Status of Recommendations from 2006 Comprehensive Plan

Strategies identified as **Adopted City Policy** and **Completed** have been addressed since 2006 through programs, policies, planning, procedures, regulations, zoning, and capital improvement programming (CIP). **Ongoing** strategies are those that were in place prior to adoption of the CMP and continue to be part of City policy. **In Progress** strategies are currently being addressed in some capacity by the implementing agency(-ies). Some CMP strategies are identified as **Not Started**, indicating that no capital investment, zoning strategies, nor public policy have been directed to that specific strategy. Strategies that are **Not Being Pursued** are those that were initially identified as strategies that the City would pursue but are no longer feasible or relevant to the agency's goals.

12 Adopted City Policy

27 Completed

13 Completed, but needs update

54 Ongoing

11 In Progress

6 Not Started

15 Not Being Pursued

Of 137 recommendations, more than 85% have been completed or are in progress. Nearly 40% have been completed or adopted as City policy. About 50% of the recommendations are in progress or ongoing.

As we look towards developing a new comprehensive plan, we should think about how we will frame recommendations and track progress. Many of the recommendations from the previous plan are written in a way that they will be ongoing indefinitely.

2006 Comprehensive	Strategy (summary)	Status	Notes
Plan Code			
LIVE			
LiveG1O1S1	Develop/ implement City-wide inclusionary housing plan	Completed, but needs update	HCD is working on an update to the existing inclusionary housing plan passed in 2007.
LiveG1O1S2	Ensure at least 300 more housing units/yr are affordable to seniors, persons with disabilities, homeless, and low-income households	Ongoing	Between FY16 - FY20, HCD supported production of 1,596 affordable housing units (avg. 319 per year) and preserved 3,647 existing units. The majority of the volume is through LIHTC units.
LiveG1O1S3	Expand eviction prevention services	Ongoing	
LiveG1O1S4	Ensure households involuntarily displaced receive preference for public housing and Section 8 vouchers	Ongoing	
LiveG1O1S5	Target homeownership and rehab loans as well as financial counselling using Housing Typology	Ongoing	
LiveG1O1S6	Create and preserve mixed-income neighborhoods in Competitive, Emerging, and Stable neighborhoods with targeted disposition	Ongoing	

LiveG1O1S7	Develop comprehensive plan to eliminate homelessness in 10 yrs	Completed, but needs update	In 2008, The City published "The Journey Home - Baltimore City's 10-year Plan to End Homelessness."
LiveG1O2S1	Establish multi-tiered property tax to encourage development	Not Being Pursued	
LiveG1O2S2	Develop vacant housing reclamation strategy for Transitional and Distressed neighborhoods	Ongoing	
LiveG1O2S3	Support creation of Community Garden Land Trust(s)	Completed	
LiveG1O3S1	Implement Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) standards	Ongoing	
LiveG1O3S2	Target housing and sanitation code enforcement using Housing Typology	Ongoing	HCD uses the Housing Market Typology to identify areas for streamlined code enforcement and receivership.
LiveG1O3S3	Create a comprehensive City-wide sanitation plan	Completed	Less Waste Better Baltimore Plan finalized in 2020.
LiveG1O3S4	Eliminate childhood lead poisoning	Ongoing	From 1992 to 2016, there has been a 97% decrease in children who tested positive for elevated blood levels in Baltimore City.
LiveG1O3S5	Increase Substance Abuse Treatment City-wide	Ongoing	
LiveG1O3S6	Adopt and implement an Urban Forest Management Plan	Ongoing	
LiveG1O4S1	Create Area Master Plans in a targeted manner	Adopted City Policy	
LiveG1O4S2	Leverage CIP resources in targeted areas using neighborhood plans	Completed, but needs update	
LiveG1O5S1	Develop Growth Promotion Areas (GPAs) to absorb future population growth in the region	In Progress	
LiveG1O5S2	Market the City to surrounding jurisdictions and Washington DC	Ongoing	
LiveG2O1S1	Develop design guidelines to respond to unique character of City	Completed	Design manual is complete and referenced in zoning code
LiveG2O1S2	Create and adopt a City-wide landscape ordinance	Completed	Landscape manual is complete and referenced in zoning code
LiveG2O1S3	Update building code to promote sustainable or high performance buildings through incentives and regulations	Adopted City Policy	International green building code adopted for commercial (but not residential) buildings.
LiveG2O1S4	Create standards for hiring design professionals to foster design of high quality city projects	Ongoing	
LiveG2O2S1	Modernize zoning codes to meet current needs	Completed	New zoning code adopted in 2016
LiveG2O2S2	Improve efficiency of One-Stop Shop permitting center	Completed, but needs update	
LiveG2O2S3	Increase number of zoning code enforcers	Not Started	

LiveG2O2S4	Create a task force on interagency coordination for web-based, real time access to development	Completed	Completed, but no longer in use
LiveG2O3S1	projects Implement a Transit Oriented Development (TOD) strategy	Completed	Transit oriented development zones included in new code
LiveG2O3S2	Provide preferential capital funding for TOD projects	Not Started	
LiveG2O3S3	Create mixed-use with residential zoning category	Completed	Included in new zoning code
LiveG2O3S4	Ensure all residents are within 1.5 miles of quality groceries and neighborhood services	Not Being Pursued	Created Healthy Food Priority Areas as an alternative and passed Grocery Tax Credit to attract and retain grocery stores
LiveG2O4S1	Update City-wide historic preservation guidelines	Ongoing	Major revision in 2008, revision in 2015, and revision 2021
LiveG2O4S2	Promote use of Maryland Building Rehabilitation Code	Not Being Pursued	
LiveG2O4S3	Simplify and actively pursue local historic designation process for Baltimore neighborhoods	Ongoing	New districts include Federal Hill, Woodberry, Howard Street Commercial, and Five and Dime.
LiveG2O4S4	Create, expand, and promote historic tax credit programs for local historic districts and landmarks	Ongoing	
LiveG2O4S5	Strengthen CHAP ordinance enforcement by providing dedicated staff to proactively enforce CHAP guidelines	Completed	Two housing inspectors assigned to CHAP violations.
LiveG2O4S6	Implement program that physically demarcates City's locally designated historic districts	Not Started	
LiveG2O4S7	Create fund/ program that provides rehab loans for low income families in locally designated historic districts	Completed, but needs update	
LiveG2O5S1	Adopt and implement Comprehensive Water and Wastewater Plan	Adopted City Policy	
LiveG2O5S2	Reduce pollutants in streams, rivers and reservoirs to meet Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for each body of water	Ongoing	
LiveG3O1S1	Create a City-wide pedestrian plan	In Progress	The ADA Self-Assessment was completed in 2020 and is the basis for the ADA Transition Plan which prioritizes ADA compliance for pedestrians.
LiveG3O1S2	Implement Bicycle Master Plan to create a complete bikeway system	Ongoing	Information on the Bicycle Master Plan can be found here: https://transportation.baltimor ecity.gov/bicycle-plan
LiveG3O1S3	Implement Transportation System Management (TSM) techniques	In Progress	
LiveG3O1S4	Create traffic-calming policies and procedures	In Progress	

LiveG3O1S5	Target Pavement Maintenance Management System (PMMS) funding to bicycle and bus routes and surface rail crossings	In Progress	
LiveG3O2S1	Create a regional authority to manage public transit services throughout the metropolitan area	In Progress	
LiveG3O2S2	Support efforts to implement the Baltimore Regional Rail Plan and its Red and Green Line priority segments	Not Being Pursued	
LiveG3O2S3	Protect and create Rights-of-Way along existing and proposed rail lines	Not Being Pursued	
LiveG3O2S4	Create intermodal transit hubs in areas of low automobile ownership	Not Being Pursued	
LiveG3O2S5	Establish a development mitigation program to reduce congestion effects of new development	Completed, but needs update	
EARN			
EarnG1O1S1	Create an industrial mixed-use zoning district	Completed	Included in new zoning code
EarnG1O1S2	Create a light industrial mixed-use zoning district	Completed	Included in new zoning code
EarnG1O1S3	Establish micro-enterprise loans for start-up businesses specifically in growth sectors	Ongoing	
EarnG1O1S4	Work with growth sector employers to identify training needs	Ongoing	
EarnG1O1S5	Preserve use of eminent domain for underutilized and/or contaminated parcels of commercial and industrial land	Adopted City Policy	
EarnG1O2S1	Create a Bioscience Development District	Completed	Included in new zoning code
EarnG1O2S2	Create incubator space around biotechnology areas	Ongoing	BDC operates the emerging technology center and supports other biotech incubators in the city (3 are biotech focused)
EarnG1O3S1	Identify and rezone nodes that can support high-density, mixed-use commercial properties	Completed	Included in new zoning code
EarnG1O3S2	Preserve and enhance CBD office space	Ongoing	
EarnG1O4S1	Develop a master plan for City's current and future CIDS infrastructure	Not Being Pursued	
EarnG1O4S2	Provide Wireless Technology Zones in public areas throughout City	Ongoing	
EarnG1O5S1	Create, tailor, and market programs that assist and encourage construction entrepreneurs in acquiring low-cost bonding	Not Being Pursued	
EarnG1O6S1	Create mechanism to adopt health care facility master plans	Completed	Hospital Campus zones included in new zoning code.
EarnG1O6S2	Amend zoning code to broaden definition of Health Clinics to include non-residential substance abuse treatment centers	Completed	See §1-307(f) "Health-Care Clinic" in Art. 32 - Zoning
EarnG1O7S1	Create a Strategic Convention Center Area Master Plan	Not Started	

PlayG1O1S1	Market and promote the City through increased funding for BACVA and BCHA	Completed	
PLAY			
EarnG3O2S4	Capture share of regional growth in defense- related industries due to BRAC	Completed	
EarnG3O2S3	Integrate land use and transportation planning to ensure movement of freight into and throughout the City	Completed	
EarnG3O2S2	Create Transit-Oriented Development zoning and incentive programs for transit nodes throughout the City	Completed	Transit oriented development zones included in new code
EarnG3O2S1	Restore and increase on-street parking in mixed- use and business districts	Adopted City Policy	
EarnG3O1S5	Increase number of water taxi stops near employment locations	Ongoing	, 8 / / /
EarnG3O1S4	Implement Bicycle Master Plan	Adopted City Policy	Information on the Bicycle Master Plan can be found here: https://transportation.baltimor ecity.gov/bicycle-plan
EarnG3O1S3	Implement Transportation Demand Management (TDM) strategies with large employers and institutions	Not Started	
EarnG3O1S2	Support efforts to implement the Baltimore Regional Rail Plan and its Red and Green Line priority segments	Not Being Pursued	
EarnG3O1S1	Expand number of participants in the Commuter Choice program throughout the Baltimore Region	Completed	Commuter Choice is in operated by MDOT statewide and includes the Baltimore metro area. The program is administered and promoted by employers for a state tax credit.
EarnG2O1S6	Give preference for City-subsidized contracts to contractors with active apprenticeship programs	Not Being Pursued	
EarnG2O1S5	Prioritize drug treatment program access for job seekers working with MOED	Ongoing	MOED was awarded a state grant to serve residents impacted by opioids.
EarnG2O1S4	Target MOED resources to under- and unemployed populations	Ongoing	MOED has a center dedicated to serving residents on public assistance, a separate center dedicated to returning citizens and two centers dedicated to opportunity youth.
EarnG2O1S3	Expand outreach to encourage use of One-Stop Employment Centers	Ongoing	MOED added three Community Job Hubs in which staff work fulltime at a community based nonprofit.
EarnG2O1S2	Monitor and enforce First Source Hiring program	Adopted City Policy	
EarnG2O1S1	Create a Strategic Plan for MOED that links employers to job seekers	Ongoing	
EarnG1O7S2	Install environmental and aesthetic improvements around tourist areas	Ongoing	

PlayG1O1S2	Develop new visitor centers and enhance existing visitor centers	Not Being Pursued	
PlayG1O1S3	Complete pedestrian and automobile-oriented wayfinding system to help visitors navigate Baltimore's Heritage Area attractions	Ongoing	
PlayG1O1S4	Pursue designation of Baltimore as a National Heritage Area	Completed	
PlayG1O1S5	Prepare for the bicentennial anniversary of the War of 1812	Completed	
PlayG1O2S1	Implement Heritage Trails in historic areas of the City	Ongoing	
PlayG1O2S2	Teach American History using Baltimore's history museums, establishing links to the City's public and private school curriculums	Ongoing	
PlayG1O2S3	Support special events and festivals by improving festival space and infrastructure throughout the City	Ongoing	
PlayG1O3S1	Develop plans for and implement Charles Street Trolley Line	Not Being Pursued	
PlayG1O3S2	Implement Charles Street Scenic Byway Plan	Completed, but needs update	
PlayG1O4S1	Expand "Authentic Baltimore" program and link to Baltimore City Historic Landmark program	Completed, but needs update	
PlayG1O4S2	Create more effective management agreements by completing inventory of City-owned historic/cultural sites and attractions	Completed, but needs update	
PlayG1O4S3	Implement a feasibility study to enhance and reuse under-utilized historic structures	Completed, but needs update	
PlayG105S1	Establish regional policy to increase regional funding resources for cultural activities within Baltimore City	Ongoing	
PlayG2O1S1	Create mixed-use zoning categories that allow nightlife and extended closing hours where appropriate	Completed, but needs update	
PlayG2O2S1	Reinstate "Shuttle Bug" system along main streets and shopping districts within the City	Not Being Pursued	
PlayG2O2S2	Designate Main Street areas as local and/or national historic districts in order to access tax credits	Completed	
PlayG2O2S3	Increase retail space downtown by 400,000 sq. ft. to one million sq. ft.	Not Being Pursued	
PlayG2O2S4	Designate and support Arts and Entertainment Districts	Adopted City Policy	There are now four officially designated A& E Districts - Highlandtown, Station North, Bromo and the Black Arts District along Pennsylvania Avenue. The City provides operating support to each District.
PlayG2O3S1	Develop a strategic recreational plan that will target recreational opportunities to address the City's needs	In Progress	Recreation and Parks is launching a Comprehensive Plan that includes a recreation plan.

PlayG2O3S2	Implement Bicycle Master Plan to provide recreational opportunities	Adopted City Policy	Information on the Bicycle Master Plan can be found here: https://transportation.baltimor ecity.gov/bicycle-plan
PlayG3O1S1	Draft and adopt a City-wide plan for parks and open space	In Progress	Recreation and Parks is launching a Comprehensive Plan that includes parks and open space.
PlayG3O1S2	Locate dedicated, sustainable funding sources for our park cultural assets	In Progress	
PlayG3O1S3	Create park and open space zone in the Zoning Code	Completed	Included in new zoning code
PlayG3O1S4	Improve park stewardship and safety by expanding current parks partnership program	Ongoing	
PlayG3O2S1	Meet goals and requirements of the Chesapeake Bay Program, the City's National Pollution Discharge Elimination Permit (NPDES) and Tributary Strategies	Ongoing	
PlayG3O2S2	Develop a Waterway Trash Management Plan to ensure compliance with the NPDES	Ongoing	
PlayG3O2S3	Construct one ultra-urban Best Management Practices (BMP)/ year as identified in the Watershed 263 Plan	Ongoing	
PlayG3O2S4	Restore and protect at least one mile/ year of streams and river banks in floodplains and stream valleys	Ongoing	
PlayG3O2S5	Target sidewalk, lighting and signal improvements near parks and open space	Completed, but needs update	
PlayG3O2S6	Develop a plan to reduce trash within and along Baltimore's parks and open space	In Progress	
PlayG3O2S7	Complete plans for and creation of Greenway Trail system	Ongoing	Approx. 25 of 35 miles of the Greenways Trail is complete
PlayG3O2S8	Increase Baltimore's green infrastructure by increasing number of trees and tree canopy size	Adopted City Policy	
PlayG3O3S1	Complete the Harbor Promenade and Middle Branch park/ trail systems	In Progress	
LEARN			
LearnG101S1	Eliminate poor building conditions within school facilities	Ongoing	21st Century Schools initiative provides infusion of funds for renovation/replacements of approximately two dozen schools.
LearnG1O1S2	Create school facilities that effectively support learning, teaching, and community activities	Ongoing	21st Century Schools provide facilities for effective learning and community activities.
LearnG1O1S3	Develop and implement a menu of options for greening at least 3 school facilities/ yr	Ongoing	70% of schools secured at least one Green, Healthy, Smart Challenge grant over the past 10 years.
LearnG1O2S1	Develop a Community Schools Policy to facilitate use of school buildings beyond the school day	Adopted City Policy	

LearnG1O2S2	Create a dozen community school centers, with dedicated space for community uses	Adopted City Policy	
LearnG1O2S3	Ensure access to public library services for all residents	Ongoing	
LearnG1O2S4	Ensure reuse of surplus school facilities is timely and compatible with surrounding neighborhoods	Ongoing	
LearnG2O1S1	Market Baltimore as a higher education hub and great place to live and work after college	Ongoing	
LearnG2O1S2	Increase funding for internships, service learning, fellowships, and mentoring for students pursuing higher education	Ongoing	
LearnG2O2S1	Establish a City liaison to integrate higher education institutions into City's economic development program	Completed, but needs update	
LearnG2O2S2	Create a mechanism to adopt campus master plans	Completed	Included in new zoning code
LearnG2O3S1	Develop new zoning district that encompasses mixed-use development related to residential neighborhoods, colleges, and universities	Completed	Educational Campus included in new zoning code
LearnG3O1S1	Prioritize City funding for school readiness related activities	Completed	
LearnG3O1S2	Increase opportunities to locate school readiness programs and support services in public schools, such as "Judy Centers"	Ongoing	There were 11 Judy Centers established in 11 Baltimore schools providing prekindergarten support to parents and children in 2020.
LearnG3O1S3	Co-locate tot lots at schools	Ongoing	
LearnG3O3S1	Create a coordinating entity for lifelong learning service providers	Not Being Pursued	
LearnG3O3S2	Create opportunities for continuing education programs to locate in Baltimore	Ongoing	
LearnG3O3S3	Broaden access to job training centers and increase awareness of professional development opportunities	Ongoing	
LearnG4O1S1	Implement "Safe Routes to School" Program at schools	Ongoing	All INSPIRE plans have a priority focus on the primary walking routes so that these can be safe routes to schools.
LearnG4O1S2	Implement physical improvements near educational facilities to ensure safe access	Ongoing	
LearnG4O1S3	Coordinate implementation of Bicycle Master Plan with school facilities plan	Not Started	
LearnG4O2S1	Develop transit routes, schedules and amenities to provide reliable transportation to schools	Ongoing	
LearnG4O2S2	Integrate college-based shuttle services with public transit	Not Being Pursued	
LearnG4O2S3	Make reduced fare transit programs available to all college students	Not Being Pursued	