

13-613. RESEARCH AND INFORMATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

THE COUNCIL MAY:

(1) 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 RELEVANT TO REGIONAL PLANNING;

(2) (I) COLLECT, PROCESS, AND ANALYZE AT REGULAR INTERVALS THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC STATISTICS FOR THE REGION THAT ARE NECESSARY TO PLANNING STUDIES; AND

(II) MAKE THE RESULTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC;

(3) PARTICIPATE WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTAL UNITS, EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, AND PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS IN THE COORDINATION OF THE RESEARCH ACTIVITIES; AND

(4) PROVIDE INFORMATION TO:

(I) UNITS AND INSTRUMENTALITIES OF THE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS; AND

(II) THE PUBLIC, IN ORDER TO:

1. FOSTER PUBLIC AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE OBJECTIVES OF THE PLAN AND THE FUNCTIONS OF REGIONAL AND LOCAL PLANNING; AND

2. STIMULATE PUBLIC INTEREST AND PARTICIPATION IN THE ORDERLY, INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT OF THE REGION.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 20, § 2-301(j), (k), (l), and (n).

In the introductory language of this section, the former phrase "[w]ithout limiting or restricting the general powers conferred by this article" is deleted as surplusage.

In item (3) of this section, the term "units" is substituted for the former references to "departments" and "agencies". The term "unit" is used as the general term for an entity in the State government because it is inclusive enough to include all those entities. See General Revisor's Note to article.

Defined terms: "Council" § 13-601

"Plan" § 13-601

"Region" § 13-601

"State" § 9-101

13-614. COOPERATION WITH OTHER UNITS.

(A) STATE UNITS WITH STATUTORY FUNCTION OR RESPONSIBILITY.