

governing bodies of the local jurisdictions entitled to voting representation on the Commission, for their approval, by resolution. The [Office] DEPARTMENT shall include any comments made by the Commission.

(d) (1) If the governing bodies of 6 of the 8 local jurisdictions entitled to voting representation on the Commission approve the proposed amendment, the [Office] DEPARTMENT shall present the proposed amendment to the General Assembly. The [Office] DEPARTMENT shall include any comments made by the Commission or by the governing bodies.

(2) If the General Assembly, by joint resolution, approves the proposed amendment, the effective date of the amendment is immediate, unless otherwise specified in the amendment.

5-806.

(a) After the General Assembly approves an amendment to the Plan, the [Office] DEPARTMENT shall:

(1) present copies of the approved amendment to the Governor and to each local jurisdiction entitled to voting representation on the Commission, for their information; and

(2) make copies of the amendment to the Plan available to the general public.

(b) The [Office] DEPARTMENT continuously shall review and evaluate information related to the Patuxent River and its watershed.

(c) The [Office] DEPARTMENT periodically shall make and assist local jurisdictions and units of the State government in making environmental assessments of:

(1) comprehensive planning programs, as they relate to the Patuxent River and its watershed; and

(2) major land use changes, major regulatory actions, and major rezonings whether proposed or implemented as they relate to the Patuxent River and its watershed.

5-809.

(a) The [Office] DEPARTMENT shall review, evaluate, and report biennially to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly on the implementation of the Plan and the status of the Patuxent River and its watershed.

(b) The report shall include specific recommendations of the [Office] DEPARTMENT concerning implementation of the Plan and the bases for these recommendations.

(c) Before presenting its report to the General Assembly, the [Office] DEPARTMENT shall present the report to the Commission for its comments. The