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Section 7.03

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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 66B – Zoning and Planning

3.06.

(a) In the preparation of the plan the commission shall make careful and comprehensive surveys and studies of present conditions and future growth of the jurisdiction, and with due regard to its relation to neighboring territory. The plan shall be made with the general purpose of guiding and accomplishing the coordinated, adjusted, and harmonious development of the jurisdiction, and its environs which will, in accordance with present and future needs, best promote health, safety, morals, order, convenience, prosperity, and general welfare, as well as efficiency and economy in the process of development; including among other things, adequate provisions for traffic, the promotion of public safety, adequate provision for light and air, conservation of natural resources, the prevention of environmental pollution, the promotion of the healthful and convenient distribution of population, the promotion of good civic design and arrangement, wise and efficient expenditure of public funds, and the adequate provision of public utilities and other public requirements.

(b) In addition to the requirements of subsection (a) of this section, the commission shall implement the following visions through the plan described in § 3.05 of this article:

- (1) Development is concentrated in suitable areas;
- (2) Sensitive areas are protected;
- (3) In rural areas, growth is directed to existing population centers and resource areas are protected;
- (4) Stewardship of the Chesapeake Bay and the land is a universal ethic;
- (5) Conservation of resources, including a reduction in resource consumption, is practiced;