## PlanMaryland Maryland's First Comprehensive Plan for Development, Preservation and Sustainability

### Our Town Meeting November 17, 2010





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#### What is PlanMaryland

Provides direction to New Development

1,000,000 new residents 400,000 new homes 600,000 new jobs







### What is PlanMaryland

Will Address Land, Economy and Energy needs through

Compact development Economic development Housing affordability Resource protection Energy conservation Greenhouse gas emissions reduction









What is PlanMaryland

Will Improve coordination

**Among State agencies** 

**Between State and Locals** 

**Leverage Federal Resources** 









Authority: Annotated Code of Maryland



Provides that the Secretary of Planning prepare a State Development Plan containing recommendations for land use, major public works, circulation, and areas of critical state concern





## Why is PlanMaryland Needed?















### **PlanMaryland Goals:**

- Concentrate Development in Suitable Areas
- Preserve and Protect Environmentally Sensitive Areas and Rural Areas
- Ensure a High Quality Life for Maryland Residents that is Sustainable Over Time
- Promote Economic Development





### **PlanMaryland will:**

Encourage sustainable development and protect quality of life

Develop land at a pace consistent with growth in population and housing

Strengthen existing cities and communities and reduce tax burdens

**Protect farmland** 

Preserve our natural, historic, and cultural resources





**PlanMaryland will:** 

**Reduce automobile dependency** 

Increase access to transit, walking and biking

Concentrate jobs in existing cities and communities, strengthening economic development

**Increase housing affordability** 

Minimize residential land consumption outside of existing communities





#### PlanMaryland Development Outcomes:

- Provide an adequate supply of housing affordable to all income levels
- Support the integration of mixed land uses into functional communities
- Revive underutilized commercial and industrial sites
- Minimize reliance on automobiles, fossil fuel consumption and greenhouse gas emissions





### **PlanMaryland Preservation Outcomes:**

- Growth in rural areas is focused in existing centers
- Outside rural centers, development is limited
- Transportation infrastructure in rural areas does not encourage incompatible development





## **Environmental Issues Addressed by PlanMaryland**

- Sprawl consumes 8 times more land per household than Smart Growth
- Produces almost 5 times more nitrogen pollution into bay





### **Economic Development Issues Addressed by PlanMaryland**

- Putting workers closer to employment, with better mix of transportation, affordable housing options
- Better use of existing infrastructure in roads, schools reduces financial burden





### Transportation Issues Addressed by PlanMaryland

- Shorter commuting (more balanced Job/Housing) and shorter distances to other destinations = less driving /lower VMT and less demand on transportation infrastructure
- Smart Growth = 12% less roadway lane miles (TCRP Cost of Sprawl Study)





**PlanMaryland Focus Areas:** 

GreenPrint AgPrint GrowthPrint















### **Outreach - Public Participation**

**Stakeholder interviews** 

**Stakeholder meetings** 

**Public Forums** 

Internet surveys







### **PlanMaryland – Progress to-date**

- Publications
  - What is PlanMaryland?
  - Why is PlanMaryland Needed?
  - PlanMaryland: What We're Hearing



- Outreach 1,600+ reached face to face so far at:
  - Listening Sessions, 2008
  - Stakeholder interviews, 2009-2010
  - 13 PlanMaryland Public Forums, 2010
  - Meetings with chambers of commerce, ethnic commissions, and student groups







### **Vision Rankings at Spring 2010 Forums**



# Process for Completing PlanMaryland Next Steps:

- Interagency collaboration
- State, local, NGO collaboration
- Draft recommendations
- Public outreach
- Final plan document





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