

5-505.

(a) The [Office] DEPARTMENT shall prepare and periodically revise inventory lists of:

(1) the natural resources of the State; and

(2) major public works and private facilities that are important to the development of the State as a whole.

(b) A copy of the inventory list shall be provided to any State agency and the General Assembly upon request.

5-506.

(a) To the extent relevant to State planning, the [Office] DEPARTMENT shall study:

(1) the resources of the State;

(2) existing and emerging problems of agriculture, commerce, housing, industry, local government, population, public service, and transportation; and

(3) related matters affecting the development of the State.

(b) In making the studies, the [Office] DEPARTMENT shall seek the cooperation of appropriate:

(1) governmental units;

(2) regional planning commissions;

(3) public or private educational institutions;

(4) public or private research organizations;

(5) civic groups; and

(6) interested persons.

5-507.

The [Office] DEPARTMENT 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.