



TO: Susan Summers, Chair
FROM: Jim Kruger, Workgroup Chair, and Joe Griffiths, Planning Staff
SUBJECT: Progress Report
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Since the last report in September, the Education Workgroup (workgroup) held two regular meetings; on 10/2 and 11/15. In those meetings and in the time since the last Commission meeting, the workgroup has continued trying to engage the Southern Maryland Association of Realtors (SMAR) in development of Reinvest Maryland training and encouraging faculty and students to participate in next year's Sustainable Growth Challenge. The workgroup is also examining the draft *A Better Maryland* Strategies to select a few in which it can support implementation.

1. Reinvest Maryland Professional Training

Since September, the workgroup lost two of its primary supporters in SMAR, slowing participation in the survey, which as of this writing only has three responses. The SMAR education committee informed Karen Mierow that they will need to get approval from their Executive Board, next to meet in mid-December, before they can distribute the survey more broadly. In response to these two developments and with the realization that SMAR support might not be as forthcoming as expected, the workgroup is updating the survey to include realtors and those involved in the realty industry outside of Southern Maryland. This expansion will include demographic and professional survey questions and responses that will relate to those who work in commercial as well as residential realty. These additions will help the workgroup develop a design and density training representative of real estate trends and informed by practitioners. Upon completion, the workgroup will ask the Commission to help spread the survey. Joe Griffiths will be revisiting the construction of the curriculum in early 2019.

Please contact Joe Griffiths at joseph.griffiths@maryland.gov or 410-767-4553 with any questions or suggestions.

2. Sustainable Growth Challenge

The workgroup continues to engage Maryland institutions of higher learning in the Sustainable Growth Challenges and has set a submission due date of Friday January 18, 2019. This will be followed by a presentation and review team meeting date in mid-February, and presentations of awards at the March Commission meeting.

The workgroup has received the following feedback from faculty and staff:

Expected Submissions

- St. Mary's College: 1
- UMD PALS Program: 2

Likely Submissions

- Harford Community College
- Morgan State University

Hopeful Submissions

- UMD Landscape Architecture
- Frostburg University
- Chesapeake College
- University of Southern Maryland
- Towson University

Tough to Reach Schools (*The workgroup could use help if Commission members have contacts at these institutions*)

- Salisbury University
- Bowie State
- UMBC

3. Rural Economies Workgroup Assistance

This is on hold until workgroup capacity can address it again, hopefully in winter-spring 2019.

Next Workgroup Meeting: 12/4/2018