



To: Jon Laria, Chair, Maryland Sustainable Growth Commission
Maryland Sustainable Growth Commissioners

From: Derick Berlage, Chairman, Concentrating Growth Workgroup

Subj: Workgroup Activities

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1. Financing smart growth subcommittee:
 - a. Governor's budget should issue on Wednesday; need to review budget and assess progress in meeting \$40 million goal for core smart growth programs.
 - b. The Smart Growth Investment Fund Task Force was to have issued its report this month. Rich Josephson will circulate the report to all workgroup members. We should analyze the report for recommendations we want to endorse or expand.
 - c. The Local & Regional Transportation Funding Task Force was to have issued its report this month. Same comment as above.
2. Indicators/status check subcommittee: work is continuing with National Center for Smart Growth and MDP staff refining indicator categories, objectives and specific measures.
3. Streamlining subcommittee: ULI Baltimore is planning a series of focus group meetings to explore obstacles to infill development in PFAs. Streamlining will be one of the topics. The subcommittee will be partnering with ULI in this effort.
4. Commission Chairman Laria has asked each workgroup to prepare a workplan for calendar 2014. Derick Berlage will draft a workplan and circulate it to workgroup members for comment.
5. Next conference call will be Monday, Feb. 10 at 1 pm. MDP staff will email call-in information.