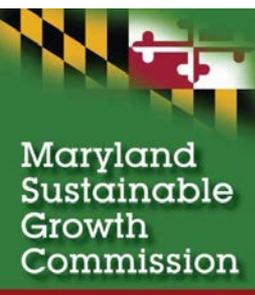


**Past, Present & Future – Briefing on
the Maryland Sustainable Growth Commission
March 21, 2016**

MD Sustainable Growth Commission

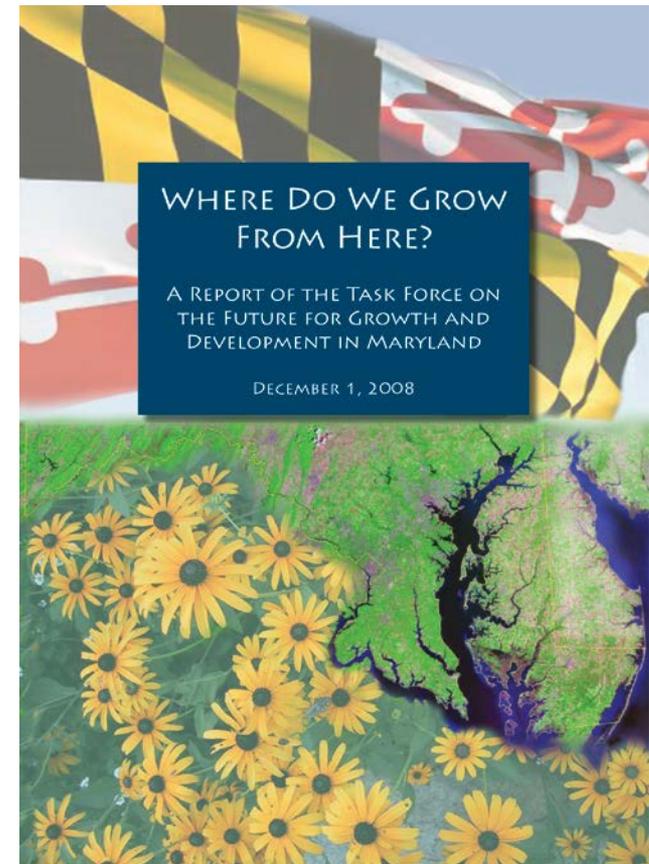
Origins

- Created in 2010 by statute, as a transition from an initial “Task Force”
- 36 members are diverse stakeholders including environmental, rural, agricultural, industry, local government, and regional representatives, as well as state agencies and members of the General Assembly
- Commission members serve 5-year terms
- Commission efforts undertaken through workgroups.



Task Force on the Future for Growth and Development in Maryland 2008-2010

- Held 9 Listening Sessions statewide
- Report's recommendations were instrumental in Smart, Green & Growing legislative proposals for 2009 and 2010 which became law
- Task Force and 4 workgroups continued through 2010



Task Force on the Future for Growth and Development in Maryland Recommendations on Legislation 2009

- **Sustainable Growth Act of 2009 (SB 280/HB 297)** clarified the link between local comprehensive plans and local land use ordinances.
- **Smart Growth Goals, Measures, and Indicators and Implementation of Planning Visions (SB 276/HB 295)** required local planning commissions/boards to submit annual reports to include information on local land use indicators
- **The Planning Visions (SB 273/HB 294)** replaced the State's eight existing planning visions with 12 new visions.



Task Force on the Future for Growth and Development in Maryland 2008-2010

- Revitalization Incentives Workgroup issued Sustainable Maryland report in January 2010, focused on community revitalization incentives. Led to Sustainable Communities Act of 2010 and extension of state historic tax credit as Sustainable Communities Tax Credit



A Report to the Task Force on the Future for Growth and Development in Maryland

By the Revitalization Incentives Workgroup

January 2010

Task Force on the Future for Growth and Development in Maryland Recommendations on Legislation 2010

- **The Sustainable Communities Act of 2010** strengthened reinvestment and revitalization in Maryland's older communities by simplifying the framework for designated target areas as "Sustainable Communities"
- **Smart, Green, and Growing - Maryland Sustainable Growth Commission (HB 474/SB 278)** established the Growth Commission and its duties

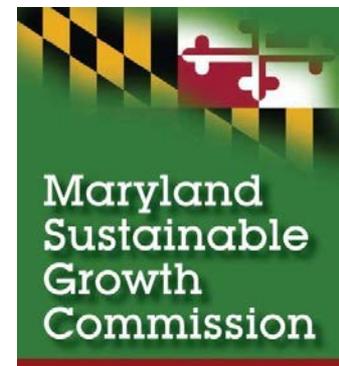


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Statutory Charge and “12 Visions”

The Commission is guided by:

- its statutory charge
- Maryland’s Economic Growth, Resource Protection, and Planning Policy -- the “12 Visions”



What are these 12 Visions?

Maryland's Economic Growth, Resource Protection and Planning Policy *

- Housing
- Economic Development
- Environmental Protection
- Resource Conservation
- Stewardship
- Implementation
- Quality of Life/Sustainability
- Public Participation
- Growth Areas
- Community Design
- Infrastructure
- Transportation

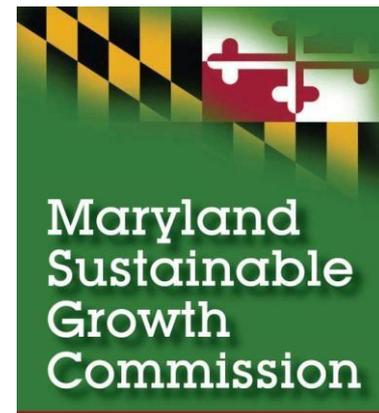
* MD Ann. Code, State Finance and Procurement Article §5-7A-01

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Statutory Charge

The Commission shall:

- 1) Advise on achieving 12 Planning Visions
- 2) Make recommendations on coordination and funding for planning, infrastructure and land preservation needs
- 3) Promote planning coordination and cooperation
- 4) Advise on the State development, transportation and housing plans

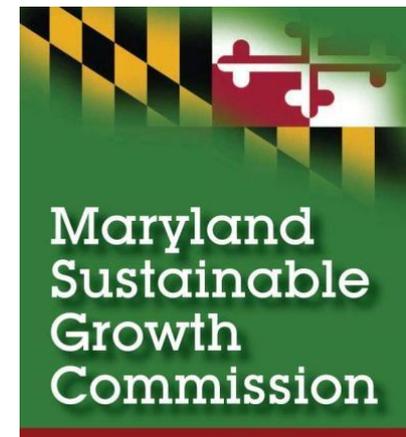


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Statutory Charge

The Commission shall:

- 5) Promote efficient and predictable State and local development regulations
- 6) Evaluate the effectiveness of the State and local smart growth indicators
- 7) Review local jurisdictions' adequate public facilities development restrictions

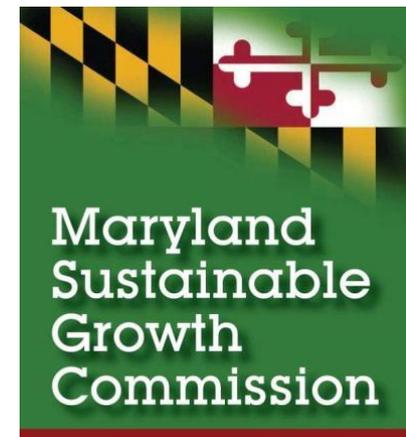


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Statutory Charge

The Commission shall:

- 8) Develop educational and outreach programs
- 9) Evaluate the educational requirements for local planning commissions
- 10) Recommend changes in State laws to achieve the State's 12 Planning Visions
- 11) Advise the Governor's Smart Growth Subcabinet



MD Sustainable Growth Commission Workgroups (2010)

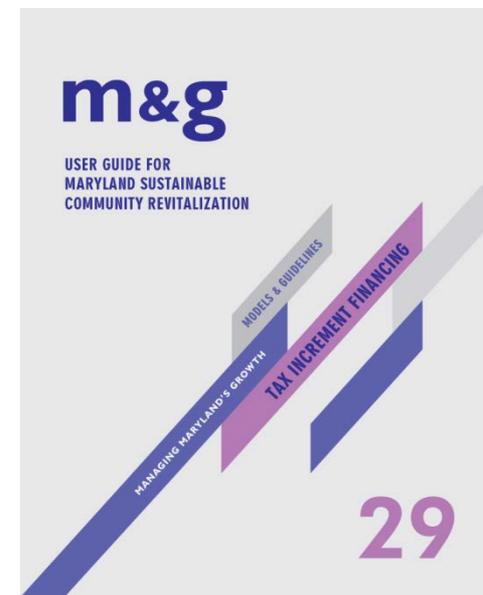
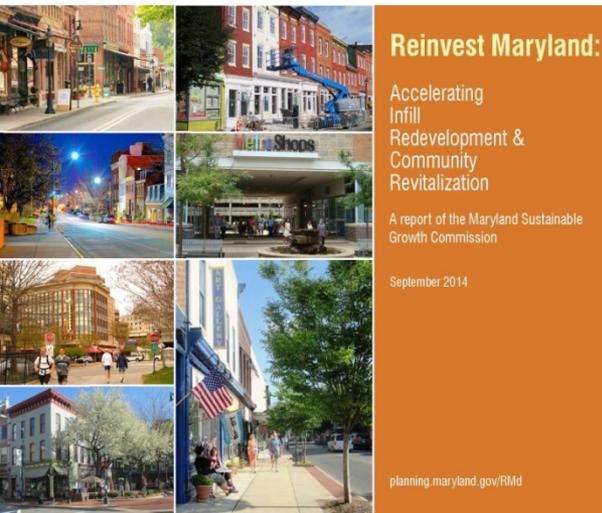


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Accomplishments

Smart growth financing recommendations:

- Funding for State programs
- Enhancing the statutory authority for local Tax Increment Financing (TIF)
- Reinvest Maryland



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Accomplishments

Evaluated and reported on:

- Local APFO development restrictions
- Planning Commissioner Education Requirements
- Smart Growth Indicators

Adequate Public Facilities Ordinances in Maryland:

Annual Report Review - 2012

A Report by
The APFO Workgroup
of the
Maryland Sustainable Growth Commission



July 22, 2013



Report on the Maryland Planning Commission Training Course Requirement

Produced by the Maryland Sustainable Growth Commission with assistance from Maryland Department of Planning Staff

April 2013

November 27, 2012



Indicators Workgroup Final Report

Executive Summary

Maryland as a smart growth frontrunner needs to regularly assess its progress. The State has established its twelve visions, and the six smart growth principles are well accepted. The Maryland Department of Planning (MDP) has produced a strong argument through *PlanMaryland* that development trends need adjustment if the visions and principles above are to become Maryland's future. Determining whether the Maryland Department of Planning's residential growth trend maps foretell the future or reflect past policies' legacy development is however an open question. Indicators or performance measures are one tool that can meet the assessment need and answer this question.

Maryland's commitment to indicators was reinforced in 2009 with the passage of the *Smart, Green and Growing - Annual Report Act* by the General Assembly.

The *Smart, Green, and Growing - Annual Report Act* provided:

"the Task Force on the Future for Growth and Development... shall make recommendations on the efficacy of additional measures and indicators that the State, the national Census or a local jurisdiction should be required to collect in the following categories of information:

1. Housing choices, including affordability;
2. The impact of growth on the environment, including land, air, and water;
3. The fiscal cost of growth;
4. The job and housing balance;
5. The impact of transportation on growth;
6. The impact of growth on business, including job creation, fiscal impact, agribusiness, tourism, and forestry; and
7. The impact of growth on cultural and historic resources."

In the spring of 2009, the Task Force for the Future of Growth and Development in Maryland (now Sustainable Growth Commission) formed an Indicators Workgroup to address the legislature's smart growth measures and indicators directive to the Task Force.

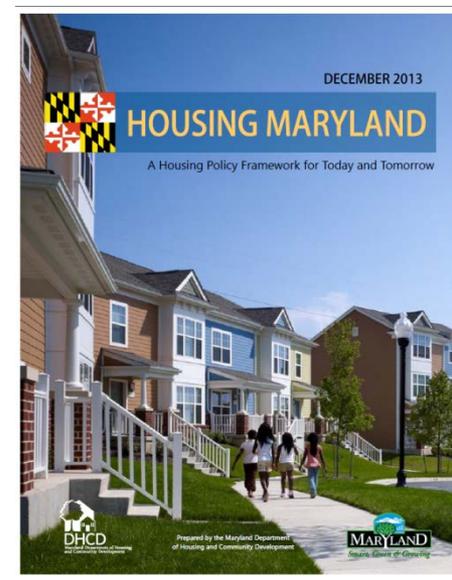
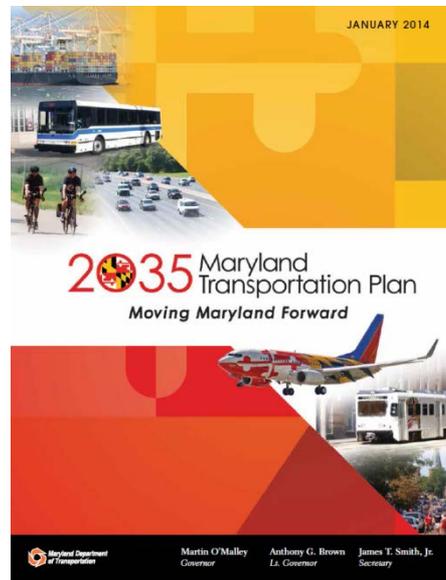
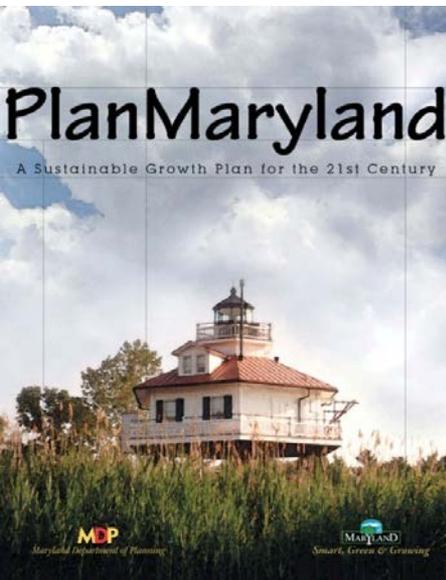
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Accomplishments

Advise on content and preparation of:

- State Development Plan
- Maryland Transportation Plan
- State Housing Plan

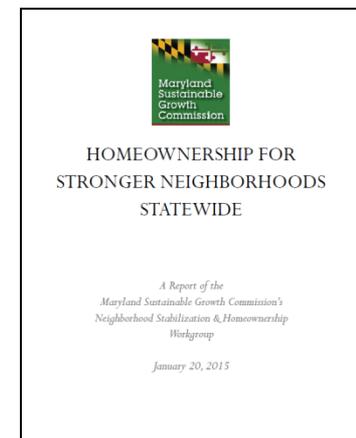
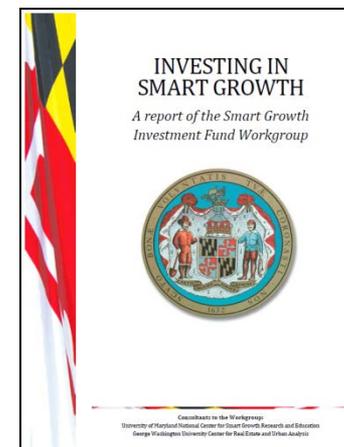
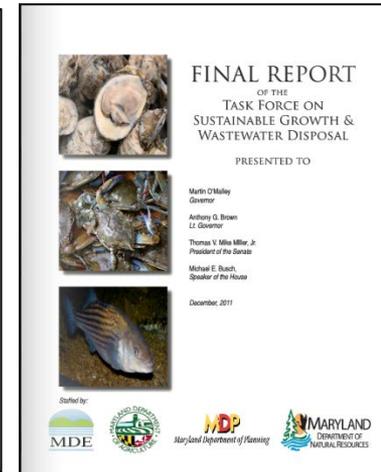
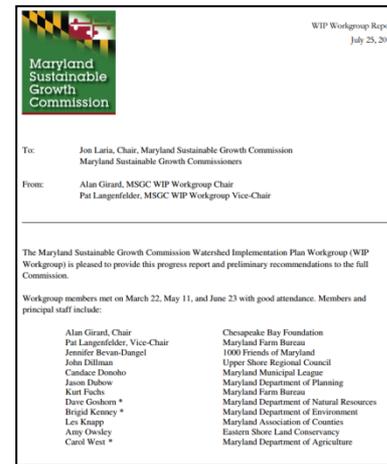


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Accomplishments

Advise on State growth issues:

- Watershed Implementation Plan
- Task Force on Sustainable Growth and Wastewater Disposal
- Accounting for Growth
- Smart Growth Investment Fund Workgroup
- Neighborhood Stabilization and Homeownership Workgroup
- Growth Tier IV Exemption Requests

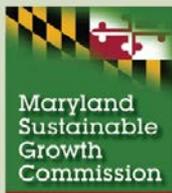


Annual Sustainable Growth Forum and Awards Ceremony

- 2013
 - Keynote speaker, Chris Leinberger, addressed "*Economic Growth through Smart Growth: How Smart Growth Makes Economic Sense for Maryland*".
 - 7 Sustainable Growth Awards



First Annual
Sustainable Growth
Forum and Awards Ceremony



Tuesday, February 5, 2013

Governor Calvert House
58 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

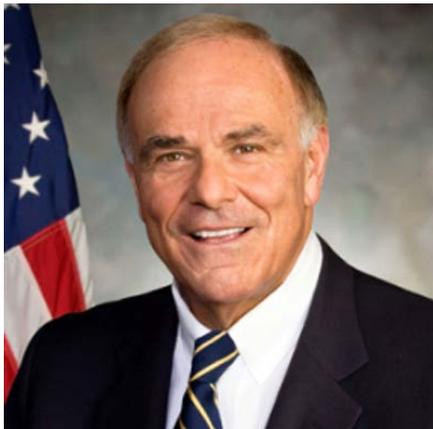
Annual Sustainable Growth Forum and Awards Ceremony

- 2014
 - Keynote speaker, Mitchell J. Silver, addressed “*Big Box or Bagel Shop? What Baby Boomers and Millennials Want.*”
 - 8 Sustainable Growth Awards



Annual Sustainable Growth Forum and Awards Ceremony

- 2015
 - Keynote speaker, Edward Rendell, addressed *“Reinvesting in Infrastructure, Rebuilding Communities.”*
 - 8 Sustainable Growth Awards



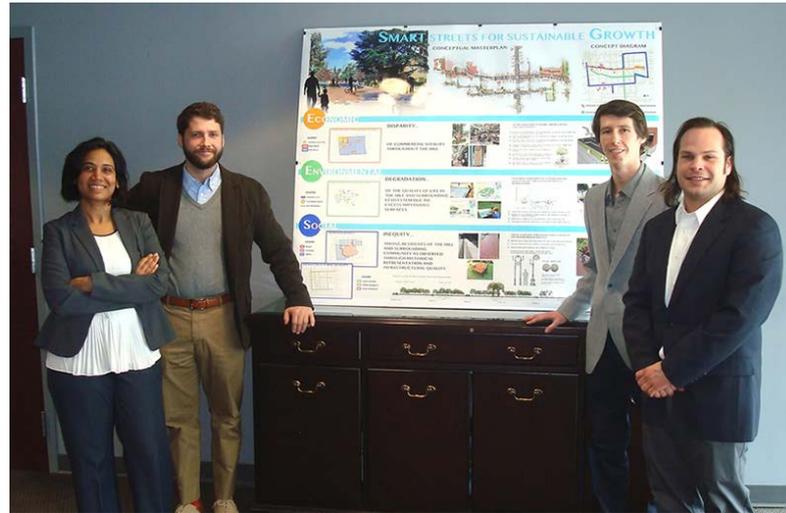
Sustainable Growth Challenge Student Competition

- 2013-14
 - 12 submissions
 - 3 Winners



Sustainable Growth Challenge Student Competition

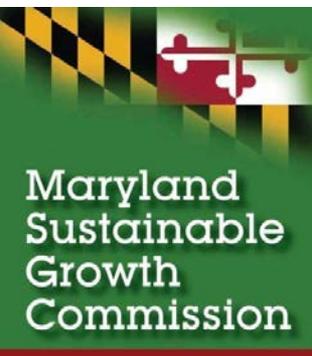
- 2014-15
 - 12 submissions
 - 3 Winners



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includes:

**Reinvest Maryland Report
Information & Resources
Schedule of Upcoming Meeting
Summaries of Past Meetings**

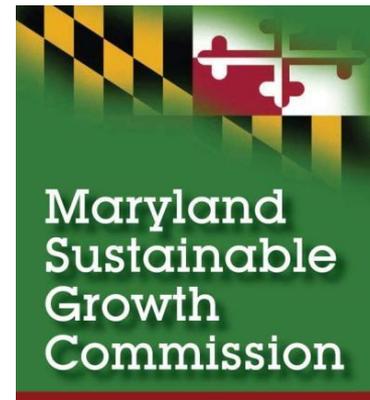


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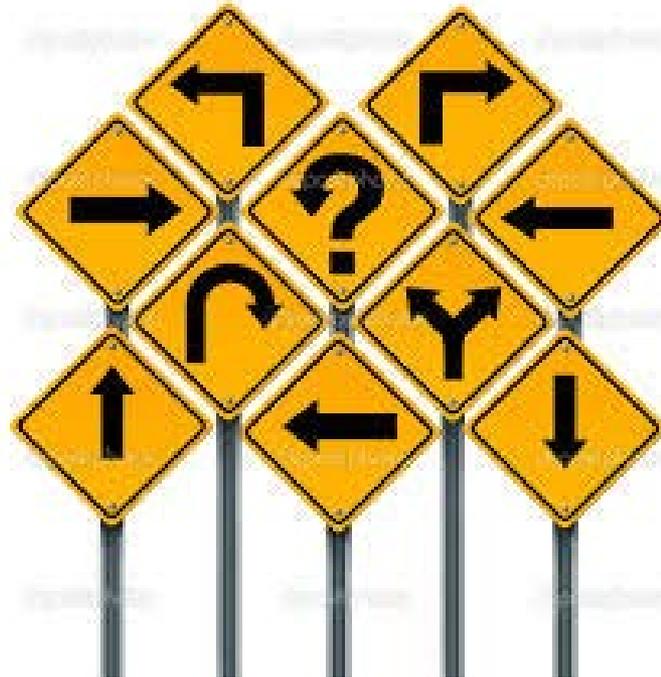
The Commission's Rural Economies Workgroup is looking into:

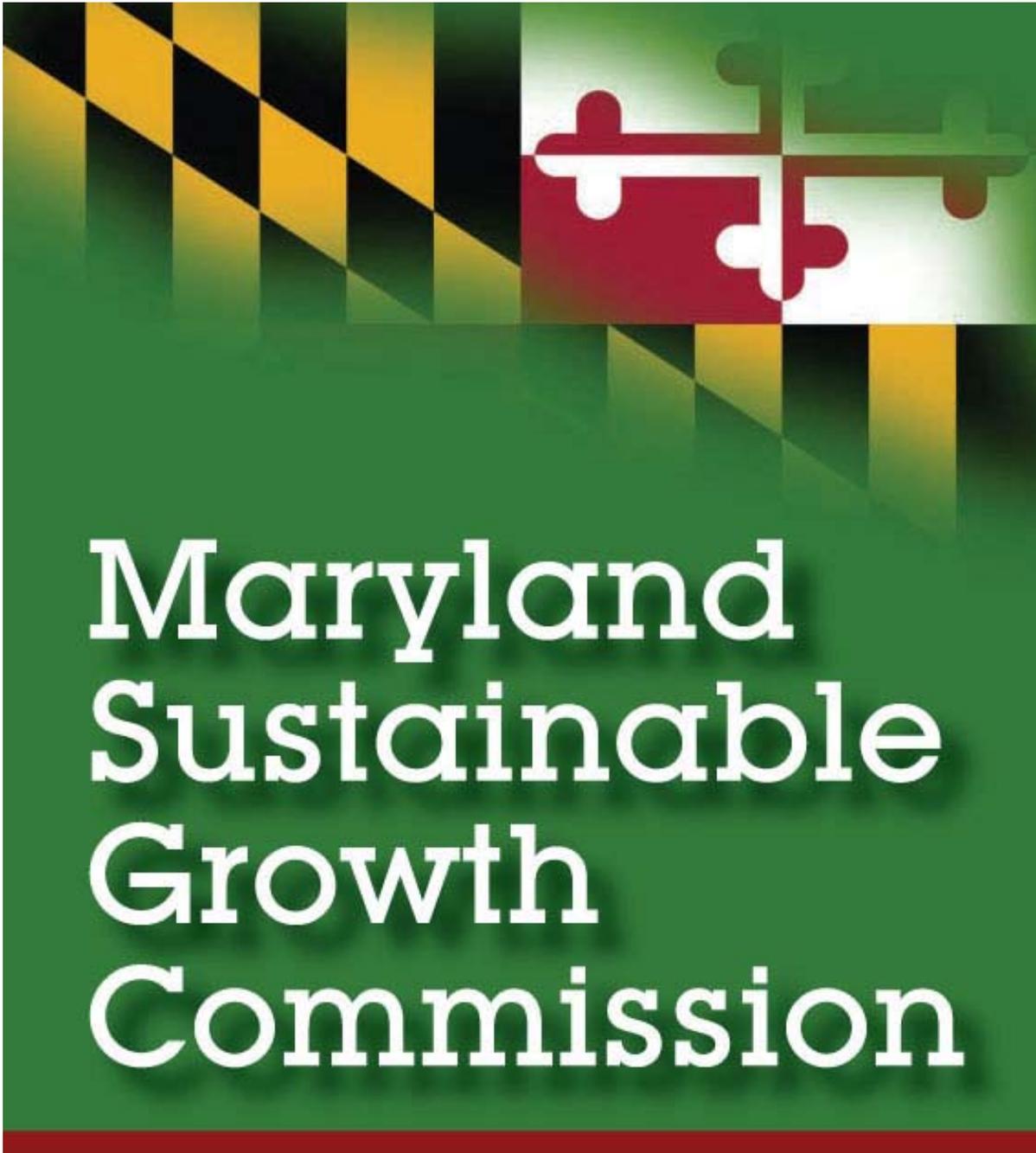
- Enhancement to forestry and wood product sales
- Rural community development and PFA concerns
- Improving local food sales and production
- Land preservations
- Sustainable fisheries



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Future Direction & Initiatives





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