Resilient Maryland Strategy

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Statute § 14–1201-1204

Statutes Text

Article - Public Safety

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§14–1203.

(a) The Office of Resilience shall:

(1) coordinate and administer federal prevention, protection, mitigation, and recovery–focused programs;

(2) administer State mitigation grants and loans;

(3) identify flood risk assessment tools for use by programs and projects statewide;

(4) administer other programs as directed by the Secretary and the Chief Resilience Officer;

(5) prioritize vulnerable communities and ensure that investments are made with a focus on environmental justice; and

(6) conduct outreach and provide technical assistance to local jurisdictions to support the development of local resiliency plans.

(b) (1) On or before January 1, 2024, and each January 1 thereafter, the Office of Resilience shall report to the State Treasurer, the Governor, and, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on the current status and efficacy of State and local resiliency efforts.

Governor Moore signing Executive Order 01.01.2024.31



Maryland Office of Resilience

1. Build state and local resilience in support of all hazards in the Maryland Hazard Mitigation Plan
2. **Develop State Resilience Strategy**
3. Coordinate across State and local agencies to assist them in preparing to implement resilience strategies
4. Identify funding streams and provide technical assistance
5. Develop best practices
6. Ensure investments prioritize under-resourced, underserved communities, and environmental justice

Purpose of a Statewide Resilience Strategy



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.

Sectors & Focus Areas

5 SECTORS

- Environment & Natural Systems
- Critical Infrastructure
- Community & Local Government Capacity
- Food Systems
- Housing

3 FOCUS AREAS

- Robust Economy & Job Creation
- Place-Based Resilience
- Justice & Equity

Partner Engagement

120 Parters Engaged

5 Sector Work Groups

20+ Expert Interviews



All MD Regions Represented

- Government
- Nonprofit
- Private Sector
- Universities

Broad Cross-Section of Sectors

Introducing the Strategy

- 20 Goals and 50 Recommendations
- 2-, 5-, and 10-year timelines
- Synthesis of existing efforts
- Big ideas and open questions that require additional research or coordination.



Top 5 Things to Know

20 Goals

50 Actions

This is a plan of action...

... to address a diverse set of hazards...

... through a sector based approach.

45 Success Stories

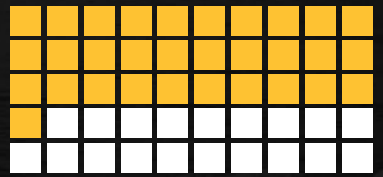
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12 State Entities

2 Universities

7 Local Partners

31 of 50 actions can be done with existing resources



Maryland is already a leader.

We can get started on the Strategy today.

Key Themes

State coordination around resilience funding is essential.

Maryland needs a whole-of-government approach, institutionalizing resilience across a range of funding programs and regulations.

Housing is an essential part of the resilience equation and vice versa.

Local jurisdictions need additional technical assistance to support project pre-development.

As extreme heat becomes more intense, Maryland should build out its coordination, strategy, and offerings.

What's Next?

- ✓ **Share the strategy**
- ✓ **Implement the strategy**
  - Support state agencies to accomplish 2-year recommendations
  - Utilize Agency Resilience Liaison meetings to cover key topics *(Funding coordination, Extreme heat, Community-based relocation, Cost of resilience)*
- ✓ **Report on the strategy**
  - Agency updates 2x per year
  - Annual status report
- ✓ **Update the strategy (frequency TBD)**

Thank You!

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