



Glossary of Terms and Acronyms

Affordable Housing	Housing capable of being purchased or rented by a household with low or moderate income, based on a household's ability to make monthly payments necessary to obtain housing and defined by Area Median Income (AMI). Housing is considered affordable when a household pays less than 30 percent of its gross monthly income (GMI) for housing including utilities
Americans with Disability Act (ADA)	A federal law that prohibits discrimination against people with physical or mental disabilities in employment, public services and places of public accommodation, such as restaurants, hotels and theaters
Assisted Living	A supportive housing facility designed for those who need extra help in their day-to-day lives but who do not require the 24-hour skilled nursing care found in traditional nursing homes
Area Median Income (AMI)	A way of determining income eligibility for various housing programs. AMI is calculated every year by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") for every county and metropolitan area. The 2003 Area Median Income in the Baltimore area for a family of four is \$67,300. Families with incomes below 80% of AMI, or \$53,850, are categorized as being low-income by HUD and are eligible for special programs and benefits.

Baltimore Area Convention and Visitors Association (BACVA)	http://www.baltimore.org/
Baltimore City Heritage Area	http://www.ci.baltimore.md.us/government/heritage/
Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC)	http://www.baltimoredevelopment.com/
Baltimore Housing	Baltimore Housing represents the combined efforts of the Department of Housing and Community Development and the Housing Authority of Baltimore City. www.baltimorehousing.org/
Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC)	http://www.baltometro.org/mambo/
Baltimore Region	Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Carroll County, Harford County, Howard County, Anne Arundel County
Baltimore Regional Transit Plan (BRTP)	http://www.baltimoreregiontransitplan.com/
Baltimore Workforce Investment Board (BWIB)	http://www.baltoworkforce.com/
Baltimore City Community College (BCCC)	http://www.bccc.edu/
Baltimore City Public School System (BCPSS)	http://www.bcps.k12.md.us/
Baltimore Department of Transportation (BDOT)	http://www.ci.baltimore.md.us/government/transportation/index.html
Baltimore Leadership in Action Program (BLAP)	http://www.readyatfive.org//images/worddocs/distinguished%20performance%20award-text.doc
Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals (BMZA)	http://www.ci.baltimore.md.us/government/zoning/index.html
Brownfields Property Tax Credit	There is a Brownfields property tax credit of 50 percent against the increased property tax liability of qualified Brownfields sites. The credits apply for a certain number of years after completion of a voluntary cleanup or corrective action plan and revaluation of the qualified Brownfields site.
Baltimore Substance Abuse Systems (BSAS)	http://www.bsasinc.org/
Baltimore Sports and Social Club (BSSC)	http://www.baltssc.com/
Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC)	The BRAC recommendations took effect on November 9, 2005, and involve more than 800 installations. Maryland is one of very few states slated to experience a significant net gain, primarily at the Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG), Andrews Air Force Base (AFB), Fort Meade, and the Bethesda National Naval Medical Center (NNMC). The DOD has until September 15, 2007 to begin the indicated closings, which must be completed by September 15, 2011.
Central Business District (CBD)	The major commercial downtown center of a community.

Capital Improvement Program (CIP)	A program, administered by a city or county government and reviewed by its planning commission, which schedules permanent improvements, usually for a minimum of five years in the future, to fit the projected fiscal capability of the local jurisdiction. The program generally is reviewed annually, for conformance to and consistency with the general plan
Certificate of Occupancy (CO'S)	A certificate issued by a local building department to a builder or renovator, indicating that the building is in proper condition to be occupied
Collegetown	http://www.baltimorecollegetown.org/asp/home.asp
Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation	http://www.ci.baltimore.md.us/government/historic/
Community Association Directory	A comprehensive listing of community associations in Baltimore City, including citywide non-profits, umbrella organizations, community associations, business associations, and block groups. The Directory includes association names, contact information, boundary descriptions, and citywide, umbrella, and district designations.
Commuter Choice Program	http://www.mdot.state.md.us/CommuterChoice/commuterchoice
Comprehensive Forestry Management Plan	A practical, detail-oriented plan for taking care of Baltimore's trees and forests and increasing Baltimore's Tree Canopy. Included will be new policies and procedures, standards, and any necessary revisions for our current Tree and Forest Ordinances, as well as new strategies for both private and public lands.
Comprehensive Master Plan (CMP)	http://www.liveearnplaylearn.com/
Comprehensive Educational Facilities Master Plan (CEFMP)	The State of Maryland requires all local jurisdictions to annually submit a Comprehensive Educational Facilities Master Plan and a five year Capital Improvement Program. The master plan must be submitted by July 1 of each year. The plan must include goals, standards, guidelines, community analysis including trends and projections and facility needs analysis
Convention Center	http://bccenter.org/
The Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)	the proper design and effective use of the built environment that can lead to a reduction in the fear and incidence of crime and an improvement in the quality of life
Department of Business and Economic Development (DBED)	http://www.choosemaryland.org/

Defensible spaces	Open spaces, entry points, and pathways configured to provide maximum opportunities to rightful users and/or residents to defend themselves against intruders and criminal activity
Department of Finance	http://www.ci.baltimore.md.us/government/finance/index.html
Department of Social Services (DSS)	http://www.dhr.state.md.us/baltocity.htm
Design Excellence	Buildings that express the vision, leadership, and commitment of the government to serving the public and the values of the nation
Baltimore City Department of Transportation (DOT)	http://www.ci.baltimore.md.us/government/transportation/index.html
Downtown Partnership	(Downtown Partnership of Baltimore) http://www.godowntownbaltimore.com/about_us.html
Baltimore City Department of Public Works (DPW)	http://www.ci.baltimore.md.us/government/dpw/
Enoch Pratt Free Library (EPFL)	http://www.pratt.lib.md.us/
Enterprise Zone (EZ) Property Tax Credit	http://www.choosemaryland.org/businessservices/taxincentives/enterprisezone.html
Fair Housing Act	http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/housing/housing_coverage.htm
Family League of Baltimore City	http://www.flbcinc.org/
Federal Housing Administration loans (FHA Loans)	FHA loan is a mortgage loan in the United States insured by the Federal Housing Administration. The loan may be issued by federally-qualified lenders.
First Source Hiring program	Promotes the hiring of qualified unemployed or under-employed residents of East Baltimore. The program encourages construction contractors and subcontractors to give first consideration to qualified residents of East Baltimore
Form-based (code) designs	A code based primarily on building or neighborhood forms, rather than based primarily on land use. Form based codes typically focus on design issues dealing with the relationship of buildings to each other, to streets and to open spaces.
FTA New Starts	The Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) New Starts program provides capital funding for the development of new fixed guideway transit systems and extensions to existing systems
General Obligation Bonds (GO Bonds)	GO Bonds are a form of long-term borrowing in which the state issues municipal securities and pledges its full faith and credit to their repayment
Greater Baltimore Committee	http://www.gbc.org/

Greater Baltimore History Alliance	http://www.balтимore museums.org/index.htm
Greater Baltimore State of the Region Report	http://www.gbc.org/reports/SOR%202005/Overview-121905.htm
Baltimore City Health Department	http://www.ci.baltimore.md.us/government/health/
Historic Preservation credits	Available to Baltimore City property owners in designated historic districts (local and National), or owners of individually designated Baltimore City or National Register Landmark structures, who significantly improve, or restore, or rehabilitate their historic property. Work performed must be compatible with the Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation's (CHAP) standards, must have been approved prior to work beginning, and certified at the time of completion by CHAP. The life of the credit (annual deduction) is ten years; tax credit value is determined by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation
Housing Typology	A classification of Baltimore City's Housing Market using eight data about housing combined by the City's 710 census block groups. Statistical analysis was used to combine the groups that were most similar together
Judy Centers	Early childhood and family learning centers. They typically operate service programs for young children and their families - 7-12 hours a day and year around. Judy Centers are unique because they promote school readiness through collaboration among community-based agencies and organizations located within each Judy Center.
Law	http://www.ci.baltimore.md.us/government/law/index.html
Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED)	A voluntary, consensus-based national standard for developing high-performance, sustainable buildings
Live Baltimore	http://www.livebaltimore.com/home/
Local Historic Districts	http://www.ci.baltimore.md.us/government/historic/districts.html
Magnetically Levitated Trains (MAGLEV)	http://www.bwmaglev.com/
Maryland Rail Commuter Service (MARC)	http://www.mtmaryland.com/services/marc/
Maritime Industrial Zoning Overlay District (MIZOD)	The Maritime Industrial Overlay zoning district is intended to reduce increasing conflicts in the City's waterfront areas between new mixed-use development and maritime shipping associated with the Port of Baltimore
Mayor's Fellows program	http://www.ci.baltimore.md.us/fellows/

Mayor's Neighborhood Newsflash	http://www.ci.baltimore.md.us/neighborhoods/nmf/index.html
Mayor's Office and City Council (MCC)	http://www.ci.baltimore.md.us/mayor/ http://www.baltimorecitycouncil.com
Mayor's Office of Employment Development (MOED)	http://www.oedworks.com/
Maryland Department of Natural Resources (MD DNR)	http://www.dnr.state.md.us/sw_index_flash.asp
Mixed-Use Developments	Mixed use refers to the combining of retail/commercial and/or service uses with residential or office use in the same building or on the same site
Mayors Office of Information Technology (MOIT)	http://www.ci.baltimore.md.us/government/moit/index.html
Maryland Transit Administration (MTA)	http://www.mtamaryland.com/
Motor Vehicle Revenue (MVR)	Motor Vehicle Revenue funds are revenues distributed to the City of Baltimore by the State of Maryland. Funds must be used for the construction, reconstruction, or maintenance of the streets and highways in the City.
National Heritage Area	http://www.ci.baltimore.md.us/government/heritage/
National Register Historic Districts	The official list, established by the National Historic Preservation Act, of sites, districts, buildings, structures, and objects significant in the nation's history or whose artistic or architectural value is unique
Non-Profit Organizations (NPO)	A nonprofit organization is formed for the purpose of serving a public or mutual benefit other than the pursuit or accumulation of profits for owners or investors
One-Stop (Career) Centers	http://www.dllr.state.md.us/county/bacity/
Parks & Rec (Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks)	http://www.ci.baltimore.md.us/government/recnparks/home.htm
Department of Planning	http://www.ci.baltimore.md.us/government/planning/
Promenade	A public area set aside as a pedestrian walk
PTO/PTA	Parent Teacher Organizations/Associations
Rec and Parks	(Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks) http://www.ci.baltimore.md.us/government/recnparks/home.htm
Red and Green Line	http://www.baltimoreregiontransitplan.com/pages/prjt_redover.htm
Request For Proposals	RFPs
Request For Qualifications	RFQs
Safe and Sound (Baltimore's Safe and Sound Campaign)	http://www.safeandsound.org/site/index.php
Small Business Resource Center (SBRC)	http://www.sbrcbaltimore.com/

State Department of Education (Maryland)	http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/msde
State Dept of Health and Mental Hygiene	(Maryland Department of...) http://www.dhmh.state.md.us/
Tax Credits/Incentives	A program under Federal IRS regulations (Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program) which provides tax credits in return for investment in housing developments where a portion of the units are subject to rent limits for tenants who meet income eligibility requirements.
Tax Increment Financing (TIF)	Tax Increment Financing is used to publicly finance needed public improvements and enhanced infrastructure in a defined area. The cost of improvements to the area is repaid by the contributions of future tax revenues by each participating taxing unit that levies taxes against the property. The intended purpose is to promote the viability of existing businesses, and attract new commercial enterprises.
The Reinvestment Fund	http://www.trfund.com/
Tot Lot	A playground for toddlers
Traffic- Calming	Traffic management measures specifically designed to reduce vehicular speed along routes or through areas. Usually associated with improving the local environment and reducing road accidents
Transit-Oriented Development (TOD)	Land uses that are sited, designed and combined to maximize transit, particularly rail, ridership
Transportation Demand Management (TDM)	A strategy for reducing demand on the road system by reducing the number of vehicles using the roadways and/or increasing the number of persons per vehicle. TDM attempts to reduce the number of persons who drive alone on the roadway during the commute period and to increase the number in carpools, vanpools, buses and trains, walking, and biking. TDM can be an element of TSM (see below).
Transportation System Management (TSM)	Techniques that maintain and improve efficiency and safety of an existing road-way system. Examples include traffic signal enhancements and intersection improvements
Tree Canopy	The leaves and branches of a tree or trees. If you look down from the sky and see leaves, it's tree canopy. For TreeBaltimore, it is a satellite that will be looking down, and where the image from the satellite shows trees, it's tree canopy.

Urban Tree Canopy Goal	20% of Baltimore City’s land area is currently covered by tree canopy. Our goal is to double that, to 40%, within 30 years
Urban Renewal Plans (URPs)	An Urban Renewal Plan represents the City’s vision, shared with one or more communities, of what an existing [geographic] area of the City of Baltimore should become over several decades. Urban Renewal Plans generally are in force for 20 to 40 years, as specified in each plan, and empower and direct the City, usually acting through its Department of Housing and Community Development, to intervene directly in some specific cases and/or locations to bring about desired changes or improvements in the area covered by the Plan. Urban Renewal Plans can be, and often are, amended over time to take advantage of private sector investment possibilities which were unforeseen when the Plan was first enacted.
United States Forest Service (USFS)	http://www.fs.fed.us/
Zoning Code	http://www.ci.baltimore.md.us/government/legislative/zoning/index.html