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.
LISTENING SESSIONS

72 meetings in every County and Baltimore City; all jurisdictional notes posted on website
SURVEYS AND LIVE POLLING

Kent County Community Meeting

Live Polling at Salisbury University

Montgomery County Staff Session
A Better Maryland Survey Responses by Region

- Maryland Capital: 24%
- Central Maryland: 34%
- Southern Maryland: 8%
- Lower Eastern Shore: 11%
- Upper Eastern Shore: 12%
- Western Maryland: 6%
- 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
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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

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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
What We Heard in Response

Regionism and Regional Planning

A mixed response regarding a regional approach to planning; some voiced support, some were opposed.

Regional approach is only good if all the areas of a region look similar.

A regional approach is needed, including Calvert, Anne Arundel, St. Mary’s, and Charles County.

County staff is willing to help with this.

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Concerns Over Previous Mandates

What will the Maryland Department of Planning (DOP) 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

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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>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>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>
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<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>
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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. The Census is very important to the City, and there is a concern that Baltimore will not be fully counted and result in not getting its fair share of funding. To the extent possible, put some focus on equity as part of the Census outreach preparation process.</td>
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In-reach, Analysis, and Collaboration
Summer ’18

- Sustainable Growth Commission: 7/23 and 9/24
- APA Maryland Chapter: 6/27
- MACO Summer Conference: 8/17
- Smart Growth Coordinating Committee: 8/8 and 9/12
- Planning Directors: 8/22
- State Agencies: September

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PROPOSED STRATEGIES ADDRESSING MULTIPLE ISSUES

- Increased Technical Assistance
- Models and Guidelines
- White Papers, Interactive Dashboards, Story Maps
- Planning Forums
- Regular Subcabinet Review of Programs and Progress
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**Process**

- **Inreach, Analysis, Partnerships**
  - Summer '18

- **2nd Round of Outreach**
  - Fall '18

- **Final Recommendations and Draft Plan**
  - Winter '19

- **A Better Maryland Completion**
  - Spring - Summer '19