

(3) a review and use of all information currently available from any local government or unit of the State government.]

[5-907.

The Department shall develop:

(1) an assessment of the environmental impact of local comprehensive planning programs as they relate to the Patuxent River; and

(2) recommendations for the continuing assessment of the environmental impact, as they relate to the Patuxent River, of:

(i) proposed major land use changes; and

(ii) proposed regulatory actions or rezonings.]

PART II. PATUXENT RIVER POLICY PLAN

5-904.

THE PLAN SHALL BE USED AS A POLICY GUIDE BY LOCAL JURISDICTIONS AND UNITS OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT IN CARRYING OUT THEIR ACTION AND REGULATORY PROGRAMS IN THE PATUXENT RIVER WATERSHED.

5-905.

(A) (1) THE DEPARTMENT HAS PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR PREPARING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE PLAN.

(2) IN PREPARING A PROPOSED AMENDMENT, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONSULT WITH LOCAL JURISDICTIONS AND APPROPRIATE UNITS OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT, WHO SHALL:

(I) PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT WITH PERTINENT INFORMATION, INCLUDING INFORMATION ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN; AND

(II) COOPERATE WITH AND ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT IN PREPARING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT.

(B) BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT PRESENTS A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE PLAN TO LOCAL JURISDICTIONS FOR THEIR APPROVAL, THE COMMISSION SHALL:

(1) REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT AND WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT IN MAKING ANY MODIFICATIONS TO THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT THAT THE COMMISSION CONSIDERS NECESSARY;