**MARYLAND LOWER EASTERN  
 SHORE TOURISM CENTER  
 ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

*Chairperson:* David Bryant, Worcester County

*Appointed by Somerset County Commissioners:* Elizabeth Butler; Lorraine Dryden; Edwin McGee.

*Appointed by Wicomico County Council:* Betty K. Gardner; Robbin Gray; Jim Jackson.

*Appointed by Worcester County Commissioners:* David Bryant; Mark Lusby.

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The Maryland Lower Eastern Shore Tourism Center Advisory Committee was created in 1984 (Chapter 716, Acts of 1984). The Committee advises the Department of Economic and Employment Development on the development and operations of the Maryland Lower Eastern Shore Tourism Center. Located on U.S. 13 North, the Center opened in December 1985.