# FY19

ANNUAL REPORT

July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

Maryland Environmental Trust

Protecting Land Forever

The Maryland Environmental Trust (MET or Trust) 2019 Annual Report is prepared and submitted to the Governor and General Assembly, pursuant to the requirements of the Natural Resources Article, §3-203.10.

MET was established by the Maryland General Assembly in 1967 as a charitable organization with state support and funding, with an independent Board of Trustees. In 1969, the Trust was assigned to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources for organizational purposes.

For five decades, the Trust has worked with the citizens of Maryland and partner organizations to foster the appreciation and conservation of scenic open space, natural areas, and working farmlands across the state. With one of the largest portfolios of preservation and conservation easements in the nation, the Trust is a leader in its field. The Trust is responsible for perpetually stewarding these sites, some of Maryland's most iconic and culturally significant landscapes and properties.

# CONSERVATION EASEMENT PROGRAM

Conservation easements - their negotiation, acquisition, recordation, and stewardship - is a central part of the Maryland Environmental Trust's work. Easements that are donated by private landowners are the primary mechanism by which the Trust works to accomplish its mission of preserving open space throughout the state of Maryland.

- 940 acres conserved in FY19
- 13 conservation easements granted
- 72 acres - average size of a MET easement
- 6 counties where easements were granted
- 1 amendment increases conservation benefits to an existing MET easement

**MET FY19 Easement by County:**

Anne Arundel
Baltimore
Howard
Kent
Montgomery
Wicomico

# STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

The stewardship process consists of activities essential to the long-term care of the land and sustaining landowner relationships, for every easement, in perpetuity. MET staff and volunteers provide vital landowner support in many areas. These include regular site visits to properties under easement; identifying funding and technical assistance to help landowners who wish to engage in voluntary stewardship programs; interpreting owners' reserved rights to ensure easement purposes are upheld; maintaining documentation and records that will support ongoing management and support, and upholding the public trust when necessary to correct easement violations, preferably through voluntary action by the landowner with counsel and guidance from the Office of the Attorney General.

136,268 acres preserved

1,107 conservation easements

597 easements co-held with local land trusts

716 monitoring reports completed by MET staff, MET volunteers, and local land trusts

79,403 acres monitored

# VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

The Volunteer Program extends the outreach and presence of the Trust within the Stewardship Program with the support of donated funds. Volunteer Land Stewards represent the Trust, schedule visits, meet landowners, share stewardship ideas, and document changes to help preserve the conservation values that make these lands special.

- 61 long-term certified MET volunteers
- 35 Maryland Conservation Corps volunteers
- 335 hours donated by volunteers (in office and in the field)
- 16,548 acres monitored
- 144 volunteer field monitoring reports reviewed and filed
- $3,383 value of time donated

# LAND TRUST ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

MET serves as the statewide land trust. Local land trusts, of which there are 41 in Maryland, work with and are assisted by the Trust. The Land Trust Assistance Program helps build and sustain the quality and effectiveness of the state's land trusts, and encourages participation in a number of national programs, such as the Land Trust Alliance's Standards and Practices, and the Land Trust Accreditation Commission.

173 registrants from 94 organizations attended the annual conference, pictured at right.

41 local land trusts supported by MET

2 roundtables and workshops held for technical support and training in best practices for land trusts and conservation partners

# KEEP MARYLAND BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM

## In FY19 $215,505 In Grant Money Distributed

The functions and activities of the Governor's Committee to Keep Maryland Beautiful were transferred to the Maryland Environmental Trust in 1967; it was the first program administered by the Trust. The Trust has awarded Keep Maryland Beautiful grants annually for decades. This program is funded by MET, the Maryland Department of Transportation and the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development.

Grants through the Keep Maryland Beautiful program help volunteer-based, nonprofit groups, communities and land trusts in Maryland support environmental education projects, litter removal, citizen stewardship and the protection of natural resources in urban and rural areas throughout the state.

- 71 nonprofits, schools, organizations, land trusts and municipalities received grants
- 19 counties and two major cities (Baltimore and Washington, D.C.) were home to organizations that received grants
- 48 Clean Up & Green Up Maryland awards totaled $158,005
- 10 Janice Hollmann land trust grants totaled $40,000
- 7 M.R. Jones grants totaled $8,250
- 5 Bill James grants totaled $4,250
- 1 Aileen Hughes grant totaled $5,000

# MET Financial Statement July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019

## State Administered Funds

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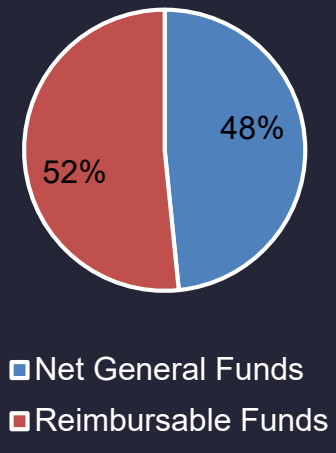
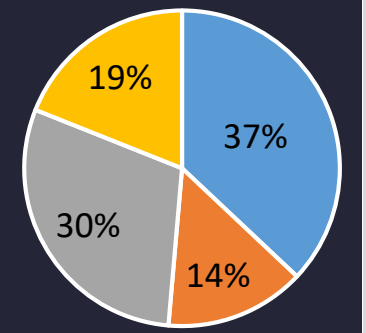
|---|---|
| Number of Authorized Positions | 8 |
| Number of Contractual Positions | 2 |
| Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits | $790,481 |
| Total Operating Expenses (including contractual services, grants, communications, travel, equipment, supplies and materials) | $568,704 |
| Total Expenditure | $1,359,185 |
| FUND SOURCES | |
| Net General Funds | $657,827 |
| **Reimbursable Funds | $701,358 |
| TOTAL | $1,359,185 |




** Reimbursable Funds

| | |
|---|---|
| Civil War Trust | $259,624 |
| Coastal Zone Management | $100,729 |
| Keep Maryland Beautiful | $208,005 |
| Program Open Space | $133,000 |
| Total | $701,358 |






## MET Administered Funds

SUPPORT AND REVENUES

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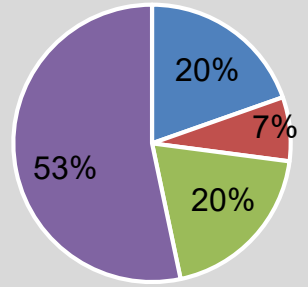
|---|---|
| Contributions & Grants | $116,610 |
| MLTA Conference | $44,395 |
| Investment Income, net | $116,650 |
| Other Revenues | $317,000 |
| TOTAL REVENUES | $594,655 |




EXPENSES

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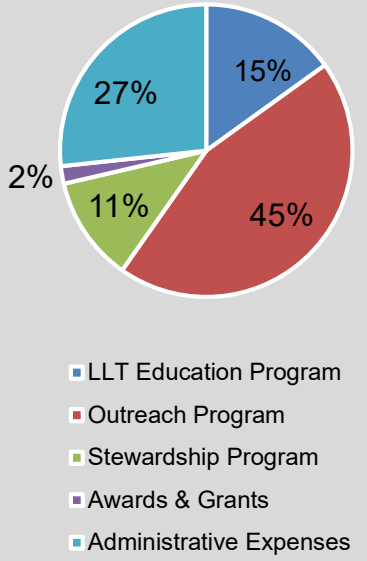
|---|---|
| LLT Education Program | $58,141 |
| Outreach Program | $172,478 |
| Stewardship Program | $44,801 |
| Awards & Grants | $7,500 |
| Expenses | $103,028 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | $385,948 |
| CHANGE IN NET ASSETS | $208,707 |



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