

(iii) To review and comment on plans and reports;

(iv) To conduct public hearings and forums on the policy plan for the Patuxent River Watershed;

(v) Subject to § 2-1312 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT Article [40, § 51 of the Code], to prepare annually a report with recommendations to the General Assembly on the status of the Patuxent River; and

(vi) To review the preparation, updating, and implementation of the policy plan for the Patuxent River Watershed as developed by the Department of State Planning.

(7) The policy plan for the Patuxent River Watershed shall be completed by July 1, 1983. The plan shall serve as a basis for continuing coordination and implementation. The plan is to be updated and revised, as needed.

(8) The planning process involves the review and utilization of all existing information and data currently available from local governments and State agencies.

(9) The State Department of State Planning shall:

(i) Report annually to the Commission on the progress of the plan;

(ii) Present the plan, along with specific recommendations, to the Patuxent River Commission;

(iii) Present the plan to the Governor, the appropriate local jurisdictions and the members of the General Assembly; and

(iv) Prepare annual reviews to evaluate the effectiveness and adequacy of the implementation of the plan.

(10) Upon approval by resolution of at least five of the seven appropriate local jurisdictions, the plan, along with any appropriate comment from the local jurisdictions, shall be presented to the General Assembly for approval as the Patuxent River Watershed master plan.

(11) The plan, once approved, shall serve as a policy guide to be utilized by State agencies and local governments in carrying out their action and regulatory programs in the Patuxent River Watershed.

(12) The General Assembly shall, from time to time, update the Patuxent River Watershed master plan.