DEVELOPING A SENSE OF PLACE:
A STATE AGENCY PERSPECTIVE

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DEFINITIONS

Placemaking is a multi-faceted approach to the planning, design and management of public spaces.

-http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Placemaking
‘Placemaking’ is both an overarching idea and a hands-on tool for improving a neighborhood, city or region. It has the potential to be one of the most transformative ideas of this century.

http://www.pps.org/reference/what_is_placemaking/
How many people here would say that their communities have been engaged in placemaking or projects developing a sense of place?
DOWNTOWN LEONARDTOWN
DOWNTOWN SQUARE
LEONARDTOWN WHARF

Sustainable Attainable
Port of Leonardtown
STATE PROGRAMS

- **Community Legacy Program**: Community Legacy provides local governments and community development organizations with funding for essential projects aimed at strengthening communities through activities such as business retention and attraction, encouraging homeownership and commercial revitalization.

- **Strategic Demolition and Smart Growth Impact Fund**: The Strategic Demolition and Smart Growth Impact Project Fund (the Fund) provides grants and loans to counties and municipalities for predevelopment activities including demolition and land assembly for housing and revitalization projects. The Fund catalyzes public and private investment in the reuse of vacant and underutilized sites.

- **MDOT Sidewalk Retrofit Program**: This program helps finance the construction and replacement of sidewalks along state highways. The program covers 50 percent of the cost for approved projects. For projects located in a Sustainable Community, the program covers 100 percent of the cost.

- **Targeted Growth and Revitalization Planning Areas recognition in PlanMD**: PlanMD, Maryland’s State Development Plan, recognizes Sustainable Community Areas as initial areas for priority State coordination and investment.
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