§ 2705. Special powers with regard to planning. The authority shall prepare or cause to be prepared a report on the impact of the expansion of the Fort Drum Military Reservation on existing projects and community facilities within the participating counties. Based upon the findings of such report, the authority shall prepare or cause to be prepared a plan for the development or construction of projects, including projects defined in title one of article eighteen-A of the general municipal law which the authority intends to finance or assist in the financing of, and community facilities necessary to meet the needs of individuals, business enterprises, and governmental facilities, including military facilities within the participating counties. In formulating such plan or plans, the authority shall consult and cooperate with the planning authorities in the area of its operations. The authority may request and use existing studies, plans, surveys, data and other materials completed by or under development by any state agency or municipality. The authority shall file copies of such plan with the common council of the city of Watertown and the county legislatures or board of supervisors of the participating counties and the governing body of any municipality within the participating counties affected by such plan and any authorities or industrial development agencies within the participating county if such entity is substantially affected by the plan in relation to its property or projects. The plan or plans shall contain information regarding the facilities that the authority intends to provide or proposes be provided by other means and information regarding the services the authority contemplates providing or proposes be provided by other means and the estimated costs and the proposed method of financing. During sixty days after the filing of any plan, said plan shall be available for public inspection at the office or offices of the authority and at such other places in the areas affected, within the participating counties, as the authority may designate. Not earlier than thirty days after the filing of said plan, a public hearing on said plan shall be held by the authority. Notice of such a hearing shall be given to the legislative bodies and affected entities aforesaid by publication once a week for two weeks prior to the said hearing at the time and place fixed by the authority in newspapers of general circulation within the areas affected, to be selected by the authority. The last publication date shall not be less than five days before said hearing.

Any amendments that the authority may adopt to the plan shall be adopted only after complying with the filing notice and hearing requirements provided for in this section. Within thirty days following the adoption of any plan or amendments, the authority shall provide a copy of such plan or amendments of such hearing to the legislative bodies and affected entities as aforesaid.