

(2) DISTRIBUTE COPIES OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE GOVERNOR, APPROPRIATE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE LOCAL JURISDICTIONS ENTITLED TO VOTING REPRESENTATION ON THE COMMISSION, OTHER AFFECTED LOCAL JURISDICTIONS, AND APPROPRIATE UNITS OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT, FOR THEIR INFORMATION AND COMMENTS; AND

(3) CONDUCT AT LEAST 1 PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT.

(C) AFTER A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE PLAN HAS BEEN ACTED ON BY THE COMMISSION, THE DEPARTMENT MAY PRESENT THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE GOVERNING BODIES OF THE LOCAL JURISDICTIONS ENTITLED TO VOTING REPRESENTATION ON THE COMMISSION, FOR THEIR APPROVAL, BY RESOLUTION. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INCLUDE ANY COMMENTS MADE BY THE COMMISSION.

(D) (1) IF THE GOVERNING BODIES OF 5 OF THE 7 LOCAL JURISDICTIONS ENTITLED TO VOTING REPRESENTATION ON THE COMMISSION APPROVE THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PRESENT THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INCLUDE ANY COMMENTS MADE BY THE COMMISSION OR BY THE GOVERNING BODIES.

(2) IF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, BY JOINT RESOLUTION, APPROVES THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT, THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AMENDMENT IS IMMEDIATE, UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED IN THE AMENDMENT.

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(A) AFTER THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY APPROVES AN AMENDMENT TO THE PLAN, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

(1) PRESENT COPIES OF THE APPROVED AMENDMENT TO THE GOVERNOR AND TO EACH LOCAL JURISDICTION ENTITLED TO VOTING REPRESENTATION ON THE COMMISSION, FOR THEIR INFORMATION; AND

(2) MAKE COPIES OF THE AMENDMENT TO THE PLAN AVAILABLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

(B) THE DEPARTMENT CONTINUOUSLY SHALL REVIEW AND EVALUATE INFORMATION RELATED TO THE PATUXENT RIVER AND ITS WATERSHED.

(C) THE DEPARTMENT PERIODICALLY SHALL MAKE AND ASSIST LOCAL JURISDICTIONS AND UNITS OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT IN MAKING ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS OF:

(1) COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING PROGRAMS, AS THEY RELATE TO THE PATUXENT RIVER AND ITS WATERSHED; AND

(2) MAJOR LAND USE CHANGES, MAJOR REGULATORY ACTIONS, AND MAJOR REZONINGS WHETHER PROPOSED OR IMPLEMENTED AS THEY RELATE TO THE PATUXENT RIVER AND ITS WATERSHED.