

Maryland's Suite of Land Preservation Programs



1969 – Program Open Space - ½%
transfer tax

➤ **State Side Program Open Space**
– protected more than 320,000
acres of state parks and ecological
areas

➤ **Local Side Program Open Space**
– helped to fund 6,100 local parks





- MD Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation – 2,100 family farms
- Rural Legacy – preserved more than 77,000 acres
- Maryland’s 13 heritage areas
- Direct grants to Baltimore City parks

MET – Donated Easements

- Support for Program Open Space is Nearly Universal - January of 2016 survey

By Party – 93% of Democrats, 90% of independents and 77% of Republicans

By Age – 91% of voters under 50, 85% of voters over 50

By Race- 91% of African-Americans and 89% of whites



Current Coalition

- Partners for Open Space – more than 100 organizations

