

"REGION" MEANS CALVERT, CHARLES, AND ST. MARY'S COUNTIES.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 20, § 1-102(h) and the second sentence of § 1-101.

Defined term: "County" § 9-101

REVISOR'S NOTE TO SECTION: Former Art. 20, § 1-102(b), which defined "area", is deleted as redundant of the defined term "region" and for clarity. The two terms were used interchangeably in former Article 20 with no clear distinction between the "region" as a whole and the planning "area". Also, the term "area" was used in a manner not consistent with the former definition in the description of the "area of operation" of the Council, revised in § 13-612 of this subtitle, in cooperation with "regional area planning", revised in § 13-614(b)(2) of this subtitle, and elsewhere.

13-602. ESTABLISHED.

(A) IN GENERAL.

THERE IS A TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL FOR SOUTHERN MARYLAND.

(B) STATUS.

(1) THE COUNCIL IS A TAX-EXEMPT BODY POLITIC AND CORPORATE.

(2) THE COUNCIL IS AN INDEPENDENT UNIT THAT THE GOVERNOR MAY NOT PLACE IN A PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT.

(C) PURPOSES.

(1) THE COUNCIL IS A COOPERATIVE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT UNIT FOR THE REGION.

(2) THE PURPOSES OF THE COUNCIL ARE TO:

(I) FOSTER THE PHYSICAL, ECONOMIC, AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE REGION; AND

(II) USE EFFECTIVELY THE ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO THE REGION BY THE STATE.

(3) THE COUNCIL INITIATES AND COORDINATES PLANS AND PROJECTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN AND ECONOMIC RESOURCES OF THE REGION AS A SOUTHERN MARYLAND PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT UNIT.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 20, §§ 1-106 and 1-103(a), and the first sentence of § 1-101.

In subsection (b)(1) of this section, the former word "public" is deleted as implicit in the reference to a "body politic and corporate".