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Reinvest Maryland 2.0 Report Released; Interactive Website Unveiled

*Report Includes Strategies to Assist Maryland's Communities
in Accelerating Infill, Redevelopment and Revitalization*

(June 5, 2018) Baltimore, MD – The Maryland Sustainable Growth Commission (Commission) and the Department of Planning (Planning) today released [Reinvest Maryland 2.0](#), a report that provides resources for all levels of government to work together, strengthen collaborative efforts to support revitalization and reinvestment, and engage stakeholders in supporting Maryland's communities to improve the quality of life.

The report examines redevelopment in Maryland and identifies tools, case studies and best practices that support redevelopment and revitalization in existing communities. The report is available online at a new website, bit.ly/reinvestmd.

Reinvest Maryland 2.0 addresses all aspects of the redevelopment process, including: Promoting Reinvestment; Regulatory Reform; and Financing Tools and Programs. It also includes a set of Policy Recommendations.

The Commission and its workgroups collaborated closely with Planning, which staffs the commission, as well as other state agencies, to: identify best practices in Maryland communities; identify, review and refine the recommendations; and communicate with local officials and practitioners to identify and share the most effective planning tools and resources.

The extensive research provided insight into the best ways to create vibrant places with a range of housing, employment and transportation options in Maryland, as well as identifying strategies to overcome the challenges that communities face with redevelopment.

“We must continue to provide technical assistance and resources that support reinvestment initiatives in Maryland's great communities,” said Commission Chairman Susan Summers. “*Reinvest Maryland 2.0* outlines recommendations to help us grow smarter and improve quality of life.”

Planning will build upon this work with the Reinvest Maryland website, as a one-stop source of redevelopment information in Maryland, and solicit additional case studies and information from local communities and practitioners to support the educational efforts of the Commission's workgroups.

"This has been a great team effort and the new Reinvest Maryland 2.0 website provides an interactive experience for Maryland's stakeholders," said Secretary of Planning Robert McCord.

Special Secretary of Smart Growth Wendi Peters noted, "With Governor Hogan's leadership, we are continuing to assist communities and change Maryland for the better."

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