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“Green Report” of Redistricting data released

BALTIMORE – For the process of redistricting and reapportionment in Maryland, the “Green Report” of precinct population counts from the 2010 Census and adjusted data were released today. The report is available online at Planning.Maryland.gov/Redistricting.

The report, released jointly by the Maryland Departments of Planning, Legislative Services, and Public Safety and Correctional Services, contains tables of population counts for the 1,849 voting districts, or precincts, in Maryland’s 23 counties and Baltimore City. The counts were derived from the 2010 Census. Also, for the first time, the data was adjusted for the purposes of creating Congressional, State Legislative and local districting plans in accordance with the “No Representation Without Population Act,” signed into Maryland law in 2010. This law requires that census data be adjusted to reassign Maryland residents in correctional institutions to their last known address and to exclude out-of-state residents in correctional institutions for the purposes of the redistricting count.

Maryland's current districts were adopted in 2002. The redistricting process began with the Census count in spring 2010. It will continue with public hearings this summer and review and analysis of proposed plans and eventual adoption of revised districts. A special session of the Maryland General Assembly is planned for fall 2011 to approve new Congressional districts, although the date has not been scheduled yet. A new State Legislative district plan must be introduced as a joint resolution on the first day of the 2012 regular session. New districts will be in place in time for the Congressional primary of 2012 and the State Legislative Election of 2014.

Electronic copies of the census and Maryland Department of Planning maps outlining voting precincts for counties are available at Planning.Maryland.gov/Redistricting. Paper copies can be obtained by contacting the Maryland Department of Planning at (410) 767-4500. Members and staff of the Maryland General Assembly should contact Karl S. Aro, executive director of the Department of Legislative Services. Inquiries about data contained in the report can be directed to Linda C. Janey, Assistant Secretary, Department of Planning at (410) 767-4500 or (877) 767-6272, toll-free.

The Green Report was signed by Secretary Richard Eberhart Hall, AICP, of the Maryland Department of Planning; Karl S. Aro, executive director of the Maryland Department of Legislative Services, and Secretary Gary Maynard of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services.

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