2006 Planning Legislation Summary

- Water Resources.
- Land Preservation.
- Annexations
- Growth Task Force
INCREASE IN HOUSEHOLDS 1970-2030

Source: MDP, September 2005.
New Planning Elements

Water Resources Plan Element:
• Required of all local governments exercising planning and zoning authority as of October 1, 2009

Municipal Growth Element:
• Required in municipal plans only as of October 1, 2009
New Planning Elements (con’t)

Priority Preservation Area Element:
• Required of county governments wishing to remain certified under Maryland’s Agricultural Certification Program as of July 1, 2008

Workforce Housing Element:
• Required of all local plans for certain grant program eligibility.
Land Development in Maryland

The Plan

Sub Regs

Zoning

CIP

W&S Plan
New Comp Plan Elements

Existing Comp Plan, including its elements

- Water Resources
- Municipal Growth
- Priority Pres.
Water Resource Element: components

- ID drinking water & other water resources needed for existing and future growth.
- ID suitable receiving waters and land areas for SWM & WW treatment for existing and future growth.
  
  In other words...supply & demand for water supply and wastewater disposal.

- May help link water resource programs to growth issues.
- Interagency workgroup drafting models and guidelines, and will conduct pilot studies.
Silver Pipe?
Other Components of the Legislation

- Annexations must be part of the plan.
- Change in 5-year rule for Annexations
- Added to Sensitive Areas Element: wetlands, and agricultural and forest lands intended for preservation.
- Like counties, municipalities must look at development supply & demand when expanding PFAs.
- Interjurisdictional Coordination / Joint Planning: must meet and potential mediation.
- Growth Task Force.
Impact on Planning?

- Trend towards more “means testing” and linkages to key issues, such as water.
- Plan element coordination will be important.
- Less “room for error” as we plan for the future.
- Significant work load for many local governments, and some will have a tough time.
Municipal Growth Element
What goes into Municipal Growth Element?

- Current and past growth trends.
- Projection and capacity for future growth.
- Planning for future growth, including annexations.
- Examines impact of growth on infrastructure and natural resources.
Organization of the M&G Document

- Part 2 – Model Municipal Growth Element.
Part 1 – Guidelines for Municipal Growth Element

- Summary of HB1141 & Muni Growth Element along with Clarifying language.
- Relationship between Muni Growth Element and other elements.
- Outlines information and analysis that is needed for Element.
Part 2 – Sample Municipal Growth Element

- A complete municipal growth element for a sample town.
- Sample is made complex enough so that all of the requirements for a municipal growth element are addressed.
Status of Model and Guideline Document

• Initial draft being reviewed in-house.
• Peer review to follow.
• Distribution in December.
State Grants for HB1141
What if we don’t do it?
Where do we go from here?

- Development and distribution of M&G.
- Work with local governments as we move along.
- Provide technical assistance.