

Maryland's Greenspace Equity Program

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Greenspace Equity Program: Legislation



- Legislation outlining the program: HB0503
<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2023RS/bills/hb/hb0503T.pdf>

- The Greenspace Equity Program is designed to provide and administer grants to eligible applicants for enhancing the public health and livability of overburdened communities and underserved communities by implementing projects to preserve, create, and enhance community greenspace.
 - Makes conservation more equitable
 - Meets community needs for greenspace
 - Supports on the ground partners

Greenspace Equity Program: Definition / Eligibility Requirement



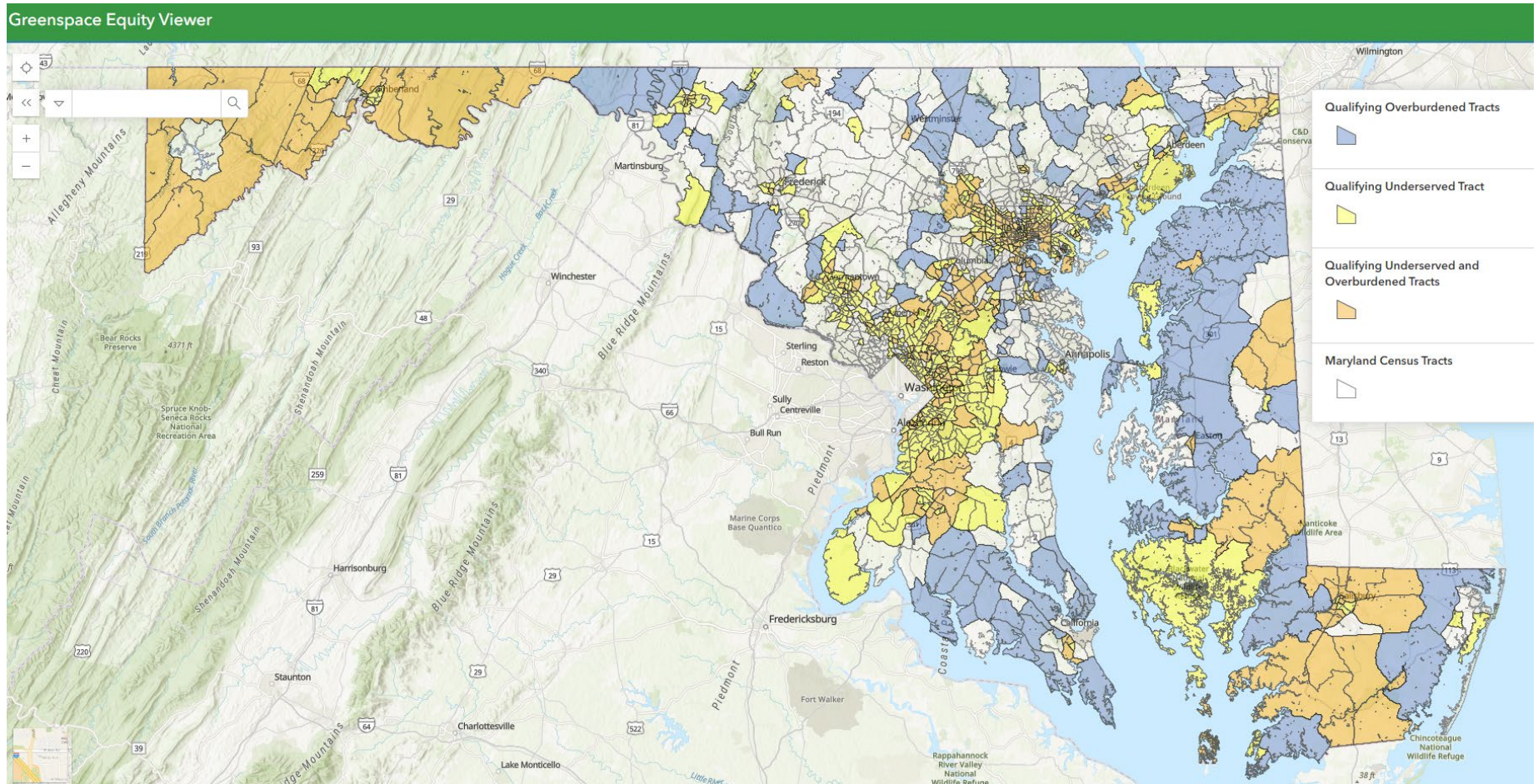
- Overburdened community means any census tract for which three or more of the (21) environmental health indicators listed in §1–701(a)(7) of the Environmental Article are above the 75th percentile statewide.
- Underserved community means any census tract in which, according to the most recent U.S. Census Bureau Survey, meets one or more of the indicators listed in §1–701(a)(8) of the Environmental Article for low-income, being nonwhite, or limited English proficiency.

For specific indicators, see [Environment Article §1-701](#).

Greenspace Equity Program: Census Tract Information Visualized



Greenspace Equity Viewer



Greenspace Equity Program: Census Tract Information Detailed



Washington Hill, Baltimore City

Underserved and Overburdened Census Tract: Census Tract

Qualifying Overburdened Tracts



Qualifying Underserved Tract



Qualifying Underserved and
Overburdened Tracts

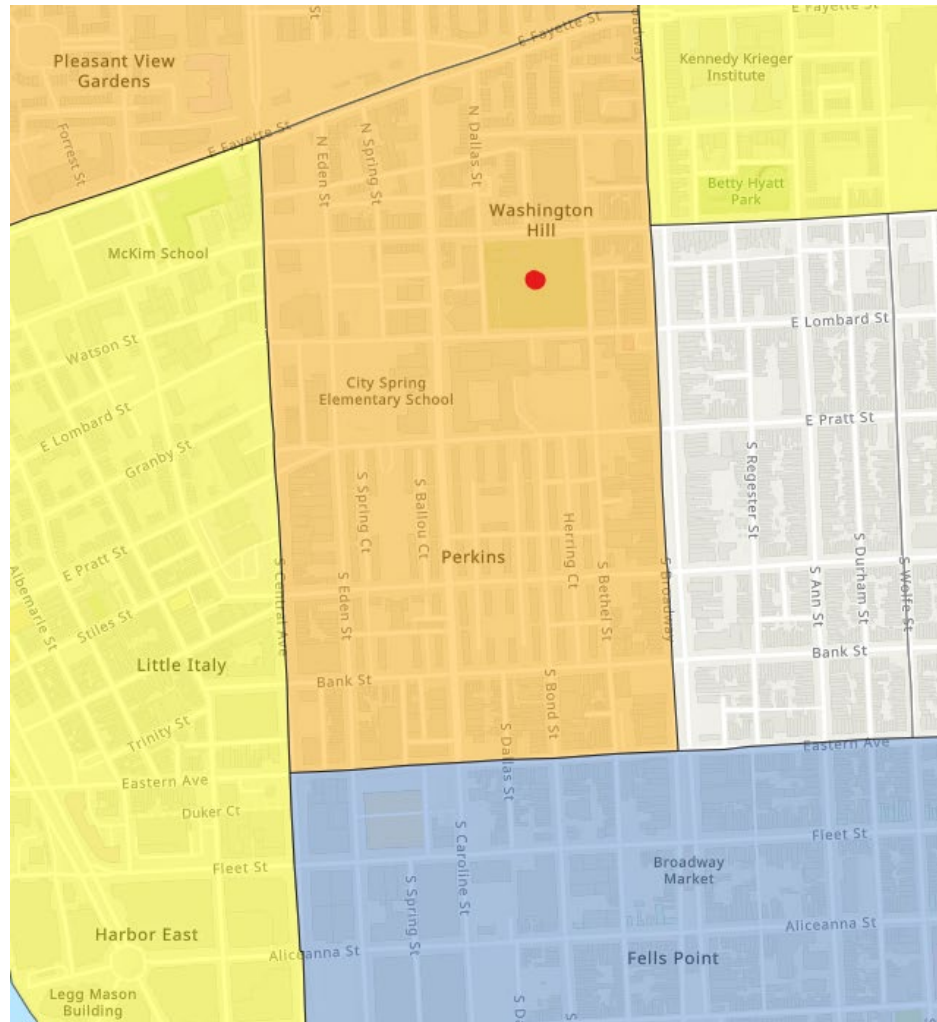


Maryland Census Tracts



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STATEFP20	24		
COUNTYFP20	510		
TRACTCE20	030100		
GEOID20	24510030100		
NAME20	301	Broadband	1
TotalPop	2,109	Asthma	0
PM25	1	Myocardial	0
OZone	1	LowBirth	0
DieselPM	1	PowerPlant	0
CancerRisk	1	TRIProx	0
RespHaz	1	Brownfield	0
Traffic	1	Mining	0
LeadIndica	0	TSDF_Prox	0
Superfund	1	TotalScore	10
RMP_Prox	1	TotalPop_1	2,109
HazWaste	1	Poverty	68.37
Wastewater	0	Minority	87.81
CAFO	0	LimitedEng	2.48



Greenspace Equity Program: General Requirements



Eligible Applicants:

- A land trust or nongovernmental organization located or working in an overburdened community or an underserved community where a project is proposed to be implemented.
- A county or municipality.



Types of Projects:

- Acquisition of land in fee simple or the acquisition of a perpetual conservation easement to create a new community greenspace.
- Activities to develop a property for public use and improve the conservation value of a property including development of a community greenspace (Stewardship as defined in legislation).

Greenspace Equity Program: Application



[Greenspace Equity Grant Proposal Guide](#)



Maryland's Greenspace Equity Program FY 2025 GRANT PROPOSAL GUIDE

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Visit our website for more information and up-to-date news:
<https://dnr.maryland.gov/land/Pages/Greenspace-Equity-Program.aspx>

For general questions or project submissions, please send email to: laplocalgrants.dnr@maryland.gov

[Greenspace Equity Program Application](#)



GREENSPACE EQUITY PROGRAM FY2025 Application and Project Agreement

GREENSPACE EQUITY PROJECT

A. PROJECT INFORMATION: Please fill out all sections of the form completely unless otherwise indicated.

Project Name:

Street Address:

City/Town: County: Zip:

County Tax Map: Grid: Parcel: Lot:

SDAT Account Identifier:
District-Subdivision-Account Number or Ward-Section-Block-Lot (as applicable)

MD Legislative District:
Click [here](#) to find the 2022 Legislative District (Number 1-47)

Confirm the project location is eligible for Greenspace Equity Program Funding:
[Click here for map to verify](#) (check all that apply)

Overburdened: Underserved: Adjacent:

Projects on a property located in a census tract that is adjacent to an overburdened or an underserved community may be eligible if the eligible applicant holds a conservation easement or owns the property in fee simple.

Project Period: From: Date of Letter of Acknowledgement (DNR Use Only)
To: Estimated Date of Completion

Greenspace Equity Program: General Evaluation Criteria



➤ Project eligibility:

- Overburdened
- Underserved
- Both Overburdened and Underserved
- Adjacent

➤ Alignment with program:

- How will the project be developed for **Public Use**
- How will the project improve the **Conservation Value** of the land
- **Public Access** of the property/project
- Local Support/Engagement
- **Partnership/Collaboration** among interested parties
- Enhancement of **Public Health**

➤ Project specifics:

- Acquisition – Potential Conflicts; Interim Use; Maintenance in Perpetuity
- Development – Maintenance for 15 years

➤ Administrative:

- Application Completeness
- Narrative Explains Project
- Detailed Cost Estimate
- Ability to Administer



Greenspace Equity Program: Key Dates and Information



- Applications are due to DNR on November 1, 2024 by 3:00 p.m.
- Submit applications, including all required attachments to:
laplocalgrants.dnr@maryland.gov
- November to December 2024 – Review proposed projects and present projects to Greenspace Equity Advisory Board.
- 2025 – Notification will be sent and recommended projects will be processed through State Clearinghouse and scheduled for Board of Public Works approval.
- Greenspace Equity is a reimbursable grant program. DNR will reimburse the applicant for approved project costs when proper documentation is provided with the reimbursement request.

Thank you!



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General inquiries and application submission:

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