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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Subsection 5-905(C) 2 Natural Resources Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland authorizes and requires counties to prepare and adopt a Plan for the general purpose of establishing a comprehensive strategy for the protection and appropriate use of land-based and water oriented resources of the County; and

WHEREAS, Allegany County has by duly adopted resolution of the Board of County Commissioners appointed a Planning Commission to exercise the powers and duties conferred by Article 66B; and

WHEREAS, said Planning Commission of Allegany County acting with the advice and assistance of the citizens has commented and reviewed the draft of the Allegany County Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan 2017; and

WHEREAS, said Plan has designed and intended to determine the needs for agricultural and forest preservation, provision of recreation areas and protection of unique natural areas for the present and future residents of Allegany County; and

WHEREAS, said Plan has been subject to public review; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of Allegany County has considered said Plan together with comments and suggestions from both the public, and state and local agencies and find that the Plan constitutes a suitable plan to preserve agricultural and forest preservation, provision of recreation areas and protection of unique natural areas; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Planning Commission of Allegany County is hereby submitting its recommend document entitled "Allegany County Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan 2017" to the Allegany County Board of County Commissioners.

SIGNED on behalf of the Planning Commission of Allegany County

Steven K. MacGray, Chairman

Date 5/9/2018

RESOLUTION 18-14

FOR THE PURPOSE of Adopting the Allegany County Local Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan,

WHEREAS the County Commissioners recognized the need to develop and implement a Local Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan; and allocated resources for the development and implementation of a Recreation Plan for the County; and

WHEREAS the Planning Commission and staff worked together to develop and review this Plan; and

WHEREAS public involvement and outreach included public outreach and an on-line survey, public input was used to guide, direct and, when necessary, modify the development of the Plan; and

WHEREAS the Local Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan identifies existing recreational facilities, recognizes local and State of Maryland recreation goals, assesses projected short-term and long-term recreation needs of County residents, and recommends recreation planning and policy for the County; and

WHEREAS state and local resource and regulatory agencies, including: the Maryland Departments of Planning and Natural Resources, were provided adequate review; and the draft Plan were made available to the general public and were placed upon the County's Website; and

WHEREAS the Planning Commission, at a May 9, 2018 meeting, unanimously Approved the Plan and forwarded it to the County Commissioners with a recommendation for "Adoption", and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Allegany County, Maryland that the 2017 Local Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan for Allegany County, MD is hereby Adopted; and

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect on the 24th day of May 24, 2018

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALLEGANY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Jacob C. Shade, President

Creade V. Brodie, Jr., Commissioner

William R. Valentine, Commissioner

CERTIFICATION

I, Brandon S. Butler, County Administrator of Allegany County, Maryland, a body corporate and politic, duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Maryland, hereby certify that the above resolution was duly adopted at the public meeting of the Allegany County Commissioners held on the 24th day of May, 2018.

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Brandon S. Butler, County Administrator

CHAPTER 1 INTRODUCTION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Allegany County Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan provides guidance for the future use of funds made available to the citizens of the County by the State of Maryland and the Federal government for preservation of open space and provision of recreational opportunities. By enumerating the goals, plans and policies guiding the use of those funds, the County ensures that it makes successful investments in the population's quality of life. The Plan is scheduled to be adopted by the County Commissioners on or before July 1, 2018.

Allegany County employs strong public/private partnerships with various civic groups and local sponsors to operate and maintain its parks. The seven municipalities within the County own and manage recreation facilities within their boundaries. Although the County has 30 acres of public recreation land per 1,000 persons, it should continue acquisition of property for park development in various small communities that are underserved. Continued park acquisition in areas of high and medium-high need like the Valley Road and Bedford Road area of the County is a priority.

Figure 1 Johnson Heights Playground

The County has also provided a regional recreation area with the purchase and redevelopment of the Allegany County Fairgrounds. Guidance for future development of the Fairgrounds has been provided by the 2016 Facility Master Plan that envisions expansion of special events while improving the venue for long-standing annual events and recreational use of the property. Other Regional Parks in the cities of Cumberland and Frostburg continue to expand in size and scope to serve the recreational needs of municipal citizens and the populations of the unincorporated areas of Allegany County and of surrounding counties in Maryland, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania.

Together, State, Federal, and locally-owned parklands occupy almost a third of the County's land area, amounting to an acre of parkland per County resident. It is understandable that protecting open space in Allegany County has not garnered the sense of urgency as it has in communities elsewhere in the State. The County does, however, encourage the acquisition of properties adjacent to public lands, or properties situated in enclaves of public property, particularly when those areas contain steep slopes, floodplains, or habitat for threatened or endangered species. The County participates in and encourages Agricultural Land Preservation and the Rural Legacy conservation programs sponsored by the State of Maryland. Explicit protection of agricultural land use, popularly known as "right-to-farm" policy, is written into the County Zoning Code.

Transportation systems, mining, and industry are sources of Allegany County's urban development. However, due to its limitation imposed by the County's topography and soil conditions, the County does not have as rich of an agricultural heritage as neighboring Garrett County.

The 2014 Allegany County Comprehensive Plan, in the Transportation, Mineral Resources, Sensitive Areas and Agriculture, Forestry, and Non-Mineral Resource elements emphasize environmental protection and conservation of natural resources. The relative "Goals, Objectives and Recommendations" from the Comprehensive Plan have been included in this Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan.

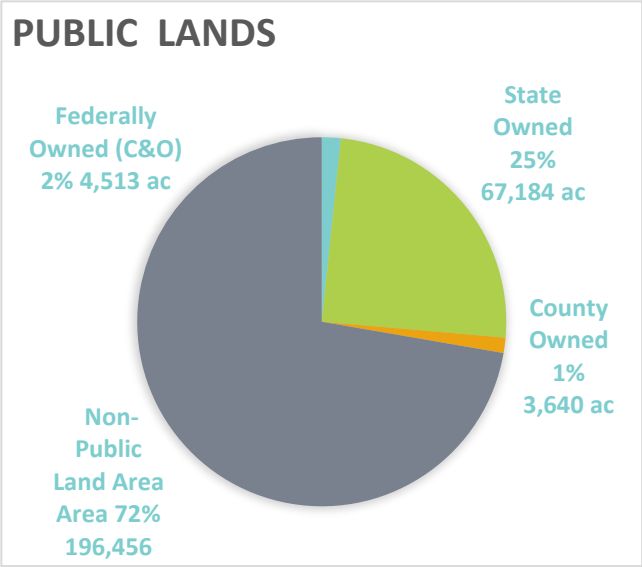


Figure 2 Public Parklands

Figure 3 Dans Mountain Recycled Tire Playgorund and Pool

GENERAL GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Allegany County lies in Western Maryland, and is bounded on the west by Garrett County, Maryland; on the east by Washington County, Maryland; on the north by Somerset, Bedford and Fulton Counties, Pennsylvania; and on the south by Mineral, Hampshire, and Morgan Counties, West Virginia.

The County's boundaries are the Chisholm line on the west, the Mason Dixon line on the north, Sideling Hill Creek on the east, and the Potomac River on the south. The County is about 40 miles long from east to west and varies from 5-20 miles wide from north to south, comprising an area of 426 square miles or 271,793 acres.

Allegany County lies in the Appalachian Mountains, partly in the Ridge and Valley Physiographic Province, and partly in the Allegheny Mountains Physiographic Province. The County lies entirely within the Potomac River Basin and the Chesapeake Bay Watershea.

The County is approximately 120 miles southeast of Pittsburgh, PA; 140 miles northwest of Baltimore, MD, and Washington, D.C.; and 320 miles southwest of New York City.

Map 1 Allegany County, Maryland Location - Source: S&S Planning

POPULATION & DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

As a result of decreased employment in the mining and transportation industries, Allegany County experienced a decline in population starting in the 1950s. Population stabilized through the 1970s due to increased employment in manufacturing. However, by the mid-1980s nearly all of the large-scale factories in the County were closed or operating with a reduced workforce because of new technologies, lower production costs, and a higher demand for service-oriented jobs. Today, Allegany County's population shows signs of stabilization and is even projected to begin increasing in the decades to come. This increase can be attributed to a revitalized transportation network, increased demand for energy-related jobs, and a focus on retaining and expanding employment in the Health and Social Services industries where the County excels.

POPULATION OVERVIEW

The first decade in the County's history for which population loss was recorded was the 1950s. This loss was a result of serious economic difficulties throughout the Appalachian Region, which lost 1.5 million people between 1950 and 1960. As illustrated in Figure 4 Population by Decade (1950-2010), population loss due to economic difficulties and shifts in population continued throughout the subsequent decades until the population stabilized in 2000 and then slightly increased in 2010. Figure 5 depicts the projected population of Allegany County until 2040. The stable and increasing population trend is projected to continue, and by 2040 the population of Allegany County is expected to increase by about three percent to 77,550.

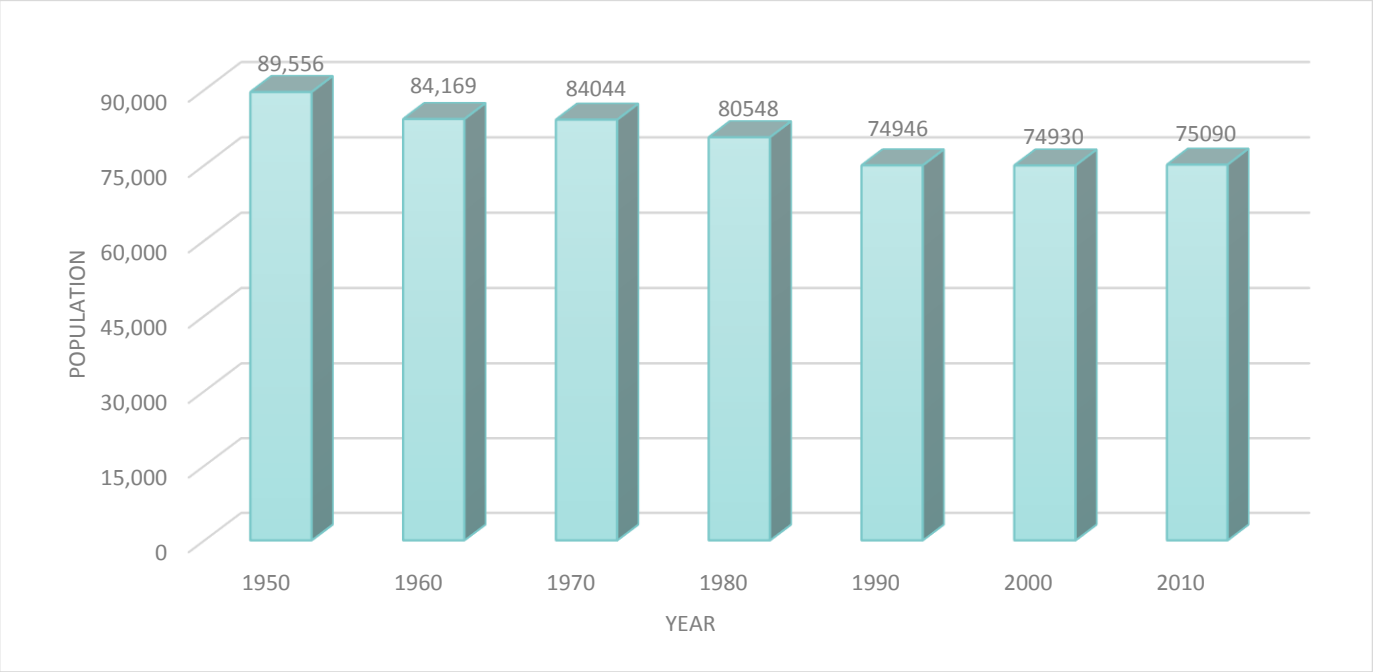


Figure 4 Population by Decade (1950-2010) Source: Maryland Department of Planning

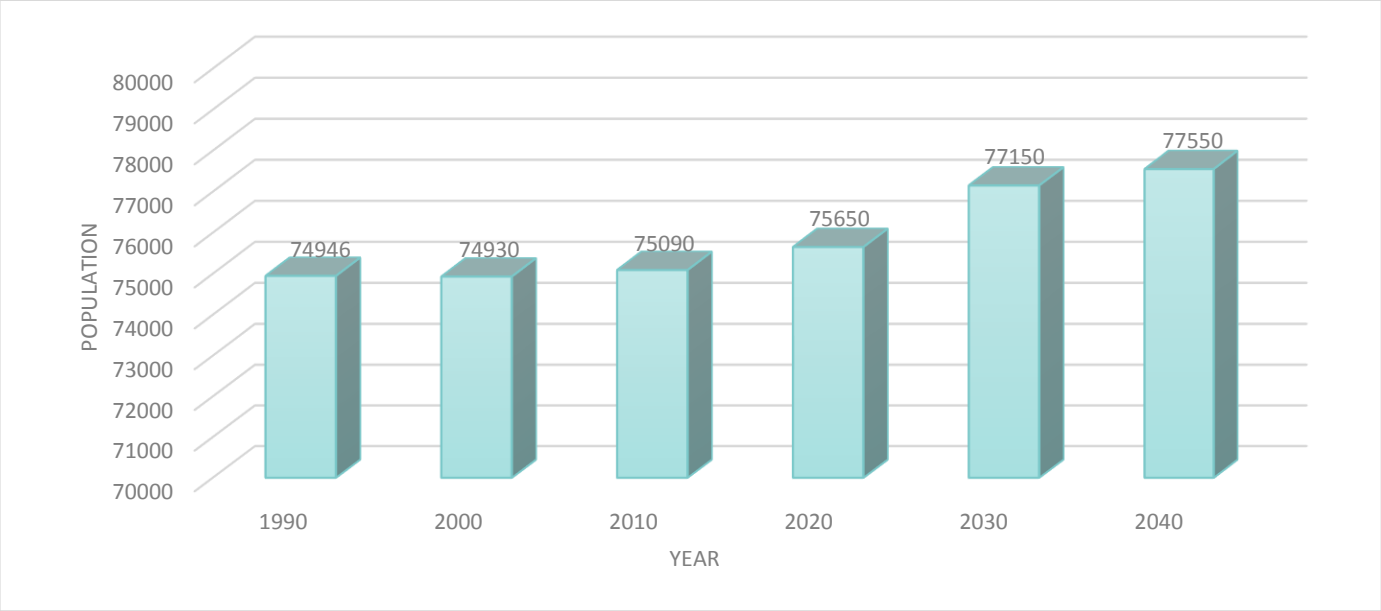


Figure 5 Total Population Projection Source: Maryland Department of Planning

The rise in group quarters populations is a contributing factor to Allegany County's population stabilization. Group quarters are places where people (typically unrelated) live or stay in group living arrangements which are owned or managed by an entity or organization. Group quarters include places such as college residence halls, residential treatment centers, skilled nursing facilities, group homes, military barracks, correctional facilities, and workers' dormitories. Figure 6 below, depicts the growth in group quarters population from 1970-2010.

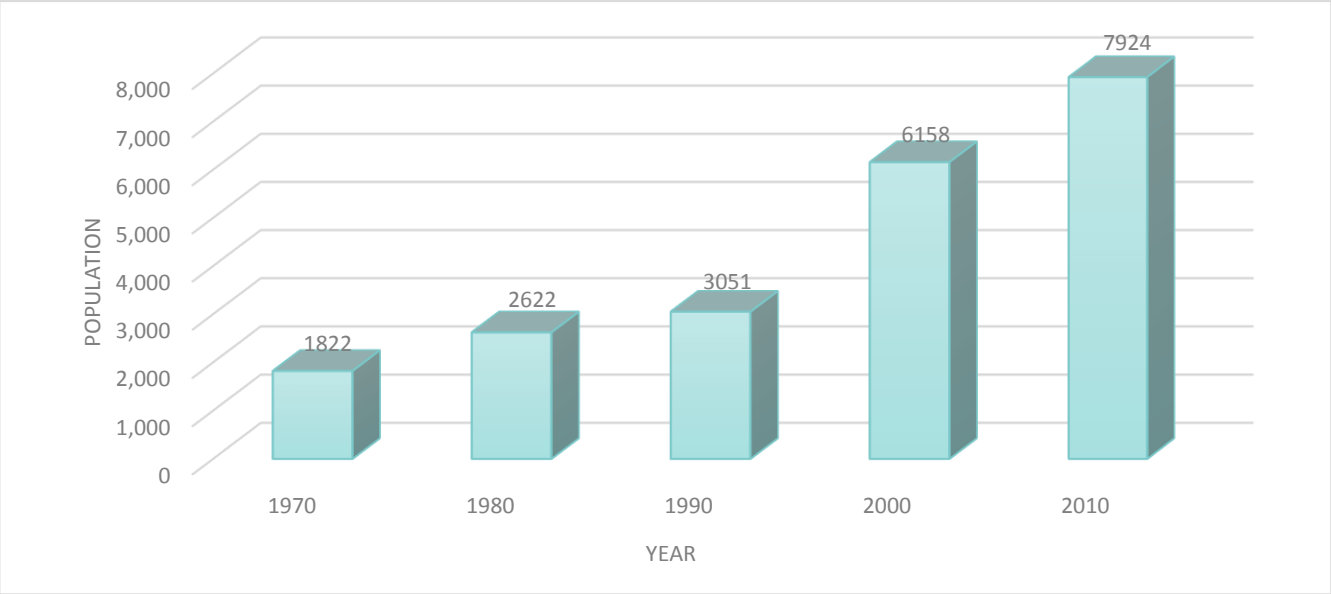


Figure 6 Group Quarters Population by Decade (1970-2010) Source: Maryland Department of Planning

POPULATION AND AGE

Table 1 Population Projections by Age Source: Maryland Department of Planning

Age Group	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010	2020	2030	2040
0-4	6,304	4,567	4,426	3,757	3,500	3,270	3,110	3,030
5-19	23,028	19,098	15,101	14,310	13,230	12,430	12,090	11,720
20-44	24,447	25,615	25,368	25,817	24,760	25,770	27,280	26,060
45-64	20,175	18,879	16,236	17,617	20,200	18,750	16,900	19,390
65+	10,090	12,389	13,815	13,429	13,400	15,420	17,780	17,350
Total	84,044	80,548	74,946	74,930	75,090	75,650	77,150	77,550

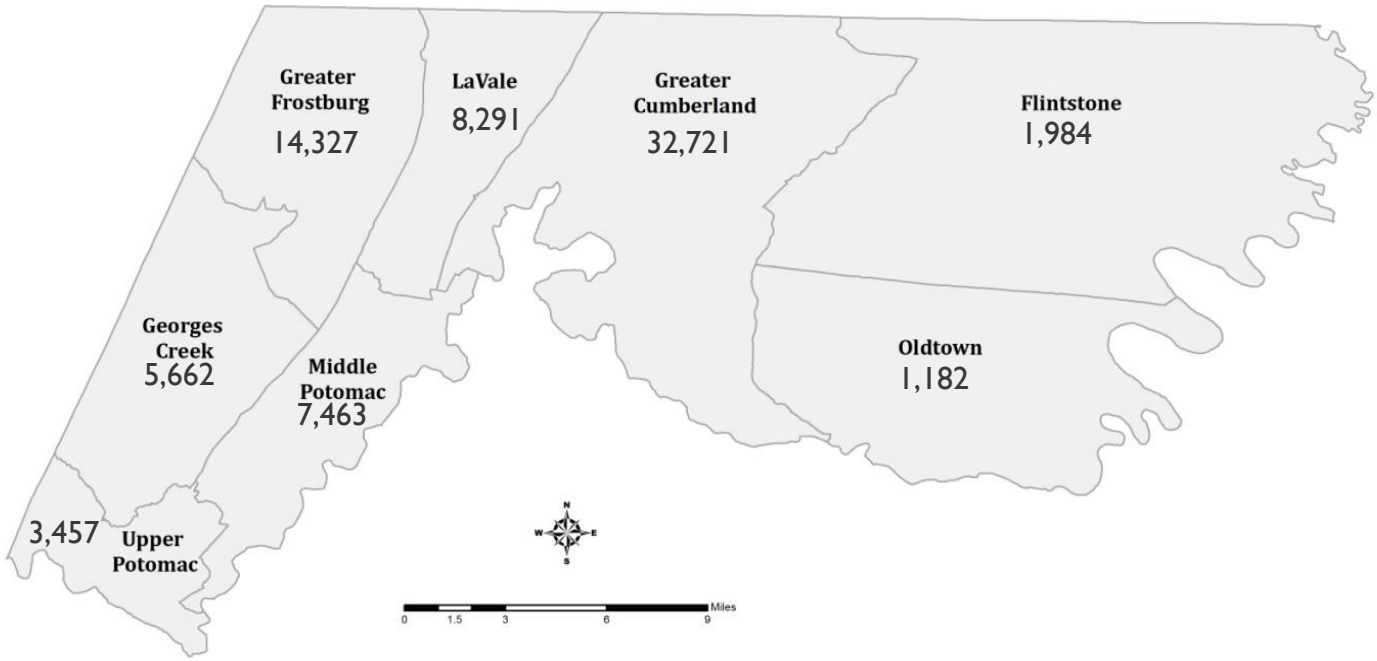
Table 1 provides population projection data by age group. Overall, the population trend within Allegany County is positive. However, the various age groups differ from this trend. For example, age groups 0-4 and 5-19 are projected to decline over the next few decades. This may be a result of people having less children and families becoming smaller. On the other hand, the Baby Boomer generation (born from 1946 to 1964) is showing an increase only up until 2040, and then that generation's population is expected to decrease. Overall, the County's population is aging - a point which is solidified by a decreasing youth population, and a middle-aged (20-44) population which is expected to increase. To further emphasize the County's aging population, Table 2 depicts the projected population of those aged 65 years or older as a percentage of the County's total population.

Table 2 Persons Aged 65 Years or Older as a Percentage of Total Population Source: Maryland Department of Planning

	Total Population	Population 65 Years or Older	Percent of Total Population that is 65 Years or Older
2010	75,090	13,400	17.8%
2020	75,650	15,420	20.4%
2030	77,150	17,780	23.0%
2040	77,550	17,350	22.4%

POPULATION TRENDS BY PLANNING REGION

The Allegany County Planning Regions are depicted in Map 2 and their associated population data is represented in Table 3Population By Planning Region, below. In general, the County's total population has increased from 1990 to 2010. Regions with a positive population trend as of 2010 are highlighted in yellow on Table 3 and include Greater Cumberland, Greater Frostburg, and Middle Potomac. The remaining regions show a declining population trend as of 2010, and with the exception of the Upper Potomac and Flintstone regions, most of the declines are minor.



Map 2 Population by Planning Region, 2010 Source: S&S Planning and Design, LLC

Table 3 Population By Planning Region

Region	1990	2000	2010
Greater Cumberland	32,369	31,647	32,721
Greater Frostburg	13,754	14,106	14,327
LaVale	8,215	8,362	8,291
Georges Creek	6,862	5,830	5,662
Upper Potomac	4,469	4,473	3,457
Middle Potomac	6,054	6,858	7,463
Oldtown	1,194	1,214	1,182
Flintstone	2,029	2,440	1,984
Total	74,946	74,930	75,090

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

The following tables and graphs provide a demographic for Allegany County minorities, people with limited English proficiency (LEP), low-income population, and population with a disability. The purpose of analyzing these demographics are the following:

- To avoid, minimize, or mitigate disproportionately high and adverse human health and environmental effects, including social and economic effects, on minority populations and low-income populations.
- To ensure the full and fair participation by all potentially affected communities
- To prevent the denial of, reduction in, or significant delay in the receipt of benefits by minority and low-income populations.

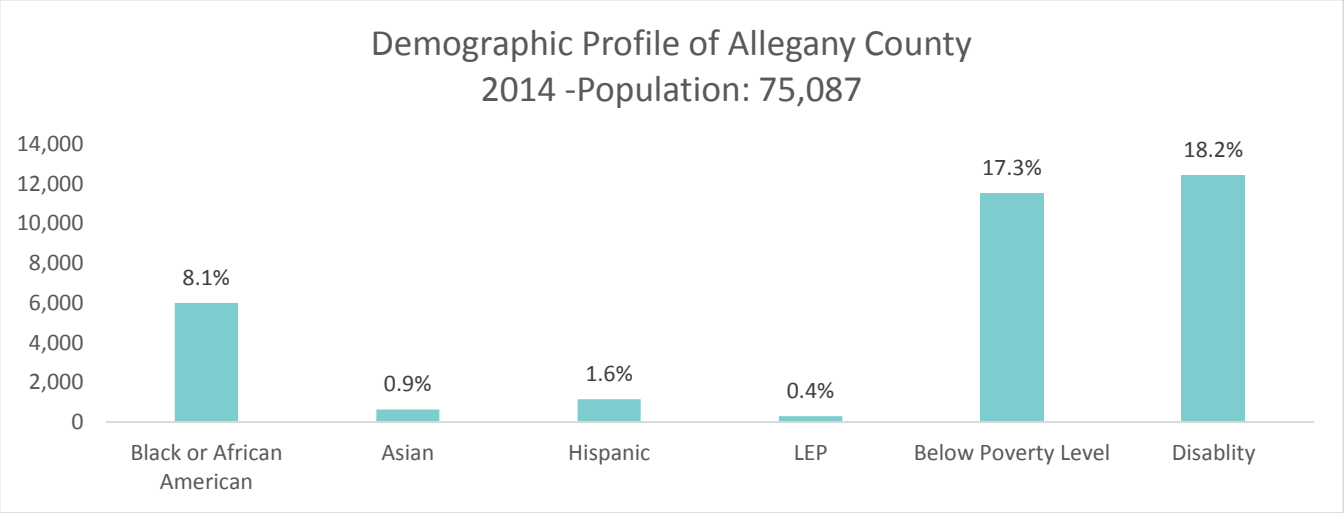


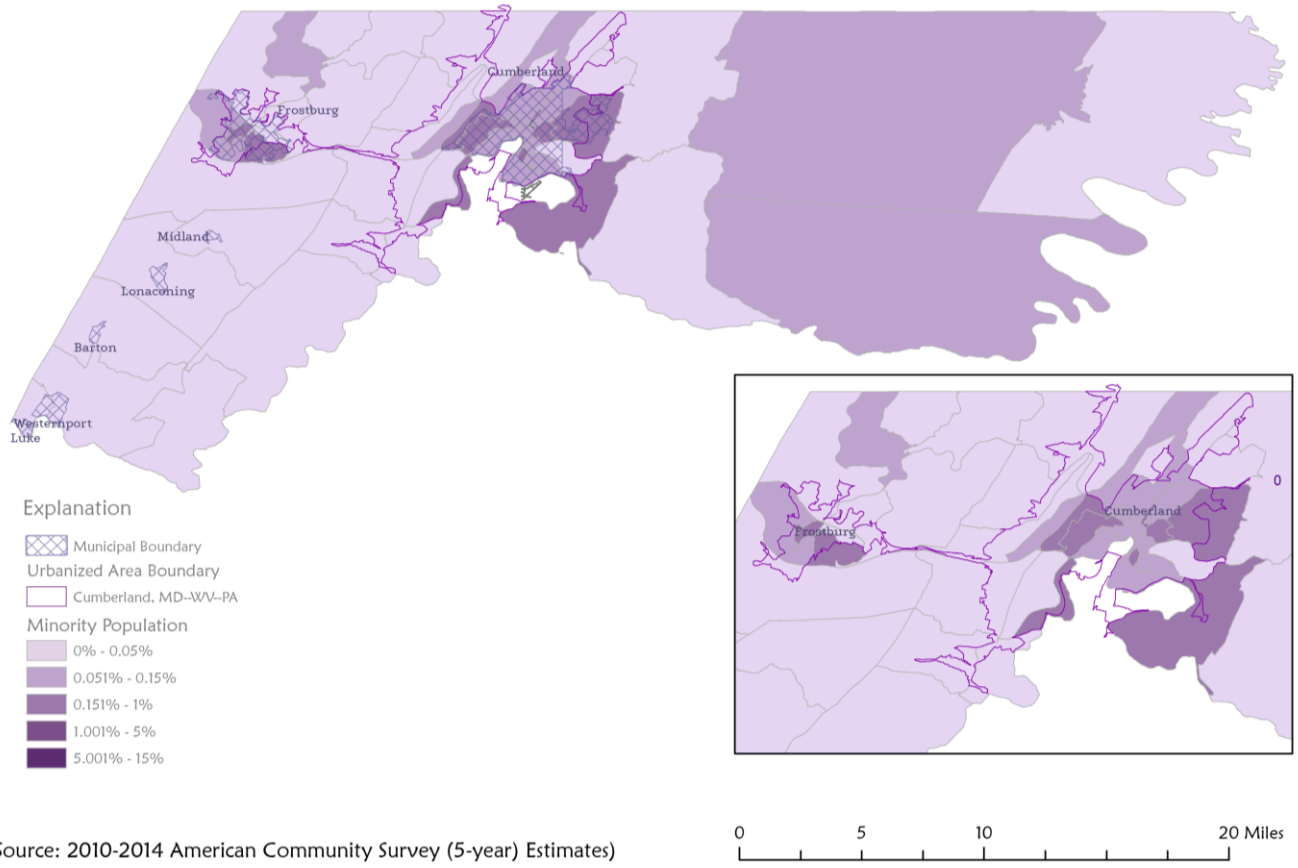
Figure 7 Demographic Profile of Allegany County (Source: 2010-2014 American Community Survey (5-year) Estimates)

Figure 7 shows nearly a fifth of the population of Allegany County have a disability and or are below the poverty level. Please note the categories of race, disabilities, and income level are not mutually exclusive, a person may fall under more than one of these categories.

Table 4 Race and Ethnicity in Allegany County and its Cities Source: 2010-2014 American Community Survey (5-year) Estimates

Area	Black or African American	Black or African American %	Asian	Asian %	Hispanic	Hispanic %
Allegany County, MD	5,991	8.1%	632	0.9%	1150	1.6%
City of Cumberland	4,758	10.9%	351	0.8%	908	2.1%
City of Frostburg	1,033	6.6%	209	1.3%	128	0.8%

Allegany County's minority population is centered in the urbanized areas of Cumberland and Frostburg, as shown in Map 3, but this is also a function of the population density in these areas.

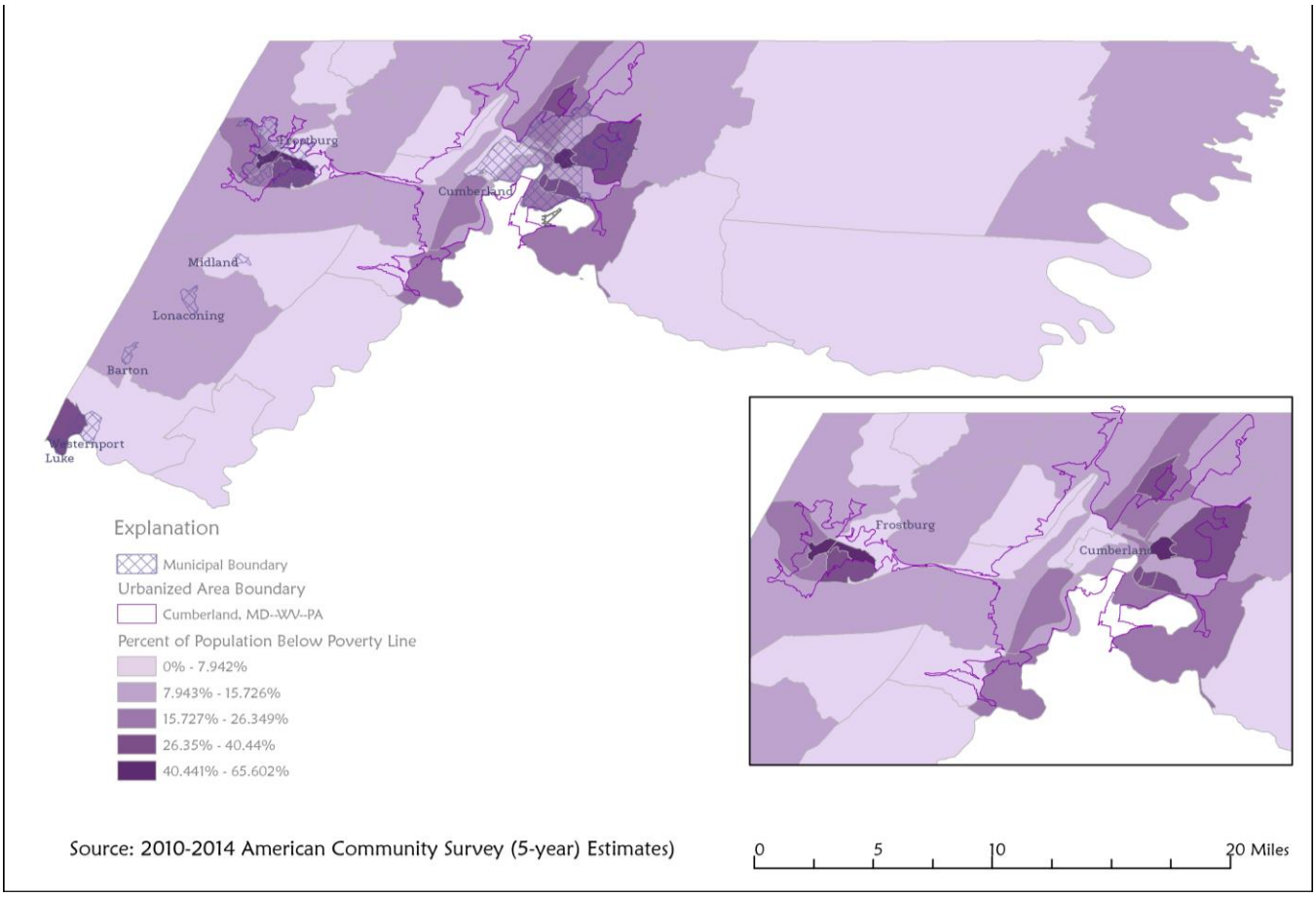


Map 3 Minority Population Distribution (Source: 2010-2014 American Community Survey (5-year) Estimates)

Table 5 Persons with a disability Source: 2010-2014 American Community Survey (5-year) Estimates

Area	Total Population	Population with a Disability	% with a Disability
Allegany County, MD	68,442	12,438	18.17%

There is a significant population with a disability in Allegany County. In the future the County looks to encourage projects that are accessible and inclusive.



Map 4 Population Below Poverty in Allegany County (Source: 2010-2014 American Community Survey (5-year) Estimates)

Map 4 depicts the high concentration of the population below poverty level in Cumberland, Frostburg, Luke, and Westernport.

INCOME

Table 6 includes estimates of the average annual income for Allegany County in 2010 by source of income as well as family income by numbers of workers within the family. Of the total households, the average income was estimated to be $51,700. The second half of the table estimates average annual income by the number of workers in a family. It is not surprising that families with 3 or more workers had the highest average income ($102,954), and families with no workers had the lowest average income ($34,818).

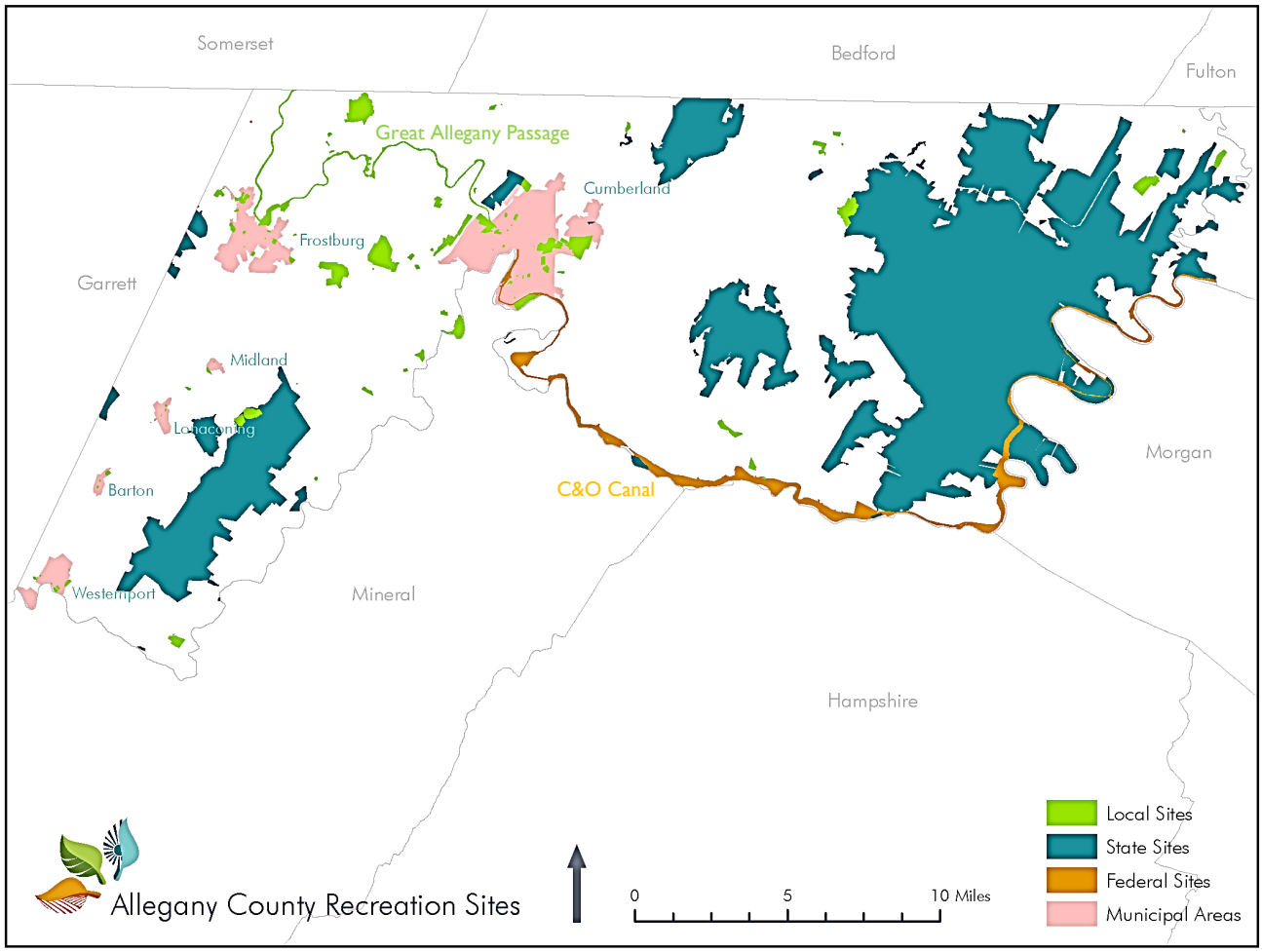
Table 6 Average Annual Income, 2010

Category	Total		Mean Income (dollars)*	
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error
Total households	28,777	+/-584	51,700	+/-1,481
With earnings	68.8%	+/-1.6	54,387	+/-1,796
With interest, dividends, or net rental income	22.3%	+/-1.4	11,218	+/-3,752
With Social Security income	38.3%	+/-1.3	15,536	+/-472
With Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	5.5%	+/-0.8	8,020	+/-634
With cash public assistance income	2.4%	+/-0.6	2,780	+/-860
With retirement income	25.0%	+/-1.4	15,294	+/-841
FAMILY INCOME BY NUMBER OF WORKERS IN FAMILY				
Total families	17,734	+/-565	63,256	+/-2,220
No workers	19.4%	+/-1.6	34,818	+/-2,366
1 worker	30.1%	+/-1.9	48,234	+/-4,183
2 workers, husband and wife worked	29.8%	+/-2.0	84,363	+/-4,113
2 workers, other	9.0%	+/-1.3	56,669	+/-4,551
3 or more workers, husband and wife worked	9.9%	+/-1.4	102,954	+/-9,275
3 or more workers, other	1.8%	+/-0.5	85,215	+/-15,887

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006-2010 American Community Survey
** In 2010 inflation-adjusted dollars*

OVERVIEW OF PRESERVED LANDS AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Map 5 Recreational & Park Lands & Appendix A – Overview Map show the large parcels of state park and recreational lands in the eastern and western portions of Allegany County. This area also contains steep slopes which also warrants preservation. This map also depicts the cross-county trail system; which is comprised of the Great Allegany Passage (22 miles) and the C&O Canal Towpath (54 miles.) These nonmotoized trails continue beyond the County boundaries and span a traffic free greenway, totaling 330 miles of trail, between Washington, DC and Boston, PA.



Map 5 Recreational & Park Lands

CHAPTER 2 PARKS AND RECREATION

OVERVIEW OF PARKS AND RECREATION SYSTEM

Although Allegany County does not have a Department of Parks and Recreation, County Planning Staff coordinate recreational development in the unincorporated area of the County. Administration of County-owned recreation properties and decisions regarding the use of Program Open Space (POS) funding in Allegany County are overseen and made by the Board of County Commissioners. Outside of the County's seven municipalities, recreational programming is initiated by community groups that are designated Local Sponsors of individual parks. These groups, whether Civic Improvement Associations or other public service organizations, enter into three-way Operation and Maintenance Agreements with the County and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The agreements outline how the subject properties must be operated, maintained and kept open to the public.

Figure 8 John Humbird Elementary Playground

The Board of County Commissioners retains overall responsibility for coordinating the POS program throughout the County. The County coordinates POS land acquisitions in the unincorporated part of the County and land so purchased is titled to the County. POS land acquisitions in, or for, municipalities are handled by municipal agencies and any land so purchased is deeded to municipalities. Municipalities and community organizations are normally responsible for determining what types of facilities are to be developed in each park, with the advice and consent of the Board of County Commissioners. The County, through the Division of Planning Services, also encourages communities to use the results of the Recreation Demand Survey to assure that new projects meet the needs of the community. The County-wide annual plans for acquisition and development using POS are based on needs perceived by the individual communities with input as described above from County Staff. The process begins with a letter sent in March requesting representatives of municipalities and Local Sponsor organizations provide the County their requests for the following fiscal year by the end of April. The requests that usually exceeds the State Legislature's allocation of funds. A panel of county staff review the requests and make a recommendation on the allocation of funding based on the need. The final approval of the annual plans and awarding of grants by the Board of County Commissioners occurs no later than the beginning of the fiscal year, July 1st.

Educational recreation developments funded through POS are coordinated by the Board of Education, which acts as the Local Sponsor as described above under the terms of a Joint Use Agreement cosigned with the County.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The County continues to utilize the State-sponsored Program Open Space to purchase and develop parks in communities within the County. Program Open Space will continue to be the primary Source: of non-

local funds for recreational projects in Allegany County. A few community parks, notably in LaVale and Cresaptown, are privately owned and funded.

The Great Allegheny Passage acquisition projects have been funded through POS. Development projects for the trail have been funded through Federal transportation funds through the Maryland Department of Transportation matched with State capital funds, DNR, Appalachian Regional Commission, local Program Open Space, and privately raised local funds. See Appendix B – Program Open Space Projects FY 2012-2017.

Municipalities and school-related groups have also received grants from the State of Maryland's Community Parks and Playgrounds program. That program deals directly with the DNR Land Acquisition and Planning's Western Maryland Regional Office.

COUNTY GOALS

Successful communities recognize that access to public recreational open space and to a variety of active recreational opportunities promotes physical and mental health. Recreation also provides positive social interaction, which is one of the major avenues by which residents can begin to establish ties to the community. In this regard, the provision of adequate recreational space and facilities is not simply a matter of providing for leisure time activities but is an essential part of maintaining public health, safety and welfare, and promoting social and community cohesion. Some of the Goals of the 2012 plan remain, in addition to goals that have been updated to complement the County's 2014 Comprehensive Plan and the State's goals for parks and recreation. The County goals are as follows:

Figure 9 Rocky Gap Beach

- Make a variety of quality recreational environments and opportunities readily accessible to all of its citizens and thereby contribute to their physical and mental well-being.
- Continue to develop the Fairgrounds to its fullest potential, according to the Fairgrounds Facilities Master Plan Developed in 2016. The County looks to maximize the Fairgrounds ability to host large scale recreation events such as the County Fair, meetings for clubs and festivals.
- Utilize current trail network to promote physical activity and healthy lifestyles. Support community partnerships that seek to increase trail network connectivity, and access to recreational opportunities without reliance on the automobile.
- Update or replace amenities at existing facilities and provide for additional amenities as the needs of the population of Allegany County change in order to make the County a desirable place to live, work, play, and grow.
- Direct POS Funding for neighborhood and community parks and facilities. Within planned areas of growth, and undeserved centers of population.

STATE GOALS

- Make a variety of quality recreational environments and opportunities readily accessible to all of its citizens and thereby contribute to their physical and mental well-being.
- Recognize and strategically use parks and recreation facilities as amenities to make communities, counties and the State more desirable places to live, work, play and visit.
- Use state investment in parks, recreation and open space to complement and mutually support the broader goals and objectives of local comprehensive/master plans.
- To the greatest degree feasible, ensure that recreational land and facilities for local populations are conveniently located relative to population centers, are accessible without reliance on the automobile and help to protect natural open spaces and resources.
- Complement infrastructure and other public investments and priorities in existing communities and areas planned for growth through investment in neighborhood and community parks and facilities.
- Continue to protect recreational open space and resource lands at a rate that equals or exceeds the rate that land is developed at a statewide level.

COMPARISION OF COUNTY AND STATE GOALS FOR PARKS AND RECREATION

Generally, the County's and State's goals are aligned in addressing both specific and general aspects of recreation planning, such as preserving open space, natural resources, and meeting the needs of the community to make Allegany County and Maryland a place that is desirable to live, work and play. The County goals for parks and recreation mirror or slightly differ from the state's goals to promote access to recreation and encourage redeveloping facilities. A goal more specific to Allegany County is to address the needs of the looks to meet the changing needs of the aging population.

Both sets of goals address access to recreational opportunities without reliance on the automobile, and to promote physical activity.

The goal about improvements to the Allegany County Fairgrounds are specific to the County but relates to the State's goal to developing conveniently located facilities and infrastructure near population centers. The Fairgrounds is located in a designated growth area.

PROGRESS FROM 2012

The following goals are from the Allegany County Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan 2012, along with a description of the progress of how those goals have been carried out

GOAL 1 Provide 10 acres of locally owned recreation land for communities with a population of 500 or more residents.

2017 PROGRESS

This has been a long-standing goal in the County's recreation plans. Stipulating 10 acres of recreation land now seems excessive for every community of more than 500 residents. Other than acquisitions related to the County Fairgrounds or the Great Allegheny Passage, the County has not encountered demand for additional recreational property for a decade or more. Allegany County has since removed this goal from the 2017 LPPRP.

GOAL 2 Continue to develop the Fairgrounds to its fullest potential, thus supporting its ability to host

countywide recreation events such as the County Fair, meetings for clubs and other groups and other large-scale events.

2017 Progress

In 2013, the County Department of Public Works replaced a functionally obsolete structure with a modern restroom facility at the southern end of the Grandstands. Additionally, a parking lot at the multi-use building was paved.

In 2016, the County constructed a Caretakers House at the location where an original Caretakers House was situated. Having an on-site presence provides an added measure of security and enhanced access for the Fairgrounds.

The Board of County Commissioners approved and adopted a "Facilities Master Plan for the Allegany County Fairgrounds" in August 2016. The plan, compiled by Convergence Design of Kansas City, includes Development Options for improving utilities, parking, access, buildings, festival areas, and musical venues. It provides the County with guidance for continued development of the Fairgrounds while accommodating existing recreational facilities and events.

GOAL 3 Completing Allegany County Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan 2013. This may also provide for more opportunities to view other areas not accessible by bike at this time. Inherent within this plan should be more opportunities for interconnection with other "green spaces" within the County such as a greenway to access the central portion of the (Mountain Ridge) Rural Legacy Area along the Braddock Run.

Figure 10 Playing at Cash Valley Playground

2017 Progress

The Allegany County Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan 2013 was completed.

In 2016, the County Department of Public Works designed and implemented the Valley Street Bridge trail detour to eliminate a dangerous at grade intersection of the GAP trail and a city street utilizing Federal Transportation funds.

The County's 2017 Transportation Priority Letter proposes a study of potential connections between the residential sections of LaVale and the Great Allegheny Passage.

GOAL 4 Update or replace amenities at the existing facilities and provide for additional amenities as the needs of the population of Allegany County change.

2017 Progress

The County, in keeping with the previous state initiatives, promotes concentration of development in existing communities. Of the 29 POS funded recreation projects that occurred during the past 5 fiscal years (FY2013-17) that involved construction, only one – the McCoole Community Park has taken place on undeveloped ground. POS funding assures facilities will continue to be updated and replaced. The Allegany High School project is a new project, with a large recreation component redeveloping a former hospital site.

GOAL 5 Encourage the County to direct POS Funding for active and passive recreation within the Upper Potomac Planning Region. This region is recognized as a growth area and the County will look to work

with developers to provide sufficient recreational assets for the future enjoyment of County residents.

2017 Progress

The County has purchased property and allocated POS design funding for a Community Park in the community of McCoole, which is in the Upper Potomac Planning Region. After the 2012 LPPRP was adopted the County reverted to the earlier Planning Region geography. The Upper Potomac Region cited in the 2012 plan is now the Upper Potomac and the Middle Potomac Planning Regions.

GOAL 6 Determine the need for an oversight committee for parks and recreation. Work with the local municipalities and other local agencies to consolidate resources and services to provide the best recreational experience for residents of Allegany County.

2017 Progress

There are seven municipalities in Allegany County. The County and the municipalities coordinate in allocating POS funding and other resources between the incorporated and non-incorporated residents of the County. For example, the City of Cumberland had requested funds for the project but the County POS allocation for FY2017 was insufficient to provide for purchase of new lights and poles. To remedy the situation the Count transferred the equipment and bulbs for lighting a ballfield to the City of Cumberland, that were originally purchased with POS funding for the Moss Cottage ballfields. Moss Cottage lacked the ability to install the lights, and the Athletic Association agreed to send them to the City.

PROJECT GREEN CLASSROOMS

Project Green Classrooms is a public and private partnership that has worked collaboratively to provide opportunities for children to play and learn outdoors and promote environmental literacy. The Partnership for Project Green Classrooms was instrumental in helping the State to update the pre K-12 environmental literacy education program (COMAR 13A.04.017) and to pass the first Environmental Literacy Graduation Requirement (COMAR 13A.03.02.03) in the Nation. Since then, the Partnership has worked diligently to support school systems as they develop and implement their local environmental literacy programs, fostering collaboration among formal and non-formal educators, helping to increase opportunities for student outdoor experiences and teacher professional development, and more.

Figure 11 Students at Rocky Gap State Park

ALLEGANY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS ENVIROMENTAL LITERACY PROGRAM

Appendix C – Environmental Literacy Presentation contains an overview on the Environmental Literacy, Outdoor School, and After School Programs offered to students in Allegany County's public-school system. Every student has a meaningful outdoor education experience from Kindergarten to grade 12. For example, seventh graders, spend two-and-a-half days at Rocky Gap and Canal Place and fifth graders have outdoors school at the Evergreen Heritage Center.

Figure 12 Water Quality Sampling

IMPLEMENTING PROGRAMS

OPEN SPACE, GREENWAYS, AND PARKS

Beginning in 1970 Allegany County established open space or passive recreation areas when the first parcels on the south side of the Narrows were purchased as a Scenic Park.

"Following severe flooding in the Wills Creek valley in 1984, Allegany County initiated a flood acquisition program in the Locust Grove community west of Cumberland. This acquisition program was voluntary in nature and utilized funding provided by the State of Maryland. In the aftermath of the 1996 flood event, Allegany County embarked on an even larger acquisition program, particularly in the Georges Creek Planning Region. This acquisition program was funded through a combined effort by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), the Maryland State Highway Administration (MD-SHA) and Allegany County. The 2012 Allegany County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update states that 180 structures were razed between 1987 and 2010. Additionally, the County's flood buyout records show that fourteen (14) properties were purchased between 2005 and 2011. A new list of more than 70 flood-prone properties was generated by the County's Division of Land Development Services and Department of Public Works in February 2014. At that time grant applications were submitted to MEMA and the State's Department of Housing and Community Development to fund acquisition of eight additional flood-prone properties." (Allegany County 2014 Comprehensive Plan Chapter 8.3.3, Allegany County 2014 Comprehensive Plan)

These properties have been designated as "greenways." Program Open Space funds were used to create the Georges Creek Greenway and the Evitts Creek Greenway. FEMA, MEMA, and MD-SHA funded the Wills Creek Greenway, the Valley Road Greenway, and isolated flood-prone properties. Other County owned Open Space properties include Smouse Park, Mount Savage Passive Recreation Area, Dans Rock Overlook Park, and Bowling Green Community Park. See

Table 8 for a list of Fiscal Year 2018 Program Open Space Projects.

Parks in Allegany County include recreational facilities of Allegany College of Maryland and Frostburg State University. Other parks of regional significance include Cumberland's Constitution Park, Canal Place, the Allegany County Fairgrounds, and the Maryland portion of the Great Allegheny Passage (GAP.) These facilities contribute in varying degrees to the County's economic health as components of its eco-tourism infrastructure. The following excerpts from the 2014 Allegany Comprehensive Plan address the benefits of the Fairgrounds, GAP, State Parks and the C&O Canal National Historical Park.

Figure 13 Sign to Paw Pal Tunnel

"The Great Allegheny Passage uses optical counters to generate a user count. In 2012, Allegany Trail Alliance reported that 75,000 people utilized the Maryland portion of the trail. Using a "Trail Town Economic Impact Study" that analyzed the spending habits of both day-users and those who spend the night, the Allegany Trail Alliance conservatively estimates an annual economic impact of $1,475,000 in Allegany County that is derived from trail users." (Chapter 10.7.4.1, Allegany County 2014 Comprehensive Plan)

Similarly, State Parks and the C&O Canal National Historical Park contribute to the County's economy.

"The State's Department of Natural Resource's Forests, Wildlife Management Areas and State Parks and the C&O Canal National Historical Park occupy more than 27% of the County's area. Due to the size of these parks and the informal way in which they may be used, it is difficult to gauge their participation rates. The Rocky Gap Resort has been reconfigured as a casino bringing more visitors to the State Park. The National Park Service operates a Visitor Center at the Canal Terminus in Cumberland and reports that "average annual park visitation at Cumberland Terminus area, based on actual counts in [the] Visitor Center…is 100,000 visitors a year." This influx of tourists would include bikers and hikers on the Great Allegheny Passage and visitors to the Canal Place Heritage Area and park special events." (Chapter 10.7.4.1, Allegany County 2014 Comprehensive Plan)

The Allegany County Fairgrounds was purchased by the County in 1986 using POS funding.

"The Allegany County Fairgrounds is the County's premier regional park that draws attendees from the County and the immediate surrounding area. Some events attract attendees from nearby states and central Maryland. Fairgrounds personnel estimate 2012 attendance of 130,000 persons for all events. DelFest is one annual musical event that attracts participants from a much wider area; the 2012 event was attended by approximately 35,000 music lovers, most of them camped on the property over a four-day span in May. The annual County Fair attracts approximately 40,000 attendees." (Chapter 10.7.4.1, Allegany County 2014 Comprehensive Plan)

Figure 14 Camping at DelFest 2016

PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES INVENTORY

Parks and open space include a variety of recreation areas and facilities to meet the needs of Allegany County's residents and visitors. Park and recreation facilities can also be established to preserve, conserve and manage natural resources and habitats. The following are some classifications and examples of land in Allegany County. See Appendix D - Allegany County Inventory Parks and Recreation Facilities, Appendix E – Recreation Sites Inventory Map, Appendix F – Recreation Sites Inventory Map Public Sites, and Appendix G - Recreation Sites Inventory Map Private. The inventory table also includes new projects that were funded by Program Open Space from 2012-2017.

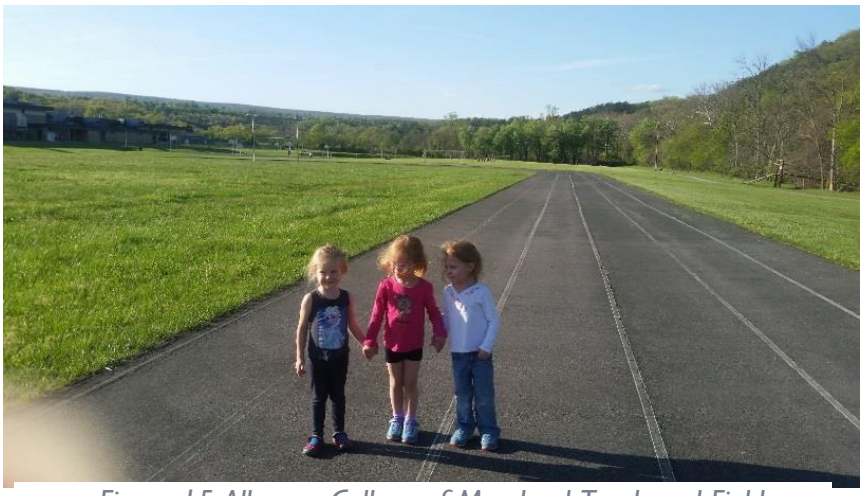
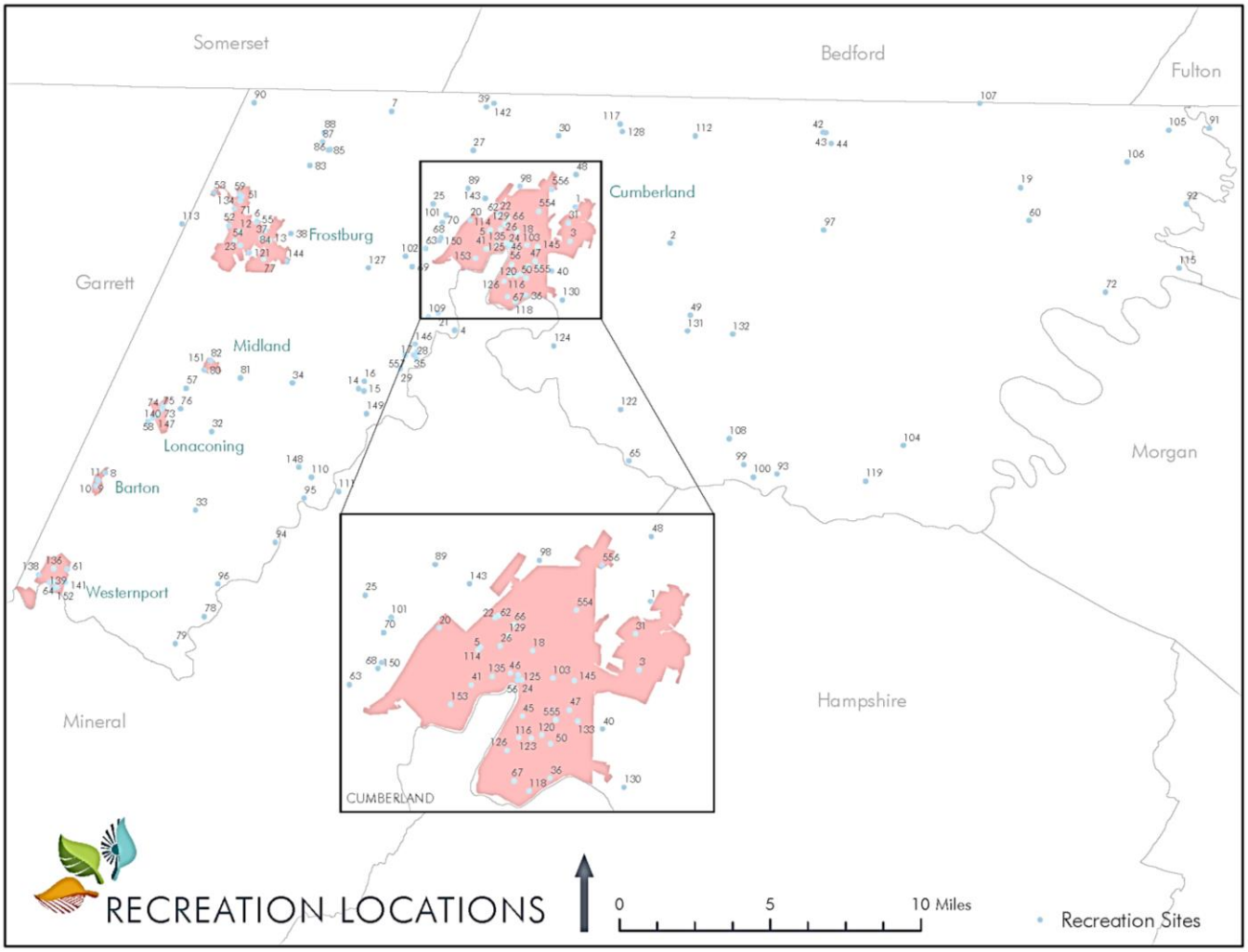


Figure 15 Allegany College of Maryland Track and Field



Map 6 Recreation Site Points

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

The 22, small scaled neighborhood parks provide limited facilities due to their size but are convenient for locations in more densely populated urban settings. They give residents of these neighborhoods some outdoor space beyond the home that is conveniently located, where they casually meet and/or engage in unorganized play and enjoy open space. Due to the distribution of population in Allegany County neighborhood parks and playgrounds occur in municipalities.

COMMUNITY PARKS

The 61 Community Parks serve larger populations than neighborhood parks and in Allegany County have been developed in municipalities, unincorporated suburbs, and smaller rural communities. Residents of former mining or company towns of the George's Creek region of the County tend to gravitate towards community parks in the municipalities of the region. Community Parks also provide amenities such as playground equipment. The County relies on community groups or public service organizations to operate, maintain, and provide programming of recreational activities. The properties may be owned by the County, but because they are developed and supported by residents, parks contribute to the social well-being of the community at-large.

Figure 16 Barton Community Park Playground

SCHOOL RECREATION FACILITIES

School recreation facilities are located at school properties in urban, suburban and rural community settings. There is are 23 school recreation facilities. The County's elementary schools have almost all been provided play equipment funded through POS. At the County's middle and high schools playing fields are open for the public when not in school use.

REGIONAL PARKS, WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS, AND STATE FORESTS

54 Regional Parks in Allegany County include recreational facilities of Allegany College of Maryland and Frostburg State University. Other parks of regional significance include Cumberland's Constitution Park, Canal Place, the Allegany County Fairgrounds, and the Maryland portion of the Great Allegheny Passage (GAP.) These facilities contribute in varying degrees to the County's economic health as components of its eco-tourism infrastructure.

TRAILS

Many residents and visitors have embraced the recreational aspect of biking, walking, and using the C&O Canal, Great Allegheny Passage, and other existing local hiking and biking trails. The County's roadways, on

the other hand, are primarily used for automobiles, but there is opportunity to improve their capacity for non-motorized transportation.

In an effort to encourage alternative transportation modes in Allegany County the *Allegany County Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan of 2013* provides an inventory of existing and proposed trails. Included is an inventory of existing and proposed trails, a review of trail connectivity and a discussion of biking and pedestrian issues. The Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan also provides a vision and proposed projects to improve the conditions for biking and walking in Allegany County.

Allegany County's existing trail systems are used by residents and visitors of Allegany County. The main systems spanning east to west in the County are the Great Allegheny Passage and the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Towpath. These trails meet in Cumberland and provide a non-motorized connection from Georgetown (near Washington, DC) to downtown Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The other existing system of trails can be found in Rocky Gap State Park. That system consists of four trails, three of which are spurs to the main Lake Loop Trail that follows Lake Habeeb's shore. Green Ridge State Forest also provides 11 trails for recreation. Most trails in Green Ridge State Forest are moderately challenging hiking trails due to the steep terrain.

Other existing trails in Allegany County include the LaVale Loop Trail. This informal trail provides a loop following Braddock Run and the western side of Haystack Mountain on two abandoned railroads and connects to LaVale District Park. The trail is not regularly maintained. Another example of a connecting community trail spans from the town of Luke at Mullen Avenue to Walnut Street in the Town of Westernport. This trail should be considered for improvements to provide an alternative non-motorized route connecting the communities. MD 135 also connects the communities but is a narrow road with heavy truck traffic. See Appendix H -Trail Inventory Map.

Figure 17 Bikers on the GAP

PRIVATELY OWNED RECREATION FACILITIES

The inventory identifies 50 properties for recreational use but are owned by a private or nonprofit entity. Some of these sites are open to the public, but others require a membership, or rental fee. An example of a privately-owned facility is the Ali Ghan Shrine Club's Picnic Grounds. It is a gated area that can be rented for events; the area has playground equipment, pavilions and other amenities.

MEASURING USER DEMAND

PUBLIC OUTREACH

SURVEY

Allegany County conducted an online survey in January 2017 to ask the public's opinion on the park and recreation sites within the County, for the LPPRP update. The survey contained questions that will help

Allegany County improve some of our greatest recreational assets. The survey was made through www.surveymonkey.com. The survey was posted on the county's website as well as social media sites. 125 people, in total, were surveyed. Full results from the survey can be found in Appendix K – LPPRP Survey Monkey Survey Results

Figure 18 Great Allegany Passage and Wills Mountain Scenic Overlook

According to the survey, the following are the top ten most visited sites in Allegany County

1. Constitution Park
2. Rocky Gap State Park
3. C&O Canal
4. Dan's Mountain State Park
5. Frostburg State University
6. Allegany College of Maryland
7. Dan's Rock Overlook Park
8. Green Ridge State Forest
9. Great Alleghany Passage
10. Savage River State Forest

These sites are likely visited the most because they are well advertised, highly visible, and have a variety of desired amenities, from trails, pools, access to water features, and camping.

The online survey also asked participants to rank their most important amenity. The most important was Hiking, Walking, Running, and Biking category, second was picnicking, followed by swimming, camping and playgrounds.

When participants were asked "What do you like about the recreation facilities you visit in Allegany County?" The most frequent responses include cleanliness, small crowds, close to home, diverse, natural beauty, open space, and quiet.

Figure 19 Downtown Cumberland Farmers Market Outreach

According to the 70 participants that responded to the question on what to change about the Allegany County recreational facilities, there were requests for areas that were dog-friendly, parks updated with modern equipment, and add more trash cans to the parks to promote cleanliness. Others also mentioned that many of the recreation sites are directed to younger people even though the majority of Allegany County's population is older. Some suggested added activities such as archery, shuffleboard, and more hiking/biking trails. Others mentioned that more bathrooms and water fountains should be added.

Public Outreach Input for Constitution Park Trails Plan

There were no public meetings, specifically for the 2017 Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan. Fortunately, in October 2017, the Cumberland Area Metropolitan Planning Organization partnered with the City of Cumberland for the Constitution Park Trail Plan. For the plan kickoff there were two days of public outreach, at and four locations and times on October 25 and October 26. In the future, the County looks to use this model for broader public outreach to assess the public's needs.

Figure 20 Flyer for Public Outreach

Public outreach took place at a walk-through of the Park with the City of Cumberland Recreation Board, Western Maryland Health System Auditorium during a flu vaccine clinic, at the Cumberland Halloween Parade, and at the Downtown Cumberland Farmers Market. Appendix I – Constitution Park Public Input Boards allowed the participants to vote and share ideas on what kinds of facilities they would like to add, remove or improve.

Based on the public input boards the following facilities were popular

- Nature Based Playgrounds
- Paved Trails
- Skateboard Trail
- Outdoor Classrooms

Figure 21 Walk through park with Staff and Recreation Board Members

Along with the in person public input to the Constitution Park Trails Plan outreach, an online Survey with 698 responses was taken, see the full report in Appendix J – Constitution Park Trail Plan Survey. There was strong support for updating existing facilities at the park, there was also a strong interest in a music festival, and a trail system with some ADA accessible paths.

Summary of requested Amenities from Outreach

Based on the public outreach, there are requests for the following types of park and recreation facilities

- Paved, ADA accessible, Hiking, Biking, Walking Trails
- Dog friendly areas and dog parks
- New and modern equipment and facilities and Nature-based Playgrounds
- Diversity in programming, like children's camps, outdoor classrooms and music festivals

These requests will be taken into consideration when funding opportunities become available.

DATA ON USAGE, DEMAND AND PARTICIPATION RATES

Since Allegany County does not have a parks and recreation department, data on participation at some of the recreation sites have been gathered from the City of Cumberland, City of Frostburg, Allegany County Fairgrounds, Athletic Associations and State Parks. Table 7 contains participation data for the Fairgrounds, Great Allegany Passage, and other recreation facilities.

Table 7 Participation Rates

Site	Year	Total	Notes	Organization
Great Allegany Passage	2016	100,000		Allegany Trail Alliance
DelFest	2017	35,000		Allegany County Fairgrounds
Allegany County Fair (week long)	2017	40,000		Allegany County Fairgrounds
Annual Fairground Visitors		200,000	visitors for over 200 events	Allegany County Fairgrounds
Rocky Gap	2017	578,831	475,463-day use, 95,335 camping, 8,033 cabins	DNR
Dan's Mountain	2017	15,353	Day use only	DNR
Constitution Park Pool	2017	12,234		City of Cumberland
Mason Recreation Complex	2017	1,257	Softball, Football and Soccer - Registered participants	City of Cumberland
Holly Ave Rec Complex - Softball and Soccer Total Participation	2017	1,000	approximate players	LaVale Athletics Association
Constitution Park Day Camp -	2017	3,556	9-week summer program	City of Cumberland
Constitution Park Sunday Concert Series	2017	8,000	15 Concerts	City of Cumberland
City Place	2017	28,000	estimated visitors	City of Frostburg
Community Center	2017	12,000	estimated visitors	City of Frostburg
Community Park	2017	54,000	estimated visitors	City of Frostburg
Dog Park	2017	10,000	estimated visitors	City of Frostburg
East End Park	2017	5,000	estimated visitors	City of Frostburg
Frostburg Armory	2017	16,000	estimated visitors	City of Frostburg
Glendening Rec Complex - 0	2017	128,000	estimated visitors	City of Frostburg
Hoffman Park	2017	10,000	estimated visitors	City of Frostburg
Mt. Pleasant Park	2017	8,000	estimated visitors	City of Frostburg
Rifle Range	2017	6,500	estimated visitors	City of Frostburg
West End Park	2017	2,000	estimated visitors	City of Frostburg

According to the usage data, Rocky Gap State Park is highly used. This information correlates to the County's online recreation survey. According to the survey, the most important assets were hiking and biking trails, both the Great Allegany Passage and Rocky Gap show a high participation rate.

The Constitution Park public outreach showed that people were interested in programmed events, based on the 8,000 people at the Park's concert series other events might also be popular.

The Frostburg Dog Park is reported to have over 10,000 visitors to the site in a year. Based on the surveys there is demand for more of these types of facilities. In Allegany County there is only one other dog park at Constitution Park. Improvements to the Dog Park in Constitution Park are warranted for the site to meet modern dog park design criteria.

This enumeration of participation is not complete, there are many more active leagues and athletic clubs, this demand can be seen in the POS funding over the last six years. Many of the projects were to improve sports fields and courts.

ANALYZING USER DEMAND

PARK EQUITY ANALYSIS

Unstructured outdoor time is important for the overall wellbeing of everyone. Evidence suggest that exposure to nature can improve attention and promote self-confidence, calmness, and other psychological aspects of health. The benefits from unstructured outdoor play produce positive developmental and health impacts for all residents, including those from rural communities to those in urban and suburban neighborhoods.

METHOD

The analysis is built upon the combination of four data layers, and prioritizes areas in need of park space by:

- High concentration of both children under the age of 17, and adults over the age of 65
- High concentration of populations below the poverty line
- High population density
- Low access to public park space

This method is recommended by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. The Park Equity Analysis is a first look at where resources may be needed and is meant for guidance only. As always, a more in-depth evaluation of on the ground resources, challenges and opportunities will help to inform land use decisions regarding the location and development of local and state park lands.

RESULTS

The Park Equity Analysis of Allegany County map in Appendix L – Park Equity Map shows that the greatest need for recreational facilities occurs in the urban centers of the cities of Cumberland and Frostburg. Pockets of Medium-High need are shown in eastern and south Cumberland, in the Bedford Road and Bowman's Addition areas north of Cumberland and in Luke. Medium Need in the mid-Georges Creek region reflects the fact (stated above) that residents of the area utilize the nearby municipal recreational facilities of Midland, Lonaconing, Barton and Westernport. The Low and Medium-Low Need shown in the eastern half of the County

Figure 22 Creekside Park in Westernport Constructed in 2017

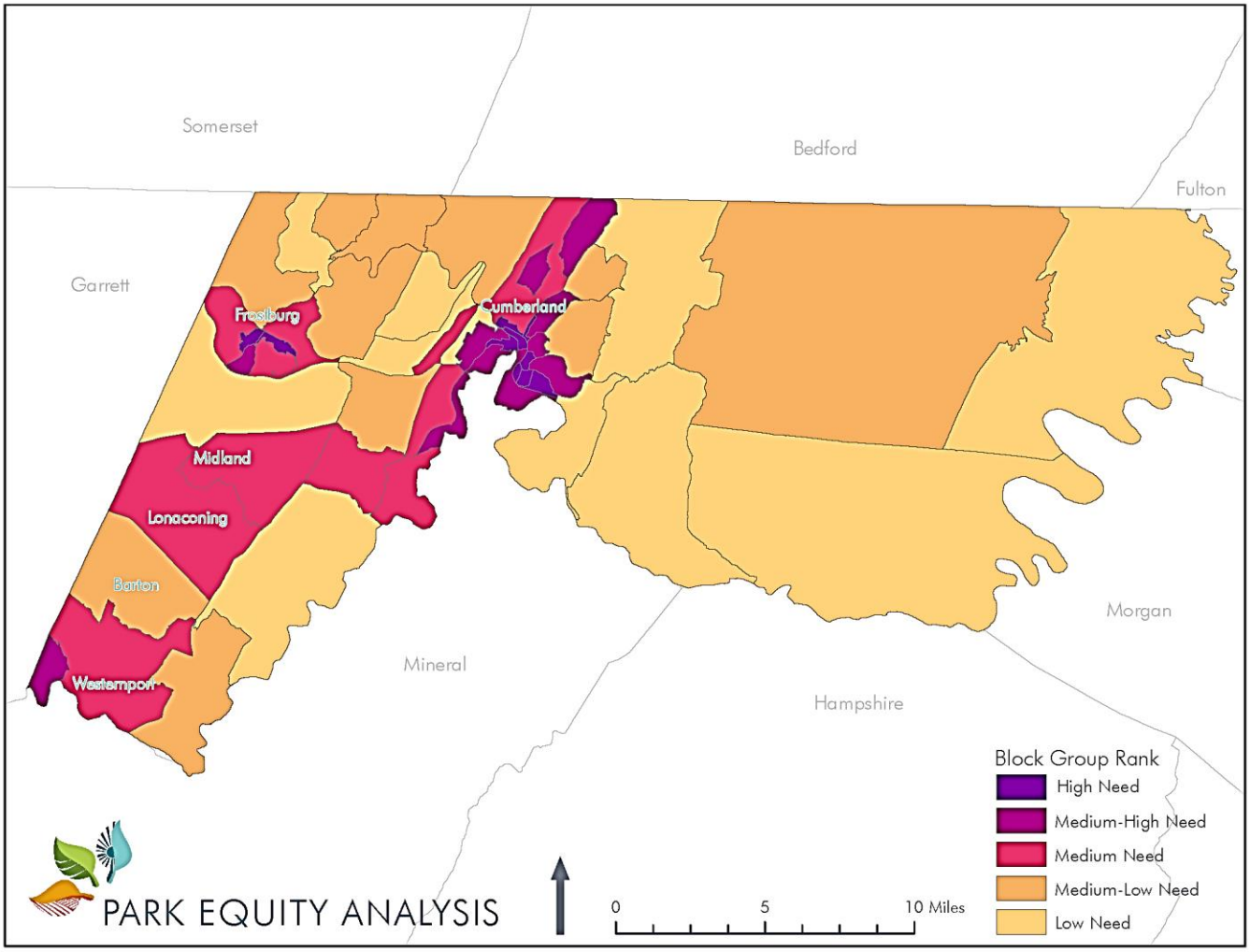
may be due to the area's sparser population and the vast State Forest and Wildlife Management lands there. Community Parks in Oldtown and Flinstone.

Future County action based on the Park Equity Analysis, will focus on the areas of high need in Frostburg and Cumberland, and the areas just east of Cumberland City limits. Areas of medium-high need in Luke, Cumberland, Cresaptown and the Bedford Road and Valley Road Areas will be addressed. For example land acquisition for Community Parks serving both the Bedford Road and Valley Road communities is reflected in the Parks and Recreation CIP.

In addition, in the Fall of 2017 the Creekside Park in Westernport was constructed with Community Parks funds. This project includes new playground equipment and other amenities.

As for addressing the desires expressed in the public outreach, the City of Cumberland is hoping to complete the Constitution Park Trail Plan in Spring 2018. The projects in the recommendation of the plan may lead to more paved trails in the park and perhaps other parks in Cumberland. In addition to improved dog park amenities, and a diversity in future programs and events.

In the future LPPRP plans, proximity to trails will be accounted for in the analysis. This might stet the region of high need in Cumberland which is in walking distance (3/4 mile) from the Great Allegany Passage, the same applies to some the areas of high need in the City of Frostburg.



Map 7 Park Equity Analysis

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The 2018-2022 Parks and Recreation Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) includes future recreational projects culled from the 2017-2021 Allegany County Capital Improvement Plan and the County's 2017 Transportation Priority Letter. The Parks and Recreation CIP contains only the current recreational proposals submitted by the County's municipalities. Entries in the plan for FY 2018 include municipality projects in the FY 2018 Annual Plan for Program Open Space.

As illustrated in the Parks and Recreation Survey, many parks need new equipment and amenities, known as Capital Redevelopment. The County's long-standing goal of improving existing parks accounts for much of the Program Open Space funding. Because the County's recreation facilities are managed by local service organizations it is difficult to anticipate the location and need for Capital Redevelopment projects. Therefore, that type of development is not included in the CIP.

Goals of accessibility will be addressed in all of these projects, but specifically the Flintstone School Playground will be compliant with ADA requirements.

Trails and paths were requested from the public outreach, these community playground projects will try to incorporate walking paths and trails that communities can access without the reliance on automobiles. The Oldtown Community Center project in FY 2018 will be improving the track in this rural area.

Two other popularly requested amenities were dog parks and nature-based playgrounds. Nature-based playgrounds are becoming popular in more natural settings, instead of the plastic and metal playground equipment, playgrounds are constructed using natural slopes, and materials. See Figure 23 for an example.

The Parks and Recreation Capital Improvement Plan was approved by the County Commissioners' at their June 29, 2017 meeting.

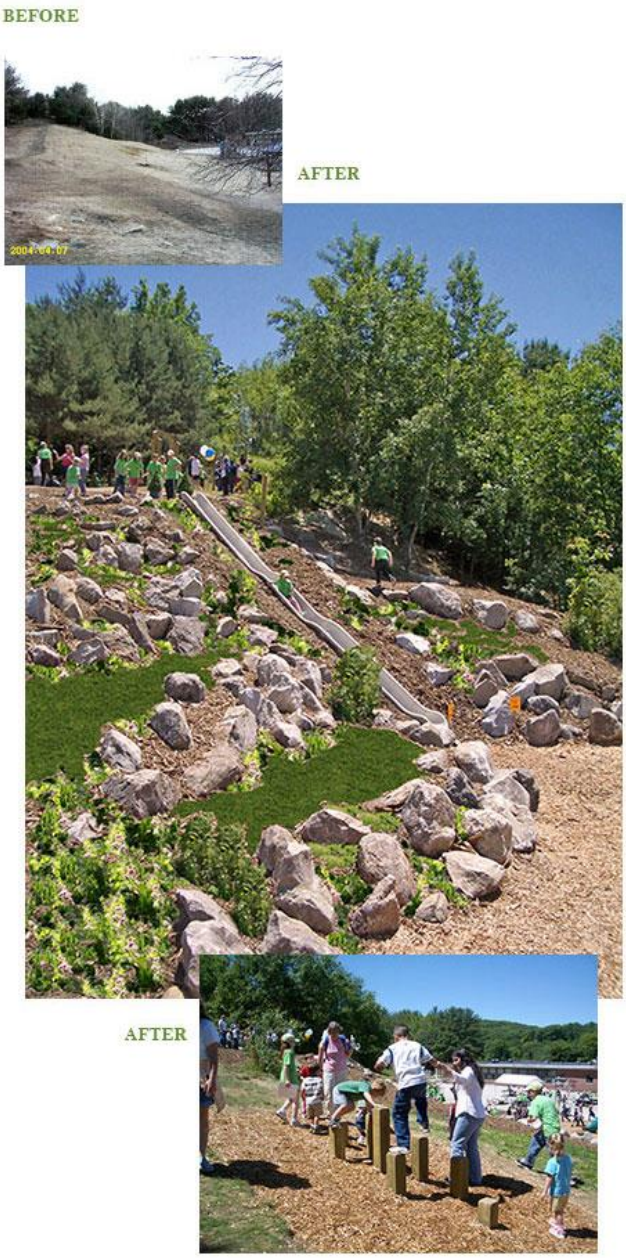


Figure 23 Nature-based Playgound example from naturalplaygounds.com

Table 8 Capital Improvement Plan Allegany County Parks and Recreation FY 2018-2022

Fiscal Year	Organization	Project	Funding Amount	Funding Source:	Project Status
FY 2018	Beall Elementary School PTO	Playground Phase Two	$35,000.00	POS/Local	Design Complete
	City of Cumberland	Constitution Park, Long Ballfield Improvements	$90,000.00	POS/Local	Planning/Design
	Town of Barton	Meadow Ballfield Improvements	$10,000.00	POS/Local	Planning/Design
	Allegany College of Maryland	Tennis Court Renovation and Lighting	$80,000.00	POS/ACM	Planning/Design
	Flintstone Elementary School	ADA Playground	$35,000.00	POS/Local	Planning/Design
	Town of Westernport	Creekside Park Security Cameras	$20,000.00	POS/Local	Planning/Design
	Oldtown Community Center, Inc.	Concession, Playground and Track Improvements	$7,000.00	POS/Local	Planning/Design
	City of Frostburg	Frostburg Community Park Pool Deck	$7,000.00	POS/Local	Planning/Design
	Town of Midland	Church Street Playground Pavilion	$20,000.00	POS/Local	Planning/Design
	LaVale Civic Improvement Association	District Park Basketball and Parking Lot Paving	$17,000.00	POS/Local	Planning/Design
	Bel Air Elementary School PTO	Elementary School Playground	$90,000.00	POS/Local	Planning/Design
	Allegany County Board of Education	Allegany High School Recreational Facilities	$500,000.00	POS/Other	Planning/Design
	McCoole Special Taxing District	McCoole Community Park Construction	$82,222.00	POS/Local	Preliminary Design
FY 2019	Allegany County	Fairgrounds Restroom	$135,000.00	POS/Local	Planning/Design
	Flintstone Civic Improvement Assoc.	Community Parks Improvements	$39,400.00	POS/Local	Planning/Design
	Cresaptown Elementary	Playground Upgrade	$90,000.00	POS/Local	Planning/Construction
FY 2020	Unknown Local Sponsor	Bedford Road Community Park Acquisition	unknown	POS	unknown
	Unknown Local Sponsor	Bedford/ Valley Road Facility	unknown	POS	unknown
FY 2021	Allegany County DPW	LaVale to Great Allegheny Passage Connection	unknown	unknown	Transportation Plan
FY 2022	Allegany County DPW	Fairgrounds Access Road	$1,000,000.00	POS/Other	Preliminary Estimate

CHAPTER 3 NATURAL RESOURCE LAND CONSERVATION

Figure 24 Town Creek

In 2010, the County's Mountain Ridge Rural Legacy Area was approved by the State of Maryland. The first easement purchased through the Rural Legacy program occurred during the writing of the 2012 LPPRP. Today the County has more than 900 acres preserved through the purchase of four additional easements. See Appendix M – Rural Legacy Map.

The State of Maryland has preserved 67,184 acres, or 24.6% of Allegany County's land area, in Wildlife Management Areas, State Forests and State Parks. The Chesapeake and Ohio National Historical Park consists of 3,205 acres of protected land as well. Adding the locally preserved land to State and Federal lands preserves approximately one acre of land per County resident.

The County has strategically utilized land preservation as a protective measure. Two of the County's Rural Legacy easements have the beneficial aspect of being located within public water supply watersheds; one entirely and the other partially. In acquiring these two easements the County was achieving the Number 1 protective goal of an MDE study of the LaVale and Lonaconing water systems; the limiting of incompatible land uses on slopes above public water supply impoundments, wells and springs.

Since 2012, approximately 113 acres of forested stream buffers have been implemented as part of the County's Phase II Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) for the Chesapeake Bay TMDL. This reforestation was primarily funded by then Governor O'Malley's Stream Challenge Grant administered by the County in partnership with DNR Forest Service. Much of this reforestation was implemented on historic and recent flood buyout properties throughout the County. Also since 2012, approximately 38 acres of urban tree canopy, 363 acres of reforestation on mine lands and 4,000 linear feet of stream restoration have been implemented as part of the County's Phase II WIP.

COUNTY GOALS

Natural resource conservation lands prove many environmental and social benefits including filtration of air water, outdoor recreational opportunities, economic and public health benefits, and wildlife habitat and biodiversity. Preserving natural resources sustain a functional ecosystem which in turn provides benefits to inhabitants of Allegany County.

The following goals are reiterated from the 2012 LPPRP and also complement objectives and recommendations from the from the 2014 Comprehensive Plan's Sensitive Area Element and Agricultural, Forestry and Non-Mineral Resources Element.

- Continue to protect steep slopes, floodplains, and sensitive areas. Steep slopes are defined in County plans and code as any slope greater than 25%.
- Maximize conservation of areas that have high forestry value as well as areas that have a high natural resource value. If these properties are within the Mountain Ridge RLA, encourage participation within that program.
- Continue to encourage citizens to participate in the Rural Legacy program, the Maryland Environmental Trust program as well as the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program.
- To increase the connectivity and use of Allegany County's greenways in order to preserve habitat corridors and boost economic development through the appreciation of natural resources.
- Facilitate additional wetland and buffer protection from development impacts and promote interagency coordination regarding wetland permits and mapping applications.
- Implement a View-shed Protection Overlay Zone. This would protect mountain tops from development that would impact the view of the mountains and may disrupt the eco-tourism that is being established in the County.
- Create, maintain, improve, and increase the quantity and quality of open space and greenways within Allegany County to facilitate and preserve wildlife habitat corridors and preserve the scenic aesthetics of Allegany County.
- Continue to discourage development within the 100-year floodplain. Identify properties that are within the revised floodplain maps from USGS and target potential sites for flood buyouts through grant funding and other Federal Emergency Management Agency programs.

STATE GOALS

- Identify, protect and restore lands and waterways in Maryland that support important aquatic and terrestrial natural resources and ecological functions, through combined use of the following techniques
    - Public land acquisition and stewardship;
    - Private conservation easements and stewardship practices through purchased or donated easement programs;
    - Local land use management plans and procedures that conserve natural resources and environmentally sensitive areas and minimize impacts to resource land when development occurs;
    - Support incentives for resource-based economies that increase the retention of forests, wetlands or agricultural lands;
    - Avoidance of impacts on natural resources by publicly funded infrastructure development projects; and
    - Appropriate mitigation response, commensurate with the value of the affected resource.
- Focus conservation and restoration activities on priority areas, according to a strategic framework such as the Targeted Ecological Areas (TEAs) in GreenPrint (which is not to be confused

with the former easement program also called GreenPrint).

- Conserve and restore species of concern and important habitat types that may fall outside of designated green infrastructure (examples include rock outcrops, karst systems, caves, shale barren communities, grasslands, shoreline beach and dune systems, mud flats, non-forested islands, etc.).
- Develop a more comprehensive inventory of natural resources lands and environmentally sensitive areas to assist state and local implementation programs.
- Established measurable objective for natural resource conservation and an integrated state/local strategy to achieve them through state and local implementation programs.
- Asses the combined ability of state and local program to achieve the following
  - Expand and connect forests, farmland and other natural lands as a network of contiguous green infrastructure;
  - Protect critical terrestrial and aquatic habitats, biological communities and populations;
  - Manage watersheds in ways that protect, conserve and restore stream corridors, riparian forest buffers, wetlands, floodplains and aquifer recharge areas and their associated hydrologic and water quality functions;
  - Adopt coordinated land and watershed management strategies that recognize the critical links between growth management and aquatic biodiversity and fishery production; and
  - Support a productive forestland base and forest resource industry, emphasizing the economic viability of privately owned forestland.

COMPARISON

The County goals mainly complement the State Goals. For example, both sets of goals state to conserve natural resources by acquiring public land and stewardhip, not developing in floodplains, on steep slopes and sensitive areas. Both sets of goals address preserving wildlife habitat and connectivity of greenways and forests. One of Allegany County's goals also mentions eco-tourism, preserving the natural resources can be an economic benefit to this area, drawing visitors and providing recreational sites for residents.

There is no mention of the Targeted Ecological Areas (TEAs) in GreenPrint in the County Goals, this will be something the County will look to the State for resources to better highlight areas to be preserved, in future LPPRP. This goal goes hand in hand with a comprehensive inventory as mentioned in the state goals. Since Allegany County does not have a parks and recreation department, the people power is lacking for a comprehensive inventory for natural resources and environmentally sensitive areas. Perhaps state resources can be shared with the County to better achieve their goal.

PROGRESS SINCE 2012

Even though the County maintains the 2012 goals in the 2017 plan and continues to work toward them in their policies and administrative procedures, the following provides a summary on the progress that has been made on each of the goals.

GOAL 1 Continue to protect steep slopes, floodplains and sensitive areas. Steep slopes are defined in County plans and code as any slope greater than 25%.

PROGRESS TO DATE

Protection of these sensitive areas continues to be implemented through enforcement of zoning, subdivision and development regulations. Many recommendations of the 2014 Comprehensive Plan specifically address methods of protecting these sensitive areas. They are presented in the following section of this chapter.

Figure 25 Boating on Lake Habeeb

GOAL 2 Maximize [conservation of] areas that have high forestry value as well as areas that have a high natural resource value. If these properties are within the Mountain Ridge RLA, encourage participation within that program.

2017 PROGRESS

Five Rural Legacy easements have been purchased on more than 900 acres of mostly forested land since 2012.

GOAL 3 Continue to discourage development within the 100-year floodplain. Identify properties that are within the revised floodplain maps from USGS and target potential sites for flood buyouts through grant funding and other Federal Emergency Management Agency programs.

2017 PROGRESS

The County continues to enforce its Floodplain Management code through site plan review and subdivision review. The County has received the second revised version of the floodplain mapping from FEMA and is involved in the process of reviewing the maps. Since 2012 the County acquired five additional repetitive loss, or flood prone, properties in the Fairgo Run, Wills Creek and Dry Run floodplains. Funding for these acquisitions was received from the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) and the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development's Community Development Block Grant program.

GOAL 4 Continue to identify areas where Greenways could be used to link urban areas and parks within the County.

2017 Progress

The County has implemented a riverine greenway system through the Waterway Improvement Program on the North Branch of the Potomac River and through repetitive loss programs mentioned above.

GOAL 5 Implement a View-shed Protection Overlay Zone. This would protect mountain tops from development that would impact the view of the mountains and may disrupt the eco-tourism that is being established in the County.

2017 Progress

Rural Legacy easement acquisitions in LaVale and Clarysville have, in effect, partially accomplished this goal in preserving views of the mountains from the National Road Scenic Byway. Additional easements purchases are under review.

GOAL 6 Continue to encourage citizens to participate in the Rural Legacy program, the Maryland Environmental Trust program as well as the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program.

2017 Progress

As stated earlier, the County submits an annual list of candidate properties to the Rural Legacy program. More than 900 acres of land have been preserved since 2012. There has been considerable press coverage of the County Commissioners taking action on easement acquisitions at their public meetings.

Figure 26 A commercial area of LaVale adjoins the Mountain Ridge Rural Legacy Area

CHAPTER 4 AGRICUTURAL LAND PRESERVATION

Figure 27 Shipley Farm, Little Orleans

The first land preservation easement sponsored by Allegany County occurred in 1990 with the purchase of the development rights of the Leaning Tree Farm located near Mount Savage. The County's 2006 LPPRP made note of the lack of any subsequent easement purchases in the years after that 1990 easement. Since 2006, seven Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) easements have been purchased, preserving 1,279 acres of productive farmland supplying residents of Allegany County the food and fiber necessary for their well-being. The "farm to table" movement has prospered in Allegany with several farmers' markets in year-round operation and restaurants emphasizing their serving of locally produced foods. See Appendix N – Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Map.

Farm preservation has been concentrated in the northwest corner of the County where three contiguous tracts have been preserved through MALPF easements. The area between Mount Savage and the Mason-Dixon Line is historically known as the "Arnold Settlement". The 2,400 acre agricultural enclave is a likely candidate to be designated a County Priority Preservation Area. The area is also noted for the number and quality of its historic early nineteenth-century houses, two of them on MALPF protected properties.

COUNTY GOALS

- Establish a Priority Preservation Area
- Continue to submit to both Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) and Rural Legacy on an annual basis.
- Work to become a "Certified" County. Certification allows the County to keep more of the Agricultural Transfer taxes generated within the County.
- Continue to encourage property owners to voluntarily participate in Land Preservation Programs through MALPF and Rural Legacy, top long-term protection of Allegany County's agricultural and forested land resources.
- Maximize areas with increased agricultural value
- Minimize the amount of prime agricultural land converted from agricultural use to accommodate permitted non-farm development.

Figure 28 Produce at Downtown Cumberland's farmers' markets

STATE GOALS

- Permanently preserve agricultural capable of supporting a reasonable diversity of agricultural production;
- Protect natural, forestry and historic resources and the rural character of the landscape associated with Maryland's farmland;
- To the greatest degree possible, concentrate preserved land in large, relatively contiguous blocks to effectively support long-term protection of resources and resource-based industries;
- Limit the intrusion of development and its impacts on rural resources and resource-based industries;
- Ensure good return on public investment by concentrating state agricultural land preservation funds in areas where investment is reasonably well supported by both local investment and land use management programs;
- Work with local governments to achieve the following
    - Establish preservation areas, goals and strategies through local comprehensive planning processes that address and complement state goals;
    - In each area designated for preservation, develop a shared understanding of goals and the strategy to achieve them among rural landowners, the public-at-large and state and local government officials;
    - Protect the equity interests of rural landowners in preservation areas by ensuring sufficient public commitment and investment in preservation through easement acquisition and

incentive programs;
- Use local land use management authority effectively to protect public investment in preservation by managing development in rural preservation areas;
- Establish effective measures to support profitable agriculture, including assistance in production, marketing and the practice of stewardship, so that farming remains a desirable way of life for both the farmer and the public-at-large.

COMPARISON OF COUNTY AND STATE GOALS

Generally, and in many ways, specifically, Allegany County's goals for Agricultural Land Preservation are compatible with the State Goals shown above. Establishing a Priority Preservation Area (PPA) and achieving certification of the County's program would enable the County to accomplish the State goals regarding public commitment to preservation. The County has effectively protected contiguous blocks of farmland with MALPF easements in the Mount Savage.

PROGRESS SINCE 2012

The Following County goals were stated in the 2012 LPPRP.

GOAL 1 Establish a PPA

2017 PROGRESS

The County has not established a PPA. Given staffing level since time has been primarily focused on recruitment of property owners and operation of the process of applying for easement sales on behalf of property owners, settling the easement purchases and performing required inspections.

GOAL 2 Continue to submit to both Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) and Rural Legacy on an annual basis.

2017 PROGRESS

MALPF applications are submitted every other year per MALPF's direction. Rural Legacy applications are submitted annually.

GOAL 3 Work to become a "Certified" County. Certification allows the County to keep more of the Agricultural Transfer taxes generated within the County.

2017 PROGRESS

The County has not been certified for its preservation activity but did use Agricultural Transfer tax funds to augment a MALPF easement purchase in 2015. See Goal 1 for an explanation.

GOAL 4 Continue to encourage property owners to voluntarily participate in Land Preservation Programs through MALPF and Rural Legacy.

2017 PROGRESS

The County's Division of Land Development Services staff consults with landowners and where applicable they the County's Land Preservation programs. The County Planning Coordinator is the County "point person" for land subdivision activities which provides additional opportunities to discuss Land Preservation programs. The County Soil Conservation District staff also performs valuable outreach, informing land owners of the possibility of placing their property under preservation easement.

GOAL 5 Maximize areas with increased agricultural value (as depicted in Chapter 9 Agriculture, Forestry and Non-Mineral Resources of the 2014 Allegany County Comprehensive Plan).

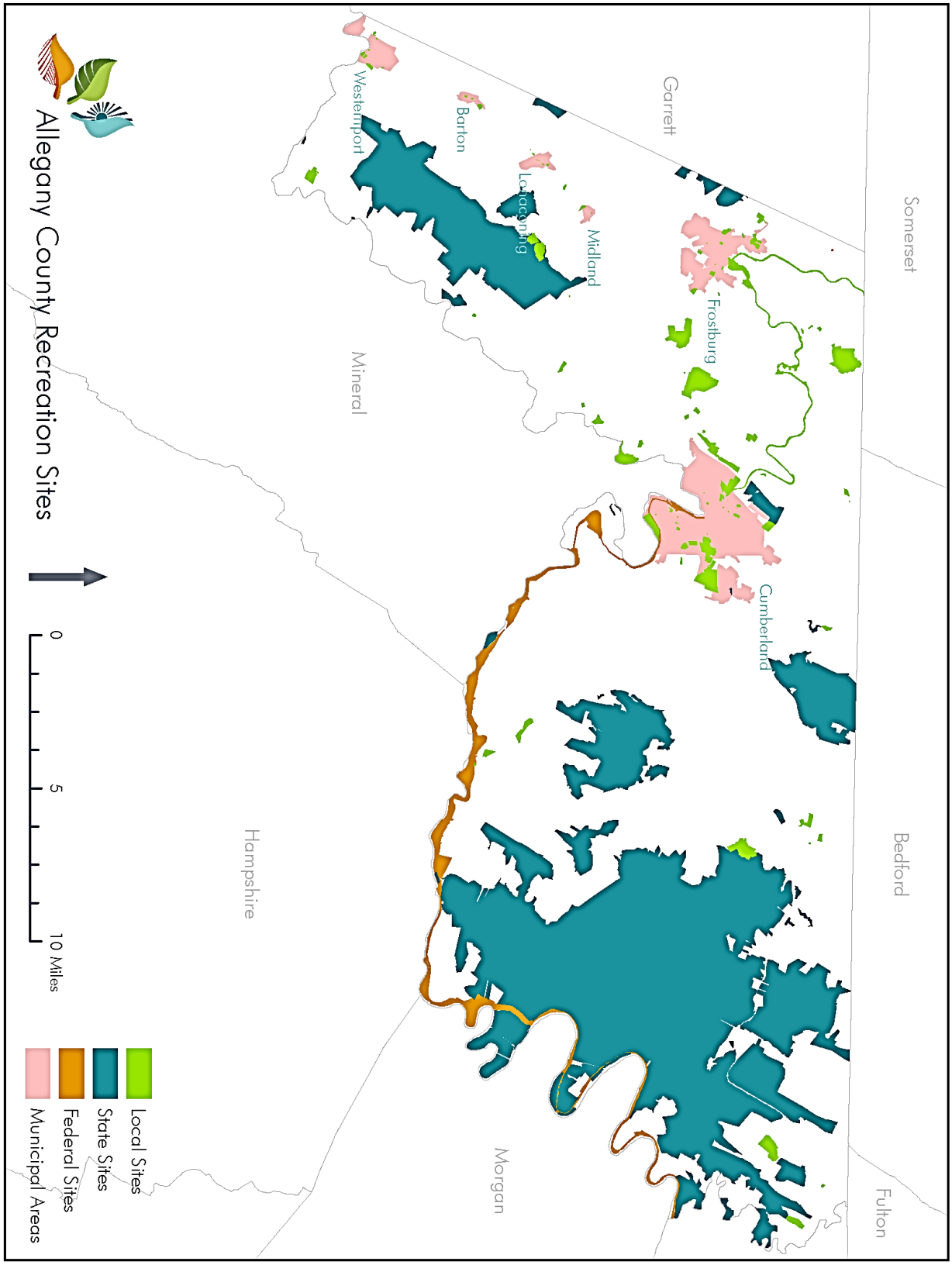
2017 Progress

MALPF's priority is to preserve the most productive soils. Staff works cooperatively with Allegany Soil Conservation District to ensure that the most productive farmland is proposed for preservation.

The County has effectivity protecting contiguous blocks for farmland with MALP easements in Mount Savage and is nearing accomplishing the same in the LaVale region using Rural Legacy.

The 2014 Comprehensive Plan goals related to farmland and forest protection include objectives and recommendations that are the Counties strategy for accomplishing them.

Appendix A – Overview Map



Appendix B – Program Open Space Projects FY 2012- 2017

FY Year	SPONSOR	PROJECT	100%	POS Funds 90%	10% match
2012	Allegany County Fairgrounds	Allegany County Fairgrounds, Cantilever gate	$3,520.00	$3,200.00	$320.00
2012	City of Cumberland	Riverside Park Dev, Park monument	$3,850.00	$3,500.00	$350.00
2012	City of Frostburg	Frostburg Community Park Dev, Continued Development of Existing Facility	$1,200.00	$12,00.00	$1,200.00
2012	Cresaptown Improvement Association	Cresaptown Community Park, Pavilion Renovation	$13,200.00	$12,000.00	$1,200.00
2012	Ellerslie Citizens Committee	Ellerslie Community Park, Fencing, paving, restrooms and bleacher improvements	$48,889.00	$44,444.44	$4,444.56
2012	LaVale Athletic Association	Holly Avenue Recreation Area, Phase One of park redevelopment	$16,500.00	$15,000.00	$1,500.00
2012	McCoole Special Taxing District	McCoole Community Park Dev 1, Additional funding for Phase One of Ballfield and Walking Track Construction	$16,500.00	$15,000.00	$1,500.00
2012	Piney Plains V. F. D.	Piney Plains Community Park, Park improvements	$1,650.00	$1,500.00	$150.00
2012	Town of Midland	Church Street Playground, Safety matting for playground	$22,000.00	$20,000.00	$2,000.00
2012	Volunteer Team for Dans Mountain State Park	Dans Mountain State Park, Safety modifications for the pool Water Slide.	$14,300.00	$13,000.00	$1,300.00
2013	Allegany County	Acquisition/Contingency	$78,171.32	$78,171.32	$0.00
2013	Allegany County Commissioners	Allegany County Fairgrounds, Restroom building	$110,000.00	$100,000.00	$10,000.00
2013	Allegany County Commissioners	Allegany County Fairgrounds, Parking lot paving	$7,150.00	$6,500.00	$650.00
2013	City of Cumberland	Constitution Park, Tennis Courts resurfacing	$22,000.00	$20,000.00	$2,000.00
2013	City of Frostburg	Frostburg Community Park Dev, Continued Development of Existing Facility - Concession Stand and Basketball Courts	$22,000.00	$20,000.00	$2,000.00
2013	Flintstone Civic Improvement Association	Flintstone Community Park Dev. 2, Continued park development - well and restroom redevelopment	$4,888.00	$4,444.00	$444.00
2013	LaVale Athletic Association	Holly Avenue Recreation Area, Phase Two of park redevelopment	$82,500.00	$75,000.00	$7,500.00
2013	LaVale Civic Improvement Association	LaVale District Park, Tennis Courts resurfacing	$77,000.00	$70,000.00	$7,000.00
2013	McCoole Special Taxing District	McCoole Community Park Dev 1, Phase Two of Park Construction	$33,000.00	$30,000.00	$3,000.00
2013	Mount Savage Special Taxing District	Mount Savage Community Park, Roofing replacement	$6,930.00	$6,300.00	$630.00
2013	Town of Lonaconing	Furnace Park, Recreational and Community Building design and engineering	$18,332.00	$16,666.00	$1,666.00
2013	Town of Midland	Big Lane Basketball Court, Fencing	$4,888.00	$4,444.00	$444.00
2014	Allegany County Board of Education	AlleganyHigh School, School Recreational Facilities	$305,555.54	$277,777.77	$27,777.77
2014	Cresaptown Civic Improvement Association	Cresaptown Community Park Dev 1, Phase Two of Pavilion Renovation	$4,180.00	$3,800.00	$380.00
2015	Allegany County Board of Education	Allegany Highschool Athletic Falities	$550,000.00	$500,000.00	$50,000.00
2016	Allegany College of Maryalnd	Allegany College softball field		$ 125,000.00	
2016	Allegany County	Allegany County Fairgrounds facilities study	$ 30,000.00	$ 27,000.00	
2016	Board of Education	Allegany High School athletic facilities	$ 17,368.00	$ 15,362.00	
2016	City of Cumberland	Mason Sports Complex trail planning/design	$ 25,000.00	$ 22,500.00	
2016	City of Cumberland	Constitution Park tennis court resurfacing	$ 20,000.00		
2016	City of Frostburg	Clarysville-Eckhart Community Park Improvements *	$ 135,000.00	$ 102,500.00	
2016	Cresaptown Civic Improvement Assoc.	Cresaptown Community Park playground	$ 50,000.00	$ 45,000.00	
2016	Oldtown Community Center	Playground equipment and tennis court resurfacing	$ 27,410.00	$ 24,669.00	
2016	Oldtown Youth Sports Commission	Oldtown Community Park improvements	$ 10,200.00	$ 9,180.00	
2016	Town of Barton	Meadow Ballfield parking lot paving	$ 7,000.00	$ 6,300.00	
2016	Town of Barton	Meadow Ballfield trail	$ 11,000.00		
2016	Town of Westernport	Maryland Avenue Ballfield lights	$ 109,000.00	$ 98,100.00	
2016	Town of Westernport	Maryland Avenue Ballfield announcers booth	$ 71,000.00		
2017	Beall Elementary School PTO	Beall Elementary School Playground Phase One	$113,273.50	$101,946.00	$58,000.00

FY Year	SPONSOR	PROJECT	100%	POS Funds 90%	10% match
2017	City of Cumberland	Constitution Park Tennis Court Fencing	$36,000.00	$32,400.00	$32,400.00
2017	City of Cumberland	Cavanaugh Field Lighting Project	$150,000.00	$135,000.00	
2017	City of Frostburg	Community Park Pool Bathhouse Roofing	$2,800.00	$2,520.00	$2,520.00
2017	City of Frostburg	East End Park Pavilion Addition	$14,750.00	$13,275.00	
2017	Cresaptown Civic Improvement Assoc.	Cresaptown Community Park Trail Paving	$70,000.00	$56,000.00	$45,000.00
2017	Town of Barton	Meadow Ballfield Improvements	$25,000.00	$22,500.00	$10,000.00
2017	Town of Lonaconing	Community Park Basketball Equipment	$3,000.00	$2,700.00	$2,700.00
2017	Town of Midland	Church Street Playground Pavilion	$30,000.00	$27,000.00	$10,000.00
2017	Town of Midland	McVeighs Field Ballfield Improvements	$10,000.00	$9,000.00	
2017	Town of Midland	Surveillance Camera System for Parks	$5,000.00	$4,500.00	
2017	Town of Midland	Church Street Playground Swings	$2,500.00	$2,250.00	
2017	Town of Westernport	Maryland Avenue Playground Rubberized Mulch	$22,900.00	$20,610.00	$15,000.00

Appendix C – Environmental Literacy Presentation

3/16/2018

Secondary Science

Env. Literacy, Outdoor School, and After School Programs

ACPS

ALLEGANY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Environmental Literacy

SECONDARY SCIENCE

Environmental Literacy (E-Lit)

MOEE's - Meaningful Outdoor Educational Experience

Every Student Every Year K-12

MWEE's - Meaningful Watershed Educational Experience

One in Elementary, Middle, and High

Has to have an action plan

EVERGREEN HERITAGE CENTER

Middle School

Alice Ferguson Foundation

6th	1 Day @ Evergreen Heritage Center (EHC) Environmental Education Program on Soils
7th	Outdoor School - 2-1/2 Day Rocky Gap/Canal Place Program Alice Ferguson Foundation/National Park Service
8th	1 Day @ Sustainable Energy Research Facility (SERF) building @ Frostburg State University Environmental Education Program on Renewable Energy

EVERGREEN HERITAGE CENTER

High School

Alice Ferguson Foundation

Earth Science students - 1 Day Evergreen Heritage Center (EHC) Environmental Education Program - Weathering, Erosion, and the properties of Soils
Environmental Science students - 1 Day Rocky Gap trip Alice Ferguson Foundation Program - Bridging the Watershed
Envirothon Competition

Evergreen Heritage Center Visits

Group	# of Participants	Average Pretest Score	Average Posttest Score	Increase
6th grade	346	32.4%	58.7%	25.2%
8th grade	435	21.3%	54.8%	32.6%
HS ESS	251	19.1%	65.8%	46.2%
Total	**1032**		**Avg Increase**	**34.7%**

Outdoor School

7th Grade Outdoor School

Who:	All 7th graders
What:	2 ½ days Commuter program
When:	All in the Fall
Where:	Rocky Gap (2 days) and Canal Place (½ day)
How:	In partnership with the Alice Ferguson Foundation

Program

- **Alien Invaders: Assessing Exotic Invasive Species**
  Students will identify and quantify the percentage of alien and invasive plant species present in national parks using a dichotomous key for plant identification.
- **Don't Get Sedimental: Runoff and Sediment**
  Students will determine a stream habitat rating based upon abiotic, biotic, and cultural factors.
- **Water Canaries: Assessing Benthic Macroinvertebrates**
  Students will collect benthic macroinvertebrates from streams with nets, classify and identify them, and learn to interpret early warning signals of decreasing water quality.
- **Watershed Watchdogs: Assessing Water Quality**
  Students will determine a Water Quality Index of a stream using physical and chemical parameters.
- **Talking Trash: Make a Litter Difference**
  Students will learn about sources of trash and how trash moves into waterways while they collect trash at the C&O Canal and evaluate their data to determine ways to address the trash problem through personal action.

Middle School

After School Programs

MARYLAND STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
PREPARING WORLD CLASS STUDENTS

Public Schools Opportunity Enhancement Grant

Public Schools Opportunity Enhancement Grant

4 - year continuation grant (must apply each year)

Awarded $200,000 (50/50 matching)

All 4 Middle Schools

Target - FARMs, Students with Special Needs or Opioid Affected

- 50 per school

Current enrollments -

School	Braddock	Mount Savage	Washington	Westmar
Enrollment	50	45	25	50

Program Components

Meal - provided by HRDC - 30 Minutes

Physical Activity - Outside if at all possible - 30 Minutes

Academic time - 1 hour (uninterrupted)

Enrichment time - 1 hour (uninterrupted)

Robotics (Grant Funded add on)

Partnerships

Field Trips

Evergreen Heritage Center - Habitats

FSU - Carnegie Science Center Presentation - Science Takes Flight - 4/5/18

Rocky Gap - Aviary and Nature Center

Local Public Libraries- Access to resources and Library cards Jan/Feb

Allegany College of Maryland - Forestry and Fitness (swimming) - Spring

Frostburg Grows - Sustainable and Extended Season Growing - Spring

Wisp Resort - Adventure Sports - May

Evergreen Field Trip Results

Habitat assessment-

Pretest Average - 49%

Posttest Average - 74%

25% increase in knowledge

Enrichment Activities

EHC - In-school energy audit, Indoor air quality, and water conservation

- Green School Application Process application and assistance

Allegany County Library System - Internet resources

ACHD - Addictions, drugs, and opioids

ACT 1st - personal financial responsibility and literacy

WMHS - Wellness, FITT, and meditation

University of MD Extension office - Master Gardener and Nutrition program

AC Family Crisis Resource Center - Boys and Girls empowerment program

Robotics grant

Awarded a $12,500 Robotic grant

Purchased 3 EV3 robots per school

FLL competition in GC - 12/9/17

FLL FIRST LEGO® League

HYDRO DYNAMICS

FIRST LEGO LEAGUE

Northern Garrett Middle

Sat, Dec 3rd, 2017

RESULTS

Washington Middle - Best Middle Rookie Team!

ALL Teams scored on the competition Board!!!

South Penn - Best Elementary Rookie Team

Team RED (Washington's club team) 2nd Place Core Values

Questions

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Appendix D - Allegany County Inventory Parks and Recreation Facilities

Site ID	Site Name:	Most Recent POS Improvements	Access	Classification	Ownership	Property Size (Acres)	Water Access	Picnic Facilities	Trails	Hunting/ Fishing	Other	Field/Facility Recreation Area (acres)	Sports Fields	Playground/Play Structure	Basketball	Tennis	Activity Building/ Recreation	Other	Notes:
153	Ridgedale Playground		Open to the public	Neighborhood Park	County	1	X		X						X				
3	Allegany College of Maryland	2016	Open Dusk to Dawn	Regional Park	County	50	X						4		8	8	X		
4	Allegany County Fairgrounds		Gated Limited Access	Regional Park	County	151		X			Batting cage. Track.		3						
5	Allegany High School	2015	Open to the public	School Recreation Park	County	7			X				X						
6	Allegheny Highlands Trail		Open to the public	Regional Park	County	417													
12	Beall Elementary	2017	Open to the public	School Recreation Park	County	1								X	X				
13	Mountain Ridge High School		Open Dusk to Dawn	School Recreation Park	County	15			X				4	X		4			
14	Bel Air Community Park		Open to the public	Community Park	County	10		X	X				2			4	X		
15	Bel Air Elementary		Open Dusk to Dawn	School Recreation Park	County	5		X						X	X				
21	Bowling Green Community Park		Open to the public	Community Park	County	18					Wooded area								
22	Braddock Middle School		Open Dusk to Dawn	School Recreation Park	County	4							2						
25	Cash Valley Elementary		Gated Limited Access	School Recreation Park	County	4			X										
28	Cresaptown Community Park		Gated Limited Access	Community Park	County	4		X					6	X	X	X	X		
29	Cresaptown Elementary		Open to the public	School Recreation Park	County	5							X	2	X				
34	Dans Rock Overlook Park		Open to the public	Special Use Area	County	0.23		X											
38	Eckhart Center		Gated Limited Access	School Recreation Park	County	2							X						
39	Ellerslie Community Park	2012	Gated Limited Access	Community Park	County	11		X		X			X	X	X	X			
40	Evitts Creek Greenway		Open to the public	Community Park	County	7					Flood plain								
43	Flintstone Community Park	2013	Gated Limited Access	Community Park	County	14		X											
44	Flintstone School		Open Dusk to Dawn	School Recreation Park	County	4								X					
47	Fort Hill High School		Open Dusk to Dawn	School Recreation Park	County	10					Track		3		2	4			
51	Frost Elementary		Gated Limited Access	School Recreation Park	County	2								X	X				
57	Georges Creek Elementary		Open Dusk to Dawn	School Recreation Park	County	2							X	X					
58	Georges Creek Greenway		Open to the public	Community Park	County	13			X										
63	Holly Avenue Recreation Area	2013	Gated Limited Access	Community Park	County	8							3	X	X				
67	John Humbird Elementary School		Open to the public	School Recreation Park	County	1								X	X				
68	LaVale District Park	2013	Gated Limited Access	Community Park	County	56	X	X	X	X					X	4			
69	LaVale Lions Field		Gated Limited Access	Community Park	County	8							X	X		2			
79	McCoole Community Park	2013	Open to the public	Community Park	County	4													
85	Mount Savage Community Park	2013	Open to the public	Community Park	County	3		X						X	X	X	X		
87	Mount Savage Passive Recreation		Open to the public	Community Park	County	3													
88	Mount Savage School		Open Dusk to Dawn	School Recreation Park	County	6							X	X	X				
89	Narrows Scenic Park		Open to the public	Natural Resource Area	County	96					Scenery								
98	North East Elementary		Gated Limited Access	School Recreation Park	County	10		X						X	2				
99	Oldtown Community Park	2016	Gated Limited Access	Community Park	County	29							X						
100	Oldtown School		Gated Limited Access	Community Park	County	1		X					X	X	X	X			
102	Parkside Elementary		Gated Limited Access	School Recreation Park	County	12		X					X	2					
105	Piney Plains Ballfield	2012	Open to the public	Community Park	County	4								X					
110	Rawlings Community Park		Open Dusk to Dawn	Community Park	County	5							X	X					
117	Smouse Memorial Park		Open to the public	Community Park	County	18		X											
120	South Penn Elementary		Open Dusk to Dawn	School Recreation Park	County	4							X	X	2				
127	Toll Gate House		Gated Limited Access	Historical/Cultural Area/Sit	County	4		X											
133	Washington Middle School		Open Dusk to Dawn	School Recreation Park	County	6							2			2			
135	West Side Elementary School		Open Dusk to Dawn	School Recreation Park	County	1								X	X				
140	Westmar High School		Open Dusk to Dawn	School Recreation Park	County	4							X	X	X				
141	Westmar Middle School		Open Dusk to Dawn	School Recreation Park	County	5	X												
142	Wills Creek Greenway		Open to the public	Special Use Area	County	4													
144	Clarysville-Eckhart Community Park		Open Dusk to Dawn	Community Park	County	12		X					X						
152	Westernport Elementary		Open to the public	School Recreation Park	County	2		X					X	X					
24	C & O Canal National Historical		Open to the public	National Park	Federal	4500			X		Canal								
46	Fort Cumberland Trail		Open to the public	Historical/Cultural Area/Sit	Municipal	0			X										
55	Frostburg Trail		Open to the public	Community Park	Municipal	4													
59	Paris Glendenning Recreation Complex		Open to the public	Community Park	Municipal	28		X		X			5	X	X				
147	Lonaconing Horseshoe Pits		Open to the public	Community Park	Municipal	1													
8	Barton Ballfield	2017	Open to the public	Community Park	Municipality	7		X					X	X					
9	Barton Center Parklet		Open to the public	Neighborhood Park	Municipality	0													
10	Barton Recreation Park		Open Dusk to Dawn	Community Park	Municipality	2							X	X	X				
11	Barton School Memorial Park		Open to the public	Neighborhood Park	Municipality	1								X					
23	Braddock Park		Open Dusk to Dawn	Community Park	Municipality	6													
26	Centre Street Recreation Area		Open Dusk to Dawn	Neighborhood Park	Municipality	1		X						X					
36	Donahue Field	207	Open to the public	Community Park	Municipality	3							X						
37	East End Playground	2017	Open to the public	Neighborhood Park	Municipality	1								X					
41	Fairmont Avenue Recreation Area		Open to the public	Neighborhood Park	Municipality	1									X				
52	Frostburg Community Park	2017	Open to the public	Community Park	Municipality	8		X			Pool		2	X	X				
53	Frostburg Mountainside Recreation		Gated Limited Access	Community Park	Municipality	28													

Site ID	Site Name:	Most Recent POS Improvements	Access	Classification	Ownership	Property Size (Acres)	Water Access	Picnic Facilities	Trails	Hunting/ Fishing	Other	Field/Facility Recreation Area (acres)	Sports Fields	Playground/Play Structure	Basketball	Tennis	Activity Building/ Recreation	Other	Notes:
56	George Washington Headquarters		Open to the public	Historical/Cultural Area/Sit	Municipality	0		×											
61	Greene's Addition Playground		Open to the public	Neighborhood Park	Municipality	1								×	×				
62	Holland Street Park		Open to the public	Neighborhood Park	Municipality	2													
64	Howard Street Park		Open to the public	Neighborhood Park	Municipality	0													
66	Jaycees Recreation Area		Gated Limited Access	Community Park	Municipality	2							×	×	2				
71	Frostburg Lions Park		Open Dusk to Dawn	Community Park	Municipality	12							×	×					
73	Lonaconing Downtown Parklet		Open to the public	Neighborhood Park	Municipality	0		×											
74	Lonaconing Furnace Park	2013	Gated Limited Access	Historical/Cultural Area/Sit	Municipality	2		×			furnace			×					
75	Lonaconing Recreation Area	2017	Gated Limited Access	Neighborhood Park	Municipality	1							×	×	×				
80	Midland Municipal Ballfield	2017	Gated Limited Access	Community Park	Municipality	6		×					×	×					
82	Midland Parklet		Gated Limited Access	Neighborhood Park	Municipality	1								×					
84	Mount Pleasant Recreation Park		Gated Limited Access	Community Park	Municipality	2		×					×	×					
103	Pine Avenue Playground		Open to the public	Neighborhood Park	Municipality	0									×				
114	Sedgewick Street Recreation Area		Open Dusk to Dawn	Community Park	Municipality	3							×						
116	Smith Park		Open Dusk to Dawn	Neighborhood Park	Municipality	1		×											
118	South End Recreation Area	2016	Gated Limited Access	Community Park	Municipality	55					Horseshoe, boat ramp, BM	×	7	×	2	4			
121	Spring Street Park		Open to the public	Community Park	Municipality	4					Dog park								
123	Springdale Street Playground		Gated Limited Access	Neighborhood Park	Municipality	1		×						×					
125	Sundial Park		Gated Limited Access	Historical/Cultural Area/Sit	Municipality	0													
126	Taylor Community Athletic Field		Open to the public	Community Park	Municipality	2							×						
129	Valley Street Park		Open to the public	Neighborhood Park	Municipality	0													
134	Frostburg West End Park		Open Dusk to Dawn	Neighborhood Park	Municipality	3		×											
136	Westernport Creekside Park		Open to the public	Community Park	Municipality	4		×											
137	Westernport Downtown Park	2017	Open to the public	Community Park	Municipality	0					Railroad park								
138	Westernport Memorial Park		Gated Limited Access	Community Park	Municipality	8									3				
139	Westernport Municipal Park		Gated Limited Access	Community Park	Municipality	5	×	×	×				2	×					
145	Constitution Park	2017	Open to the public	Large Urban/Regional Park	Municipality	150		×			Outdoor theatre, pool, dog		×	×	×	4	×		
72	Little Orleans Campground	2017	Open to the public	Special Use Area	Private - Other	194													
83	Moss Cottage Ballfield		Gated Limited Access	Community Park	Private - Other	5		×					×						
111	Rawlings Heights Racquet Club		Gated Limited Access	Special Use Area	Private - Other	2	×				Racquet ball								
122	Spring Valley Fishing Lake		Gated Limited Access	Special Use Area	Private - Other	10		×		×									
146	Liberty Field		Open to the public	Community Park	Private - Other	0							2						
148	Fore Sisters Golf Club		Open to the public	Community Park	Private - other	327					Golf course								
149	Barton Golf Driving Range		Open to the public	Community Park	Private - other	11					Driving range								
150	La Vale Swim Club		Open to the public	Community Park	Private - other	1		×			Pool								
151	Church Street Park	2017	Open to the public	Neighborhood Park	Private - other	1	×						×						
1	Ali Ghan Country Club		Gated Limited Access	Special Use Area	Private Non-Prof	12													
2	Allegany Beagle Club		Gated Limited Access	Special Use Area	Private Non-Prof	45				×									
7	Barrelville Outdoor Club		Gated Limited Access	Natural Resource Area	Private Non-Prof	150				×									
16	Bel Air Swim Club		Open to the public	Community Park	Private Non-Prof	1					Swimming								
17	Belt Field		Gated Limited Access	Community Park	Private Non-Prof	2					Same as Cresaptown								
18	Benjamin Bannecker Playground		Open to the public	Neighborhood Park	Private Non-Prof	0								×					
20	Bishop Walsh High School		Gated Limited Access	School Recreation Park	Private Non-Prof	12							3	3					
27	Corriganville Ballfield		Open to the public	Community Park	Private Non-Prof	4		×						×					
30	Cumberland Bow Hunters Club		Open to the public	Natural Resource Area	Private Non-Prof	80	×			×									
31	Cumberland Country Club		Gated Limited Access	Community Park	Private Non-Prof	95					Golf course, pool						×		
35	Darrows Lane Recreation Complex	2017	Open to the public	Community Park	Private Non-Prof	22					Same as Cresaptown								
42	Flintstone Annex		Gated Limited Access	Community Park	Private Non-Prof	2													
45	Fort Cumberland Playground		Gated Limited Access	Neighborhood Park	Private Non-Prof	1								×					
48	Fort Hill Rifle and Pistol Club		Open to the public	Natural Resource Area	Private Non-Prof	13				×									
49	Fort Hill Rifle and Pistol Club		Open to the public	Natural Resource Area	Private Non-Prof	22				×									
50	Frazier Playground		Open to the public	Neighborhood Park	Private Non-Prof	1								×					
70	LaVale VFD Ballfield		Open to the public	Community Park	Private Non-Prof	4							×						
76	Lonaconing Trap Club		Open to the public	Community Park	Private Non-Prof	2													
77	Maplehurst Country Club		Open to the public	Community Park	Private Non-Prof	99					golf course								
78	Mapleshade Rod and Gun Club		Open to the public	Special Use Area	Private Non-Prof	1				×									
81	Midland Sportsman Club		Gated Limited Access	Special Use Area	Private Non-Prof	22				×									
90	Nature Conservancy #1 Finzel Swamp		Open to the public	Natural Resource Area	Private Non-Prof	184													
91	Nature Conservancy #2 Sideling		Open to the public	Natural Resource Area	Private Non-Prof	6													
92	Nature Conservancy #3 Sideling		Open to the public	Natural Resource Area	Private Non-Prof	23													
93	Nature Conservancy #4 Oldtown		Open to the public	Natural Resource Area	Private Non-Prof	16													
94	Nature Conservancy #5 Black Oak		Open to the public	Natural Resource Area	Private Non-Prof	177													
95	Nature Conservancy #6 Rawlings		Open to the public	Natural Resource Area	Private Non-Prof	3													
96	Nature Conservancy #7 Fort Hill		Open to the public	Natural Resource Area	Private Non-Prof	173													
97	Nature Conservancy #8 Town Creek		Open to the public	Natural Resource Area	Private Non-Prof	85													

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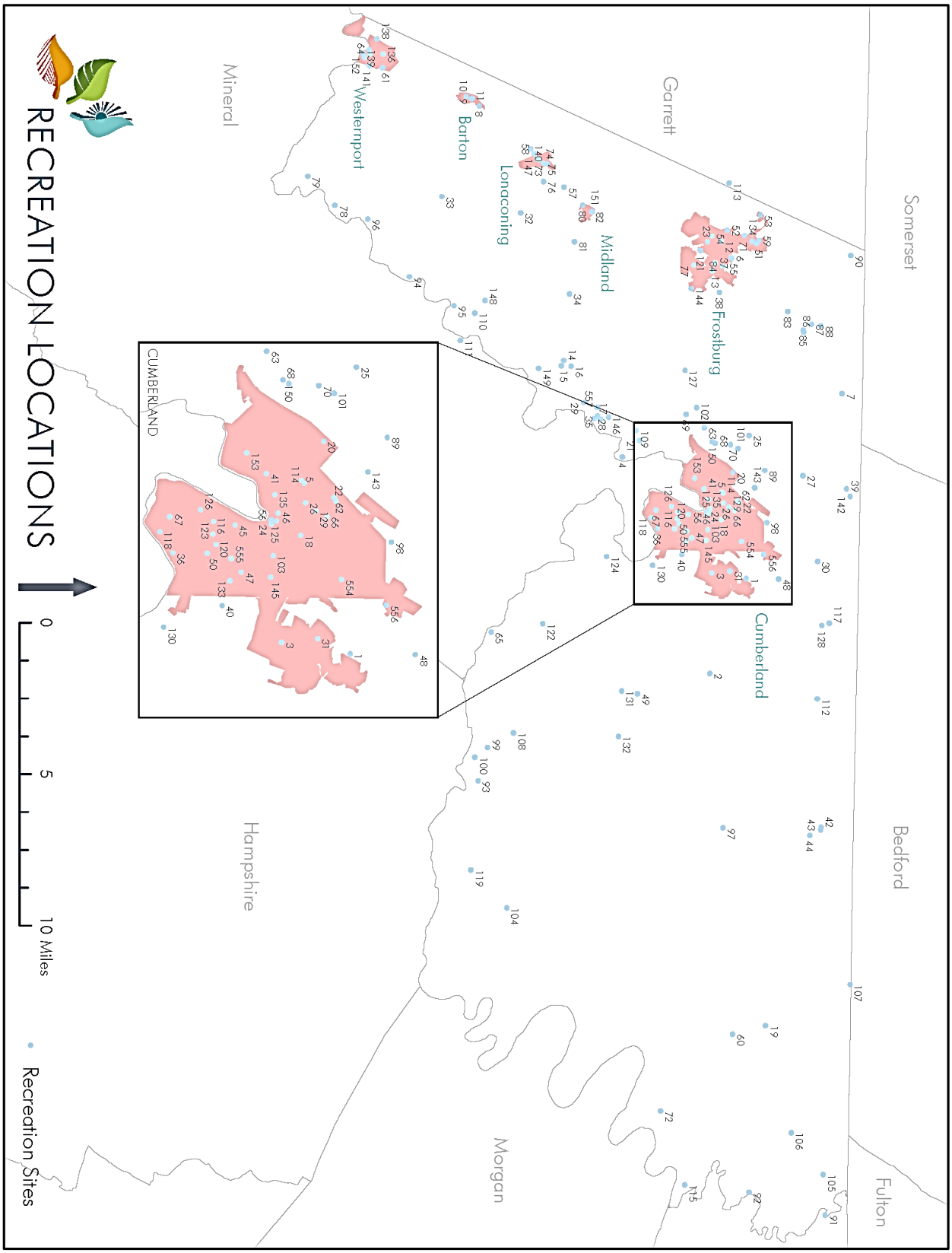
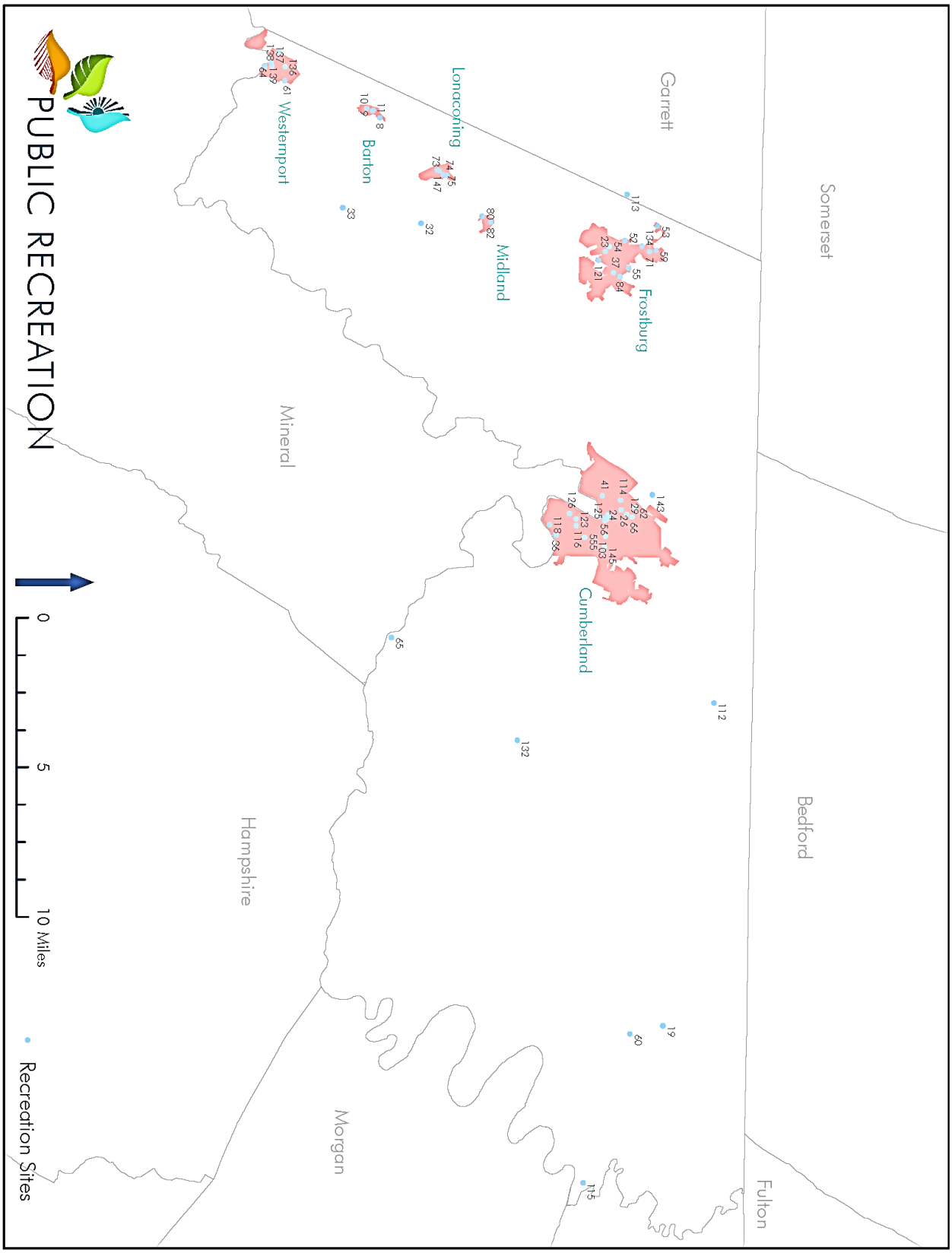
101	Ort Field		Open to the public	Community Park	Private Non-Prof	3							×						
104	Pine Knob Hunting Club		Open to the public	Special Use Area	Private Non-Prof	10				×									
106	Piney Plains School Rec. Area		Gated Limited Access	Community Park	Private Non-Prof	3		×						×					
107	Piney Run Gun Club		Open to the public	Natural Resource Area	Private Non-Prof	28	×		×	×									
108	Potomac Council B.S.A.		Gated Limited Access	Regional Park	Private Non-Prof	114				×			×						
109	Potomac Park Ballfield		Open to the public	Community Park	Private Non-Prof	7		×					×		×	×			
119	South End Rod and Gun Club		Open to the public	Natural Resource Area	Private Non-Prof	208				×									
124	St. Mary's Field		Gated Limited Access	Community Park	Private Non-Prof	4		×											
128	Union Grove Campgrounds		Open to the public	Community Park	Private Non-Prof	8		×											
130	VFW Ballfield		Open to the public	Community Park	Private Non-Prof	7					Batting cage		×						
131	Warrior Mountain Sportsmen's Club		Open to the public	Natural Resource Area	Private Non-Prof	81				×									
86	Mount Savage Little League Field		Open to the public	Community Park	Private other	3							2						
19	Bill Meyer Wildlife Management Area		Open to the public	State Wildlife Management Area	State	758			×										
32	Dans Mountain State Park	2012	Open to the public	State Park	State	482		×			Pool			×					
33	Dans Mountain Wildlife Management		Open to the public	State Wildlife Management Area	State	9596													
54	Frostburg State University		Open to the public	Regional Park	State	85													
60	Green Ridge State Forest		Open to the public	State Forest	State	45973													
65	Islands of the Potomac Wildlife		Open to the public	State Wildlife Management Area	State	80	×		×										
112	Rocky Gap State Park		Open to the public	State Park	State	3119		×		×				×	×				
113	Savage River State Forest		Open to the public	State Forest	State	437													
115	Sideling Hill Wildlife Management		Open to the public	State Wildlife Management Area	State	851													
132	Warrior Mountain Wildlife Management		Open to the public	State Wildlife Management Area	State	5048													
143	Wills Mountain State Park		Open to the public	State Park	State	357													
554	Leiper Park		Open to the public	Neighborhood Park	County								×						
	BELLE GROVE WMA		Open to the public	State Wildlife Management Area	State	356		×		×									
	EVITTS CREEK POND FMA PFA		Open to the public	State Forest Management Area	State	6		×		×									
	FORT HILL WMA		Open to the public	State Wildlife Management Area	State	103		×		×									
	GARY A YODER FMA PFA		Open to the public	State Forest Management Area	State	1		×		×									
	MCCOOLE FMA PFA		Open to the public	State Forest Management Area	State	16		×		×									
	TOWN HILL FT		Open to the public		State	0.5		×		×									

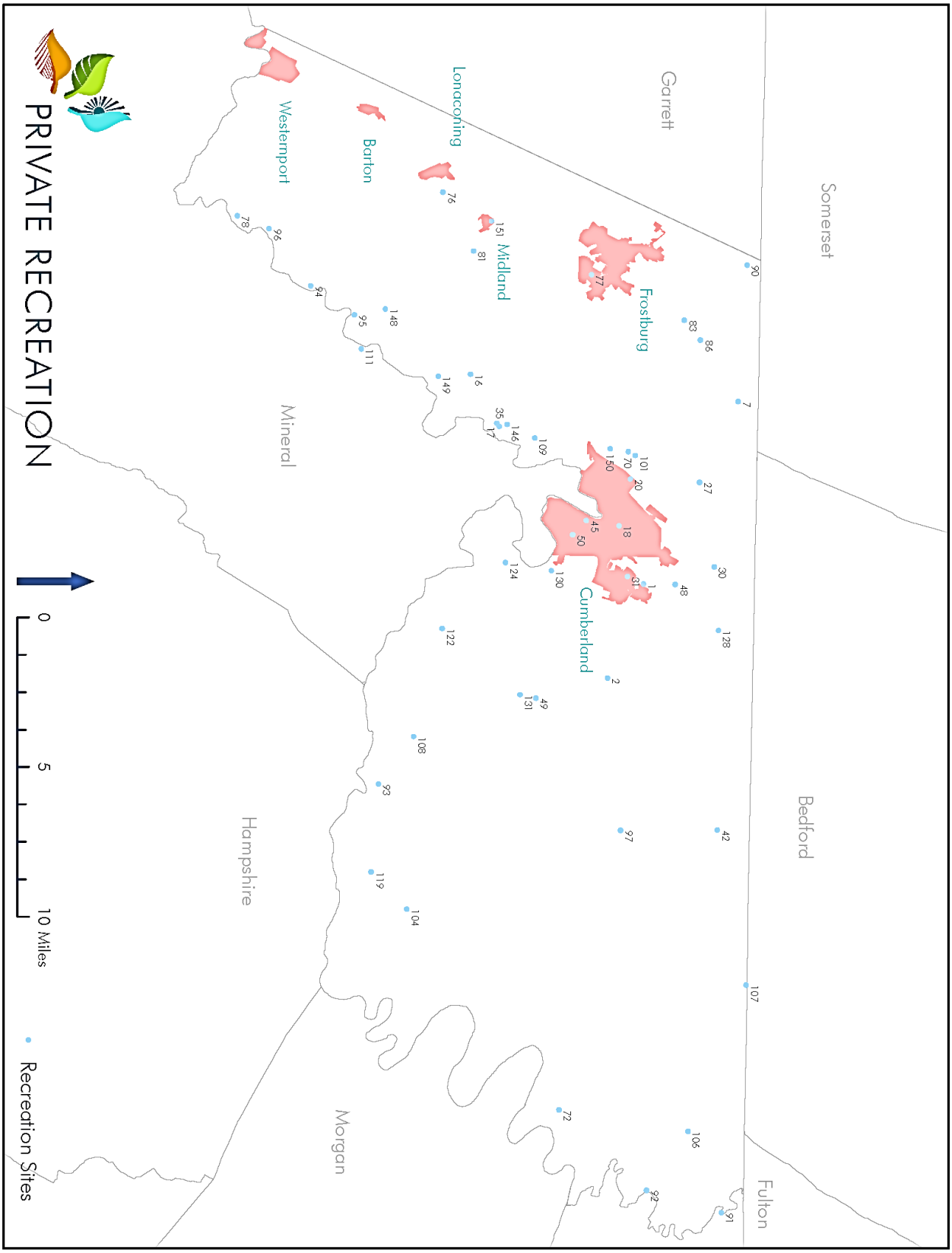
Appendix E – Recreation Sites Inventory Map



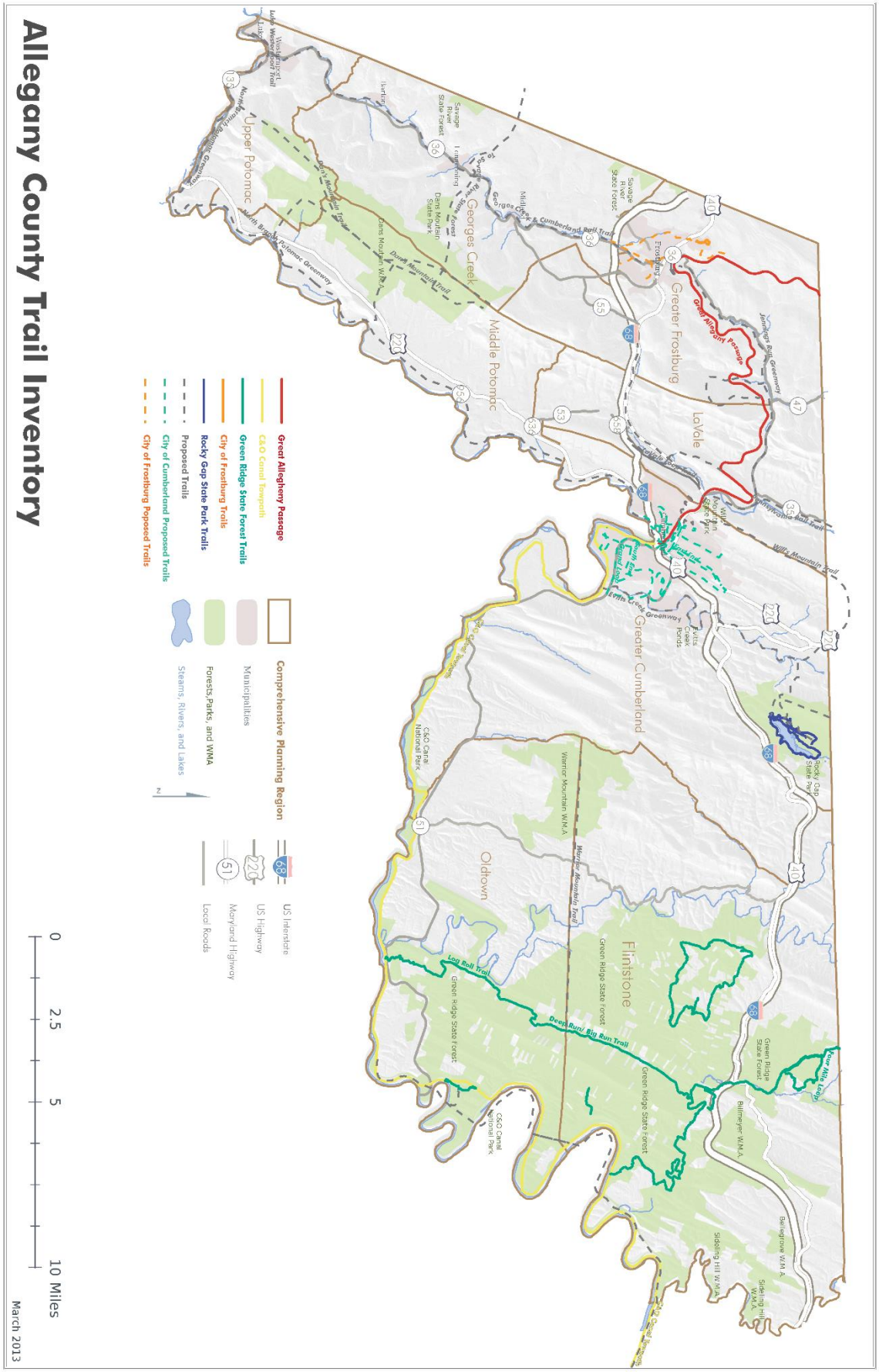
Appendix F – Recreation Sites Inventory Map Public Sites



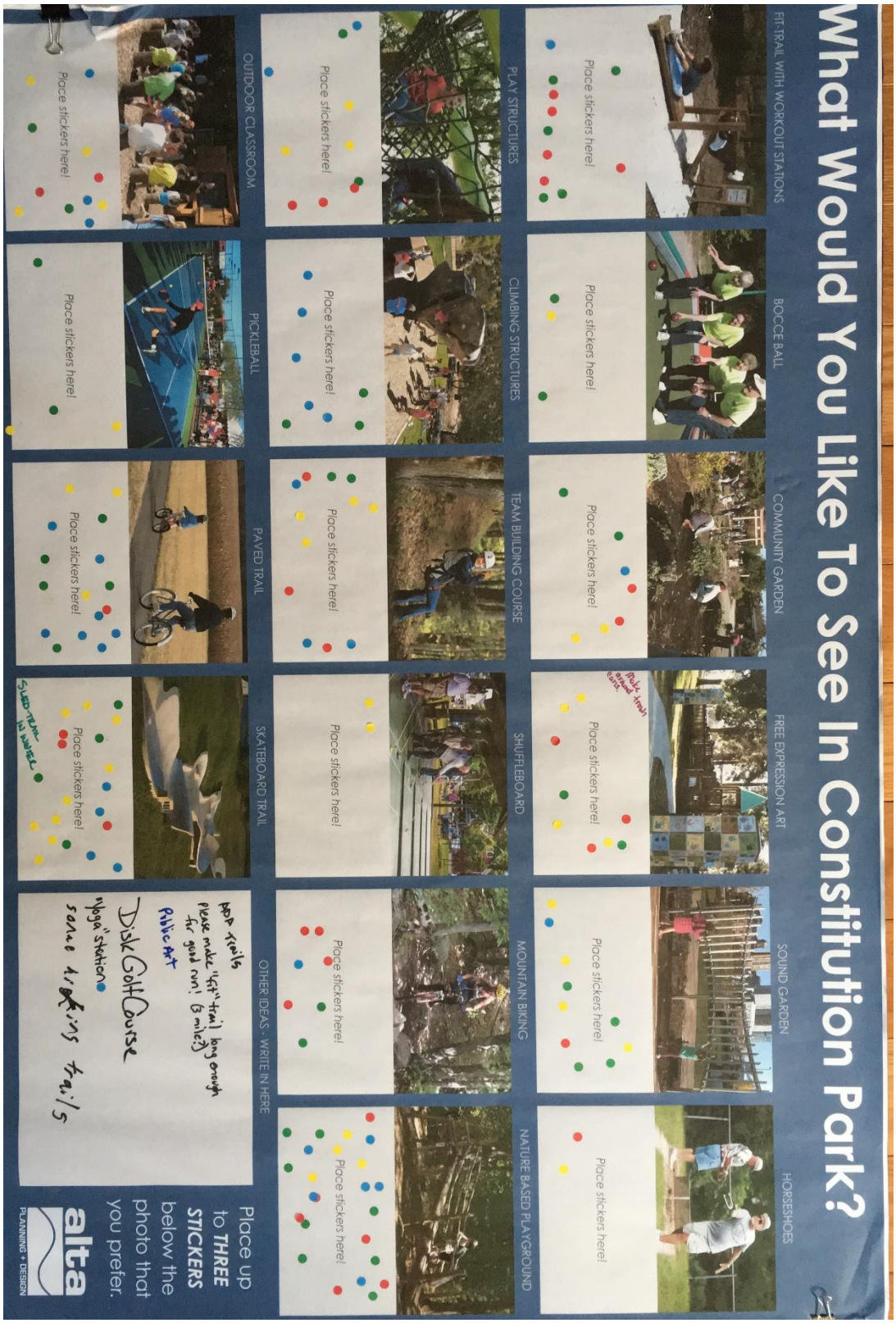
Appendix G - Recreation Sites Inventory Map Private

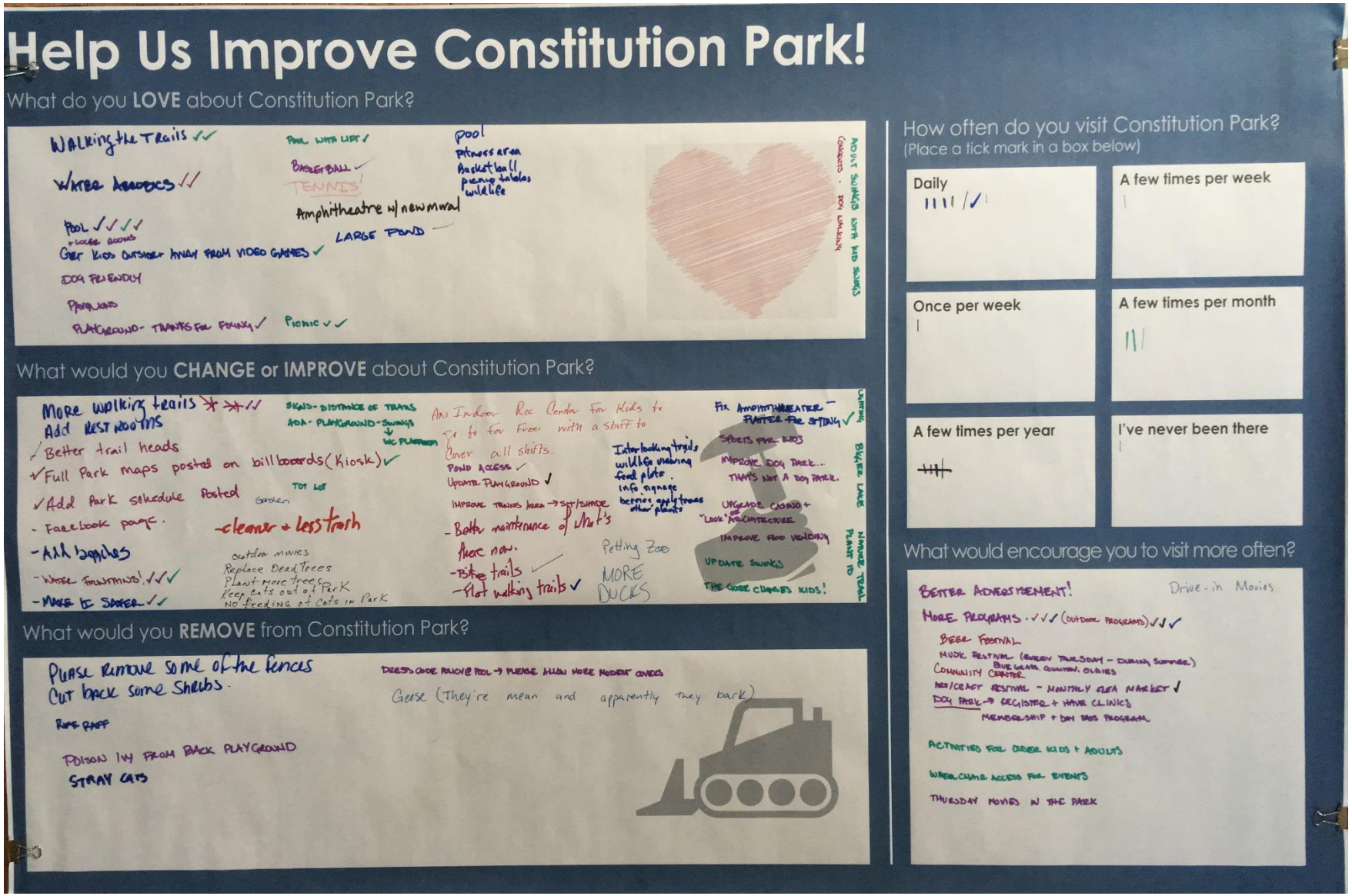


Appendix H -Trail Inventory Map

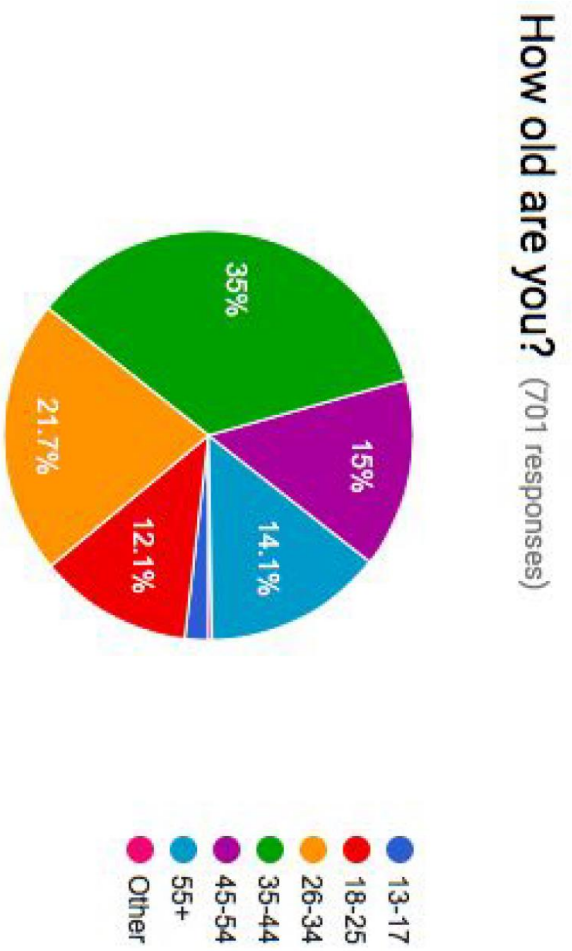


Appendix I – Constitution Park Public Input Boards




Help Us Improve Constitution Park!
What do you LOVE about Constitution Park?
WALKING the TRAILS
WATER AEROBICS
POOL
GET KIDS OUTSIDE AWAY FROM VIDEO GAMES
DOG FRIENDLY
PARKLAND
PLAYGROUND - THANKS FOR FENCING
POOL WITH LIFT
BASKETBALL
TENNIS!
Amphitheatre w/ new mural
LARGE POND
Picnic
pool
fitness area
Basketball
picnic tables
wildlife
ADULT SWINGS WITH MID SWINGS
CONCERTS - ROCK WALKING
What would you CHANGE or IMPROVE about Constitution Park?
More walking trails
Add REST ROOTMS
Better trail heads
Full Park maps posted on billboards (Kiosk)
Add Park schedule Posted
Facebook page.
-cleaner + less trash
-AAA bagpipes
-WATER FOUNTAINS!
-MAKE IT SAFER
SKATE - DISTANCE OF TRAILS
ADA - PLAYGROUND - SWINGS
WC PLATFORM
TOT LOT
Garden
outdoor movies
Replace Dead Trees
Plant more trees
Keep cats out of Park
NO feeding of Cats in Park
An Indoor Rec Center for Kids to go to for Free with a staff to Cover all shifts.
POND ACCESS
UPDATE PLAYGROUND
IMPROVE TENNIS AREA → SIT/SHADE
-Better maintenance of what's there now.
-Bike trails
-Flat walking trails
Interpretive trails
wildlife watching
food plots.
info signage
berries, apple trees
other plants
Petting Zoo
MORE DUCKS
Fix AMPHITHEATER - PLATFORM FOR SEATING
SPORTS FOR KIDS
IMPROVE DOG PARK...
THAT'S NOT A DOG PARK.
UPGRADE CHORD + "LOOK" ARCHITECTURE
IMPROVE FOOD VENDING
UPDATE SWINGS
THE GOOSE CHASES KIDS!
LIGHTING
BIKE LANE
IMPROVE TRAIL
PLANT ID
What would you REMOVE from Constitution Park?
PLEASE Remove some of the fences
Cut back some shrubs.
RUG RAFF
POISON IVY FROM BACK PLAYGROUND
STRAY CATS
DRESS CODE POLICY @ POOL → PLEASE ALLOW MORE MODEST OPTIONS
Geese (They're mean and apparently they bark)
How often do you visit Constitution Park?
(Place a tick mark in a box below)
Daily
A few times per week
Once per week
A few times per month
A few times per year
I've never been there
What would encourage you to visit more often?
BETTER ADVERTISEMENT!
Drive-in Movies
MORE PROGRAMS
BEER FESTIVAL
MUSIC FESTIVAL (EVERY THURSDAY - DURING SUMMER)
COMMUNITY CENTER
BLUE GRASS, COUNTRY, OLDIES
ART/CRAFT FESTIVAL - MONTHLY AREA MARKET
DOG PARK → REGISTER + HAVE CLINICS
MEMBERSHIP + DAY PASS PROGRAM
ACTIVITIES FOR OLDER KIDS + ADULTS
WHEELCHAIR ACCESS FOR EVENTS
THURSDAY MOVIES IN THE PARK

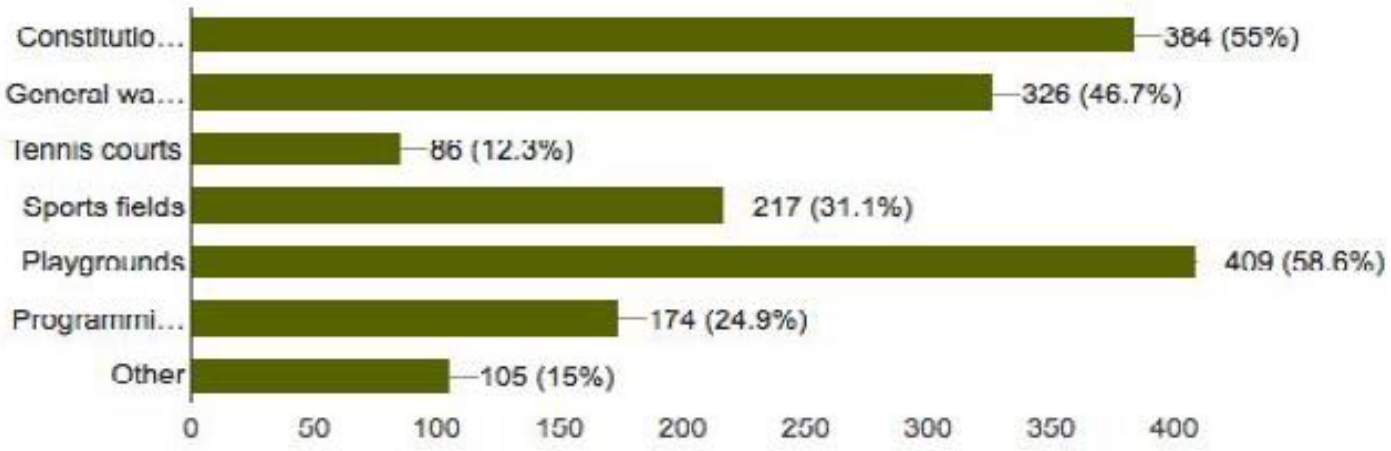
Appendix J – Constitution Park Trail Plan Survey



Cumberland Park and Recreation Facilities

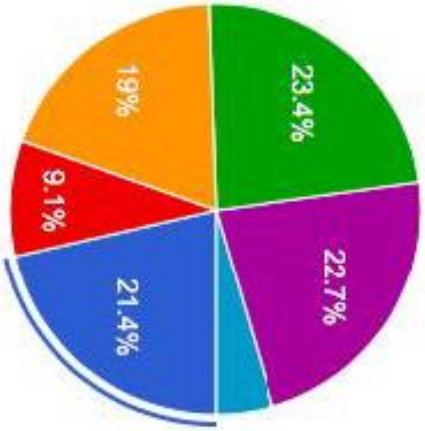
How do you use city park facilities? (Check all that apply)

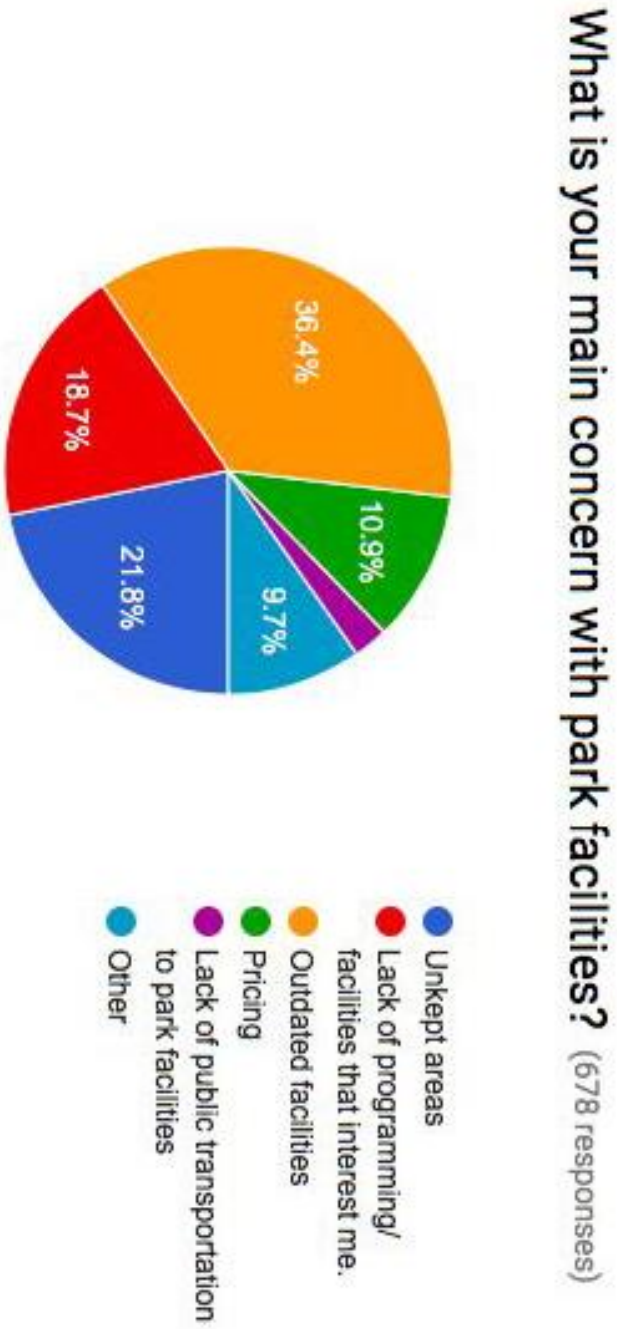
(698 responses)

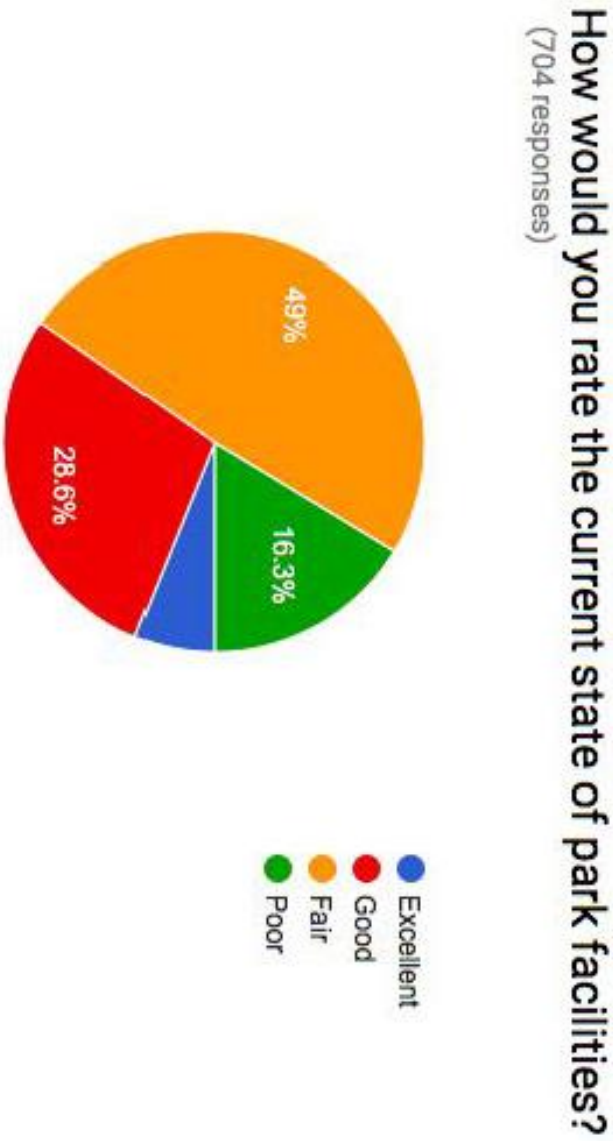


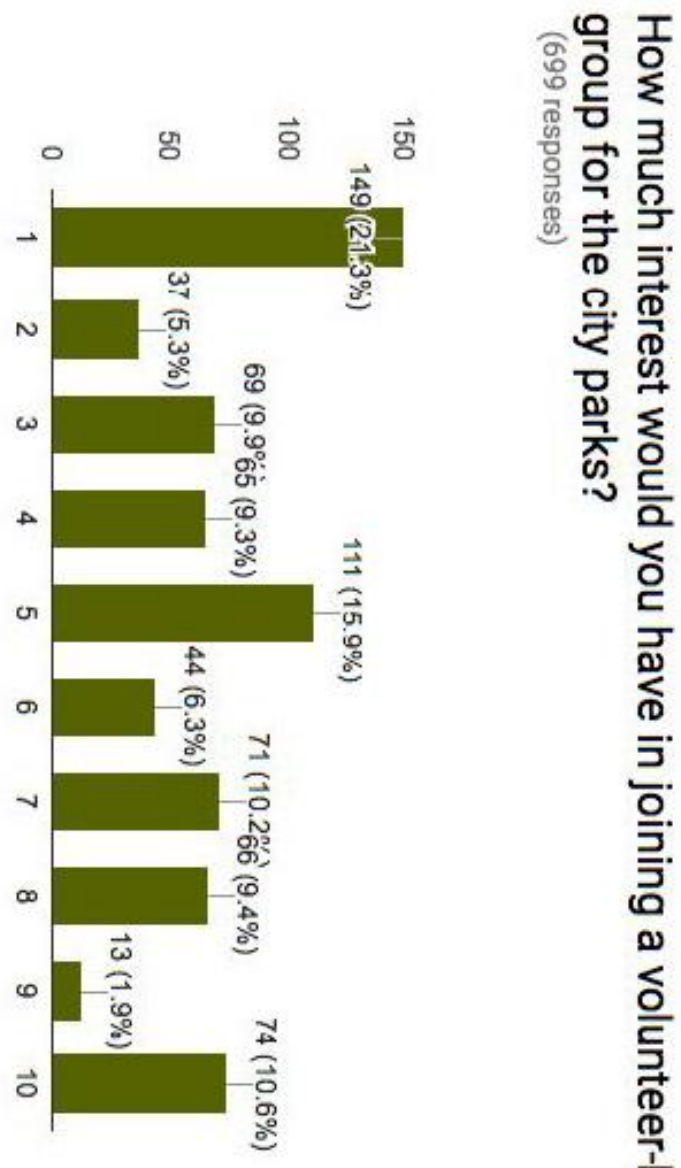
How many days out of a given month do you visit park facilities?

(706 responses)




What is your main concern with park facilities? (678 responses)
36.4%
10.9%
9.7%
21.8%
18.7%
Unkept areas
Lack of programming/ facilities that interest me.
Outdated facilities
Pricing
Lack of public transportation to park facilities
Other


How would you rate the current state of park facilities?
(704 responses)
Excellent
Good
Fair
Poor
49%
16.3%
28.6%


How much interest would you have in joining a volunteer-based group for the city parks?
(699 responses)
150
100
50
0
149 (21.3%)
69 (9.9%)
65 (9.3%)
111 (15.9%)
44 (6.3%)
71 (10.2%)
66 (9.4%)
13 (1.9%)
74 (10.6%)
37 (5.3%)
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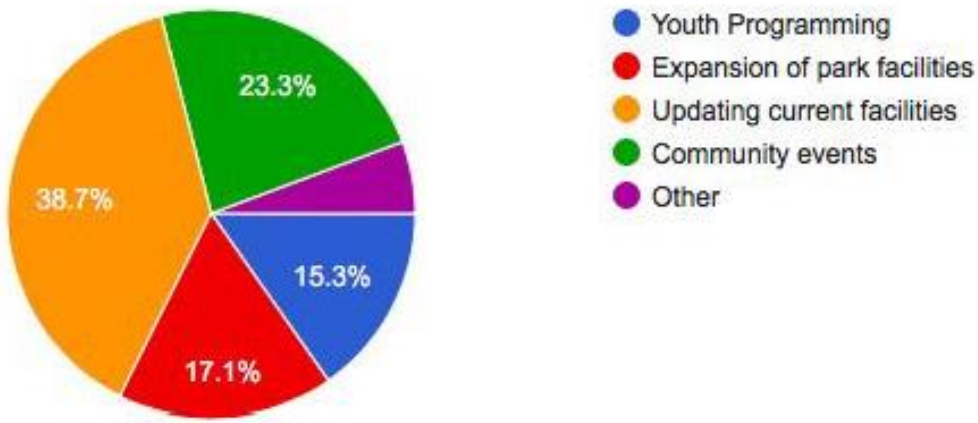
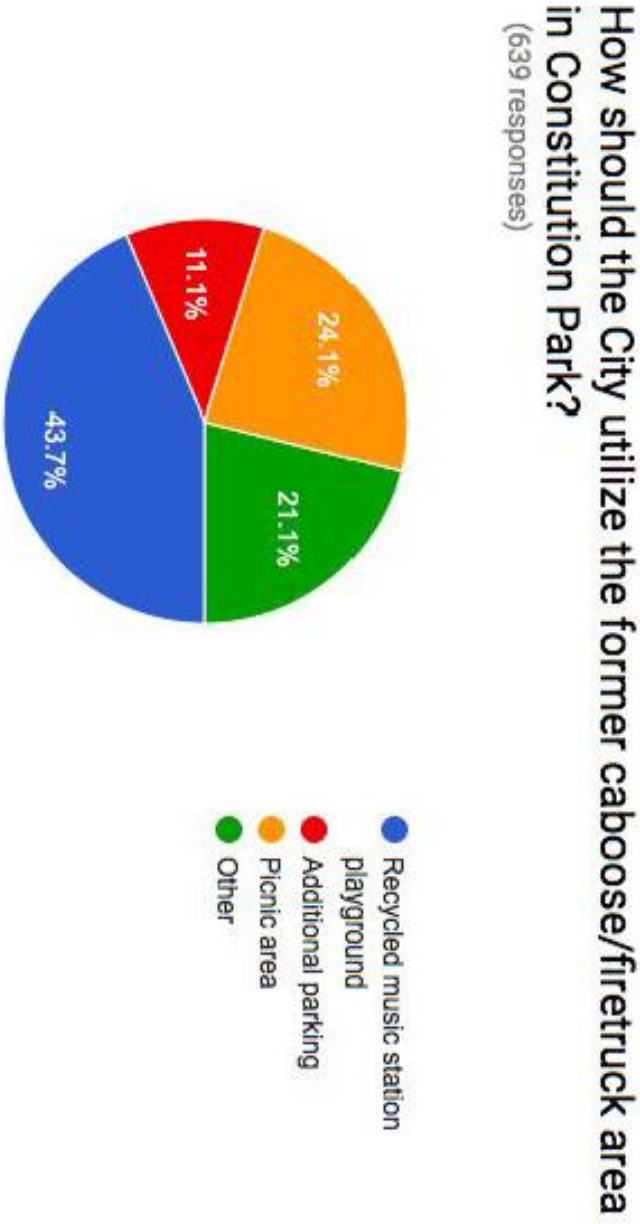
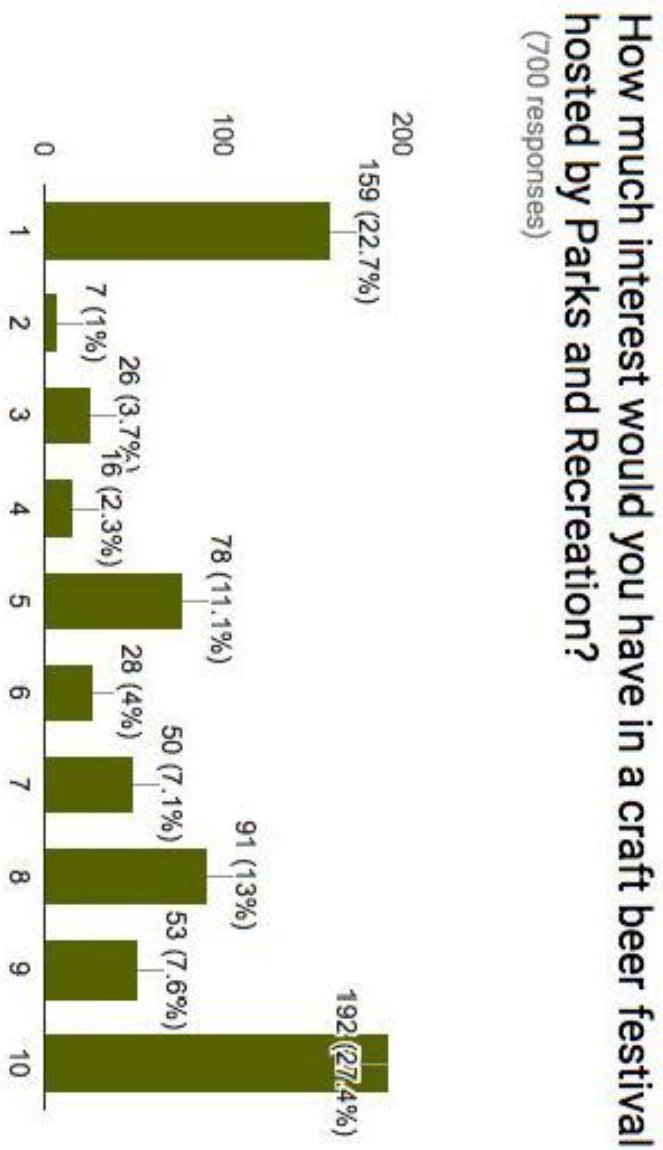
How would you like the Parks and Recreation Department to steer its plans?

(701 responses)




How should the City utilize the former caboose/firetruck area in Constitution Park?
(639 responses)
24.1%
21.1%
11.1%
43.7%
Recycled music station playground
Additional parking
Picnic area
Other


How much interest would you have in a craft beer festival hosted by Parks and Recreation?
(700 responses)
200
100
0
159 (22.7%)
7 (1%)
26 (3.7%)
16 (2.3%)
78 (11.1%)
28 (4%)
50 (7.1%)
91 (13%)
53 (7.6%)
192 (27.4%)
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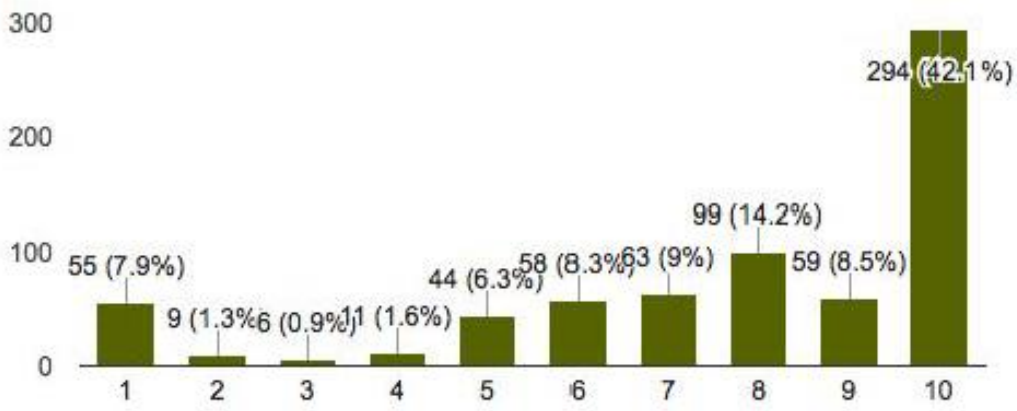
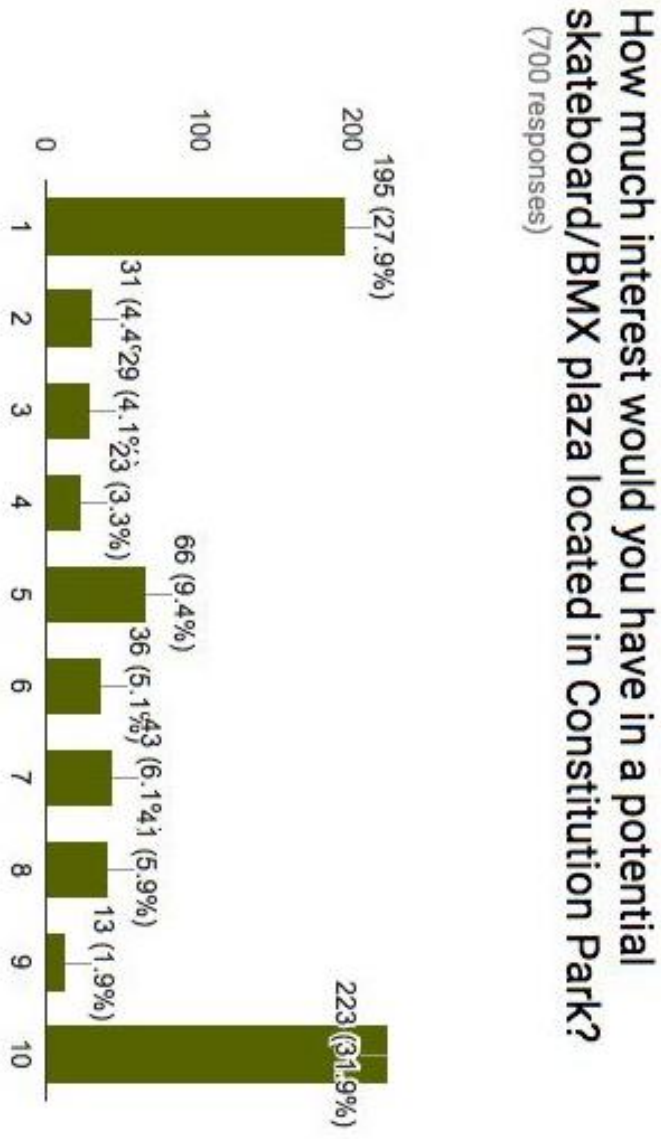
How much interest would you have in a music festival hosted by Parks and Recreation?

(698 responses)




How much interest would you have in a potential skateboard/BMX plaza located in Constitution Park?
(700 responses)
195 (27.9%)
31 (4.4%)
29 (4.1%)
23 (3.3%)
66 (9.4%)
36 (5.1%)
43 (6.1%)
41 (5.9%)
13 (1.9%)
223 (31.9%)
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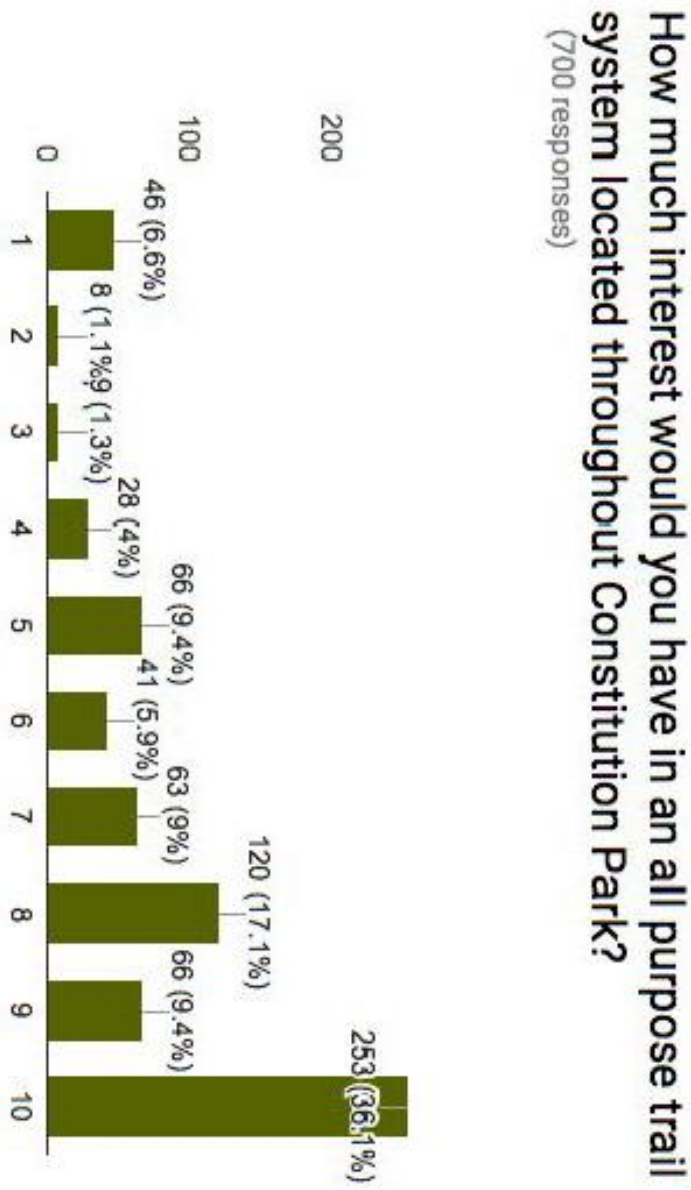
How much interest would you have in an all purpose trail system located throughout Constitution Park?
(700 responses)
200
100
0
46 (6.6%)
8 (1.1%)
9 (1.3%)
28 (4%)
66 (9.4%)
41 (5.9%)
63 (9%)
120 (17.1%)
66 (9.4%)
253 (36.1%)
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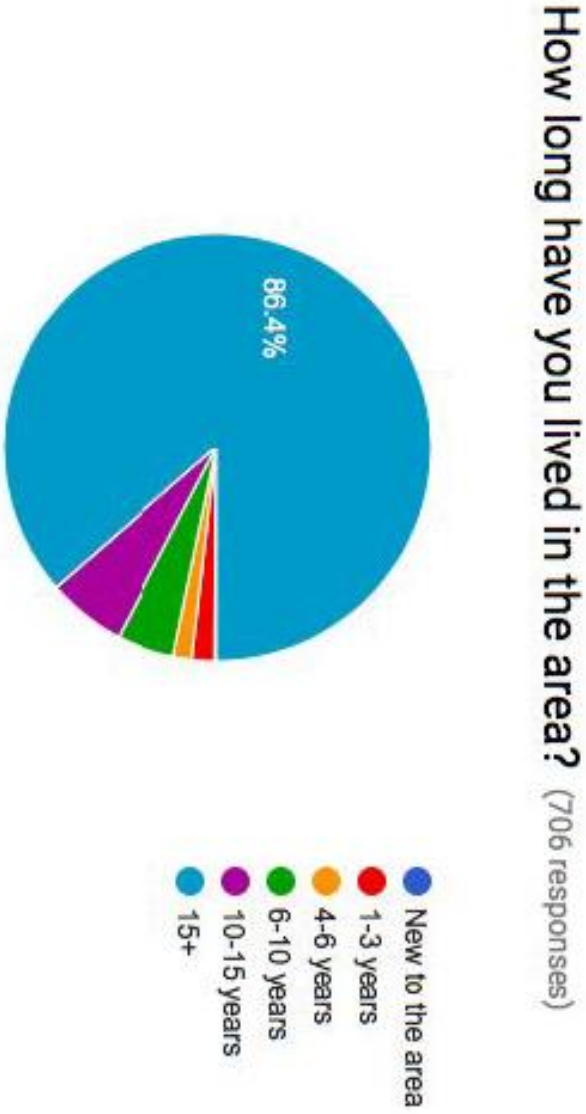
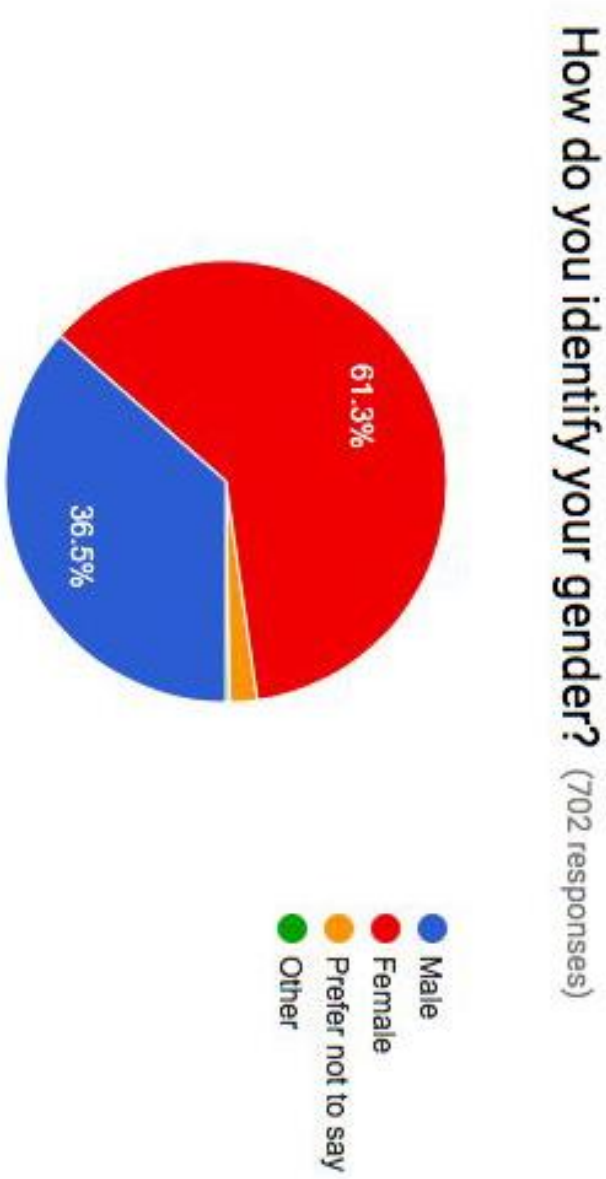
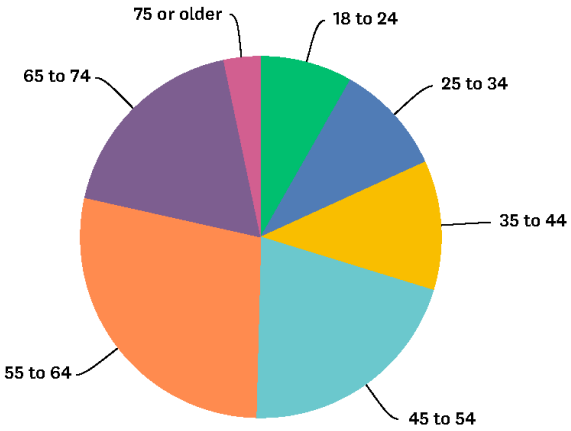

How long have you lived in the area? (706 responses)
86.4%
New to the area
1-3 years
4-6 years
6-10 years
10-15 years
15+


How do you identify your gender? (702 responses)
Male
Female
Prefer not to say
Other
61.3%
36.5%

Appendix K – LPPRP Survey Monkey Survey Results

Q1 What is your age?

Answered: 121 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
18 to 24	8.26%	10
25 to 34	9.92%	12
35 to 44	11.57%	14
45 to 54	20.66%	25
55 to 64	28.10%	34
65 to 74	18.18%	22
75 or older	3.31%	4
TOTAL		121

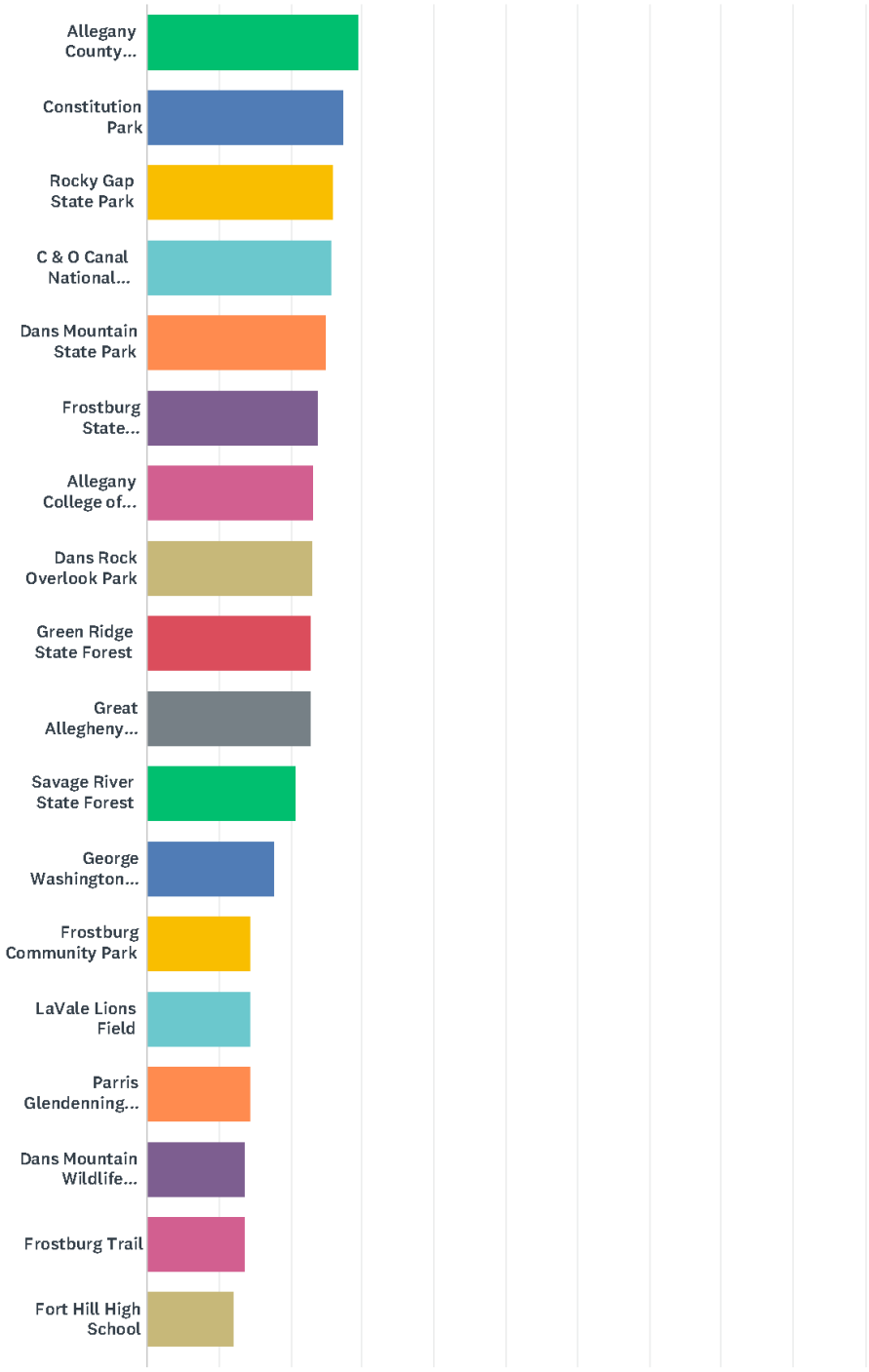
Q2 What town do you live in?

Answered: 124 Skipped: 1

Location	Number of Participants
Cumberland	55
Frostburg	27
LaVale	10
Flintstone	5
Lonaconing	4
Out of County	4
Cresaptown	3
Barton	2
Midlothian	2
Oldtown	2
Westernport	2
Corriganville	1
Bedford Road	1
Bowling Green	1
Mount Savage	1

Q3 Of the following Recreation Sites which ones do you visit and how often?

Answered: 124 Skipped: 1



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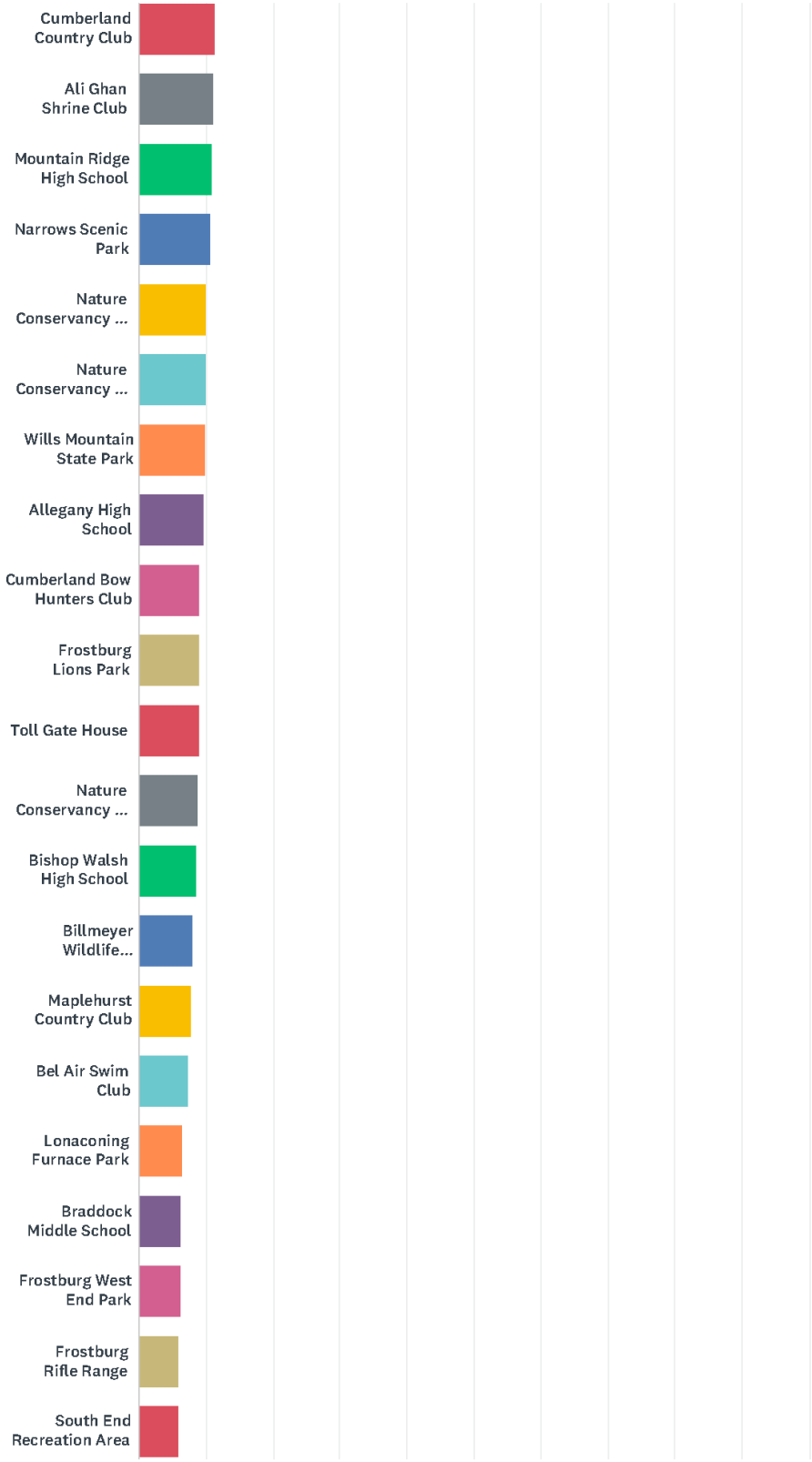
Cumberland Country Club
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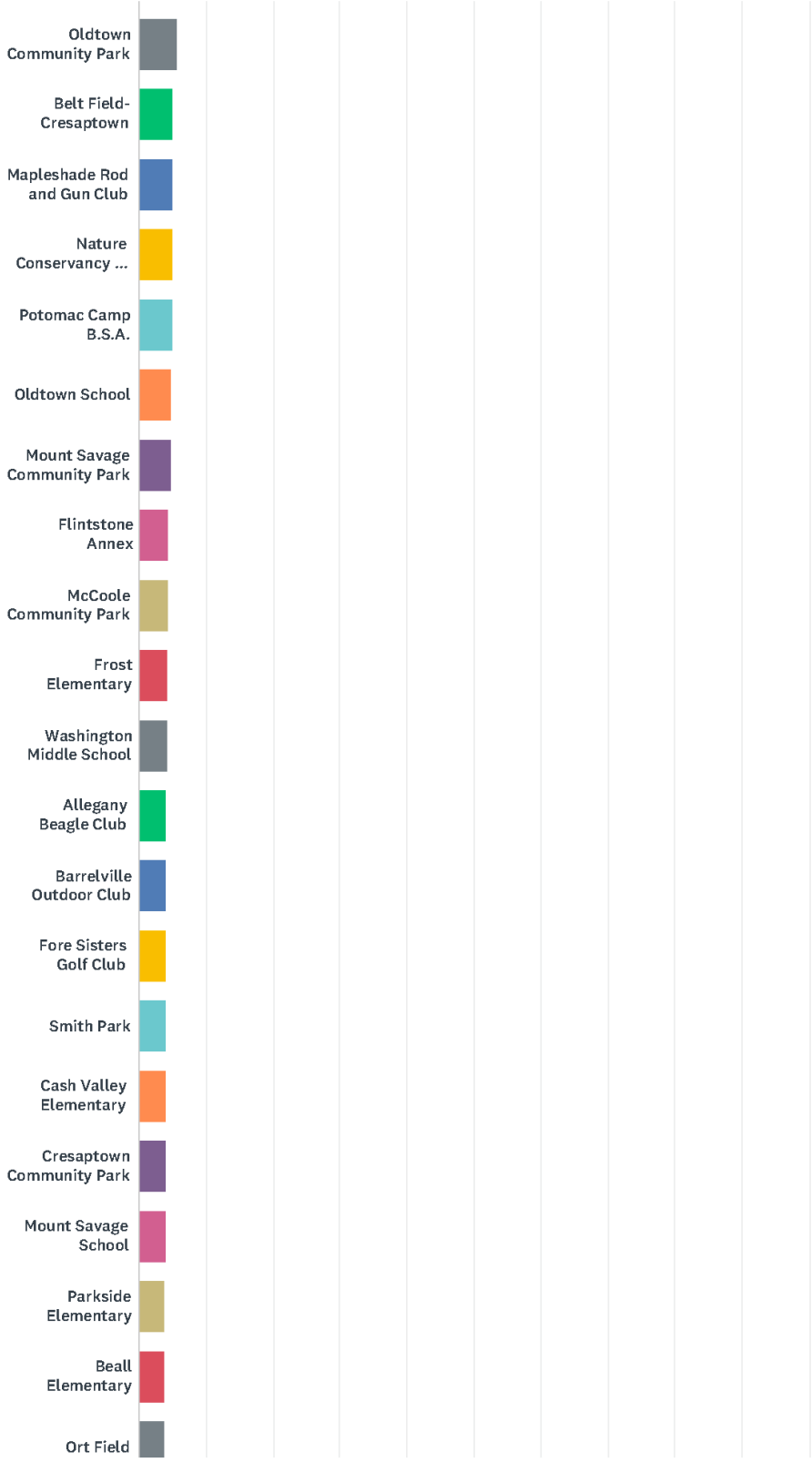
Mountain Ridge High School
Narrows Scenic Park
Nature Conservancy ...
Nature Conservancy ...
Wills Mountain State Park
Allegany High School
Cumberland Bow Hunters Club
Frostburg Lions Park
Toll Gate House
Nature Conservancy ...
Bishop Walsh High School
Billmeyer Wildlife...
Maplehurst Country Club
Bel Air Swim Club
Lonaconing Furnace Park
Braddock Middle School
Frostburg West End Park
Frostburg Rifle Range
South End Recreation Area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Oldtown School
Mount Savage Community Park
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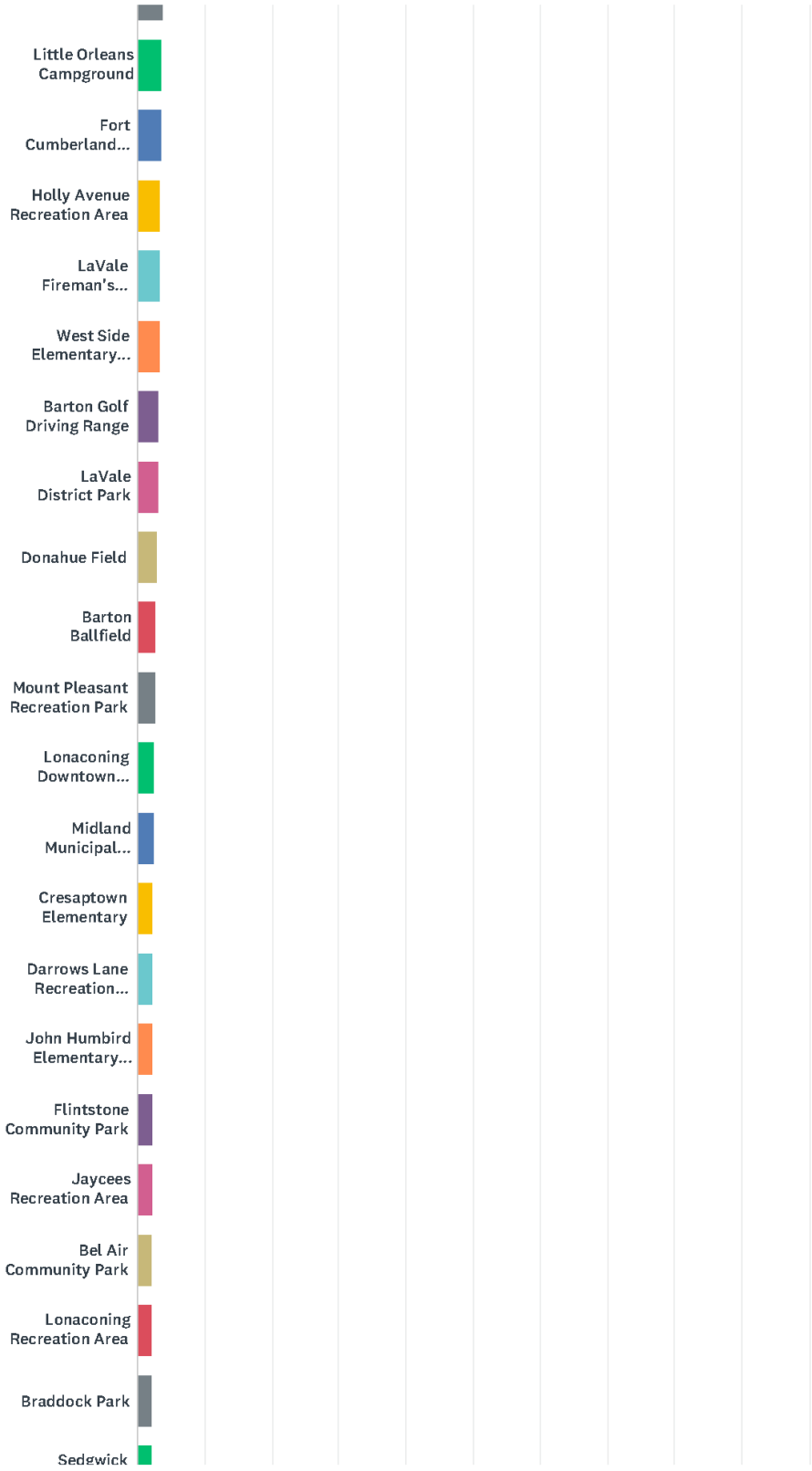
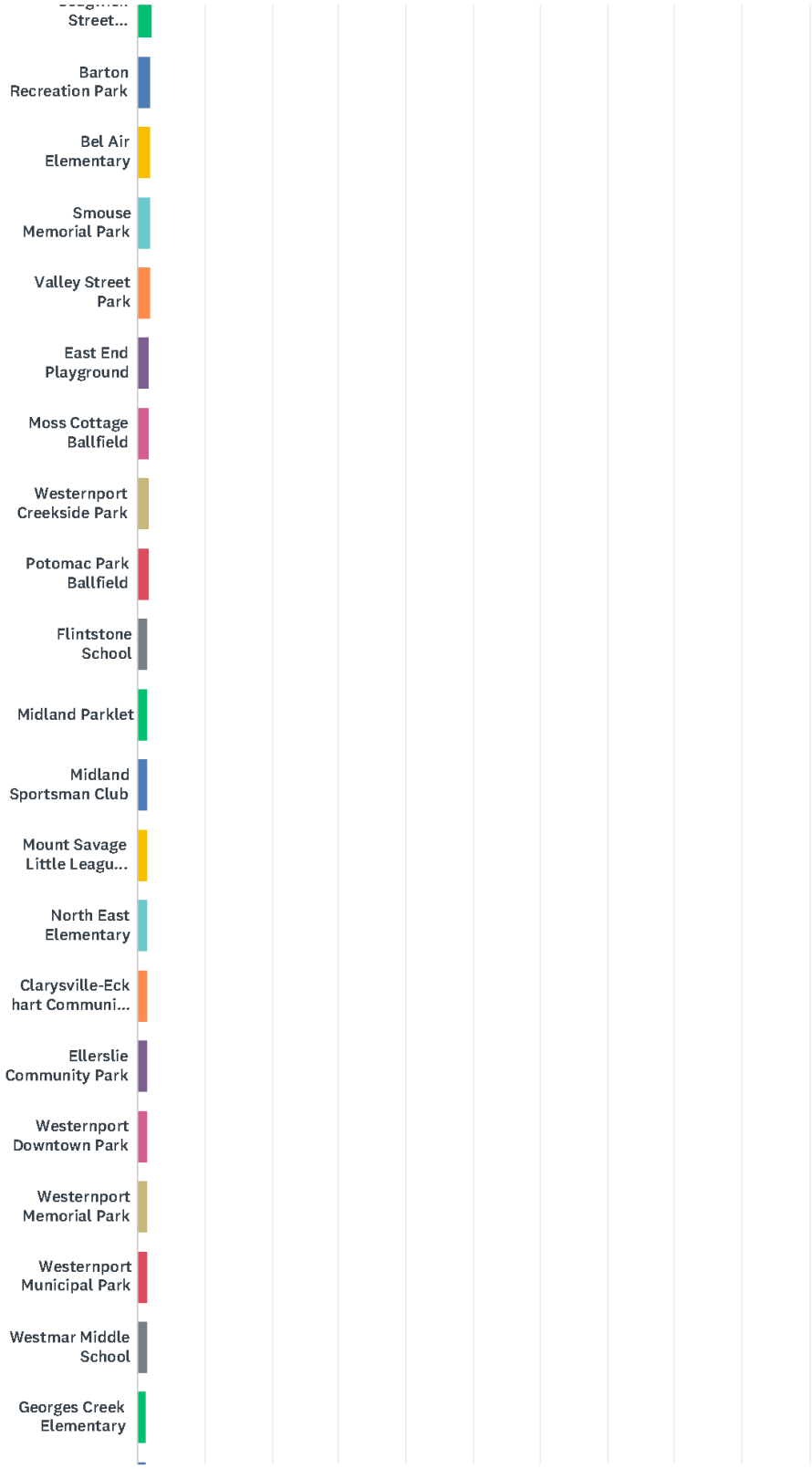
McCoole Community Park
Frost Elementary
Washington Middle School
Allegany Beagle Club
Barrelville Outdoor Club
Fore Sisters Golf Club
Smith Park
Cash Valley Elementary
Cresaptown Community Park
Mount Savage School
Parkside Elementary
Beall Elementary
Ort Field


Little Orleans Campground
Fort Cumberland...
Holly Avenue Recreation Area
LaVale Fireman's...
West Side Elementary...
Barton Golf Driving Range
LaVale District Park
Donahue Field
Barton Ballfield
Mount Pleasant Recreation Park
Lonaconing Downtown...
Midland Municipal...
Cresaptown Elementary
Darrows Lane Recreation...
John Humbird Elementary...
Flintstone Community Park
Jaycees Recreation Area
Bel Air Community Park
Lonaconing Recreation Area
Braddock Park
Sedgwick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Moss Cottage Ballfield
Westernport Creekside Park
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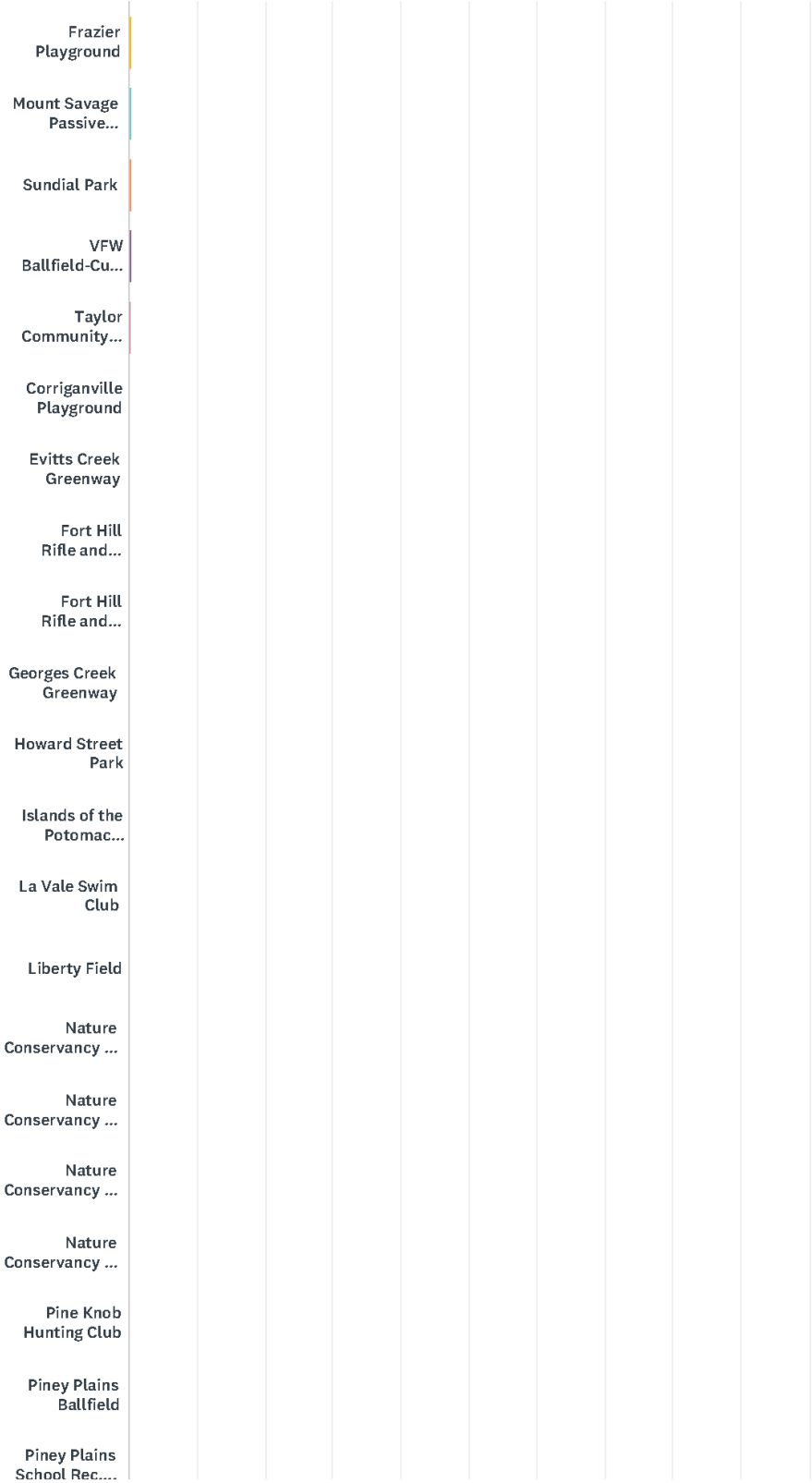
Flintstone School
Midland Parklet
Midland Sportsman Club
Mount Savage Little Leagu...
North East Elementary
Clarysville-Eck hart Communi...
Ellerslie Community Park
Westernport Downtown Park
Westernport Memorial Park
Westernport Municipal Park
Westmar Middle School
Georges Creek Elementary

Leiper Park
South Penn Elementary
Bowling Green Community Park
Church Street Park-Midland
Lonaconing Trap Club
Westmar High School
Benjamin Banneker...
Holland Street Park
Pine Avenue Playground
Westernport Elementary
Barton Center Parklet
Centre Street Recreation Area
Fairmont Avenue...
Lonaconing Horsehoe Pits
Ridgedale Playground
Springdale Street...
Greene's Addition...
Spring Street Park
Barton School Memorial Park
Eckhart Center
Fort Cumberland...


Frazier Playground
Mount Savage Passive...
Sundial Park
VFW Ballfield-Cu...
Taylor Community...
Corriganville Playground
Evitts Creek Greenway
Fort Hill Rifle and...
Fort Hill Rifle and...
Georges Creek Greenway
Howard Street Park
Islands of the Potomac...
La Vale Swim Club
Liberty Field
Nature Conservancy ...
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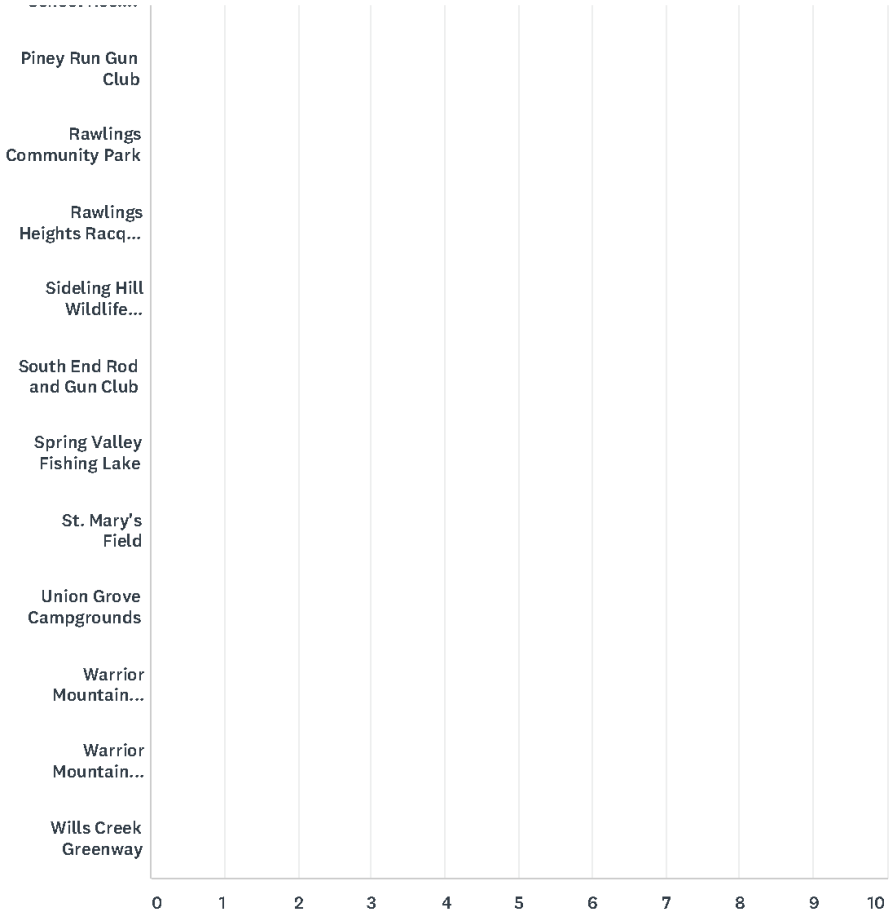
Nature Conservancy ...
Nature Conservancy ...
Pine Knob Hunting Club
Piney Plains Ballfield
Piney Plains School Rec....



	DAILY	WEEKLY	MONTHLY	YEARLY	NEVER	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Allegany County Fairgrounds	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	8.93% 10	66.96% 75	24.11% 27	112	2.95
Constitution Park	3.54% 4	9.73% 11	20.35% 23	47.79% 54	18.58% 21	113	2.75
Rocky Gap State Park	5.08% 6	20.34% 24	43.22% 51	21.19% 25	10.17% 12	118	2.60
C & O Canal National Historical	4.35% 5	21.74% 25	40.00% 46	22.61% 26	11.30% 13	115	2.58
Dans Mountain State Park	1.80% 2	0.90% 1	15.32% 17	49.55% 55	32.43% 36	111	2.48
Frostburg State University	9.82% 11	8.93% 10	27.68% 31	32.14% 36	21.43% 24	112	2.39
Allegany College of Maryland	9.26% 10	15.74% 17	18.52% 20	34.26% 37	22.22% 24	108	2.33
Dans Rock Overlook Park	0.87% 1	0.87% 1	11.30% 13	48.70% 56	38.26% 44	115	2.31
Green Ridge State Forest	0.93% 1	3.70% 4	17.59% 19	41.67% 45	36.11% 39	108	2.28

Great Allegheny Passage	8.62% 10	26.72% 31	31.90% 37	17.24% 20	15.52% 18	116	2.27
Savage River State Forest	1.85% 2	9.26% 10	20.37% 22	31.48% 34	37.04% 40	108	2.07
George Washington Headquarters	0.00% 0	0.95% 1	6.67% 7	39.05% 41	53.33% 56	105	1.78
Frostburg Community Park	0.93% 1	6.48% 7	11.11% 12	24.07% 26	57.41% 62	108	1.44
LaVale Lions Field	0.00% 0	1.89% 2	10.38% 11	27.36% 29	60.38% 64	106	1.44
Parris Glendenning Recreation Complex	3.74% 4	6.54% 7	11.21% 12	23.36% 25	55.14% 59	107	1.44
Dans Mountain Wildlife Management	0.00% 0	1.80% 2	7.21% 8	27.93% 31	63.06% 70	111	1.37
Frostburg Trail	3.70% 4	6.48% 7	10.19% 11	22.22% 24	57.41% 62	108	1.36
Fort Hill High School	0.93% 1	5.56% 6	9.26% 10	20.37% 22	63.89% 69	108	1.21
Cumberland Country Club	1.90% 2	3.81% 4	10.48% 11	18.10% 19	65.71% 69	105	1.13
Ali Ghan Shrine Club	0.00% 0	11.11% 1	0.00% 0	22.22% 2	66.67% 6	9	1.11
Mountain Ridge High School	4.76% 5	2.86% 3	12.38% 13	15.24% 16	64.76% 68	105	1.09
Narrows Scenic Park	0.98% 1	0.98% 1	9.80% 10	18.63% 19	69.61% 71	102	1.07
Nature Conservancy #1 Finzel Sw	0.00% 0	11.11% 1	11.11% 1	11.11% 1	66.67% 6	9	1.00
Nature Conservancy #4 Oldtown	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	25.00% 2	75.00% 6	8	1.00
Wills Mountain State Park	0.00% 0	3.92% 4	6.86% 7	17.65% 18	71.57% 73	102	0.99
Allegany High School	0.00% 0	0.91% 1	7.27% 8	18.18% 20	73.64% 81	110	0.96
Cumberland Bow Hunters Club	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	22.22% 2	77.78% 7	9	0.89
Frostburg Lions Park	0.93% 1	7.48% 8	5.61% 6	14.02% 15	71.96% 77	107	0.89
Toll Gate House	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.98% 1	21.57% 22	77.45% 79	102	0.89
Nature Conservancy #2 Sideling	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	12.50% 1	12.50% 1	75.00% 6	8	0.88
Bishop Walsh High School	0.93% 1	0.93% 1	9.26% 10	13.89% 15	75.00% 81	108	0.86
Billmeyer Wildlife Management Area	0.93% 1	0.00% 0	0.93% 1	18.69% 20	79.44% 85	107	0.79
Maplehurst Country Club	0.00% 0	1.90% 2	2.86% 3	16.19% 17	79.05% 83	105	0.77
Bel Air Swim Club	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	18.18% 2	81.82% 9	11	0.73

Lonaconing Furnace Park	0.95% 1	1.90% 2	4.76% 5	11.43% 12	80.95% 85	105	0.65
Braddock Middle School	0.93% 1	0.00% 0	1.87% 2	14.02% 15	83.18% 89	107	0.63
Frostburg West End Park	0.95% 1	0.95% 1	4.76% 5	11.43% 12	81.90% 86	105	0.63
Frostburg Rifle Range	0.00% 0	1.94% 2	3.88% 4	10.68% 11	83.50% 86	103	0.58
South End Recreation Area	0.97% 1	1.94% 2	8.74% 9	6.80% 7	81.55% 84	103	0.58
Oldtown Community Park	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.95% 1	13.33% 14	85.71% 90	105	0.56
Belt Field- Cresaptown	0.00% 0	0.92% 1	3.67% 4	9.17% 10	86.24% 94	109	0.50
Mapleshade Rod and Gun Club	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	12.50% 1	87.50% 7	8	0.50
Nature Conservancy #3 Sideling	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	12.50% 1	87.50% 7	8	0.50
Potomac Camp B.S.A.	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	3.85% 4	9.62% 10	86.54% 90	104	0.50
Oldtown School	0.00% 0	0.97% 1	3.88% 4	8.74% 9	86.41% 89	103	0.49
Mount Savage Community Park	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	2.91% 3	9.71% 10	87.38% 90	103	0.48
Flintstone Annex	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	11.11% 1	88.89% 8	9	0.44
McCoole Community Park	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	11.11% 1	88.89% 8	9	0.44
Frost Elementary	3.77% 4	1.89% 2	3.77% 4	5.66% 6	84.91% 90	106	0.42
Washington Middle School	1.94% 2	0.97% 1	4.85% 5	5.83% 6	86.41% 89	103	0.42
Allegany Beagle Club	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	10.00% 1	90.00% 9	10	0.40
Barrelville Outdoor Club	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	10.00% 1	90.00% 9	10	0.40
Fore Sisters Golf Club	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	10.00% 1	90.00% 9	10	0.40
Smith Park	0.00% 0	1.94% 2	2.91% 3	6.80% 7	88.35% 91	103	0.40
Cash Valley Elementary	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	2.86% 3	7.62% 8	89.52% 94	105	0.39
Cresaptown Community Park	0.00% 0	0.93% 1	3.70% 4	6.48% 7	88.89% 96	108	0.39
Mount Savage School	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.99% 1	8.91% 9	90.10% 91	101	0.39
Parkside Elementary	0.00% 0	0.97% 1	2.91% 3	6.80% 7	89.32% 92	103	0.38

Beall Elementary	0.00% 0	2.75% 3	1.83% 2	6.42% 7	88.99% 97	109	0.37
Ort Field	0.96% 1	0.00% 0	2.88% 3	6.73% 7	89.42% 93	104	0.37
Little Orleans Campground	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	9.09% 1	90.91% 10	11	0.36
Fort Cumberland Trail	0.00% 0	0.96% 1	1.92% 2	6.73% 7	90.38% 94	104	0.35
Holly Avenue Recreation Area	0.00% 0	2.83% 3	5.66% 6	2.83% 3	88.68% 94	106	0.34
LaVale Fireman's Ballfield	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	5.77% 6	3.85% 4	90.38% 94	104	0.33
West Side Elementary School	0.00% 0	1.94% 2	1.94% 2	5.83% 6	90.29% 93	103	0.33
Barton Golf Driving Range	0.00% 0	1.85% 2	0.93% 1	6.48% 7	90.74% 98	108	0.32
LaVale District Park	0.00% 0	1.90% 2	2.86% 3	4.76% 5	90.48% 95	105	0.31
Donahue Field	0.00% 0	0.94% 1	2.83% 3	4.72% 5	91.51% 97	106	0.29
Barton Ballfield	0.00% 0	1.87% 2	1.87% 2	4.67% 5	91.59% 98	107	0.28
Mount Pleasant Recreation Park	0.97% 1	1.94% 2	4.85% 5	1.94% 2	90.29% 93	103	0.27
Lonaconing Downtown Parklet	0.96% 1	0.00% 0	1.92% 2	4.81% 5	92.31% 96	104	0.26
Midland Municipal Ballfield	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	1.98% 2	4.95% 5	93.07% 94	101	0.26
Cresaptown Elementary	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	1.85% 2	4.63% 5	93.52% 101	108	0.24
Darrows Lane Recreation Complex	0.00% 0	0.93% 1	0.00% 0	5.61% 6	93.46% 100	107	0.24
John Humbird Elementary School	0.00% 0	0.96% 1	0.96% 1	4.81% 5	93.27% 97	104	0.24
Flintstone Community Park	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.95% 1	4.76% 5	94.29% 99	105	0.22
Jaycees Recreation Area	0.00% 0	0.96% 1	2.88% 3	2.88% 3	93.27% 97	104	0.22
Bel Air Community Park	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.92% 1	4.59% 5	94.50% 103	109	0.21
Lonaconing Recreation Area	0.97% 1	0.97% 1	0.97% 1	3.88% 4	93.20% 96	103	0.21
Braddock Park	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	5.00% 5	95.00% 95	100	0.20
Sedgwick Street Recreation Area	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	2.91% 3	2.91% 3	94.17% 97	103	0.20
Barton Recreation Park	0.00% 0	0.93% 1	0.93% 1	3.70% 4	94.44% 102	108	0.19

Bel Air Elementary	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.93% 1	3.70% 4	95.37% 103	108	0.18
Smouse Memorial Park	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.96% 1	3.85% 4	95.19% 99	104	0.18
Valley Street Park	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.97% 1	3.88% 4	95.15% 98	103	0.18
East End Playground	0.93% 1	0.93% 1	0.93% 1	2.80% 3	94.39% 101	107	0.17
Moss Cottage Ballfield	0.00% 0	0.97% 1	0.00% 0	3.88% 4	95.15% 98	103	0.17
Westernport Creekside Park	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	2.94% 3	1.96% 2	95.10% 97	102	0.17
Potomac Park Ballfield	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	3.88% 4	96.12% 99	103	0.16
Flintstone School	0.95% 1	0.00% 0	0.95% 1	2.86% 3	95.24% 100	105	0.15
Midland Parklet	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.98% 1	2.94% 3	96.08% 98	102	0.15
Midland Sportsman Club	0.00% 0	0.98% 1	2.94% 3	0.98% 1	95.10% 97	102	0.15
Mount Savage Little League Field	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.97% 1	2.91% 3	96.12% 99	103	0.15
North East Elementary	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.99% 1	2.97% 3	96.04% 97	101	0.15
Clarysville-Eckhart Community Park	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.94% 1	2.83% 3	96.23% 102	106	0.14
Ellerslie Community Park	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.94% 1	2.83% 3	96.23% 102	106	0.14
Westernport Downtown Park	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	1.96% 2	1.96% 2	96.08% 98	102	0.14
Westernport Memorial Park	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	1.96% 2	1.96% 2	96.08% 98	102	0.14
Westernport Municipal Park	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	1.96% 2	1.96% 2	96.08% 98	102	0.14
Westmar Middle School	1.94% 2	1.94% 2	0.00% 0	1.94% 2	94.17% 97	103	0.14
Georges Creek Elementary	1.92% 2	0.00% 0	0.96% 1	1.92% 2	95.19% 99	104	0.13
Leiper Park	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	1.92% 2	1.92% 2	96.15% 100	104	0.13
South Penn Elementary	12.50% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	87.50% 7	8	0.13
Bowling Green Community Park	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	2.83% 3	97.17% 103	106	0.11
Church Street Park-Midland	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	2.83% 3	97.17% 103	106	0.11
Lonaconing Trap Club	11.11% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	88.89% 8	9	0.11
Westmar High School	0.97% 1	0.97% 1	0.00% 0	1.94% 2	96.12% 99	103	0.11

Benjamin Banneker Playground	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.94% 1	1.89% 2	97.17% 103	106	0.10
Holland Street Park	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	1.92% 2	0.96% 1	97.12% 101	104	0.10
Pine Avenue Playground	0.00% 0	0.96% 1	0.00% 0	1.92% 2	97.12% 101	104	0.10
Westernport Elementary	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	1.96% 2	0.98% 1	97.06% 99	102	0.10
Barton Center Parklet	0.00% 0	0.93% 1	0.93% 1	0.93% 1	97.22% 105	108	0.08
Centre Street Recreation Area	0.00% 0	0.94% 1	0.94% 1	0.94% 1	97.17% 103	106	0.08
Fairmont Avenue Recreation Area	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	1.90% 2	98.10% 103	105	0.08
Lonaconing Horsehoe Pits	0.96% 1	0.00% 0	0.96% 1	0.96% 1	97.12% 101	104	0.08
Ridgedale Playground	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	1.94% 2	98.06% 101	103	0.08
Springdale Street Playground	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	1.96% 2	98.04% 100	102	0.08
Greene's Addition Playground-Westernport	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.96% 1	0.96% 1	98.08% 102	104	0.07
Spring Street Park	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.97% 1	0.97% 1	98.06% 101	103	0.07
Barton School Memorial Park	0.00% 0	0.93% 1	0.00% 0	0.93% 1	98.13% 105	107	0.06
Eckhart Center	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.94% 1	99.06% 105	106	0.04
Fort Cumberland Playground	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.95% 1	99.05% 104	105	0.04
Frazier Playground	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.95% 1	99.05% 104	105	0.04
Mount Savage Passive Recreation	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.98% 1	99.02% 101	102	0.04
Sundial Park	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.97% 1	99.03% 102	103	0.04
VFW Ballfield-Cumberland	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.97% 1	99.03% 102	103	0.04
Taylor Community Athletic Field	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.97% 1	0.00% 0	99.03% 102	103	0.03
Corriganville Playground	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	100.00% 10	10	0.00
Evitts Creek Greenway	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	100.00% 9	9	0.00
Fort Hill Rifle and Pistol Club	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	100.00% 9	9	0.00
Fort Hill Rifle and Pistol Club	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	100.00% 9	9	0.00
Georges Creek Greenway	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	100.00% 9	9	0.00

Howard Street Park	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	100.00% 103	103	0.00
Islands of the Potomac Wildlife	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	100.00% 9	9	0.00
La Vale Swim Club	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	100.00% 10	10	0.00
Liberty Field	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	100.00% 10	10	0.00
Nature Conservancy #5 Black Oak	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	100.00% 8	8	0.00
Nature Conservancy #6 Rawlings	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	100.00% 8	8	0.00
Nature Conservancy #7 Fort Hill	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	100.00% 8	8	0.00
Nature Conservancy #8 Town Creek	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	100.00% 8	8	0.00
Pine Knob Hunting Club	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	100.00% 9	9	0.00
Piney Plains Ballfield	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	100.00% 102	102	0.00
Piney Plains School Rec. Area	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	100.00% 103	103	0.00
Piney Run Gun Club	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	100.00% 8	8	0.00
Rawlings Community Park	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	100.00% 103	103	0.00
Rawlings Heights Racquet Club	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	100.00% 8	8	0.00
Sideling Hill Wildlife Management	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	100.00% 8	8	0.00
South End Rod and Gun Club	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	100.00% 9	9	0.00
Spring Valley Fishing Lake	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	100.00% 103	103	0.00
St. Mary's Field	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	100.00% 9	9	0.00
Union Grove Campgrounds	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	100.00% 9	9	0.00
Warrior Mountain Sportsmen's Club	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	100.00% 8	8	0.00
Warrior Mountain Wildlife Manag	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	100.00% 9	9	0.00
Wills Creek Greenway	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	100.00% 8	8	0.00

Q4 If the park(s) you visit are not listed above please do so and indicate the frequency in which you use it.

Answered: 25 Skipped: 100

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Q5 How important are each of these amenities to you?

Answered: 121 Skipped: 4

Hiking, Walking,...
Picnicking
Swimming
Camping
Playgrounds
Road Cycling
Mountain Biking
Fishing from shore
Fishing from a boat
Football/Soccer
Baseball/Softball
Hunting
Basketball
Tennis
Volleyball
Golfing
BMX Riding
Horseshoes
Skateboarding
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	NOT IMPORTANT	MODERATELY IMPORTANT	VERY IMPORTANT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Hiking, Walking, Running, Biking on a paved trial	9.17% 11	10.83% 13	80.00% 96	120	2.71
Picnicking	16.95% 20	44.92% 53	38.14% 45	118	2.21
Swimming	18.80% 22	45.30% 53	35.90% 42	117	2.17
Camping	23.08% 27	38.46% 45	38.46% 45	117	2.15
Playgrounds	31.30% 36	32.17% 37	36.52% 42	115	2.05
Road Cycling	36.52% 42	21.74% 25	41.74% 48	115	2.05
Mountain Biking	37.50% 45	28.33% 34	34.17% 41	120	1.97
Fishing from shore	35.34% 41	34.48% 40	30.17% 35	116	1.95
Fishing from a boat	46.02% 52	25.66% 29	28.32% 32	113	1.82
Football/Soccer	42.74% 50	35.90% 42	21.37% 25	117	1.79
Baseball/Softball	53.45% 62	28.45% 33	18.10% 21	116	1.65
Hunting	61.26% 68	21.62% 24	17.12% 19	111	1.56
Basketball	58.62% 68	28.45% 33	12.93% 15	116	1.54
Tennis	59.13% 68	27.83% 32	13.04% 15	115	1.54
Volleyball	63.72% 72	26.55% 30	9.73% 11	113	1.46
Golfing	75.00% 84	11.61% 13	13.39% 15	112	1.38
BMX Riding	70.54% 79	23.21% 26	6.25% 7	112	1.36
Horseshoes	71.93% 82	21.93% 25	6.14% 7	114	1.34
Skateboarding	78.57% 88	13.39% 15	8.04% 9	112	1.29

Q6 If you do not use the recreation sites within your area, or closest municipality, please explain why.

Answered: 25 Skipped: 100

1 boat ramp fee's
2 I'm ignorant as to their location and accessibility --MY ignorance
3 No small children. We do take guests to visit places like C. & O Canal & Museum at Train Station, etc. Your survey should have included a now and the after "monthly". We don't have to go to these lovely places because we happen to live in the country and have woods of our own, trails and wildlife to enjoy without going anywhere! We are lucky to live in Allegany County. .
4 N/A
5 I don't know what the Frostburg Trail is. I seldom use the parks because they are mostly playgrounds and sports facilities, and I don't have children and don't play sports. I enjoying hiking, biking, birdwatching and similar outdoor recreation.
6 I use them and like them but I walk mainly on the streets.
7 too busy
8 I'm not as active as I probably should be.
9 Looking for more natural environments with large expanses of land and water, not as much developed community parks.
10 n/a
11 I am more likely to go to Garrett County, West Virginia, Pennsylvania looking for less developed recreation sites.
12 cleanliness, safety.
13 N/A
14 A lot of them are in deplorable condition because our county/cities do not see them as an important part to our communities
15 I use the Great Allegheny Passage for cycling almost daily when possible; mostly between Cumberland and Meyersdale, sometimes as far as Ohiopyle. Not concerned with other sports.
16 Wheelchair inaccessible.
17 n/a
18 Many places in my area are run down and not maintained for a safe, playful, and relaxing place that families, children, and individuals can enjoy.
19 No movies. New to area and handicapped.
20 N/A
21 N/A
22 Wasn't aware of some of them.
23 No time.
24 to old to participate
25 They are outdated and there is not a lot to do at them.

Q7 Do you feel enough attention is given to the recreation facilities you frequent?

Answered: 93 Skipped: 32

Respondents	Responses
1	No, GAP always looks bad with overgrown weeds, especially from the Narrows to Cumberland. Not attractive for all the visitors this trail brings to the county.
2	Yes
3	Yes
4	Yes
5	yes
6	I would like to see more public boat access to the Potomac River.
7	Yes
8	Yes
9	Most facilities are well kept
10	Yes.
11	yes
12	mostly
13	Yes
14	Not Really
15	The GAP is GREAT! The Canal needs some major TLC. It is full of muddy potholes.
16	Never.
17	yes
18	yes
19	NO.
20	no
21	yes
22	no, Many have buildings and playgrounds that need repaired.
23	No.
24	The burden of caring for facilities in LaVale area fall completely on volunteers who are getting harder to find.
25	Yes
26	Yes
27	Yes
28	No.
29	Generally, but I do not require very much in the way of infrastructure, so long as the natural landscapes are clean and safe. Dan's Mt and Will's Mt definitely have severe litter and graffiti issues.
30	The labyrinth area at Allegany College could use some upkeep.
31	Even though the city mayor said the caboose, tank etc are junk...I have taken young ones many many many times to play at constitution park and they are sad the "equipment" is no longer available.
32	Yes, I do. Always seem well kept.
33	No
34	Yes

35	Yes
36	depending on the facility.
37	Yes
38	No. biking trails need attention: Weeds, surface used is dangerous! Several accidents have occurred. Need to consult bikers on suggested surfaces, etc. Constitution Park pool is in need of a new food area that is cleaner and handicap accessible. Why isn't food allowed inside pool area like Frostburg Pool?
39	I feel they are well maintained but there is always room for improvement.
40	i feel the facilities that i frequent could get more attention. Bathrooms would be one.
41	Yes. Since I live in Frostburg, the Dept. of Recreation and Parks does a good job, but there is always room for improvement. The gravel roads at Glendening Park need some maintenance (maybe even paved).
42	Restroom facilities need improved at some locations. Mostly just routine attention and maintainance.
43	No County does not participate and needs a County Recreation Department to compliment the two cities and YMCA in leisure activities
44	No, some areas get run down, but some of that is due to the people who use them. Jaycee field is a good example.
45	No I would like it to have more attention and to be more easily accessible and have better promoted information
46	Yes, for the most part
47	No
48	Yes
49	The GAP needs more maintenance. We need more bike lanes -- for safety and to attract tourism. The hiking trails at rocky gap should be advertised and better marked
50	Generally yes, although the Scenic Railroad needs to keep their ballast off the bike trail. I've seen flats and crashes due to RR ballast scattered all over the trail.
51	At Dan's Mtn State Park they took out the miniature golf course and have in recent years mentioned the idea of closing the pool. This park is an extremely nice recreational area, with variety of amenities. I'd like to see the pavilions maintained for their longevity, pool remain open, etc.
52	Absolutely not
53	No - outdoor rec is the bread and butter of our rural and scenic area
54	Would like to have more options for biking trails and recreation areas.
55	Generally, yes, now that Cresaptown is in better shape.
56	No, the GAP and C&O need a lot of work
57	I think there should be more seating at Fort Hill to accommodate all the local and visiting fans. Perhaps even an upgrade to the metal bleachers. A lot of space to build, seems a wasted revenue.
58	No.
59	no
60	No, the boat launches at Savage River Dam need fixed. When the dam is low there is only a mud bank. If you are elderly or disabled you are not getting your boat in.
61	Yes, they are well-tended.
62	I feel that the GAP and C&O are given as much attention that we can afford.
63	N/A
64	No
65	Absolutely not. Allegany County is in the doldrums of the State's mental and physical health rankings. We really should revamp our natural resource offerings and health programs to encourage more people to use them.
66	no
67	I feel it is adequate considering available funding, however there is always room for improvement.
68	yes
69	Generally, yes. Most are well maintained.
70	No
71	All that can be due with time & funding.

72	For the most part
73	Adequate. Grass is mowed (probably by volunteers at many of these sites), restrooms exist at the more popular sites although sometimes not cleaned well enough. Need more rental pavilions (reasonably priced) throughout the county. Playgrounds should be inspected regularly to meet all safety standards.
74	No. ACM is a wonderful place and I use their facilities regularly but they need updated.
75	NO
76	No
77	No, I'm sure because of budgets.
78	No, but I understand funding is limited and we do have many depend on grants and local and state funding.
79	Yes, considering all are short staffed.
80	N/A
81	no
82	no
83	Yes
84	Yes
85	East End Playground in Frostburg is in my neighborhood. I feel like it could use more attention and could be revived to be a great area for community children.
86	No I feel like more could be done to involve communities with the recreation facilities
87	Frostburg does a great job with it's parks. The City of Cumberland is beginning to make provements to Constitution Park Pool, but additional improvements within the poolhouse are needed.
88	No! No one put the community puts any attention to these areas!
89	pretty much
90	Yes
91	No
92	Yes thanks to volunteers
93	Yes

yes	30
no	32

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Q8 What do you like about the recreation facilities you visit in Allegany County?

Answered: 87 Skipped: 38

1	I like that we have the GAP and C&O trails for walking and biking. We are so fortunate to have these. Also like the track at AC because it is wide open space and a lot of people around if you are walking by yourself.
2	The Out of doors
3	Diverse, beautiful, easy to access
4	small amount of people I encounter
5	They are diverse, nearby and many programs are provided
6	Availability
7	I love the scenery, the easy access, the ability to bike ride, swim or play tennis with friends. I like showing our parks to out of town guests.
8	They are clean and well-maintained

9 cleanliness, not crowded
10 Each is unique and accessible.
11 proud of all the recreation available here
12 Constitution Park has a lot of variety for families.
13 Open Space. Marked Trails. Playgrounds. Parking. Many are free.
14 They are generally clean and the landscape is beautiful.
15 They are well kept and fun to use.
16 The nautural beauty
17 diverse
18 biking and picnic area
19 Availability.
20 availability
21 The fellowship of others enjoy the facilities.
22 My son enjoys the playgrounds.
23 proximity to home
24 Scenic beauty. Not overcrowded.
25 I know the importance of enjoying nature and the broad spectrum of benefits that nature brings into the life of children.
26 They offer the opportunity to participate in activities that my family and I are interested in doing.
27 Large tracts of land/water resources for hiking and paddling. Lots of variety in difficulty level and scenery. Options for gravel/paved trails-great for jogging.
28 Close to home.
29 Outdoor-nature
30 Basketball courts, walking/hiking , scenic views.
31 Well kept and friendly co-visitors.
32 Not crowded
33 I don't play sports, so I prefer less developed scenic and nature-oriented recreation areas.
34 Beautiful outdoor environment
35 Natural beauty and ease of access.
36 Cleanliness, user friendly
37 Location.
38 Clean and accessible
39 i enjoy visiting the pool at the park throughout the summer. i also enjoy taking walks throughout the park
40 Proximity to my home, and there are many options!
41 The beauty of the area, being outdoors, nature, exercise, quiet.
42 They are fairly accessible all over the area.
43 Very outdoorsy
44 The variety of options and the condition is good. Very well maintained
45 Often low cost entry or free entry
46 There are a lot of them and they are kept in fairly good condition
47 Physical recreation is the best preventive medicine.
48 natural areas, amenities, trails, swimming, wildlife, picnic areas, dog walking/friendly areas.
49 I like the ones that are maintained and used, like the fairgrounds.
50 Generally in good shape
51 Convenience, open spaces

52 The GAP and C&O are good cycling areas. More work on road cycling.
53 Modernizing.
54 well kept up
55 The recreation facilities give us many ways to enjoy the out-of-doors.
56 I feel that our bicycling opportunities are very abundant and getting recognition.
57 Constitution Park Pool is very clean, it is a true oasis !
58 Del fest
59 Freedom Black
60 All the different hiking and biking trails.
61 The Great Allegheny Passage is bringing in millions of dollars in taxable revenue every year. It is PARAMOUNT that we do our very best to maintain and improve the trail.
62 they are normally clean and neat
63 Recreation facilities are numerous and support a healthy, outdoor lifestyle. There is a continuous focus on improvement, for example, the recent paving of the perimeter track at the Cresaptown ball fields which considerably expands it's utility under differing weather conditions. The Great Allegheny Passage is another example of a world-class destination.
64 easy to access, generally well maintained, low/no cost, many throughout the area (convenient)
65 There is a lot of variety, and they complement the natural setting well.
66 Location
67 Being outside.
68 Convenience/availability
69 If you make yourself aware of the variety of facilities, there are things to do suitable for many interests. Athletic activities and field sports are the primary land use for recreation in Allegany County.
70 beauty, upkeep of the bike trail
71 Ease of access. The natural beauty of the area.
72 Easy access
73 The pristine wilderness
74 Allegany County is beautiful area to live in. We for the most part are a clean safe area for families to enjoy public recreation facilities.
75 Proximaty and meeting other people.
76 I think rocky gap state park is such a treasure in our community with the lake and hiking trails all so close and beautiful!
77 Location
78 I enjoy hiking opportunities and open space for picnics or outdoor activities
79 Well maintained
80 Cleanliness and some of them close at dusk so people don't hang out after dark. They are also patrolled by the law enforcement.
81 They are small and there are many options.
82 They have history to them and lots of different activities can take place within them. They scenery is also very pretty.
83 well maintained
84 Quiet
85 They are not far from my house
86 Love Rocky Gap
87 Close to home

Q9 What would you change about the recreation facilities that you visit in Allegany County?

Answered: 74 Skipped: 51

Respondents	Responses
1	Would love to have access to the Potomac in the county for canoeing or kayaking or even paddle boats like out at Rocky Gap.
2	Nothing
3	More trails in wooded areas
4	I would not have a father pay a fee to take his son fishing. We need more fishing today and less idleness.
5	Acceptance of well behaved dogs
6	Add Bathroom Facilities to Trail between Cumberland and Frostburg?
7	Nothing
8	More toilet facilities.
9	Add some charming café and small music entertainment might be nice. Offer more nature and bird walks. More nature interpretive trails.
10	More swimming opportunities.
11	I like to walk my dogs on trails, and I always keep them on a leash. I get very angry at people who walk with their dogs loose. I don't care how kind or well-behaved or under control a person believes his dog is, this should not happen, and the leash requirements should be enforced.
12	Just keep them up to date.
13	Needs to have more places which are handicap accessible.
14	available trash cans
15	Have more public ownership, i.e. individuals would be more responsible for upkeep of the parks.
16	toilet facility
17	I'd love to see a paved running/walking/skating path loop at Constitution Park or Gene Mason. I'd also like to see a dog park- what Constitution Park has is deplorable. I'd never take a dog there.
18	Fresh paint on some of the building and new fences around the ball fields.
19	restroom facilities improved
20	More walking paths in urban areas if at all possible.
21	I would love to see that playgrounds being monitored again and offering daily activities.
22	Have information available on how to get to sites and what is offered at those sites.
23	Nothing, just more attention to criminal acts: grafitti, littering, alcohol use, drug use, etc.
24	Keeping them clean & policed.
25	More trails
26	I think Allegany has a good range of recreation facilities. I am pretty satisfied with how they currently are.
27	More venues brought in for special events. Music, crafts etc
28	Restrooms are not always unlocked. Stink bugs are terrible at the children's playgrounds. Water fountains would be great.
29	More bathrooms and more equipment for young children.
30	It would be great to have lights at Glendening Park. That would help youth baseball, softball, soccer and football.

31 With limited resources, routine maintenance and upkeep are tough and volunteers and hard to come by. With than in mind, more community involvement and realization of how lucky we are to have these facilities to enjoy. So they may continue to exist.

32 More importance put on them to provide better maintained facilities

33 Have a County rec leader to do a better job of visiting the sights and help keep them nice for everyone of all ages.

34 More game opportunities, better trails, picnic areas

35 I think we have a pretty good mix of facilities and pretty much everything you would want.

36 Improve & add mt.biking / hiking trails

37 More local events held at these facilities

38 I'd develop the old George's Creek RR as a bike trail from Frostburg south to the Potomac. A network of trails would increase tourism revenue without inconveniencing motorists.

39 more dog friendly zones

40 I would update and keep them safe

41 More improvements to hiking and biking trails/routes. Examples - signage, surface maintenance, restrooms at parking areas/trailheads (seasonal ok), more partnerships with local nonprofits on projects to improve and enhance.

42 Some key places along the GAP need to be repaired. Would like to see the bridge over Wills Creek decked and access to north end.

43 add more hiking/running and biking trails, esp. Constitution Park, Dans Mtn and Will Mtn

44 Improve surface of C&O canal and the GAP

45 Maintain them so they last for future generations. The Fort Hill games and Constitution Park swimming pool are popular areas to frequent.

46 there is too much emphasis on activities for young people, while older people (of which there are a great many in this county) are given short shrift as to game courts and other amenities where is the archery range that was promised when the south end complex was built? the only shuffleboard court left is the sadly neglected one in constitution park next to the marbles rings where are petanque courts, etc.- not to be found

47 The boat launches.

48 We need more on- and off-road bicycling options.

49 I would love to see the trail surfaces improved and maintained better

50 Show films.

51 Blacktop the GAP

52 The GAP could stand an occasional clearing of debris

53 I believe we need to update our current infrastructure and programs. Why do we not have a better multipurpose trail system for walkers, hikers, bikers? Not a paved trail like the GAP, but a real constructed trail system that encourages people to get outside, explore their forests, and getting a bit of free mental and physical health care. Something sustainable, maintained, and well marked. The rest of the state has fabulous systems like this, but we are lacking. Truly should not be considering how green of an area we live in. The natural resources are our blessing, we need to capitalize on their beauty.

54 trash is cleaned up more frequently

55 I would like to see more improvements to the trailheads on the Great Allegheny Passage. Coming from PA into MD, there is a noticeable difference between trailhead facilities in terms of rest room facilities, signage, and overall "feel". It is astounding to me that cyclists, upon reaching Cumberland, do not have an easily accessible public restroom available to them.

56 build additional trails proposed in the plan. Increase signage for trail and recreation attractions. Improve trailheads (such as what was done in Frostburg for the Allegheny Highlands Trail). work with recreation leagues to maintain playing fields to higher standards.

57 nothing comes to mind.

58 Improvements to surface (C&O)

59 More awareness that they are available. Maps and access locations for example.

60 1. Would like a site where a group of people could gather for an evening campfire. Mason complex in south Cumberland would be a good location.Require a permit, appropriate responsibilities including controlled

	group size. 2. Develop an ORV park on reclaimed mine land (Midland area or just off the interstate) - would prefer private development of this idea. 3.Develop a county park with river access somewhere just below Mexico Farms.
61	Simple updates that could make them a higher quality.
62	Need updated and kept up
63	More attention to the on going maintenance, they should be all smoke free, pay more attention to playground safety standards.
64	More funding
65	Have the money to update them.
66	Daily checks.
67	More areas
68	Ability to walk dogs on leash - prohibited by Allegany County Public Schools
69	Update them and have more activities taking place at them.
70	Free wifi @ Constitution Park Pool
71	nothing
72	Bring trash cans back to the parks (especially rocky gap)
73	Someone to clean the areas and keep up with the maintance
74	I believe to many Mexicans have taken over Rocky Gap

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Q10 Additional Comments?

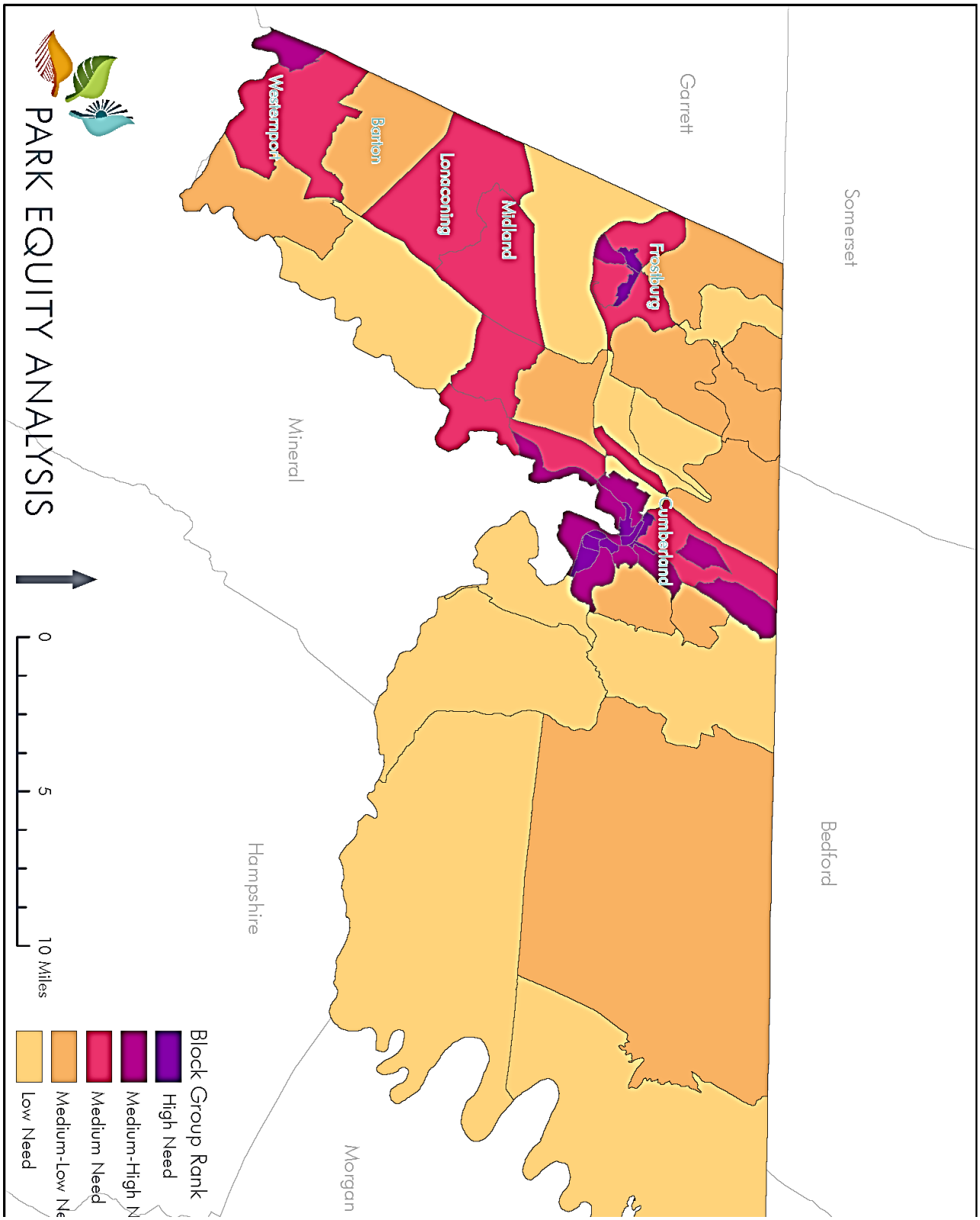
Answered: 45 Skipped: 80

Respondents	Responses
1	I think this survey is a wonderful idea. Money should be put into the places that are frequented. It appears we have way to many rec facilities for the population so maybe the results will help dictate where money and attention are given.
2	I beleive that having facilities available for all ages is very important to the well being of the community. We all need to get outdoors more often.
3	I would like to see the Great Allegany Passage expanded to include the trail system in the master plan that goes down Georges Ck to Westernpport, then to Cunmberland. The trail from the Narrows to Elerslie. The Trailhead built to the GAP on the Lavale side of the Narrows.
4	Thank you for asking for my input.
5	I feel very blessed to live in Allegany County which is so rich in natural resources and public outdoor recreational opportunities.
6	I had no idea of the wealth of recreational facilities in western Maryland. There are opportunities for every age level
7	Shade trees needed on open parts of C &O canal trail.
8	be great if all of us used the recreation more! Add to question #5
9	very important to me is hiking on nonpaved trails and boating on rivers and creeks

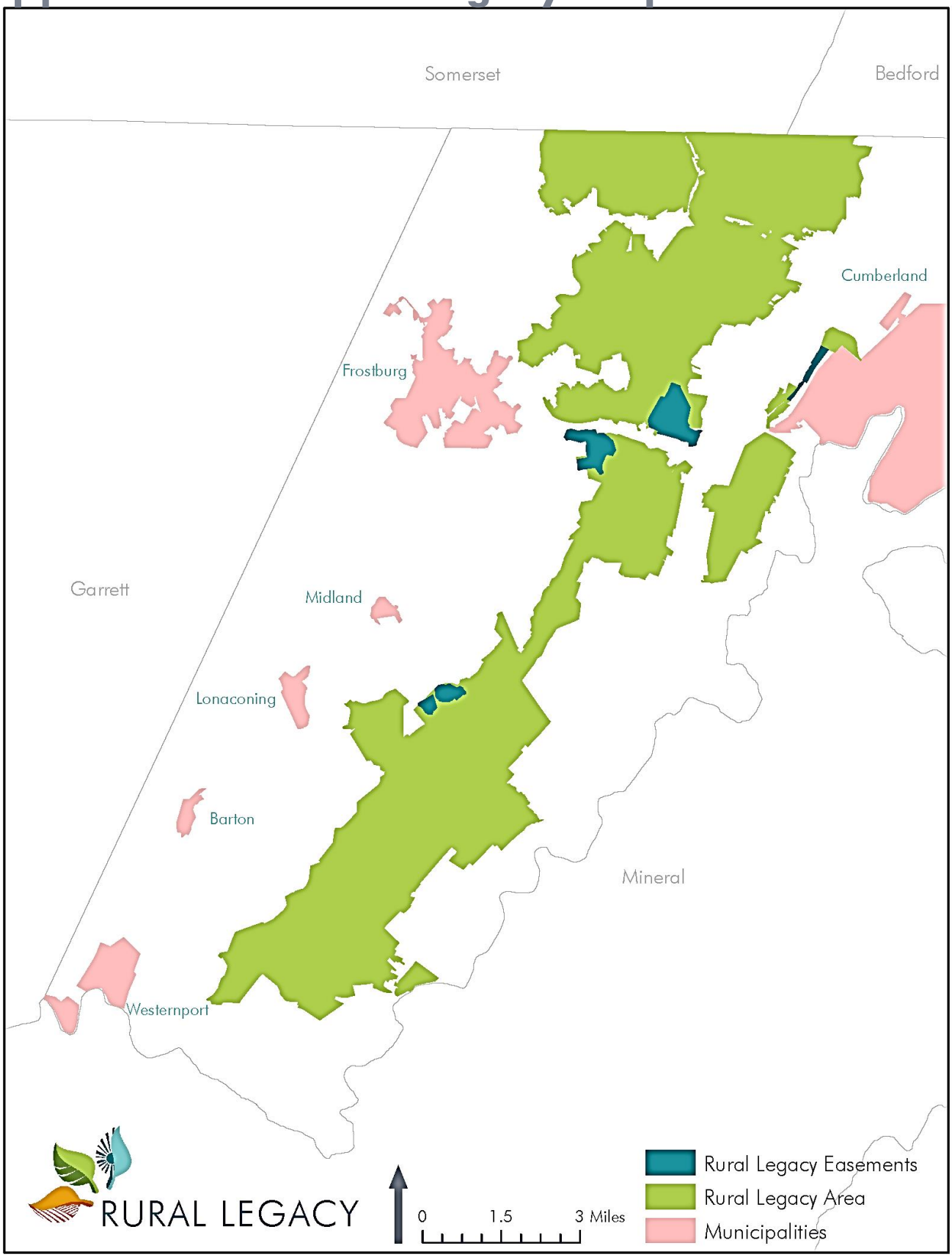
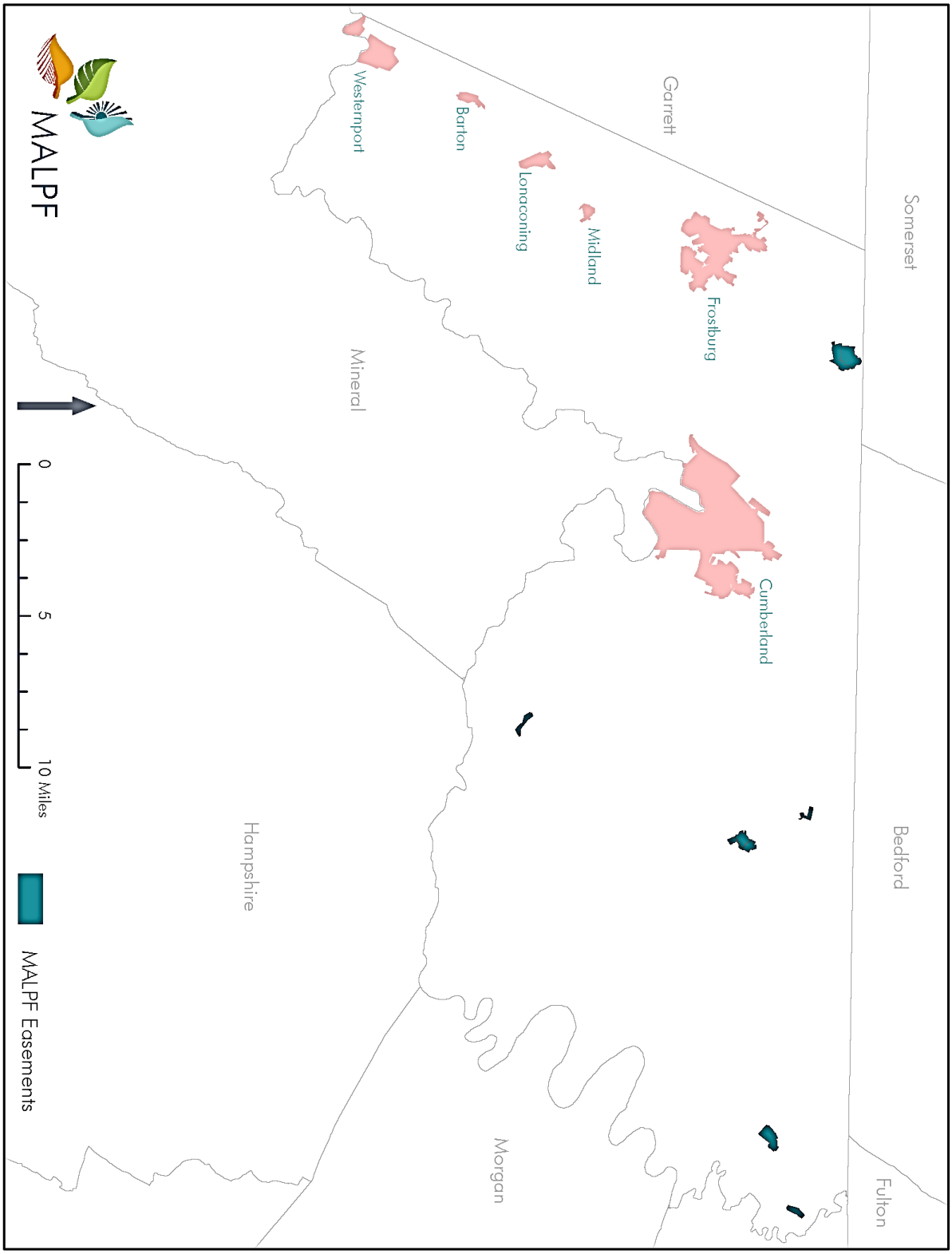
10	This may be done already but the county should try to get individuals close to various parks to take care of the parks.
11	I'm not a skate boarder, but I strongly support a skate park. I'd also like to see improvements made to the swimming pool at Constitution Park. We spend a lot of time there in the summer and the facilities are dingy.
12	Birding is my primary recreational activity. Birders are used to being left out of these types of surveys but it is an activity that is becoming more and more popular. You'd likely be surprised how much traveling birders contribute to our economy. People are coming up from Baltimore and DC almost every weekend.
13	Can we get a disc golf site?
14	I reside in Garrett County but work in Allegany County. I appreciate the variety each county offers.
15	Have a toddler that will begin going to playgrounds this year. Looking forward to using the Mt. Pleasant playground and Mt. Savage school playgrounds frequently once warm weather arrives.
16	You build the trails and people will use them. It's that easy.
17	Thank you for asking for public comments.
18	Not at this time.
19	Need to combine our efforts and merge the two city Recreation & Parks Departments with the YMCA and have the county develop a County Department.
20	In the city particularly we need more programs for kids in the summer, years ago the playgrounds were full of young and old alike.
21	I'm not convinced that the population in our area is big enough to support or warrant spending a lot of money on things like skateparks and bmx courses. I also think that the majority of POS funding should be allocated to the communities not to school projects. I'm not saying school projects shouldn't be funded. But, I don't agree with allocating all of the annual funding for a school project or a single community project. The cities in the County with recreation departments have the ability and means to maintain the projects and should receive some priority in funding. I've seen recreation areas that rely on volunteers fall into disrepair after a while (eg. the Clarysville-Eckhart Park). The City has done a nice job restoring and renovating it.
22	Biking trails were planed for Constitution park & then dropped. Why do you maintain this litigation mentality keep interfering with advancement.
23	Maybe there are other abandoned RR lines that could be re-purposed as trails.
24	These areas are an asset to our county.
25	This is our resource and chance to increase the quality of life for residents, retain new residence and appeal to new employers and businesses. We do not have the broadband and other county wide infrastructure to otherwise attract residents and businesses - so let's enhance what is more affordable, unique and right in front of our faces.
26	Thanks for asking!!!
27	Love new track around Cresaptown!!!!
28	Hopefully something good will come or change for the good from people taking this survey. The Great Allegany Passage is a huge asset and a big draw for local residents and visitors to our community. Please, could we have an access to the GAP trail in LaVale? Either at the Narrows, or somewhere from Cash Valley Road area, or easy access as leaving LaVale heading towards the Narrows. It is difficult It to gain access from the trail by bike or by walking when coming from the LaVale area. Please consider an access.
29	Also, more bike lanes in the county are a just. Safety of residents is priority. It will save lives.
30	It makes absolutely no sense to me that in a county full of older people and retirees the vast majority of recreational facilities are aimed at teenagers and 20-somethings!
31	I have been running and biking from Canal Place for decades and near the end of the summer I started to be harassed by drunken homeless men along the trail. I would hate for visitors traveling through our area to receive this kind of treatment.
32	Established road routes available to our visitors. Bike lane on Frederick St, other streets. Frederick St is the main artery to hundreds of miles of road biking on safe, quiet tertiary roads.

33	Show films.
34	Keep up the good work
35	If you build it they will come. More local residents will use the programs and resources if we invest in them. More people will travel to come here if we have better outdoor opportunities for them. 1) At one time there was talk of establishing a trail head on the Lavale side of the Narrows bridge, with parking on Rt. 40, for easy access to the GAP. I would like to see this completed.
36	2) Begin work on the trail from Frostburg to Westernport, and then to Cumberland. This would be huge!
37	On the list of sites, I do not know what the "Frostburg Trail" refers to.
38	Not at this time. The recreation sites listed above include property and facilities owned and maintained by the state, municipalities and private organizations around the county. By my count, the only recreation facility the county operates is the fairgrounds. The county does make good use of/distributes carefully whatever POS monies it receives.
39	Right now the public can't legally get to Wills Mountain SP. Someday the face of that cliff may be a recreation attraction for the area.
40	We need more modern facilities. I know money is an issue but nice facilities will help keep kids off the streets.
41	There was no mention at all about the Canal Place Heritage Area or cultural/historical amenities which are also leisure activities.
42	I think the county should consider a County Recreation Department and coordinate with the two City departments and the many volunteer groups within the county.
43	Need more staff/volunteers to keep grounds in neighborhoods.
44	Thanks for the continued availability for us to use these facilities.
45	I am pretty sure the Rawlings Racquet Club no longer exists as a racquet club.

Appendix L – Park Equity Map



Appendix M – Rural Legacy Map



Appendix N – Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Map