# A Better Maryland

# Issue Groupings July 23, 2018

# Group A

#### **Sustaining the Environment into the Future**

Ensuring a safe, clean environment for residents while responsibly balancing economic development.

## **Creating Workforce/Affordable Housing**

Addressing the critical shortage of housing that is affordable at all income levels.

## **Tackling the Economic Development Needs of the Next Century**

Preparing to meet the demands of the next 50 years of economic growth.

## **Building Capacity in Communities**

Working with State agencies, regional authorities and other local jurisdictions on planning and community development objectives.

# **Group B**

#### **Preserving Land**

Ensuring that adequate and appropriate lands are preserved.

## Economic Growth and Development within Designated PFAs and Focusing on Existing Communities

Focusing resources and partnering with the private sector to encourage revitalization of our existing communities in rural, suburban and urban areas.

#### **Adapting and Becoming Resilient to Climate Change**

Addressing new environmental challenges and risk management as a result of sea level rise, atypical storms and flooding.

#### **Coordinating State Agencies in Planning Processes**

Coordinating state agency efforts and messaging when working with local governments.

# **Group C**

#### **Protecting Historic and Cultural Resources**

Assisting in the identification and protection of critical historic and natural resources.

#### **Meeting Renewable Energy Goals**

Increasing Maryland's use of renewable energy for long-term security and stability.

#### **Creating Quality Places**

Creating excellent places to work, live, and play in Maryland with a holistic approach toward planning.

#### **Respecting Regional Distinctions**

Recognizing and respecting Maryland's regions are distinct and may have different challenges.