



# The State of Maryland

## Executive Department

EXECUTIVE ORDER

01.01.2017.18

State Development Plan

(Rescinds Executive Order 01.01.2011.22)

- WHEREAS, PlanMaryland, the State's Development Plan, was adopted on December 16, 2011;
- WHEREAS, Title 5 of the State Finance and Procurement Article provides that the Department of Planning shall, from time to time, revise the State Development Plan;
- WHEREAS, The State Development Plan is now more than five years old and economic, physical and social conditions and trends in the state have changed;
- WHEREAS, In order to promote the general welfare and prosperity of the state, the State Development Plan should be prepared after considering input from a variety of stakeholders, including local governments, regional planning commissions, the Maryland Municipal League, the Maryland Association of Counties, local educational institutions, civic groups, and interested parties;
- WHEREAS, The revised and updated State Development Plan should enrich the lives of Marylanders while promoting responsible growth and the protection of Maryland's resources;
- WHEREAS, PlanMaryland is not a substitute for local comprehensive plans and it does not supplant local planning and zoning authority, which has been delegated to local governments by the General Assembly; and
- WHEREAS, PlanMaryland will continue until a revised plan is approved by the Governor and filed with the Secretary of State;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF MARYLAND, HEREBY PROCLAIM THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE ORDER, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

A. The Maryland Department of Planning (“Planning”), in coordination with the Smart Growth Subcabinet and the Maryland Sustainable Growth Commission, local governments and other stakeholders, shall prepare a revised State Development Plan that will replace PlanMaryland.

B. State agencies shall provide analysis and collaboration, as requested, by Planning, the Smart Growth Subcabinet, and the Maryland Sustainable Growth Commission.

C. The new, revised State Development Plan shall consist of the following two components:

(1) State Development Plan Guidelines that articulate the purpose and objectives of the plan, which will include collaborative strategies essential for modern planning; and

(2) A State Planning Digital Resource Center that establishes a transparent and organized collection of State and local plans and related planning resources used to plan and coordinate responsible growth and resource protection.

D. The planning strategies shall be organized to serve four goals:

(1) enriching the lives of Marylanders;

(2) using smart growth principles;

(3) growing responsibly; and

(4) protecting Maryland’s resources.

E. The strategies for growing responsibly and protecting Maryland’s resources should further the following objectives:

(1) supporting existing communities;

(2) creating quality places;

(3) coordinating State investment;


- (4) natural resources preservation; and
- (5) cultural, historical, and heritage preservation.

F. State agencies and digital resources, both existing and proposed, should be identified to support each strategy of the new State Development Plan.

G. Planning, in consultation with the Smart Growth Subcabinet and the Sustainable Growth Commission, shall develop a work plan that includes extensive outreach and collaboration to ensure that a new State Development Plan will be prepared on or before July 1, 2019.

H. Executive Order 01.01.2011.22 is hereby rescinded.

GIVEN Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, in the City of Annapolis, this 19th Day of August, 2017.

  
Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.  
Governor

ATTEST:

  
John C. Wobensmith  
Secretary of State

