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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 Development, the Council became an independent agency in 1986 (Chapter 861, Acts of 1986).

An association of the governments of Allegany, Garrett and Washington counties, the Council serves as a regional planning and development agency for the tri-county area. Using State aid, the Council fosters the physical, economic and social development of Western Maryland.

The Council receives planning assistance funds from the federal Economic Development Administration and the Appalachian Regional Commission. The Council uses these funds for administrative expenses to support regional economic development programs. These programs create or retain full-time permanent jobs and improve income characteristics, particularly for the unemployed and underemployed in the most distressed areas of the region. To facilitate planning, the Council may prepare studies of the region's resources; gather and analyze social and economic data; and join with other government agencies, educational institutions, and private organizations in coordinating research. The Council's work program enhances the quality of economic development activities in the region and strengthens relationships among the various local units of government.

The Council's program for direct business assistance and enterprise development includes a Revolving Loan Fund program, Procurement and Export Assistance, and Data Center Services. The program for local government assistance focuses on grantsmanship and data base resource capabilities as well as facilitating intergovernmental cooperation.

Annually, the Council submits its proposed work program and operating budget for the next fiscal year to the Department of Economic and Employment Development.

The Council is comprised of twenty-seven members. Twenty-three are voting members and four are nonvoting. From each county, the Council has three representatives of county government appointed by the county commissioners; one elected municipal official chosen by the respective municipal governments of the county; the county economic develop-

ment director; and a private sector representative. The House of Delegates members who represent Allegany, Garrett and Washington counties and the two State Senators for the tri-county area also serve on the Council (Code 1957, Art. 20A, secs. 1-101 through 3-102).

UPPER POTOMAC RIVER COMMISSION

John J. McMullen, Jr., *Chairperson*, 1995

Appointed by Allegany County Board of County Commissioners: R. Neil Williams, 1995

Appointed by Garrett County Board of County Commissioners: Wendell R. Beitzel, 1995

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The Upper Potomac River Commission was established in 1935 (Chapter 409, Acts of 1935). It supervises the Savage River Dam, which regulates the flow of the Potomac River. The Commission has jurisdiction over the water resources of Allegany County and Election District 4 (Bloomington) in Garrett County.

The Commission consists of three members appointed for six-year terms. The Governor appoints the chairperson; and the Allegany County and Garrett County Boards of County Commissioners each appoint one member.

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION

Chairperson: Lewis M. Helm, Montgomery County, 1995

Vice-Chairperson: Robert M. Potter, Prince George's County, 1995

Appointed by Montgomery County Executive with County Council consent: Waymond D. Bray, 1995; Robert G. Berger, 1997.

Appointed by Prince George's County Executive with County Council consent: Henry T. Arrington, 1995; Elizabeth Buck, 1997.

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The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, the governing body of the Washington Suburban Sanitary District, was created in 1918 (Chapter 122, Acts of 1918). It provides for the