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## TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL FOR SOUTHERN MARYLAND

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John F. Wood, Jr., *Chair*

*Southern Maryland Senate Delegation:* Roy P. Dyson; Thomas M. Middleton; Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.

*Southern Maryland House of Delegates Delegation:* Thomas E. (Tim) Hutchins; Samuel C. Linton; Van T. Mitchell; Anthony J. O'Donnell; George W. Owings III; John F. Slade III.

*Calvert County Commissioners:* Patrick M. Buehler; Mark R. Frazer; Linda L. Kelley; Mary M. Krug; Hagner R. Mister.

*Charles County Commissioners:* Marland Deen; Robert J. Fuller; Marvin C. Kisamore; Murray D. Levy; W. Daniel Mayer.

*St. Mary's County Commissioners:* Paul W. Chesser; D. Christian Burgman; Frances P. Eagan; Lawrence D. Jarboe; Barbara R. Thompson.

*Appointed by Southern Maryland Municipal Association:* Ruth W. Proffitt

*At-Large members:* Donald L. Brown; John T. Parran, Jr.; John C. Smith, Jr.

*Nonvoting members:* John Buckmaster, Brian W. Clarke, David W. Cooksey, William Gray (County Economic Development Commissions); Joseph F. Anderson, John Ward (County Planning Commissions); Ronald M. Kreitner, Director of Planning; James R. Gatto, Dept. of Business & Economic Development.

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Formed on December 6, 1964, the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland fosters the economic and social development of the southern Maryland counties (Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's). 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 and became a tax-exempt corporation in 1970 (Chapter 586, Acts of 1966; 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 address issues in economic development; environmental protection; and regional resource management, which includes transportation, utilities, urban growth and

development, housing, and public facilities and services. Annually, the Council submits its proposed programs and operating budget for the next fiscal year to the Department of Business and Economic Development. At least every four years, the Council reevaluates the General Development Plan for Southern Maryland, following the election of State and local officials (Chapter 36, Acts of 1979).

The Council consists of thirty-seven members. Twenty-nine are voting members, and eight non-voting (Code 1957, Art. 20).

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## TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL FOR WESTERN MARYLAND

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*Chair:* Arthur T. Bond, Allegany County

*Allegany County members:* Edward C. Athey; John R. Kirby; Bernard L. Loar; Leontyne Peck; Karen Thayer.

*Garrett County members:* Stephen J. Herman, Ph.D.; James C. Hinebaugh; Jana Naylor; Gary Ruddell; Rebecca Williams; H. Wayne Wilt.

*Washington County members:* Ronald L. Bowers; Sharon W. Disque; R. Lee Downey; Fred Papa; William Pennington; Steven T. Sager.

*Western Maryland Senate Delegation:* John J. Hafer; Donald F. Munson.

*Western Maryland House of Delegates Delegation:* John P. Donoghue; George C. Edwards; Robert A. McKee; D. Bruce Poole; Casper R. Taylor, Jr.; Betty Workman.

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Duties of the Tri-County Council for Western Maryland originated with the Governor's Council for Appalachian Maryland in 1968. The Governor's Council was replaced in 1971 by the Tri-County Council for Western Maryland, a nonprofit corporation chartered to serve Maryland's western counties. Formerly under the Department of Economic and Community Development, the Council became an independent agency in 1986 (Chapter 861, Acts of 1986).

An association of the governments of Allegany, Garrett and Washington counties, the Council serves as a regional planning and development agency for the tri-county area. The Council works to enhance the quality of economic development in the region and strengthen relationships among its local governments.

Using State aid, the Council fosters the physical, economic and social development of Western Maryland. The Council also receives planning assistance funds from the federal Economic Develop-