A BETTER MARYLAND
THE STATE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

MARYLAND SUSTAINABLE GROWTH COMMISSION
JULY 23, 2018
A BETTER MARYLAND

GOALS AS OUTLINED IN THE EXECUTIVE ORDER

• Enrich the lives of Marylanders
• Use smart growth principles
• Grow responsibly
• Protect Maryland’s resources
A Better Maryland is a dynamic, evolving plan that provides a framework to support a thriving economy and environmental stewardship. The plan supports collaboration among state and local governments and all other stakeholders, providing resources and tools for the long term economic success of Maryland.
A Better Maryland

Involvement

Local Priorities

Information Needs
LISTENING SESSIONS

72 meetings in every County and Baltimore City; 20 of 24 jurisdictional notes posted on website to date
A BETTER MARYLAND SURVEY RESPONSES BY REGION

- **Maryland Capital**: 24%
- **Central Maryland**: 34%
- **Lower Eastern Shore**: 11%
- **Upper Eastern Shore**: 12%
- **Western Maryland**: 6%
- **Southern Maryland**: 8%
- **Unknown**: 5%
A Better Maryland Survey Responses
What is your Community’s Greatest Strength?
A Better Maryland Survey Responses
What is your Community’s Greatest Challenge?
A Better Maryland Survey Responses: Importance to Quality of Life

- Open Space and a Clean Environment
- Economy and Jobs
- Schools
- Housing
- Transportation
- Cultural and Historical Attractions
A Better Maryland Survey Responses Most Affects Positive Change

- The Work of Local Government
- Individual Citizen Action
- Organizational Action
- Business Investment
- The Work of Federal or State Government
A Better Maryland Survey Responses
What topics should the SDP address?

- Environment
- Economic Development and Revitalization
- Transportation
- Land Use and Growth
- Education
- Public Health and Safety
- Housing and Community Development
- Rural/Agriculture
A Better Maryland Survey Responses
What Strategies should The SDP Use?

- Funding to support local initiatives
- Greater collaboration
- Enhanced technical assistance and information
- Regulations and policies affecting local planning
- Reduction of state involvement in local issues
A Better Maryland Survey Responses

What Interjurisdictional Issues Should the SDP Address?

- Transportation
- Environmental Protection
- Schools
- Land Preservation
- Water/Sewer Service
- Parks
- None
- Something Else
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<th>Topic</th>
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<th>Region</th>
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<td>Community</td>
<td>Allegany County</td>
<td>Western Maryland</td>
<td>The rich history of the county is one of its greatest strengths.</td>
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<td>Concern over Growth Tier Map Requirements</td>
<td>Allegany County</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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<td>Only 20 new housing building permits were issued in the county last year.</td>
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<td>Concerns Over Previous Mandates</td>
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<td>The PFA process needs to be far more flexible and scalable to the development conditions, especially in rural and slow growth areas of the state.</td>
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<td>Economic Development</td>
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<td>Allegany County is investing in development so far from the County's central area. Why? What is the County's top priority?</td>
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<td>There is also a problem with absentee landlords. Lawns are not getting cut and you cannot identify the property owner.</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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<td>State Agencies</td>
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<td>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).</td>
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<td>Communication</td>
<td>Baltimore City</td>
<td>Central Maryland</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>Demographics</td>
<td>Baltimore City</td>
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<td>Baltimore wants to partner with the Maryland Department of Planning on the 2020 Census to make sure the City gets a complete count (reiterated a couple times). Given reduced federal funding, Baltimore wants to help engage the hard to reach populations.</td>
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<td>The Baltimore Metropolitan Council has a monthly permitting reporting service that is very helpful and unique in Maryland. Perhaps this is something the State could replicate elsewhere.</td>
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Process

Inreach, Analysis, Partnerships

Preliminary Priorities and Recommendations

2nd Round of Outreach

A Better Maryland Completion

Summer ’18

Fall ’18

Winter ’19

Spring- Summer ’19
Facilitated Discussion of Issues

Questions to Consider:

- Should A Better Maryland address this issue?
- What is its relative importance?
- Is there an opportunity for state and local partnership?
- Does it present regional differences?
- What state agencies should be involved?
- Any suggested strategies?
GROUP A ISSUES

Sustaining Environment into the Future

Creating Workforce/Affordable Housing

Tackling the Economic Development Needs of the Next Century

Building Capacity in Communities
GROUP B ISSUES

Preserving Land

Economic Growth & Development in PFAs and Focusing on Existing Communities

Adapting and Becoming Resilient to Climate Change

Coordinating State Agencies in Planning Processes
GROUP C ISSUES

Protecting Historic and Cultural Resources
Meeting Renewable Energy Goals
Creating Quality Places
Respecting Regional Distinctions
• What did we learn?
• Are there recommended next steps?