

FEDERAL LAWS AS ARE REASONABLE AND APPROPRIATE, AND WHICH ARE NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THE PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE;

(8) REEVALUATE THE GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE REGION AS FREQUENTLY AS THE COUNCIL DEEMS NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE, BUT NOT LESS THAN ONCE EVERY 4 YEARS;

(9) REVIEW ANY APPLICATIONS TO AGENCIES OF THE STATE OR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR LOANS OR GRANTS-IN-AID FOR PROJECTS BY GOVERNMENTAL SUBDIVISIONS WITHIN THE REGION AS MAY BE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO THE TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL OR AS PROVIDED THROUGH THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF STATE PLANNING STATE INTERGOVERNMENTAL ASSISTANCE CLEARINGHOUSE;

(10) REVIEW LOCAL PLANS, PROPOSALS FOR PROJECTS, AND ORDINANCES HAVING AN IMPACT OUTSIDE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT, SUBDIVISIONS, AND WITHIN THE REGION;

(11) EMPLOY A DIRECTOR, ENGINEERS, ATTORNEYS, PLANNERS, CONSULTANTS, AND OTHER EMPLOYEES, AND PRESCRIBE THEIR POWERS AND DUTIES AND FIX THEIR COMPENSATION;

(12) PREPARE STUDIES OF THE REGION'S RESOURCES WITH RESPECT TO EXISTING AND EMERGING PROBLEMS OF INDUSTRY, COMMERCE, TRANSPORTATION, POPULATION, HOUSING, AGRICULTURE, PUBLIC SERVICES, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, AND ANY OTHER MATTERS WHICH ARE RELEVANT TO REGIONAL PLANNING;

(13) COLLECT, PROCESS, AND ANALYZE AT REGULAR INTERVALS THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC STATISTICS FOR THE REGION WHICH ARE NECESSARY TO PLANNING STUDIES AND MAKE THE RESULTS AVAILABLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC;

(14) MONITOR, SUPERVISE--AND--DIRECT COORDINATE, AND FACILITATE THE ACTIVITIES AND POLICIES OF ANY ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS OR--BODIES SERVING WESTERN MARYLAND, INCLUDING EXCEPT THOSE SUBJECT TO STATE OR FEDERAL DESIGNATION;

(15) PARTICIPATE WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, AND PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS IN THE COORDINATION OF THE RESEARCH ACTIVITIES;

(16) COOPERATE WITH AND PROVIDE PLANNING ASSISTANCE TO COUNTY, MUNICIPAL, AND OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, INSTRUMENTALITIES, OR PLANNING AGENCIES WITHIN THE REGION, AND COORDINATE REGIONAL AREA PLANNING WITH PLANNING ACTIVITIES OF THE STATE AND OF THE COUNTIES, MUNICIPALITIES, SPECIAL DISTRICTS, OR OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS WITHIN THE REGION AS WELL AS NEIGHBORING REGIONS AND WITH THE PROGRAMS OF FEDERAL DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES;

(17) PROVIDE INFORMATION TO THE FOLLOWING AS INDICATED: