



Smart Growth

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*Protecting natural areas –
Restoring vibrant communities*

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Our priorities

for Maryland's future

- ✓ Focus future growth in well designed areas with appropriate infrastructure.
- ✓ Better protect the state's "green infrastructure", farms and watersheds.
- ✓ Locate more households and jobs close to transit stations and greatly increase our transit options.
- ✓ Increase affordable housing opportunities.
- ✓ Improve regional cooperation for more effective land use and transportation plans.
- ✓ Make BRAC-related development a national model for smart growth.

No Time to Lose

The ink has barely dried from the 2007 Special Legislative Session, and pundits are hinting at legislative fatigue for 2008. But don't tell that to smart growth and environmental advocates. Following on the successful campaign to increase funding for restoration of the Chesapeake Bay, we have an ambitious 2008 legislative agenda. Look for these issues to loom large:



Urban greenspaces like Baltimore's Patterson Park are made possible through compact, mixed-use development.

Critical Area Reform will strengthen and update the Critical Area Act of 1984, which created a narrow buffer strip to protect the Chesapeake Bay, coastal bays and many Maryland waterways. These lands are important habitats, and buffers also act as a first line of defense against storms and sea level rise.

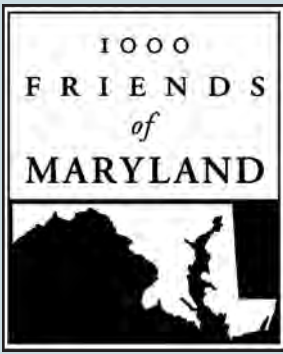
The Chesapeake Bay 2010 Trust Fund, formerly known as The Green Fund, secured \$50 million in dedicated funding to restore the Chesapeake Bay during the 2007 Legislative Session. Legislation in 2008 will plan for the use of these funds to clean the Bay and achieve goals set by the Chesapeake 2000 Agreement.

The Global Warming Solutions Act will address our greatest challenge by placing limits on global warming pollution, setting timelines and goals for pollution reduction and creating a cap-and-trade system to allow flexibility in complying with the law. Key to this will be smarter growth development plans.

Transit Oriented Development will remove barriers to well-planned, pedestrian and bicycle friendly development around transit stations.

BRAC Community Enhancement Act will set up target areas to attract BRAC-related development. These areas must be close to MARC stations and designed to have mixed uses of development including housing, retail and business and other key criteria.

1000 Friends of Maryland urges you to keep up to date with these and other legislative issues surrounding smart growth. Our website will provide the latest status of the bills as they go through the 90-day session. Please also sign up for our e-news, which will provide hot off the press updates and ways you can strategically engage in these issues. **Just go to www.friendsfmd.org**



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Bringing Light to Local Planning In Allegany County

A few years ago in rural Allegany County there wasn't enough development activity or citizen interest in planning to warrant regular Planning Commission meetings. But the 2002 revision of the county's comprehensive plan was due. Concerned that citizen involvement was lacking, Jackie Sams, President of the Allegany County League of Women Voters, pointed out to the county's community development director that Talbot County had almost 80 citizens actively engaged in developing their comprehensive plan. "That'll never happen here," he replied.

Allegany County League members wondered how to get people involved. By 2004, with development on the horizon, a committee of League members began comparing comprehensive plans from other counties, and League member Dale Sams began observing Planning Commission meetings.



Citizens for Smart Growth in Allegany County has grown to 250 members.

In 2005 Terrapin Run, the largest development project in the county's history, proposed building out 1000 acres adjacent to Green Ridge State Forest. The proposal, 25 miles from the nearest population center, would make Terrapin Run the second largest municipality in the county. It didn't fit the county's comprehensive plan, nor were the basic infrastructure and services in place that a new city of 12,000 people would need.

Citizens for Smart Growth in Allegany County organized a week after Terrapin Run's initial presentation to the Planning Commission to advocate for better land use planning and greater

accountability from county officials. Twenty-five concerned citizens attended the first meeting, including Dale and Jackie. Less than three years later, *Citizens* holds monthly meetings, communicates with about 250 members and has received attention across Maryland and the Mid-Atlantic States. *Citizens'* campaign gained backing from the Maryland Department of Planning, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and the American Planning Association. Together, they appealed a decision by the courts that a county can ignore the comprehensive plan and permit this mega-development to proceed.

One good thing has come about because of Terrapin Run. "Terrapin Run came along because it raises important issues," says Dale. "The public is aware and participating in the planning process now."

We've Come a Long Way in Ten Years

An enthusiastic and diverse crowd of more than 200 supporters celebrated 1000 Friends' ten-year Anniversary at the fabulous new Harbor East development. The mixed-use, pedestrian-friendly Harbor East was an inspiring setting to celebrate our first decade of working to protect natural areas and restore vibrant communities. The amazing space was provided by Struever Bros. Eccles and Rouse and H&S Properties Development Corp.

1000 Friends honored Governor Martin O'Malley for bringing smart growth back to Maryland. Governor O'Malley's eloquent keynote address underscored the urgency of changing our patterns of growth and development. "Things have to change," the Governor said. "It's not true that all growth generates needed tax revenue It's not true that undeveloped land is just a waste." Outgoing Board Chair Bill Eichbaum was honored for his ten years of magnificent leadership, which was crucial to building a strong and lasting organization.



Governor O'Malley spoke to more than 200 guests at 1000 Friends' Gala.

With many architects, planners, developers, environmentalists and public officials in attendance, the event testified to the expanding base of the smart growth movement in Maryland.

New Muscle

We know that change and growth are inevitable in our state – and that’s a good thing! The same is true of organizations. 1000 Friends is delighted to welcome two new faces to our leadership and growing staff.



Jim Lyons became Chair of the Board of 1000 Friends in November. Jim brings to this position more than two decades of leadership experience and environmental policy expertise. For eight years Jim served under the Clinton Administration as Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment in the US Department of Agriculture, where he reshaped the nation’s forestry and conservation policies. Among his accomplishments was the development of President Clinton’s Northwest Forest Plan to conserve old growth forests and promote sustainable forestry, the President’s Clean Water Action Plan and the Presidential initiative to protect remaining national forest roadless areas. Jim was also a member of the Clinton Administration’s Task Force on Sustainable Development and initiated the Urban Resources Partnership – an initiative to focus federal resources on urban greening, smart growth and sustainable development in major metropolitan areas across the nation.

Jim is currently Vice President for Policy and Communications at Oxfam America, where he leads the organization’s policy advocacy, campaigns, communications and private sector engagement. Prior to joining Oxfam America, Jim was the Executive Director of the Casey Trees Endowment Fund in Washington DC, a nonprofit organization dedicated to greening the nation’s capital.

“I’m really excited about working with 1000 Friends to increase our strategic impact on growth issues at the local and state levels,” Jim said. “This is a very complex set of issues, but with the diverse expertise we have among 1000 Friends’ leadership and the growing concern among Maryland residents about the dangers of uncontrolled growth, we’re in a great position to help Maryland grow in a smart and effective way.”



Kelly Carneal takes on two exciting positions with 1000 Friends and Partners for Open Space. As the new Director of Partners for Open Space, Kelly will lead a fast growing alliance of more than 150 organizations seeking to secure, save and protect Maryland’s land conservation programs. 1000 Friends serves as the fiscal agent for Partners, which has expanded its organizational membership more than five-fold in just the past three years, with the power to mobilize 200,000 citizens.

On behalf of 1000 Friends of Maryland, Kelly will serve as Director of Local Programs, where she will focus on county-level activity. To catalyze the kind of changes that are needed for Maryland to prosper, Kelly will work on issues such as the environmental, land use and transportation impacts of the Base Realignment and Closure process (BRAC), global warming and farmland preservation.

Kelly started her career working with the Baltimore County Agricultural Preservation office. She returns to Maryland after serving as Program Manager for the Ohio Department of Agriculture’s Office of Farmland Preservation. Kelly is a lover of the outdoors and an accomplished nature photographer.

Land use has always been an interest of Kelly’s, but it wasn’t until she spent time on the West Coast that she started to understand how everything was connected. Her work with farmers has helped her appreciate the value of land preservation. “I will truly miss my daily interactions with local farmers, but I’m excited to be able to focus on the whole smart growth picture in my new positions.”

Startling STATS

100

Acres of Maryland farmland lost every day to new development.

41,000

The number of vacant homes in Baltimore City. One in every eight city homes is unoccupied.

6,800,000

The number of Americans age 65 and above who do not drive. Over half of this population, or 3.6 million people, stay at home on any given day due to lack of transportation options and auto-oriented development patterns.

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Toolkit helps communities implement smart growth

Getting to smart growth just got a little easier. The Smart Growth Leadership Institute has released a new suite of tools to help communities identify and overcome barriers to smart growth. The Smart Growth Implementation Toolkit outlines techniques that many communities around the country are using to spur and shape redevelopment, bring new residents and vitality to town centers, focus growth around transit and create greener, more walkable neighborhoods.

The Toolkit is designed to help community leaders review and revise their land use policies, zoning and development codes and project design standards. It includes step-by-step “audits” of policies and codes, as well as a scorecard for evaluating proposed development projects. Another section helps local leaders take steps to build the community-wide support needed to advance high-quality growth.

Headed by former governor Parris Glendening, the Smart Growth Leadership Institute focuses on helping elected, civic and business leaders design and implement effective smart growth solutions. You can download the Toolkit at www.smartgrowthtoolkit.net/.

Welcome New Members!

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