

# STATE DEVELOPMENT PLAN: A BETTER MARYLAND

Sustainable Growth Commission

5/21/18

Cambridge

# SURVEYS AND LIVE POLLING

AS OF 5/16

SURVEY CLOSES ON 6/1



*Kent County  
Community Meeting*

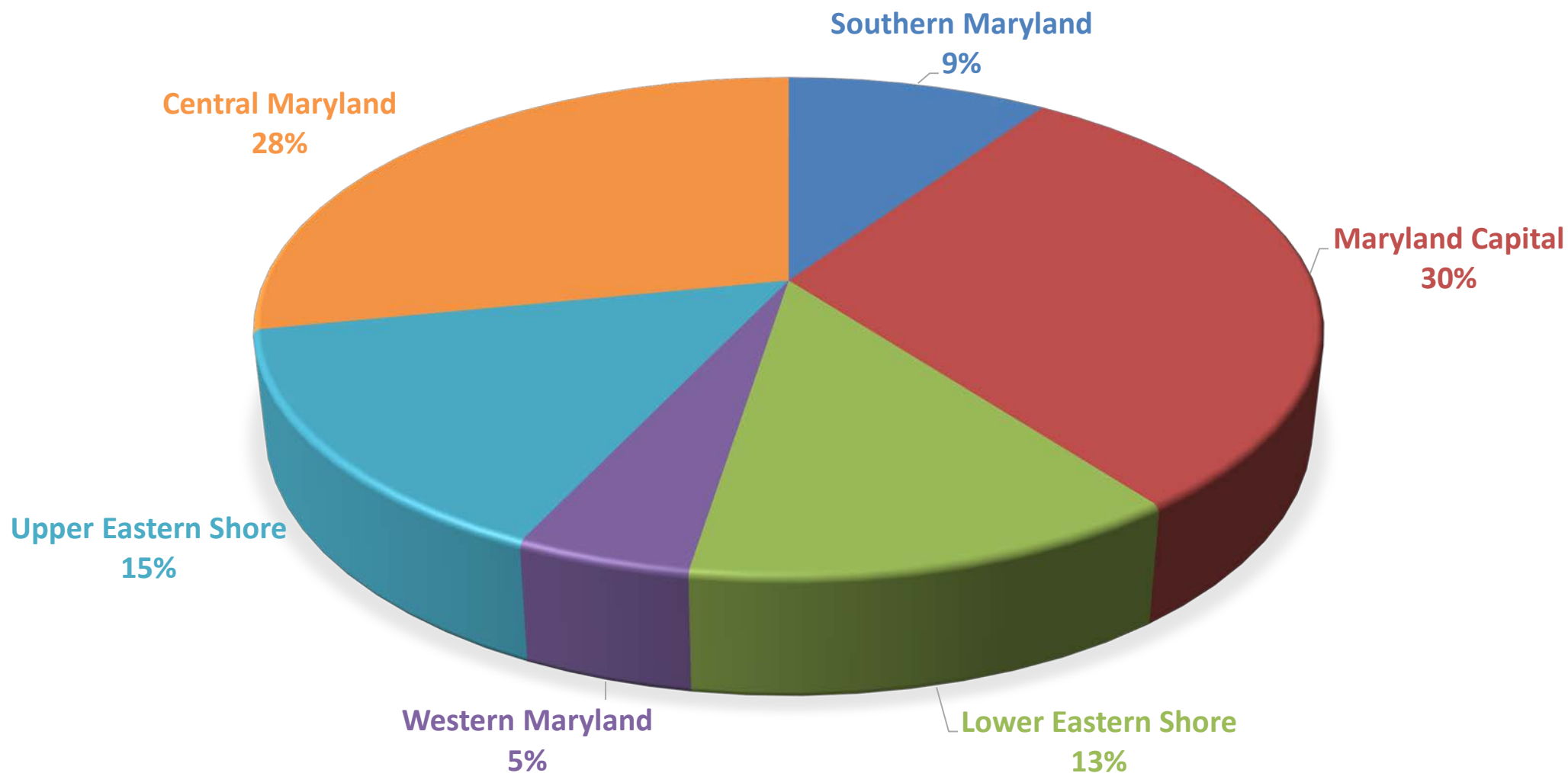


*Live Polling at  
Salisbury  
University*



*Montgomery  
County Staff  
Session*

# RESPONSES BY REGION



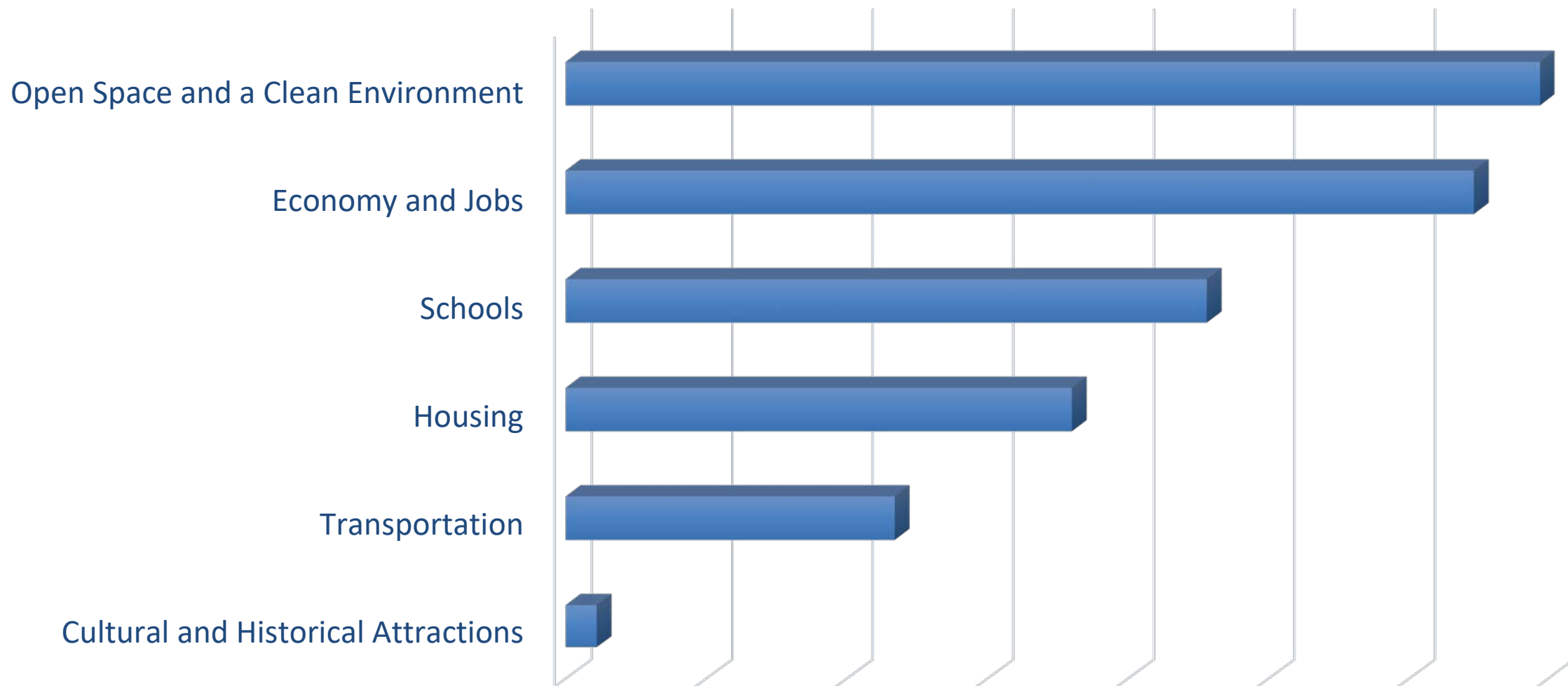




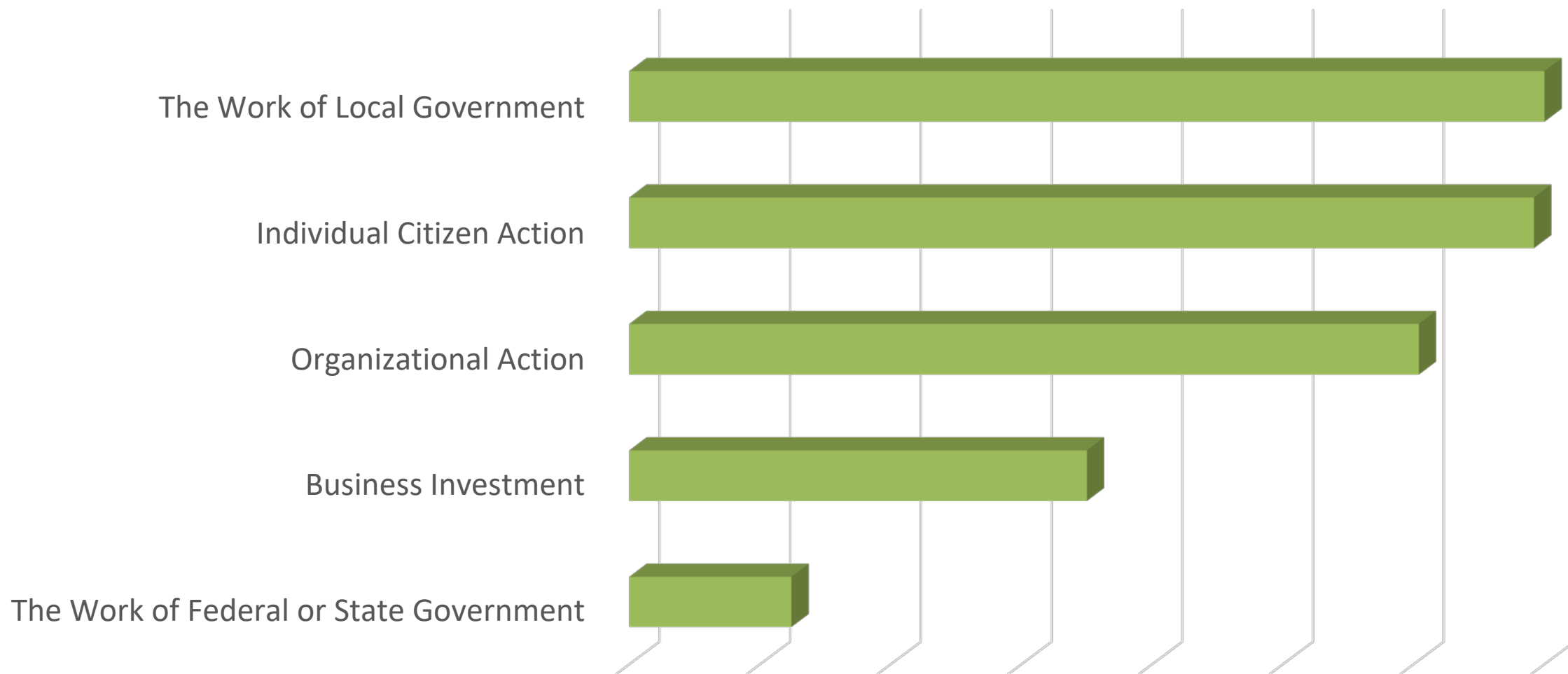




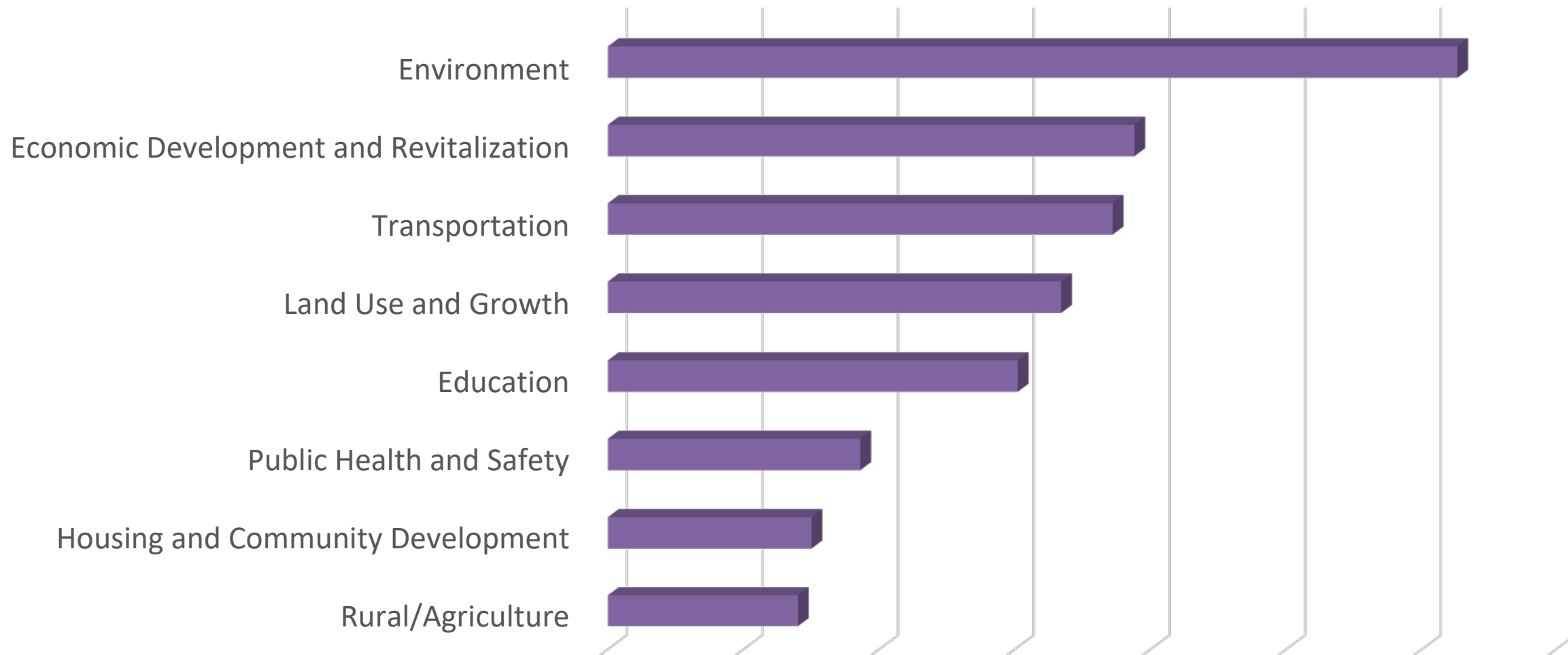
# QUALITY OF LIFE



# AFFECTING POSITIVE CHANGE



# SDP SHOULD ADDRESS

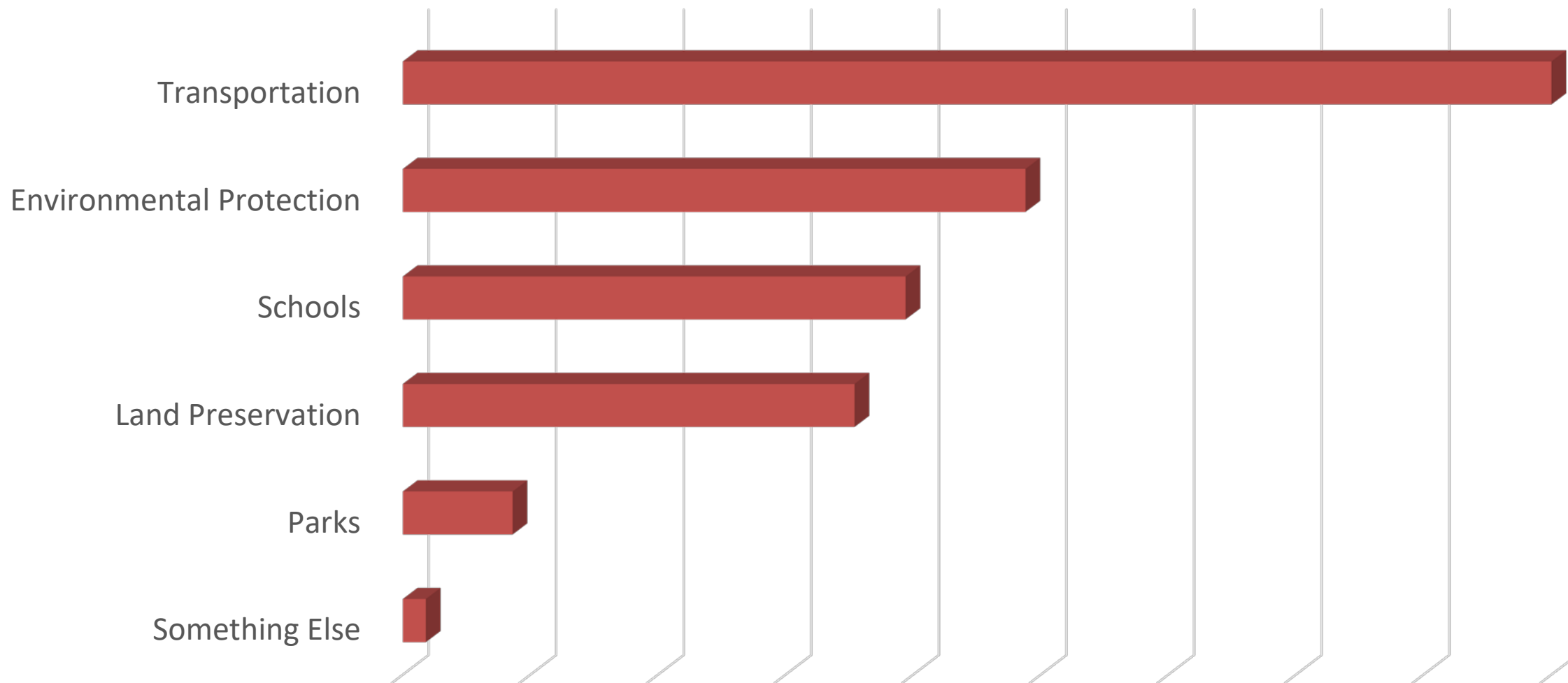


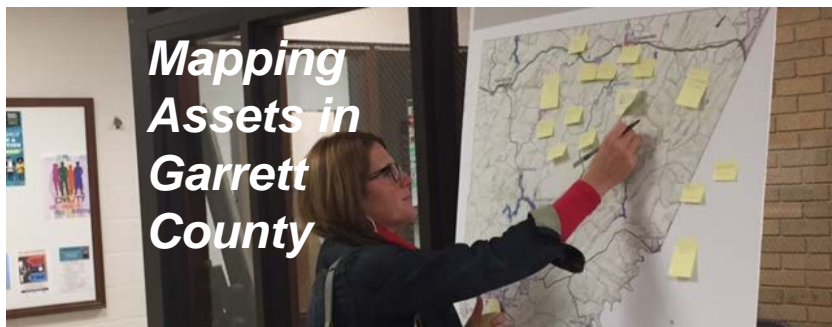


# SDP STRATEGIES



# INTERJURISDICTIONAL ISSUES





*Mapping Assets in Garrett County*



*Recording Staff Comments in Baltimore City*



*Explaining the Project in Queen Anne's County*

# LISTENING SESSIONS

17 of 24 jurisdictional meeting notes posted on website

# ONLINE LISTENING SESSIONS (MAY 30)



2 and 7 PM

A Better Maryland Online Listening Session - Wednesday afternoon,  
May 30th

Wed, May 30, 2018 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM EDT

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The Maryland Department of Planning (Planning) is holding two online listening sessions for the new state development plan, A Better Maryland. In August 2017, Governor Larry Hogan issued Executive Order 01.01.2017.20 charging the Maryland Department of Planning with drafting a new state development plan. Beginning fall 2017, Planning visited every Maryland county and the City of Baltimore to... [More](#)

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*Big crowd on hand for Prince George's Listening Session*



# TOPIC DATABASE

## What We Heard in Response



Regionalism and Regional Planning ♦ Concerns Over Previous Mandates ♦ Public Services ♦ Mapping Support and Data ♦ Demographics ♦ Concern over Growth Tier Map Requirements ♦ Economic Development ♦ Housing ♦ Infrastructure ♦ Training and Education ♦ Transportation ♦ Environment ♦ Community ♦ Funding ♦ Neighboring Jurisdictions ♦ What the County is Missing ♦ State Agencies ♦ Technical Assistance ♦ Planning ♦ General

The comments below represent the statements or points of view of one or more individuals who participated in the Maryland Department of Planning (MDP) "A Better Maryland" Development Plan Listening Sessions. These comments do not represent any official position or policy of MDP or any other State agency, nor do they represent any official position or policy of any local jurisdiction or local planning agency.

### Regionalism and Regional Planning

A mixed response regarding a regional approach to planning; some voiced support, some were opposed.

Regional approach is only good if all the areas of a region look similar

A regional approach is needed, including Calvert, Anne Arundel, St. Mary's, and Charles County

County staff is willing to help with this

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### Concerns Over Previous Mandates

What will the Maryland Department of Planning (Planning) do to tailor PFA requirements for rural counties?

Calvert fought hard against PlanMaryland

It should be undone

A Better Maryland should not affect local planning and zoning

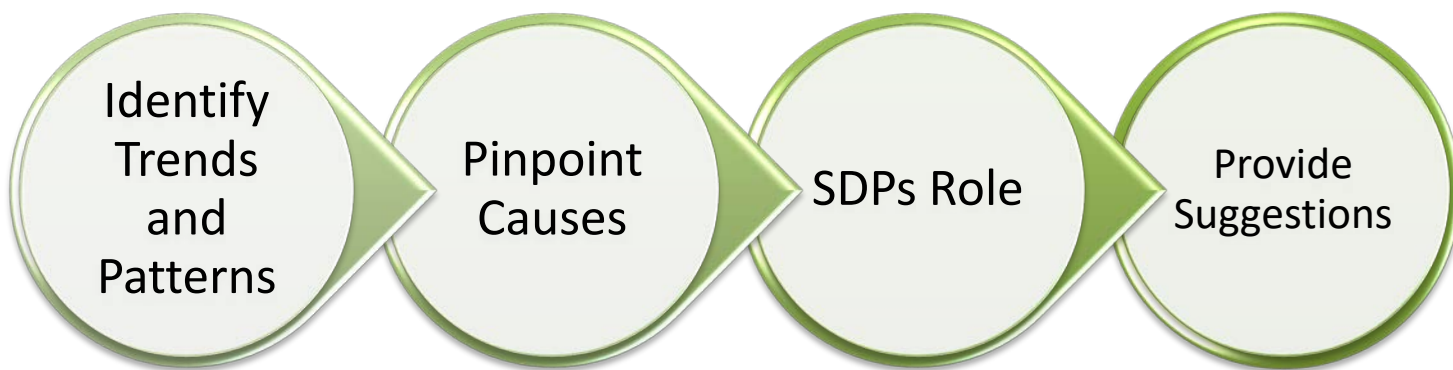
Topic	County	Region	Comment Made	Lead Agency
Community	Allegany County	Western Maryland	The rich history of the county is one of its greatest strengths.	MDP
Concern over Growth Tier Map Requirements	Allegany County	Western Maryland	Allegany County is pursuing a Tier IV Exemption and requested Maryland Department of Planning's assistance to complete process. The LaVale zoning district has been amended, so they would like to restart the Tier IV exemption application process.	MDP
Concern over Growth Tier Map Requirements	Allegany County	Western Maryland	Only 20 new housing building permits were issued in the county last year.	MDP
Concerns Over Previous Mandates	Allegany County	Western Maryland	The PFA process needs to be far more flexible and scalable to the development conditions, especially in rural and slow growth areas of the state.	MDP
Economic Development	Allegany County	Western Maryland	The county recently revised the LaVale zoning regulations to accommodate the market needs of national chain stores and it helped change business attitudes and interest in developing in the area.	MDP
Funding	Allegany County	Western Maryland	Allegany County is investing in development so far from the County's central area. Why? What is the County's top priority?	MDP
Housing	Allegany County	Western Maryland	There is also a problem with absentee landlords. Lawns are not getting cut and you cannot identify the property owner.	MDP
Mapping Support and Data	Allegany County	Western Maryland	There is a need to work with the state in updating the parcel maps. There are some problems with the versions of the parcel level digital maps. But, there are also opportunities to collaborate and share data.	MDP
Regionalism and Regional Planning	Allegany County	Western Maryland	The PFA process needs to be far more flexible and scalable to the development conditions, especially in rural and slow growth areas of the state.	MDP
State Agencies	Allegany County	Western Maryland	There are also problems getting permits approved from state agencies, such as getting permission from the Maryland Historic Trust to paint columns on a Historic County building (Allegany County Library).	MDP
Communication	Baltimore City	Central Maryland	Need to think about how to get information about A Better Maryland to all members of the public. Baltimore staff and Planning Commissioners want to stay tuned into what is happening	MDP
Demographics	Baltimore City	Central Maryland	Baltimore wants to partner with the Maryland Department of Planning on the 2020 Census to make sure the City gets a complete count (reiterated a couple times) Given reduced federal funding, Baltimore wants to help engage the hard to reach populations The Census is very important to the City, and there is a concern that Baltimore will not be fully counted and result in not getting its fair share of funding To the extent possible, put some focus on equity as part of the Census outreach preparation process	MDP
Mapping Support and Data	Baltimore City	Central Maryland	The Baltimore Metropolitan Council has a monthly permitting reporting service that is very helpful and unique in Maryland. Perhaps this is something the State could replicate elsewhere	MDP

# THEMES

- Data Accessibility
- Regionalism and the State's Role
- Collaboration Between State Agencies and Jurisdictions
- Coordinating Economic Development and Environmental Preservation
- Infrastructure Assistance (Funding and Design)
- Affordable/Workforce/Generational Housing
- Shrinking Public Volunteerism and Engagement
- Needs of Rural Communities (eg transit)

# WORKGROUPS

# ROLE IN COMMENT ANALYSIS





# REINVEST MARYLAND

We need to plan for updating (retrofitting) existing, but outdated communities.



# QUESTIONS

- Should A Better Maryland address this issue?
- What is its relative importance?
- What state agencies should be involved?
- Is there an opportunity for state and local partnership?
- Do it present regional differences?

# APFO

Howard County could use more information on APFOs. Not just what other jurisdictions are doing but an explanation of how they function and operate. Planning should provide periodic updates, perhaps every two years, so these documents stay current.



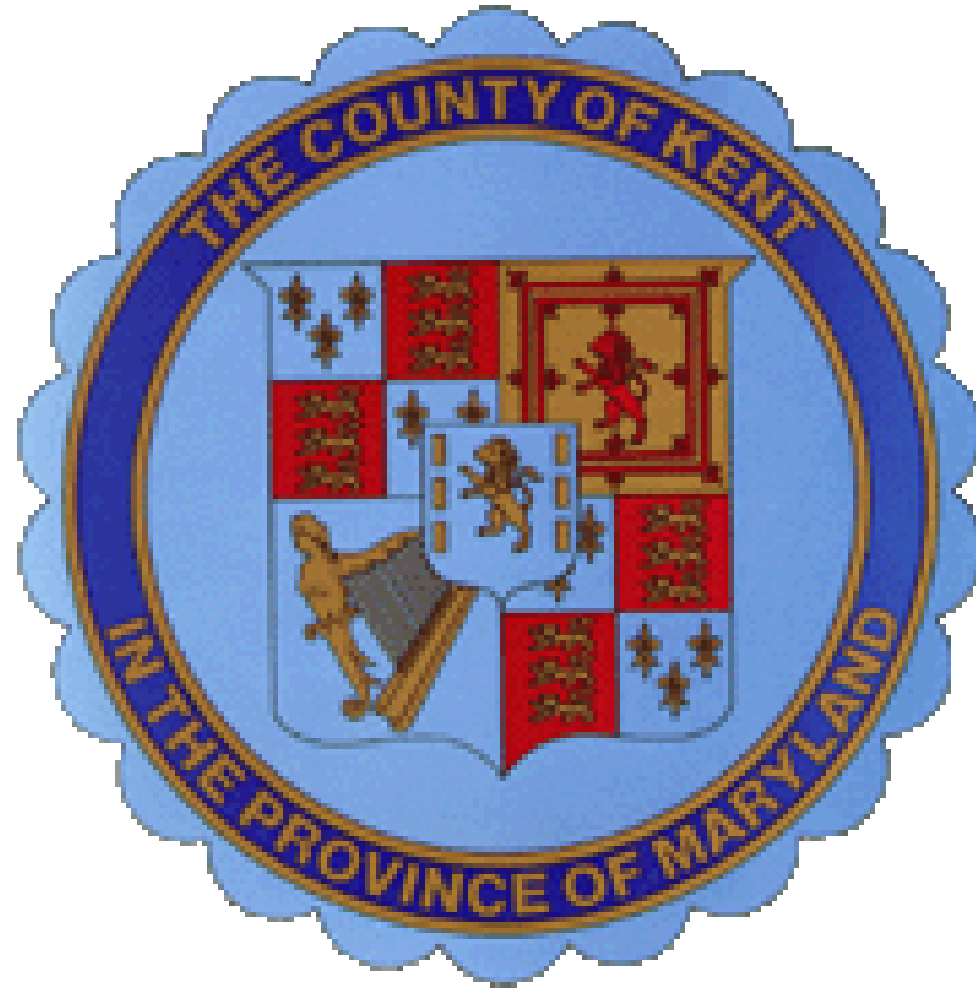
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# RURAL ECONOMIES

Attracting the appropriate types of jobs is critical. Large, high-density employers will not come to Kent County. We need to support local and small businesses.



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# EDUCATION



There is a need for training at regional locations in areas such as Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Historic Tax Credit Financing.

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# NEXT STEPS

# ANALYSIS

- Complete Survey and Listening Sessions
- Compile Comments
- Assign Comments
- In-reach
- Recommendations and Priorities

# SUMMER CONFERENCES



# FALL EVENT



## Panel Discussions