

(b) (1) (i) The [Office] DEPARTMENT may charge reasonable fees for services and products.

(ii) The fees charged may not exceed the cost of providing the service or product.

(2) All fees collected under this subsection shall be credited to a continuing nonlapsing fund that is not subject to § 7-302 of this article.

(3) Subject to the appropriation process in the State budget, the [Office] DEPARTMENT shall use the fund for the costs of operating.

(4) The State Treasurer shall hold and the State Comptroller shall account for the fund.

(5) The fund shall be invested and reinvested in the same manner as other State funds.

(6) Investment earnings accrue to the benefit of the fund.

5-305.

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

(1) intervene as a party; or

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

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

(c) After intervening, the [Office] DEPARTMENT 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 [Office] DEPARTMENT and the governing body of each local subdivision shall establish procedures for notifying the [Office] DEPARTMENT 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 [Office] DEPARTMENT 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.