



To: Jon Laria, Chair, Maryland Sustainable Growth Commission
Maryland Sustainable Growth Commissioners

From: Frank Hertsch, Chair, APFO Leadership Workgroup

Subject: Report on MSGC APFO Workgroup Review of 2012 APFO Reports

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The APFO Leadership Workgroup submitted a draft APFO Report outline and workplan to the Maryland Sustainable Growth Commission at its September 24, 2012 meeting. The workplan identifies eight specific tasks (Tasks 1-8) to be assessed by the APFO Leadership Workgroup over the next two months. Since our last status report to the MSGC, the APFO Leadership Workgroup has convened three conference calls to discuss progress achieved toward completing each of the workplan tasks.

Workgroup Highlights:

- Conducted literature review of state and national APFO reports and studies (Task 1)
- Conducted interviews with local APFO administrators (Task 1) (ongoing)
- Catalogued all APFO ordinances within Maryland (Task 2)
- Identified types of facilities and standards addressed by APFO ordinances (Task 3)
- Conducted an assessment of adequacy of adopted APFO standards (Task 4)
- Conducted assessment of school utilization (Task 4)

The APFO Leadership Workgroup is generally using the outline of the APFO Report prepared by the National Center for Smart Growth in 2005 and 2006. The APFO Leadership Workgroup is focusing on changes and progress of local APFO efforts since that period, including updated recommendations and conclusions.