

local government as a priority funding area under § 5-7B-03 of this subtitle, which shall be consistent with the local comprehensive plan and the criteria set forth in § 5-7B-03 of this subtitle.

(b) Prior to certification of a priority funding area or areas, the local government may submit the proposed priority funding areas and any relevant information to the [Office] DEPARTMENT of Planning for:

- (1) technical assistance, review, and comment; and
- (2) the opportunity for public review.

(c) Upon certification of a priority funding area, the local government shall provide to the [Office] DEPARTMENT of Planning all information necessary to demonstrate the precise location of the area, including a map of the area showing planning and zoning characteristics, and existing and planned water and sewer services as appropriate.

(d) The [Office] DEPARTMENT of Planning, as appropriate, shall provide to each State agency that funds growth-related projects copies of maps illustrating:

- (1) priority funding areas certified by the local government; and
- (2) any comments by the [Office] DEPARTMENT of Planning on the areas certified.

(e) Prior to funding a growth-related project, the State funding agency shall obtain from the affected local government a written statement that the proposed growth-related project is located within a certified priority funding area.

5-7B-09.

(a) The [Office] DEPARTMENT of Planning shall:

(1) establish a process for the review of projects by the appropriate State agencies and the [Office] DEPARTMENT of Planning for compliance with this subtitle;

(2) provide to each State agency and unit of State government the location of priority funding areas; and

(3) make available to each county, and to the public for review, copies of maps illustrating:

- (i) priority funding areas certified by the local governments; and
- (ii) any comments by the [Office] DEPARTMENT of Planning on the areas certified.

(b) By October 1, 1998, the [Office] DEPARTMENT of Planning shall complete surveys of municipal, county, and State governments for infrastructure needs and shall maintain a list of needed projects that includes information relating to the financial capacity of the affected unit of government to undertake such projects.