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(a) The General Assembly finds that the State must have sustainable communities in order to:

- (1) Preserve and protect the State’s natural resources; and
- (2) Achieve the State’s economic growth, resource protection, and planning policy in § 5–7A–01 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

(b) The General Assembly finds that sustainable communities are places where public and private investments and partnerships achieve:

- (1) Development of a healthy local economy;
- (2) Protection and appreciation of historic and cultural resources;
- (3) A mix of land uses;
- (4) Affordable and sustainable housing and job options; and
- (5) Growth and development practices that protect the environment and conserve air, water, and energy resources, encourage walkability and recreational opportunities, and, where available, create access to transit.

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