



Housing Workgroup Status Report December 2012

Housing Maryland: A Policy Framework

Housing Maryland, our Policy Framework, takes a balanced approach to housing and emphasizes the integration of housing, planning and programs that address other critical community concerns, including health, transportation, education, environment, economic development, and security. Integrating Maryland's shared concerns and planning approaches into a statewide housing plan that works for all Marylanders is the purpose of the "Housing Maryland Policy Framework."

The Framework's Guiding Principles

The framework is responsive to and supports the Commission's housing vision and Maryland's sustainable growth goals. The Guiding Principles that establish the framework are:

- Housing is a Basic Need
- Well Located Housing
- Housing Opportunities & Choice
- Economic Development & Revitalization
- Coordination & Accountability

The statewide housing policy will guide actions related to housing and establish collaborative connections between state and local government, nonprofit and for profit organizations, entities and advocates alike.

The framework starts with a shared vision for Housing Maryland, and points to three (3) overarching goals that set the tone for the development of objectives and strategies. Strategies derived from the goals are actionable and seek to either increase, support, expand or coordinate actions for their implementation.

- **Goal I: Expand Choice and Supply of Sustainable Housing**
 - Strategy: Increase Product and Preservation of Affordable Rental Housing
 - Strategy: Support Sustainable Homeownership
 - Other strategy areas:
 - ~ Choice for persons with special needs
 - ~ Coordination of public & private sector financial resources & Collaboration

- **Goal II: Restore and Revitalize Communities across Maryland**

Strategy: Increase well-located housing opportunities in sustainable communities with access to transportation, jobs, quality schools and human resources.

Strategy: Support the housing and sustainable development plans of local communities

- **Goal III: Stabilize Families and Local Economies**

Strategy: Support housing and housing-related investments that foster sustainable local economic development, local job creation, and neighborhood revitalization.

The Group's next steps will include more specific actions for the Framework's implementation.