Maryland
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

Self-assessment – Housing Analysis and Policy

1. Does your comprehensive plan include an inventory of existing housing units in your community?
2. What data sources do you use for housing unit analysis? Census, American Community Survey, regional, local, other? See Housing Data Dashboard for American Community Survey data.
3. Does your comprehensive plan analyze the different types of housing units in your community? Single versus multi-family? Number of bedrooms? If so, does your housing policy reflect the need to increase the supply of certain types of housing units?
4. Does your comprehensive plan analyze homeownership and renting costs in your community across different demographic groups (income, age, household size, race)? In absolute values? Monthly expenditures? As a percentage of income?
5. Does your comprehensive plan evaluate housing supply and needs related to local and regional employment, industry growth, and wages?
6. Does your comprehensive plan evaluate the condition and age of your existing housing stock? If so, does it evaluate this in relation to neighborhoods or planning areas? Have you identified areas of residential blight or disinvestment?
7. Have you compiled data on and/or analyzed the preservation and maintenance of the existing housing stock? Does your comprehensive plan include strategies for the preservation and maintenance of the existing housing stock?
8. Have you compiled data on and/or analyzed the preservation and maintenance of existing affordable housing units, both naturally occurring and those that are subsidized, or income restricted? Does your comprehensive plan include strategies for the preservation and maintenance of the existing affordable housing stock?
9. Does your housing policy include goals and objectives for local homeownership, and if so how do you plan to achieve them?
10. Do you coordinate housing policy across multiple agencies? How does this coordination work and what agencies are involved?
11. Does your housing element project the need for additional housing units over the next twenty years in your community?
    a. Can that be accommodated with existing land use designations?
    b. How much can be accommodated through infill?
    c. How much can be accommodated through mixed-use development?
    d. For municipalities, do you intend to address housing needs in your Municipal Growth Areas?
12. Does your housing policy address affordability over a range of incomes, including services for persons experiencing homelessness and the very low-income population?
13. Do your housing policies address missing middle housing, such as single family attached (rowhomes), duplexes, etc.?
14. Transportation and housing questions

      a. Have you considered commute times as part of the local jobs-housing balance?
      b. Have you analyzed the proximity of your affordable housing stock to transit and policy alternatives for enhancing this proximity?

15. Does your housing policy include measurable objectives, such as desired numerical targets for housing units? Does it include objectives for affordable and workforce housing units?
16. Does your housing policy consider energy efficiency, both in terms of home energy costs and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions?
17. Does your housing policy consider the impact of housing quality on the health of inhabitants and the educational outcomes of children, including issues such as lead and mold contamination?
18. Does your housing policy evaluate your existing and future housing stock in relation to environmental constraints, such as floodplains, forested areas, and areas threatened by sea level rise?