STATE DEVELOPMENT PLAN: A BETTER MARYLAND

Sustainable Growth Commission
5/21/18
Cambridge
SURVEYS AND LIVE POLLING

AS OF 5/16

SURVEY CLOSES ON 6/1

Kent County Community Meeting

Live Polling at Salisbury University

Montgomery County Staff Session
QUALITY OF LIFE

- Open Space and a Clean Environment
- Economy and Jobs
- Schools
- Housing
- Transportation
- Cultural and Historical Attractions
AFFECTING POSITIVE CHANGE

- The Work of Local Government
- Individual Citizen Action
- Organizational Action
- Business Investment
- The Work of Federal or State Government
SDP SHOULD ADDRESS

- Environment
- Economic Development and Revitalization
- Transportation
- Land Use and Growth
- Education
- Public Health and Safety
- Housing and Community Development
- Rural/Agriculture
SDP Strategies

- Funding to support local initiatives
- Greater collaboration
- Regulations and policies affecting local planning
- Reduction of state involvement in local issues
- Enhanced technical assistance and information
**INTERJURISDICTIONAL ISSUES**

- Transportation
- Environmental Protection
- Schools
- Land Preservation
- Parks
- Something Else
LISTENING SESSIONS

17 of 24 jurisdictional meeting notes posted on website
ONLINE LISTENING SESSIONS (MAY 30)

A Better Maryland Online Listening Session - Wednesday afternoon, May 30th

2 and 7 PM

Big crowd on hand for Prince George’s Listening Session
Concern over Growth Tier Map Requirements
Allegany County Western Maryland
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Concerns Over Previous Mandates
Allegany County Western Maryland
There are also problems getting permits approved from state agencies, such as getting permission from the Maryland Historic Trust to paint columns on a Historic County building (Allegany County Library).

Economic Development
Allegany County Western Maryland
There is a need to work with the state in updating the parcel maps. There are some problems with the versions of the parcel level digital maps. But, there are also opportunities to collaborate and share data.

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State Agencies
Allegany County Western Maryland
Need to think about how to get information about A Better Maryland to all members of the public. Baltimore staff and Planning Commissioners want to stay tuned into what is happening.

Communication
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Mapping Support and Data
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Funding
Allegany County Western Maryland
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Housing
Allegany County Western Maryland
Allegany County is pursuing a Tier IV Exemption and requested Maryland Department of Planning's assistance to complete process. The LaVale zoning district has been amended, so they would like to restart the Tier IV exemption application process.

Tier Map Requirements
Allegany County Western Maryland
Only 20 new housing building permits were issued in the county last year.

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What will the Maryland Department of Planning (Planning) do to tailor PFA requirements for rural counties? Calvert fought hard against PlanMaryland It should be undone A Better Maryland should not affect local planning and zoning
Themes

• Data Accessibility
• Regionalism and the State’s Role
• Collaboration Between State Agencies and Jurisdictions
• Coordinating Economic Development and Environmental Preservation
• Infrastructure Assistance (Funding and Design)
• Affordable/Workforce/Generational Housing
• Shrinking Public Volunteerism and Engagement
• Needs of Rural Communities (eg transit)
WORKGROUPS
**Role in Comment Analysis**

1. Identify Trends and Patterns
2. Pinpoint Causes
3. SDPs Role
4. Provide Suggestions

*Calvert County Officials Meeting*
We need to plan for updating (retrofitting) existing, but outdated communities.
Questions

- Should A Better Maryland address this issue?
- What is its relative importance?
- What state agencies should be involved?
- Is there an opportunity for state and local partnership?
- Do it present regional differences?
Howard County could use more information on APFOs. Not just what other jurisdictions are doing but an explanation of how they function and operate. Planning should provide periodic updates, perhaps every two years, so these documents stay current.
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Attracting the appropriate types of jobs is critical. Large, high-density employers will not come to Kent County. We need to support local and small businesses.
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There is a need for training at regional locations in areas such as Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Historic Tax Credit Financing.
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NEXT STEPS
ANALYSIS

• Complete Survey and Listening Sessions
• Compile Comments
• Assign Comments
• In-reach
• Recommendations and Priorities
SUMMER CONFERENCES
FALL EVENT

Panel Discussions