

directs the Department of State Planning with the cooperation and advice of other appropriate departments, agencies and instrumentalities of federal, State and local governments and other organizations to prepare a State development plan and to "advise the Governor on the means and methods available to coordinate plans and programs of all State departments, agencies, commissions and instrumentalities in order to establish relative priorities and to avoid duplication and conflicts," and Article 88C, Section 5 requires the Governor to comment upon and file a State development plan and to "transmit copies thereof together with copies of his comments to the heads of all departments and agencies of State government and to the General Assembly"; and

Section 1-303 of the Natural Resources Article enacted by the Maryland Environmental Policy Act which directs "all State Agencies, except where existing law expressly prohibits, to identify, develop and adopt methods and procedures that will assure that environmental amenities and values are given appropriate consideration in planning and decision making," and that decision making involving environmental effects be undertaken "in coordination with public and private organizations and individuals with jurisdiction by law, special expertise and recognized interest"; and

Section 2-501 of the Agriculture Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland which declares that "it is the intent of the Maryland General Assembly to preserve agricultural land and woodland in order to: provide sources of agricultural products within the State for the citizens of the State; control the urban expansion which is consuming the agricultural land and woodland of the State; curb the spread of urban blight and deterioration; and protect agricultural land and woodland as open space land"; and

Article 41, Section 258 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, which established the Division of Economic Development of the Department of Economic and Community Development, states that the Division "shall have the general purpose of advancing the economic welfare of the people through programs and activities to develop in a proper manner the State's natural resources and economic opportunities...". Furthermore, Sections 266 DD 1-4 creating the Community Development Administration in the Department, states that the Administration "shall have the following functions and responsibilities: 1) Assist the Governor in