

5-507.

The [Department] OFFICE shall provide information to State and local officials and to the public to stimulate public interest and participation in the orderly, integrated development of the State and to foster public awareness and understanding of:

- (1) the objectives of the State Development Plan; and
- (2) the function of State, regional, and local planning.

5-508.

The UPON REQUEST OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE [Department] OFFICE shall provide information to and cooperate with the General Assembly and its committees in connection with the studies made by the [Department] OFFICE relevant to State planning.

5-602.

(a) The [Department] OFFICE shall prepare and from time to time revise a plan or plans for development of the State. The plan or plans collectively shall be known as the State Development Plan.

(b) The [Department] OFFICE shall prepare the Plan to promote the general welfare and prosperity of the people of the State through the coordinated development of the State.

(c) The [Department] OFFICE shall base the Plan on studies of governmental, economic, physical, and social conditions and trends.

5-603.

In the preparation and revision of the Plan or any part of it, the [Department] OFFICE shall:

(1) seek comments from and consult with the local governments of the areas that are affected by the Plan; and

(2) seek the cooperation and advice of APPROPRIATE:

- (i) ~~appropriate~~ governmental units;
- (ii) regional planning commissions;
- (iii) public or private educational institutions;
- (iv) public or private research organizations;