

In subsections (c), (d), and (e) of this section, the words "political subdivision" are substituted for the former references to a "local subdivision" or "subdivision", for clarity.

In subsection (c) of this section, the word "affected" is added for consistency with language used elsewhere in this section.

In subsection (d) of this section, the word "regulations" is substituted for the more general former word "guidelines", for clarity and to conform to the actual practice of the Department, which has interpreted this section as permitting the Secretary to adopt regulations. See COMAR 16.04.01, which cites this section as authority for the Department to adopt regulations concerning areas of critical State concern.

Also in subsection (d) of this section, the word "Secretary" is substituted for the former word "Department" to conform with § 5-105(b) of this title, which authorizes the Secretary to adopt regulations for the Department.

Defined terms: "County" § 1-101
 "Department" § 5-101 "Plan" § 5-601
 "Secretary" § 5-101

5-612. LAND USE RECOMMENDATIONS.

THE PLAN SHALL CONTAIN RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE MOST DESIRABLE GENERAL PATTERN OF LAND USE IN THE STATE. THE RECOMMENDATIONS SHALL BE BASED ON THE BEST AVAILABLE INFORMATION CONCERNING:

- (1) ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL FACTORS, INCLUDING CLIMATE, SOIL AND UNDERGROUND CONDITIONS, TOPOGRAPHY, AND WATER SOURCES AND BODIES OF WATER;
- (2) PRESENT AND PROSPECTIVE ECONOMIC BASES OF THE STATE;
- (3) WATER AND SEWERAGE FACILITIES;
- (4) TRENDS OF INDUSTRIAL, POPULATION, OR OTHER DEVELOPMENTS;
- (5) HABITS AND STANDARDS OF LIFE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE; AND
- (6) THE RELATION OF LAND USE IN THE STATE TO LAND USE IN ADJOINING AREAS.