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(a) With respect to any administrative, judicial, or other proceeding in the State concerning land use, development, or construction, the [Department] OFFICE has the right to:

(1) intervene as a party; or

(2) file a formal statement expressing the views of the [Department] OFFICE and any other unit of the State government concerning environmental or economic impact.

(b) The [Department] OFFICE may intervene only in accordance with the rules of procedure and law that apply to the proceeding.

(c) After intervening, the [Department] OFFICE has the standing and all the rights of a party in interest or an aggrieved party, including all rights of judicial review and appeal.

(d) The [Department] OFFICE and the governing body of each local subdivision shall establish procedures for notifying the [Department] OFFICE of each application for zoning, a permit, or authority to use, develop, or construct on land, whenever the application:

(1) has more than local impact; and

(2) is of substantial State or regional interest.

5-306.

(a) The [Department] OFFICE shall prepare population projections for the State and for each county and municipal corporation in the State.

(b) The population projections shall include details of age, sex, and race.

(c) The [Department] OFFICE shall prepare the population projections for periods of 20 years, in 5-year intervals beginning with [1980] 1990.

(d) Beginning in [1985] 1991, the [Department] OFFICE shall revise the population projections at least every 3 years.

(e) In preparing the population projections for the Washington metropolitan area, the [Department] OFFICE may use the population figures developed by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

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