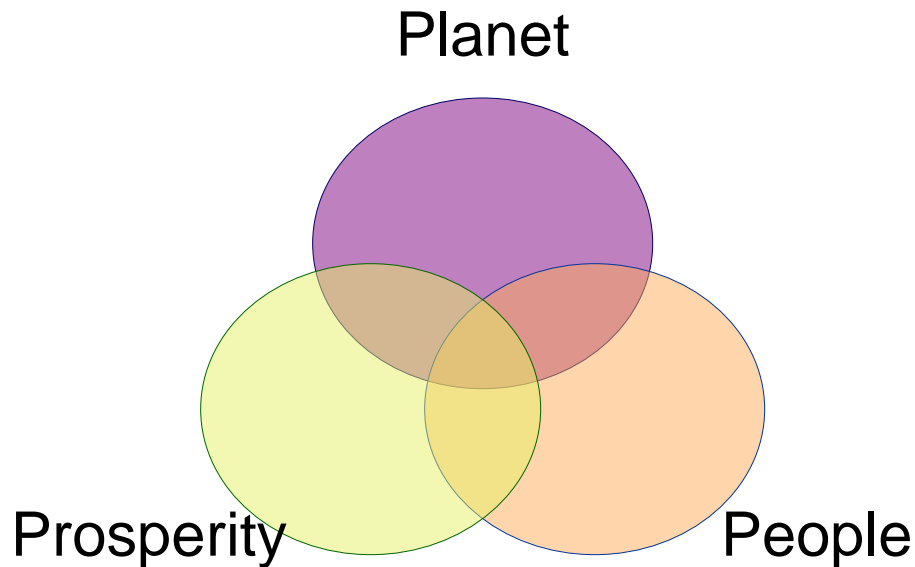


Defining Sustainability

Meeting the environmental, social, and economic needs of Baltimore without compromising the ability of future generations to meet these needs.



Baltimore Sustainability Program

- Office of Sustainability

Purpose: Coordinate City, non-governmental organizations, and private efforts toward sustainability goals; advise and support the Sustainability Commission's efforts; lead programs of the Office and Commission.

- Sustainability Commission

Purpose: Create and implement a City-wide Sustainability Plan. Develop partnerships with government, NGO's, businesses and citizens to implement City-wide sustainability programs. Advise Mayor and City Council on Sustainability issues. Report progress to City Council annually.

Office of Sustainability

Main Functions:

- Work with the Sustainability Commission to develop and implement the Sustainability Plan
- Incorporate sustainable practices into operations of Baltimore City government
- Manages Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory and Climate Action Plan
- Identify and understand latest sustainability initiatives, programs, and legislation
- Develop working relationships with other groups performing related work



Plan Development – Public Engagement

- Working Groups
 - 100+ combined membership
 - 40+ meetings
- Community Meetings
 - 35+ community meetings
 - 30+ Sustainability Ambassadors
- Youth Involvement
 - 20 members of Youth Advisory Group
 - 150 attended GreenScape '08
- Online draft posting
 - 300 comments received

Plan Organization

1. Cleanliness
2. Pollution Prevention
3. Resource Conservation
4. Greening
5. Transportation
6. Education & Awareness
7. Green Economy

29 Goals

131 Strategies



Sustainability Plan as Resource

- Articulate a broad, community-driven vision
- Guide policy decisions
- Connect and synergize previously disparate efforts
- Identify gaps & opportunities
- Serve as roadmap for future efforts
- Educate Baltimore community

Sustainability Plan Goals

Baltimore Sustainability Plan Goals

We envision a sustainable Baltimore community which is clean, healthy, efficient, green, mobile, aware, and invested.



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Sustain a clean and maintained appearance of public land
Transform vacant lots from liabilities to assets that provide social and environment benefits



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Provide safe, well-maintained recreational space within 1/4 mile of all residents
Protect Baltimore's ecology and biodiversity



Transportation

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Measure and improve the equity of transportation
Increase transportation funding for sustainable modes of travel



Education & Awareness

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Green Economy

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Make Baltimore a center for green business
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Raise Baltimore's profile as a forward thinking, green city

Adopted by
Ordinance
March, 2007.
Complements
and supports
Comprehensive
Master Plan

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How to Stay in the Loop

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- Website: www.baltimoresustainability.org
- Call us: 410-396-4556
- Commission on Sustainability Meetings:
4th Tues of every month at 4pm
- Facebook:
www.facebook.com/baltimoresustainability
- Twitter: @SustainBmore
- Newsletter: Sign up on our website or email us at sustainability@baltimorecity.gov