



**Education Work Group Report**  
**September 23, 2019**

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SUBJECT: Progress Report  
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Since the last report in March of 2019, the Education Workgroup (workgroup) held two regular meetings; on 6/4 and 8/13. During those meetings, the group began preparing and conducting outreach for the 2019-20 Sustainable Growth Challenge (challenge), discussed initial efforts and research into fast tracking and pre-application guidance, and reviewed and provided feedback on the Reinvest Maryland 2.0 training module: *Overcoming Barriers to Infill and Redevelopment*. More details about each effort below.

### **Sustainable Growth Challenge**

Workgroup members began initial outreach to faculty over the summer of 2019, adopting communication responsibilities for colleges and universities, and updating the contact list as needed. This year's challenge will remain unchanged in content, form, and structure. However, workgroup members are concentrating on engaging more institutions outside of the I-95 corridor. MDP staff sent an initial challenge invite email to the faculty distribution list on 8/23 and will follow up with additional emails and individual calls. Jim Kruger met with a representative of UMBC on 9/13. The two had a productive conversation and it appears promising that UMBC will participate this year. MDP staff will be updating outreach forms and the website this fall.

### **Fast Tracking and Pre-Application Research**

At the 6/4 meeting, MDP staff presented the initial research into this effort and engaged the workgroup in a discussion about next steps and additional sources of information. The research has been temporarily put on hold to ensure the delivery of the Reinvest MD training (outlined below), but the workgroup will resume in late 2019 and early 2020.

### **Reinvest Maryland 2.0**

In preparation for the 8/13 meeting, MDP staff sent a draft presentation and teaching notes to the workgroup for its review and feedback. Members approved the content and format of the presentation and expressed an interest in Victoria Olivier presenting a 15-minute summary at the 9/23 meeting of the Commission and soliciting feedback. Joe Griffiths and Victoria Olivier met regularly over the summer to review the progress of the training module, add best practices and examples, and refine the PowerPoint presentation. Chuck Boyd joined the discussion at a meeting on 9/18. The completion and unveiling of the training will follow the schedule below:

- 9/20: 5-minute presentation at Planning Directors Roundtable in Crownsville
- 9/23: 15-minute presentation to Growth Commission with 5-10 minutes of questions and feedback
- 10/7: 90-minute APA MD Conference Session
- Early 2020: Completion and marketing of 3-4-hour training
- Late 2020: Development of second module (Topic TBD)

**Next Workgroup Meeting: 10/1/2019**