

Websites and resources included on this list are for informational purposes only. They are intended for counties and City of Baltimore to reference or otherwise consider while preparing their 2017 Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plans. *The Maryland Department of Natural Resources does not endorse or maintain resources provided by other agencies or organizations and cannot be responsible for their content or accuracy.*

State, Federal and Other Studies and Information Sources to Consider:

State of Maryland:

2017 Maryland Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan Guidelines:

http://dnr.maryland.gov/land/Documents/Stewardship/2017_LPPRP-Guidelines.pdf

Maryland Land Preservation and Recreation Plan 2014-2018:

Maryland's current Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan

http://dnr.maryland.gov/land/Pages/Stewardship/LPRP_2014-2018.aspx

Maryland Department of Natural Resources Yearly Acreage Report (2016 report):

Annual report on Department of Natural Resources owned and maintained land units and their total acreage.

<http://dnr.maryland.gov/land/Documents/Stewardship/CurrentAcreageReport.pdf>

Maryland Protected Lands Reporting:

Tracking tool for acreage preserved by Maryland's land preservation programs.

<http://dnrweb.dnr.state.md.us/gis/plreports/index.asp>

Maryland State Trails Program:

Regularly updated news and resources for trail planning and project updates statewide.

<http://dnr.maryland.gov/mdtrails/Pages/default.aspx>

Maryland Trail Atlas:

An interactive mapping tool for state and locally managed land and water trails and access points.

<http://maryland.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=242debcc18ae4057827834b78ddb83a>

Maryland Department of Natural Resources GeoSpatial Data Center:

Downloadable Geographic Information System data maintained by the Department of Natural Resources.

<http://dnrweb.dnr.state.md.us/gis/data/>

Maryland Recreation Atlas:

Includes locations for public recreational activities statewide, including biking, fishing, water access and indoor sports venues.

<http://geodata.md.gov/recreationatlas/>

Maryland Stewardship:

<http://dnr.maryland.gov/land/Pages/Stewardship/default.aspx>

Maryland Children in Nature, Nature Play Spaces:

<http://dnr.maryland.gov/cin/Pages/NPS/index.aspx>

Maryland Coastal Atlas

Online mapping and planning tool that allows for analyzing and exploring data for coastal planning activities

<http://gisapps.dnr.state.md.us/coastalatlas/WAB/index.html>

Maryland State Parks Economic Impact and Visitor Study 2010:

Comprehensive study of state park visitation and its economic impact.

http://www.friendsofmdparks.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/Maryland_State_Parks_Economic-Impact-Study-2010.pdf

Maryland Greenprint:

Mapping program and resources illustrating state Targeted Ecological Areas .

<http://greenprint.maryland.gov/>

Maryland State Wildlife Action Plan 2015:

Comprehensive plan for wildlife conservation strategies in Maryland. Specially, Chapter 4 describes key wildlife habitats and communities, listed and mapped by county.

http://dnr.maryland.gov/wildlife/Pages/plants_wildlife/SWAP_home.aspx

Maryland Sustainable Communities:

State Department of Housing and Community Development resources that promote environmental, economic and socially responsible growth and development in existing, older communities.

<http://dhcd.maryland.gov/Communities/Pages/dn/default.aspx>

Maryland Department of Planning – State Data Center:

Source for U.S. Census data, with additional resources on social and economic trends and projections.

<http://planning.maryland.gov/msdc/>

Maryland Department of Transportation – State Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan

Maryland's 20-year vision and plan for supporting cycling and walking as part of the state's multimodal transportation network.

http://www.mdot.maryland.gov/newMDOT/Planning/Bike_Walk/BikePed_Index.html

Federal Government:**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Surveys of Fishing and Wildlife-Associated Recreation**

Five-year national studies and state reports with statistics on participation and economic impacts of fishing, hunting and other wildlife based recreation.

http://wsfrprograms.fws.gov/Subpages/NationalSurvey/National_Survey.htm

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Survey – Reports and Products:

Current and older national reports and surveys on participation and economic impacts of hunting, shooting sports, wildlife watching and fishing.

<http://wsfrprograms.fws.gov/Subpages/NationalSurvey/reports2011.html>

National Park Service – Social Science Research:

Reports on national park visitation and use statistics, data collection and analysis of economic effects of visitor spending

<http://www.nature.nps.gov/socialscience/index.cfm>

Non-Governmental:**Maryland Recreation and Parks Association:**

Statewide group for parks and recreation professionals and advocates that offers networking, training and advocacy opportunities.

<http://www.mrpanet.org/>

Maryland Association of Counties:

Non-profit organization serving Maryland counties by articulating and advocating local needs to the State's General Assembly.

<http://www.mdcounties.org/>

American Planning Association – City Parks Forum:

Non-profit organization for professional planners that provides white papers, case studies and related resources about urban parks in this Forum.

<http://www.planning.org/cityparks/>

American Society of Landscape Architects :

Professional organization providing resources and articles on landscape architecture, park and infrastructure design, land management and sustainability considerations.

<http://www.asla.org/>

National Recreation and Parks Association:

Non-profit organization focused on advancement of public parks, recreation and conservation. Their Parks and Recreation Operating Ratio and Geographic Information System tool allows for park agencies to upload their data, examine their facilities and operations and compare them with other organizations utilizing the tool.

<https://www.nrpa.org/PRORAGIS/>

National Recreation and Parks Association – Recreation focused Reports, Studies and Tools:

Non-profit organization focused on advancement of public parks, recreation and conservation with research papers and reports on park and recreation ties to economics, public health, transportation, etc.

<http://www.nrpa.org/research-papers/>

Society of Outdoor Recreation Professionals – Technical Resources:

Non-profit group focused on outdoor recreation, natural and cultural resource preservation and sustainable access to recreational opportunities. Links to resources, guides and reports on various natural resource based recreation topics.

<http://www.recpro.org/technical-resources>

City Parks Alliance:

Organization dedicated to urban parks with case studies, reports and other resources geared toward educating and nurturing support for parks and green spaces that contribute to dynamic cities.

<http://www.cityparksalliance.org/>

Trust for Public Land:

Non-profit organization focused on research, advocacy, planning, land acquisition, design and funding for parks, playgrounds, trails, gardens and natural areas.

<https://www.tpl.org/>