

(D) "CONSUMER" MEANS A PURCHASER, LESSEE OR RECIPIENT OR PROSPECTIVE PURCHASER, LESSEE OR RECIPIENT OF CONSUMER GOODS OR SERVICES OR CONSUMER CREDIT.

(E) "CONSUMER GOODS, SERVICES, CREDIT AND DEBTS" ARE GOODS, SERVICES, CREDIT, DEBTS AND OBLIGATIONS WHICH ARE PRIMARILY FOR PERSONAL, HOUSEHOLD, FAMILY OR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES.

(F) "COUNCIL" MEANS THE TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL FOR SOUTHERN MARYLAND.

(G) "PLAN" MEANS A REGIONAL PLAN PREPARED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ALL OF CALVERT, CHARLES, AND ST. MARY'S COUNTIES.

(H) "REGION" MEANS THE AREA THAT INCLUDES ALL OF CALVERT, CHARLES, AND ST. MARY'S COUNTIES.

1-103. STATUS.

THE COUNCIL IS A TAX-EXEMPT PUBLIC BODY CORPORATE AND POLITIC WHICH OPERATES AS A COOPERATIVE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY WITHIN THE AREA TO FOSTER THE PHYSICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE AREA AND UTILIZES EFFECTIVELY THE ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY THE STATE. IT INITIATES AND COORDINATES PLANS AND PROJECTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN AND ECONOMIC RESOURCES OF THE SOUTHERN MARYLAND REGION AS A SOUTHERN MARYLAND PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY.

1-104. INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS.

(A) THE COUNCIL SHALL COOPERATE WITH AT LEAST THE FOLLOWING STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES:

- (1) DEPARTMENT OF STATE PLANNING;
- (2) STATE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY;
- (3) MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT;
- (4) STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; AND
- (5) DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

(B) IT SHALL SUBMIT FOR APPROVAL PLANS AND PROJECTS OF THE COUNCIL IN WHICH THOSE DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES HAVE STATUTORY FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

1-105. LEGAL ADVISOR.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF MARYLAND SHALL SERVE AS LEGAL ADVISOR TO THE COUNCIL IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE COUNCIL'S ACTIVITIES.