PlanMaryland

Maryland’s First Comprehensive Plan for Development, Preservation and Sustainability

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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
- Promote Economic Development
- Ensure a High Quality Life for Maryland Residents that is Sustainable Over Time
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
AgPrint

Legend:
- Yellow: Permanently Preserved Agricultural Lands
- Brown: Targeted Agricultural Area
How will we achieve PlanMaryland?

Greater coordination among state agencies and between state and local plans

More focused funding

Incentives and requirements
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
Process for Completing PlanMaryland

Next Steps:

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