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# Sustainable Growth Challenge



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## What is the Challenge?

A collegiate interdisciplinary exercise designed to engage Maryland college students in local and regional planning and sustainability issues.

As part of their on- and off-campus studio exercises, students will analyze the economic, social and environmental aspects of sustainable growth and develop creative solutions for actual community challenges. The competition provides students with the opportunity to interact with local leaders and engage in their community planning processes.

To be eligible, teams at participating universities must be sponsored by a faculty member. Students can define the specifics, but generally, the projects should focus on reinvestment in Maryland's existing communities, keeping in mind sustainability's triple-bottom line of economic opportunity, environmental protection and social justice. Students can use [Reinvest Maryland](#) as a resource and inspiration for ideas.

### Teams

Undergraduate and graduate students pursuing degrees in planning, architecture, engineering or other sustainability-minded concentrations.

### Projects

Projects might focus on the redevelopment of vacant lots, community charrettes, green infrastructure and public access, or coastal issues.

### Competition

Teams present their final proposals to the Maryland Sustainable Growth Commission in Annapolis for judging by a panel of leaders in sustainable planning.

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