

OTHER MATTERS WHICH ARE RELEVANT TO REGIONAL PLANNING;

(K) COLLECT, PROCESS, AND ANALYZE AT REGULAR INTERVALS THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC STATISTICS FOR THE REGION WHICH ARE NECESSARY TO PLANNING STUDIES AND MAKE THE RESULTS AVAILABLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC;

(L) PARTICIPATE WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, AND PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS IN THE COORDINATION OF THE RESEARCH ACTIVITIES;

(M) COOPERATE WITH AND PROVIDE PLANNING ASSISTANCE TO COUNTY, MUNICIPAL, AND OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, INSTRUMENTALITIES, OR PLANNING AGENCIES WITHIN THE REGION, AND COORDINATE REGIONAL AREA PLANNING WITH PLANNING ACTIVITIES OF THE STATE AND OF THE COUNTIES, MUNICIPALITIES, SPECIAL DISTRICTS, OR OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS WITHIN THE REGION AS WELL AS NEIGHBORING REGIONS AND WITH THE PROGRAMS OF FEDERAL DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES;

(N) PROVIDE INFORMATION TO THE FOLLOWING AS INDICATED:

(1) TO OFFICIALS IN STATE DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES, AND INSTRUMENTALITIES;

(2) TO FEDERAL, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS;

(3) TO THE PUBLIC AT LARGE, IN ORDER TO FOSTER PUBLIC AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE OBJECTIVES OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND THE FUNCTIONS OF REGIONAL AND LOCAL PLANNING, AND IN ORDER TO STIMULATE PUBLIC INTEREST AND PARTICIPATION IN THE ORDERLY, INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT OF THE REGION; AND

(O) EXECUTE ANY INSTRUMENTS AND PERFORM ANY ACTS OR THINGS NECESSARY, CONVENIENT, OR DESIRABLE FOR ITS PURPOSES OR TO CARRY OUT THE POWERS EXPRESSLY GIVEN IN THIS ARTICLE.

2-401. ORGANIZATION AND COMMITTEES.

THE COUNCIL SHALL ELECT A CHAIRMAN FROM AMONG ITS MEMBERS AND SHALL PUBLISH RULES AND ESTABLISH COMMITTEES TO CARRY ON ITS WORK. THESE COMMITTEES MAY HAVE AS MEMBERS PERSONS OTHER THAN MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL AND OTHER THAN ELECTED OFFICIALS.

2-402. DIRECTOR AND STAFF.

THE COUNCIL SHALL APPOINT A DIRECTOR WHO IS QUALIFIED BY TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE AND SERVES AT THE PLEASURE OF THE COUNCIL. THE DIRECTOR IS THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE AND PLANNING OFFICER AND REGULAR TECHNICAL ADVISOR OF THE COUNCIL AND SHALL APPOINT AND REMOVE THE STAFF OF THE COUNCIL. THE DIRECTOR MAY MAKE AGREEMENTS WITH LOCAL PLANNING AGENCIES, WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF