

## STATE PLANNING COMMISSION

Acting Chairman: John B. Funk, Chief Engineer

Ex-officio Member: Joseph R. Byrnes, President, Legislative Council.

Appointed Members: William L. Galvin, Board of Public Welfare, 1951; Robert H. Riley, M.D., Director, State Department of Health, 1951; Robert M. Reindollar, Chairman, State Roads Commission, 1951; Charles E. Brohawn, 1951; E. Brooke Lee, 1952; Thomas B. Symons, 1950.

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The Maryland State Planning Commission, established in 1933, consists of the President of the Legislative Council and the Chief Engineer of Maryland as ex-officio members and seven members appointed by the Governor for terms of four years. Of the seven appointive members one must be the Director or a member of the State Board of Public Welfare, one must be the Director or a member of the State Board of Health, one the Chief Engineer or a member of the State Roads Commission, one must be a resident of the Eastern Shore, one a resident of Central Maryland including Baltimore City, one a resident of Southern Maryland, and one a resident of Western Maryland.

The functions of this Commission are to prepare or coordinate plans for the physical development of the State including plans for complete systems of State or regional highways, expressways, parkways, parks, water supply and forest reservations and airways and air terminals; to advise with State departments and bureaus, local authorities and individuals, with a view to the coordination of all physical development plans related to State activities; to make surveys of rural land utilization to determine areas suitable for field crops, reforestation, watershed protection, recreation, summer residence and urban expansion, to prepare a long-term development program of major State improvements; and generally, to make available information on subjects affecting the health and welfare of the people of Maryland. The Commission maintains a current inventory of study and research conducted by State agencies, in behalf, or in the interests, of the State (Code 1947 Supp., Art. 88C, secs. 1-8).

To carry out these functions the Commission is currently (1) studying the medical needs and facilities of the State; (2) surveying the capital improvement needs of the various State agencies and institutions and the financial problems pertaining thereto; (3) developing a master airport plan for the State; (4) developing a master recreation plan for the Baltimore Metropolitan Area; (5) continuing its collection and analyses of economic and social trends within the State; (6) serving in an advisory capacity for local and regional planning and zoning agencies; (7) cooperating with local and out-of-state firms seeking new locations and maintaining for this purpose a current inventory of vacant industrial plants in Maryland.

In cooperation with the State Soil Conservation Service and the Board of Natural Resources, the Commission is studying the problems of the Monocacy Watershed and preparing a comprehensive plan for the control of pollution and siltation in this area. It is surveying the economic potentialities of Dorchester County at the request of the