

(2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING PROGRAMS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONTINUING ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS OF PROPOSED MAJOR LAND USE CHANGES, REGULATORY ACTIONS, OR REZONINGS AS THEY RELATE TO THE PATUXENT RIVER.

(3) FUNDING FOR THIS PLANNING PROGRAM SHALL INCLUDE:

- (I) STATE GENERAL FUNDS;
- (II) LOCAL CONTRIBUTIONS;
- (III) FEDERAL GRANTED FUNDS; AND
- (IV) SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS, PERMITS OR OTHER FEES.

(4) THE PLANNING PROGRAM SHALL BE STAFFED FULLY OR SUPPLEMENTED BY STATE, REGIONAL, AND LOCAL PERSONNEL FROM PARTICIPATING AGENCIES.

(5) THERE IS A PATUXENT RIVER COMMISSION IN THE DEPARTMENT.

(I) THE COMMISSION DOES NOT ABROGATE THE CURRENT POWERS AND DUTIES OF ANY DEPARTMENT OR SECRETARY OF ANY DEPARTMENT OF THIS STATE.

(II) THE COMMISSION CONSISTS OF 10 MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR. THE GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENTS SHALL BE UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE LOCAL GOVERNING BODY. OF THE 10 MEMBERS, THE FOLLOWING SHALL BE EX OFFICIO MEMBERS:

1. THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE OR HIS DESIGNEE;

2. THE SECRETARY OF NATURAL RESOURCES OR HIS DESIGNEE; AND

3. THE SECRETARY OF STATE PLANNING OR HIS DESIGNEE.

(III) OF THE 10 MEMBERS, THE SEVEN APPOINTED MEMBERS SHALL REPRESENT THE FOLLOWING LOCAL GOVERNING BODIES:

1. ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY;

2. CALVERT COUNTY;

3. CHARLES COUNTY;

4. HOWARD COUNTY;

5. MONTGOMERY COUNTY;