



The State of (the State of) Maryland's Conservation Programs



May 30, 2024
10:00am-2:00pm

PRESENTERS	
<u>Program Open Space Stateside</u> Maryland DNR, Land Acquisition & Planning	Cheryl Wise Supervisor, Program Open Space Stateside
<u>Program Open Space Local side</u> Maryland DNR, Land Acquisition & Planning	Margaret Lashar Local Grants Supervisor
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<u>Maryland Heritage Areas Program</u>	Lucille Walker Executive Director, Southern MD National Heritage Area
<u>Maryland Agriculture and Resource-based Industries Development Corporation (MARBIDCO)</u>	Steve McHenry Executive Director
<u>Maryland Environmental Trust</u> Maryland DNR	John Turgeon Director
Also:	
<p>Josh Hastings, Forever Maryland Ann Jones, Partners for Open Space/Balt Co Land Trust Alliance Owen Bailey, Eastern Shore Land Conservancy/Partners for Open Space</p>	

AGENDA

- 10:00am** **Welcome/Goals for the Day** (Josh Hastings & Michelle Grafton)
- 10:10am** **Introducing the Speakers: “The State of (the State of) Maryland’s Conservation Programs”**
- 10:45am** **State of the State Panel Discussion: Future of the Programs and Organizations**
- 11:50am** **Final Thoughts from State of the State Panelists**
- 12:00pm** **Lunch**
- 12:50pm** **Recapping the 2024 State Legislative Session and Forecasting 2025**
- 1:10pm** **All-Attendee Facilitated Discussion**

Addressing Anti-40X40 Conservation Challenges: Invasive Species and Solar Sprawl
- 1:50pm** **Summary of the Day** (Josh Hastings & Michelle Grafton)
- 2:00pm** **Adjourn**