

# A Better Maryland

Issue Groupings  
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## Environmental Issues

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

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

### **Preserving Land**

Ensuring that adequate and appropriate lands are preserved.

### **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.

## Economic Development Issues

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

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

### **Improving Economic Growth and Development in Existing Communities**

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

### **Meeting Renewable Energy Goals**

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

### **Addressing Maryland's Transportation, Infrastructure, and Technology Challenges and Opportunities**

Exploring all aspects of Maryland's infrastructure future to determine trends, needs and alternatives and to ensure a thriving economy and sustainable future for all communities

## Community Development Issues

### **Creating Workforce/Affordable Housing**

Addressing the critical shortage of housing that is affordable at all income levels to purchase, rent and maintain.

### **Building Capacity in Communities**

Working with State agencies, regional authorities and local jurisdictions on planning and community development objectives to develop the skills and resources to make a difference at the local level.

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

Assisting in the identification and protection of important historic and cultural resources.

### **Creating Quality Places**

Helping local governments achieve exciting and desirable places to work, live, and play in Maryland through a holistic approach toward planning.

## Collaboration/Coordination Issues

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

Ensuring state agency efforts and messaging are supportive and consistent when working with local governments.

### **Respecting Regional Distinctions**

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

### **Improving the delivery of programs and services to local jurisdictions**

Continuously evaluating and innovating how state agencies can be more effective in delivering information and services to local governments and the public.