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### LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

The Board of Editors is pleased to present the second Volume of the University of Baltimore Journal of Land and Development. This edition of the *Journal* contains several articles and recent developments that discuss up and coming issues relating to the use and development of land.

This issue also contains an article by Margaret Sova McCabe, Professor of Law at the University of New Hampshire School of Law and Faculty Fellow for Food and Society, University of New Hampshire Sustainability Academy. Professor McCabe discusses the dangers of deregulating genetically-engineered crops and its effect on American agriculture.

Additionally, Colin W. Maguire, Vice Chairman of the City of Lansing Planning Commission, explores the imposing specter of municipal liability for exclusive promotion of green building certification systems.

Congratulations to staff editors Douglas Spoerl and Ryan Harrigan on being selected for publication by the Journal Board of Editors. In this issue, Douglas Spoerl makes the argument for local authority to regulate the visible, but not the wireless, interface of antennas. Ryan Harrigan discusses the TransCanada XL Pipeline and whether the benefits asserted by its proponents are in the interest of the American people and the environment.

This issue also includes a recent development from Kathleen Kerner. In her recent development, Kathleen Kerner investigates the potential problems that result from fracturing drilling methods.

As Editor-in-Chief, I want to thank the Board of Editors and the Staff Editors for all of their hard work in making the second edition of the Journal of Land and Development a success. I could not have dreamed of a better group of people to work with. In addition, I want to thank Professor Audrey McFarlane, our faculty advisor, and Karen DeVore, our Administrative Assistant, for assisting us with this issue.

*Melissa Biggs*  
*Editor-in-Chief*