



# CITY OF BALTIMORE 2007 COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN 2012

A Business Plan for a World-Class City.

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Dear Citizens:

Adoption of LIVE EARN PLAY LEARN, Baltimore City's Comprehensive Master Plan, in 2006 was a major achievement for the City of Baltimore. The Plan was the first one in over 35 years, and represents an inclusive and collaborative effort to "connect the dots". Whether or not you're familiar with Baltimore, you can pick up this book and learn about how we all can work together to shape our collective future.

We are grateful to each and every one of you who participated in the process of creating the plan and who has continued to participate in the implementation of its strategies. Working together, we will make Baltimore a world-class place to live, earn, play and learn in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Sincerely,

Sheila Dixon  
Mayor  
Baltimore City

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Dear Baltimore:

During the creation of this comprehensive plan, the Baltimore City Planning Commission wanted to make sure that this document was not just shelved, never read, and never truly implemented. My predecessors on the Commission emphasized including actionable strategies that would effectively achieve the goals of the plan. So LIVE, EARN, PLAY, LEARN was drafted in a business plan format, to provide clear goals and objectives to direct the City's capital investment in order to use public resources more effectively; create zoning strategies which will match the zoning code to 21st century land uses and patterns of economic and demographic development; and develop a public policy approach that can be adopted and implemented by all segments of Baltimore.

Every good, well-intentioned plan needs to be monitored and evaluated to see if it's being implemented, and if not, why not. Results from our 2008 Evaluation Report show that over 50% of the strategies in the plan have been completed, are now adopted City policy, or are on-going efforts being made in partnership with non-profit and private entities. An additional 38% of the strategies are in progress or have been initiated and are expected to be accomplished within the six-year time frame of the Comprehensive Master Plan. This level of success reflects commitment and effective cooperation on the part of the various City agencies and community stakeholders responsible for implementing LIVE EARN PLAY LEARN.

The other big accomplishment since adoption of the plan is that every single one of our CIP projects is now linked to one or more of the comprehensive plan's goals and/or strategies. We can show very clearly that we are spending capital dollars in a way that ensures that we will achieve that collective vision set forth in the plan.

On behalf of the Planning Commission, I am committed to ensuring that all of us who are charged with implementing this plan are both diligent and vigilant to achieving its goals.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wilbur E Cunningham".

Wilbur "Bill" Cunningham

President

Baltimore City Planning Commission



Dear Baltimore,

When LIVE, EARN, PLAY, LEARN, the City's Comprehensive Master Plan, was adopted by the Mayor and City Council in November 2006, it became the first time in over 35 years that the City of Baltimore had a plan in place that reflected our common vision of making Baltimore THAN EVER. Today, we here in the Department of Planning are able to implement this common vision when making decisions on how to spend taxpayer dollars on capital improvement projects, how to work with neighborhood groups to plan for the future of our communities, and how to rewrite our zoning code to allow for the type of lifestyle we all want to have in a 21st century Baltimore.

This 2009 Midpoint Update incorporates two critical accomplishments since the plan was passed 3 years ago. First, it incorporates a Water Resources Element that comprehensively shows how the City is protecting one of our most precious resources. Second, it incorporates the City's newly-adopted Sustainability Plan which outlines a plan for us to live today and ensure environmental health for future generations.

Many of you have been involved in some or all of the past years' planning processes, and collaborating with you and others has resulted in better, stronger outcomes. I urge you to continue to be involved in those efforts that are aimed at realizing the vision set out in the plan. Join us during the TransForm Baltimore process (<http://www.ci.baltimore.md.us/government/planning/transformBaltimore.php>), which is the City's comprehensive rezoning project to produce a new zoning ordinance for the City; this is a once-in-a-generation effort that will have lasting impact and your voice in the process is valued and critical.

Sincerely,

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