



Education Work Group Report
May 18, 2020

TO: Susan Summers, Chair
FROM: Jim Kruger, Workgroup Chair, and Joe Griffiths, Planning Staff
SUBJECT: Progress Report
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Since the last report in November of 2019, the Education Workgroup (workgroup) conducted three regular meetings: on 12/12/19, 1/7/20 and 4/7/20. The group used those meetings to continue its discussion of the pilot Reinvest Maryland 2.0 Training: *Overcoming Barriers to Infill and Adaptive Reuse* that Victoria Olivier presented at the APA Conference on 10/8 and which we are looking to expand upon. The workgroup also conducted the presentations, scoring, and award announcements for the 2020 Sustainable Growth Challenge. More details about each effort below.

Sustainable Growth Challenge (Challenge)

Six student teams submitted projects for consideration by the January 17 due date representing the University of Maryland and Morgan State University. The projects ranged from golf green drainage strategies to neighborhood plans. The six teams presented to the Challenge review team on February 13 in Crownsville. Using a scoring rubric, the review team reconvened a week later to decide on this year's winners, which were:

Changing Landscapes: Farmsteads and Resort Towns (University of Maryland) In the 2019 Fall semester, UMD's Historic Preservation Studio class worked with the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) in Prince George's County to create comprehensive guide and heritage trail linking the communities of Aquasco, Eagle Harbor, and Cedar Haven in southern Prince George's County. The students' proposed trail will teach its users about Maryland's contribution to the tobacco economy, rural communities during reconstruction, and the need for more recreational opportunities for African Americans during segregation. The completed product provides a cohesive and navigable narrative of life and culture in the area and promotes economic growth through heritage tourism in each of the three communities. (Description from student submission)

- **Student Team Members:** Sara Baum, Grace Davenport, Amy Duan, Josette Graham, Kathleen Jockel, Veronica Martin, Tamara Schlossenberg, Hassan Tariq

A Framework for Preservation and Growth in Creswell (University of Maryland) This project was the product of a graduate planning course at the University of Maryland in spring 2019. Seven planning graduate students took on an assignment from Harford County, Maryland to develop, model, and analyze alternative futures for Creswell, a rural community adjacent to Harford County's Development Envelope and the I-95 corridor. (Description from student submission)

- **Student Team Members:** Bilal Ali, Sarah Latimer, Nick MacKereth, Kari Nye, Russ Ottalini, Jerah Smith, AnnaLinden Weller

Long Life for Long Branch: Tools to Preserve Independent Retailers (University of Maryland)

Through a collaboration with the Partnership for Action Learning in Sustainability (PALS) at the National Center for Smart Growth, the M-NCPPC Montgomery County Planning Department commissioned this report from students in the Master of Community Planning program at the University of Maryland. “Long Life for Long Branch: Tools to Preserve Independent Retailers” is a toolkit that proposes a series of tactics which promote social equity and ensure that independent businesses in Long Branch can thrive with Purple Line development. Building upon previous studies and ongoing community and county-led efforts, the course focused on an inclusive economic development strategy that would make use of zoning, financing, technical support, and real estate development to support the sustainability of Long Branch businesses into the future. (Description from student submission)

Student Team Members: Carrie Anderson-Watters, Anna Brinley, Will Duggan, Ellen Kortesoja, Lily Murnen, Kari Nye

The workgroup invited the students, faculty, other university representatives, and community members to present their projects at the March 23 Growth Commission, but that meeting was cancelled due to the pandemic. The same individuals have been invited to join the May 18 meeting to accept their awards verbally and engage in a conversation with the Commission members. Awards and certificates will be sent to the students this spring.

Reinvest Maryland 2.0

Maryland Department of Planning staff met with Charles County staff in March to discuss redevelopment opportunities for the Waldorf corridor and a lengthened Reinvest Maryland training for the Southern Maryland region. These discussions are still in progress, and the workgroup provided feedback during its 4/7 meeting. The longer training session will incorporate more information on brownfield redevelopment resources, delve more deeply into example codes supportive of redevelopment, and add Southern Maryland specific topic areas and examples.

Next Workgroup Meeting: 6/2/2020