

*Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, and Howard, and the City of Baltimore has resulted in the creation of serious problems affecting the health, safety, and welfare of the population. Sixty per cent of the population of Maryland resides in this area. During the past ten years the population of the region has increased by one-third, to over 1,800,000. It is anticipated that this trend will continue, further aggravating the problems. Rain falling upon one community creates problems in adjoining communities. The flow of traffic does not stop at a city or county line. The economy and well being of the area are best advanced when the economic potential is considered and developed on a regional and statewide basis. An opportunity must be provided for the several units of government within the area to work together with the State and private agencies toward the solution of their problems. In order to deal with these matters on a rational and sound basis, they must be considered within the framework of a general development plan for the area. Thus, a regional planning agency is required to prepare ~~that~~ A SUGGESTED general development plan—a plan which will provide for the effective employment of the natural and other resources of the region. In the execution of its purpose, the regional planning agency will serve as a consultative and coordinating agency (1) seeking to harmonize and advance its planning activities with the planning activities of the State and of the counties and municipalities within the metropolitan area ~~as well as other metropolitan or regional planning agencies,~~ (2) rendering planning assistance, and (3) stimulating public interest and participation in planning for the development of the area.*

#### *Establishment and Organization*

##### *2. Establishment of Area.*

*A Regional Planning Area, hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Area," is established, which shall include the City of Baltimore and all of Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, and Howard Counties.*

##### *3. Establishment of Council.*

*As the planning agency for this Area the Regional Planning Council is established, hereinafter sometimes referred to as "The Council."*

##### *4. Membership of The Council.*

*The membership of The Council shall include two representatives from the City of Baltimore, two representatives from each of the Counties of Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, and Howard, the Director of the State Department of Planning, the Chairman-Director of the State Roads Commission, a member of the Metropolitan Transit Authority, A MEMBER OF THE MARYLAND PORT AUTHORITY and four representatives to be appointed by the Governor, respectively to be appointed as follows:*

*The Mayor of the City of Baltimore, with the approval of the City Council, shall appoint one member of the City Council of Baltimore as a member of The Council; and the Mayor of the City of Baltimore shall appoint one appointed member of the Baltimore City Planning Commission as a member of The Council. The County Executive of Baltimore County, with the approval of the County Council, shall appoint one member of the County Council of Baltimore County as a*