

Issues to be considered in revising/refining draft Guidelines

State agencies and local governments will be working with MDP over the next 90-120 days to refine these draft Guidelines, so they can function as a practical tool to identify appropriate locations for each Planning Area. Issues we would like to discuss and address with stakeholders are:

- Given the intended flexibility of the guidelines, how do we define clear expectations for local governments to use of them without structuring prescriptive, one-size-fits-all requirements?
 - Develop a systematic process that local governments should follow to apply the guidelines, which also defines reasonable expectations about Smart Growth Subcabinet endorsement of Planning Areas.
 - Find a way to determine substantial compliance with the guidelines that avoids the one-size fits all trap, by identifying which Supporting Objectives are important and relevant in each jurisdiction. Answering this question is an essential part of the aforementioned “systematic process.”
 - Are the Supporting Objectives and Examples for each Planning Areas appropriate and adequately defined?
 - Are there other good Examples we should include, recognizing that the aspiration is not to name all means to accomplish the desired outcomes?
 - Develop a way to explain to local governments how the state, in considering their proposed Planning Areas, will distinguish between euphemistic or ambiguous statements of intent versus substantive commitments to implementation tools?
- How do jurisdictions of different sizes and resources apply the guidelines, and what expectations should they have about the way in which the state will consider these differences?