A BETTER MARYLAND

THE STATE DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND
DIGITAL RESOURCE CENTER

A SUMMARY
STATE PLANNING IN MARYLAND TIMELINE

Maryland Planning Commission (1933)
MDP Created (1959)
Land Use Act (1974)
Priority Funding Areas (1997)
Smart, Green, and Growing (2009)
Sustainable Growth Commission (2010)
PlanMaryland (2011)
A Better Maryland (2019)
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Goals:

- Enrich the lives of Marylanders
- Use smart growth principles
- Grow responsibly
- Protect Maryland’s resources
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.
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• 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.
Executive Order (August ’17) → Preparations, Communications, Education (Summer – Fall ’17) → 1st Round of Outreach (Fall ’17 – Spring ’18) → In-reach, Analysis, Strategies (Summer ’18) → Draft Review (Spring ’19) → Plan Formulation (Winter ’19) → 2nd Round of Outreach (Fall ’18) → Outreach & Implementation (Beginning Fall ’19) → Governor Files Plan w/ Sec. State (August ’19) → To Governor for Approval (June ’19) → Governor Files Plan w/ Sec. State (August ’19)
LISTENING SESSIONS

Meetings in every County and Baltimore City; all jurisdictional notes posted on website
In-reach, Analysis, and Collaboration

- **Sustainable Growth Commission**
  - July and September ‘18, May 19’

- **APA Maryland Chapter**
  - June ‘18

- **Maryland Association of Counties Summer Conference**
  - August ‘18

- **State Agencies**
  - September ‘18

- **Planning Directors**
  - August ‘18 and April ‘19

- **Maryland Municipal League Conference**
  - June ‘18

- **Smart Growth Coordinating Committee**
  - Continuously
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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
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

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
Implementation Actions Currently Underway Addressing Multiple Objectives

- Improved Delivery
  - Transit Station Area Profile Tool
  - Transportation Element Checklist

- Collaboration
  - Regional Resources Workgroup

- Build Capacity
  - Reinvest MD 2.0

- Regional Distinctions

Maryland DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING
**NEXT STEPS**

- Smart Growth Subcabinet Direction
- Priority Strategies
- Resource Development
- Feedback and Evaluation
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