# Smart Green & Growing Maryland's Smart Growth Brand







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## Smart Green & Growing

- green information hub
- Gov O'Malley created in 2009
- one-stop shop for sustainability ideas, resources for:
  - residents
  - businesses
  - organizations
  - government





# Smart Green & Growing Priorities

- Restoring the Bay
- Preserving Land
- Conserving Energy
- Smart Growth
- Climate Change





## Smart Green & Growing

smart growth policies + growing green jobs + improving transit + environmental protection + revitalizing communities = sustainable future



Miller's Court, Baltimore tax credit success story





### Get Involved

> What You Can Do

### Learn More

- > What is SGG?
- > See our Statewide Goals
- > PlanMaryland
- > Videos
- Green TravelGreen Registry
- > Genuine Progress Indicator
- > Partners

### GREEN JOBS





### News & Announcements

- Award Nomination Period Open for Innovations in Stormwater Management
- Governor Hosts Sustainability
   Forum
- Statewide Plan Seeks to Improve Historic Preservation
- New Landowner Incentives for Forest Management in Effect
- Board of Public Works Approves \$441,312 in Agricultural Cost-Share Grants
- Maryland Energy Adminstration and the Maryland Higher Education Commission Announce More Than \$1 Million in Offershore Wind Research Grants

New website launched October 2013 http://green.maryland.gov



BayStat is for measuring and evaluating efforts to restore the Chesapeake Bay.



Maryland's Climate Change plan will reduce greenhouse gases 25 percent by 2020.



A mapping, analysis, and collaboration tool designed to engage citizen scientists.







Performance measurement and accountability in your State government.



Track our progress on the Governor's 16 policy goals for Maryland.

Sustainable\_\_\_Attainable



### Get Involved

- > Healthy Gardening
- > Buy Local
- > RideShare
- > Commuter Choice Maryland

#### Learn More

- > PlanMaryland
- > Track our Goals Progress > Knowing Your Transit
- > Being SMART
- > CHART
- > Traffic Advisories (511)
- > Revitalizing Communities

### GREEN JOBS

### **Smart Growth**



Smart growth concentrates new development and redevelopment in areas that have existing or planned infrastructure to avoid sprawl. Smart growth is sustainable and is characterized by compact, transit-oriented, bicyclefriendly land use, with neighborhood schools, walkable streets, mixed-use development and a range of housing choices. It conserves valuable natural resources through the efficient use of land, water and air; creates a sense of community and place; expands transportation, employment, and housing choices; distributes the costs and benefits of development in an equitable manner; and promotes good health.

#### Statewide Plan Seeks to Improve Historic Preservation

While most Marylanders would agree that the state is rich in cultural heritage and historic places, the people responsible for preservation efforts statewide find there is much work to do in accessing state support, cataloguing their work and getting the word out. Read more..

#### Governor O'Malley Announces Innovative Plan to Fund Purple Line Light Rail

A single partner will design, construct and operate the proposed Purple Line through Montgomery and Prince George's counties, as well as provide up to \$900 million in private financing, according to a new plan to create the line through a public-private partnership. The approach for the project differs from the typical scenario of the state bidding for the design and construction of the transit line, then operating the system. Read more ...



### Success Stories

Union Mill Redevelopment Transforms Historic Building, Baltimore Neighborhood

Union Mill, Maryland's oldest stone mill, received state Sustainable Communities Tax Credits to rehab and redevelop into apartments and office space near transit in Baltimore's Hampden neighborhood. This 86,000-square-foot redevelopment includes apartments targeted to teachers, including Teach for America participants, office space designed for non-profit organizations and a lush half-acre central courtyard. Last year, it won an award from the Sustainable Growth Commission. Learn more about the award and the project in this video.



Smart Growth subpage http://green.maryland. gov/smart growth

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## Smart Green & Growing

- SGG helps people make informed choices:
  - Maryland's future
  - actions to realize that vision



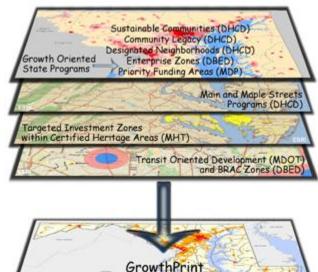


# Smart Green & Growing tools

interactive maps help guide growth, protection of Maryland's landscapes

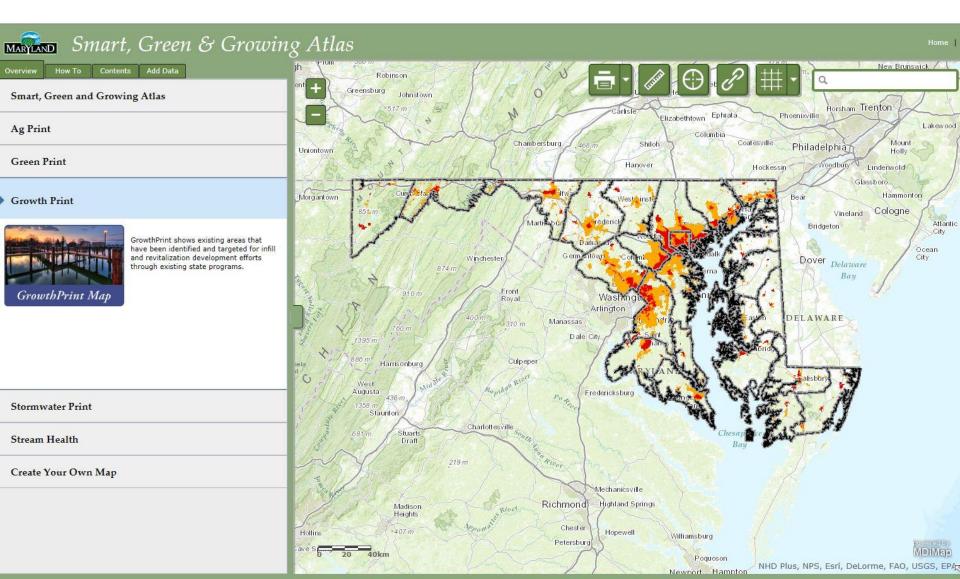
- PlanMaryland
- GreenPrint
- GrowthPrint
- AgPrint

GrowthPrint shows areas that have been identified and targeted for infill and revitalization development efforts through existing state programs.





# Smart Green & Growing tools



# Smart Green & Growing state partners



- MDE's Green Registry businesses share environmentally friendly practices
- DNR's Marylanders Grow Oysters enables growing oysters from piers
- MEA's Empower Maryland Program offers 15 ways to save energy and money





# Smart Green & Growing state partners

- MDA's cover crops program offers grants to farmers to plant small grains, brassicas
- Climate Change = example of how multiple agencies (DNR, MDE, Housing, Planning, UMCES) can inform on SGG site







## Smart Green & Growing Where does MDP fit in?

## communications strategies

- web
- social media
- targeted email campaigns
- audio/video
- conferences and events
- publications (electronic = print less)



# Smart Growth Maryland blog 3,500+ followers

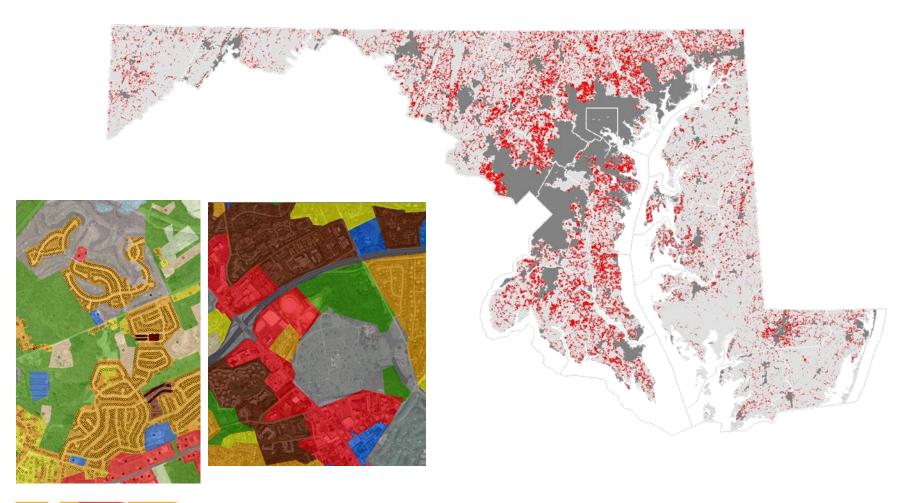




- ideas exchange about smart growth
- posts written by MDP staff
- 12,600 views last 12 months

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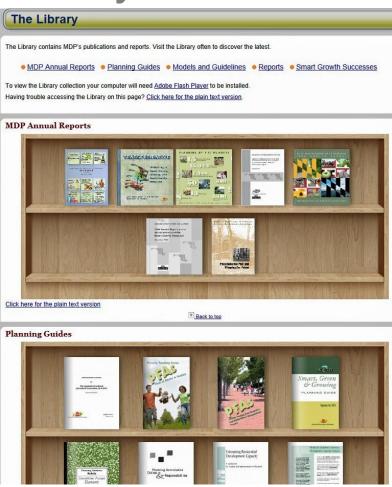
## web tools to explain complex concepts





## mdp's virtual library

Over 2,000 annual visits





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Frederick historic group concerned over potential hotel site, The Gazette

Planning board considers expansions at NIH, NSA Bethesda, The Gazette

Chevy Chase Lake public hearing sees hours of testimony: Residents, public officials speak out about Chevy Chase Lake Sector Plan, The Gazette



## web features







## A popular tool updated!

MDP's handy reference to planning law and smart growth policy in its latest edition







## **New Bay Restoration Guide**

What Every Marylander Can Do



## MDP on Facebook





## web stats

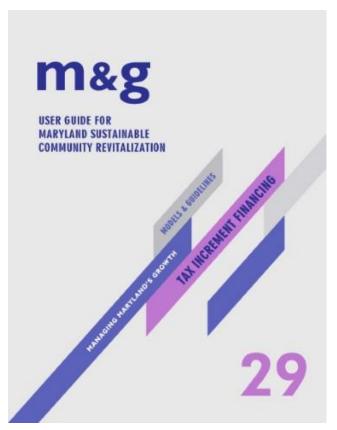
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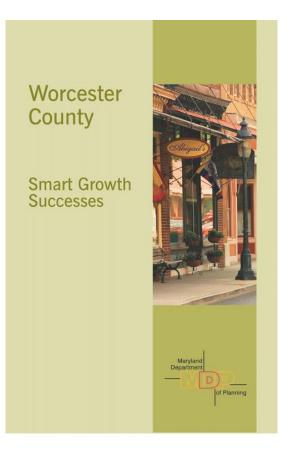
## MDP publications & graphics

models & guidelines rack cards

annual reports booklets









## MDP online





#### Inside Planning

- > Local Government Planning
- > Downtown Toolbox
- > Smart Growth
- > Clearinghouse
- > Congressional & Legislative Districts

#### **Related Sites**

- MD Planning Directors Roundtable
- > MD Sustainable Growth Commission
- MD Planning Commissioners Association
- > Patuxent River Commission
- > Smart, Green & Growing
- > Historical Trust
- Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum

#### Salisbury Downtown Revitalization



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### Announcements/News

Board of Public Works issues a revised Advisory restating the necessity for State government units to get a Clearinghouse review and to provide the Clearinghouse recommendation to the Board of Public

Press Release: (November 12, 2013) Online Training Course Provides Septics Law Primer

Press Release: (November 6, 2013) New Publication Demystifies "TIF" Economic Financing Tool

More Announcements >> More Press Releases >>



## **MDP** on Twitter







## video storytelling







# Smart Green & Growing getting the word out

- e-news sent weekly from partner agencies
- content linked to agency pages
- SGG has a growing presence on Twitter and Facebook. #MDSGG



