

(1) develop, in coordination with other appropriate departments of the State government, a policy plan for the Patuxent River Watershed; and

(2) have primary responsibility for the preparation of the Plan.]

[5-905.

The Plan shall serve as a basis for continuing coordination and implementation.]

[5-906.

The planning shall begin with:

(1) a review of current laws, regulations, policies, programs, and plans of the State relating to the Patuxent River, to evaluate their effectiveness and the adequacy of their implementation;

(2) a review of scenic rivers, areas of critical State concern, coastal zone management plans, local comprehensive plans, and regional plans; and

(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.