



To: Sustainable Growth Commission

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Here is a report on the work of our Workgroup's four committees:

Financing Smart Growth

We continue to follow progress in the General Assembly on budgetary and program priorities endorsed by the Commission, and to research our longer-term initiatives.

Smart Growth Report Card

Based on the Commission's feedback at its last meeting, we are re-focusing our effort and will return with a new proposal.

Streamlining the Development Approval Process in Smart Growth Locations

The Committee continues to discuss pilot regulatory streamlining projects with interested jurisdictions.

Rural Growth Issues

As promised, this committee has expanded its membership. The group will be meeting in April and intends to focus on rural economies rather than rural places.