

Calvert County Commissioners: Patrick M. Buehler; Mary Krug; Hagner R. Mister; Michael J. Moore; Joyce L. Terhes.

Charles County Commissioners: Robert I. Fuller; Murray D. Levy; Thomas M. Middleton; Nancy J. Sefton; Dale E. Speake.

St. Mary's County Commissioners: W. Edward Bailey; Robert T. Jarboe; John G. Lancaster; Carl M. Loffler, Jr.; Barbara R. Thompson.

Appointed by Southern Maryland Municipal Association: Warren A. Bowie

Members at Large: F. Elliott Burch, Jr.; John T. Parran, Jr.; John Whisman.

Nonvoting members: Matthew Gambrell, Wesley E. Hughes, Jr., William E. Curtis (County Economic Development Commissions); Edward M. Blanchard, Maurice Lusby, Harry (Lanny) Lancaster, Jr., (County Planning Commissions); Ronald M. Kreitner, Office of Planning; Richard W. Davis, Dept. of Housing & Community Development.

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The Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland was formed on December 6, 1964, as a cooperative planning and development agency to foster the economic and social development of the Southern Maryland region comprising Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's counties.

In 1965, the Governor recognized the Council as the cooperative planning and development agency for Southern Maryland. The Council was established by statute in 1966 (Chapter 586, Acts of 1966) and became a tax-exempt corporation in 1970 (Chapter 573, Acts of 1970). The Council's enabling law was reenacted as State general legislation in 1976 (Chapter 708, Acts of 1976). In 1984, the status of the Council as an independent agency was confirmed (Chapter 373, Acts of 1984).

The Council brings together local, State and federal resources to attain regional goals and address areawide issues. The Council is active in four program areas: economic development; tourism promotion; environmental protection; and regional resource management, which includes issues related to transportation, utilities, urban growth and development, housing, and public facilities and services. The Council, in 1979, was empowered to reevaluate the General Development Plan for Southern Maryland at least every four years, following the election of State and local officials (Chapter 36, Acts of 1979).

The Council has helped shape State policies and programs to restore the Patuxent River, and it also cooperated with the Maryland Heritage Committee in the coordination and promotion of Maryland's 350th anniversary in 1984.

Annually, the Council submits its proposed work programs and operating budget for the following fiscal year to the Department of Housing and Community Development.

The Council consists of thirty-five members. Twenty-seven are voting members. They include the State senators and members of the House of Delegates representing Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's counties; the county commissioners from those counties; one member appointed by the Southern Maryland Municipal Association; and one member at large from each Southern Maryland county. The eight nonvoting members represent each county planning commission and county economic development commission of the Southern Maryland counties; the Office of Planning; and the Department of Housing and Community Development (Code 1957, Art. 20).

TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL FOR WESTERN MARYLAND

Ernest J. Gregg, Jr., *Chairperson*

Allegany County members: David Edgerley; Bernard Loar; Harry Stern; John Stotler; two vacancies.

Garrett County members: Elwood L. Groves II; Stephen Herman; Tom Jones; Walter Younklin; one vacancy.

Washington County members: Leroy Burtner; William McLean, Sr.; Fred Papa; Gary Rohrer; Steven Sager; one vacancy.

State Senators from Tri-County area: John J. Hafer; Donald F. Munson.

House of Delegates members representing Allegany, Garrett and Washington counties: Peter G. Callas; George C. Edwards; Kevin Kelly; D. Bruce Poole; Casper R. Taylor, Jr.; Betty Workman.

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Functions of the Tri-County Council for Western Maryland originated with the formation of the Governor's Council for Appalachian Maryland in 1968. The Governor's Council was replaced in 1971, when the Tri-County Council for Western Maryland was chartered as a nonprofit corporation to serve Maryland's western counties of Allegany, Garrett, and Washington. Formerly under the Department of Economic and Community