

Maryland Department of Planning

MISSION

The Maryland Department of Planning serves as the statewide, cross-disciplinary resource for local and state agencies working collaboratively to create places that people love and communities where all thrive.

VISION

Maryland achieves economic prosperity for all through the development of plans, policies, and places that have embraced diversity, treasured all shared heritages, and uphold human well-being and ecological regeneration as paramount.

KEY GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Goal 1. Advance local and state plans, policies, and placemaking strategies that include the innovative use of best planning practices, tools, and data.

Obj. 1.1 Professional planning services training programs in Maryland include best practices and modern approaches to the field.

Obj. 1.2 Jurisdictions receive advanced training for incorporating planning and zoning best practices in their local plans and codes.

Performance Measures	2020 Act.	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Act.	2024 Act.	2025 Est.	2026 Est.
Number of advanced training programs offered for planning related professions.	27	34	33	22	26	30	30
Number of attendees that achieve a certificate of completion from training programs.	13,573	28,863	23,870	13,500	16,230	20,000	20,000

Goal 2. Support and enhance the vitality of towns, cities, and rural centers with existing or planned infrastructure.

Obj. 2.1 Provide local government with technical assistance to encourage growth that is consistent with state and local policies.

Obj. 2.2 Provide local government with technical assistance to encourage land preservation and conservation.

Obj. 2.3 Maintain and ideally increase annually the amount of federal and state funds spent within Priority Funding Areas (PFAs) in Maryland.

Obj. 2.4 Achieve greater “compact development” annually in Maryland and reach the state-mandated 30 percent by 2030 and 40 percent by 2040 land preservation goals by collaborating with state agencies to incentivize local governments and the private sector to develop more compact development, while also encouraging nearby land preservation efforts.

Performance Measures	2020 Act.	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Act.	2024 Act.	2025 Est.	2026 Est.
Percentage of funding awarded to PFAs vs. non-PFAs	71.0%	69.0%	64.0%	65.0%	65.0%	65.0%	65.0%
¹ Annual measure of compact new residential development occurring within PFAs	70.7%	73.9%	82.8%	82.1%	75.0%	75.0%	75.0%
Number of acres protected (under easement or public ownership, excluding military bases, school fields and tot lots)	1,773,458	1,797,294	1,835,698	1,839,916	1,871,462	1,901,500	1,931,500
Percent of land under protective easement or publicly owned	28.7%	29.0%	29.7%	29.7%	30.2%	30.7%	31.2%

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Goal 3. Provide efficient State Clearinghouse review of federal, state, and local plans and projects requiring intergovernmental coordination.

Obj. 3.1 Maximize funding opportunities and ensure consistency with state policies and requirements.

Performance Measures	2020 Act.	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Act.	2024 Act.	2025 Est.	2026 Est.
Total number of projects reviewed	963	1,017	899	940	856	900	900
Total value of projects reviewed (\$, Thousands)	\$1,476,677	\$1,850,507	\$1,612,677	\$3,365,810	\$4,540,137	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000

Goal 4. Provide timely data and intelligent tools to aid in implementation of state and local land use, conservation, community enhancement and business development policies.

Obj. 4.1 Applications that utilize special data decision support tools for various users are updated and maintained.

Obj. 4.2 Local governments are provided with timely and accurate information to improve their decision-making process.

Obj. 4.3 State public schools have reliable enrollment projections.

Performance Measures	2020 Act.	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Act.	2024 Act.	2025 Est.	2026 Est.
² MDP data product downloads	22,685	23,771	22,995	16,780	19,806	21,000	22,000
MDP applications/tools/dashboard and special project webpage views	428,742	326,250	320,442	280,707	272,159	283,000	294,400
Accuracy (percent) of State public school enrollment projections							
Actual Number	858,519	853,307	858,850	858,362	N/A	N/A	N/A
MDP Projection	886,250	875,650	856,540	864,440	861,550	862,150	860,220
Accuracy	96.9%	97.4%	100.3%	99.3%	N/A	N/A	N/A

Goal 5. Encourage economic development by enhancing historical resources and leveraging non-state investment to strengthen climate change resilience and to improve the lives of people who live and work in existing communities.

Obj. 5.1 Achieve target non-state investment leverage ratios for the following programs: 1:1 or greater for Maryland Heritage Areas Authority (MHAA) grant awards and 4:1 or greater for Commercial historic properties using the Historic Revitalization Tax Credit (HRTC).

Performance Measures	2020 Act.	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Act.	2024 Act.	2025 Est.	2026 Est.
Ratio of non-state investment leveraged to MHAA funds awarded	3:1	5:1	3:1	3:1	4:1	4:1	4:1
Ratio of non-state commercial investment leveraged to HRTC funds awarded	6:1	3.44:1	26:1	6.9:1	13.8:1	4:1	4:1

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Goal 6. Protect and interpret historic resources to build a more inclusive preservation program that will tell the stories of all Marylanders.

Obj. 6.1 State and federal government agencies consider the effects of their projects on historic and archeological resources.

Obj. 6.2 Increase annual visitation at Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum (JPPM).

Obj. 6.3 Use the cultural and natural resources at the Maryland Archaeological Conservation Laboratory and on site to help Marylanders connect to the past and each other.

Performance Measures	2020 Act.	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Act.	2024 Act.	2025 Est.	2026 Est.
Number of federal and state undertakings reviewed annually	5,747	4,949	4,963	5,119	5,313	5,000	5,000
Visitors to Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum	107,314	120,461	134,655	133,191	128,788	130,000	132,000
Number of artifacts and documents accessed and treated at the Maryland Archaeological Conservation Laboratory	1,421,428	1,399,335	4,164,834	979,550	3,483,958	786,800	1,442,000

NOTES

¹ 2024 data is estimated because it is reported on a calendar year basis.

² Download statistics were not captured from September 18, 2021 through June 30, 2022, so a pro-rated number was used for FY 2022.