

(c) Make studies and investigations, insofar as may be relevant to State planning, of the resources of the State and of existing and emerging problems of agriculture, industry, commerce, transportation, population, housing, public service, local government and of allied matters affecting the development of the State, and in making such studies, seek the cooperation and collaboration of the appropriate departments, agencies and instrumentalities of federal, State and local government, educational institutions and research organizations, whether public or private, and of civic groups and private persons and organizations;

(d) Act as the Governor's principal staff agency in planning matters concerning the resources and development of the State and, in this capacity, undertake special studies and investigations, submit reports and render advice to the Governor whenever he may request;

(e) Provide information to and cooperate with the General Assembly or any of its committees in connection with the studies relevant to State planning;

(f) Prepare the State's capital program and [assist in the preparation of] the annual capital budget, as well as study all capital projects proposed to be undertaken by State departments and agencies [, and render advice thereon, in accordance with the provisions of #9 of this article].

(g) Prepare and from time to time revise inventory listings of the State's natural resources, and of major public and private works and facilities of all kinds which are deemed of importance to the development of the State as a whole;

(h) Cooperate with, and provide planning assistance, including but not limited to surveys, land use studies, urban renewal plans, technical services and other planning work, to county, municipal or other local governments, instrumentalities or planning agencies; and cooperate with and assist departments and other agencies or instrumentalities of federal, State and local government as well as regional, metropolitan, county, municipal or other local or private planning agencies in the execution of their planning functions, with a view to harmonizing their planning activities with the State development plan. [The State Planning Office] *The Department of State Planning* shall also cooperate and confer with, and upon request, supply information to federal agencies, and to local or regional agencies created pursuant to a federal program or which receive federal support, and shall cooperate and confer, as far as possible, with planning agencies of other states or of regional groupings of states. Whenever cooperation or assistance under this subsection includes the rendering of technical services, such services may be rendered free or in accordance with an agreement for reimbursement;

(i) Provide information to officials of departments, agencies and instrumentalities of State and local government and to the public at large, in order to foster public awareness and understanding of the objectives of the State development plan and of the function of State, *regional* and local planning, and in order to stimulate public interest and participation in the orderly integrated development of the State;

(j) Accept and receive, in furtherance of its function, funds, grants and services from the federal government or its agencies,