

PlanMaryland

PlanMaryland Briefing

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Growth Commission
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What Are the Changes?

Overall Approach

- More succinct framework
- Plan details moved to Appendices and Elements
- Incremental and integrated implementation schedule.

What Are the Changes?

Chapter 1 – Introduction

- Makes the case for the Plan in layman's terms.

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Chapter 2 – Trends & Land Use Implications

- Focuses on the issues that PlanMaryland needs to address and why they matter.
- Greater attention on economic and fiscal impacts of growth.
- More details on land savings and infrastructure benefits of Smart Growth.

What Are the Changes?

Chapter 3 – Visions, Goals & Objectives

- More coherent Vision, Goal, and Objective hierarchy on what is to accomplish.
- Proposed benchmarks to measure the Plan's effectiveness.

PlanMaryland Benchmarks

Growth

- Focus 90% of new dwelling units in PFAs between 2010 – 2030.

Protect

- Save 300,000 acres from being convert to development between 2010 - 2030

Sustainable Communities

- Double transit ridership by 2020
- Reduce Maryland's Greenhouse Gas Emissions by 25% by 2020.



What Are the Changes?

Chapter 4 – Designated Places

- No Initial State Designations; locally nominated
- Place and Special Area Designations simplified
 - 5 locally determined Place categories
 - 5 Special Area categories
- Separate Place & Special Area Designation Element.

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Chapter 4:

Implementation Schedule

- PlanMaryland's Place and Special Area Designations Element (September 2011 – March 2012)
- First Round of Place/Special Area Designations (April 2012 – December 2012)
- Implementation Strategies: funding, regulatory or other State agency actions (January 2013)

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Chapter 5 – State Coordination & Implementation

- Eliminated “Possible Actions.”
- Clarifies Implementation Strategies and what their limitations would be.
- Establishes an agency assessment process for Strategy Development.
- Establishes Implementation Strategy Guidelines based on the formerly proposed policies.

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Chapter 5

Implementation Schedule

- First Round of Implementation Strategies
(Sept 2011-Dec 2012)
- State Agency Assessment (Sept 2011 – March 2012)
- Second Round of Implementation Strategies
(January 2013)

What Are the Changes?

Chapter 6 – Management & Tracking Progress

- Simplifies the management process
- Emphasizes Sustainable Growth Commission monitoring
- Promotes greater collaboration throughout the Plan's implementation
- Defers development of Metrics Element

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Chapter 6:

Roles & Responsibilities

- Sustainable Growth Commission monitors Plan implementation and advises Subcabinet
- Smart Growth Subcabinet
 - Designates Places and Special Areas
 - Oversees Implementation Strategy Development
 - Resolves State agency implementation conflicts and Plan consistency

Completion Process - How PlanMaryland will be completed and updated

- Completion of the 120 day comment period on the April 2011 Draft Plan ended on September 1, 2011
- Revised Draft PlanMaryland issued on September 9, 2011
- Additional 60 day comment period on September Revised Draft, through November 9, 2011
- Final Plan to be provided by the Secretary of Planning to the Governor
- Plan will be updated as needed

Questions/Discussion