A Better Maryland
Issue Groupings
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Environmental Issues
Sustaining the Environment into the Future
Ensuring a safe, clean environment for residents while responsibly balancing economic development.
Preserving Land
Ensuring that adequate and appropriate lands are preserved.
Adapting and Becoming Resilient to Climate Change
Addressing new environmental challenges and risk management as a result of sea level rise, atypical storms and flooding.

Economic Development Issues
Tackling the Economic Development Needs of the Next Century
Preparing to meet the demands of the next 50 years of economic growth.
Improving Economic Growth and Development in Existing Communities
Focusing resources and partnering with the private sector to encourage revitalization of our existing communities in rural, suburban and urban areas.
Meeting Renewable Energy Goals
Increasing Maryland’s use of renewable energy for long-term security and stability.
Addressing Maryland’s Transportation, Infrastructure, and Technology Challenges and Opportunities
Exploring all aspects of Maryland’s infrastructure future to determine trends, needs and alternatives and to ensure a thriving economy and sustainable future for all communities.

Community Development Issues
Creating Workforce/Affordable Housing
Addressing the critical shortage of housing that is affordable at all income levels to purchase, rent and maintain.
Building Capacity in Communities
Working with State agencies, regional authorities and local jurisdictions on planning and community development objectives to develop the skills and resources to make a difference at the local level.
Protecting Historic and Cultural Resources
Assisting in the identification and protection of important historic and cultural resources.
Creating Quality Places
Helping local governments achieve exciting and desirable places to work, live, and play in Maryland through a holistic approach toward planning.

Collaboration/Coordination Issues
Coordinating State Agencies in Planning Processes
Ensuring state agency efforts and messaging are supportive and consistent when working with local governments.
Respecting Regional Distinctions
Recognizing and embracing that Maryland’s regions are distinct and may have different challenges.
Improving the delivery of programs and services to local jurisdictions
Continuously evaluating and innovating how state agencies can be more effective in delivering information and services to local governments and the public.