

Resilient Maryland Strategy Update

Adaptation and Resiliency Working Group



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RESILIENCE

A Resilient Maryland, Rooted in Community

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Introductions

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Statute and Executive Order

- The Maryland Office of Resilience was created by legislation in 2022 and reiterated and expanded by Executive Order in 2024.
- Established to:
 - *Coordinate across state agencies*
 - *Provide assistance to local governments*
 - *Ensure resilience investments are made with a focus on environmental justice*
- Both legislation and Executive Order mandate the development of a **statewide resilience strategy**.
- Goal of advancing resilience to all hazards in the State Hazard Mitigation Plan, as well as climate impacts.

Defining Resilience

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The ability of **communities** to:

- **Adapt to the challenges of changing conditions and disasters**, including human-caused and natural hazards — and to
- **Build, advance, and maintain capacities** related to
 - Quality of life,
 - Health and wellbeing,
 - Durable systems,
 - Economic vitality,
 - Human made and nature based infrastructure, and
 - Sustainable environmental systems.

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Resilient Maryland Strategy: Objectives



Establish a shared picture of hazards and stressors across the State.



Crosswalk existing plans and programs in the State, and develop an understanding of potential gaps.



Align on high-level resilience goals and prioritization criteria for future actions.

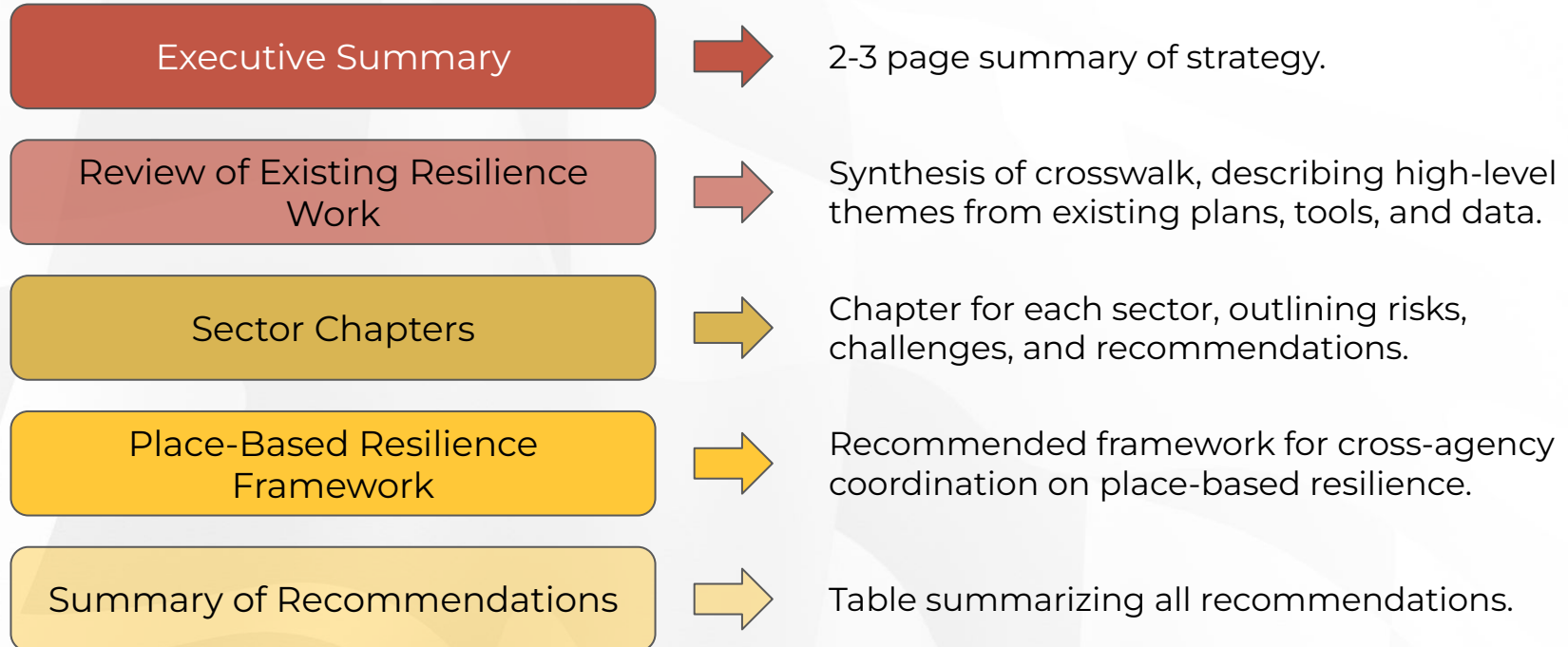


Propose and prioritize state-level actions for key sectors – policy, programs, procedures, or otherwise – to increase resilience.



Develop a framework for place-based resilience projects, including cross-agency coordination around that goal.

Strategy Outline Draft



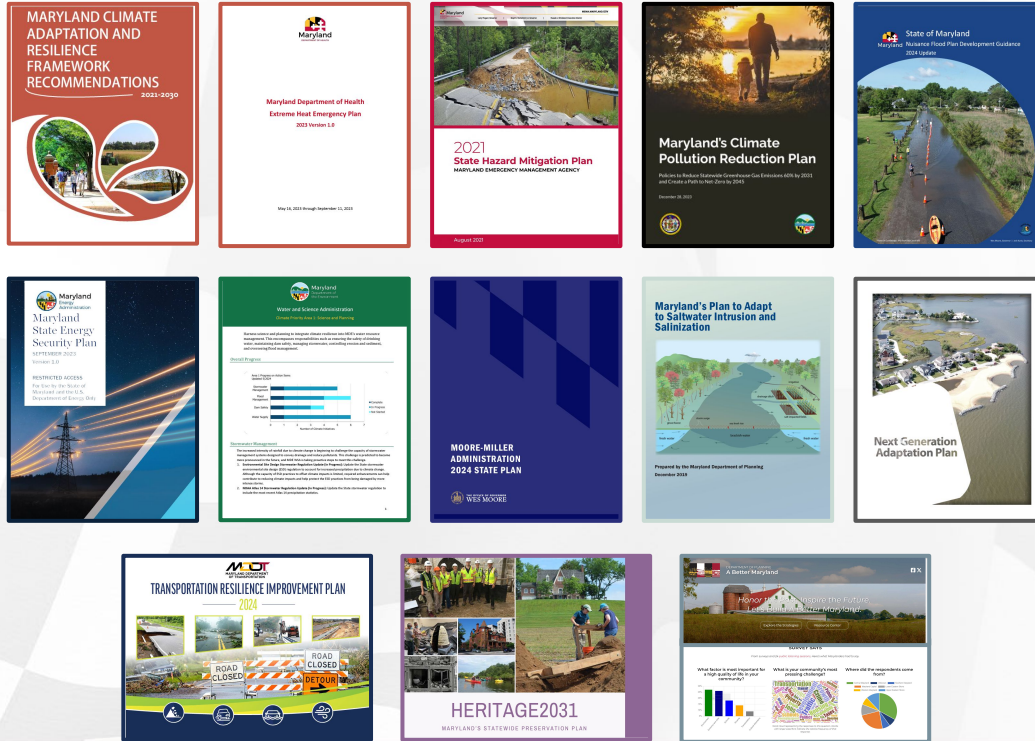
Crosswalk of Existing Plans

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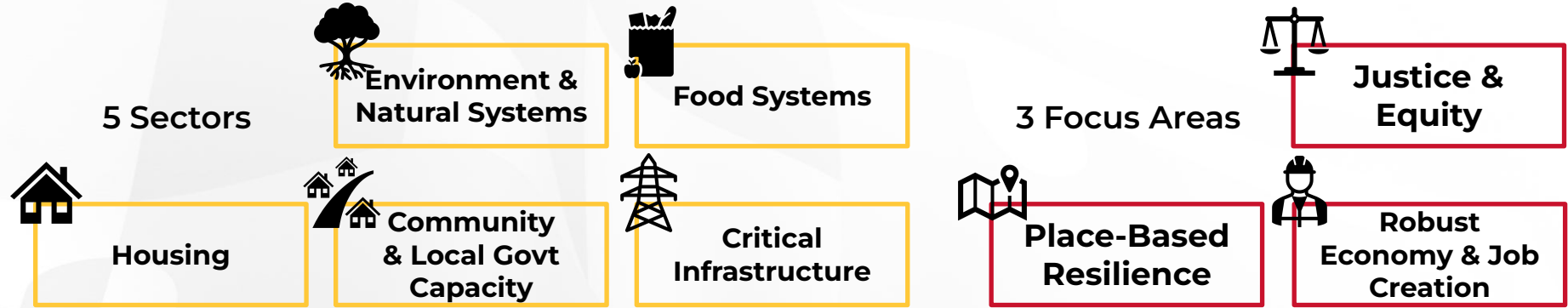
Shortlist of Plans

- Maryland Climate Adaptation and Resilience Framework
- Moore-Miller Administration 2024 Plan
- Nuisance Flood Plan Guidance
- Maryland's Plan to Adapt to Saltwater Intrusion and Salinization 2024 Update
- State Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Climate Pollution Reduction Plan
- MDE Water Admin. Climate Adaptation Plan
- A Better Maryland State Development Plan
- Maryland Extreme Heat Emergency Plan 2023
- Heritage2031
- Resilience Improvement Plan
- Energy Security Plan
- NextGen Adaptation Plan

Upcoming: Climate Implementation Plans, Wetlands Adaptation Strategy



Sectors and Focus Areas



Stakeholder Engagement

Workgroup Meetings

1st session – February – Discuss resilience needs and challenges

2nd session – March/April – Discuss recommendations

Voluntary Online Survey

Asking baseline questions and soliciting proposed recommendations and background information.

Select 1:1 Interviews

With subject matter experts and/or workgroup participants with highly specialized expertise.

Snapshot of Workgroup Participants

87 stakeholders engaged so far through work groups

- State entities
- Local governments from all regions of the state
- Resilience authorities
- Nonprofits and community-based organizations
- Private sector and business
- Universities

Developing a list of additional people to interview. If you are interested in being interviewed or would like to recommend an expert, please contact us.

Sector Outline

Workgroup Calendar

- 5 sector workgroups with 2 meetings per sector
- Meeting #1 - Jan/Feb 2025
 - Hazards and Stressors
 - Resilience Challenges and Needs
- Meeting #2 - March/April 2025
 - Big Picture Vision
 - Recommendations

Sector Outline Draft

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Definition (already drafted)

Hazards

Stressors

Existing Plans and Programs

Challenges and Needs

2, 5, and 10 Year Recommendations

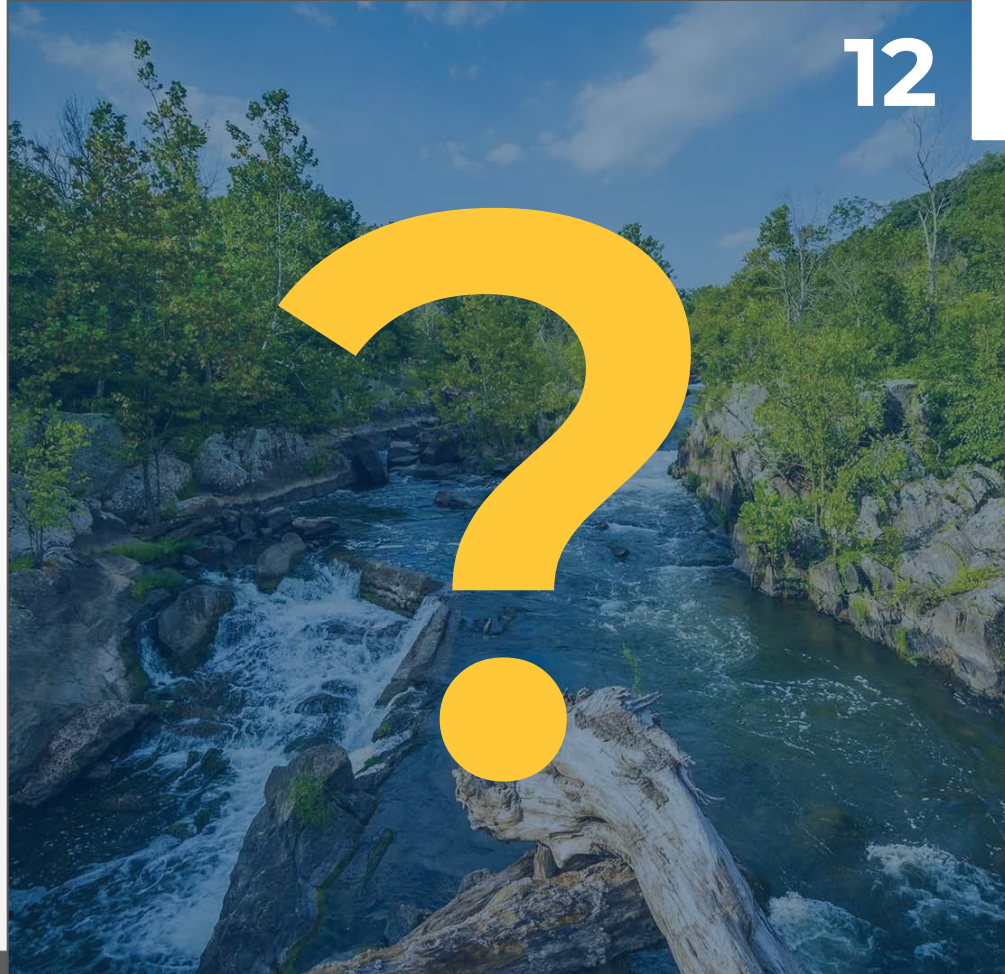
State Resilience Strategy Timeline Draft

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Q3 2024	Q4 2024	Q1 2025	Q2 2025	Q3 2025	Q4 2025	2026 onwards
Align on scope						
Establish shared picture of hazards and stressors						
Crosswalk plans and programs						
	Align on sector definitions and launch work groups					
		Propose and prioritize actions				
		Develop framework for place-based resilience				
					Finalize	
						Maintain/monitor

Questions?

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The Maryland Department of Emergency Management

*Proactively reducing disaster risks and
reliably managing consequences through
collaborative work with Maryland's
communities and partners.*

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Thank You!