STATE DEVELOPMENT PLAN BRIEFING

Maryland Sustainable Growth Commission
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Governor Hogan directed Planning (1) to prepare a revised State Development Plan and (2) to coordinate with:

- The Smart Growth Subcabinet;
- The Maryland Sustainable Growth Commission;
- Local Governments; and
- Other Stakeholders
The new state development plan should contain:

- State Development Plan Guidelines
  - Purpose & objectives of the plan
- State Planning Digital Resource Center
  - Collection of State and Local Plans and Resources to help implement the plan
Pursuant to § 5-706 of the State Finance and Procurement Article, the Commission shall:

(4) Advise on the content and preparation of the State development plan, State transportation plan, and State housing plan and the implementation of these plans, including the relationship of these plans with local land use plans.
The Department shall:

- Prepare the Plan to promote the general welfare and prosperity of the people of the State through the coordinated development of the State (§ 5-602(b));

- Seek comments from and consult with the local governments of the areas that are affected by the Plan (§ 5-603(1)); and

- Seek the cooperation and advice of appropriate [groups] (§ 5-603(2)).
§ 5-604
The Plan shall embody the policy recommendations of the Department regarding the economic and physical development of the State
§ 5-606

(a) The Plan may not be used to deny:

(1) a State-issued permit; or
(2) State funding;
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PART I (CONT.)

§ 5-606

(b) The Plan does not:

(1) supersede any State statute or regulation;
(2) supersede any local ordinance or regulation;
(3) affect the delegation of planning and zoning powers; or
(4) overturn or prevent a decision of a local jurisdiction to fund a project.
§ 5-606

(c) The Plan may not require a local government to change or alter a local ordinance, regulation, or comprehensive plan.
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PART II

CONTENTS OF PLAN

• Objectives, standards, and principles (§ 5-608)

• Evaluate -
  ▪ capital plans and programs (§ 5-609); and
  ▪ grants, loans, and services (§ 5-610)

• Areas of critical State concern (§ 5-611)
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Part II (cont.)

Contents of Plan

• Land use recommendations (§ 5-612)
• Major public and private works (§ 5-613)
• Circulation patterns (§ 5-614)
• Other recommendations (§ 5-615)
Next Steps

- Outreach to local governments & public through series of public meetings over the next few months
  - State-wide with a goal of getting to every county
  - Listening to county and municipal officials and planners
  - Working with MACO, MML, and other stakeholders
Next Steps (cont.)

Growth Commission involvement:

- Sounding Board for Planning proposals
- Public Forum
- Facilitate Discussions
- Review and advise on process and plan content