

Howard County: J. Hugh Nichols, *County Executive*; Ruth U. Keeton, *Chairperson, County Council*; Helen E. Ruther, *Chairperson, Planning Board*.

Alternates:

Anne Arundel County: Florence B. Kurdle, for Mr. Lighthizer; Carole Baker, for Mr. Childs.

Baltimore City: Larry Reich, for Mayor Schaefer; Vacancy, for Mr. Burns.

Baltimore County: Honora M. Freeman, for Mr. Hutchinson; Ronald B. Hickernell for Ms. Bachur.

Carroll County: George A. Grier, for Mr. Armacost; Vacancy, for Mr. Griffith.

Harford County: Vacancy, for Mr. Freeman; Vacancy, for Mr. Hardwicke.

Howard County: Thomas G. Harris, Jr., for Mr. Nichols; James H. Clark, for Ms. Keeton.

Walter J. Kowalczyk, Jr., *Executive Director*

John W. VanDerveer, *Director, Administrative Services*

Alfred P. Gwynn, *Deputy Director and Director, Development Planning*

Naomi S. Russell, *Director, Housing and Community Development*

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The Regional Planning Council was created by Chapter 753, Acts of 1963, as the official successor to the Baltimore Regional Planning Council, which was terminated in August 1964. The prior agency had operated as part of the State Planning Department since 1956. By Chapter 7, Acts of 1967, the requirements for membership on the Council were changed to provide that a majority of the Council members be elected officials. By Chapter 497, Acts of 1971, the Secretary of State Planning, the Secretary of Transportation, the Secretary of Natural Resources, and the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene were made non-voting, ex-officio members of the Council. By Chapter 699, Acts of 1975, the Council also includes a representative of a municipal corporation

within the regional planning area appointed by the Governor on the advice of the chief executives of all the municipalities in the area.

The Council's area of jurisdiction covers all of Baltimore City and Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, and Howard counties, and encompasses an area of 2,259 square miles. The 1980 Census showed that this metropolitan area had a population of 2,174,000. The Regional Planning Council is in effect a council of local governments with State participation. Its voting membership of twenty-three persons consists of three representatives from each of these six jurisdictions, a member of the State Senate, a member of the House of Delegates, an elected municipal official, and two members-at-large. The last five members are appointed by the Governor. Of the three members from each of the six jurisdictions the following are members: the mayor of the City of Baltimore, the county executives of Baltimore, Anne Arundel, Harford, and Howard counties, the president of the Baltimore City Council, the chairperson of the County Council in Baltimore, Anne Arundel, Harford, and Howard counties, the president and a member of the Board of County Commissioners from Carroll County, and a member of the planning commissions or advisory boards of each of the six jurisdictions. The elected officials representing the six political subdivisions have the right to designate an alternate to act in their absence.

The Regional Planning Council provides an opportunity for its member governmental units to work together with the State in dealing with common problems and planning for the future development of the region.

The Council is required by law to reexamine, revise if necessary, readopt, and republish the General Development Plan for the region every five years, with the next revision scheduled in 1987. Transportation, housing, recreation, water/sewer, solid waste, energy and environmental planning are all facets of the Regional Planning Council program. The Regional Planning Council's work also encompasses socio-economic analysis and evaluation of regional problems and opportunities. Housing, regional economy, and coordination of statistical data resources are included (Code 1957, Art. 78D).

The Regional Planning Council publishes reports on transportation, demographics, housing characteristics, economic forecasts, and similar matters. Copies of these and of the *1982 General Development Plan* are available through the Council's library at nominal cost.