

Maryland Land Conservation Programs

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Non-Regulatory Land Conservation Programs

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2. **CREP Permanent Easement Program**
3. **Rural Legacy Program**
4. **MALPF – (MDA)**
5. **MET – Donated Easements**
6. **Forest Legacy – USFS Easements**

PROGRAM OPEN SPACE STATE-SIDE ACQUIRES:

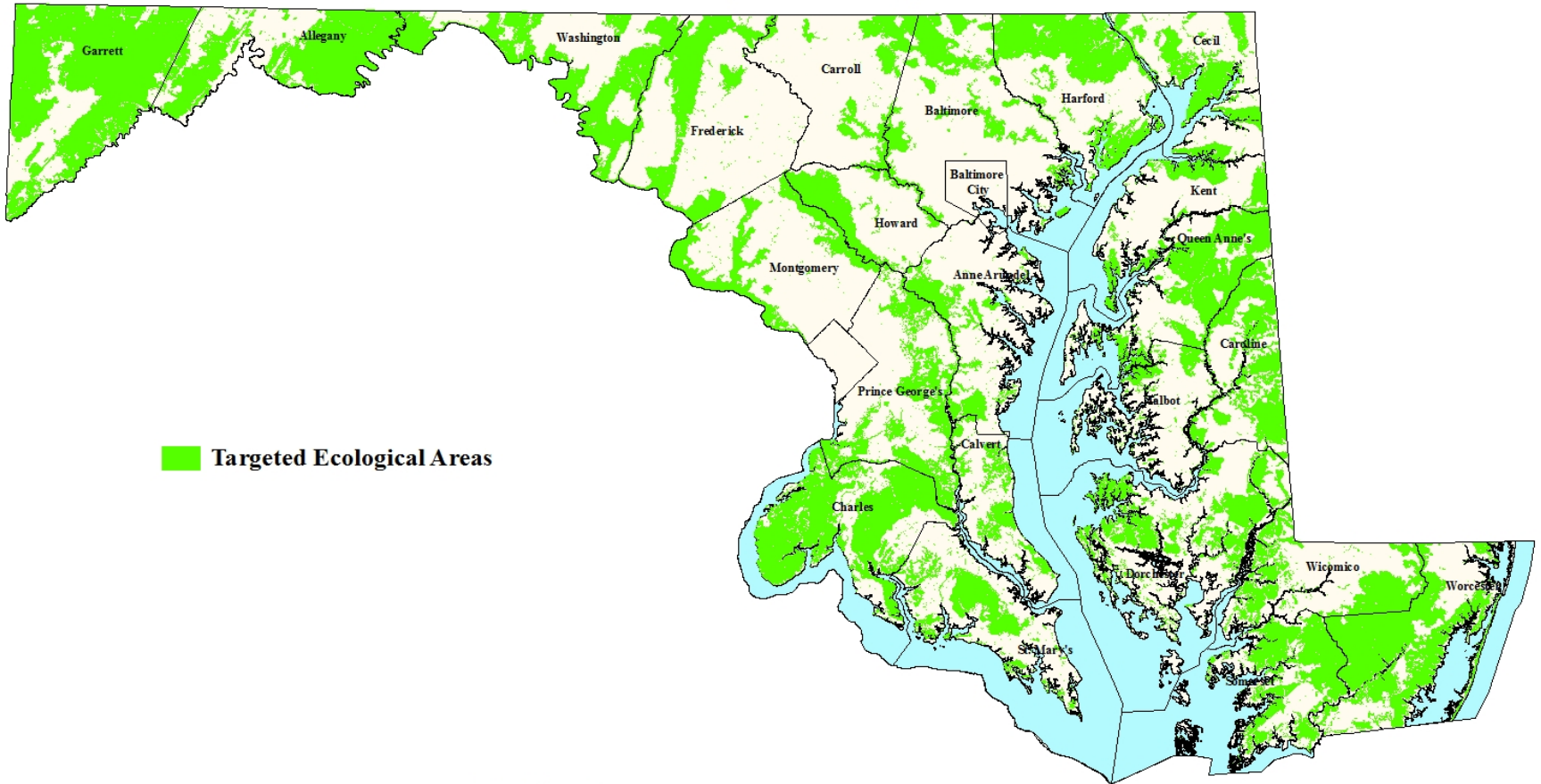
- **Natural areas for public recreation, and watershed and wildlife protection across Maryland**
- **Managed by DNR as State Parks, Forests, and Wildlife and Fisheries Management Areas.**


POS State Side Targeting

Targeted Ecological Areas are lands and watersheds identified by DNR as the most ecologically valuable areas in the State.

POS Stateside also acquires land that has **extraordinary public recreation, historic and/or cultural value.**

POS Stateside - Targeted Ecological Areas

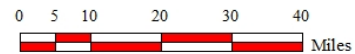


 Targeted Ecological Areas



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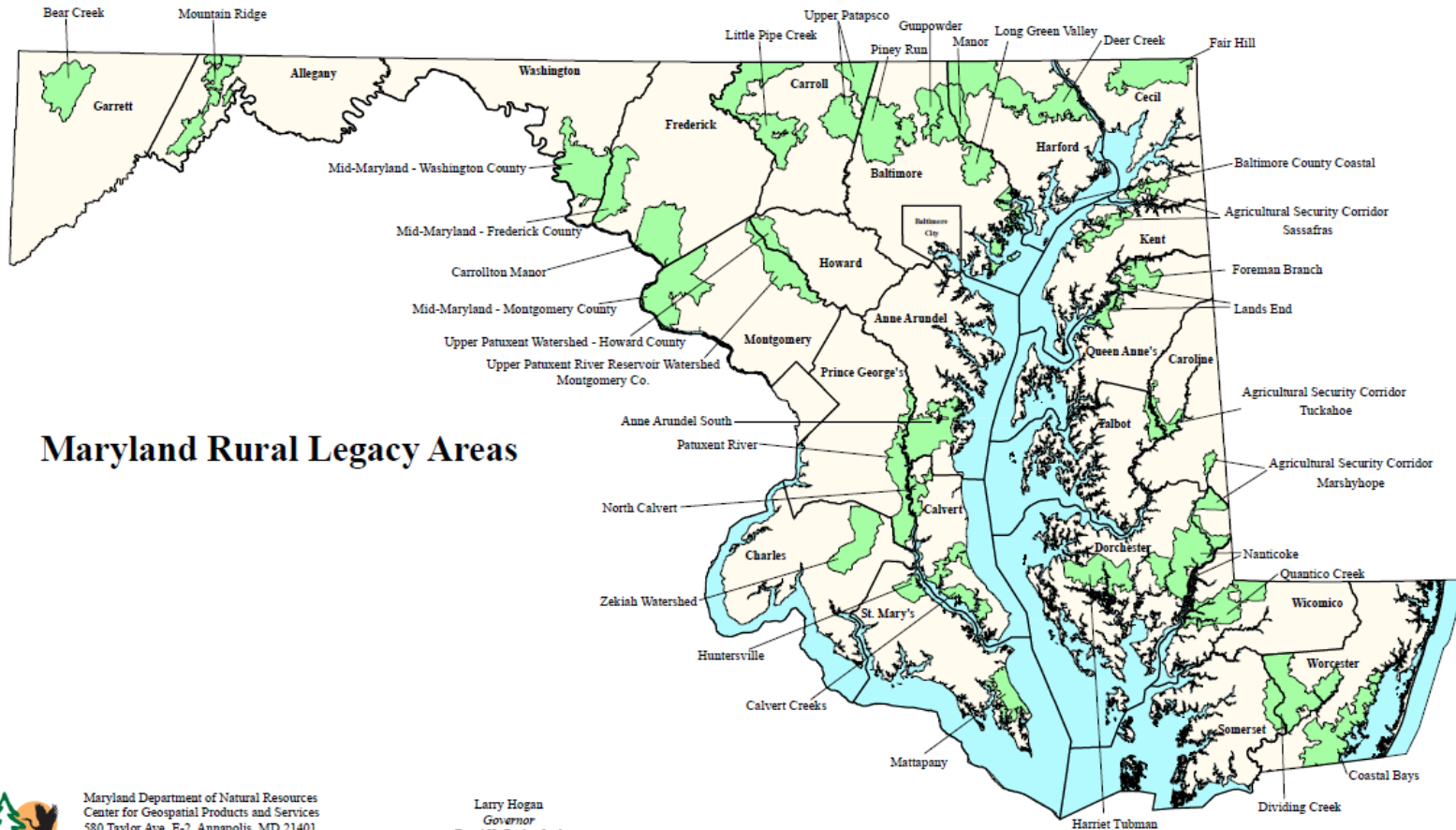
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Rural Legacy Program

**Perpetual Conservation Easements to
protect natural and working resources**

- Forest Management Plans
 - sustainable harvesting
 - healthy forest/disease management
- Forest Non-Conversion Clauses
- Soil and Water Quality Plans
 - Cover Crops
 - Erosion Control
 - Manure Management



Maryland Rural Legacy Areas



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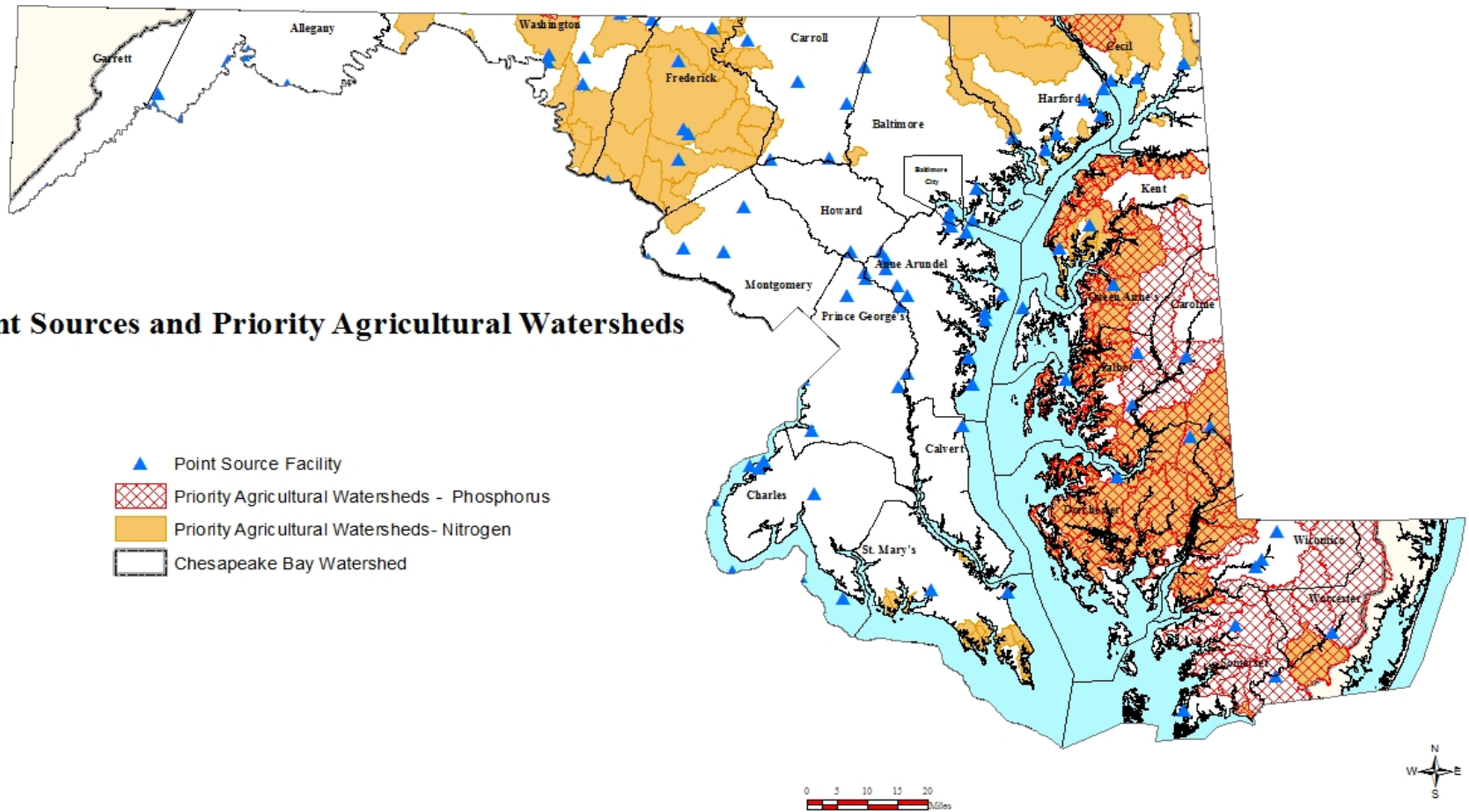
CREP EASEMENT PROGRAM

The Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP):

- federal/state partnership
- enrolls highly erodible cropland and marginal pastureland in conservation cover plantings
- to improve water quality, reduce soil erosion, improve wildlife habitat, and restore wetlands.

- FSA's CREP contracts pay participants to remove sensitive farmland from production for 10-15 years.
- Practices include creating forested and grassed streamside buffers, promoting certain wildlife species, and establishing wetlands
- The DNR CREP easement program then makes these practices permanent

Point Sources and Priority Agricultural Watersheds



Maryland State Protected Lands

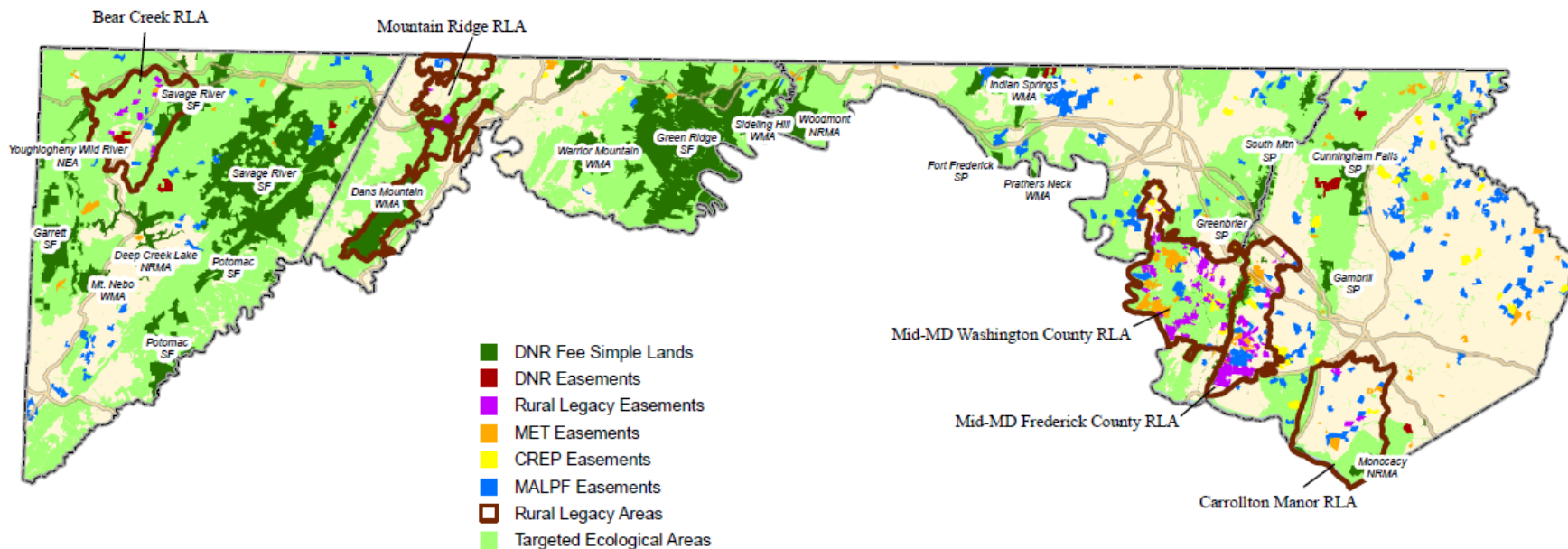
These programs manage protected lands through fee simple ownership or long-term or permanent easements. The yearly figures are a net total for the year that include new areas, changes to existing areas, losses as areas leave a protection program and/or changes due to refined tracking and reporting mechanisms. The grand total in the total acres column is the current amount of protected lands in the State.

	State Programs							
	CREP	DNR Lands	Forest Legacy	MALPF	MET	POS Stateside Easement	Rural Legacy	Total Acres
Total Protected Acres	11,038	486,863	1,622	304,844	135,345	52,406	97,107	1,088,066

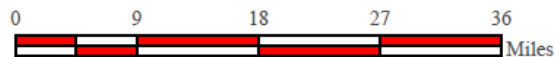
Forested Protected Acres

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	CREP	DNR Lands	Forest Legacy	MALPF	MET	POS Stateside Easement	Rural Legacy	Total Forested Protected Acres
	7,514	376,918	1,418	86,356	60,000	35,000	43,241	610,447
Percentage Forested Acres Protected	68%	77%	87%	28%	44%	67%	45%	56%

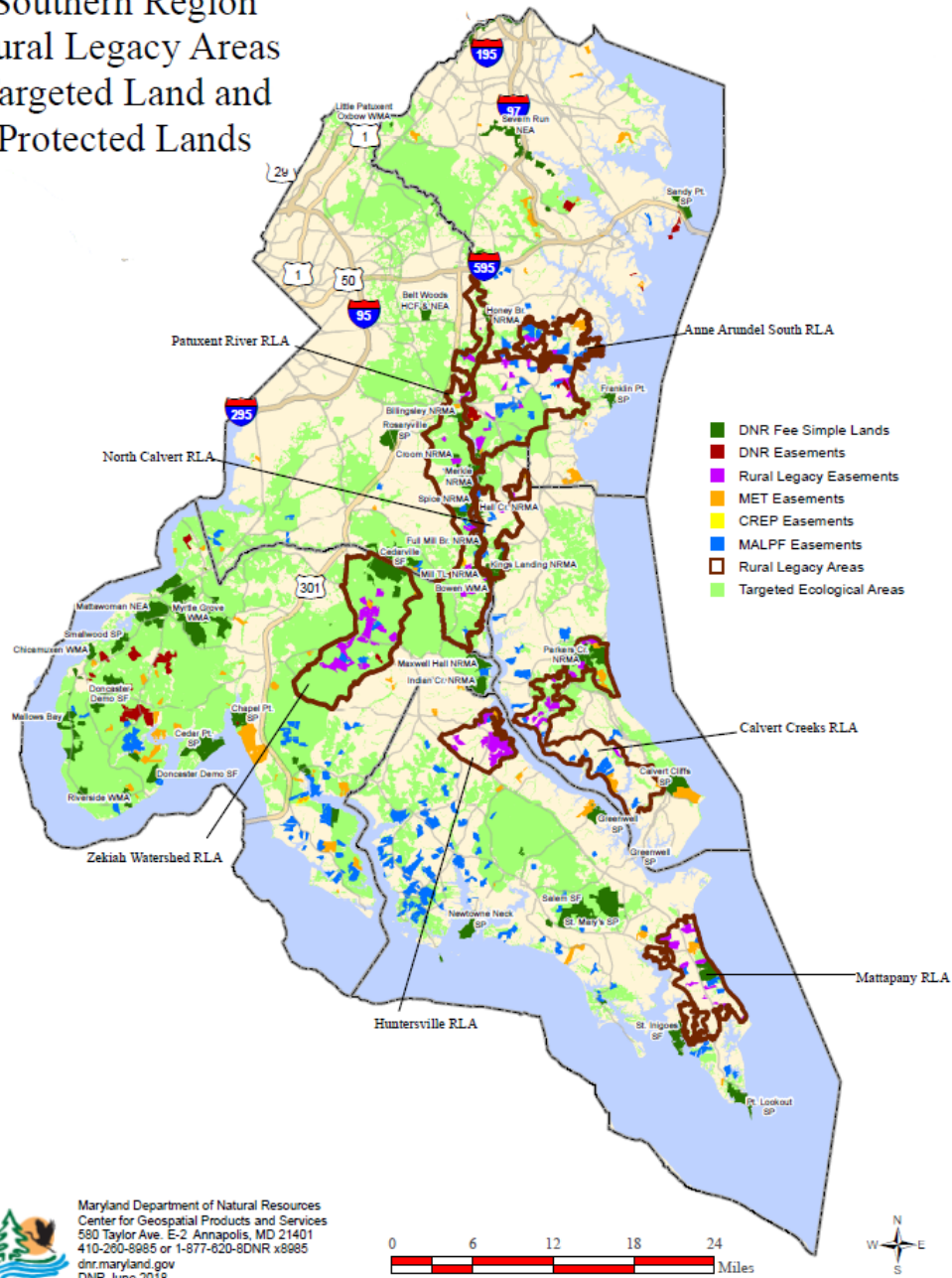
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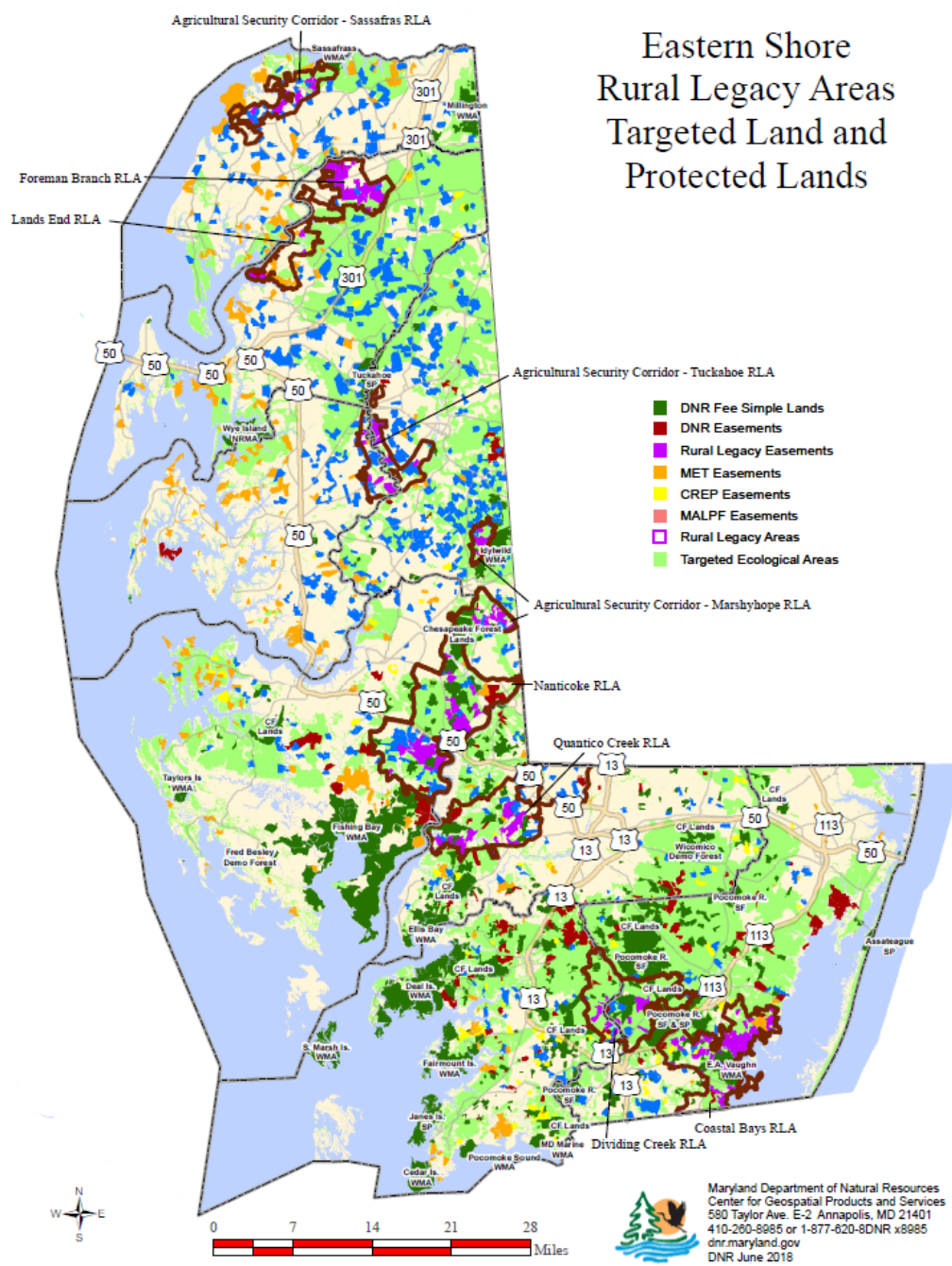


Southern Region Rural Legacy Areas Targeted Land and Protected Lands



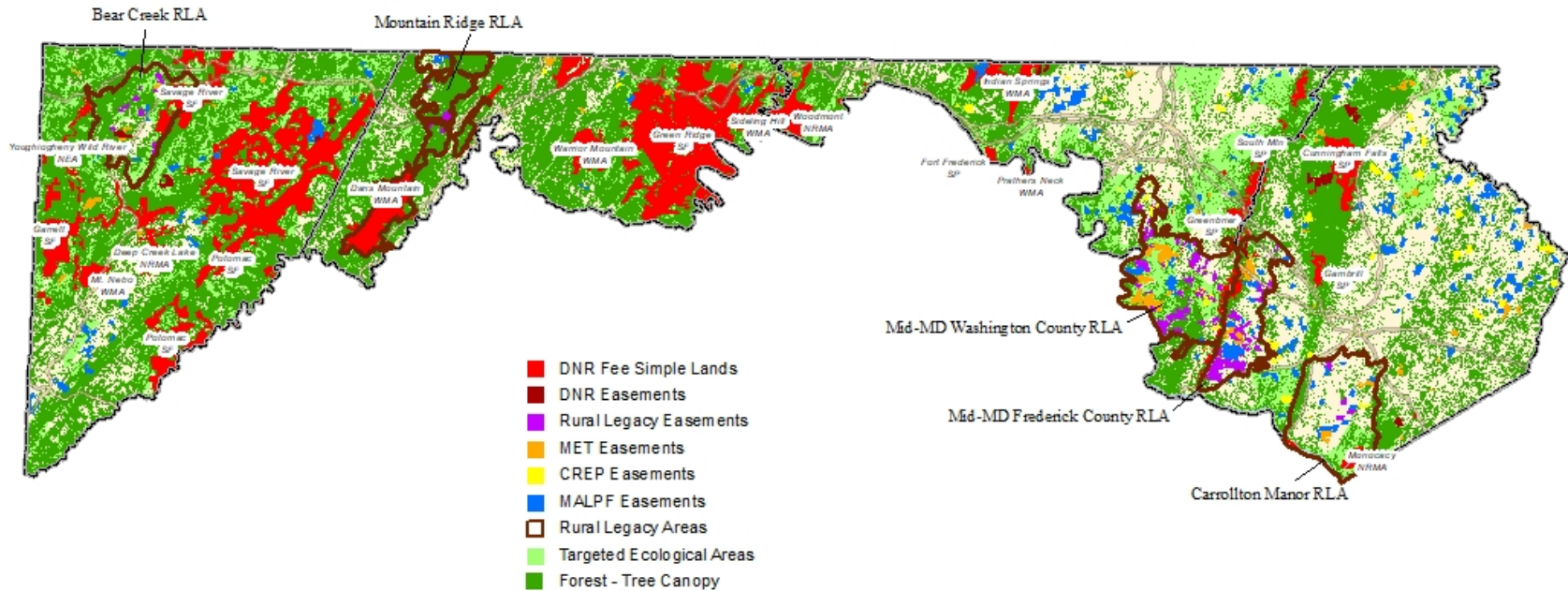
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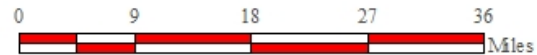


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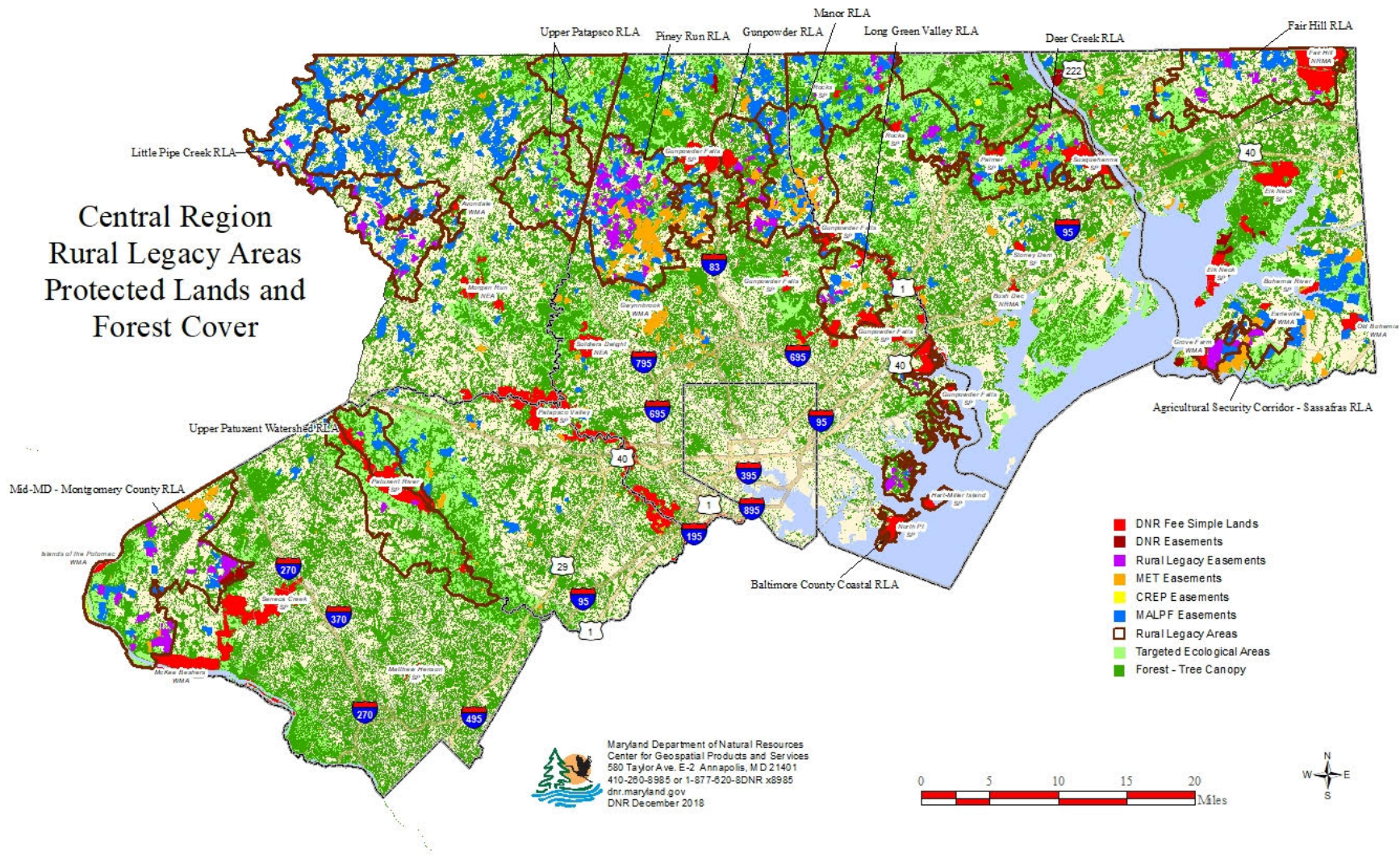
Western Region Rural Legacy Areas Protected Lands and Forest Cover



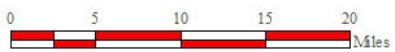
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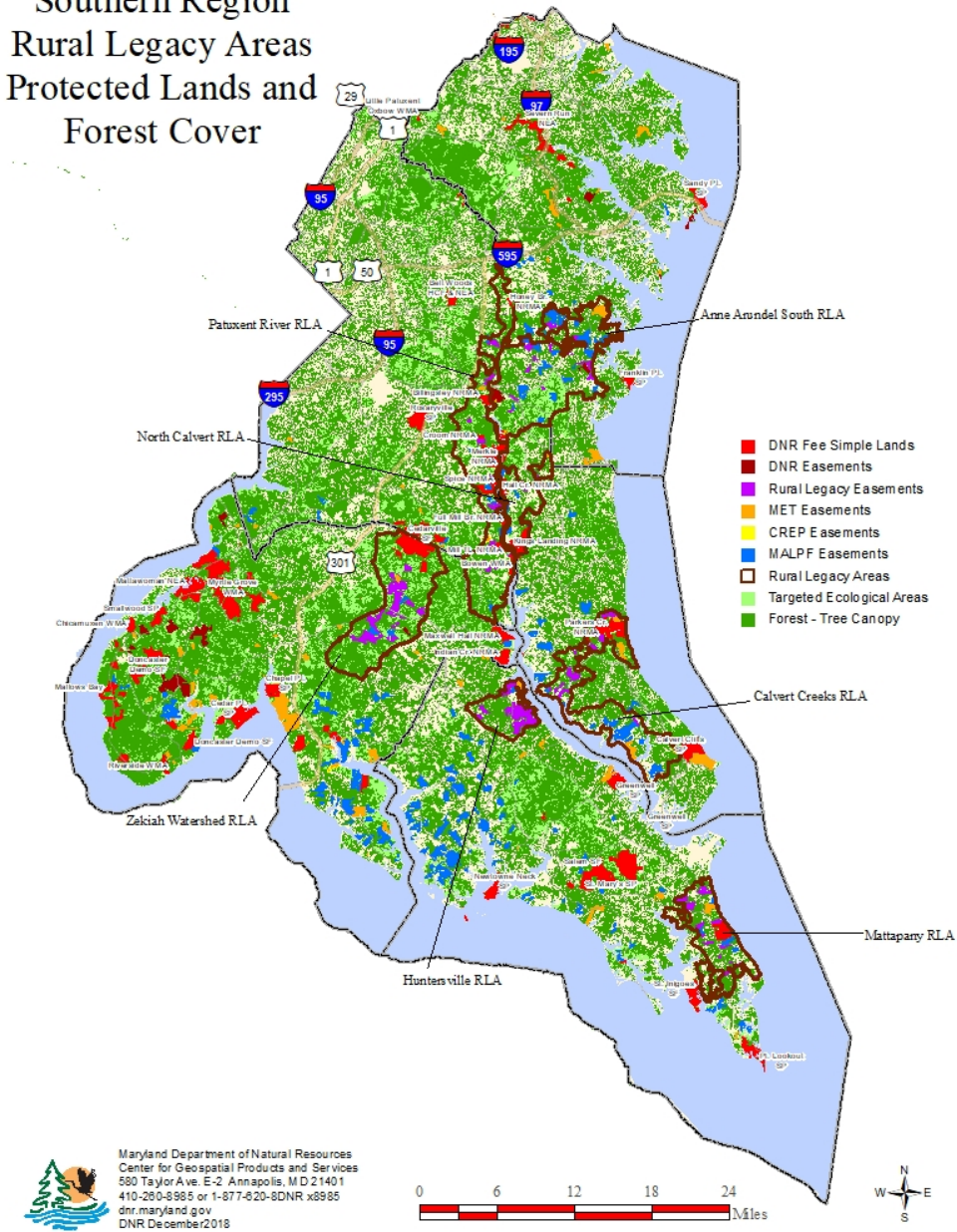
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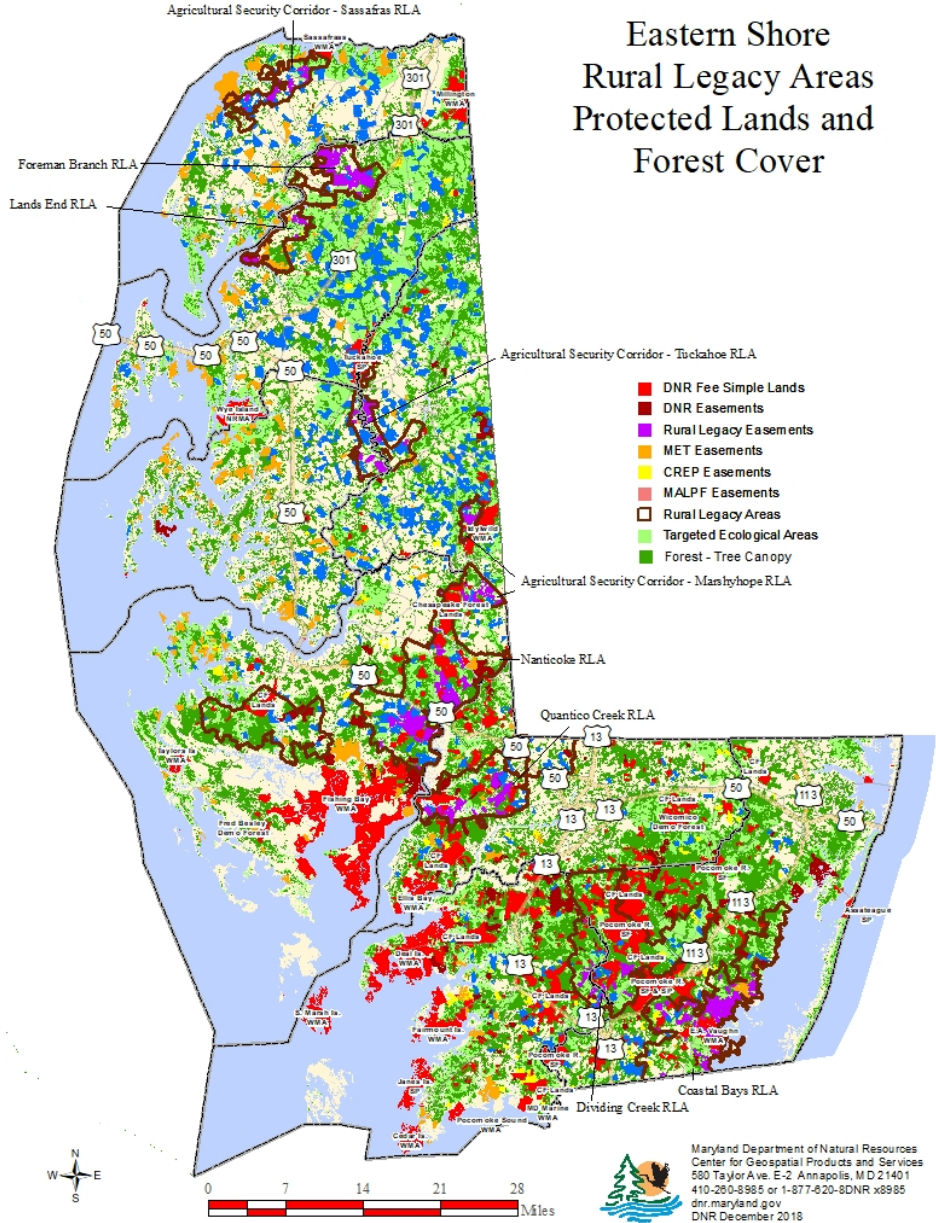
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