COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

BALTIMORE CITY
DEPARTMENT
OF PLANNING

Background

- Every jurisdiction in Maryland is required to complete a 10-year Comprehensive Plan following each decennial census.

- The plan must include certain required elements, but otherwise jurisdictions have flexibility to approach the plan as they choose.

- The plan must be submitted to the State Department of Planning for review by 2024.

- In addition, the City Charter requires the Planning Commission to adopt and revise a master plan for the proposed physical development of Baltimore City.

State Requirements

- Housing

- Economic Development

- Development Regulations

- Community Design

- Growth Areas

- Transportation

- Infrastructure

- Quality of life and sustainability

- Environment Protection

- Water Resources

- Sensitive Areas

- Resource Conservation

- Stewardship

- Implementation

- Public Participation

Proposed Focus of Comprehensive Plan

- Guide *equitable* neighborhood development over the next 10 years and beyond

- How to retain and support residents

- How to make Baltimore an inviting place to live so residents will:

  - want to stay

  - benefit from staying

  - invite their friends to live in Baltimore

Planning Process

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The planning process is being led by the Department of Planning with support from an Advisory Council, Engagement Leadership Team, and other city agencies.

SPRING 2022 – LISTENING: ESTABLISHING VISION AND TOPICS
The City and our engagement partners are collecting community input and ideas to develop the plan's key themes, visions, and goals.

FALL 2022 – CREATING: DEVELOPING RECOMMENDATIONS
We will engage stakeholders to develop and refine goals, strategies and recommendations to address the topics identified in the listening phase.

2023 – DRAFTING AND REVIEWING: WRITING AND REVISING PLAN
We will engage stakeholders to provide feedback on a draft plan.

Engagement Opportunities

- **Engagement Leadership Team**: target audience are those least likely to participate; non-traditional approaches to engagement.

- **Planning Department Open Houses**: target audience is DOP's 20k mailing list (community association leadership, development community; civic leadership)

- **Meeting in a Box**: target audience is Community Associations, other small groups (including those that applied for Engagement Leadership team)

- **Online Survey**: Easiest, fastest method – if you only have 5 minutes.
  - Will be bilingual/multi-language.

- **Storytelling**: target audience is broad; but especially those who are less inclined to attend traditional public meetings. Ambassadors are likely familiar with DOP; attendees might be anyone from their network.

Sustaining Places

Themes
- Livable Built Environment
- Harmony with Nature
- Inclusive Economy
- Healthy Community

- Interwoven Equity
- Responsible Regionalism

Sustaining Places

Best Practices

Examples for Livable Built Environment

1.1 Plan for multimodal transportation.
1.2 Plan for transit-oriented development.
1.3 Coordinate regional transportation investments with job clusters.
1.4 Provide complete streets serving multiple functions.
1.5 Plan for mixed land-use patterns that are walkable and bikeable.
1.6 Plan for infill development.
1.7 Encourage design standards appropriate to the community context.
1.8 Provide accessible public facilities and spaces.
1.9 Conserve and reuse historic resources.
1.10 Implement green building design and energy conservation.1.11 Discourage development in hazard zones.

Mayor's Action Plan

Other Plans

Sustainability Subcabinet

Stakeholder Engagement

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