

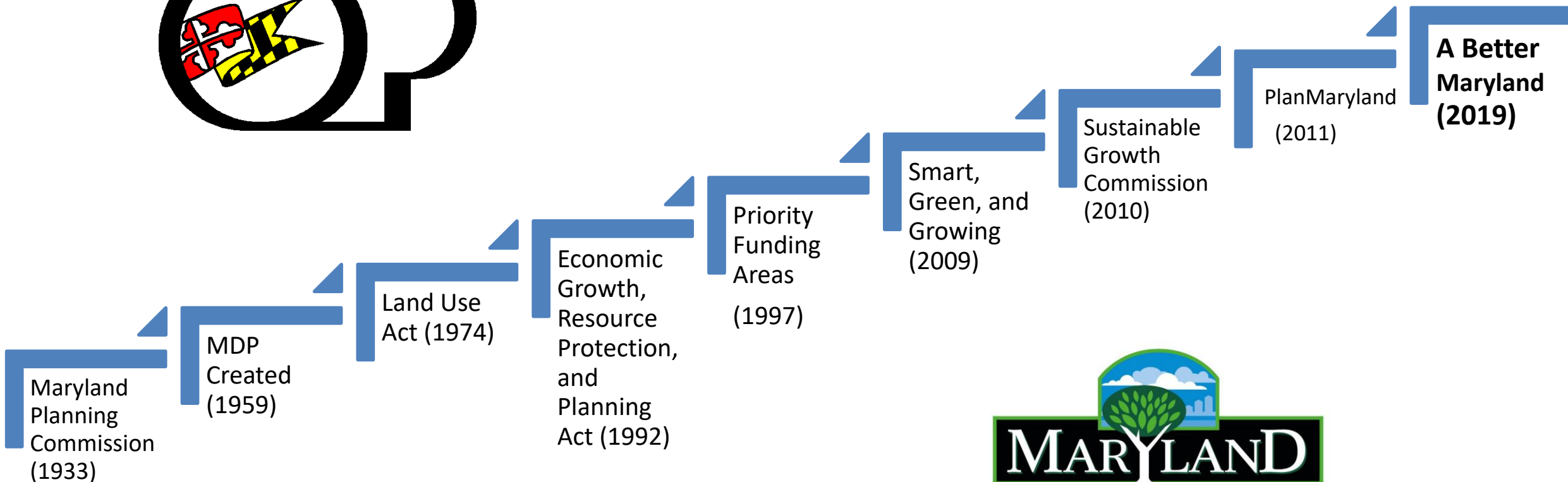
A BETTER MARYLAND

THE STATE DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND DIGITAL RESOURCE CENTER

A SUMMARY



STATE PLANNING IN MARYLAND TIMELINE



STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE TITLE 5, SUBTITLE 6

DESCRIBES REQUIREMENTS AND PURPOSE OF STATE DEVELOPMENT PLANS

[§ 5-602. Requirements](#)

[§ 5-603. Preparation and revision](#)

[§ 5-604. Policy recommendations](#)

[§ 5-605. Review and filing of Plan by Governor](#)

[§ 5-608. Objectives, standards, and principles](#)



A BETTER MARYLAND

- Goals:
 - Enrich the lives of Marylanders
 - Use smart growth principles
 - Grow responsibly
 - Protect Maryland's resources



EXECUTIVE ORDER
 01.01.2017.18
State Development Plan



A BETTER MARYLAND VISION STATEMENT

A Better Maryland is a dynamic, evolving plan that provides a framework to support a thriving economy and environmental stewardship. The plan supports collaboration among state and local governments and all other stakeholders, providing resources and tools for the long term economic success of Maryland.



A BETTER MARYLAND

- The plan will not: (per [§5-606 of State Finance & Procurement Article](#))
 - be used to deny a State-issued permit or State funding.
 - supersede local planning and zoning.
 - supersede any local ordinance or regulations.
 - prevent local funding of a project.
 - require a local government to change or alter a local ordinance, regulation, or comprehensive plan.

The Plan will not impose a set policy on local governments, but rather provide information, alternatives, and best practices for locals to consider and pursue - or not.



PROCESS





LISTENING SESSIONS

Meetings in every County and Baltimore City; all jurisdictional notes posted on [website](#)





Sustainable Growth Commission
July and September '18, May 19'

APA Maryland Chapter
June '18

Maryland Association of Counties Summer Conference
August '18

In-reach, Analysis, and Collaboration

Maryland Municipal League Conference
June '18

State Agencies
September '18

Planning Directors
August '18 and April '19

Smart Growth Coordinating Committee
Continuously

THEMES FROM PUBLIC OUTREACH

One Size Does Not Fit All

Accessibility of Housing

Place-based Economic Development

State Agency Coordination

People-based Resources

Preparing for the Future



DOCUMENT ORGANIZATION

A Better Maryland is organized around objectives and topics

Objectives

- Desired outcomes or processes that affect and are affected by multiple topics
- Systems approach

Topics

- Specific planning subjects advancing the goals of the executive order and for which stakeholders advocated
- Planning areas approach



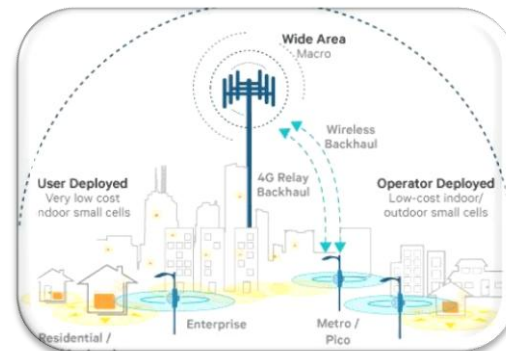
IMPLEMENTATION OBJECTIVES OF THE PLAN



Improve the Delivery of Programs and Services to Local Jurisdictions



Respect Regional Distinctions



Build Capacity in Communities



Improve Collaboration and Coordination Among State Agencies



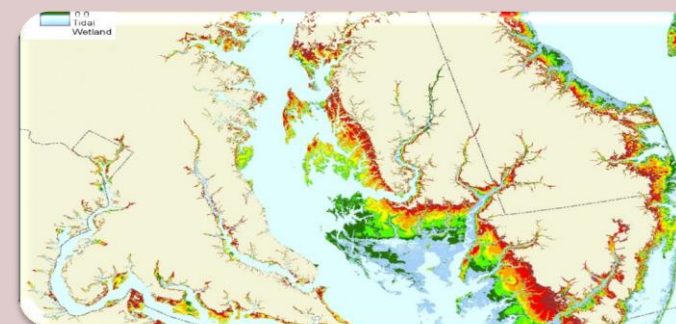
TOPICS: ENVIRONMENT



**Sustaining
Environment into the
Future**



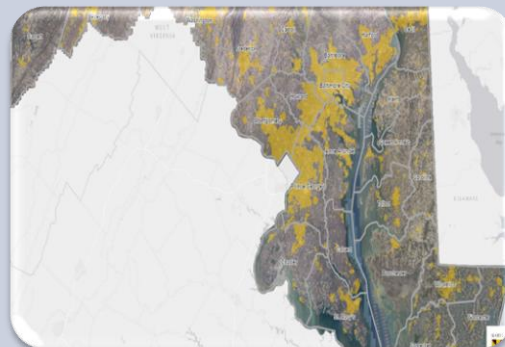
Preserving Land



**Adapting and
Becoming Resilient
to Climate Change**



TOPICS: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Tackling the Economic Development Needs of the Next Century

Improving Economic Growth and Development in Existing Communities

Meeting Renewable Energy Goals

Addressing Maryland's Transportation, Infrastructure, and Technology Challenges and Opportunities



TOPICS: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Creating Workforce/
Affordable Housing



Protecting Historic
and Cultural
Resources



Creating Quality
Places



STATE DEVELOPMENT PLAN TO INCLUDE: AREAS OF CRITICAL STATE CONCERN

- §5-611 of the State Finance & Procurement Article states,
 - “The Plan shall identify all areas designated by the Department as areas of critical State concern.
- §3-102 (a)(1)(ii) of the Land Use Article, states
 - “The planning commission for a local jurisdiction shall include in the comprehensive plan the following elements: an area of critical State concern element;”



AREAS OF CRITICAL STATE CONCERN



SPATIALLY DESIGNATED AREAS



PROGRAMS



PLANS

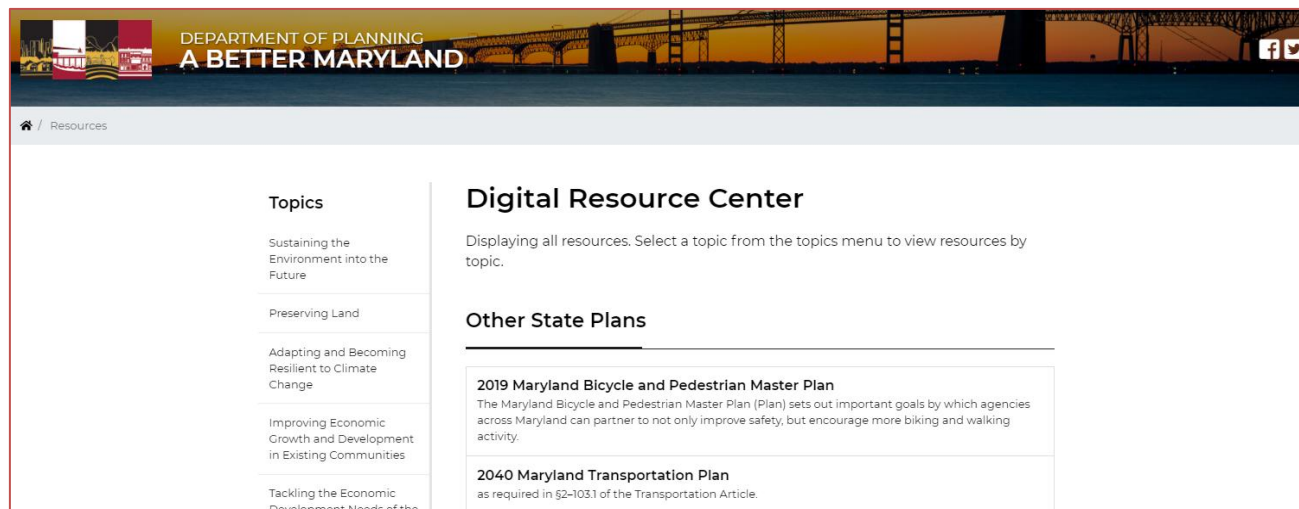


AREAS OF CRITICAL STATE CONCERN

- These areas may be considered by local jurisdictions in their local planning processes, but are not required
- The Smart Growth Subcabinet has endorsed this list and will update it periodically
- Local governments may propose additional areas for inclusion
- View a list by category on the [A Better Maryland Website](#)



DIGITAL RESOURCE CENTER



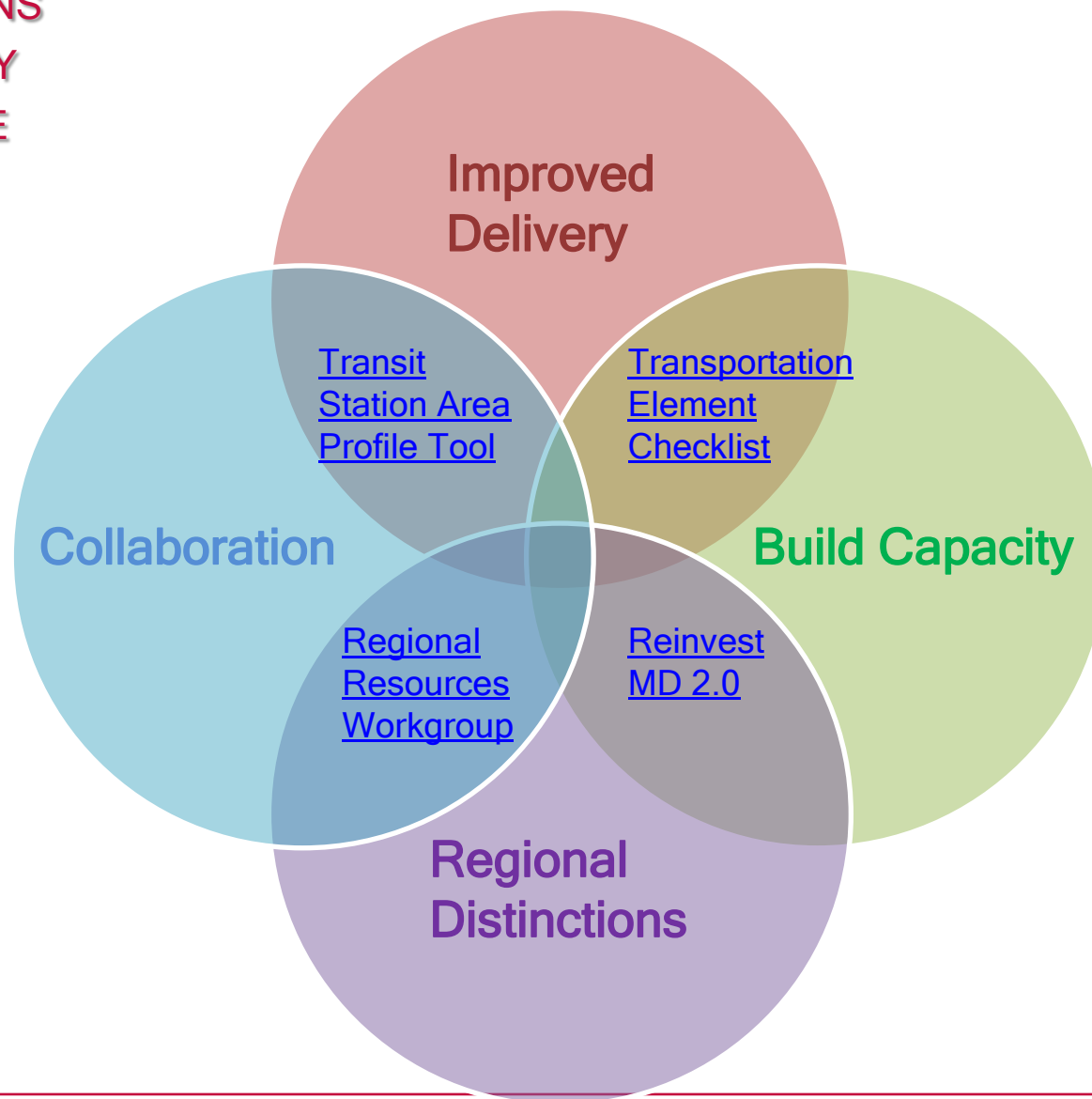
Includes:

- State Programs, Resources & Tools
- Data resources (e.g., geographic information systems (GIS) and databases) maintained by state agencies and local governments using
 - Maryland's Open Data Portal
 - Maryland iMap infrastructure

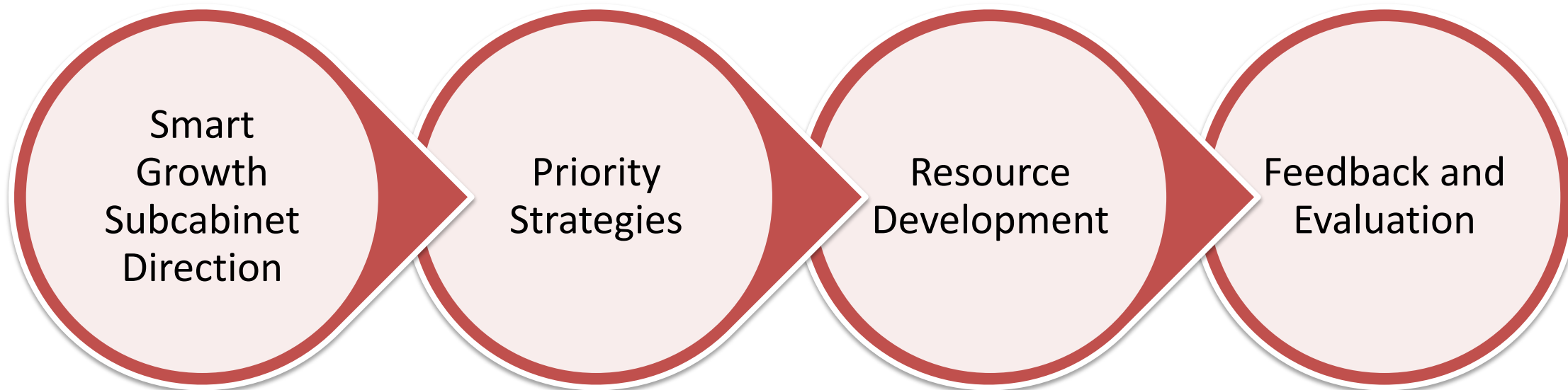
Virtual library of state and local plans and related planning resources that was an expressed deliverable in the executive order initiating the A Better Maryland effort



IMPLEMENTATION ACTIONS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY ADDRESSING MULTIPLE OBJECTIVES



NEXT STEPS



VISIT THE PROJECT WEBSITE AND DIGITAL RESOURCE CENTER

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