



A Better Maryland

The Maryland Department of Planning Invites you to Discuss A Better Maryland!

A Better Maryland will seek input from local governments, state agencies, Maryland residents, and others; enriching the lives of all Marylanders and serving as a valuable resource for years to come.

Developing A Better Maryland will include:

1. Listening
2. Identifying Local Priorities
3. Identifying Information Needs

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Frequently Asked Questions:

1. Why is Planning doing another state development plan?
 - Governor Hogan signed Executive Order 01.01.2017.18, directing Planning to prepare a revised state development plan
 - Since the last plan, economic, physical, and social conditions and trends in the state have changed
2. What are the goals and objectives of **A Better Maryland**?
 - The Executive Order establishes that the plan be organized to: (1) enrich the lives of Marylanders; (2) use smart growth principles; (3) grow responsibly; and (4) protect Maryland's resources
 - The Order also establishes these objectives for growing responsibly and protecting Maryland's resources: (1) support existing communities; (2) create quality places; (3) coordinate State investment; (4) natural resource preservation; and (5) cultural, historical and heritage preservation
 - Additional goals and objectives may be formulated as a result of feedback from outreach
3. When will **A Better Maryland** be completed?
 - Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order, the new plan is to be prepared on or before July 1, 2019.
 - The Smart Growth Subcabinet, the Maryland Sustainable Growth Commission, local governments, state agencies, Maryland residents, and other stakeholders
4. Who should be involved?
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5. How will engagement in this effort benefit participants and their jurisdictions?
 - An opportunity to be heard, to help identify what should be included, and to improve the content and relevance of **A Better Maryland**
6. How will this effort benefit planning in Maryland?
 - Create a better plan that is relevant to the needs of local government and state agencies and encourage better planning and coordination while growing responsibly and protecting our resources

