

Sustainable Growth Network (SGN) Kickoff Meeting Recap

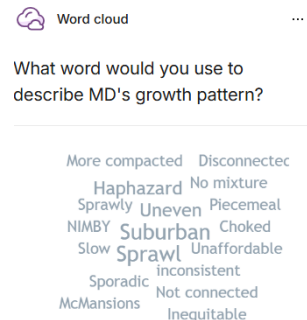
Date of Meeting: Thursday May 29th, 11am-1pm

Location: Virtual

Recap:

Introduction Activity:

- Participants perspectives: “What word would you use to describe Maryland’s growth pattern?”
- **Top responses** included: **suburban, sprawl, haphazard, unaffordable, disconnected, and inequitable**—underscoring common challenges SGN hopes to address, and common perspectives among members.



Core Discussion: Sustainable Growth Planning Principles and Policy (SGP3)

Legislative Overview:

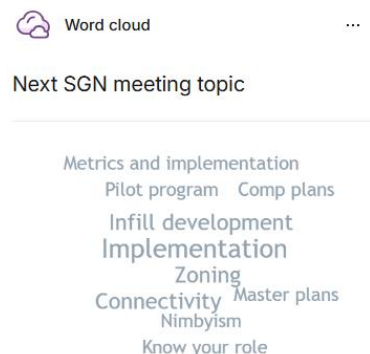
- Senate Bill 266: Amends the Land Use article and State Finance and Procurement code from “12 Visions” to “8 Principles,” titled the Sustainable Growth Planning Principles and Policy (SGP3). These principles mark a shift in the State wide approach to land use.

Implementation Guide:

- Implementation Guide: A living guidance toolbox designed to help local governments and agencies apply the new principles in practice.
- Breakout Discussions:
 - Small groups reviewed and discussed sample sections and explored how this could support planning at the local level.
- A few themes that emerged:
 - Excitement about the clarity and vision of the principles
 - Concerns about how implementation will work at the local level
 - A need for simplified language and local examples
 - Desire for tools that support real-world development application reviews

Wrap-Up & What’s Next

- Interested participants will be added to the SGN Teams channel and are encouraged to continue to engage with Implementation Draft excerpts by reviewing draft materials more closely and sharing additional feedback
- Next meeting topic:
 - A Slido word cloud captured future meeting topic ideas.
 - Key terms: implementation, infill development, zoning, connectivity, pilot program, and metrics—highlighting where attention may need to focus next.



Thank you to everyone who joined and contributed. We're just getting started—stay tuned for more opportunities to engage, shape resources, and help Maryland grow more sustainably.