

Policy: Maintain zoning appropriate for major employment on infrastructure-served land with good access.

Actions:

- (1) Recommend that the County Council evaluate rezoning and PUD proposals that convert M or OT zoned land to residential or retail use to consider the long-term effects on the economy.
- (2) Ensure that adequate land and structures remain available to accommodate new and expanding primary employers not suited for mixed-use environments.
- (3) Consider ways to guide new employment opportunities to quality mixed-use development.
- (4) Preserve the County's limited deep-water access for industrial uses.
- (5) Consider amending the BCZR to limit the amount of residential development permitted in the OT zoning classification.

LAND USE BALANCE

A fiscally strong jurisdiction must maintain a healthy balance between residential and non-residential land uses. Different types of land use have variant effects on a county's finances. Some land uses contribute more in tax revenue than they consume in public services, such as schools, police and fire services. Some land uses consume more services than they pay for directly through property taxes. A balanced economy is needed to provide a healthy place to live, work and play. A strong employment sector: industrial, office, and commercial, provide jobs and tax revenue. A diverse choice of housing is essential to providing a qualified work force to fuel the employment sector.

Policy: The County should maintain a healthy balance between residential and non-residential land uses inside the URDL.

Actions:

- (1) Consider encouraging zoning requests that promote mixed-use development.
- (2) Ensure that land use proposals contribute to a healthy balance of residential and non-residential uses and open space.
- (3) Work proactively to promote employment driven projects compatible with residential uses.
- (4) Direct mixed-use development to Community Enhancement Areas.

COMMERCIAL REVITALIZATION DISTRICTS

Baltimore County has 14 officially designated Commercial Revitalization Districts (CRDs). These areas were once the commercial hubs of the County's older beltway communities and offered a range of retail, service, and entertainment uses. However, beginning in the 1960s and 70s, changes

