

(ii) local or regional agencies that are created under federal programs or that receive federal support.

(d) As far as possible, the Office shall cooperate with and confer with planning agencies of other states or of regional groupings of states.

(e) The Office shall cooperate with and assist regional and private planning agencies in the execution of their planning functions, to harmonize their planning activities with the State Development Plan.

(f) The Office shall exercise authority as the lead agency in coordinating the State's land preservation efforts and focus its planning efforts on targeted land preservation.

(g) The Office shall plan for the efficient use of inactive railroad corridors by:

(1) examining all opportunities, both present and future, for acquisition or use of inactive railroad corridors;

(2) coordinating and working with the Departments of Natural Resources, Transportation, Economic and Employment Development, and the State Railroad Administration and other agencies to determine the suitability and feasibility of acquiring or using inactive railroad corridors for recreational trails, public utilities, or future transportation purposes; and

(3) taking part in United States Interstate Commerce Commission proceedings regarding the abandonment or the discontinuance of use of railroad corridors on behalf of the State.

~~Subtitle 7. State ECONOMIC GROWTH AND RESOURCE [Planning] Commission~~

Subtitle 7. State ECONOMIC GROWTH, RESOURCE PROTECTION, AND PLANNING [Planning] Commission

5-701.

In this subtitle, "Commission" means the State [Planning] ECONOMIC GROWTH AND RESOURCE, RESOURCE PROTECTION, AND PLANNING Commission.

5-702.

There is a State [Planning] ECONOMIC GROWTH AND RESOURCE, RESOURCE PROTECTION, AND PLANNING Commission in the Office.

5-703.

(a) (1) The Commission consists of the following [13] ~~15~~ 17 members:

(i) a senator appointed by the President of the Senate;

(ii) a member of the House of Delegates appointed by the Speaker of the House; and