

(2) give each political subdivision affected by a proposed designation at least 45 days to review and comment on the proposed designation; and

(3) publish its designation of areas of critical State concern, together with all written comments received from political subdivisions regarding the areas designated.

5-615.

The Plan shall contain the recommendations of the [Director] SECRETARY concerning any current or impending problem that may affect the State as a whole.

5-701.

In this subtitle, "Commission" means the State Economic Growth, Resource Protection, and Planning Commission.

5-702.

There is a State Economic Growth, Resource Protection, and Planning Commission in the [Office] DEPARTMENT.

5-705.

(a) The [Director] SECRETARY shall provide staff support to the Commission and designate a member of the staff of the [Office] DEPARTMENT to serve as the Secretary to the Commission.

(b) The duties of the Secretary to the Commission are in addition to that individual's regular duties of employment with the [Office] DEPARTMENT.

5-7B-05.

(a) (1) The State may provide funding for a growth-related project not in a priority funding area if:

(i) the Board of Public Works determines that extraordinary circumstances exist in accordance with the requirements of paragraph (2) of this subsection; or

(ii) the Board of Public Works approves the project as a transportation project that meets the requirements of paragraph (3) of this subsection.

(2) In order to determine that extraordinary circumstances exist under paragraph (1) of this subsection, the Board shall determine by a majority vote that:

(i) the failure to fund the project in question creates an extreme inequity, hardship, or disadvantage that clearly outweighs the benefits from locating a project in a priority funding area; and

(ii) there is no reasonable alternative for the project in a priority funding area in another location within the county or an adjacent county.