

- The MDTA considered the potential for **indirect effects** from each corridor alternative. The screening considered:
  - **Undeveloped Land.** Providing new access to rural lands could lead to pressure for new development.
  - **Priority Funding Areas.** Designated areas where growth would be consistent with local plans.
  - **Proximity to Employment Centers.** Corridors that provide new access within a typical commute time (approximately 30 to 45 minutes) of a major employment center could drive demand for residential development.
  - **Consistency with County Master Plans.**
- Corridors 3, 4 and 5 would have the greatest potential to induce indirect effects from new development on the Eastern Shore due to their proximity to the Baltimore Metropolitan area, and prevalence of undeveloped farmland on the Eastern Shore.
- More detailed analysis of potential indirect and cumulative effects will be presented in the Tier 1 Draft EIS.

