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A Statewide Plan for Smart and Sustainable Growth

Coastal and Watershed Resource Advisory Committee

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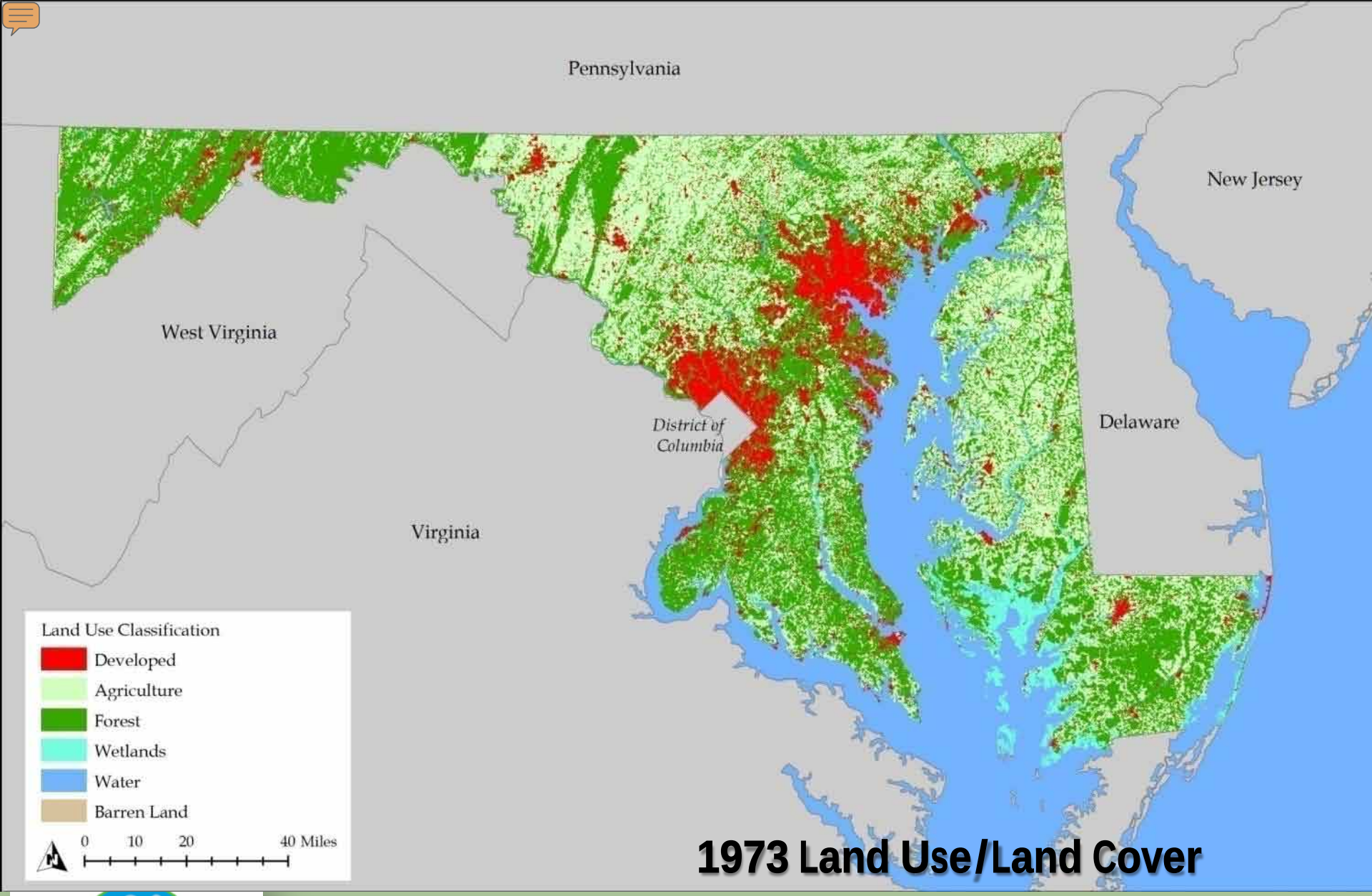

1973 Land Use/Land Cover

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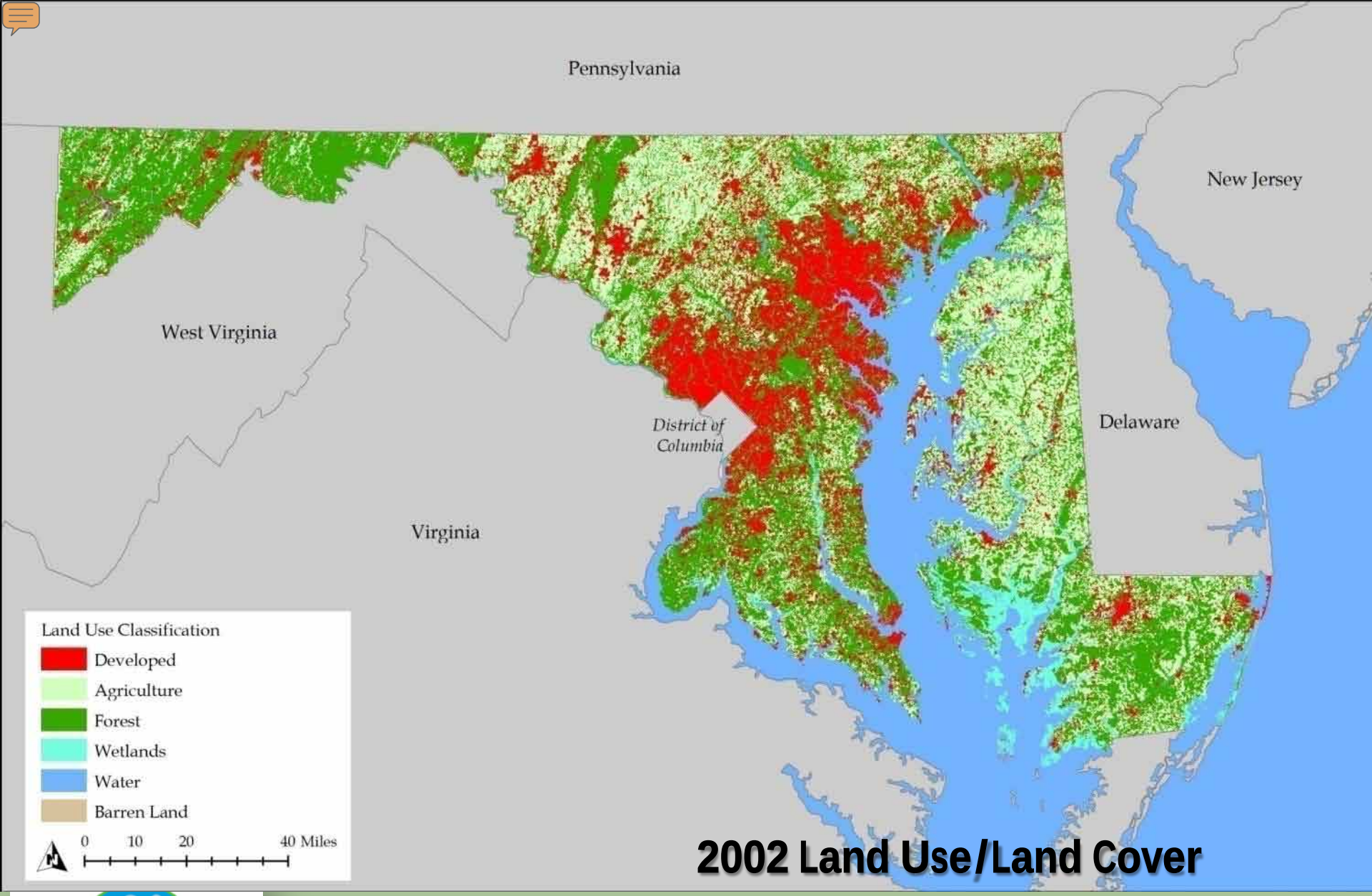

2002 Land Use/Land Cover

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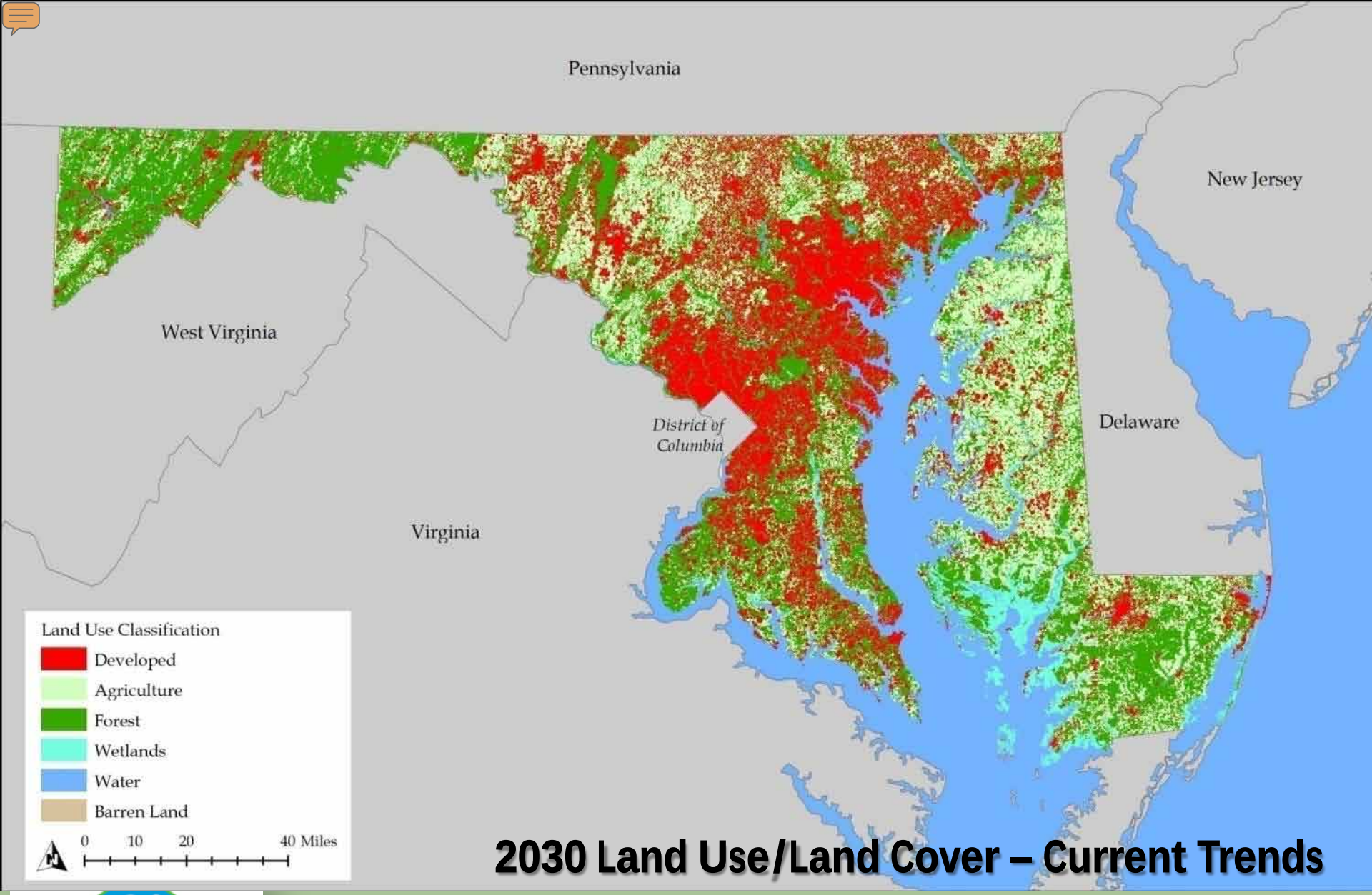

2030 Land Use/Land Cover – Current Trends

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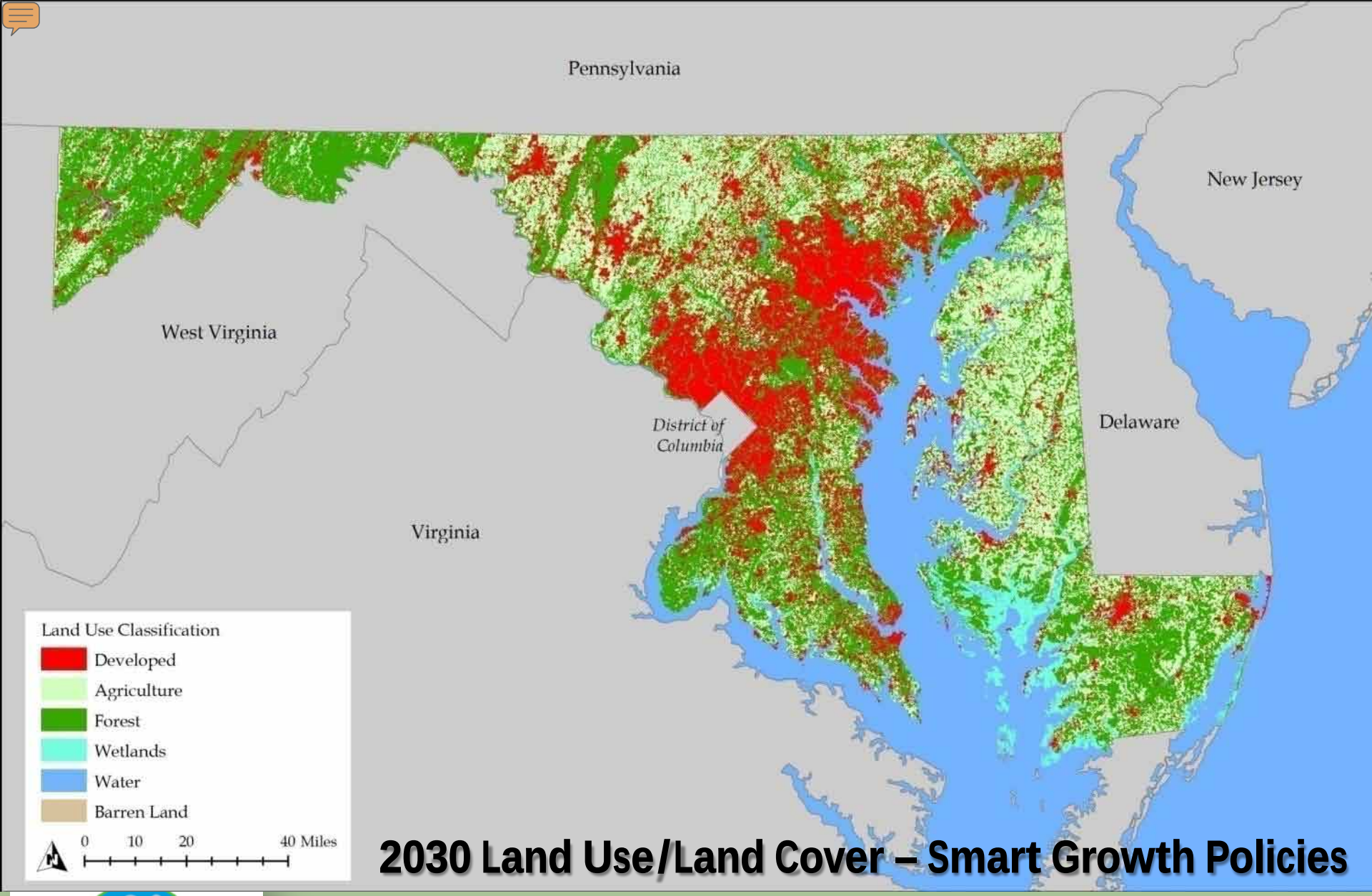

2030 Land Use/Land Cover – Smart Growth Policies

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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

(5-601 – 5-615 of Finance and Procurement Act)

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What is PlanMaryland

Provide direction to New Development

1,000,000 new residents
400,000 new homes
600,000 new jobs

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What is PlanMaryland

- Addresses Land and Energy needs
- Compact development
- Housing affordability
- Resource protection
- Energy consumption
- Greenhouse gas emissions

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What is PlanMaryland

Improves coordination and cooperation

- Among State agencies
- Between State and Locals
- Leverages Federal Resources
- Beginning the Analysis at the State Level

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What is PlanMaryland

State's 12 Smart Growth Visions

- Using the 12 Visions as guidance
- Analyzing current programs and policies to determine how best to realign them
- PlanMaryland will Focus State and Local Actions to Smart Growth.

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Why is PlanMaryland Needed?

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1. To encourage sustainable development and protect quality of life.

It took three centuries to develop the first 650,000 acres of land in Maryland and only 30 years to develop the next 650,000

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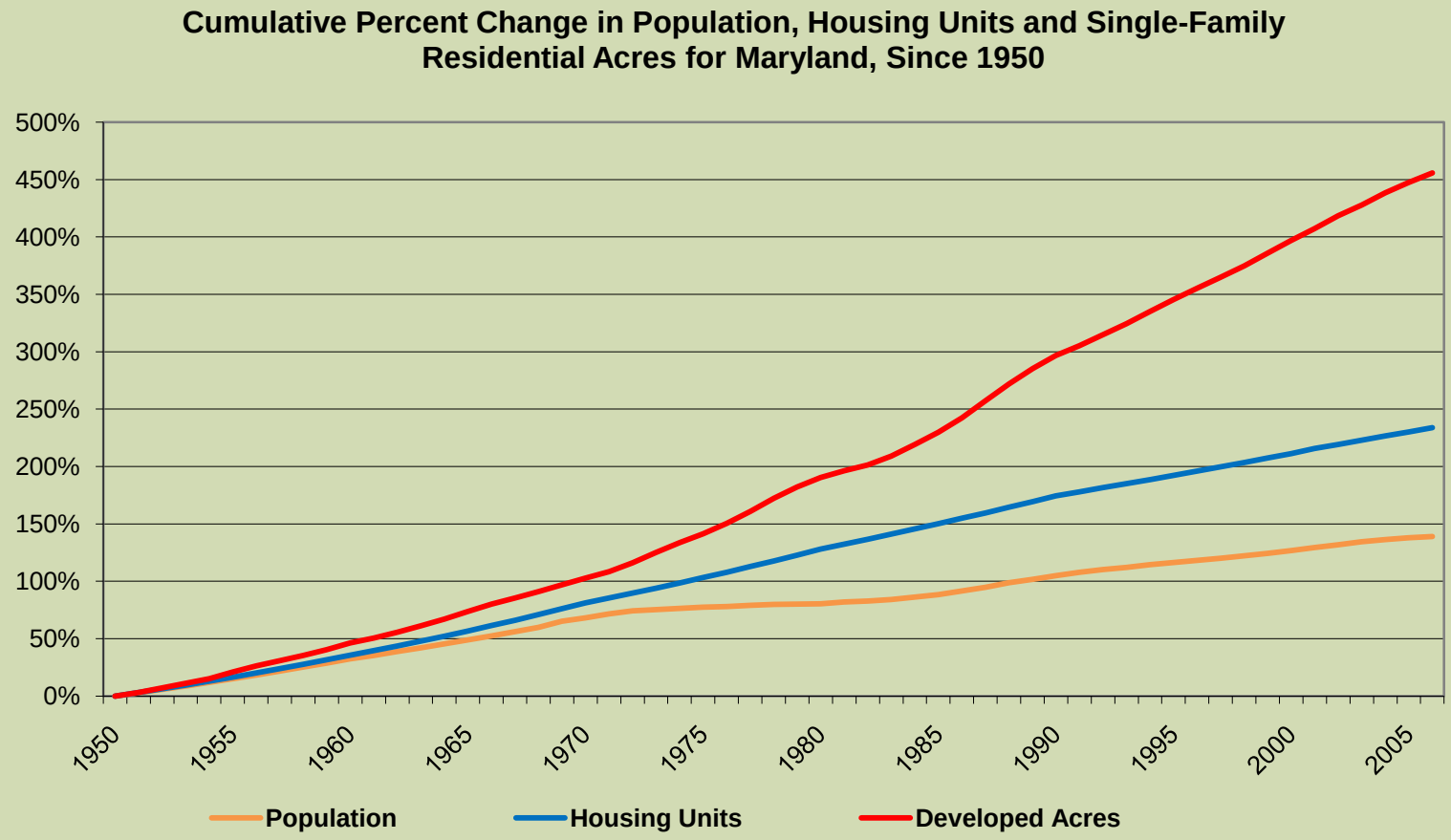
2. To develop land at a pace consistent with growth in population and housing.



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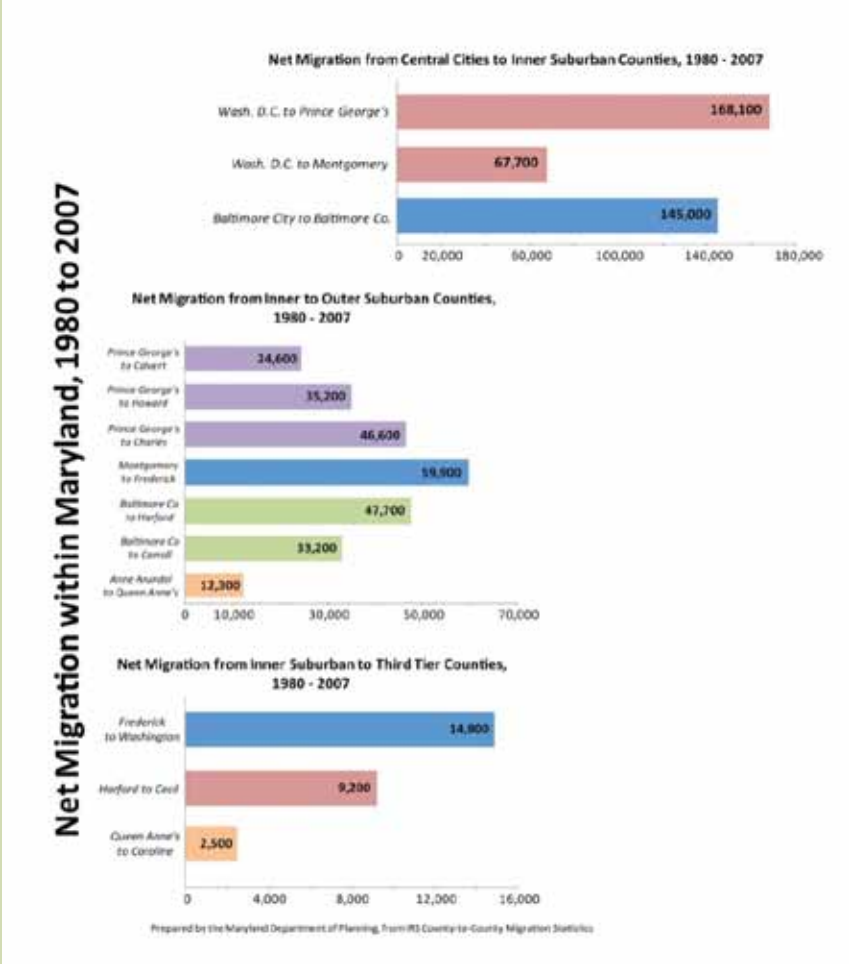
3. To strengthen existing cities and communities and reduce tax burdens.



Nearly 55,000 Maryland workers relocated to Pennsylvania since 1980, with many trading lower housing costs for longer commutes.

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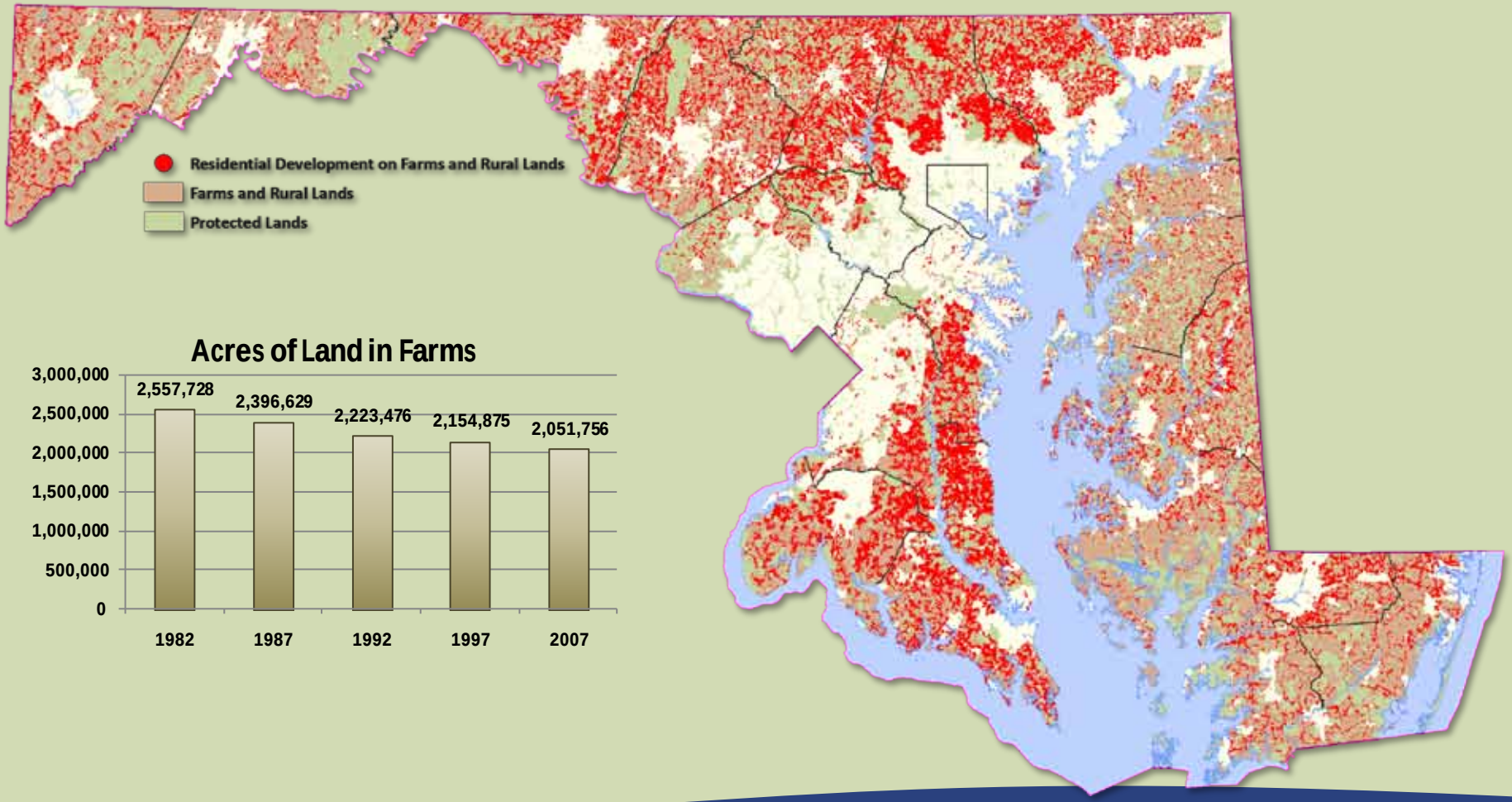
4. To protect our farmland



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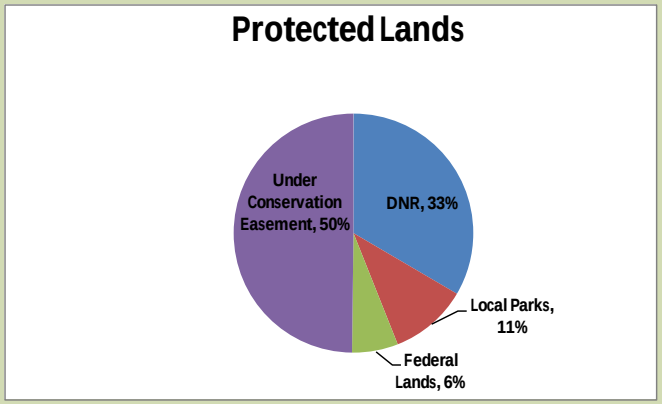
5. To preserve our natural, historic, and cultural resources.



There are nearly 1.4 million acres of protected lands in Maryland including parks, agricultural easements, and historic preservation easements.

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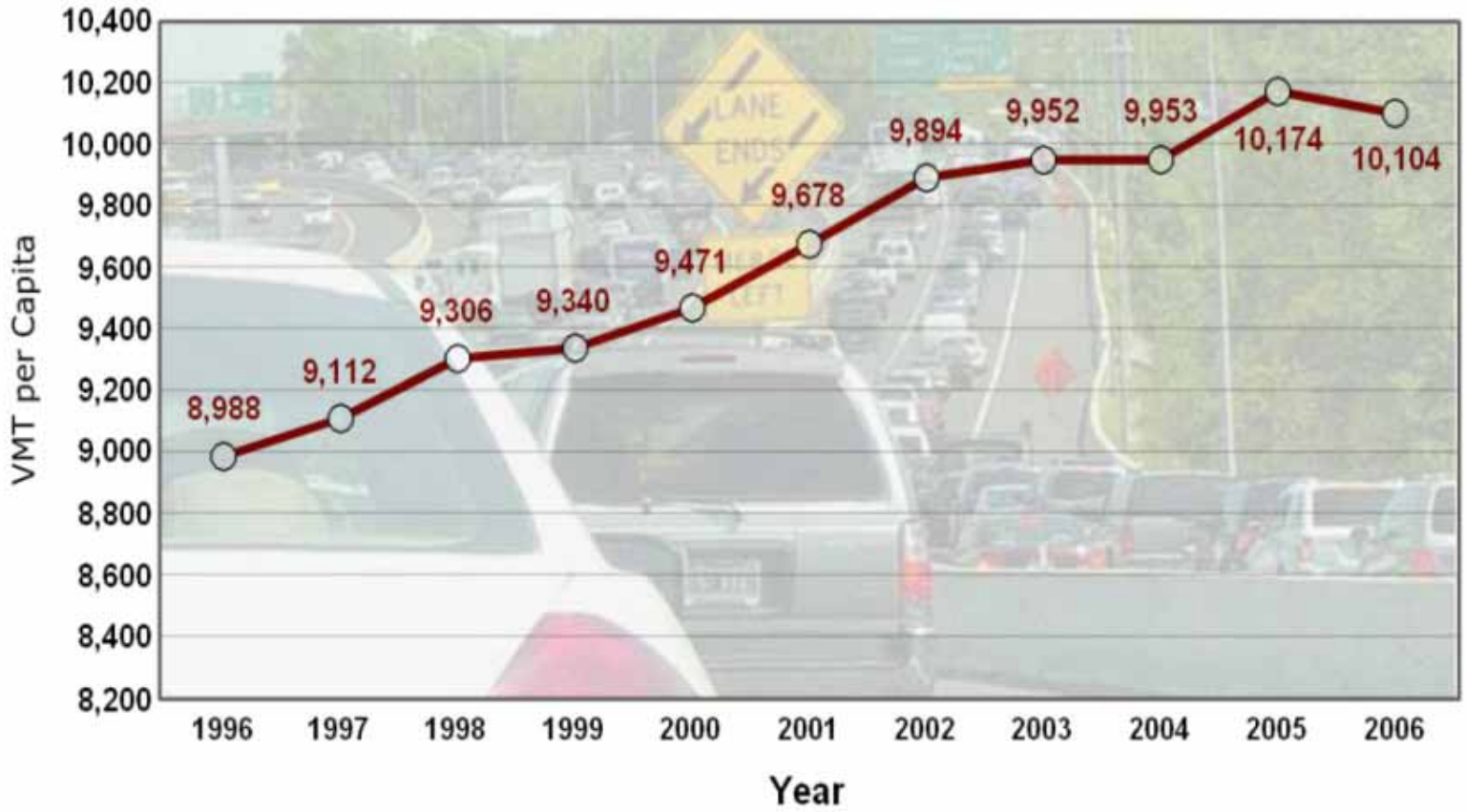
6. To reduce automobile dependency.



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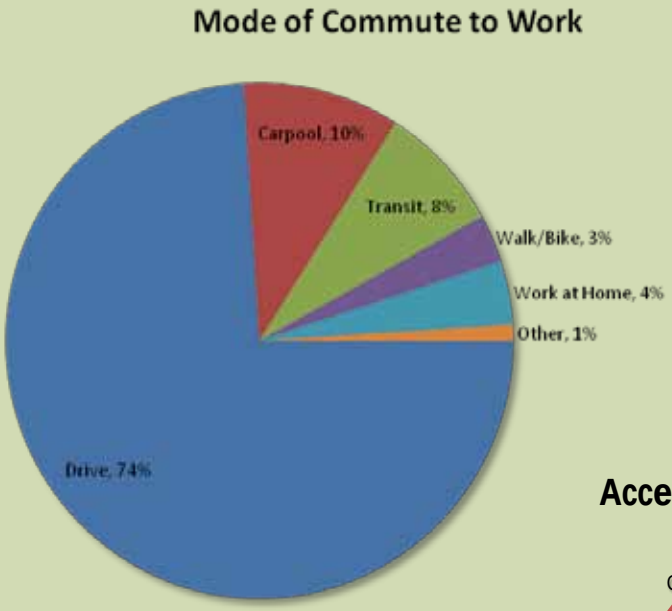
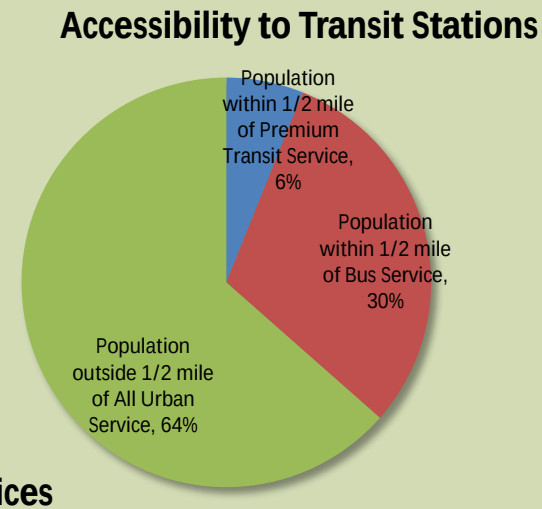
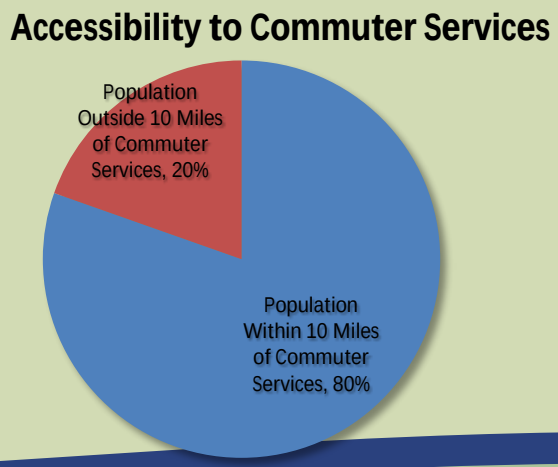
7. To increase access to transit, walking and biking.







Nearly three-quarters of all workers in Maryland drive alone to work

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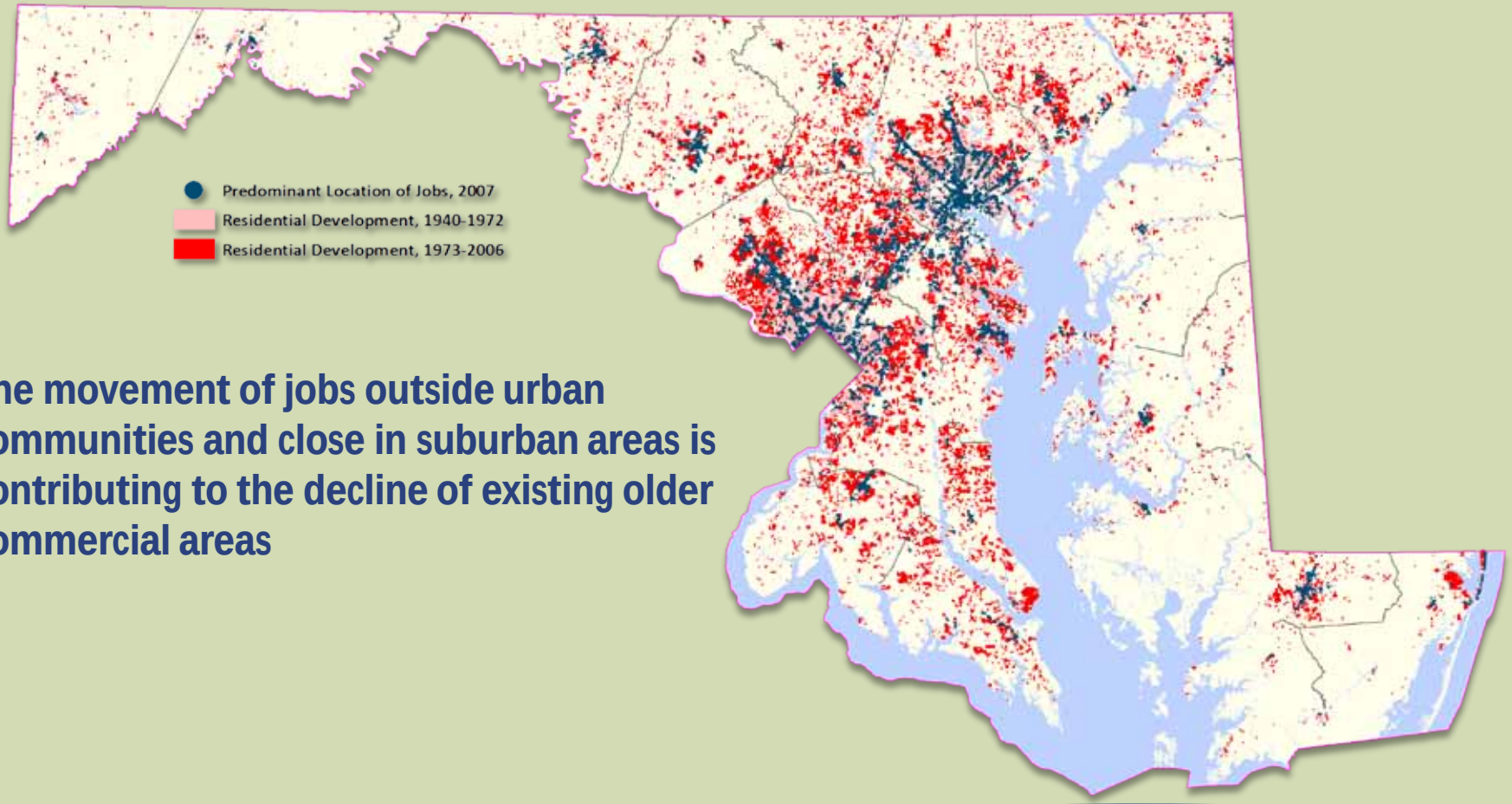
8. To concentrate jobs in existing cities and communities, strengthening economic development.



The movement of jobs outside urban communities and close in suburban areas is contributing to the decline of existing older commercial areas

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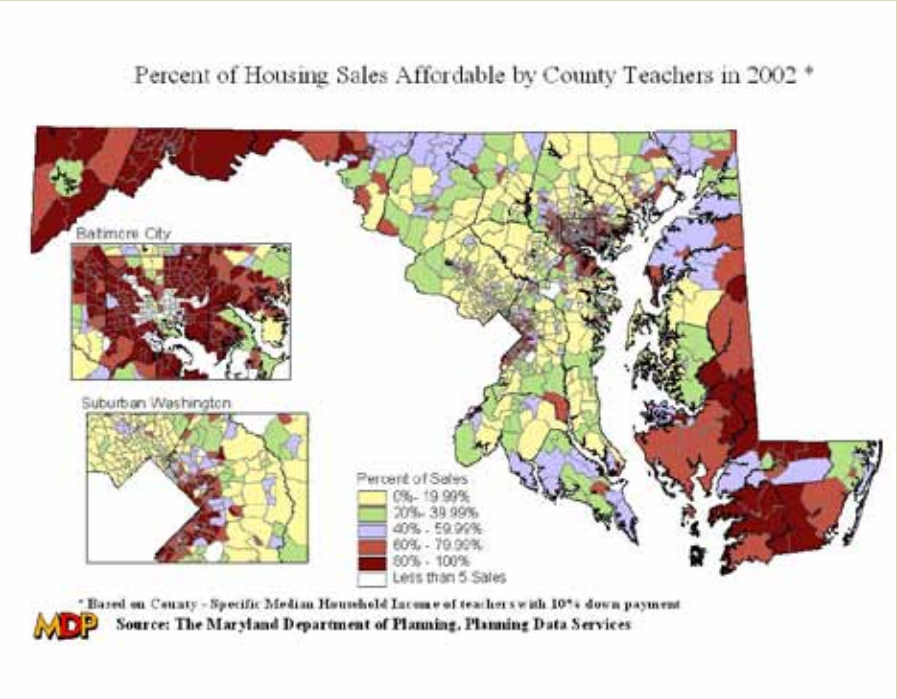
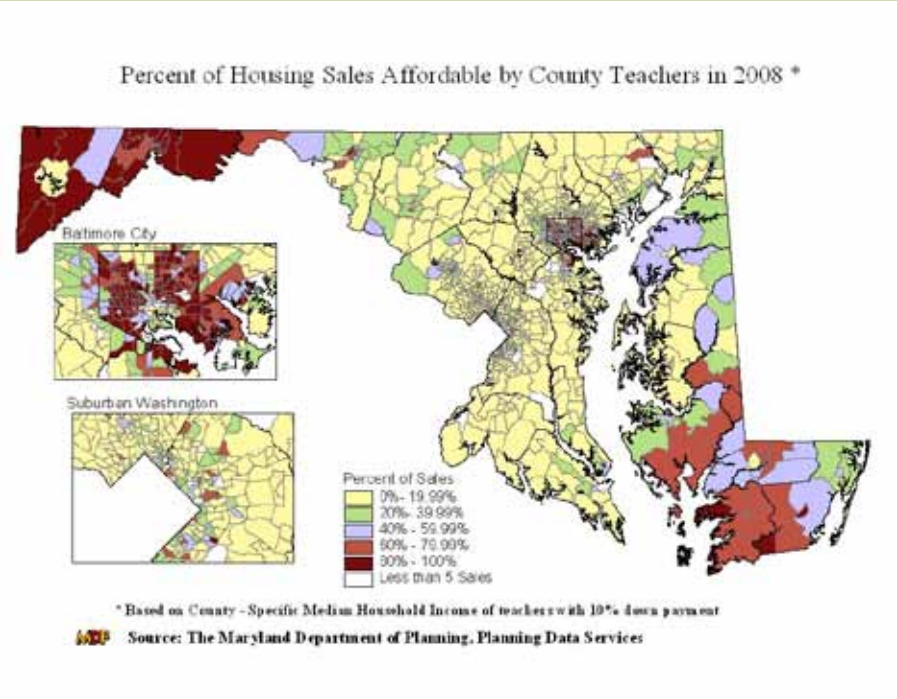
9. To increase housing affordability.





The percent of home sales in Maryland that were affordable to the State's teachers declined from 41 to 26 percent between 2002 and 2008

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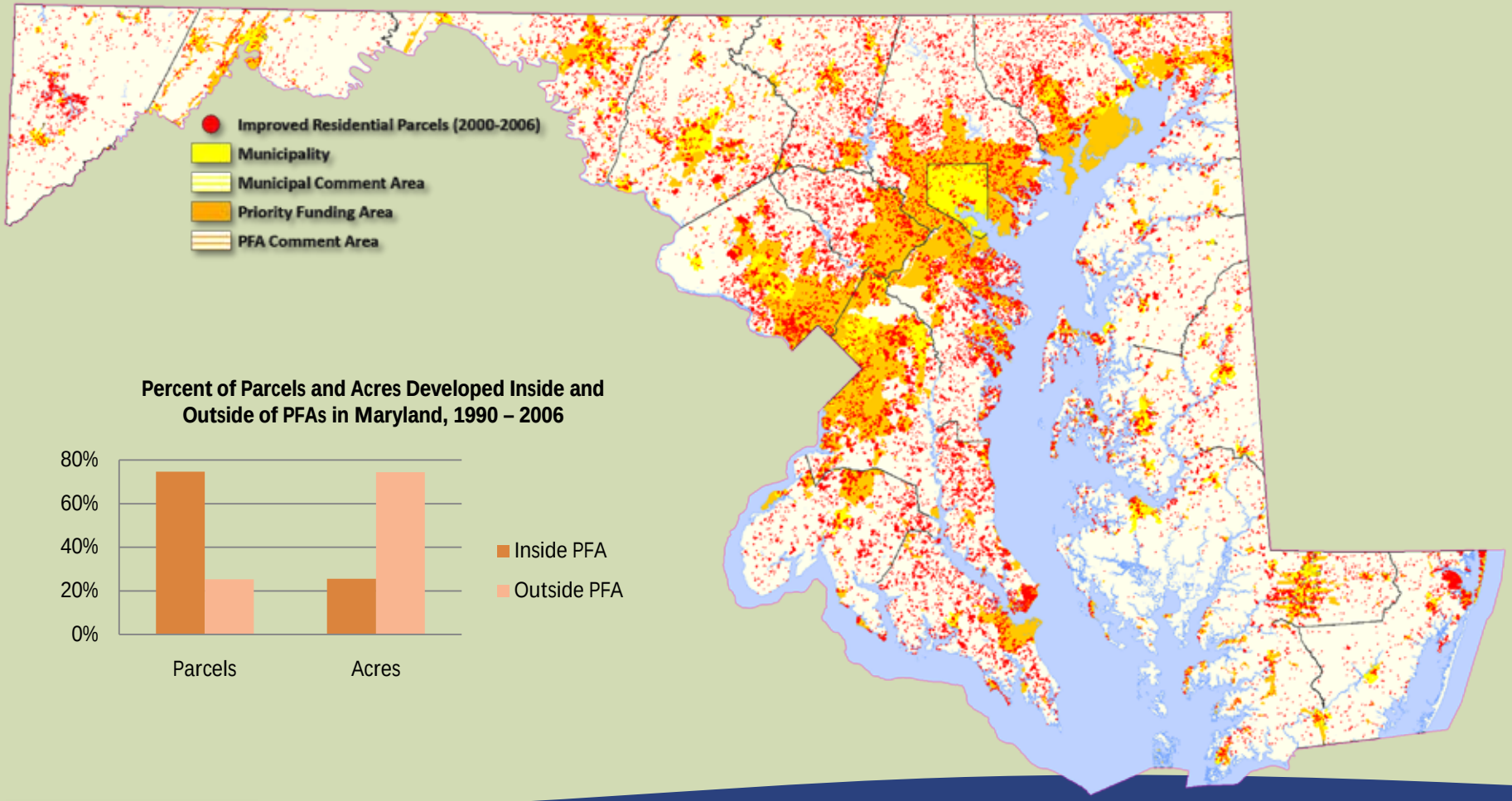
10. To minimize residential land consumption outside of existing communities.



Percent of Parcels and Acres Developed Inside and Outside of PFAs in Maryland, 1990 – 2006

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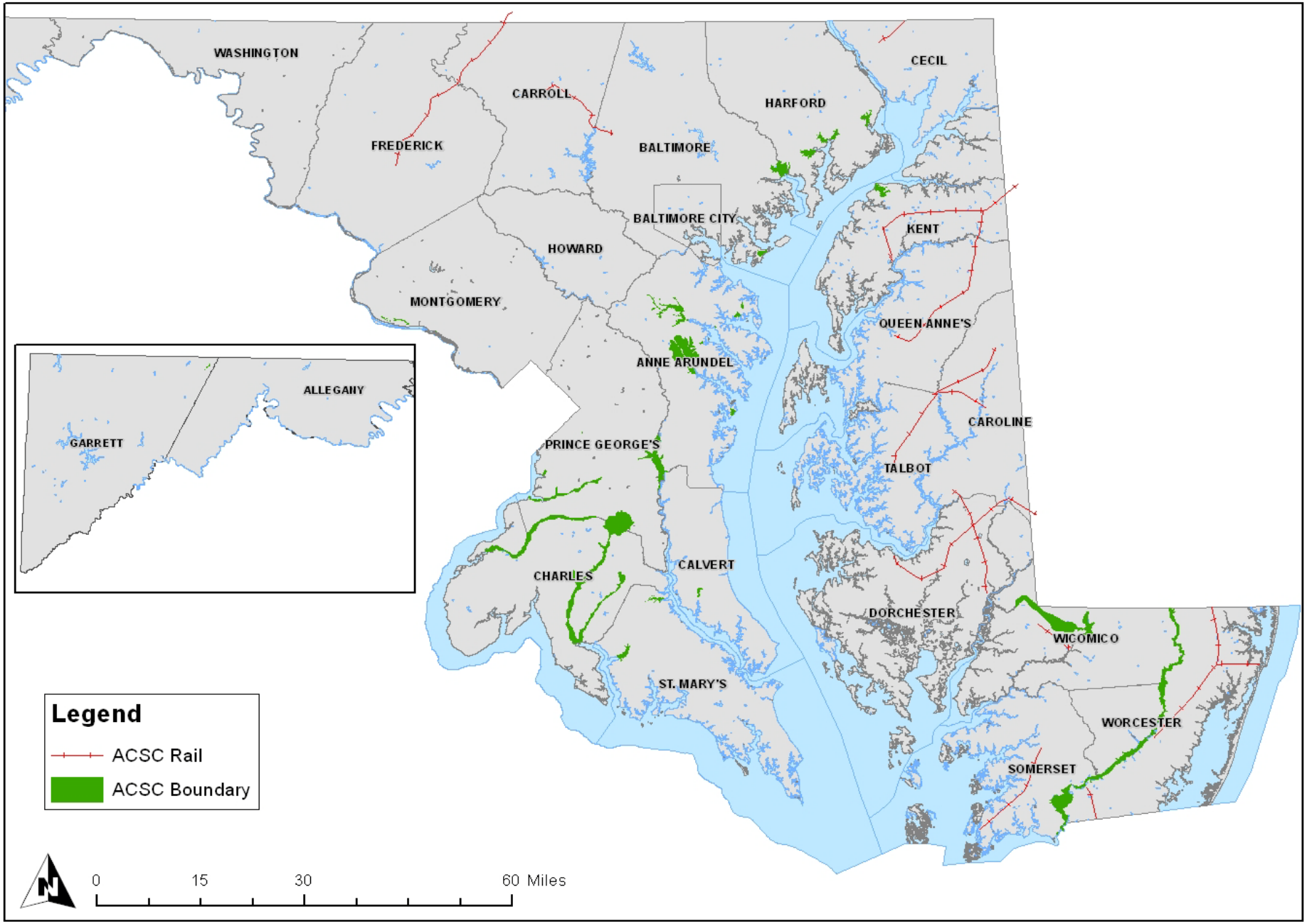
Areas of Critical State Concern



ACSC Designations (1981)

- 57 Sites were Designated in 4 Categories
  - Tidal Wetland Areas
  - Non-Tidal Wetland Areas
  - Protection and Enhancement of Rail Services
  - “Special Areas”

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What is the Process?

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Outreach - Public Participation

Public Forums

Stakeholder interviews

Internet surveys

Website/ Social Media

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Analysis – State and Local

Inter-Agency Workgroup

Planning Issues and Options Identification

Analysis of Existing Data based on What We've been Hearing

Finding the Best Way to Explain the Results

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What have we been Hearing?

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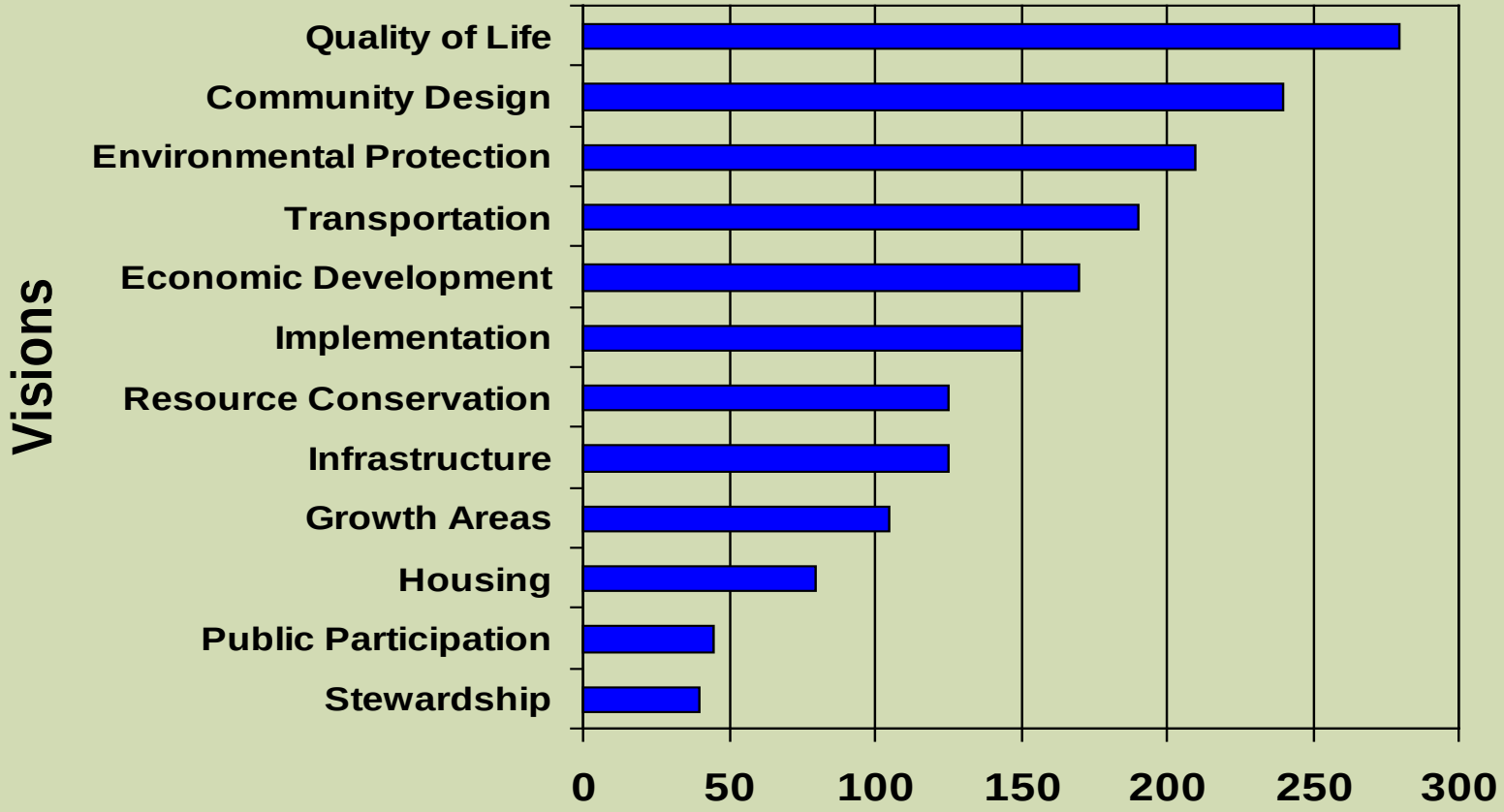
Visions Ratings at Forums



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What's Next?

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Plan Timeline

Complete Analysis from What We've Heard – Fall 2010

Develop draft Options and Strategies – Winter 2010

Public Forums – Spring 2011

Prepare Preliminary draft Plan – Spring 2011

Prepare Final draft Plan – Summer 2011

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