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§8-25-2. Definitions.

The following terms, wherever used or referred to in this article, shall have the following meanings unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context:

(a) "Comprehensive planning" shall mean the process of (1) assessing, within a geographic area, the needs and resources of the area; (2) formulating goals, objectives, policies and standards to guide its long-range governmental, social, economic, environmental and physical development; and (3) preparing plans and programs therefor which (a) identify alternative courses of action and the spatial and functional relationships among the activities to be carried out thereunder; (b) specify the appropriate ordering in time of such activities; (c) take into account other relevant factors affecting the achievement of the desired development of the area; and (d) provide an overall framework and guide for the preparation of functional and project development plans.

(b) "Development" shall mean the process of implementing, carrying out, effectuating, administering or otherwise performing the activities, processes, steps or operations as necessary to meet the comprehensive planning goals, objectives, programs and plans formulated, accepted, adopted or approved as a result of comprehensive planning.

(c) "Region" shall mean a specific geographic area consisting of at least one county or two or more contiguous counties in which a regional council may exercise authority and powers in accordance with the provisions of this article.

(d) "Regional council" shall mean a regional planning and development council established pursuant to the provisions of this article.

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