

# Sustainable Growth Subcabinet

## AGENDA

### Virtual Public Meeting

Friday, December 20, 2024

Public Forum: 10:00-11:00 a.m.

*Public Comments submitted through registration were distributed to the Subcabinet in advance of the meeting*

*Q&A entries during the Zoom Call will be distributed to the Subcabinet for consideration in 2025*

# AGENDA

- ▶ Welcome – Subcabinet Introductions
- ▶ Sustainable Growth Subcabinet Initiatives
  - Annual Report
  - 2025 Sustainable Growth Awards
- ▶ Agency Initiatives related to Sustainable Growth
  - MDP
  - DHCD
- ▶ Subcabinet Closing Round
  - Responses to comments from advance public registration
  - Other Agency highlights
- ▶ Adjourn
  - recording of the meeting & presentation will be posted
  - [SGSC webpage](#)



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# SGSC INITIATIVES

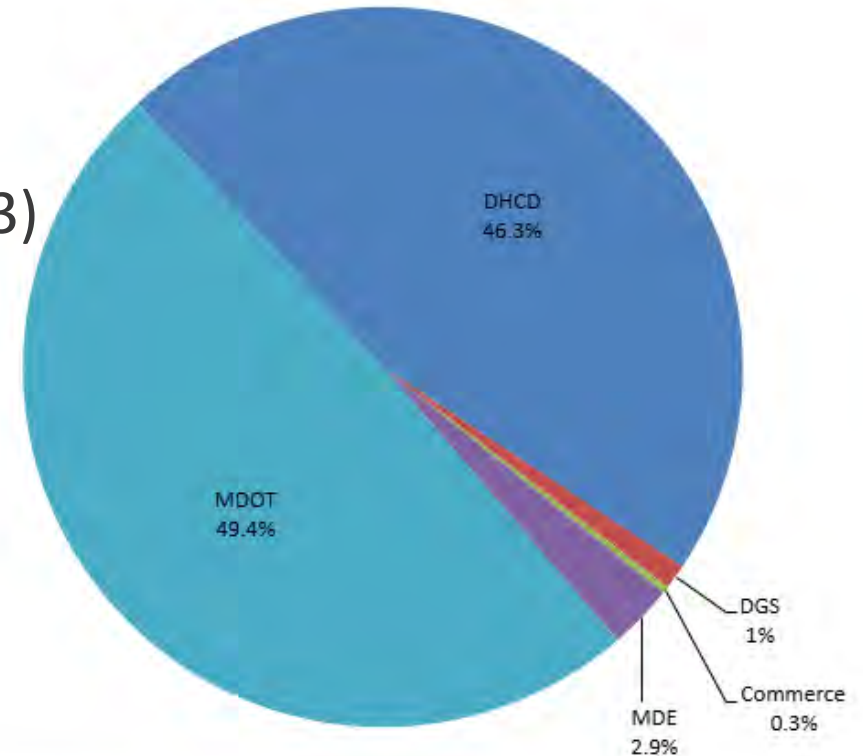


# SGSC ANNUAL REPORT

## FY24 Growth-Related PFA Spending

- ▶ \$1,971,832,444 total State funds allocated in FY24
  - 66% within PFAs (65% - FY23)
  - 2% outside PFAs; (1% - FY23)
  - 32% MDOT & MDE not place-specific (34% - FY23)

Program	Total Projects	Total Funding
DHCD	310	\$ 913,003,661
DGS	33	\$ 22,089,104
Commerce	20	\$ 6,151,785
MDE	15	\$ 57,448,308
MDOT	157	\$ 973,139,586
<b>Total</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>\$ 1,971,832,444</b>





# GROWTH POLICY

## Priority Funding Areas

**Rural Villages**

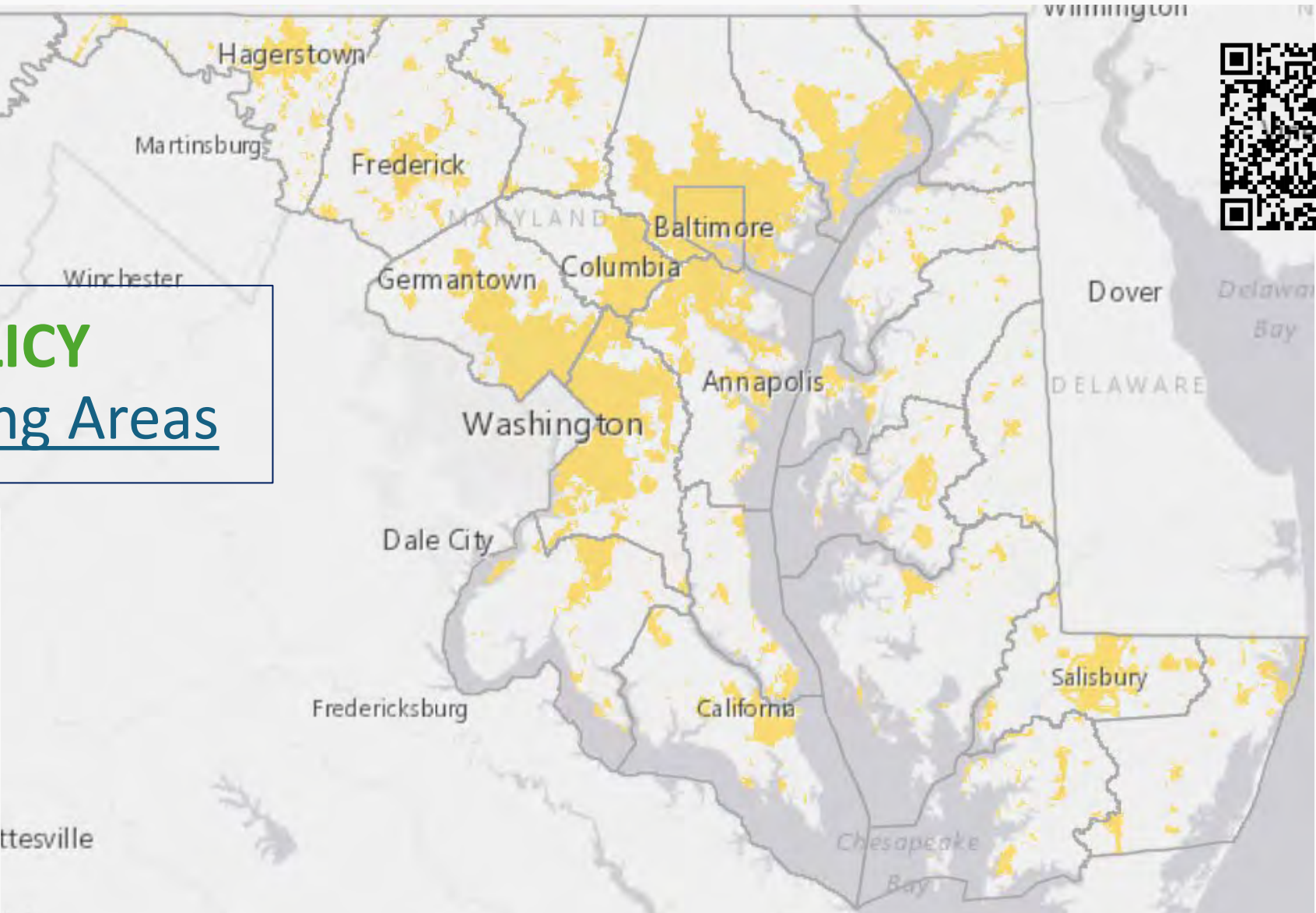
Rural Villages

**Maryland Priority Funding Areas**

Heritage Area in Locally Designated Growth Areas

PFA

PFA Comment Area





# 2025 Maryland Sustainable Growth Awards

Nominations open Nov. 1



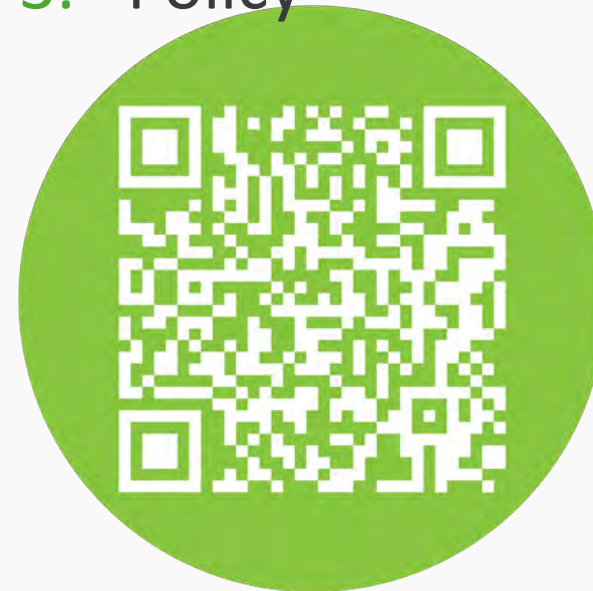
## SUBMIT A NOMINATION

### Award Categories

1. Leadership
2. Project
3. Policy

### Criteria

1. Advancement of the Principles
2. Impact
3. Replicability
4. Collaboration
5. Innovation
6. Endurance





# 2025 MARYLAND SUSTAINABLE GROWTH AWARDS –

- ▶ Nominations CLOSE Dec 20, 2024 - *extended to December 23, 2024*
- ▶ SGSC ACTIONS REQUESTED:
  - Promote through your agency outlets
  - Recruit Nominees – Leadership, Policy, Projects
  - Identify Reviewers for Panel
- ▶ Brochure & Nominations Form
- ▶ Contact Chuck or Maggi with any questions





# AGENCY INITIATIVES - DHCD



# Just Communities Act Map - Index, Matrix, Method and Scoring

Maryland DHCD's Division of Just Communities has contracted Eastern Shore Regional GIS Cooperative (ESRGC) to support in the development of the Just Community Act Designation enabled by House Bill 241/ Senate Bill 308.

The identification, development, and prioritization of Just Communities areas, which includes assigning a weighted value to each data source to develop a Just Community Score, will facilitate in the prioritization of State funding to increase racial, economic, and health equity in Maryland.

## **Task I:** Identification of Data Sources

- *Work with DHCD to identify authoritative data sources to be included in the Just Community Matrix.*

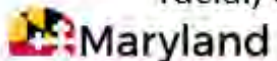
## **Task II:** Development of Just Community Matrix

- *The output/deliverable of this task will be a spreadsheet identifying all data sources and weighted values assigned to each data source.*

## **Task III:** Perform a series GIS-based analyses on the data layers identified in Task I.

- *The Just Community Matrix values from Task II will be included in the analysis with the goal of a Just Community Score per area.*
- *This task will also include the development of a methodology document.*

**Task IV:** Build a publicly accessed Just Community Score Viewer/Tool to assist with the prioritization of State funding to increase racial, economic, and health equity in Maryland.





# Sustainable Communities Framework Update

- Established by Sustainable Communities Act of 2010
- Place-based designation offering a comprehensive package of resource for community development, revitalization and sustainability
- Update will further align program with Governor Moore's priorities including equitable development, resilience to climate change and health and community development
- Interagency/stakeholder workgroups convened in summer of 2024
- Updated Sustainable Communities Plan Framework presented to stakeholders in fall 2024
- Final approval by the Sustainable Growth Subcabinet in early 2025.



# Reinvest Baltimore

- **Reinvest Baltimore Executive Order.** Signed by Governor Moore on October 1, 2024, the Executive Order establishes Reinvest Baltimore as a coordinated effort to align City, State and private partners' initiatives into a unified approach to address vacant properties in Baltimore City.
- **Baltimore Vacants Reinvestment Initiative.** A new iteration of Project CORE that aligns funding to Baltimore City's vacancy elimination strategy to include acquisition of vacant property for redevelopment.
- **Baltimore Vacants Reinvestment Council.** Community, corporate, philanthropic and government leaders align and leverage targeted investments that move at least 5,000 vacant properties into homeownership or other positive outcomes over the next five years.
  - + BVRC meetings are monthly and open to the public. More info: [dhcd.maryland.gov/Reinvest-Baltimore](https://dhcd.maryland.gov/Reinvest-Baltimore)



First Baltimore Vacants Reinvestment Council Meeting, November 7, 2024

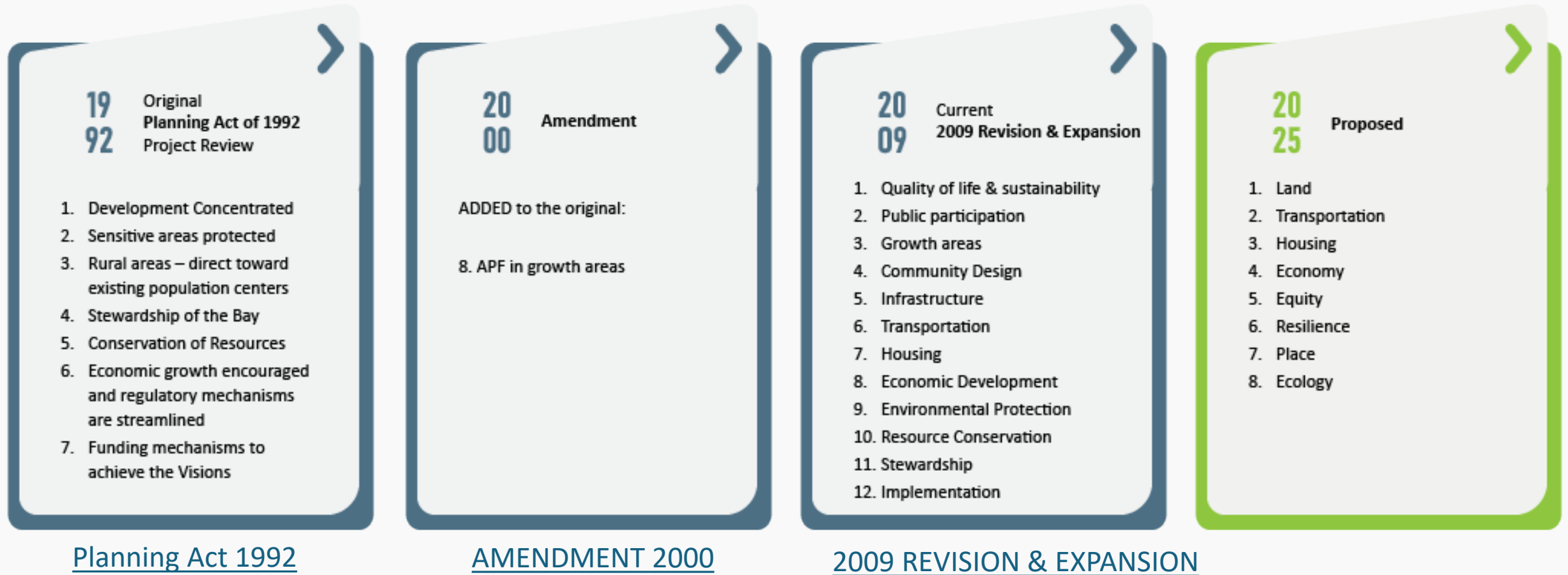


# AGENCY INITIATIVES – MDP



# SUSTAINABLE GROWTH IN MARYLAND

## Evolution of the Growth Policy - Amendments 1992 – 2025





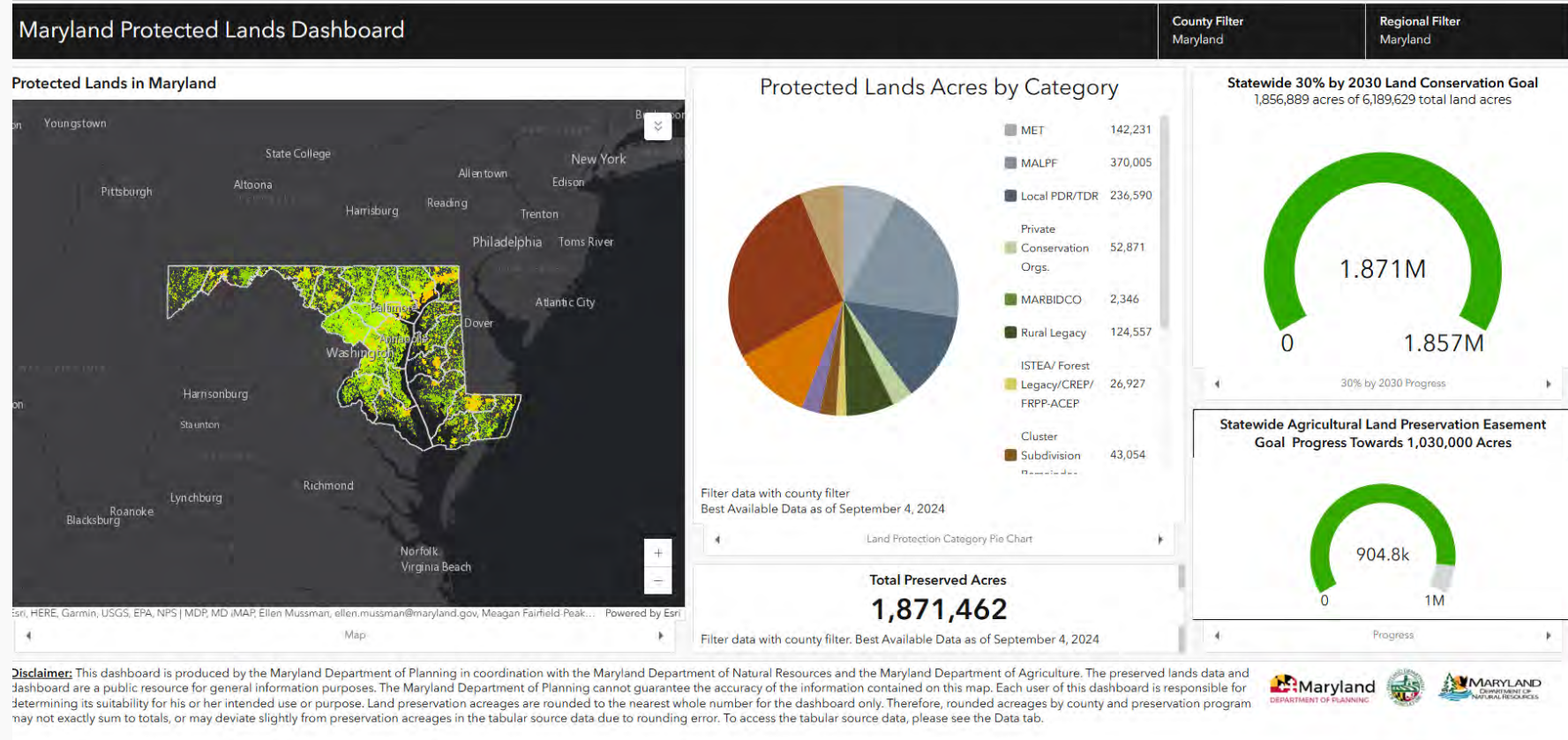
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## Evolution of the Growth Policy - *Smart Growth Outcomes*

### Success

- ▶ 1,871,462 acres preserved as of 9/4/24
- ▶ Prioritized state investments & resources
- ▶ Maryland Protected Lands Dashboard (MDP – MDA – DNR)

[Link to Maryland Protected Lands Dashboard](#)



# SUSTAINABLE GROWTH IN MARYLAND

## Evolution of the Growth Policy - *Code References*

- ▶ Land Use

- [Md. Code, Land Use § 1-201 – Visions](#)

- In addition to the requirements of § 3-201(a) and (b) of this article, a planning commission shall implement the following visions through the comprehensive plan described in Title 3 of this article:

- ▶ Md. Code, State Finance & Procurement

- [§ 5-7A-01 – Statement of Policy](#)

- The State Economic Growth, Resource Protection, and Planning Policy is the following: (same as the Visions from §1-201)

- [§ 5-7A-02 – Funding of Projects](#)

- Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, with respect to a State public works, transportation, or major capital improvement project funded through State or federal funds, the State may not provide State funding for the project if the project is not consistent with: **(i)** the State Economic Growth, Resource Protection, and Planning Policy established in § 5-7A-01 of this subtitle; or **(ii)** the local plan of the jurisdiction in which the project is located.*



# SUSTAINABLE GROWTH IN MARYLAND

## SG Policy & Planning Principles: *What has been updated?*

- ▶ **Adapted Existing Vision Statements:** consolidated, reframed, filled gaps (equity & resilience)
- ▶ **Name Change:** “Visions” to Planning “Principles”, a more common language used in the field of planning for this policy purpose. Align with Subcabinet 2024 amendment from Smart to Sustainable.
- ▶ **Identified Priority Topic Areas:** identified those topics that are directly related to land use and growth policy

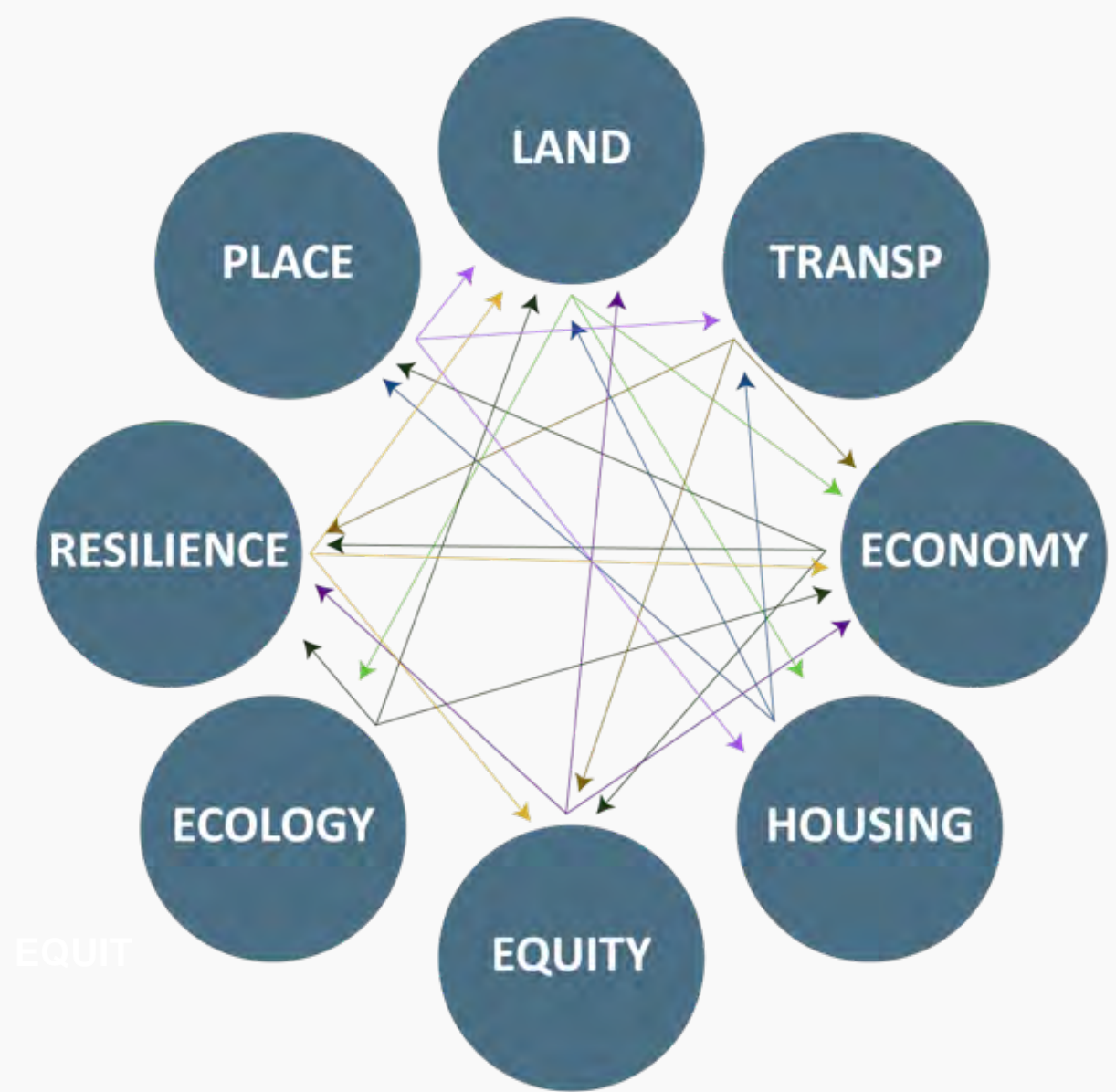


# MARYLAND'S SUSTAINABLE GROWTH POLICY & PLANNING PRINCIPLES (SGP3)

RESILIENCE

## Next Steps:

- Planning Director Roundtables
- Implementation Guide Development
- Sustainable Growth Network



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# CLOSING ROUND

Agency Responses to Advance Public Comments & Updates



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*Thank you!*

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