

# MARYLAND PLANNING BILL OF RIGHTS

*(DRAFT VERSION)*

**The State shall not eliminate, lessen or usurp the authority of local planning jurisdictions in the areas of planning, zoning and land use. PlanMaryland is not a regulatory document.**

**The State shall not deny funding, permits or infrastructure for other projects based on the local jurisdiction's decision not to follow the State's recommendations on a particular project.**

**Any State determination of the "highest and best use" of property for planning purposes will not supersede or interfere with local zoning or land use designations.**

**The State recognizes that local Master Plans are the controlling planning documents for local jurisdictions.**

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drafted by County Commissioner Doug Howard, August 29, 2011

adopted by Carroll County Commissioners, August 30, 2011