STATE DEVELOPMENT PLAN:
A BETTER MARYLAND

Maryland Sustainable Growth Commission
Listening Session
Ellicott City, MD
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WHAT IS A STATE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

• State law* says,

(a) The Department (Planning) shall prepare and from time to time revise a plan or plans for development of the State.

(b) 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.

*State Finance & Procurement Article 5-602
Goals:
- Enrich the lives of Marylanders
- Use smart growth principles
- Grow responsibly
- Protect Maryland’s resources
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Objectives:
- Support existing communities
- Create quality places
- Coordinate state investment
- Natural resource preservation
- Cultural, historical and heritage preservation
- Provide information and data to support to local jurisdiction decisions
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• What the plan is not:
  ▪ Cannot be used to deny a State-issued permit or State funding
  ▪ Does not supersede local planning and zoning
  ▪ Does not supersede any local ordinance or regulations
  ▪ Does not prevent local funding of a project
  ▪ Cannot require a local government to change or alter a local ordinance, regulation, or comprehensive plan.
Why are we here:

- To engage and connect with the public, local governments, state agencies and other stakeholders across the state of Maryland and
- To solicit their feedback on what should be included in the plan and how the plan can help state agencies and local governments plan ‘A Better Maryland.’
LISTENING

• Planning wants to hear from:
  ▪ Local governments
  ▪ State agencies
  ▪ Public
  ▪ Other stakeholders
IDENTIFY LOCAL PRIORITIES
IDENTIFY INFORMATION NEEDS
INVOLVEMENT IN THE PROCESS
# Garrett County Snapshot

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<th>Key Indicators</th>
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<td>Population</td>
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<td>Households with children 18 and under</td>
<td>30 percent (2010 Census)</td>
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<td>Number of children under 18</td>
<td>6,660 (2010 Census)</td>
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<td>Median Age</td>
<td>42.7 (Maryland = 38.0) 2010 Census</td>
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<td>Median Household Income</td>
<td>$47,441 (2014, Census Bureau)</td>
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GARRETT COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
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Public Meeting Questions

• Using Cell Phone Polling
  ▪ Phone #: 22333
  ▪ With a Message of: abettermd
  ▪ You will receive a confirmation text joining “A Better Maryland” session
STAY INVOLVED

• Visit the Project Website at abetter.maryland.gov

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