A BETTER MARYLAND

THE STATE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

SUSTAINABLE GROWTH COMMISSION
EASTON

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STATE PLANNING IN MARYLAND TIMELINE

Maryland Planning Commission (1933)

MDP Created (1959)

Land Use Act (1974)


Priority Funding Areas (1997)

Smart, Green, and Growing (2009)

Sustainable Growth Commission (2010)

PlanMaryland (2011)

A Better Maryland (2019)
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• Goals:
  ▪ 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.
The plan will **not:** §5-606

- be used to deny a State-issued permit or State funding.
- supersede local planning and zoning.
- supersede any local ordinance or regulations.
- prevent local funding of a project.
- require a local government to change or alter a local ordinance, regulation, or comprehensive plan.

Not impose a set policy on local governments, but rather provide information, alternatives, and best practices for locals to consider and pursue - or not.
Executive Order (August ‘17)

Preparations, Communications, Education (Summer – Fall ‘17)

1st Round of Outreach (Fall ‘17 – Spring ‘18)

In-reach, Analysis, Strategies (Summer ‘18)

2nd Round of Outreach (Fall ‘18)

Plan Formulation (Winter ‘19)

Draft Review (Spring ‘19)

To Governor for Approval (June ‘19)

Governor Files Plan w/ Sec. State (August ‘19)

Outreach & Implementation (Fall ‘19)
LISTENING SESSIONS

Meetings in every County and Baltimore City; all jurisdictional notes posted on [website]
One Size Does Not Fit All

Accessibility of Housing

Place-based Economic Development

State Agency Coordination

People-based Resources

Preparing for the Future
OBJECTIVES

- Improve the Delivery of Programs and Services to Local Jurisdictions
- Respect Regional Distinctions
- Build Capacity in Communities
- Improve Collaboration and Coordination Among State Agencies
Sustaining Environment into the Future

Preserving Land

Adapting and Becoming Resilient to Climate Change
Tackling the Economic Development Needs of the Next Century
Improving Economic Growth and Development in Existing Communities
Meeting Renewable Energy Goals
Addressing Maryland’s Transportation, Infrastructure, and Technology Challenges and Opportunities
Topics

Creating Workforce/Affordable Housing

Protecting Historic and Cultural Resources

Creating Quality Places
AREAS OF CRITICAL STATE CONCERN

• §5-611 of the State Finance & Procurement Article states,
  ▪ “The Plan shall identify all areas designated by the Department as areas of critical State concern.

• §3-102 (a)(1)(ii) of the Land Use Article, states
  ▪ “The planning commission for a local jurisdiction shall include in the comprehensive plan the following elements: . . . . an area of critical State concern element;”
AREAS OF CRITICAL STATE CONCERN

SPATIALLY DESIGNATED AREAS

PLANS

PROGRAMS
AREAS OF CRITICAL STATE CONCERN

• These areas may be considered by local jurisdictions in their local planning processes

• The Smart Growth Subcabinet has endorsed this list and will update it periodically

• Local governments may propose additional areas for inclusion
Digital Resource Center

Data resources (e.g., geographic information systems (GIS) and databases) maintained by state agencies and local governments using

- Maryland’s Open Data Portal
- Maryland iMap infrastructure

Virtual library of state and local plans and related planning resources
**Actions Addressing Multiple Objectives**

- **Improved Delivery**
  - Transit Station Area Profile Tool
  - Transportation Element Checklist

- **Build Capacity**
  - Regional Resources Workgroup
  - Reinvest MD 2.0

- **Collaboration**
  - Regional Distinctions

- **Reinvest Maryland**

**Comprehensive Planning in Maryland**

Transportation Element Checklist

About the Checklist: This section is organized in a standard, checklist manner, but is not modeled to identify the specific or the scale that may provide a variety of transportation elements. All plans (federal, state, local, or regional) should follow the policies and requirements. The checklist is intended to be a guide for those interested in completing a transportation element. It is not intended to be all-inclusive of all transportation elements. The checklist is intended to be a guide for those interested in completing a transportation element. It is not intended to be all-inclusive of all transportation elements.