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Baltimore City Sustainable Communities Designation

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SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY DESIGNATION

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES ACT

- Passed by the Maryland General Assembly in 2010
- The Sustainable Communities supports reinvestment and revitalization in older communities by renewing and enhancing the "Rehabilitation Tax Credit" and by simplifying and targeting existing State program resources into a single designation.



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What's New

- Transit Oriented Development Zones (TOD) and Base Realignment and Closure Zones (BRAC). These areas are automatically considered Sustainable Communities effective June 1, 2010 and do not need to be renewed.
- Effective June 1, 2010, all Community Legacy Areas and Designated Neighborhoods became Sustainable Communities and do need to be renewed every five years.



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SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY BENEFITS

- **Community Legacy** provides funding for essential projects aimed at strengthening communities through a range of activities such as business retention and attraction, encouraging homeownership, and commercial revitalization.
- **Neighborhood BusinessWorks Program.** Loan program provides gap financing to new or expanding small businesses and nonprofit organizations in Sustainable Communities throughout the State.



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- **MDOT Sidewalk Retrofit Program** – This program helps finance the construction and replacement of sidewalks along state highways. **This program IS NOT Available in the City of Baltimore.**
- **DBED Job Creation Tax Credit** – Enhanced incentives in Sustainable Communities: The maximum tax credit rises from \$1,000 to \$1,500 per employee; the threshold to qualify drops from 60 to 25 jobs created.



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- **Sustainable Communities Tax Credit Program:**

Maintains existing historic tax credits in their current form (20% credit) and grants an **additional 5%** credit for historic buildings certified as LEED Gold

Expands the commercial credit (10%) to include qualified rehab of non-historic structures in **Main Street Communities** beginning in fiscal 2011 and newly designated Sustainable Communities in fiscal 2012

\$10 million is available in fiscal 2011 for the Tax Credit Program and **non-historic structures will be eligible for 10%** of the appropriated amount in a given fiscal year



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DESIGNATION PROCESS

Purpose

- Designate, re-designation and refine our SC Community Area boundaries
- Develop a Community Action Plan, summarizing the initiatives and projects for revitalization in SC Areas according to local priorities.
- Establish a Sustainable Communities Work Group



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SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY WORK GROUP

Purpose and Role:

- Develop and guide implementation of Sustainable Community Action Plan.

Work Group membership:

- Planning (lead)
- Housing
- Transportation
- Mayor's Office
- BDC, Baltimore Main Streets
- CPHA
- Baltimore Community Foundation
- Abell Foundation
- Baltimore Neighborhood Collaborative



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STRATEGIES

1. Support Main Streets and commercial areas by targeting investments in Middle Market Neighborhoods
2. Target Investment in Healthy Neighborhood areas
3. Target investment along major transit routes
4. Target investment in arts and entertainment districts
5. Invest in areas surrounding anchor institutions and major redevelopment areas
6. Facilitate investment in emerging markets near areas of strength



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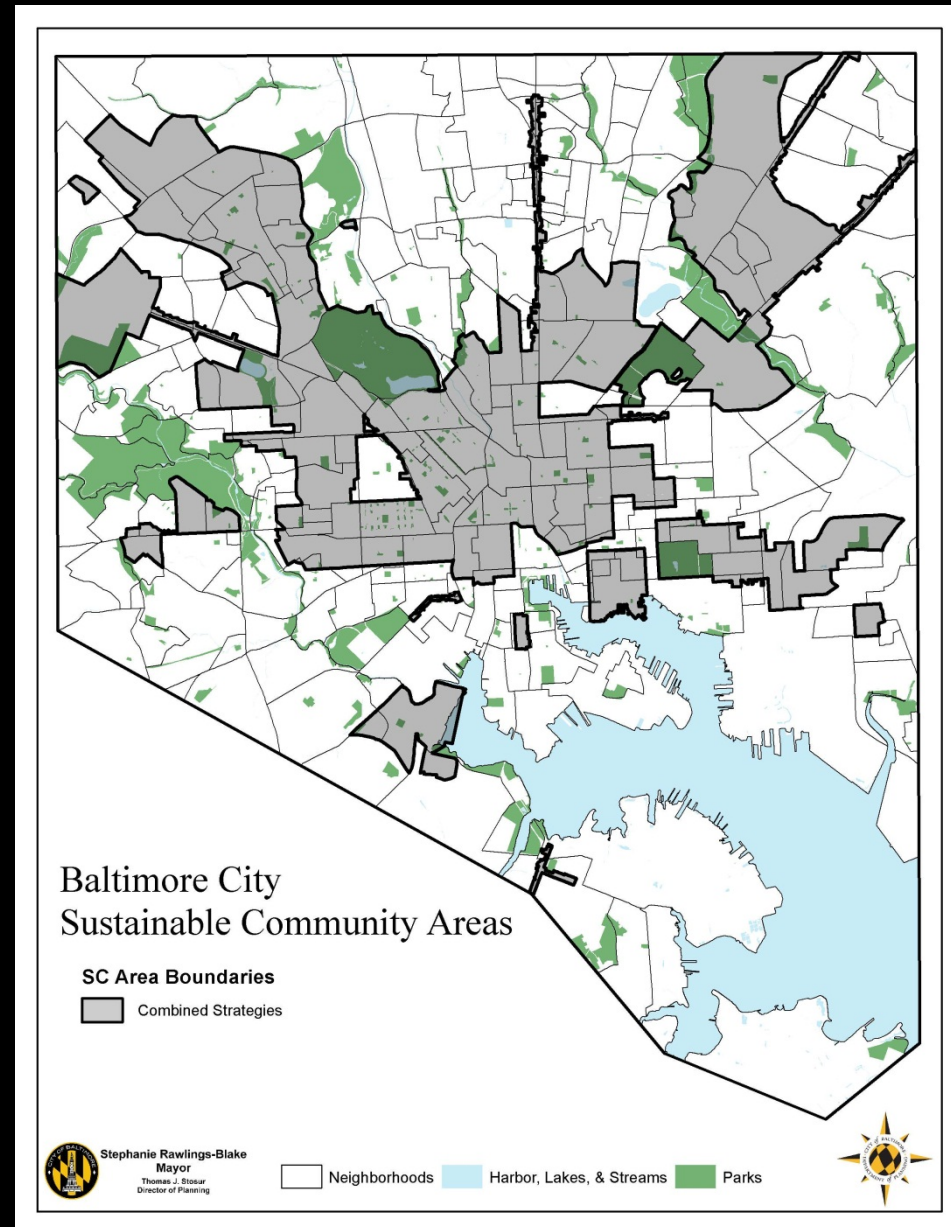


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SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY AREA

Adopted
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Boundaries:



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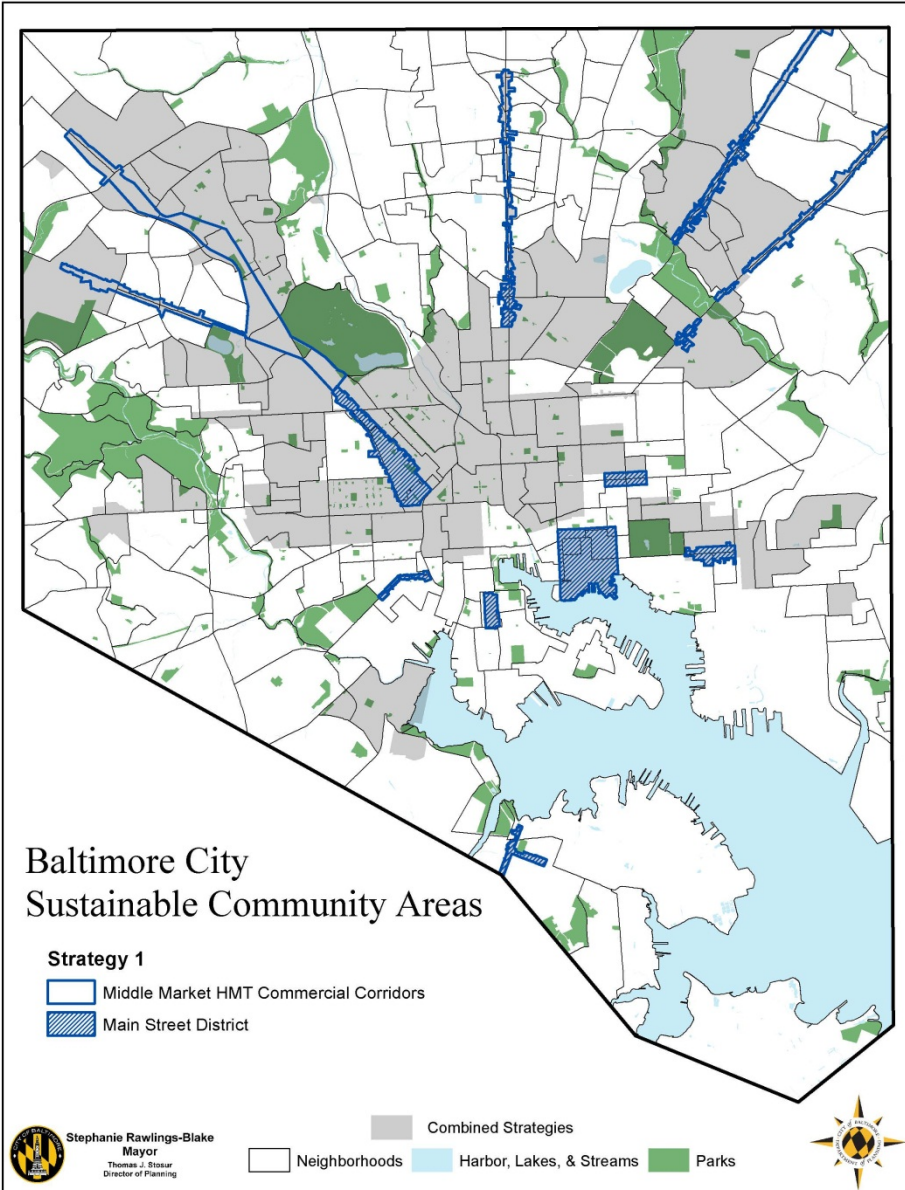
STRATEGY #1:
Support Main
Streets and
commercial areas
by targeting
investments in
Middle Market
Neighborhoods.

**Revitalization
Goal:**

- Economic competitiveness



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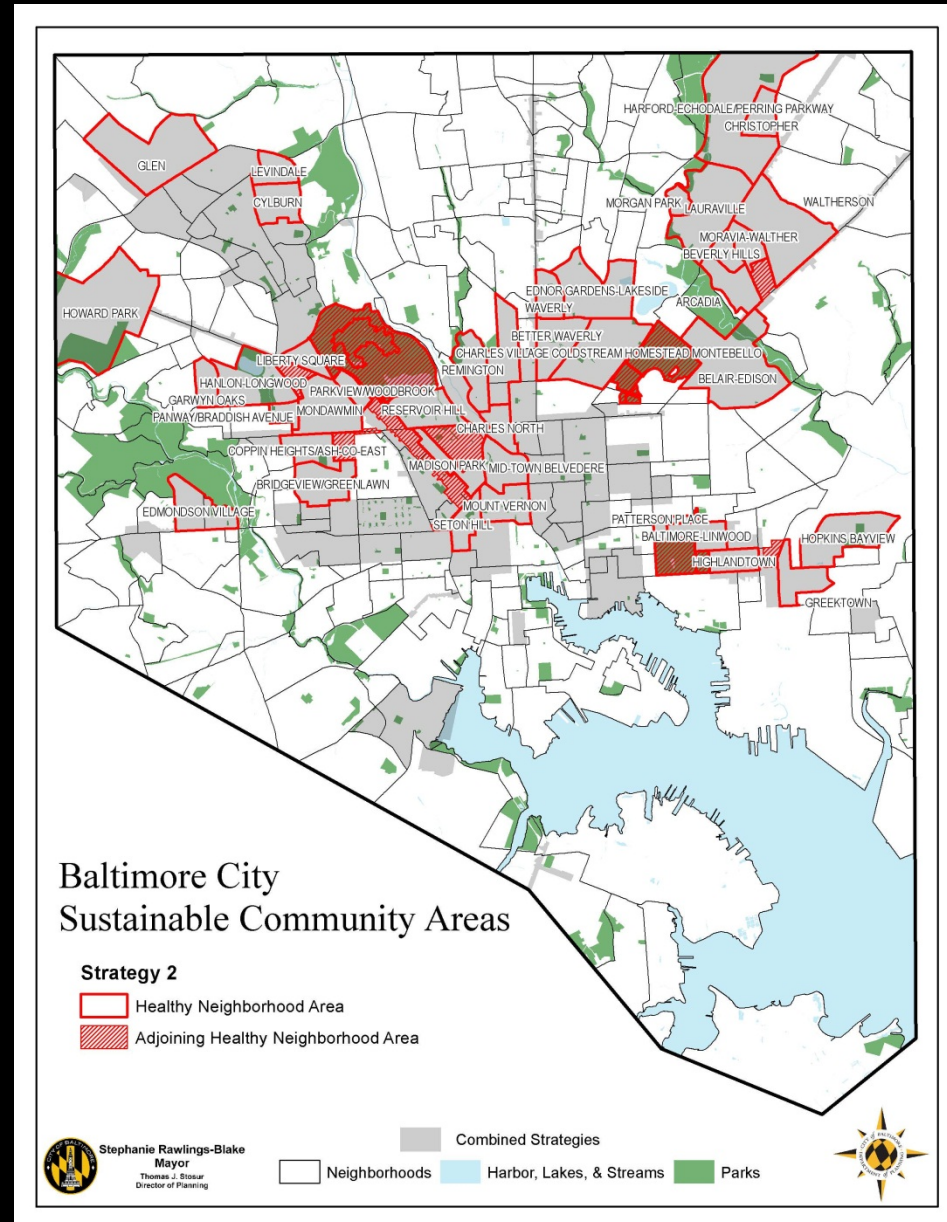
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Strategy #2: Healthy Neighborhoods

Revitalization Goal:

- Value Communities and Neighborhoods by building upon existing strengths, assets and amenities



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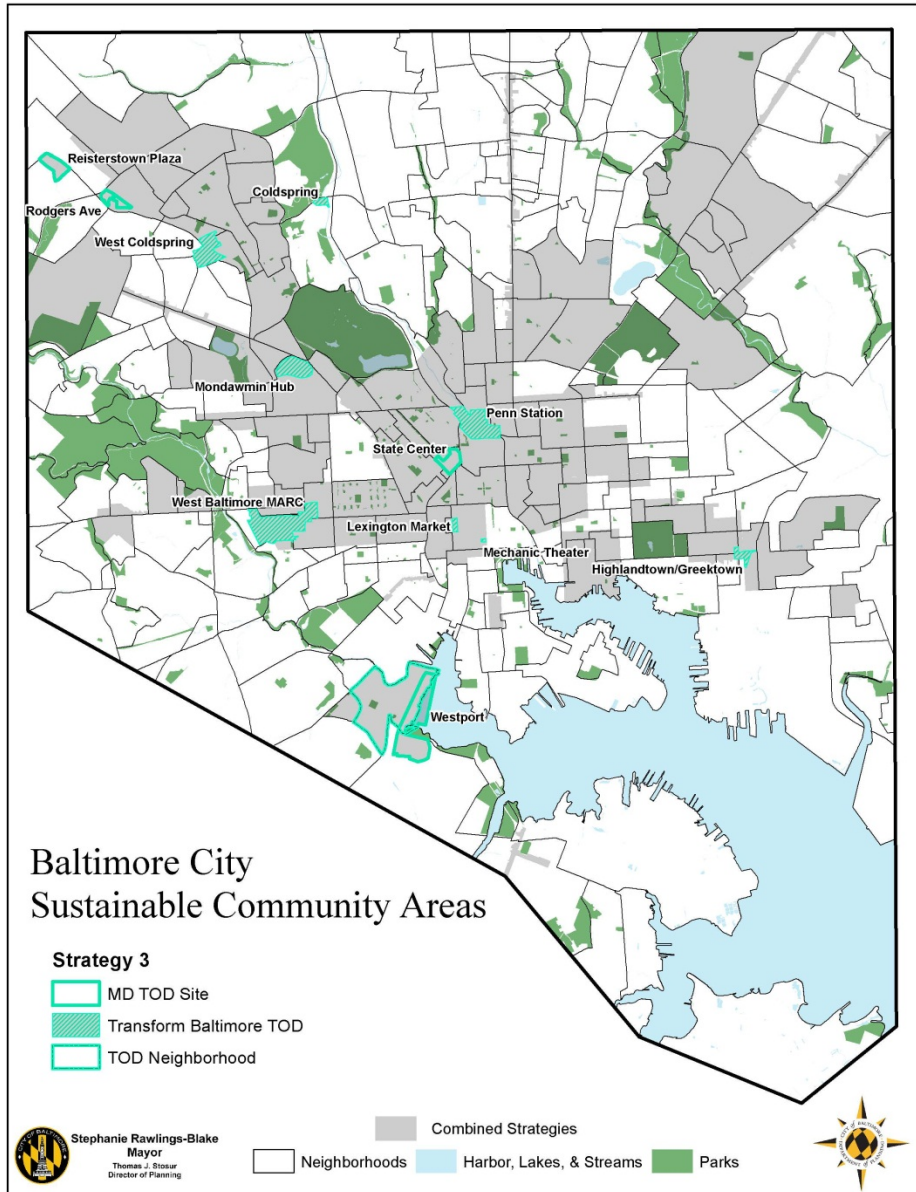
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Strategy #3: Target Investment Along Major Transit Routes

Revitalization

Goal:

- Support transportation efficiency and access



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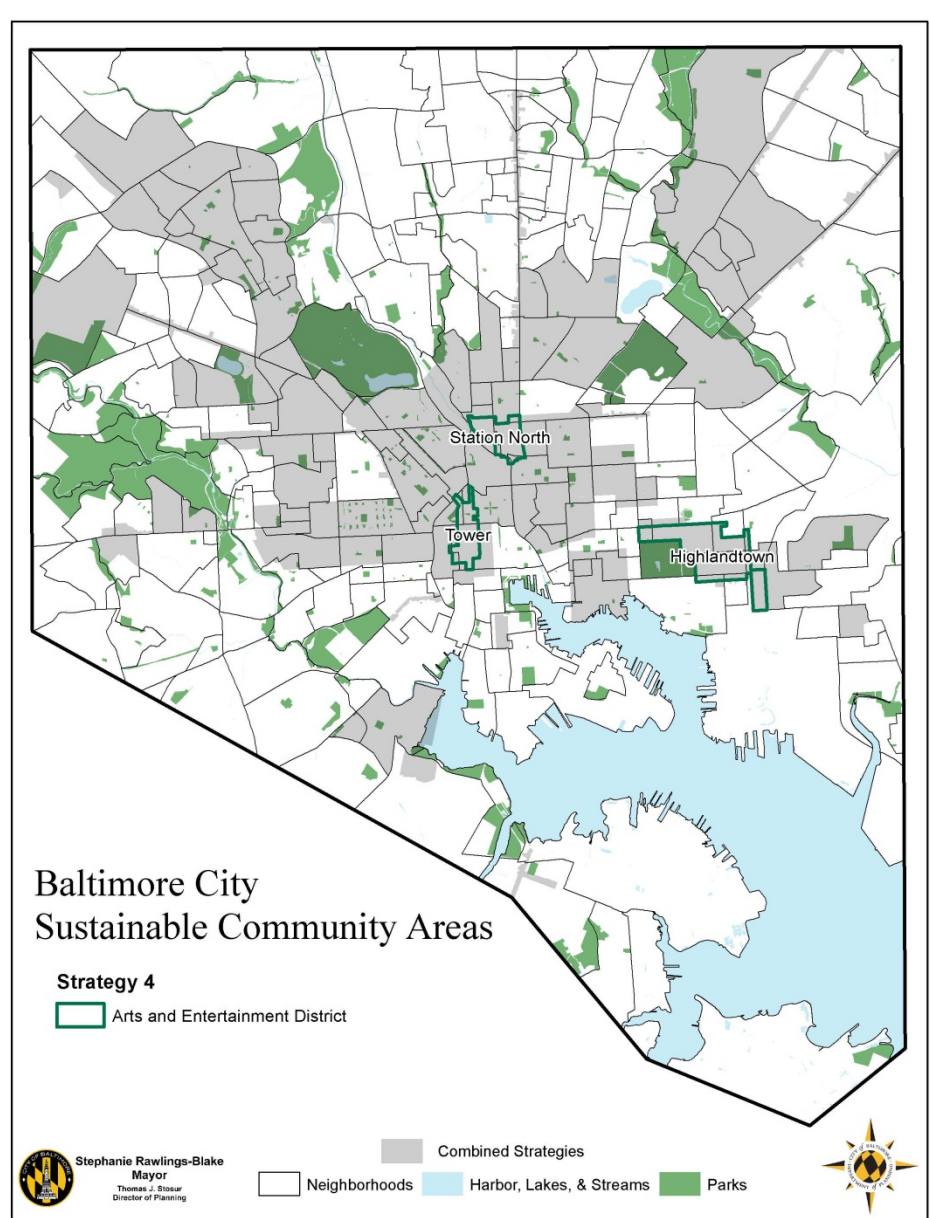
Strategy #4: Target Investment in Arts and Entertainment Districts

Revitalization Goals:

- Support existing communities
- Enhance economic competitiveness



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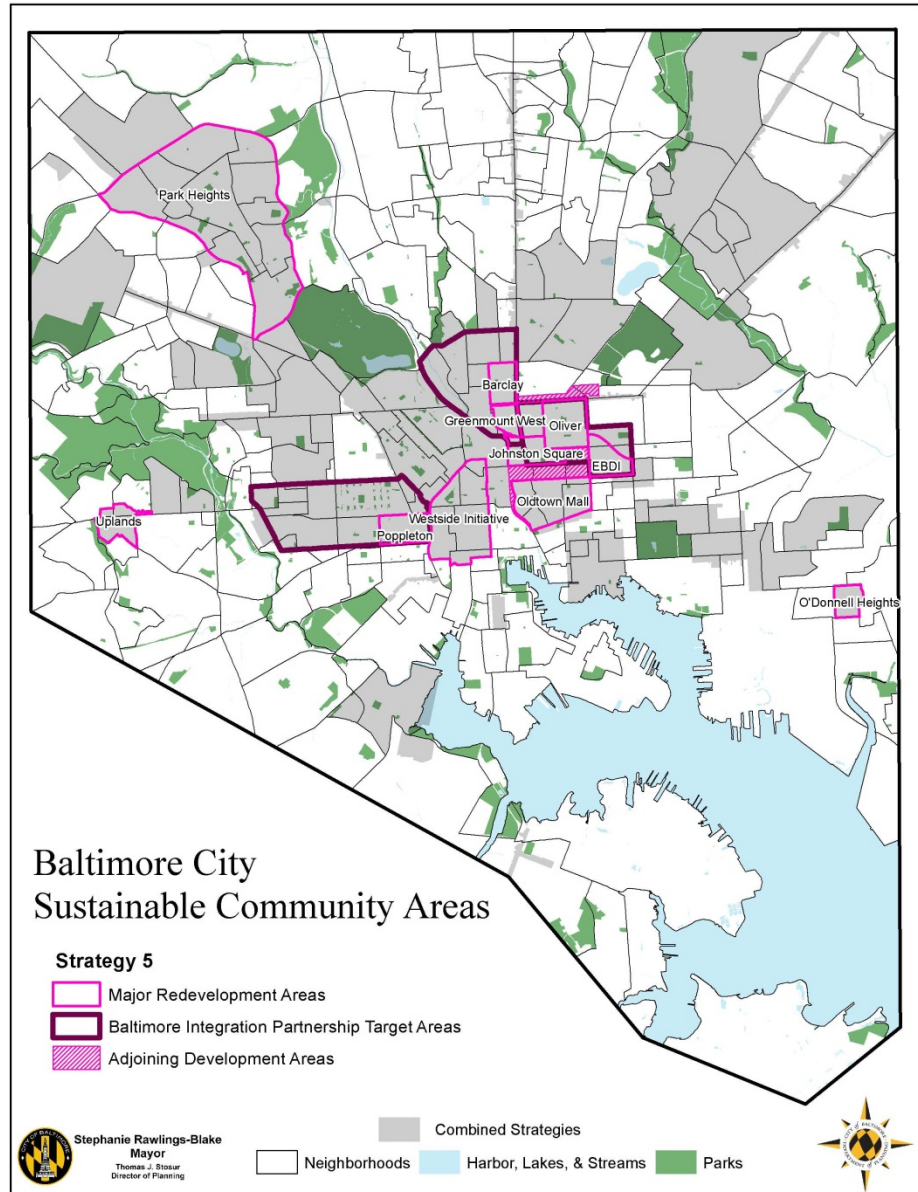
Strategy #5: Investment In Anchor Institutions And Major Redevelopment Areas

Revitalization Goals:

- Support existing communities
- Promote access to quality affordable housing



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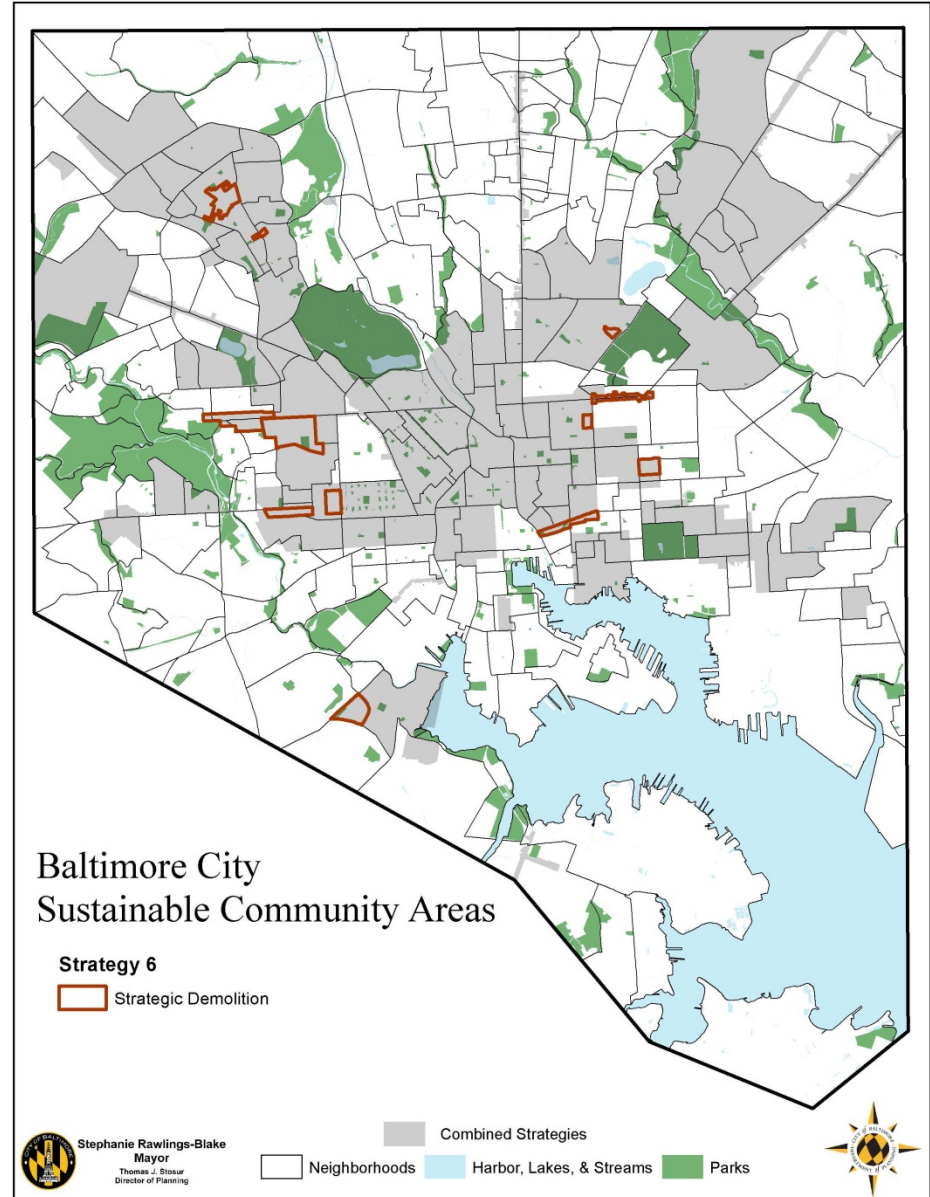
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Strategy #6: Facilitate Investment In Emerging Markets Near Areas Of Strength

Revitalization Goals:

- Support existing communities
- Promote access to quality affordable housing
- Coordinating and leveraging policies and investment



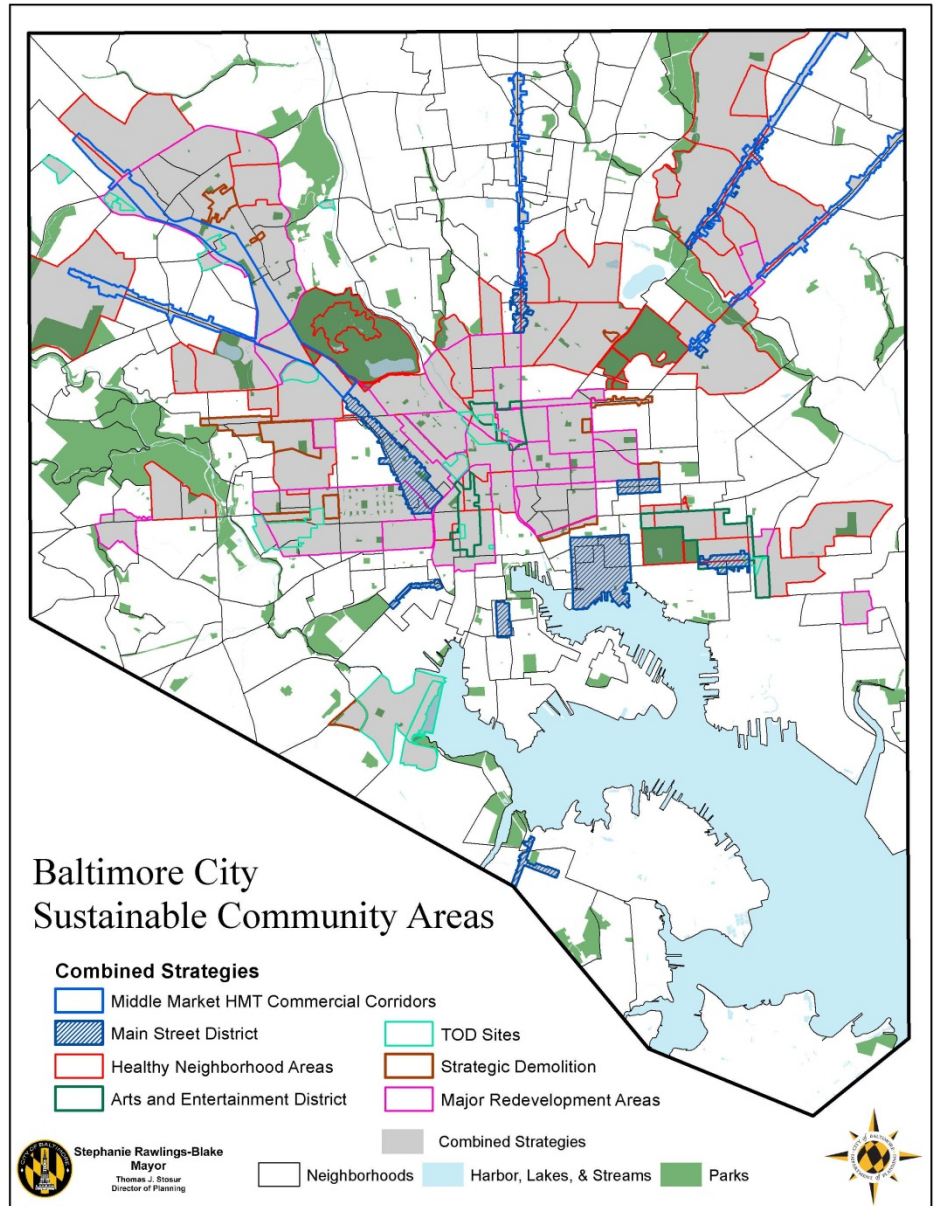


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Combined Strategies Map:



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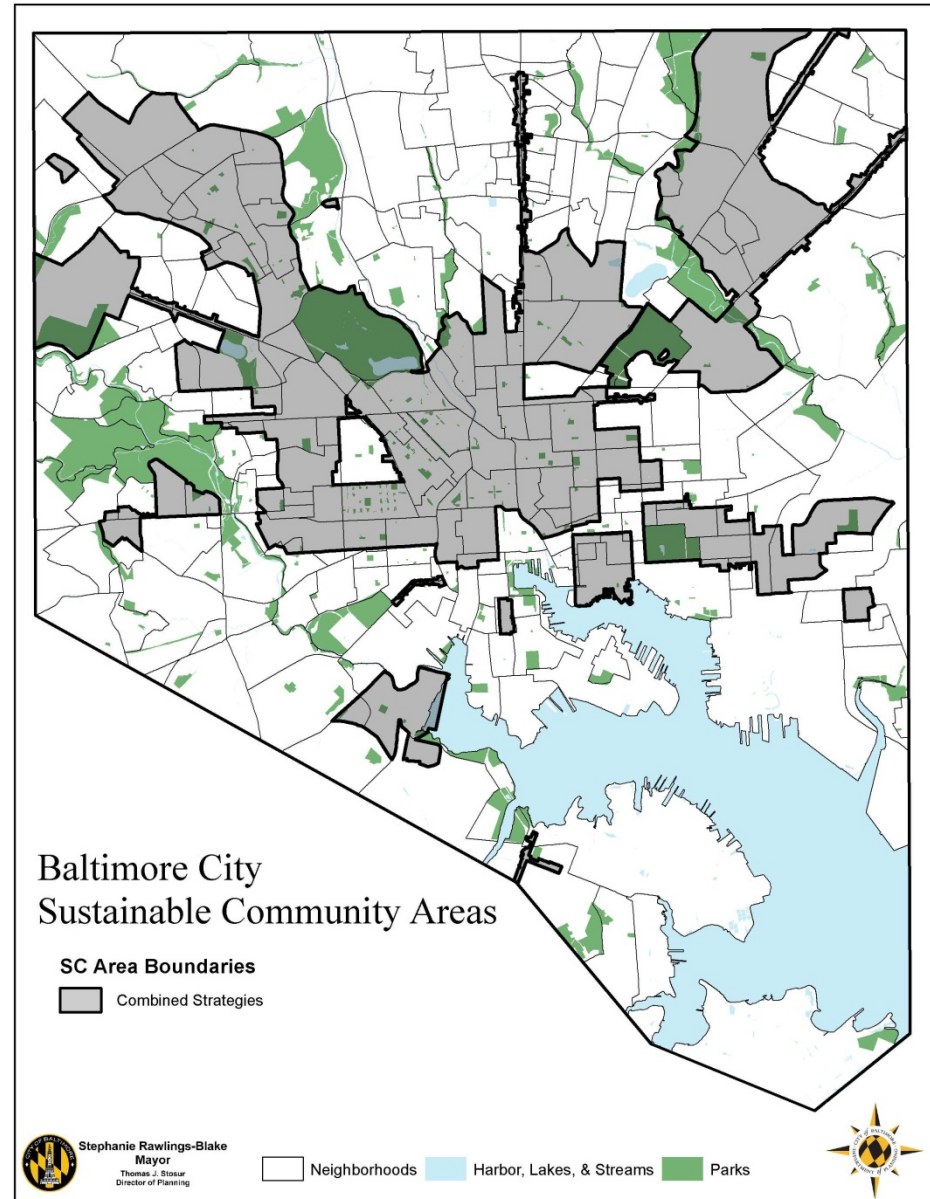


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Proposed
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