

# CARROLL COUNTY 2022 LAND PRESERVATION PARK & RECREATION PLAN



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## Introduction to the Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan



*Hashawha Environmental Center, Westminster MD*

### Plan Introduction

The State of Maryland requires that counties update Land Preservation, Park and Recreation Plans (LPPRP) every five (5) years prior to the revision of the statewide Maryland Land Preservation, Park and Recreation Plan. The LPPRP qualifies local government for State Program Open space (POS) grants and other programs related to three land resource elements:

- Recreation and parks
- Other Protected Lands  
(Natural Resource Land Conservation)
- Agricultural Lands

This LPPRP has been developed in accordance with the guidelines developed in 2021 by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

The primary purpose for the LPPRP is to identify future needs and priorities for parks, recreation and open space acquisition and development. These needs and priorities serve as a guide for land acquisition and capital investment in the County's Community Investment Program.

The 2022 Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan (LPPRP) will:

- Review the goals and objectives of state and local programs for Parks and Recreation, Other Protected Lands and Agricultural Lands;
- Identify the implementation programs and funding strategies for each element to achieve related goals and objectives;
- Identify possible improvements to policies, plans, and funding strategies to better achieve goals and improve return on public investment;
- Identify the needs and priorities of the current and future state and local population for outdoor recreation;
- Ensure that public investment in land preservation and recreation is consistent with local comprehensive plans, State Planning Policy, and state and local programs that influence land use and development.

## **Local Agency Preparation of the LPPRP**

Carroll County Government is responsible for the preparation of this LPPRP. The plan is the result of a collaborative effort between departments led by the Carroll County Department of Recreation and Parks with assistance from the Carroll County Department of Planning and Carroll County Department of Land and Resource Management.

## **LPPRP Relationship to the Comprehensive Planning Process**

The 2022 Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan is based upon the goals and priorities established in the 2014 county master plan amended in 2019 and adopted by the Board of County Commissioners.

Additionally, it incorporates goals and actions recommended in the comprehensive plan for the county's nine (9) Designated Growth Areas and eight (8) municipalities. These include:

- Finksburg Corridor Plan (adopted 2013)
- Freedom Community Comprehensive Plan (adopted 2018)
- Hampstead Community Comprehensive Plan (adopted 2010, updated 2017)
- Manchester Comprehensive Plan & Environs (adopted 2018)
- Mount Airy Town Master Plan (adopted 2014)
- New Windsor Community Comprehensive Plan (adopted 2007, amended 2010)
- Vision 2030 Town of Sykesville Comprehensive Plan (adopted 2021)
- Taneytown Community Comprehensive Plan (adopted 2010)
- Town of Union Bridge Master Plan (adopted 2009, amended 2009 & 2010)
- City of Westminster Comprehensive Plan (adopted 2009)

The 2022 Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan draws from the county plans that already have been adopted. Chief among these documents is the Carroll County 2014 Master Plan which was adopted on February 26, 2015, with an amendment adopted in January of 2020. This LPPRP has been prepared to be consistent with related comprehensive plan policies, goals and objectives and future plan updates will include reviews of the LPPRP and recommendations for incorporating appropriate components.

## General Overview

### Geography

Located within the Piedmont Plateau region of central Maryland, Carroll County has a total area of 453 square miles (287,900 acres) including 1.1% (5.1 square miles) of water; and is characteristic upland terrain with rolling hills and deciduous forest. The most prominent relief is Parr's Ridge, which bisects the county from southwest to northeast. Carroll County is bordered on the north by the Mason–Dixon line with Pennsylvania, and on the south by Howard County across the South Branch of the Patapsco River. About half of the eastern border, with Baltimore County, is formed by the North Branch of the Patapsco River and by Liberty Reservoir, though the northern half near Manchester and Hampstead is a land border. Carroll County is bordered on the west by Frederick County, across the Monocacy River and Sam's Creek. Other major streams in the county include Big Pipe Creek, Little Pipe Creek, and Double Pipe Creek, Bear Branch, and the headwaters of the Gunpowder Falls. The Piney Run Reservoir is in the southern part of the county.



### Population

Carroll County's population is currently 174,845\* ranking ninth among Maryland's twenty-four counties. Carroll County also has the eighth highest median household income of \$96,769.

Carroll County places a high value on education as 93% of adults 25 and older are high school graduates and 36% have a bachelor's degree or higher level of education. As a result of Carroll County's convenient access to both Baltimore and Washington D.C., approximately 62% of the civilian work force commutes outside the county to work. The three largest ethnic groups by percentage of total population are White (89%), Hispanic (4%) and African American (3%)\*.

\*Carroll County Department of Planning 2022 population estimate

\*\*United States Census Bureau

The Maryland Department of Planning projects a population of 183,250 in 2030 and 189,550 in 2040. Population growth will continue to be concentrated in the County's nine designated growth areas. While the County's overall population continues to steadily increase, there has been a recent leveling in school age population, coupled with a growing senior population. Over time this change in the distribution of the County's population will impact parks and recreation needs. Of note, the population of age 60 and over will increase by over 11,000 by 2030 and comprise 32% of the population compared with 25% in 2020.

### Public Parks & Recreation Facilities, Preserved Natural Resources and Agricultural Land

Carroll County has a diverse local park system that is actively managed to provide numerous benefits to residents and visitors. In addition, undeveloped open space and wildlife habitat is protected at natural resource protected areas. Land conserved for natural resource purposes typically serves multiple functions that benefit people and the communities where they live, work and play. Forests, wetlands, river corridors, open meadows and other open landscapes preserved in their natural state provide numerous benefits including outdoor recreation opportunities for people to connect with nature including hiking on miles of trails, fishing in ponds and lakes, opportunities for viewing birds and wildlife and nature photography. Finally, Carroll County has long been a leader in the preservation of agricultural land with 76,849 acres permanently preserved for farming as of January 2022 (1st in Maryland) and 50% of its land mass is currently in agricultural use. This provides numerous vistas and beautiful scenery that is significantly different from concentrated residential development.



*Cape Horn Park, Hampstead MD*

## Overview of the Parks and Recreation System in the County

Carroll County has approximately 8,070 acres of publicly accessible lands available to residents for various types of recreational activities. These open spaces range from scenic, natural places to high activity parks. Included in this acreage are public school sites whose playing fields and recreational amenities are used by the entire community; recreational areas that feature hiking, fishing, mountain biking, equestrian and other recreational opportunities; and municipal parks. In addition, there are 4,867 acres of State Parks and lands in Carroll County.

Many of the acres considered park land or open space are either existing or proposed school sites or existing or planned public water supply areas, the acreage around which is protected to ensure high quality drinking water and provides numerous recreational opportunities. This has resulted in the development of low-impact recreational facilities, such as boating areas, hiking trails, picnic areas and multi-use trails enjoyed by equestrians, hikers and mountain bikers on the land surrounding the future reservoirs (now identified as

“recreation areas”). A similar benefit has been derived from school properties which by their nature include athletic fields, playgrounds, and other recreational areas. The County’s citizens can benefit from and use these sites as part of a joint use agreement between the Department of Recreation and Parks and Carroll County Public Schools that has been in place since 1974.

Large park facilities in the county may offer multiple amenities including trails and or athletic fields which are co-located with other types of recreational activity areas at a single site. Numerous smaller parks provide single fields and individual playgrounds with facilities sized to neighborhood scale.

The Carroll County Board of Commissioners delegates oversight responsibility for planning, developing, and implementing the recreation and parks program to an appointed Recreation and Parks Advisory Board that works cooperatively with the County’s Department of Recreation and Parks. The County Commissioners retain approval authority for plans and funding recommended by the Advisory Board.

The purpose of the Advisory Board is to study and determine the park, recreation and open space needs of the County and serve in an advisory capacity providing recommendations to the County Commissioners on matters pertaining to the planning, programming, evaluating, and funding of park and recreation facilities and programs.

Planning, land acquisition and facility development responsibilities are administered within the Department of Recreation and Parks with recommendations provided by the Advisory Board. The Department of Recreation and Parks consists of the following divisions: Administration, Bureau of Parks, and the Bureau of Recreation. The Department employs 26 full time staff and numerous part-time and seasonal employees and program instructors. The Department also utilizes the services of volunteers to fill over 8,000 unpaid positions in support of programs and park operations. The Bureau of Recreation coordinates athletic field use and scheduling at all County parks and schools as well as use of municipal facilities.

**Map (page 11) : Park Facilities & Recreation Planning Areas**

Sports and other program opportunities are offered through the County's volunteer recreation councils with administrative support from the Department. The recreation councils meet on a regular basis and are tasked with providing activities where there is local need and support. The twelve (12) recreation councils include eight (8) that serve geographic communities, two (2) that serve a county wide interest or need (Arts and Equestrian) and two that support major park facilities (Piney Run and Hashawha). In addition to recreation council activities, the Bureau of Recreation publishes quarterly program guides, offering several hundred additional community recreation programs each year including many non-sports programs, activities for adults and seniors and adaptive recreation opportunities.

The Bureau of Parks manages the operation of the County's major park facilities including Piney Run Park, Hashawha Environmental Center and the Hap Baker Firearms Facility which collectively have a goal of recovering the majority of their approved operating budgets through the generation of onsite revenue. Each of these facilities provides a higher service level (ex. Dedicated on site staffing, flush toilets/ running water, etc.) than the remaining community or neighborhood parks.



## Joint-Use Agreements

The Board of Education has a joint-use agreement with the County to permit town and County-sponsored recreational activities on all forty (40) public school properties when school groups are not using them. In exchange for this, Carroll County Department of Recreation and Parks and its recreation councils have funded improvements including backstops, player benches, backboards, scoreboards, tot lots, etc. The Department of Recreation and Parks also works with the Board of Education to plan their recreational facilities in the early stages of designing school sites. The goal of this effort is to create fields and facilities that can be used equally as well by adults as by children, therefore maximizing the usefulness of the investment. For instance, several elementary schools have been designed to have full-sized basketball courts that can be used by others during non-school hours.

In addition to Carroll County Public Schools, the Department of Recreation & Parks has established similar joint use agreements with Carroll Community College and the Springdale Preparatory School that also allow for community use outside of school hours. Joint-use agreements help to achieve both a state goal and a local goal. The State



recognizes that using facilities which are already established for recreational activities, such as schools during non-school hours, ensures that these activities are going to continue to take place within population centers where growth is concentrated. In addition, the County can continue to maximize its return on investment by incorporating full-sized gymnasiums and activity rooms into new schools and senior centers and constructing trails in conjunction with the development of new parks and playing fields.

## Leveraging of County Assets

Carroll County has a very successful 50-year history of leveraging a variety of assets including volunteer service hours and locally raised funds to support recreation and parks. Recreation councils support activities thanks to the efforts of over 8,000 volunteers annually who contributed countless service hours. These same organization raise and spend millions of dollars each year in support of programs operations and capital improvements. Recent new examples of this practice of leveraging volunteer efforts include the following new initiatives:

- Photo Ambassador Program – Recreation and Parks has designated six (6) individuals who were selected from applicants to serve as photo ambassadors for 2022. These individuals will be utilizing their skills as photographers and submitting photos that will be used to help public department events and programs, supplementing those photos collected by the Marketing Specialist. This additional source of photos will help support efforts to publicize and promote recreational opportunities for residents and visitors.
- Helping Hands Keep Parks Green – Recreation and Parks developed this program to encourage volunteer groups to “adopt” parks and assist with maintenance efforts by scheduling regular park clean up days. Over 1/3 of the County’s parks are now supported by this program.

## Types of Public Park and Recreation Facilities

- Special County Facilities: Regional facilities with higher service levels that are supported by on-site staff and a dedicated operating budget. These facilities are dependent on user fees to help offset operating expenses
- Community Parks: These parks include both active and passive amenities such as athletic fields, trails, playgrounds, picnic facilities, etc. These facilities are typically not staff and rely on significant support from recreation councils
- Neighborhood Parks: These parks are typically smaller and limited to passive amenities and may not have recreation council involvement or support
- School Recreation Centers: Use of gymnasiums, cafeterias, classrooms, athletic fields, and tennis courts by the public outside of school hours

## Major Accomplishments

Carroll County Department of Recreation and Parks has experienced major accomplishments over its 50-year history including the following:

- Carroll County continues to have met its Park Acreage Goal with 8,070 acres of parks and recreation lands (see page 44 for additional information)
- Despite having met its park acreage goal, Carroll County continues to pursue additional parkland acquisition when warranted to expand existing facilities, protect significant environmental and historical resources, and meet citizen demands.
- The Department continues to foster and maintain significant public participation through its volunteer recreation councils who raise and spend millions annually in support of their programs and feature the efforts of over 8,000 volunteers annually
- The Department continues to creatively find ways to develop new facilities such as Winfield Park and two (2) dog parks with locally raised funds and significant contractor donations when public funding is limited
- Each year, budgeted county funds are successfully leveraged with fees, sponsorships, donations, and recreation council dollars that more than double the Recreation and Parks operating budget



*Bear Branch Nature Center, Westminster MD*

## Major Challenges

Despite its many successes, Carroll County continues to experience challenges including the following:

- Maintenance and capital replacement of existing park infrastructure are projected to need \$5,048,000 (43%) out of the \$11,772,850 included in the County's 6-year community investment plan for parks. Another \$1,934,000 is earmarked for land acquisition per the requirement of Program Open Space, leaving \$4,690,850 for any new development projects.
- Past diversions or delays of Program Open Space funding have resulted in unfinished projects, further stressing the capital budget. While projects such as Krimgold and Leister Parks had their development curtailed due to limited funding, it became necessary to fund other projects related to maintenance of park infrastructure instead.
- Supporting the ongoing level of volunteerism in a bedroom community where many people commute to work and have less time to volunteer. In 2012, Recreation and parks was supported by volunteers performing 12,601 jobs in the department. In recent years, the number of jobs filled by volunteers has decreased to 8,800.

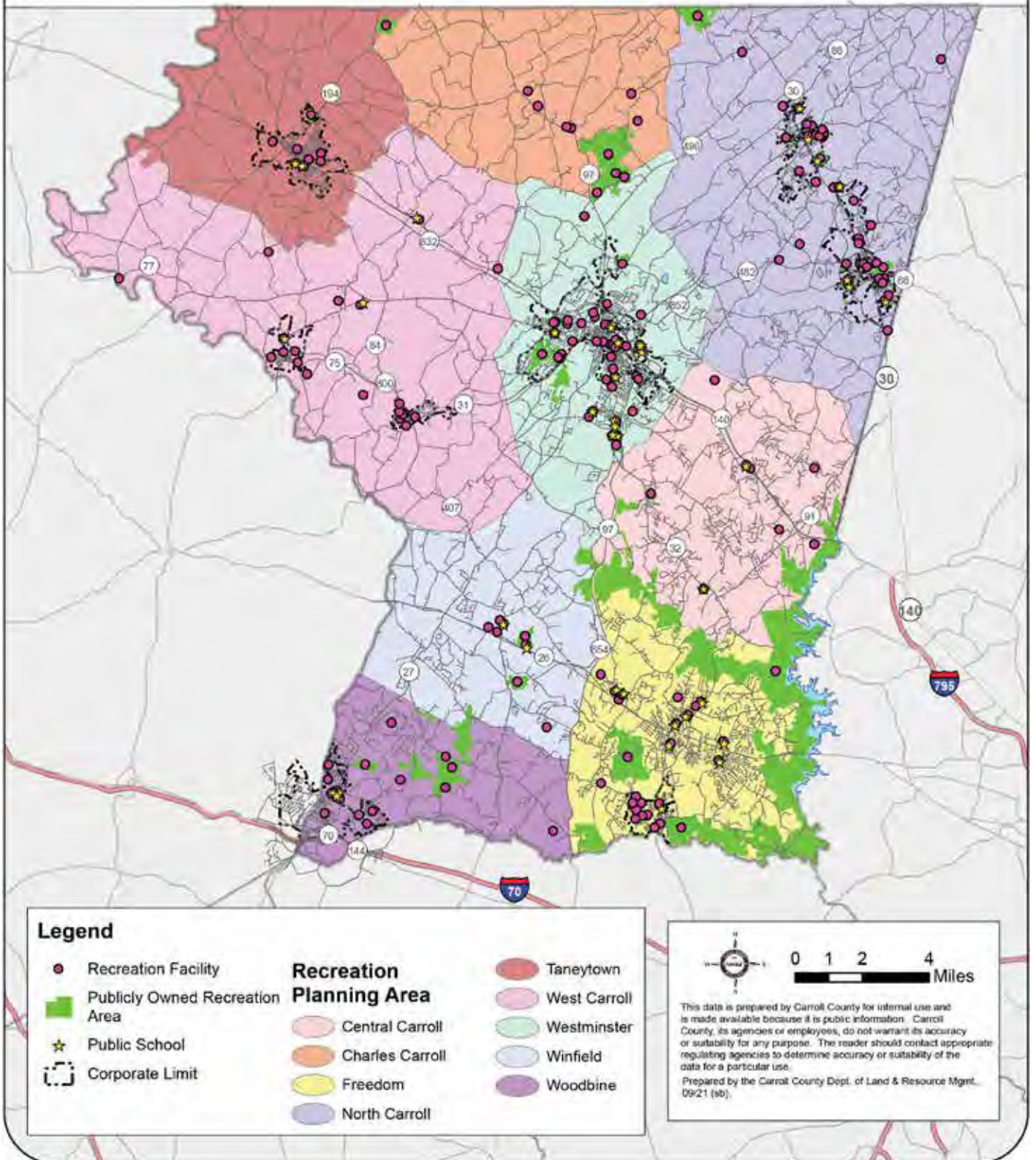
- As county's demographics continue to change, department will need to balance efforts to meet new needs of citizens while still attempting to catch up with previous growth and ensure continued safe use of existing park infrastructure. By 2030, the county's population of age 60 and over will increase by over 11,000 and comprise 32% of the population compared with 25% in 2020. This will likely result in increased demand for new and additional park facilities that serve all ages and amenities such as trails.

## Community Conditions that Impact the Provision of Parks and Recreation Amenities

- In comparison to neighboring counties, Carroll County has a much smaller Department of Recreation and Parks with only 26 full time staff members, resulting in greater dependence on volunteers. Local ownership of programs provided by volunteers can be positive but can also create challenges when striving for consistency.
- While the permanent preservation of over 76,000 acres of farmland results in scenic vistas and open spaces, it also impacts the distance necessary to travel to parks as well as the amount of land available for parkland acquisition. Despite this condition, Carroll County has strategically acquired parkland so that over 99% of its residents live within 5 miles of park and recreation land.

# Park Facilities & Recreation Planning Areas

## Carroll County, Maryland



## Section 2

### **Inventory of Existing Public Parks and Recreation Facilities**

Carroll County contains a great diversity of parks, recreation, and open spaces. Mini-parks and neighborhood parks are found in the densely developed towns and larger subdivisions in the county, and are designed to serve a small, localized population. Community parks that are somewhat larger in size can be found throughout the county and towns and provide a more diverse set of recreational opportunities to reflect the broader population base they serve. The county's regional parks and its sports complex appropriately are located in the two most populous areas, Freedom and Westminster. Two largely undeveloped future reservoir sites (now designated as recreation areas), along with the existing buffer lands of Liberty Reservoir and the state lands of Morgan Run Natural Environmental Area and Patapsco Valley State Park, provide countywide access to more natural settings and miles of multi-use trails open to hikers, horseback riders, and cross-country skiers. School facilities located throughout the county provide recreational facilities as well, and many county residents enjoy open space adjacent to their homes that is provided as a requirement of the subdivision process.

From this map (see page 6) two (2) things are evident. The first is that many of the sites are focused in and around the designated growth areas, where most of the county's population resides. Additionally, the map reveals that county's designated growth areas are evenly distributed geographically across the county. When combined with several school sites and major natural resource areas located outside of the growth areas, this has the result of making parks and recreational facilities easily accessible to most county residents regardless of whether they live in the rural parts of the county or in its community planning areas. As an additional benefit, this geographic distribution of facilities provides regional opportunities to make inter jurisdictional connections between Carroll County and its gateway communities including Sykesville, Eldersburg, Taneytown, and Detour with Howard, Baltimore, and Frederick Counties, respectively. Most of these efforts relate to trail corridors to enable physical connectivity; current efforts are focused on developing both multi-use land trails and, where feasible, expanding and enhancing water trail opportunities.

Carroll County is working with the Town of Sykesville, The Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC) and Patapsco Valley State Park on plans for the Patapsco Valley Regional Greenway

that would include a trail from town of Sykesville through Freedom Park to connect with the Patapsco Valley State Park trail network along the Patapsco River Valley. Connected resources will include the county's regional Freedom Park, South Branch Park (located in Howard County), the Town of Sykesville, and Patapsco Valley State Park. This trail project would connect adjoining resources to ultimately link with trails/greenways into Howard County to the west/south and with Baltimore County to the east, via the proposed Patapsco Valley Regional Greenway. Trail users will ultimately be able to travel east as far as the Jones Falls Trail and the Baltimore harbor.

Page 11's map includes shaded areas to designate the service areas of the county's volunteer recreation councils. These areas vary due to size, population and amenities based on public demand. The county's largest recreation councils are consistent with the three largest population areas: Freedom Area, Westminster Area and North Carroll. Because these three communities are more densely populated and developed, more athletic fields and facilities for active programs are located here to meet this demand, along with other amenities.

In the northern and western portions of Carroll, on-going efforts will extend the county's existing Pipe Creek Water Trail and expand new public access points to the Monocacy River, while helping promote its unique status as a designated Scenic River. The Pipe Creek Water Trail's eastern terminus is a public access point to Big Pipe Creek located on Hapes Mill Road in Middleburg and a joint town-county effort resulted in a new soft launch completed at Little Pipe Creek in Union Bridge. The trail's western endpoint was Double Pipe Creek Park in Detour on the Carroll/Frederick County line where an improved kayak launch was recently completed. From there, kayaks can travel west for one scenic mile to connect with the main stem of the Monocacy and the existing Monocacy River Water Trail, which is part of the Chesapeake Bay Gateways water trail network. A partnership initiative with Frederick County, resulted in property that was jointly acquired to extend the Monocacy water trail further north an additional 11 miles, capturing the starting point of its official State Scenic River Designation. This planned site will allow residents from both Frederick and Carroll counties, as well as visiting regional recreational users and tourists, open public water access to the Monocacy, with numerous connections to Frederick County along the entire 58-mile course of the main stem south to its confluence with the Potomac River.



*Carroll County Sports Complex, Westminster MD*

In the northern most reaches of the county, staff continues to communicate regularly with Genesee Wyoming Railroad regarding acquisition of an inactive rail line to establish a rail-to-trail conversion running northerly across the Mason-Dixon Line into Littlestown, Pennsylvania. The former line running north from Angell Road in Taneytown would make an excellent hiker/biker trail. In addition, this trail would bisect a 145.06 parcel of future parkland that was recently acquired by Carroll County for a regional park that would include trails, water access and additional recreation opportunities.

Staff continues regular, open conversations regarding this possible redevelopment effort. It is important to note that this acquisition has been desired by Carroll County for nearly twenty (20) years but has been previously rebuffed by the railroad, an uncooperative property owner. While the current discussions are encouraging and significant, the lack of completion for this or any other single possible land acquisition due to an unwilling landowner should not negatively impact how Carroll County is viewed in terms of land acquisition goals. Even after initially becoming certified by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources as having reached its land acquisition goal in 2006 (and confirmed in each subsequent LPPRP), Carroll County has continued to acquire additional parkland when warranted such as a 145.06-acre acquisition north of Taneytown and a 2.085-acre acquisition in Middleburg. Each of these acquisitions will result in additional water access for public enjoyment in areas that were previous lacking county owned parks.

### **Land and Park Amenities Added Since the 2017 LPPRP:**

Since the completion of the 2017 Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan, Carroll County has made significant progress attaining its stated goals with the initiation and completion of the following projects:

- Completion of paving remaining park road and parking spaces at Krimgold Park to provide better public use and access, efforts that were previously delayed due to diversions of past program Open Space funding that have yet to be repaid
- Completion of development at Winfield Park, a 9-acre park that was supported by nearly \$1 million in donations of material and labor to level the site as well as volunteer support
- Continued long standing practice of acquiring additional parkland when warranted with an acquisition of a 2.085-acre site on Hapes Mill Road in Middleburg to facilitate improved water access for fishing and a soft launch for kayaks into the Pipe Creek Water Trail on Big Pipe Creek, consistent with the State goal of increasing access to open spaces and waterfronts.
- Completion of a joint project with the Town of Union Bridge that resulted in a town-owned 1- acre site along Little Pipe Creek facilitating water access and parking for fishing and a kayak launch to the Pipe Creek Water Trail, consistent with the State goal of increasing access to open spaces and waterfronts.

- Completion of the County's 2nd dog park, the new 2-acre South Carroll Dog Park, located in Eldersburg and supported by donations and fundraisers
- Continued long standing practice of acquiring additional parkland when warranted with an acquisition of a 145.06-acre parcel north of Taneytown for a new regional park that will also feature direct access to a planned rail trail and to Piney Creek for water-based recreation
- The City of Westminster completed a master plan and completed parking lot improvements at the 187-acre former golf course that is being developed into a municipal park.
- Completed construction on 18.85-acre expansion of Deer Park, resulting in 2 additional athletic fields, additional parking, and an expansion of the popular walking trail which complimented existing infrastructure and previous public investment
- Completed construction on the 33-acre Westminster Veterans Memorial Park, resulting in passive park including a walking trail, picnic pavilion and playground as well as free play areas and open space, resulting in a new park located in a designated growth area
- Implementation of Joint Use Agreement with the private Springdale Preparatory School, located at the former New Windsor Middle School
- The trail system at Piney Run Park was extended by approximately 4 miles on existing county land
- The former Charles Carroll Elementary School is being redeveloped into the Charles Carroll Park, retaining the former school's recreational amenities, and featuring a new Community Center with construction scheduled for spring of 2022. The site's tennis and basketball courts were recently resurfaced, and a new playground will be installed in 2022.
- Extended the operating season at Piney Run Park by two (2) months in 2018 to provide additional outdoor recreation opportunities to the public
- A new playground and single table pavilions were installed in Bark Hill Park and construction of a new trail is scheduled to be constructed in 2022
- A new trail is under construction in the Gillis Falls Recreation Area that will connect the Carroll County Equestrian Center and Salt Box Park
- New athletic field lighting was added to a soccer field at the Carroll County Sports Complex to extend hours of play to meet public demand

- Multiple capital projects resulting in replacement of aging park infrastructure were completed in the past 5 years using both local funds as well as Program Open Space. These projects include tot lot replacements, roof replacements for pavilions and park buildings, parking lot overlays, etc. to facilitate continued access and enjoyment of parks and open space by the public.

While Carroll County has been successful meeting the recreational needs of residents to date, efforts are ongoing to help address future needs as well. In anticipation of future program and population growth, the following properties are publicly owned and have been designated for park development:

Mount Airy – 100-acre former Harrison Leishear Property on Ridge Road

New Windsor – 7-acre former wastewater lagoon site

Taneytown – additional 20 acres at Taneytown Memorial Park

Taneytown – 51.26-acre Bollinger Park

Taneytown – 145.06 acres north of town on FSK Highway

Union Bridge – 10.415-acre Quaker Hill Park site

Westminster – development of the former Wakefield Valley Golf Course into a park

In addition, additional development is planned for Leister and Krimgold Parks pending available funding in future years. Full development of these parks was not completed due to past diversions of Program Open Space funding.

\*A detailed inventory of recreation lands in Carroll County can be found in Appendix 1; this inventory includes amenity data for each site.

a. Public Parks and Recreation Properties

b. Quasi-public and/or privately owned recreational facilities or park lands that are open or available for regular public use (define and index number)



Freedom Park, Sykesville MD

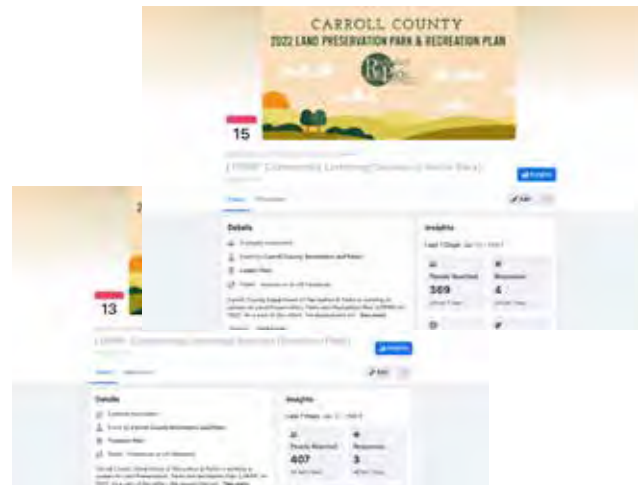
## Measuring User Demand

### Public Engagement and Outreach

Public participation continues to be an important component of the LPPRP development process. An initial public meeting regarding the plan to update the LPPRP was held in conjunction with a meeting of the Recreation and Parks Advisory Board, prior to the creation of the 2022 plan. A strategy was shared regarding the collection of public input to be used in this effort.

Carroll County provided opportunities for public input and comments to the 2022 LPPRP at multiple meetings, both in person and virtual due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The purpose and outline for the LPPRP was discussed with the Recreation and Parks Advisory Board at their June, July, and September meetings in 2021. In addition, in-person listening sessions were held with the public in both the northern and southern parts of the County in September as well as a virtual option that remained open throughout September 2021.

In addition, the contents of the draft LPPRP and a review of the public input process have been shared with the Carroll County Recreation and Parks Advisory Board, the Board of County Commissioners, the Carroll County Planning Commission, and the county's eight (8) municipalities as a part of this effort.



## Surveys

The Department of Recreation & Parks traditionally undertakes a community needs assessment survey every three (3) years to collect public input regarding the parks, programs, and operations. Since the completion of the 2017 LPPRP, these surveys were conducted in both 2019 and once again in 2021 to provide the most current local input for the 2022 LPPRP.

A collective total of over 1,100 responses were received from the following separate surveys conducted in 2021 and over 1,000 responses were collected from the 2019 survey. (See appendix for survey results summary, Appendix 5).

- 2021 LPPRP Municipal Survey (see appendix 1)

All survey results have consistently shown trails, both paved and natural surface, to score highest among park amenities desired by citizens. The top five desired park amenities from these surveys are listed below:

1. Hard surface trails
2. Natural surface trails
3. Restrooms
4. Natural areas
5. Athletic fields

In addition, all eight (8) municipalities participated in a survey during 2021 to collect input on a variety of park related issues including need for additional parkland, existing undeveloped parkland, opportunities for collaborative programming with the County, most requested park amenities and more. Consistent with the County needs assessment surveys, the need for additional trails was the most popular response. (See Appendix 3 for survey summary).

## Data on Usage, Demand and Participation Rates

Volunteer recreation councils and their organized youth sports programs continue to express a need for additional gymnasiums and athletic fields, including artificial turf fields. Program participation figures have grown to over 45,000 registrants in 2019 (pre-COVID) with many of those registrants participating in youth sports programs. Even though the county's school age population has leveled in recent years, the total population of the county is 174,845 and any reductions in field use for youth will be offset by increases needed for adult programs and passive recreation facilities such as trails.

In addition to these surveys, Recreation and Parks staff members attend recreation council meetings on a regular basis and hear regular input both from council members and the public regarding facility use and needs. The Department has

a dedicated Facebook following with over 6,500 followers and the use of social media facilitates ongoing communication with the public regarding existing opportunities and requests for new programs and facilities.

While local and national studies help to document current use and suggest future trends, the most accurate indicator of local preferences and needs continues to be direct communication with county residents. Multiple surveys, ongoing communication through social media, public meetings, and the department's 50-year relationship with its volunteer recreation councils provide vital information regarding the community's current and future needs.

Most Carroll County's parks are not staffed which creates challenges regarding in person collection of data related to usage. The volunteer recreation councils provide program information for their activities, many of which occur at community parks and are reflected in the registration figures cited above. We have attempted to utilize trail counters to gauge the usage of our most popular park amenity but have found them to be unreliable thus far.

Large regional parks such as Piney Run have a higher level of staffing and thanks to gatehouse staff, we can verify the park attracted 129,893 visitors last year. Feedback that is regularly received from staff and the public verify that each of our parks are used heavily and valued by the public.

In addition to information obtained directly from local sources, there are several public studies and reports that provide additional insight with regards to recreational needs and trends. Several of those findings are summarized below:

## Interpretation of Studies from Federal, State, Local, Academic or Industrial Sources

The Natural Learning Initiative cited numerous studies and summarized The Benefits of Connecting Children with Nature in January of 2012 including the following:

- o Supports creativity and problem solving
- o Enhances cognitive abilities & improves academic performance
- o Reduces Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) symptoms
- o Increases physical activity
- o Improves nutrition & eyesight
- o Improves social relations
- o Improves self-discipline
- o Reduces stress





America Walks conducted a national walking survey in 2011 and reported the following highlights:

- 12.8% of respondents indicated they walked 1-2 days/week
- 22.8% of respondents indicated they walked 3-4 days/week
- 21.7% of respondents indicated they walked 5-6 days/week
- 32.5% of respondents indicated they walked everyday

In 2017, The Outdoor Foundation reported the following:

- Adults who were introduced to the outdoors as children were more likely to participate in outdoor activities during adulthood
- 21% of outdoor enthusiasts participate in outdoor activities at least twice per week

The 2021 National Engagement with Parks Report by the National Recreation & Parks Association (NRPA) reported the following:

- Top outdoor recreation options for parents included trails, scenic views of nature and water access
- 72% of U.S. adults either maintained or increased the frequency of their visits to outdoor parks, trails and public spaces compared to time before the pandemic
- Most frequently cited reasons people gather at park and recreation facilities include being closer to nature, taking a break from day-to-day stress, to exercise and connect with members of the community

The State of Maryland conducted the Children in Nature Survey in 2008 which included the following highlights:

- 80% of respondents reported they participate in non-schoolyard based “outdoor classroom experiences” and the vast majority of those experiences are for grades 3-6
- Walking/hiking, wildlife viewing, picnicking, and bicycling are valued most by respondents when visiting a state park
- 80% report use of trails near schools and communities to access open spaces, parks, and other public natural areas

At the national level, the Physical Activity Council’s annual study tracks sports, fitness, and recreation participation in the United States. The 2016 Participation Report includes the following highlights:

- Team sports continue to gradual increase of approximately 1% per year since 2013 and are commonly found in the top 10 activities for ages 6-12
- The top activities for ages 45-64 include biking, fishing, camping, swimming, and walking
- The top activities for ages 65+ include fishing, swimming, biking, birdwatching/wildlife viewing and walking





## Level of Service Analysis

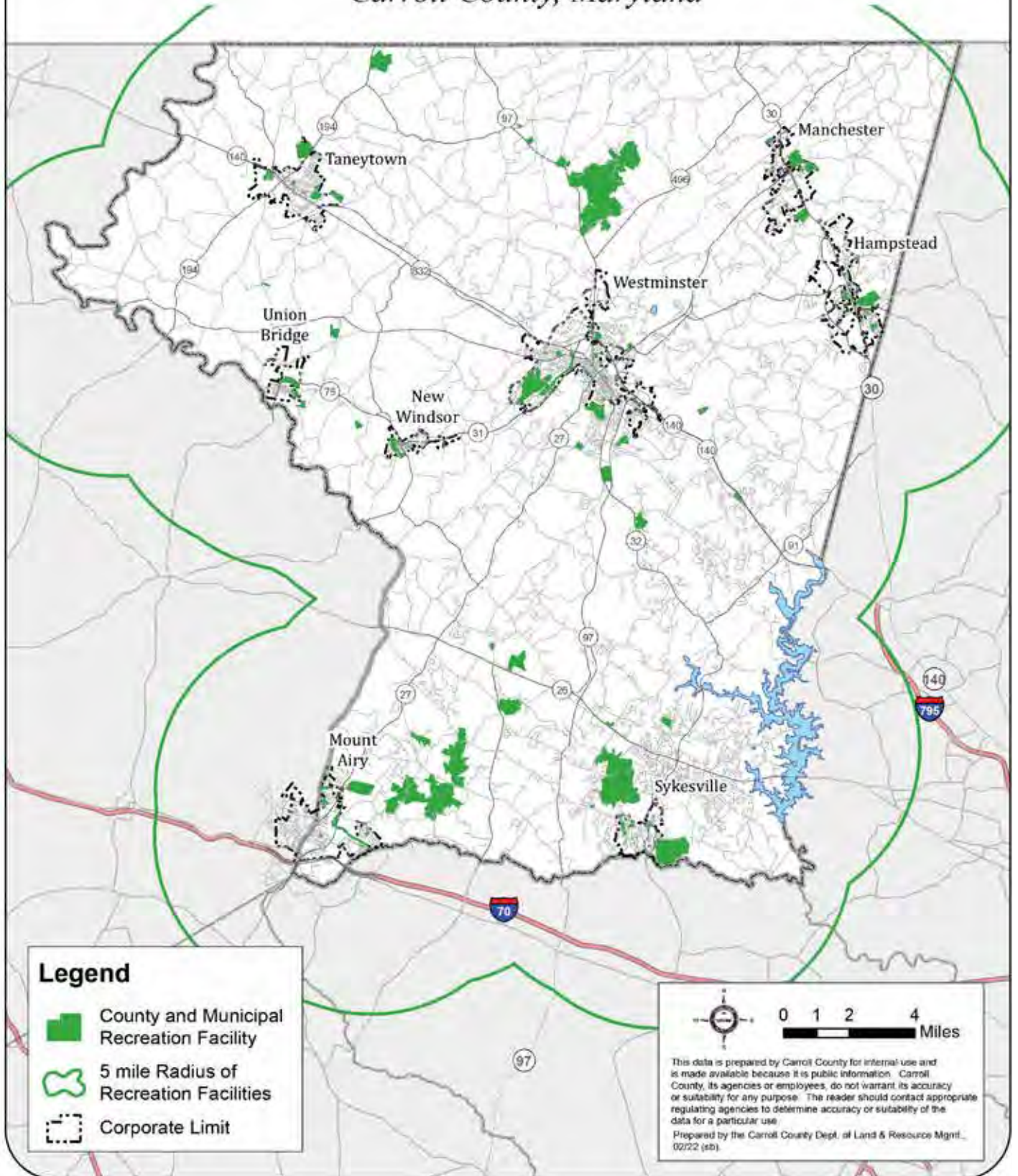
In the 2017 LPPRP, Carroll County introduced additional metrics such as proximity and equity analysis to better illustrate just how well the public is served. The State's 2022 LPPRP development guidelines referenced a ½ mile (or some other fraction less than 1) radius in densely populated areas and a 5-mile radius in rural areas as recommended measurements to use in this process.

Carroll County has 76,849 acres permanently preserved for farming in its nationally recognized Ag Preservation program. This represents over 26% of the total land in Carroll County that is unavailable for parkland acquisition and development. This significant amount of farmland results in both beautiful, scenic vistas and longer travel distances without sidewalks to parks between heavily populated areas. These areas are less populated and do not include designated growth areas. That said, those residents should not have to travel long distances to get to parks and recreational facilities. As a result, Carroll County must navigate between these goals which at times, appear to be contradictory, when attempting to meet the needs of all residents. Despite that challenge, residents in 99.9% of county residences are located within a 5-mile radius

of all county and municipal facilities. In addition, the County's eight (8) municipalities include a total of 14,540 acres with over 95% of their residential properties located within ¾ mile radius of park and recreation lands. The population in the few areas not included within the 5-mile radius is very low and in some cases, widely dispersed due to large preserved tracts of agricultural land. The incorporation and ongoing consideration of all of these metrics continues to confirm that Carroll County continues to have very successfully met its parkland acquisition goals and serves its residents well by owning parkland that has been strategically acquired to best serve its residents, both now and in the future. The following pages include a county-wide map showing a 5-mile radius around park and recreation land in the county, followed by maps of each of the eight (8) municipalities showing a ¾ mile radius around park and recreation land in their towns as well as non-residential areas. It is important to note that a large slice of the western edge of Mt. Airy is not covered by Carroll County facilities. However, since that half of the town is in Frederick County (as noted on the map), this would be addressed through Frederick County's LPPRP.

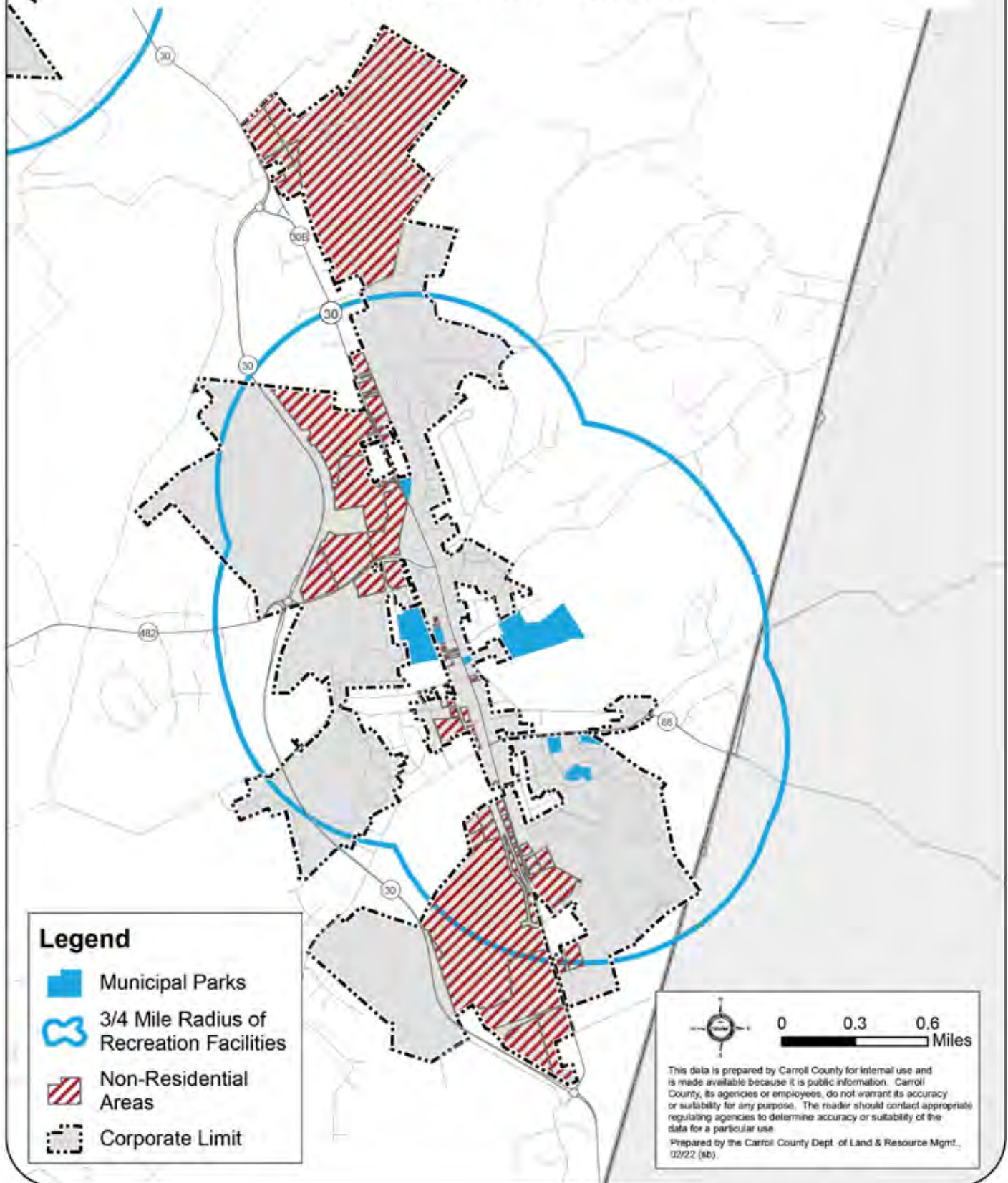
# 5 Mile Radius of County and Municipal Park and Recreation Facilities

*Carroll County, Maryland*



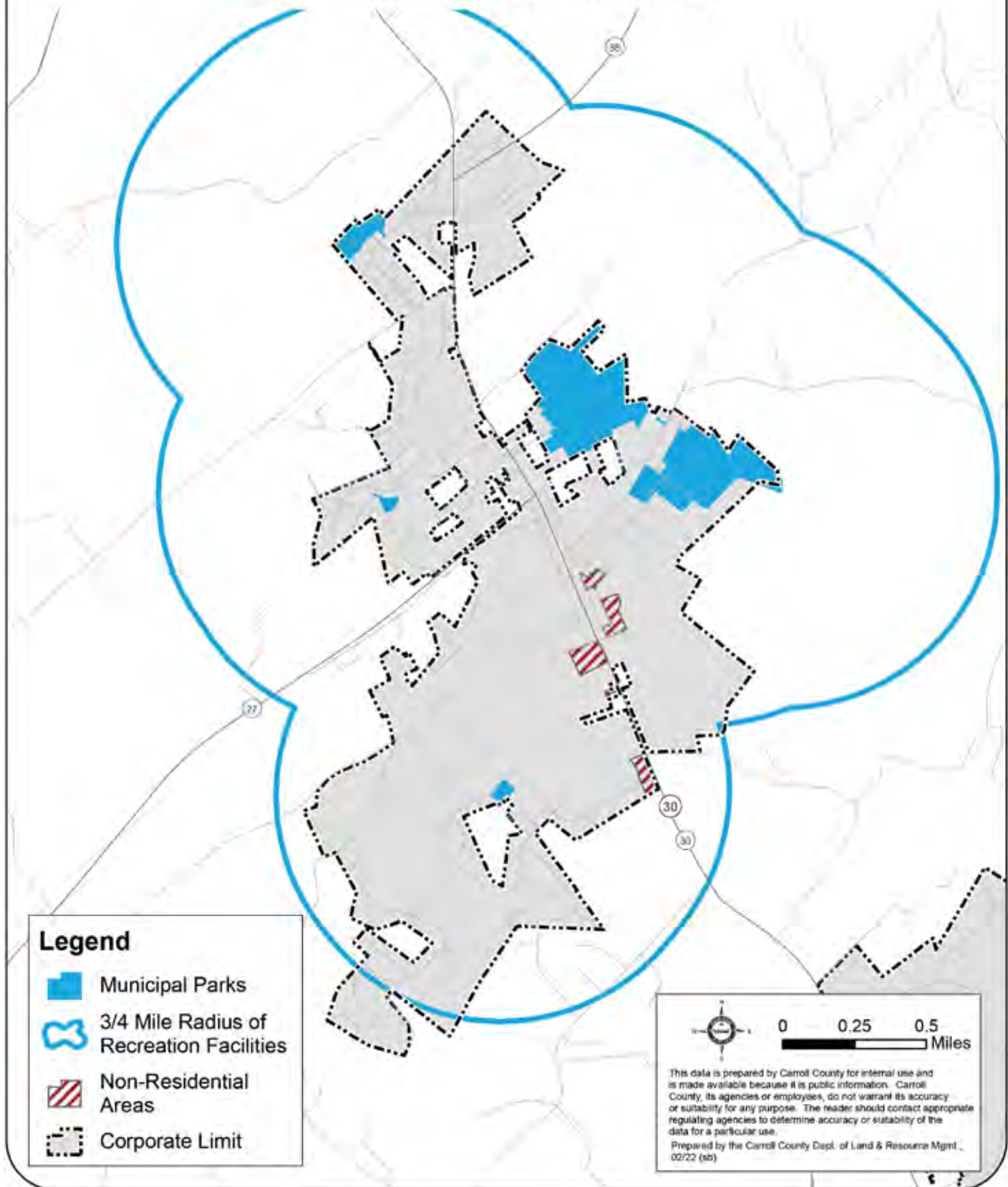
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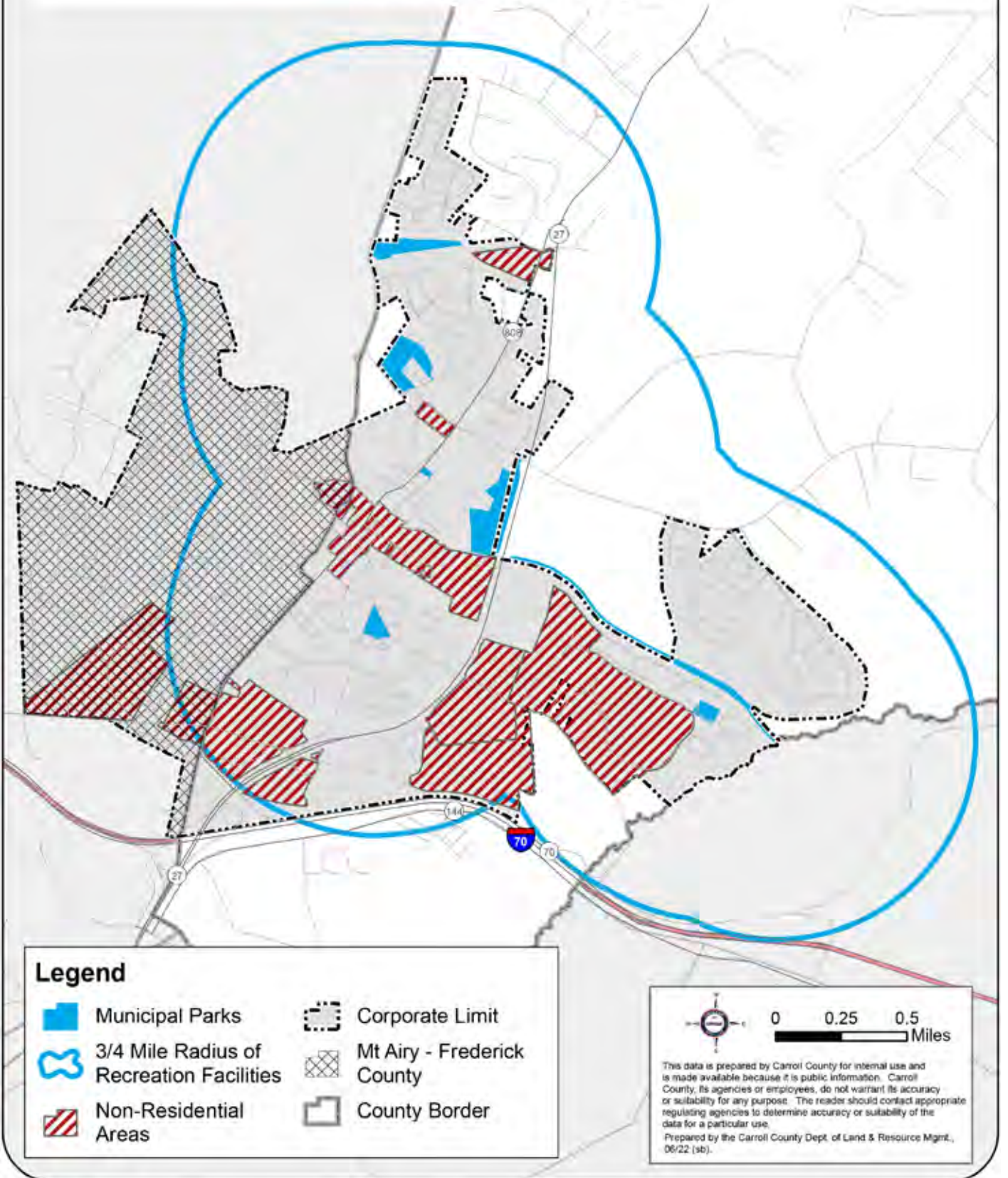
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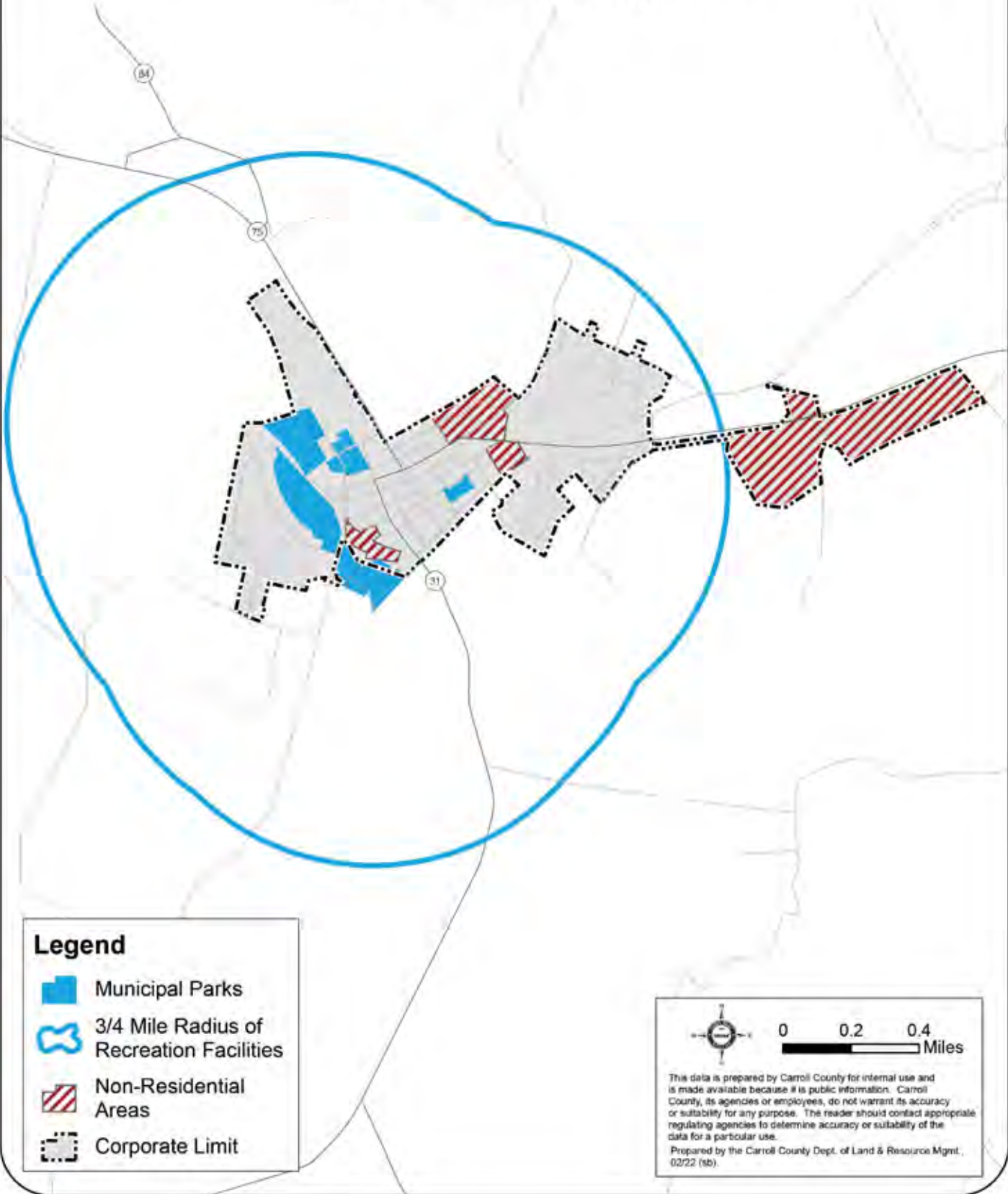
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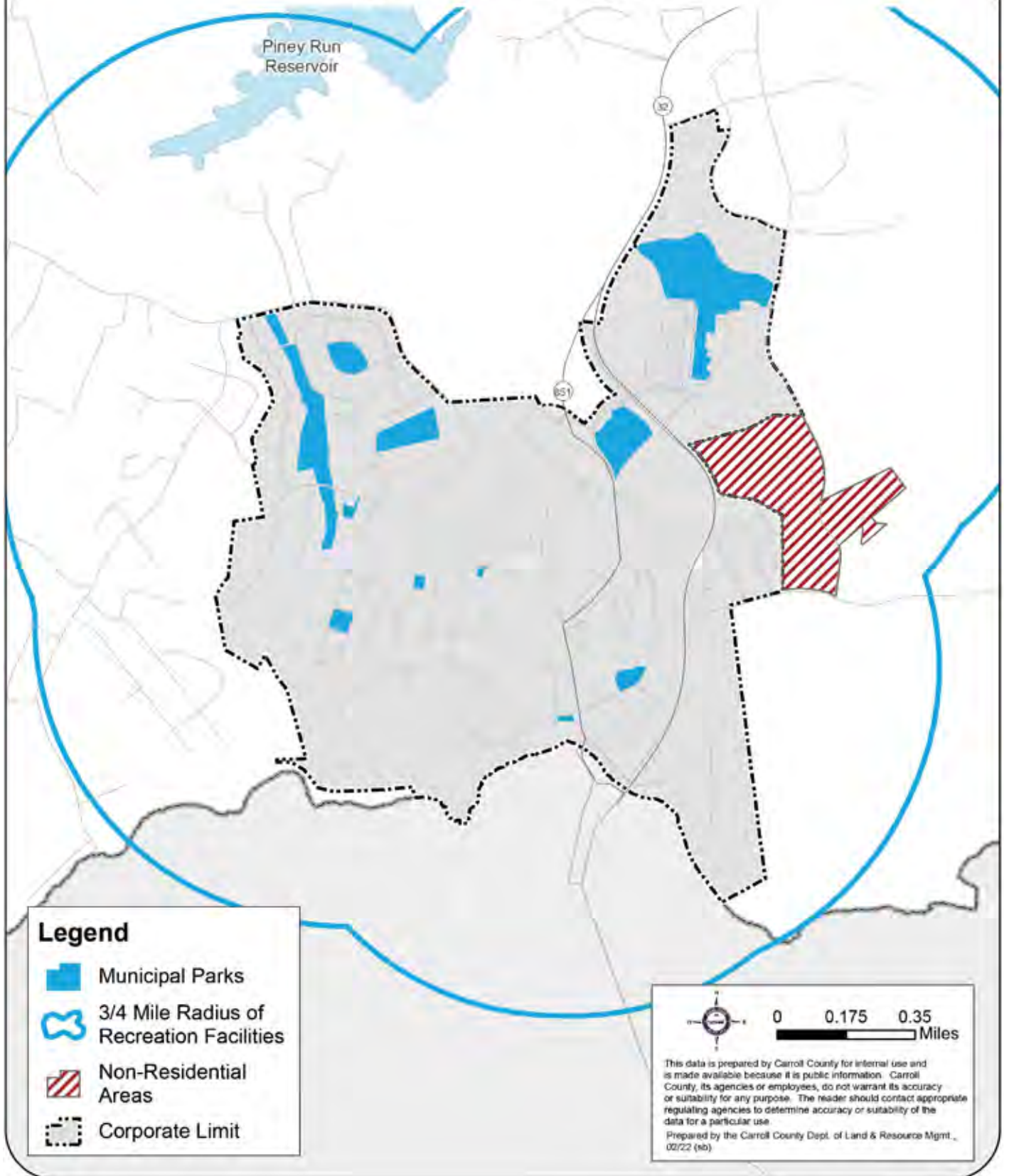
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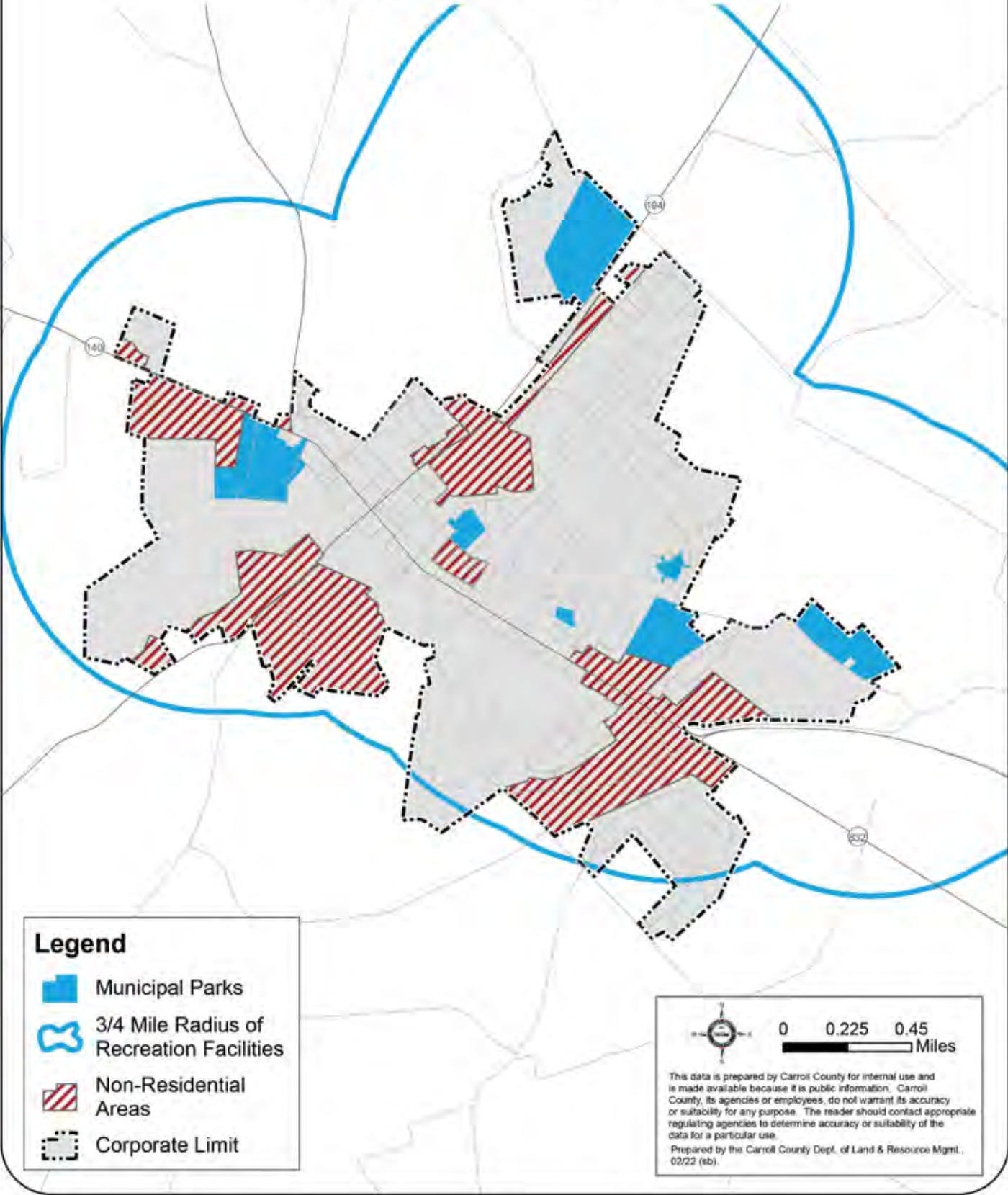
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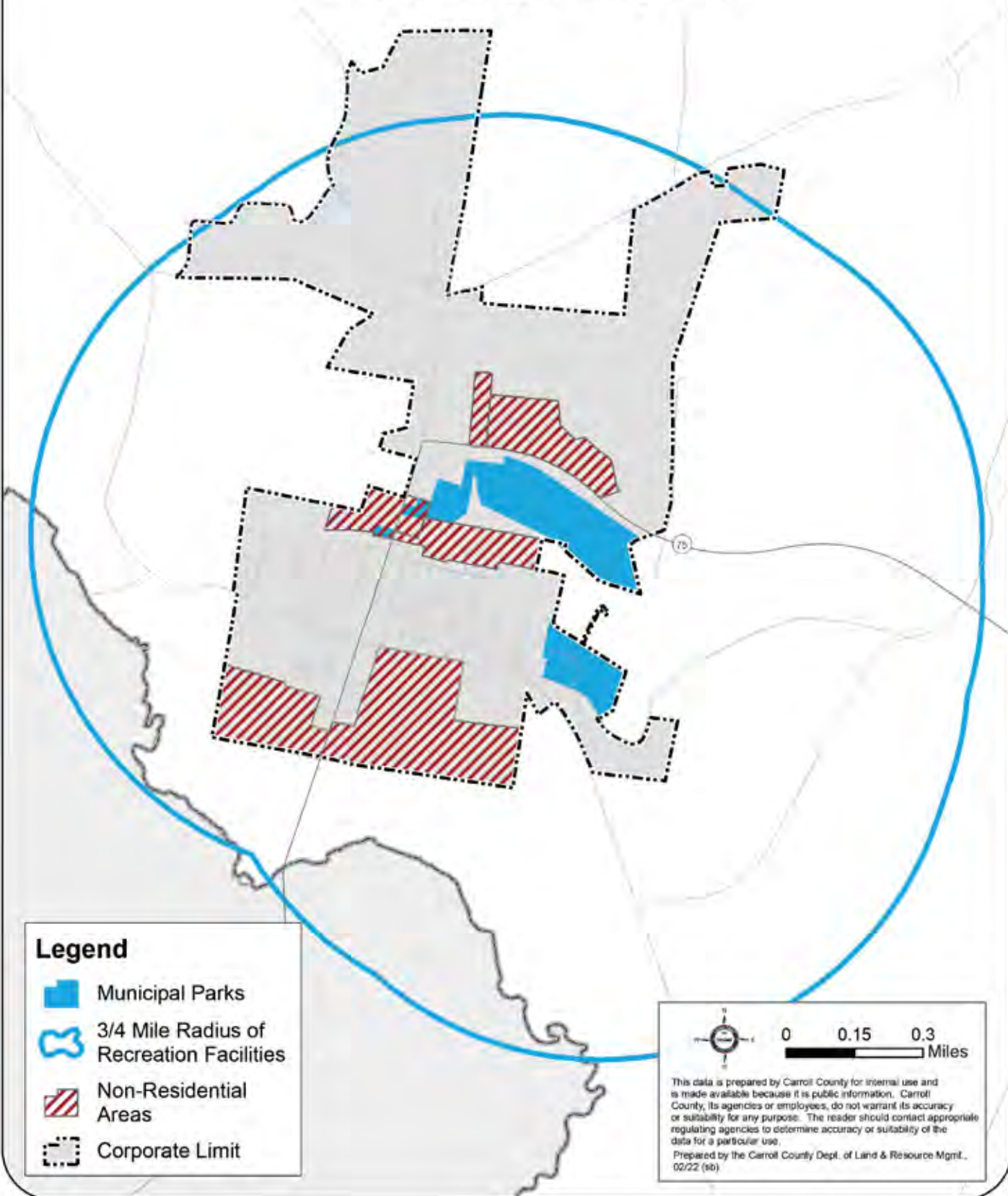
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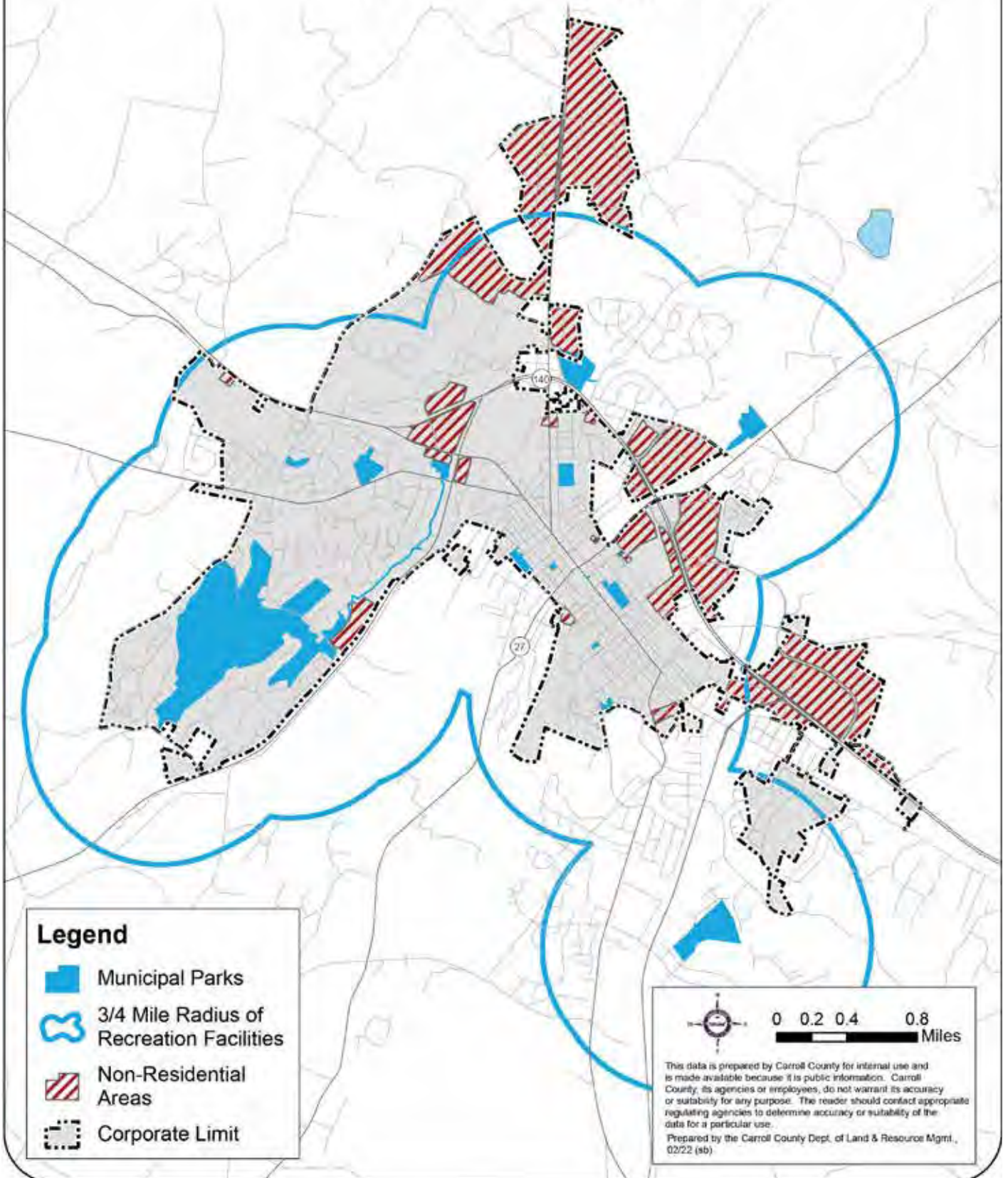
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## *Union Bridge, Maryland*



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## *Westminster, Maryland*





*Westminster Community Pond, Westminister MD*

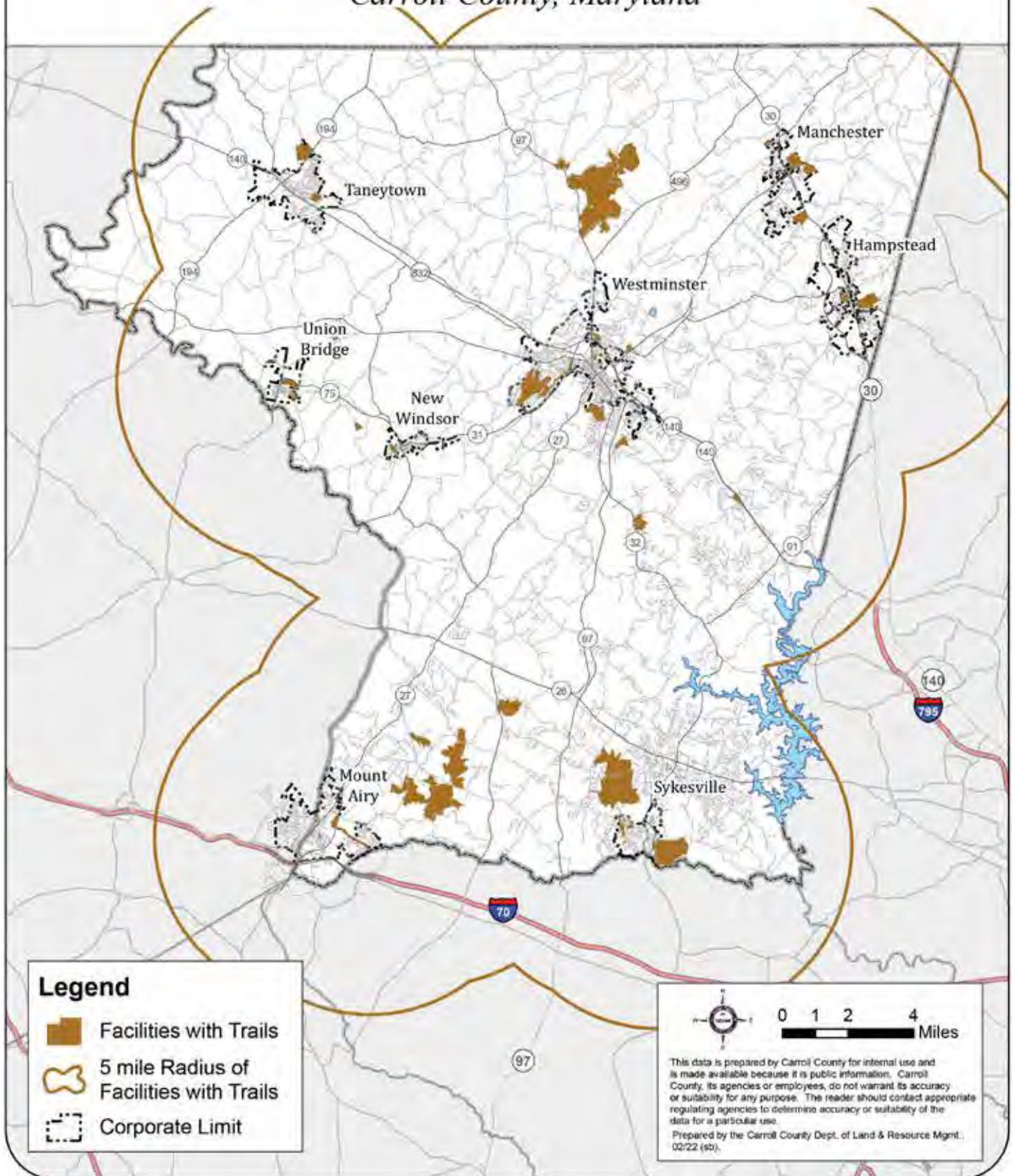
The State's 2022 LPPRP guidelines also recommended that a proximity analysis be included for various park amenities such as trails, picnic areas, athletic fields, etc. The following pages includes maps showing a 5-mile radius around a variety of park amenities, further showing that the residents of Carroll County are well served by existing and planned recreational amenities.

In addition, the State's guidelines requested that a proximity analysis be completed for water access, indoor athletic complexes and aquatic facilities. Carroll County is limited by its geography with regards to water access in comparison to counties with bay access. Despite this fact, opportunities for water-based recreation are readily available at ponds, reservoirs, Morgan Run and the Patapsco and Monocacy Rivers with virtually all residents living within a 5-mile radius of public water access. With regards to indoor athletic complexes or aquatic facilities, there has been no measurable support from residents to dedicate public funds for these facilities in Carroll County and as a result, no development has been pursued.

While these park amenity proximity maps show effective coverage with virtually all county residents living within a 5-mile radius of sites, opportunities remain to further improve the service levels to the public. With trails being the most requested park amenity, Carroll County continues to look for opportunities to construct additional trails on existing public land and further increase this inventory. As opportunities arise, park sites have been physically connected to adjoining communities to facilitate non-vehicular access to parks. This reduces traffic and pollution and creates fitness opportunities for park visitors. This outcome was successfully achieved in recent years with trail connections to residential communities at the Westminster Community Pond, Cape Horn Park and Deer Park. The continued pursuit of increasing the inventory of amenities in existing parks is dependent on the availability of sufficient funding eligible for parkland development.

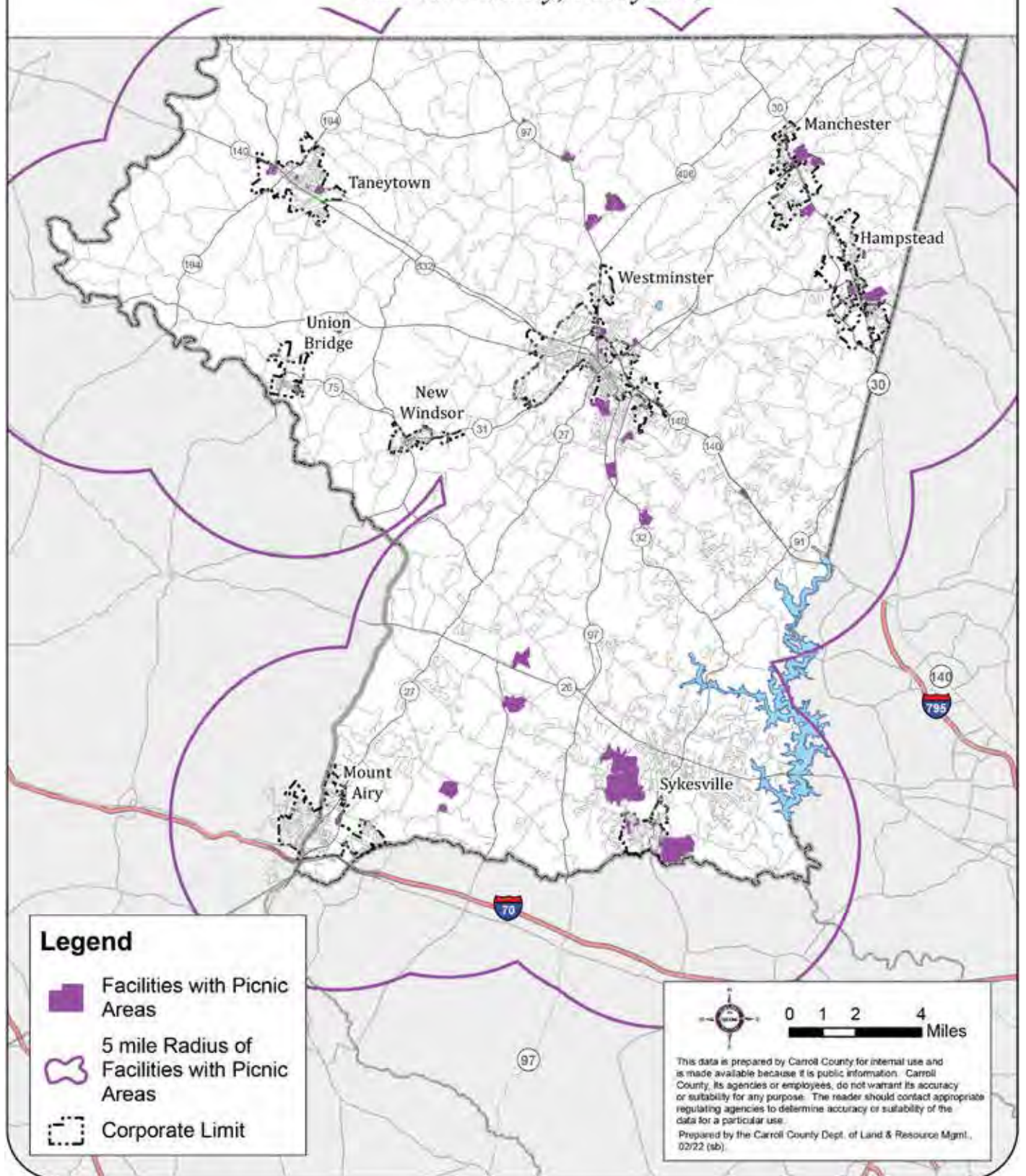
# 5 Mile Radius of County and Municipal Park and Recreation Facilities with Trails

## Carroll County, Maryland



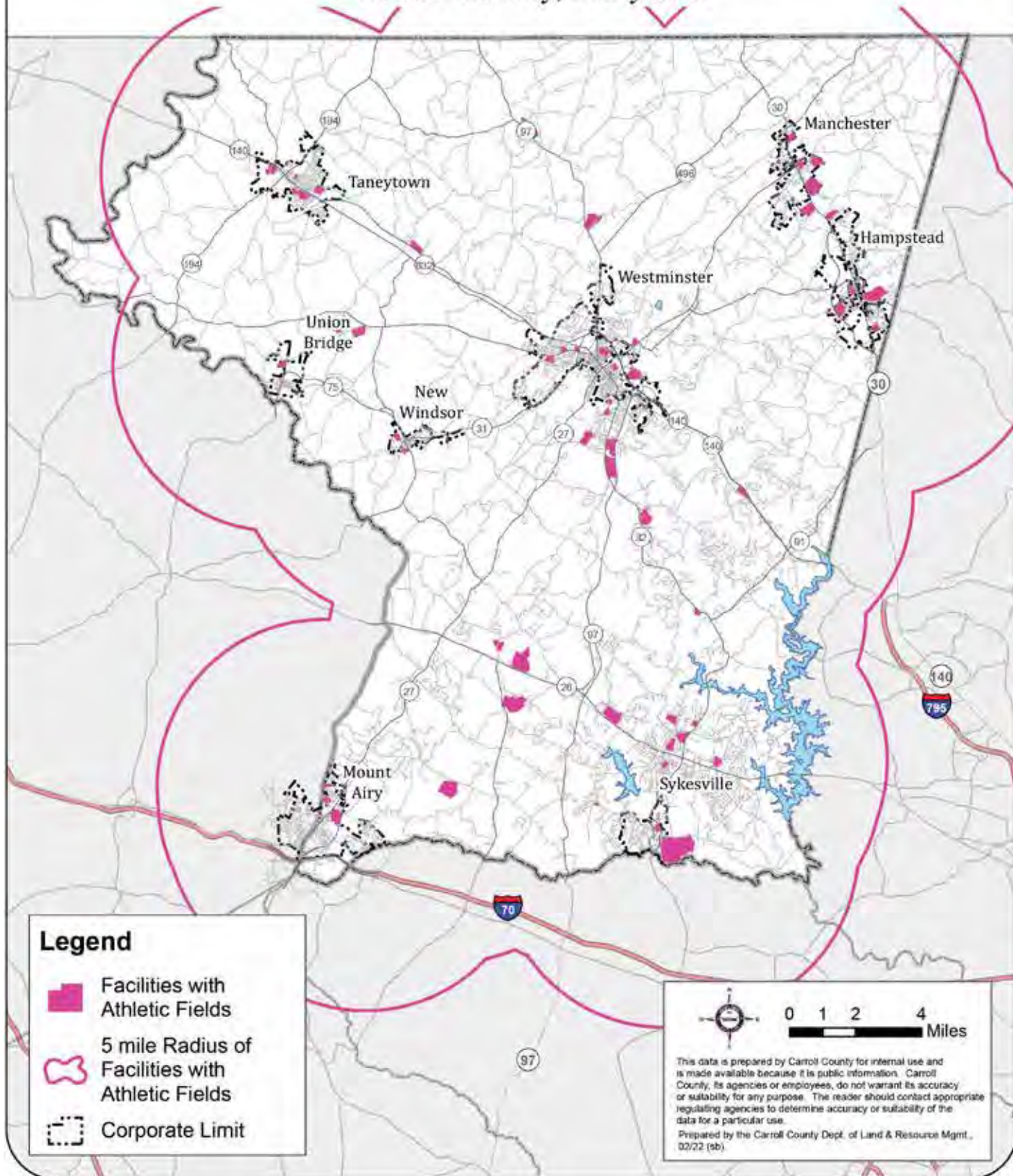
# 5 Mile Radius of County and Municipal Picnic Areas

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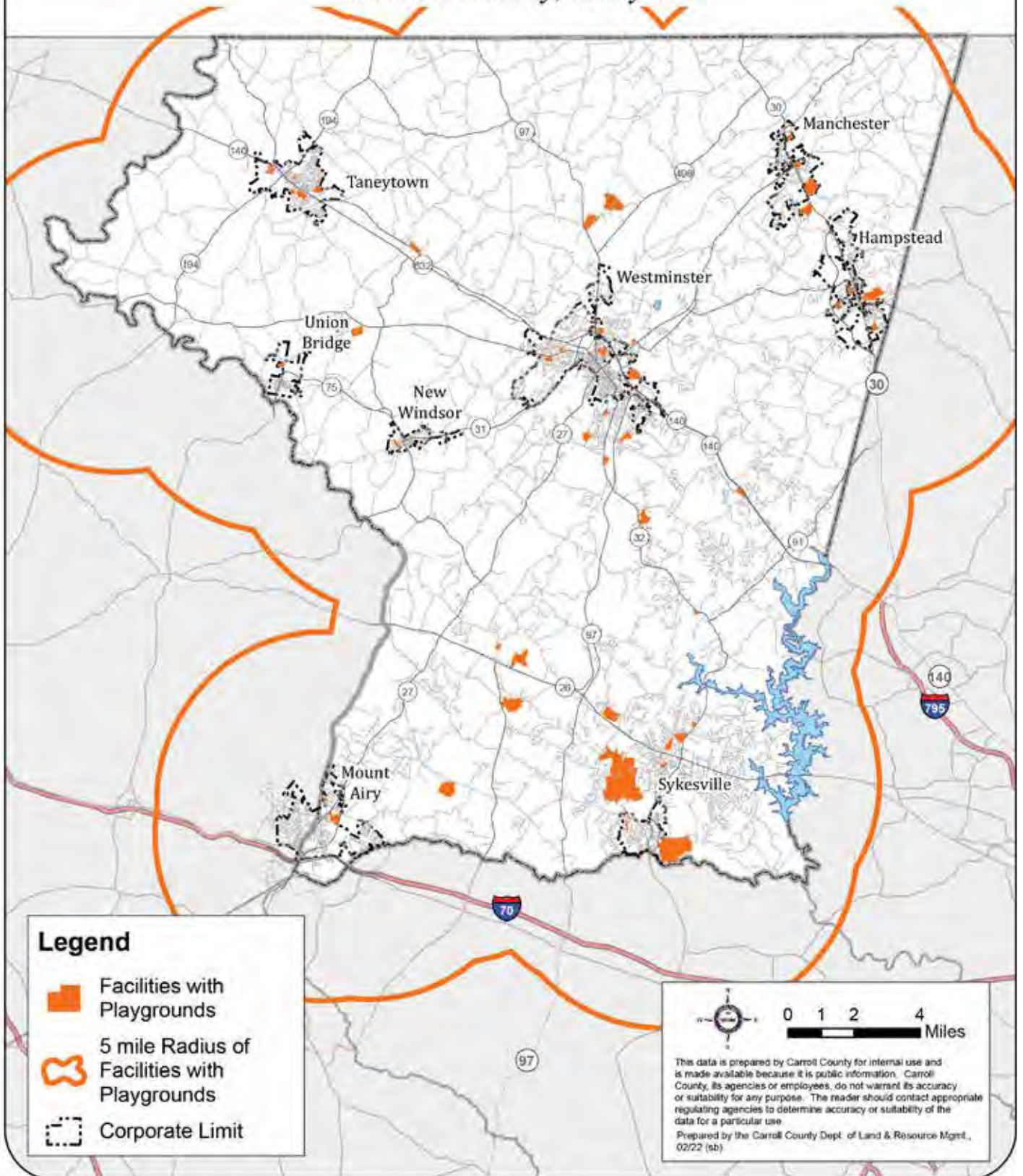
# 5 Mile Radius of County, Municipal, & Public School Athletic Fields

*Carroll County, Maryland*



# 5 Mile Radius of County, Municipal, & Public School Playgrounds

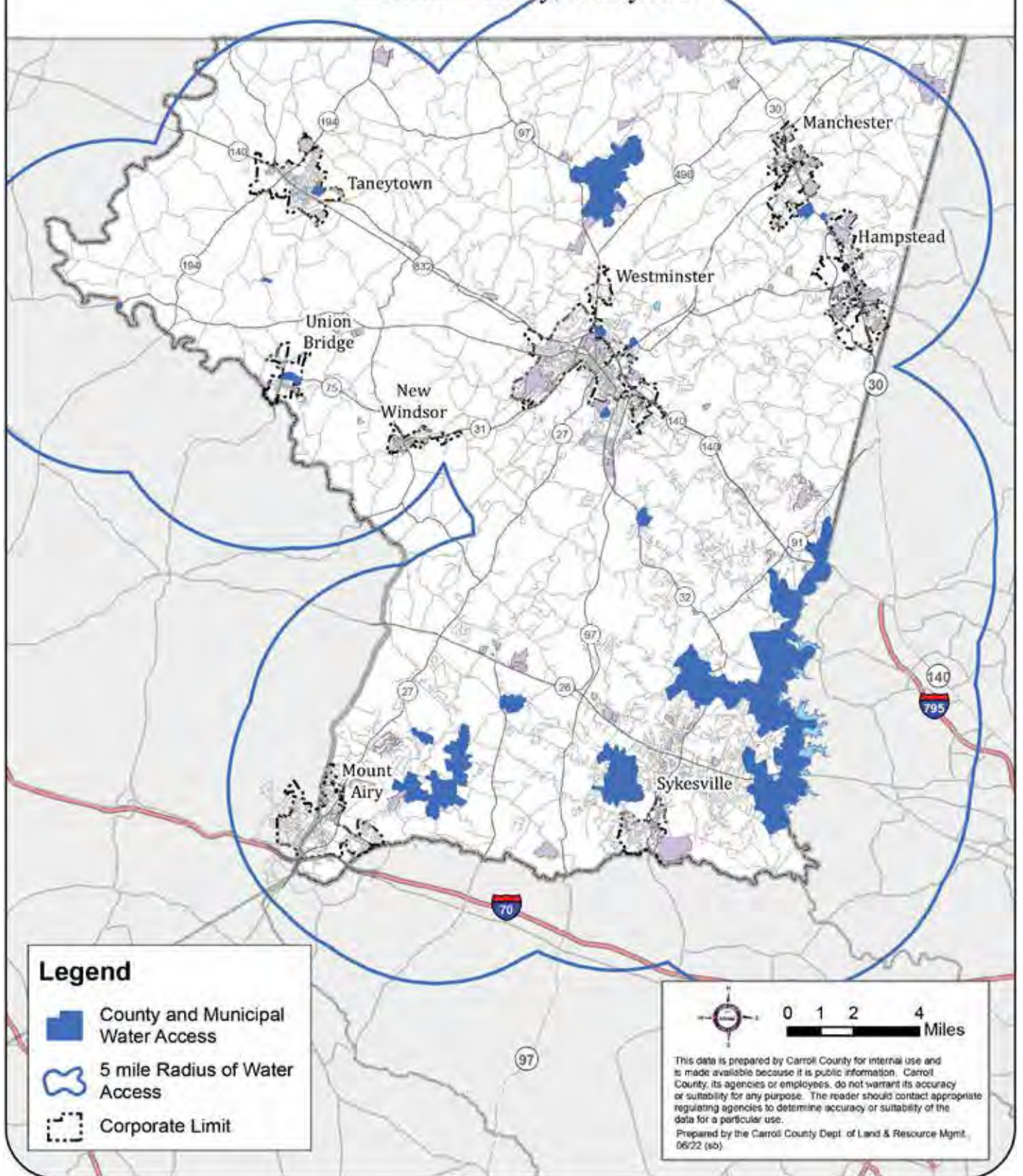
## Carroll County, Maryland





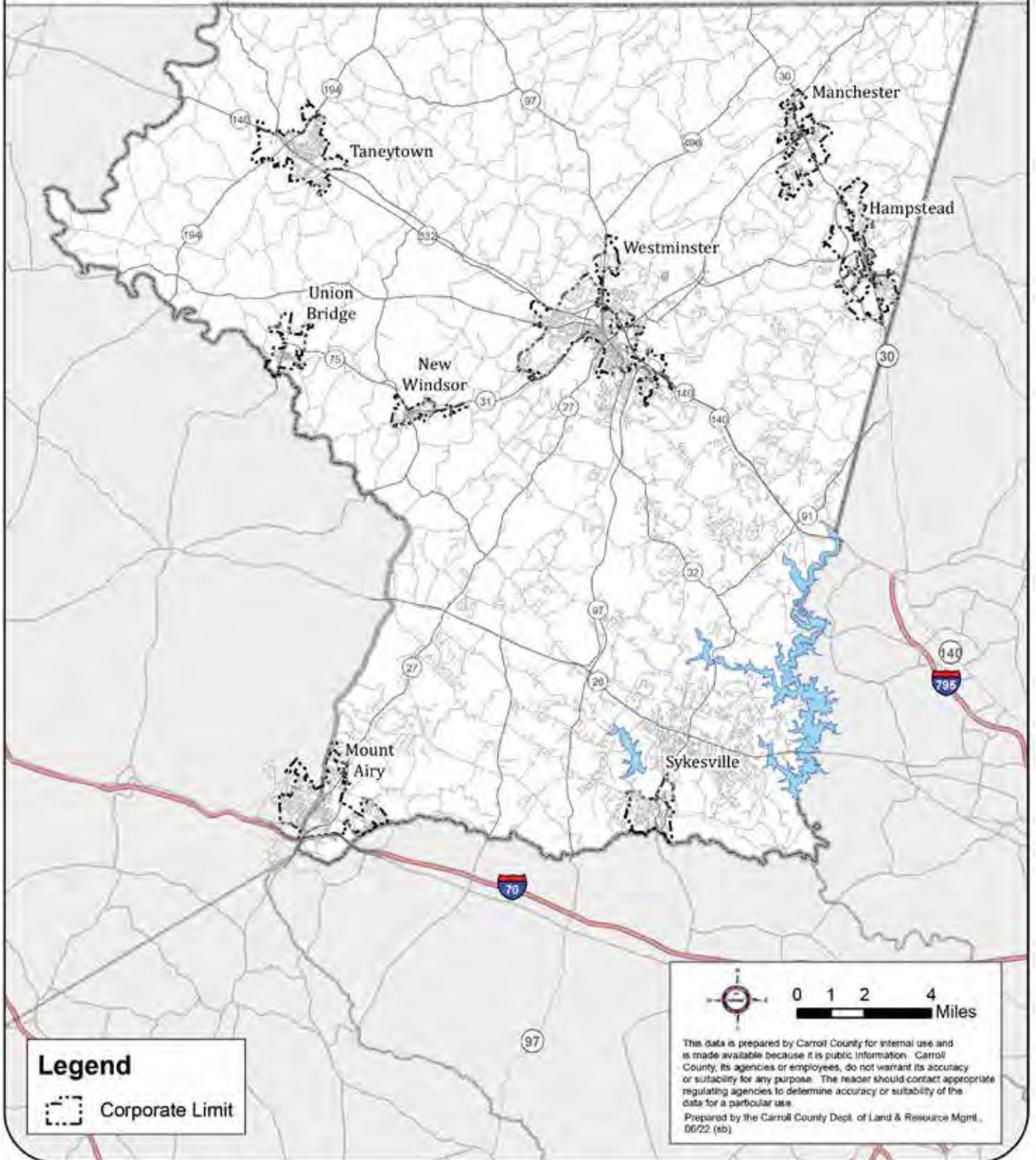
# 5 Mile Radius of County and Municipal Water Access

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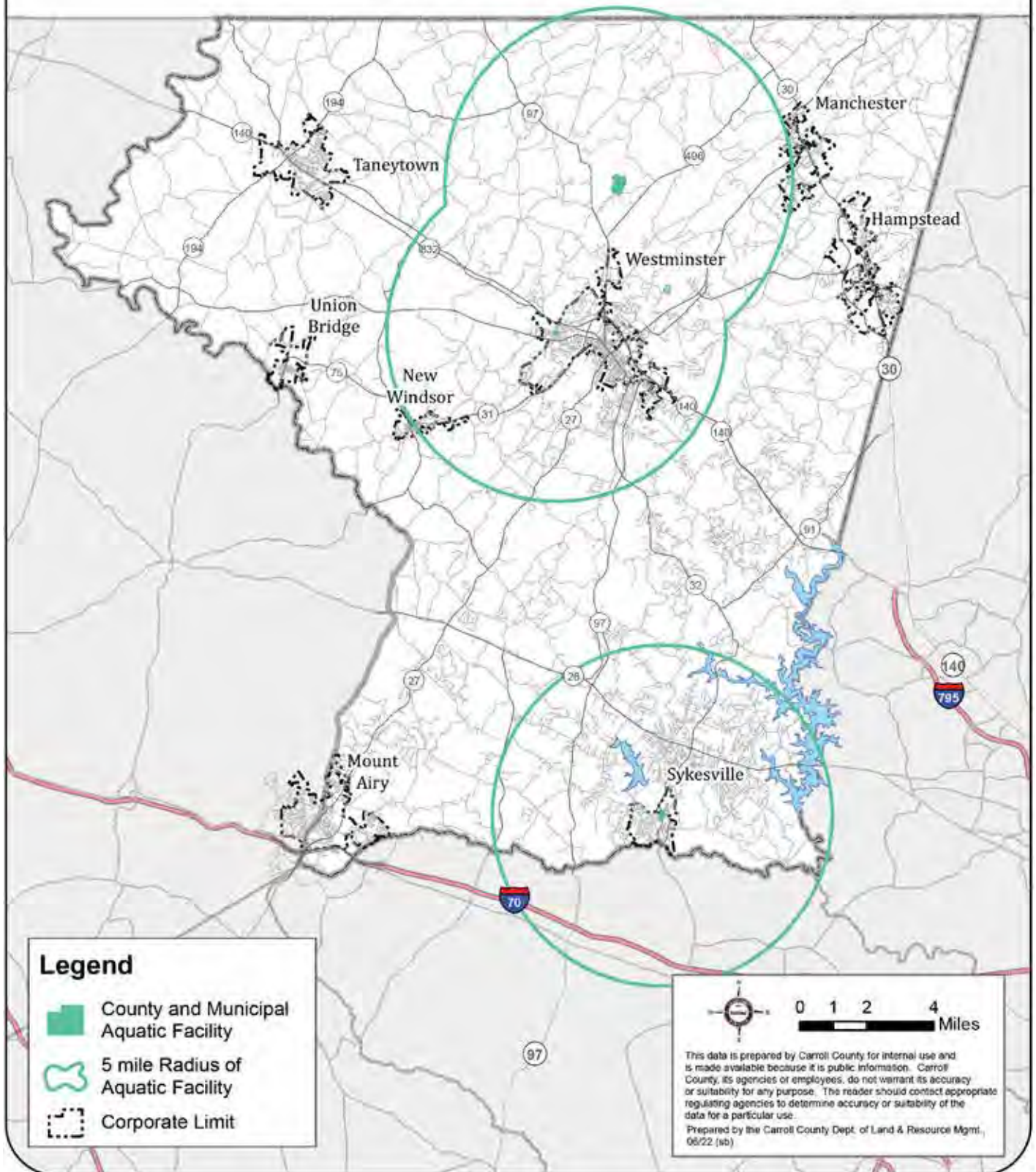
# 5 Mile Radius of County and Municipal Indoor Athletic Complexes

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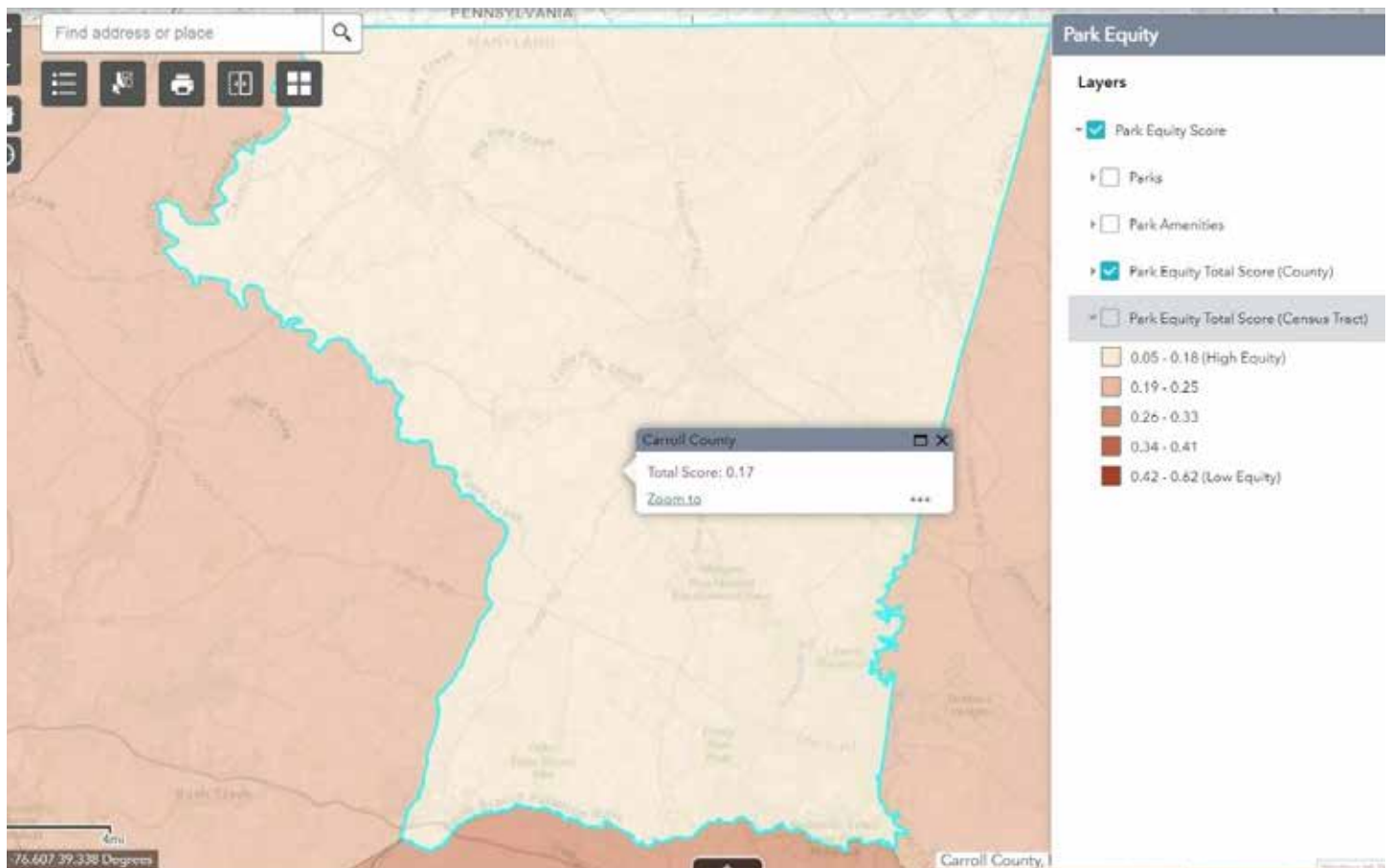
# 5 Mile Radius of County and Municipal Aquatic Facilities

## Carroll County, Maryland



In addition to incorporating the proximity analysis, Carroll County has also included park equity input sourced from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. The Maryland Park Equity Mapper tool combines demographic and environmental health data from a variety of sources and maps to identify disparities in park access and equity. This tool is designed to help identify areas where underserved populations do not have easy access to park and recreation facilities.

The Maryland Park Equity Mapper tool indicates that Carroll County has a Park Equity Total Score of 0.17 which is designated as High Equity, the highest range listed. In comparison to Total Scores for all Maryland counties, this score incidentally is the best county-wide park equity score in the entire state which indicates high equity for park access among county residents. Furthermore, smaller sections of the county all have overall scores in the 0.05-0.18 (High Equity) or 0.19-0.25 (2nd highest equity score) ranges.



## National Recreation & Parks Association 2021 Agency Review

The 2021 Agency Performance Review conducted by the National Recreation & Parks Association (NRPA) reviews recreation providers across the nation to establish their Performance Review. This review is used to measure Carroll county's position against agencies of a similar size across the nation. The number of facilities needed in Carroll County to meet NRPA performance standards are calculated by taking the

population estimates and dividing it by the number of facilities in the County to arrive at the population served per facility. This number is then divided by the population's standards provided by NRPA data to provide a decimal number. Two measurements that were analyzed initially include evaluating Carroll County's acres of parkland per 1,000 residents and miles of trails with the median data for agencies nationwide.

	Acres of Park Land Per 1,000 residents	Miles of Trails
<b>National Average</b> (Agencies serving 100,000-250,000)	8.9	25.5
<b>Carroll County, MD</b>	38.43 county & town parks; 46.38 includes all publicly accessible recreational land	48.37 county parks only; over 120 miles if including all publicly accessible state, municipal and reservoir trails

Performance Comparison: Carroll County, MD, and other US agencies in jurisdictions with a population between 100,000 – 250,000



In the table below, common park amenities are listed along with the NRPA standard for population served as well as the current and 2030 projected levels of service for Carroll County. Any number that is listed below one (1) is within the level of service calculation for Carroll County. Any number that is recorded above one (1) is outside the level of service calculation for the County and should be explained and possibly explored to expand the level of service. All numbers below reflect amenities in county and town parks only and do not include public school sites that are also used extensively for recreation and parks activities.

<b>NRPA Population Standard</b>	<b>Population Served per Facility in Carroll County, MD</b>	<b>Facility</b>	<b>Level of Service 2022</b>	<b>Level of Service 2030</b>
4,804	3,497	Playgrounds	.728	.763
8,477	10,285	Basketball Courts	1.213*	1.272*
5,818	8,520	Tennis Courts	1.768**	1.853**
12,914	9,202	Baseball Diamonds	.934	1.183
10,792	3,720	Multi-purpose Fields	.344	.361
28,081	3,067	Softball Fields	.109	.114
76,610	58,282	Dog Parks	.761	.797
125,000	58,282	Nature Centers	.466	.489

\* The department of Recreation and Parks has identified a need for additional outdoor basketball courts in park locations and has submitted a capital project request for FY23 to add additional basketball courts in county parks.

\*\* While the level of service for tennis courts is not met by county and town parks only, when school tennis courts are added, the level of service drops significantly to .509 (2022) and .534 (2030). As a result of that further review, Carroll County considers this need to be met and there are currently no plans to pursue additional tennis courts at this time. Recreational and Parks has also been adding pickleball striping to existing park tennis courts to increase their usage as they have been underutilized for tennis.



*Piney Run Nature Center, Sykesville MD  
Photo by Dylan Slager, Carroll County Times*

## Goals and Objectives for Parks and Recreation

The National Recreation & Parks Association identified parks and recreation having values that make them essential services to communities that include economic value, health and environmental benefits and social importance. Just as water, sewer, and public safety are essential public services, parks are also vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in a community, ensuring the health of families, and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of a community. This philosophy is also reflected in Carroll County Department of Recreation & Parks' mission statement: Connecting people, parks and programs in a strong, healthy community and natural environment.

Parks are a reflection of the quality of life in a community. Communities promote themselves as a desirable location for businesses to relocate, or act as environmental stewards of their natural resources, by establishing and maintaining a strong system of parks and recreation programs for public use and enjoyment.

## Benefits (Active & Passive Recreation)

Public parks and recreation programs provide a wide variety of benefits with Carroll County including the following:

### *Environmental*

- Promote environmental stewardship as a means of supporting a strong, healthy natural environment; this is achieved by providing quality environmental education at two (2) nature centers, environmental center, planetarium, and observatory as well as hosting the Board of Education's Outdoor School that provides a one-week residential camp experience for all 6th graders
- Provide habitat to support native plants and animals
- Parks can motivate young people to learn through the natural environment with informal learning and formal instruction reinforcing each other
- Forest and water recharge areas in parks provide benefits related to air and water quality

## *Economic*

- Promoted increased property values for homes near park locations
- Provide employment opportunities for over 70 instructors annually through Department's Community Recreation Programs
- Serve as a business incubator where recreation council instructors for programs such as dance, karate and fitness can convert part time program leadership into locally owned small businesses after building a clientele
- Provide sites for tournaments, festivals and events held annually that attract out of town visitors, positively impacting local tourism
- A recent study commissioned by the Trust for Public Land for Southeast Michigan Parks confirmed the following economic benefits:
  - Generating substantial recreational value
  - Enhanced property values
  - Boosting economic development
  - Providing healthcare cost savings
  - Attracting and retaining visitors/tourists and talent
  - Reducing stormwater-management costs
  - Improving air quality
- Develop and promote outdoor recreation facilities such as trails (hiking and water), fishing, biking, etc. that support eco-tourism in the County

## *Health*

- Playgrounds offer children opportunities to learn social interaction, decision making, coordination and problem-solving skills
- Parks provide people with contact with nature, known to result in certain health benefits and enhance well being
- Readily available recreational opportunities for all ages and abilities leads to higher rates of physical activity and lower health care expenditures
- Recreation and parks stimulate citizens' minds with programs that teach or improve registrants' knowledge and skills
- Designation of county parks as tobacco free supports healthier lifestyle choices
- Recreation and Parks is an active participant in the Partnership for a Healthier Carroll County and co-sponsors programs and events on a regular basis

## State Goals for Parks and Recreation

- 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.





## County Goals for Parks and Recreation

Carroll County's goal for park and recreation is to provide affordable, coordinated, and comprehensive system of public and private parks, recreational facilities and programs, and open space that will enhance its communities. The department's stated mission is to connect people, parks, and programs in support of a strong, healthy community and natural environment. While most of the emphasis is placed on public facilities, the presence of privately owned facilities such as swimming pools and indoor sports arenas help to supplement public facilities, providing additional options to residents. Furthermore, recreation councils offer affordable programs such as indoor lacrosse and soccer that take place in private facilities using rented space.

Consistent with State goals, the County goals, policies, strategies, and funding emphasize providing recreational opportunities for all citizens while at the same time, directing most of the effort to provide these opportunities towards those which have the greatest population concentration. These are the county's designated growth areas, planning for which is done through individual comprehensive plans. Parks, recreational facilities, and open space are recognized in the goals of these plans, as well as those of the county Master Plan, as essential components of quality living environments, just as they are in the State goals. Accordingly, funding for recreational projects primarily is directed towards projects in these designated growth areas to fulfill the goals of the plans and serve the greatest number of people while also addressing needs identified by proximity and equity analysis.

In addition to the county goals stated above, several additional goals included in the department's most recent strategic plan related to this LPPRP and are included below:

- Promote awareness and good stewardship of the environment through educational programs and "green" initiatives
- Maintain a vibrant park system by protecting and reinvesting in capital asset replacement that addresses life-cycle replacements of existing park infrastructure (pavilions, trails, playgrounds, parking areas, roofs, etc.)
- Promote healthy, safe communities that are supported by well-rounded recreational opportunities
- Secure funding to complete development of currently owned parkland that is under or undeveloped to create additional amenities for public use and enjoyment
- Expand recreation and parks programs and facilities to meet current and future needs



*Bear Branch Nature Center, Westminster MD*



## Implementing Programs

Carroll County utilizes a variety of tools for providing parks, recreational facilities and programs, and open space. Chief among them are planning; land acquisition and facility development; impact fees; designated open space, set asides and facilities as required by zoning and the subdivision process; joint use agreements; area recreation councils; and special facilities.

### Planning

Open space, park and recreational facility planning is reaffirmed in the County Master Plan and the various community comprehensive plans, all of which are undertaken by the county Department of Planning. As these plans are developed, accepted, approved, and adopted, so is the Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan by reference in these documents.

The County Master Plan and community comprehensive plans contain goals and strategies related to the provision of open space, parks, and recreational facilities that are pulled from the Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan. Because these local planning initiatives have significant public input opportunities, ranging from community outreach meetings to formal public hearings, they help to reaffirm these goals and strategies.

In the County Master Plan, the emphasis is on making sure regional facilities are adequate to meet the County's needs and to maintain the County and State goal for preserving open space on a large scale, while in the community comprehensive

plans the focus is on making sure the specific needs of a local population are met. These plans make recommendations for the LPPRP to incorporate as well as supporting the LPPRP's goals, objectives, and recommendations. The 2014 (as amended in 2019) Carroll County Master Plan's *Chapter 11: Parks* lays out the parks and recreation Goal for the County and uses supporting information from the 2017 LPPRP. Page 109 of the 2020 Carroll County Master Plan references the LPPRP goals and projects plans for meeting them.

Planning for parks and recreational facilities in Carroll County meets the twelve visions of State Planning Policy by focusing on providing most of the parks and recreational facilities in and around the community planning areas, where the largest population concentrations exist. Parks and recreational facilities outside of these areas are designed to meet county-wide needs or to serve rural populations that do not fall within the service area of a designated growth area.

Occasionally, the Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan is supported by studies or reports that are not adopted but contribute to the implementation of the plan. Once the plan is adopted, identified projects are pursued through the capital programming process of the budget by being requested by one of the recreation councils, by Recreation and Parks staff, or through joint discussions between the Department of Recreation and Parks and the Department of Planning. An

excellent example of this is the Carroll County Bicycle-Pedestrian Master Plan. This multimodal transportation plan focuses on the transportation aspect of bicycle and pedestrian movement, as well as recreational and tourism opportunities county-wide. The plan examines the implications of creating a trail network that produces a multimodal transportation system, and how this can benefit the County economically and environmentally. By investing in opportunities for residents and tourists to engage in bicycle and pedestrian activities, the hope is that County revenues will increase, traffic congestion will decrease, and quality of life will improve for the County, as well as the region.

As municipal plans are developed, town and/or County staff coordinate with municipal parks and recreation staff or other stakeholders to identify the community's needs. Identified capital projects are funded through local CIPs for the most part, typically timed to coincide with the cyclical distribution of the POS money to the jurisdiction. This Plan, along with the County Master Plan, community comprehensive plans, and capital budgets will continue to be used as the primary tools for achieving parks and recreation goals and priorities.

## Land Acquisition and Facility Development

Land acquisition and facility development for parks and recreational facilities are funded through several sources. Program Open Space (POS) funds are combined with revenue collected from developer-paid impact fees and money from the County or municipal General Funds that is budgeted for capital projects through the Community Investment Plan (CIP).

Carroll County met its land acquisition goal in 2006 and it has been consistently reaffirmed by DNR in each subsequent LPPRP. It is critical that it maintains its current flexibility with the use of Program Open Space funding to address public needs more quickly by funding development of trails, picnic areas, etc. on land it already owns as well as supporting capital replacement of aging park infrastructure. In addition, Carroll County remains committed to its long-standing practice of acquiring additional parkland when warranted to further expand recreational opportunities for residents and visitors. Examples of that philosophy include recent acquisitions along Big Pipe Creek to provide increased access for water recreation as well as a 145.06-acre parcel in a more rural area that did not feature nearby parks.

In the County's FY FY2022 - 2027 CIP, \$11,672,850 was budgeted for Culture and Recreation projects. The following table shows how the money is allocated for future years in both the current adopted and the proposed CIPs, and which sources of funding are anticipated.



*Winfield Park, Westminster MD*

## Capital Improvement Plan

Based on the goals stated in this plan, the analyses described in these guidelines, public input from citizens and the anticipated available funding from Program Open Space, Impact Fees and General Fund dollars expected to be available for recreation & parks related projects, Carroll County approves a 6-year capital budget known as the Community Investment Plan.

Carroll County has attempted to address three main areas with the capital budget: taking care of what we have, finishing what we started and addressing new community needs. The first area relates to capital replacement of items that due to age and use are no longer safe for public access and use. A significant and growing amount of funds are spent each year as the county's park infrastructure grows. The second area refers to completion of projects that have been delayed due to cuts or deferrals of anticipated funding that resulted in projects being value engineered and reduced in scope. Finally, the third area relates to continuing efforts to meet newly expressed or growing needs communicated by the public in recent years. Examples include dog parks, additional trails, etc. Carroll County relies heavily on Program Open Space as its primary funding source for the capital budget which is also supplemented by impact fees (for growth related projects only) and general property tax revenue.

In addition, each of the county's eight (8) municipalities adopt capital budgets that include various park projects

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2022 TO 2027

	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	Prior Allocation	Balance To Complete	Total Project Cost
<b>RECREATION AND CULTURE</b>									
Bark Hill Park Trail	\$260,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$260,000
Bear Branch Nature Center Pavilion Replacement	197,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	197,000
Cape Horn Park Field Lighting	0	0	0	0	507,000	0	0	0	507,000
Cape Horn Park Waterless Restroom Replacement	0	0	0	0	294,000	0	0	0	294,000
Community Self-Help Projects	84,000	86,000	88,000	90,000	92,000	94,000	0	0	534,000
Deer Park Lighting Replacement	291,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	291,000
Gillis Falls Trail Phase II	0	0	0	655,000	0	0	0	0	655,000
Hashawha and Bear Branch Paving	552,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	552,000
Land Acquisition	329,000	310,000	315,000	325,000	325,000	330,000	0	0	1,934,000
Leister Park Phase II	191,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	191,000
Northwest Area Regional Park Master Plan	0	0	0	305,000	0	0	0	0	305,000
Northwest Trail	1,100,000	1,100,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,100,000
Park Restoration	180,000	185,000	190,000	195,000	200,000	205,000	0	0	1,155,000
Piney Run Pavilion Replacement	180,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	180,000
Piney Run Pavilion Road Paving	213,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	213,000
Piney Run Paving	0	0	264,000	0	0	0	0	0	264,000
Piney Run Sawmill and Launch Replacement	0	0	277,000	0	0	0	0	0	277,000
Sandy Mount Park Waterless Restroom	0	0	0	0	0	282,000	0	0	282,000
Sports Complex Building Roof	301,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	301,000
Sports Complex Drainage Improvements	0	0	0	0	0	255,000	0	0	255,000
Tot Lot Replacement	416,000	89,000	92,000	97,000	265,000	110,000	0	0	1,069,000
Town Fund	16,450	15,500	15,500	15,500	15,500	15,500	0	0	93,950
Union Mills Fibure, Shaft, and Waterwheel Replacement	0	161,000	435,000	0	0	0	291,000	0	890,000
Westminster Veterans Memorial Park Phase I	163,900	0	0	0	0	0	2,603,596	0	2,767,496
<b>RECREATION AND CULTURE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,374,350</b>	<b>\$1,949,500</b>	<b>\$1,676,500</b>	<b>\$1,682,500</b>	<b>\$1,698,500</b>	<b>\$1,291,500</b>	<b>\$2,894,596</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$14,567,446</b>
<b>SOURCES OF FUNDING:</b>									
Transfer from General Fund	\$366,450	\$325,400	\$356,800	\$310,200	\$363,400	\$351,000	\$100	\$0	\$2,073,350
Impact Fee - Parks	175,000	300,000	0	260,000	150,000	304,500	\$55,000	0	1,744,500
Reallocated Impact Fee - Parks	163,900	0	0	0	0	0	300,000	0	463,900
Program Open Space	1,119,000	1,160,100	884,700	1,112,300	1,185,100	636,000	1,668,328	0	7,765,528
State	1,590,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,590,000
State Miscellaneous Grants	0	0	0	0	0	0	96,000	0	96,000
<b>RECREATION AND CULTURE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,374,350</b>	<b>\$1,949,500</b>	<b>\$1,676,500</b>	<b>\$1,682,500</b>	<b>\$1,698,500</b>	<b>\$1,291,500</b>	<b>\$2,894,596</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$14,567,446</b>

The most recent approved Community Investment Plan for Carroll County Recreation and Parks includes planned funding for the following initiatives over the period of Fiscal Years 2022-2027:

## Land Acquisition

- A total of \$1,934,000 has been planned for land acquisition over this six (6) year period. The top priority for these funds is the acquisition of an inactive rail corridor north of Taneytown as well as other opportunities as warranted to further improve recreational offerings to the public

## New Development Projects to Meet Expressed Needs with Anticipated Available Funds

- A number of new projects designed to meet needs expressed by residents are in the plan and listed below:
  - o Walking trail at Bark Hill Park
  - o Athletic field lighting at Cape Horn Park to extend hours of play
  - o Extension of a walking trail at Gillis Falls Recreation Area
  - o Master Plan for 145.06-acre park north of Taneytown
  - o Development of Northwest Trail in rail corridor north of Taneytown
  - o Waterless rest rooms for Sandymount Park
  - o Completion of development at Westminster Veterans Memorial Park
  - o Extension of existing walking trail at Leister Park
  - o Sports Complex dugouts



## Rehabilitation or Replacement of Existing Park Infrastructure

- These projects are necessary for the public to continue to safely access and enjoy our existing parks
  - o Bear Branch Nature Center pavilion replacement
  - o Cape Horn Park waterless restroom replacement
  - o Hashawha and Bear Branch Nature Center parking lot paving
  - o Athletic field lighting replacement at Deer Park
  - o Piney Run Park pavilion replacement
  - o Piney Run Park parking lot paving
  - o Piney Run Park seawall and boat launch replacement
  - o Sports Complex roof replacement
  - o Ongoing replacement of tot lots that have outlived their useful life
  - o Annual funding for park restoration to address multiple sites with aging infrastructure

## Mid -Term and Long-Term Planning Horizons

While Carroll County’s Community Investment Plan (CIP) is based on extensive community input and covers the period through 2027, consideration must also be given to future planning horizons of 2027-2031 and 2032 – 2036. This is challenging due to the following reasons:

- A major source of CIP funding comes from Program Open Space and this amount of funding has fluctuated greatly in past from year to year. The further out, the less reliable those figures tend to be.
- In the years beyond the current CIP, leadership of volunteer recreation councils will experience significant changes, potentially resulting in different priorities and expressed needs and new capital requests
- Future input from new residents may be different then feedback received thus far

As a result of the uncertainty of available capital funding and potential for changing priorities, Carroll County is viewing the outer planning horizons based on trends such as changing demographics that may result in changing priorities as well as an increasing need for funding to support rehabilitation of existing park amenities as our park infrastructure continues to grow.

Rather than provide specific dollar amounts, we are providing a table showing the percentage of the CIP projected for land acquisition, facility development and rehabilitation of existing park infrastructure for the 2022-2026 (current CIP) and outer planning horizons of 2027-2031 and 2032-2036 below:

	<b>Land Acquisition</b>	<b>Facility Development</b>	<b>Rehabilitation of existing park infrastructure</b>
2022-2026	16%	40%	44%
2027-2031	16%	35%	49%
2032-2036	16%	34%	50%

## Parks and Recreation Acreage Goals

<b>Open Space and Parks and Recreational Land Goals Established in 2017</b>	<b>Type and Specific Location</b>	<b>Acreage Needed</b>	<b>Acreage Acquired</b>
Acquire acreage within designated growth areas as opportunities present themselves	Variable	0	0
Acquire acreage when warranted	To further increase inventory with water access	Optional, as warranted	2.085 acres in Middleburg
Acquire acreage when warranted	Northwest quadrant of county	Optional, as warranted	145.06 acres north of Taneytown
<b>Open Space and Parks and Recreational Land Goals Established in 2022</b>	<b>Type and Specific Location</b>	<b>Acreage Needed</b>	<b>Acreage Acquired</b>
Acquire acreage within designated growth areas as opportunities present themselves	Variable	0	N/A
Acquire use of rail corridor via railbanking for future multi-use trail	6-mile-long rail corridor north of Taneytown, MD	Approximately 49 acres in railroad ROW	Currently negotiating with owner (Genesee & Wyoming); plan to utilize existing Program Open Space acquisition only funding; development currently included in CIP

## Parks and Recreation Acreage Goals

<b>Description</b>	<b>Measurement</b>	<b>Status</b>
Acres per 1,000 residents	30/1,000 (previously used as only metric prior to 2017)	Met (currently 46.38 acres per 1,000 residents)
Percentage of county area within 5 miles of park & recreation lands	90%	Met (over 99%)
Percentage of municipal residents within ¼ mile of park & recreation lands	90%	Met (over 95%)

In a jurisdiction where 50% of the land mass is currently in agricultural use (and over 26% permanently preserved), Carroll County continues to affirm that they have met their park and recreation acreage goals based on the following:

- Carroll County has been certified by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources as having met their land acquisition goal consistently in each Land Preservation, Park & Recreation Plan since 2006.
- Currently, 99.9% of the residents in the county live within 5 miles of park and recreation areas, the new recommended proximity metric suggested by MD Department of Natural Resources
- Currently over 95% of municipal residents live in areas within ¼ mile from park and recreation areas. In many cases, areas outside of that radius do not include residential properties and feature commercial properties, industrial parks and an airport.
- In a 2021 survey of Carroll's eight (8) municipalities, all indicated that they currently have sufficient acreage of parkland plus room for future development.
- Carroll County currently has publicly owned parkland available to add various amenities once sufficient development funding becomes available. These sites include the following:
  - o Northwest Area Park 145.06 acres
  - o Quaker Hill Park – 10.415 acres
  - o Krimgold Park (future phase development)
  - o Leister Park (future phase development)
  - o Boxwood Drive Ballfields -16.06 acres
  - o Crowltowne Open Space – 3.84 acres
  - o Bollinger Park (Taneytown) – 51.26 acres
  - o Taneytown Memorial Park expansion (Taneytown) – 20 acres
  - o Wakefield Valley Park (Westminster) – 241.02 acres
- In 2017, the Carroll County population was 173,015 and total park and recreation acreage was 8,004.68 acres or 46.3 acres/1,000 residents; the MD Department of Natural Resources certified Carroll County as having met their land acquisition goal. In 2022, the population has increased by 1% to 174,845 and the acreage has increased 1% to 8,070 or 46.38 acres/1,000 residents.

Despite having met their park acreage goals, Carroll County continues to monitor increases to the local population and perform regular needs assessment surveys of residents every three years to ensure that the recreational needs of citizens are being met effectively. In addition, Carroll County continues to acquire additional park acreage as warranted when there are opportunities to:

- add value to existing park locations with expanded acreage
- protect properties with environmental or historical significance
- acquire additional acreage to allow for development of additional requested amenities



*Little Pipe Creek Kayak Launch Site, Union Bridge, MD*

Because Carroll County has met their park acreage goals as documented on page 47 and in light of the additional information included above, Carroll County is acknowledging that they have once again met their land acquisition goal. The result of this action is the continued required use of 25% of Program Open Space funding for acquisition with the remaining 75% available for either acquisition or development.

Carroll County continues to work closely with each of its eight (8) municipalities with regards to local park and recreation projects. Each of the municipalities adopt a capital budget which may include various park projects. Summaries of the town's adopted capital budgets are included in the following pages.



# Town of Hampstead

## Capital Improvement Plan - Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022



*Melvin G. Miller Memorial Park, Town of Hampstead*

Park & Recreation	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
Unallocated Parks Impact Fees Transfer into Cap Imp from Operating	618	2,736	-	-	-	-
Park Improvements	-	327,942	-	-	-	-
POS Reimbursement	-	323,797	-	-	-	-
Balance	618	(1,409)	-	-	-	-

**Town of Manchester**  
**Capital Improvement Plan**



*Christmas Tree Park, Town of Manchester*

<b>Capital Items</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>
Replace Lights on "D" Field	\$300,000	\$0
Replace 10 picnic tables	\$1	\$0
Hailey's Wish inclusive playground equipment	\$10,000	\$0
parking lot refurbish	\$0	
park access road	\$7,200	
rubbish removal from dump site	\$2,100	
tennis court fence	\$13,000	
blacktop saw	\$3,800	
toy replacement	\$22,000	
bathroom partitions	\$647	
Field D backstop	\$0	
metal slide replacement	\$8,000	

**Town of Mt. Airy**  
 The General Fund Capital Budget - Capital Expenses



<b>Park &amp; Recreation</b>	<b>Adopted Budget</b>
Grant Funded Projects - Parks & Rec	\$1,610,000
Park & Playground Improvements	\$517,675
Equipment Capital Purchases	\$5,000
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$2,132,675</b>

**Town of New Windsor**  
**Capital Improvement Plan**



Project	Amount	Prior Years	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Funding Source	Status
Atlee Tot Lot Rubberized Safety Surface	71,000	70,800							POS	Complete 2018
Lagoon Remediation & Fill	200,000	483,443							POS, G.F. Lehigh \$	Complete 2021
Lagoon Area Conversion to Park	??								POS, Grant, Cal Ripkin Foundation ??	Long Range
201 Main Street - Phase 1	89,330		89,330						POS	Complete 2021
201 Main Street - Phase 2	47,250		47,250						POS	Awarded
Lions Club Park - Maple Ave.	42,000		41,940						POS	Awarded
Gazebo Park - Corner of Main & MD-75	55,000			53,500					Comm. Parks & Playgrounds (CPP)	Awarded
<b>Total Parks</b>	<b>504,580</b>	<b>554,243</b>	<b>178,520</b>	<b>53,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		

**Town of Sykesville**

**Project Expenditures - Culture, Recreation, & Parks**



	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026+</b>
South Linear Trail Work	\$50,000					
Concessions Stand Roof		\$7,500				
SBP - Apple Butter Factory						
<b>Total Culture, Recreation, &amp; Parks</b>	\$50,000	\$7,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	-

# City of Taneytown

## Capital Improvement Plan - Parks & Rec Projects



Project	Description	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	Project Total Cost	Grant Funding	City Fund Balance	Fundings Totals	Notes
Roberts Mill Park Walking Path	Resurface/relocate walking path	\$157,360							\$157,360		\$157,360	\$157,360	
Roberts Mill Park Basketball Court	Resurface basketball court	\$35,000							\$35,000		\$35,000	\$35,000	
Roberts Mill Park Fountain	Install fountain	\$17,288							\$17,288		\$17,288	\$17,288	
Taneytown High School Park Storage Building	Construct storage building	\$22,500							\$22,500		\$22,500	\$22,500	
Memorial Park Football Field Lighting	Renovate stadium lighting at football field	\$68,400							\$68,400	\$25,200	\$0	\$68,400	Utility rebate = \$43,200
Memorial Park Football Field House HVAC Replacement	Replace aging HVAC system	\$10,366							\$10,366	\$5,183	\$0	\$10,366	Utility rebate = \$5,183
Memorial Park Courts	Repair & New Surface Tennis Courts/Basketball Courts	\$100,650							\$100,650	\$90,124	\$10,526	\$100,650	
Bollinger Park Phase 1	Construct entrance drive, parking lot, stormwater, electric, lighting, walking trail, pollinator garden		\$530,825						\$530,825	\$381,740	\$149,085	\$530,825	Community Parks & Playgrounds Grant / LWCF Grant
Memorial Park Lighting	Renovate stadium lighting on Field #1		\$114,140						\$114,400	\$42,380	\$0	\$114,400	Utility rebate = \$71,760
Taneytown High School park Skatepark	Renovate skatepark with new surface, concrete, etc.		\$194,780						\$194,780	\$136,346	\$58,434	\$194,780	Community Parks & Playgrounds Grant
Memorial Park Expansion Engineering	Engineer Expansion project		\$120,000						\$120,000		\$120,000	\$120,000	
Memorial Park Expansion	Construct parking lot, multipurpose fields, multipurpose building, electric, lighting, stormwater			\$1,435,000					\$1,435,000		\$1,435,000	\$1,435,000	
Bollinger Park Phase 2 Engineering	Engineer Phase 2 (connector drive, parking lot, electric, observatory site prep)			\$80,000					\$80,000		\$80,000	\$80,000	
Memorial Park Tot Lot	Replace tot lot playground			\$50,000					\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000	Use Program Open Space Funding if available
Bollinger Park Phase 2	Construct connector drive, site prep for Observatory				\$331,242				\$331,242		\$331,242	\$331,242	
Roberts Mill Park Lighting	Renovate field lighting				\$68,400				\$68,400	\$25,200		\$68,400	Anticipated utility rebate = \$43,200
Roberts Mill Park Playground	Replace playground at Roberts Mill Park					\$143,500			\$143,500	\$70,000	\$73,500	\$143,500	Use Program Open Space Funding if available
Flickinger Park Playground	Replace playground at Flickinger Park						\$143,500		\$143,500			\$143,500	Apply for Community Parks & Playgrounds Grant
Festival Park - Engineering	Engineer park development							\$120,000	\$120,000		\$120,000	\$120,000	
		\$411,564	\$959,745	\$1,565,000	\$399,642	\$143,500	\$143,500	\$120,000	\$3,743,211	\$826,173	\$2,753,435	\$3,743,211	

**Town of Union Bridge**  
**Capital Improvement Plan**



*Little Pipe Creek Park, Town of Union Bridge*

**POS Town (Match for Grants)**

The Town typically sets aside \$5,000 every other fiscal year to be able to match eligible County and State POS funds. Last year, FY 21 would have been the off year, however an opportunity to leverage match funds was presented involving the Community Center Upgrade Project and \$5,000 was budgeted for FY 21. Funding of \$5,000 was previously scheduled for FY 22 (an in-year) and is recommended to be budgeted as it would leverage and match unexpended POS funds expected to be available, and which can be applied to the Community Center Roofing Project.

	<b>FY 2022</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>Total Project Cost</b>
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**Capital Projects (General Fund)**

POS Town Match	<b>5,000</b>	0	5,000	0	5,000	0	15,000
Capital Contingency	<b>2,500</b>	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	15,000
<b>Cap. Proj. (G.F) Total</b>	<b>7,500</b>	2,500	7,500	2,500	7,500	2,500	30,000

Source of Funds

General Fund	<b>7,500</b>	2,500	7,500	2,500	7,500	2,500	30,000
Other: Grant/Bond/Loan	<b>0</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Cap. Proj. (G.F) Total</b>	<b>7,500</b>	2,500	7,500	2,500	7,500	2,500	30,000

**City of Westminster**  
**Capital Improvement Plan**



	<b>FY 2022</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>Total</b>
Parks - Jaycee Park	0	0	80,000	0	0	0	80,000
Community Pool Improvements	1,186,800	345,000	1,000,000	0	0	0	2,531,800
46 West Main Street Roof Replacement	0	0	65,000	0	0	0	65,000
City Hall Roof Replacement	140,000	0	0	0	0	0	140,000
Building Renovation	175,000	0	0	0	0	0	175,000
Parks - Wakefield Valley Improvements	200,000	350,000	350,000	350,000	350,000	0	1,600,000
Electronic Gate	14,000	0	0	0	0	0	14,000
Parks - City Park Restroom Renovation	0	0	75,000	0	0	0	75,000
Longwell Building Improvements - Gymnasium Window Screens	35,000	0	0	0	0	0	35,000
Cardio Equipment	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	0	0	60,000
Durbin House Rehabilitation	200,000	0	0	0	0	0	200,000





*Bollinger Park, City of Taneytown*



*Bollinger Park, City of Taneytown*

## How municipal projects are represented in CIP

Each year, Carroll County allocates 25% of its Program Open Space funding for municipal projects. In addition, a town-county agreement specifies that the 10% funding match for municipal development projects will be evenly split with both the county and town funding 50%. The county’s portion of the required match appears as an annual line item in the County CIP and is referred to as “Town Fund”.

Typically, the additional funds for municipal capital projects would be included in each town’s own capital improvement budget and not in the Carroll County CIP. On occasion, there have also been times that funds typically used for county projects have been used to support municipal projects when conditions warrant. Examples include the Carroll County Arts Center, Hampstead Municipal Park and Dutter Park in Westminster.

## Major Challenges

Despite its many successes, Carroll County continues to experience challenges including the following:

- Maintaining existing aging park infrastructure
- Past diversions or delays of Program Open Space funding have resulted in projects, such as Krimgold and Leister Parks, that were initiated to address growth from the late 1990’s and 2000’s and have yet to be fully completed
- Economic downturn and slow residential growth due to limited availability of water have greatly reduced the stream of impact fee funding for park development
- As county’s demographics continue to change, department will need to balance efforts to meet new needs expressed by citizens while still attempting to catch up with previous growth and meet the needs of an aging population
- With 25% of Program Open Space funding annually mandated to be used for land acquisition and an additional 25% dedicated to municipal projects, Carroll County has limited funding to sufficiently maintain/replace its own aging park infrastructure and constructing new park amenities on currently owned and undeveloped parkland

## Strategy for funding project in municipalities

The Department of Recreation and Parks solicits each of its municipalities annually for input regarding possible capital project requests. This input is shared with the County’s appointed Recreation and Parks Advisory Board which then makes recommendations for priorities and funding that are forwarded to the County Commissioners. If recommended for funding, projects may then appear in the County’s CIP.

Carroll County annually encourages each of its towns to apply for Community Parks and Playground (CPP) grants that consist of funds that are only available to municipalities or other grants such as the Land, Water, Conservation Fund (LWCF) to help fund local park improvements. Carroll County municipalities received over \$500,000 in CPP grants in FY22 and are scheduled to receive over \$1.3 million in FY23 from CPP and LWCF grants, with 7 out of the 8 municipalities receiving funds during this 2-year period.

In addition, many recreation councils utilize municipal parks for their programs and contribute labor and funding to support small projects and improvements (\$25,000 or less).

## Other Protected Lands

### Executive Summary/Overview of Natural Resource Land Conservation in the County

Land conserved for natural resource purposes typically serves multiple functions that benefit people and the communities where they live, work and play. Forests, wetlands, river corridors, open meadows and other landscapes preserved in their natural state provide valuable ecosystem services such as water filtration, carbon sequestration, soil formation, stormwater management, and extreme weather mitigation. Taking advantage of these services through targeted land conservation allows counties to avoid costs to taxpayers in providing these services through other means.

Forests, wetlands, river corridors, open meadows and other open landscapes preserved in their natural state provide benefits to the ecosystem including the following:

- Water filtering and recharge
- Wildlife habitat
- Air purification
- Outdoor recreation

Existing opportunities for people to connect with nature include:

- Miles of trails, many of which are natural surface and provide opportunities to view wildlife and learn more about our natural environment
- Two nature centers that include a variety of exhibits and classes focused on environmental education
- Carroll County Outdoor School provides each 6th grade public school student with one week of intensive environmental education in a residential camp setting
- Ponds and lakes for fishing
- Excellent locations for bird watching, nature photography, etc.

### Opportunities at county parks to offer additional amenities opportunities to connect people with nature

Future reservoir properties (now called Recreation Areas) at Gillis Falls and Union Mills include large tracts of undeveloped land as well as heavily used trail networks. Many of the trails in these areas are in stream valleys and adjacent to wetlands and wooded areas, the opportunities to experience nature and observe wildlife are abundant. Because the reservoirs are years away from construction (if built at all), there are large tracts of land that could be opened for additional recreational purposes. This could include additional trails, hunting and fishing opportunities, etc. Other opportunities to help expand opportunities to connect citizens with nature include the following:

- Addition of planned nature themed playground at Bear Branch Nature Center that will help attract families to facility and complement existing trails and natural features at site
- Continue to promote parks as outdoor classrooms and offer environmental education programs through Park Naturalists at both Piney Run and Bear Branch Nature Centers
- Continue successful relationship with Carroll County Public Schools to attract elementary school bus trips to nature centers
- Continue to work closely with and host Carroll County Public Schools Outdoor School. This unique program allows for all sixth (6th) grade students to experience one (1) week of intensive environmental education at Hashawha Environmental Center in a residential camp setting
- Implement recommendations from Maryland Department of Natural Resources Children in Nature initiative (CIN). The Maryland Partnership for Children in Nature is a public and private partnership that works collaboratively to provide opportunities for children to play and learn outdoors and to promote environmental literacy. The CIN partnership was instrumental in helping the State of Maryland 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. Carroll County Recreation and Parks hosts a pre-K program (Mommy and Me), Elementary school



Hashawha Environmental Center  
Westminster MD

field trips (Bear Branch Nature Center at Hashawha and the Piney Run Park Nature Center) as well as the Carroll County Public School’s Outdoor school program where all sixth-grade students spend a week in residence at the Hashawha environmental center. All of Carroll County parks provide family opportunities to spend time outdoors learning about the environment through direct environmental experience.

- Implement recommendations from National Recreation and Parks Association Wildlife Explorers and develop into local programming initiatives

## County Goals for Natural Resource Land Conservation

Protect, maintain, and restore, where feasible, the environmental resources and natural ecosystems in the county by promoting land use practices that are in balance with, and minimize the effects on the natural environment, subject to appropriate cost/benefit analysis. This is achieved utilizing the following strategies:

- Continue to conserve agricultural lands and implement and enforce minimum fifty-foot stream buffers
- Continue to secure funds for watershed assessments and restoration
- Continue to implement the forest banking program
- Continue to minimize developments’ impact on recharge rates of community supply wells to allow for the maximum recharge
- Continue to evaluate impacts to sensitive watersheds and recharge areas for community water supplies when determining new development patterns
- Continue to maintain, restore and/or regenerate forested stream buffers through development regulations, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit compliance and stream assessment efforts
- Encourage all municipalities to adopt the County’s Water Resource Management Ordinance or similar protections for municipal water resources
- Continue to acquire water resource, floodplain, and forest conservation protection easements through the development process

Some of the many benefits resulting from these efforts include the following:

- o Filtration of air and water
- o Economic benefits
- o Health benefits
- o Wildlife habitat
- o Biodiversity

## Progress in Implementing Strategy for Natural Resource Conservation

- The 2017 Carroll County Land Preservation, Park, and Recreation Plan strategies for natural resource conservation and all of these strategies have been and are continuing to be implemented through various efforts and initiatives. It is important to note that these strategies are, for the most part, ongoing in nature, as opposed to involving a finite completion date. As such, they become incorporated into the normal operating practices and missions of the responsible bureaus, departments, or agencies. Accordingly, this leads staff to maintain efforts to implement goals and strategies as well as continually seek new implementing opportunities.
- Carroll County is taking steps to achieve State and county resource conservation goals. Its primary methods of achieving these goals are and will remain the County Master Plan, community comprehensive plans, capital funding of land preservation and other natural resource-related projects, and development regulations. Each of these are reviewed on a regular basis (some more frequently than others), and adjustments made accordingly based upon county priorities.
- Over the past four (4) years, Carroll County has continued to acquire stream buffers and perpetual easements on over 660 acres through the development process. This total consists of 130 water resource easements, 170 floodplain easements, and 360 forest conservation easements. These easements are inspected every three (3) years to ensure they are following the easement language. Chapter 154, Water Resources management specifically requires that a 200' buffer be established and placed into easement around wells, wellheads, and well sites during the development process. This Chapter was adopted in 2004, and four (4) of our eight (8) municipalities have adopted these regulations as well.
- Carroll County also has an extremely successful forest bank program with over 860 total acres in the program and 149 acres planted since 2012. These bank sites are placed into easements which are inspected as well to ensure compliance. In 2013, Carroll County started a program called "The Stream Buffer Initiative". With funding support from the Department of Natural Resources, Maryland Stream Restoration Challenge, and the Carroll County Commissioners, 91 acres of trees were planted from 2016-2021 along stream corridors



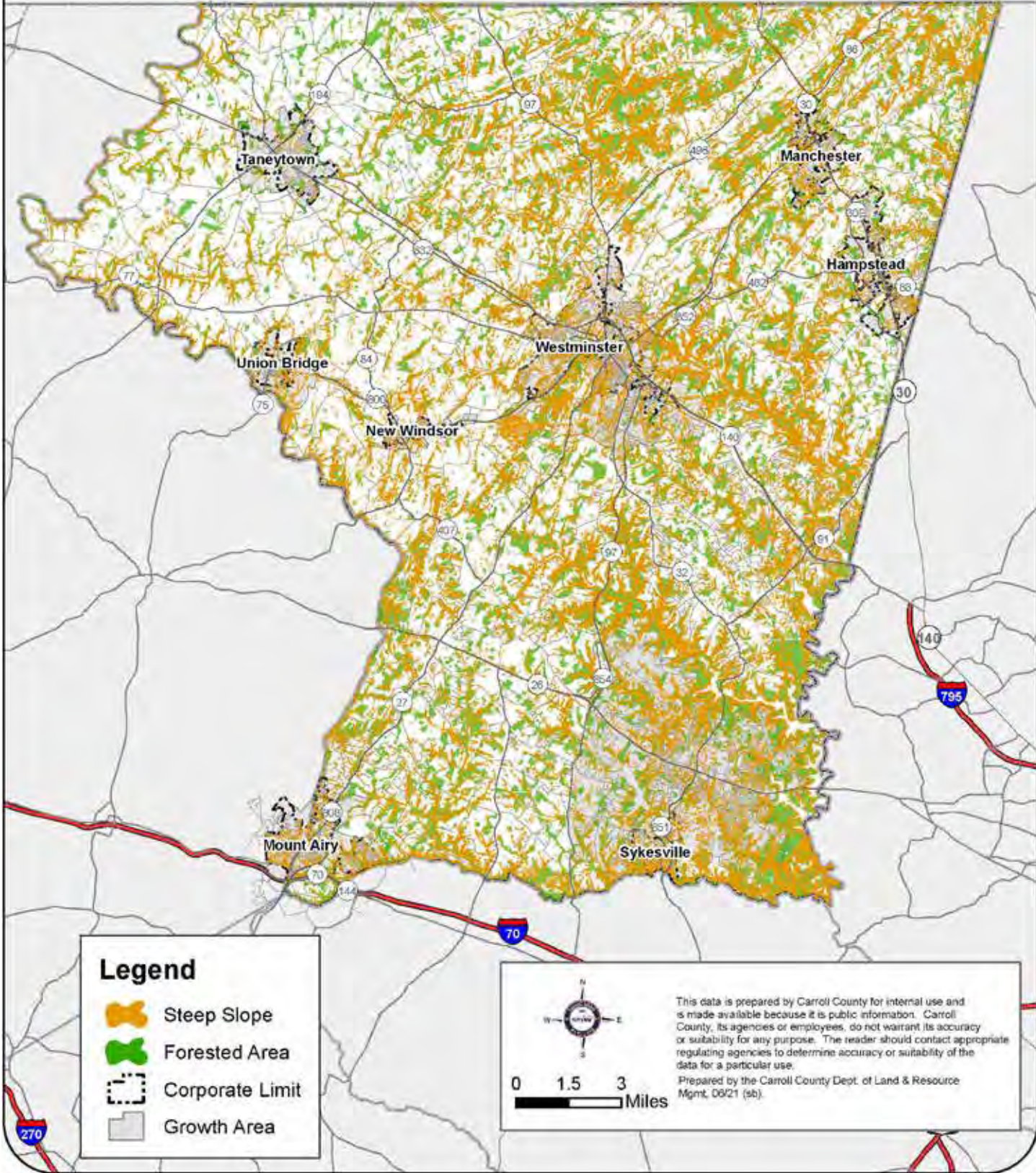
*Hashawha Environmental Center  
Westminster MD*

throughout Carroll County. Our stream corridor assessments areas have been identified for future plantings as well and we will continue to work with property owners who are interested in this program.

- From FY 2017 – FY 2021, Carroll County has expended approximately \$29,083,757.10 in funding through the Community Investment Program for our watershed assessment and restoration efforts. This funding has been used for construction of new storm water management facilities, retrofitting of existing facilities, storm drain outfall repairs, tree plantings, monitoring, and education.
- With the adoption of the 2014 The Carroll County Master Plan (amended in 2019), the environmental resources addressed were reaffirmed, along with the addition of "forest land" and "agricultural land" intended for conservation as required by 2006 legislation (HB 1141) and the Environmental Resources Element was incorporated to the Master Plan document at that time, and the supporting information and recommendations were updated.

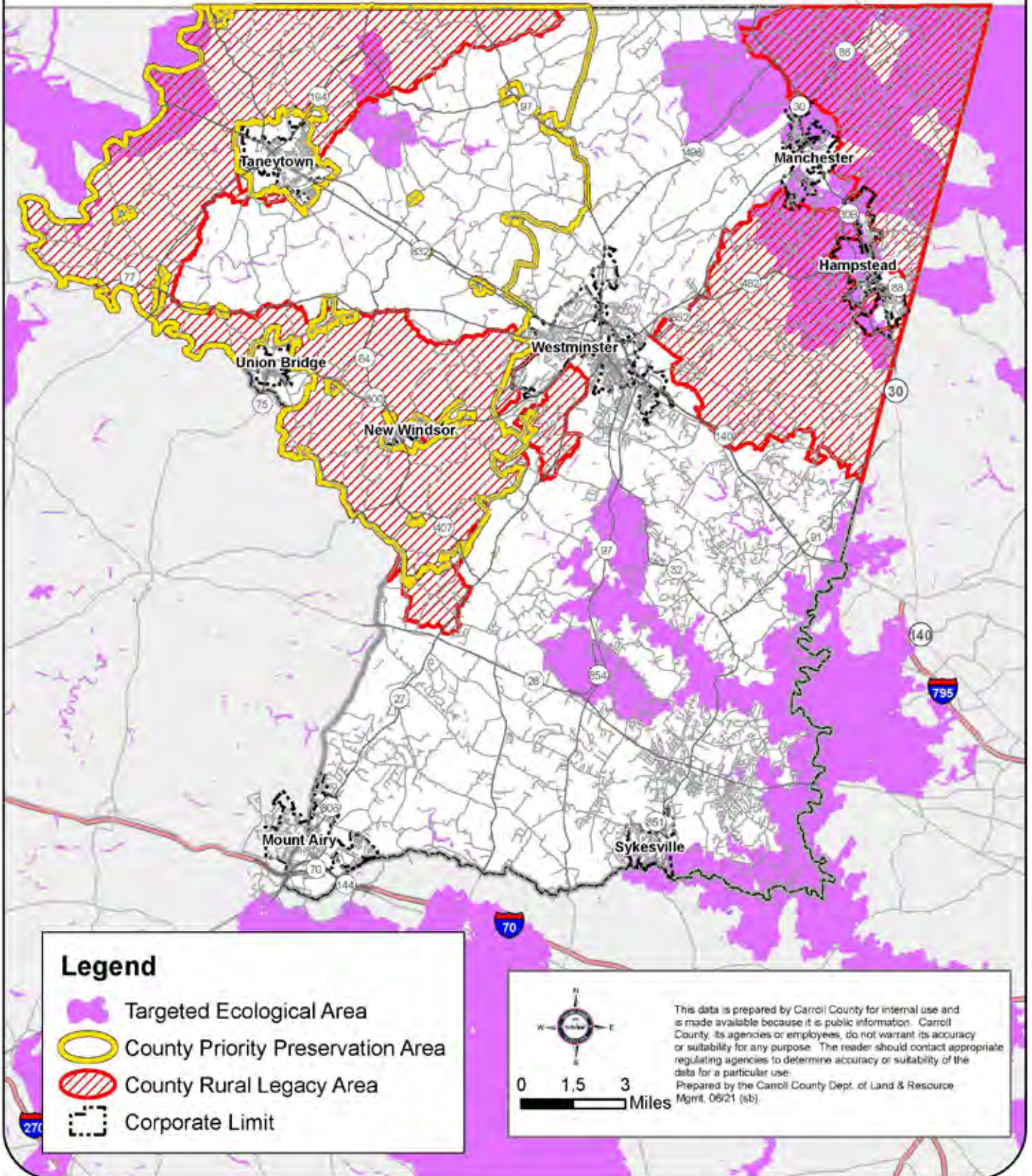
# Forested Areas & Steep Slopes

## Carroll County, Maryland



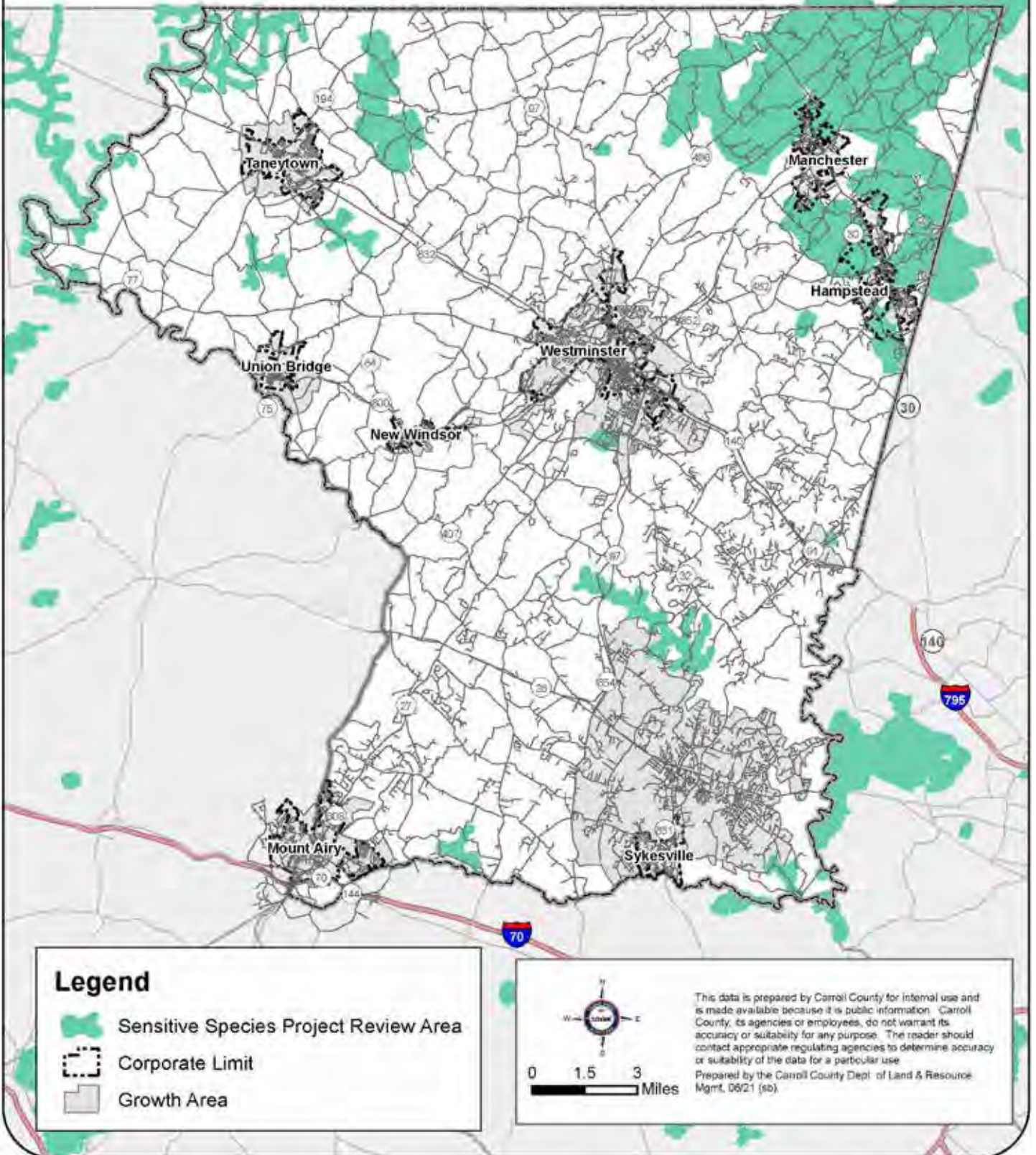
# Maryland GreenPrint & Carroll County Preservation Areas

## *Carroll County, Maryland*



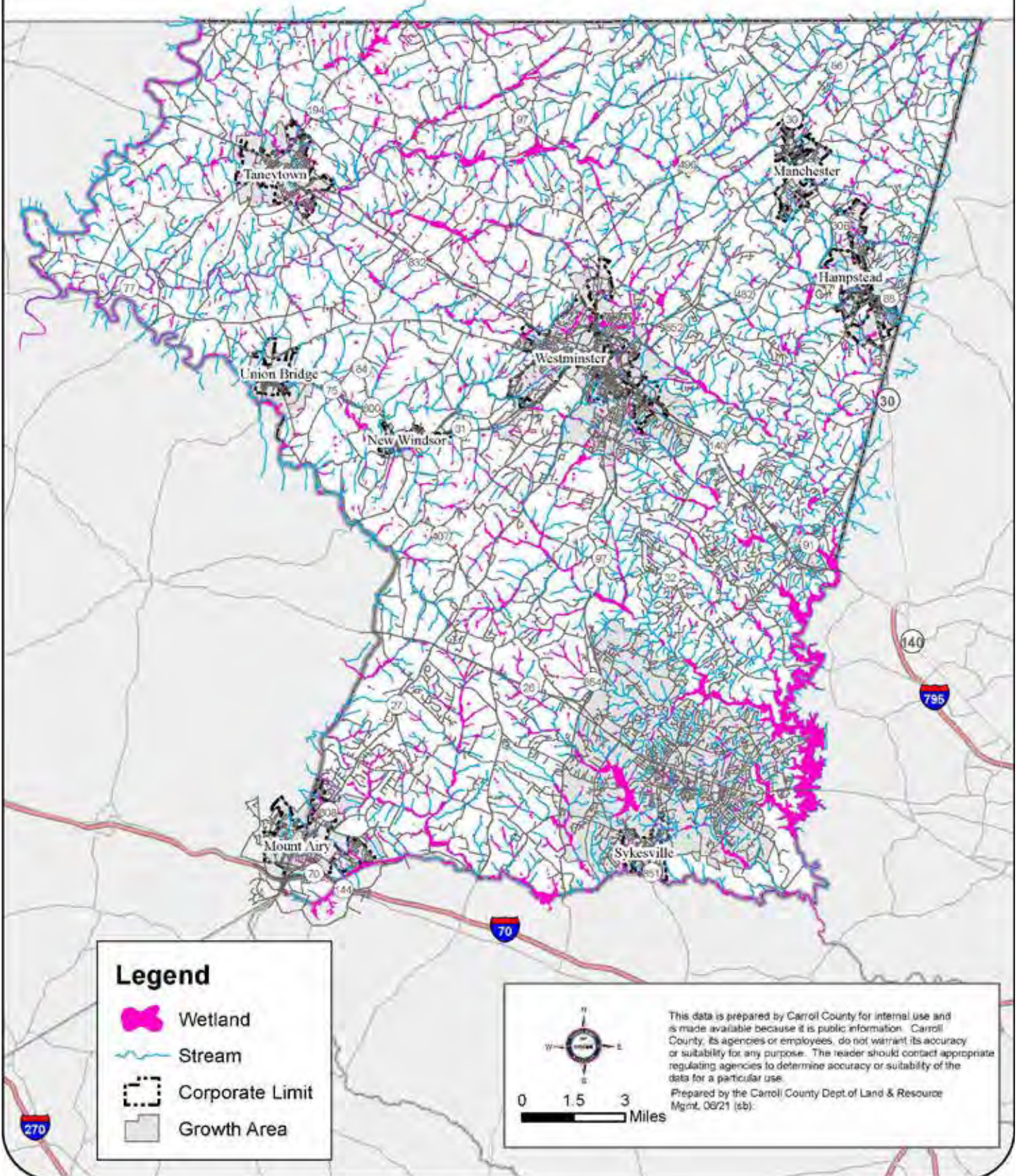
# Sensitive Species Project Review Areas

*Carroll County, Maryland*







# Wetlands & Streams

## Carroll County, Maryland



**Legend**

-  Wetland
-  Stream
-  Corporate Limit
-  Growth Area

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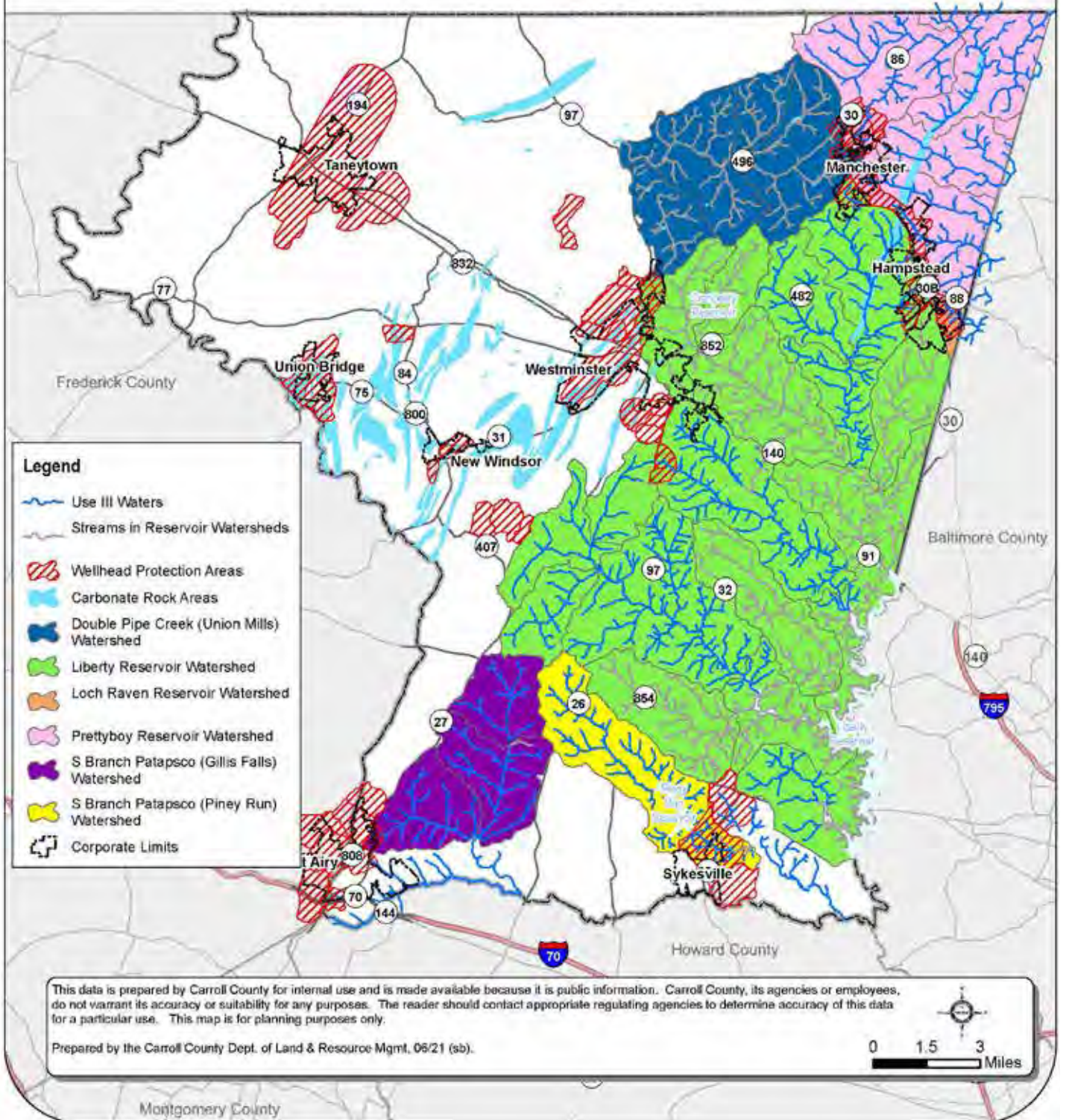
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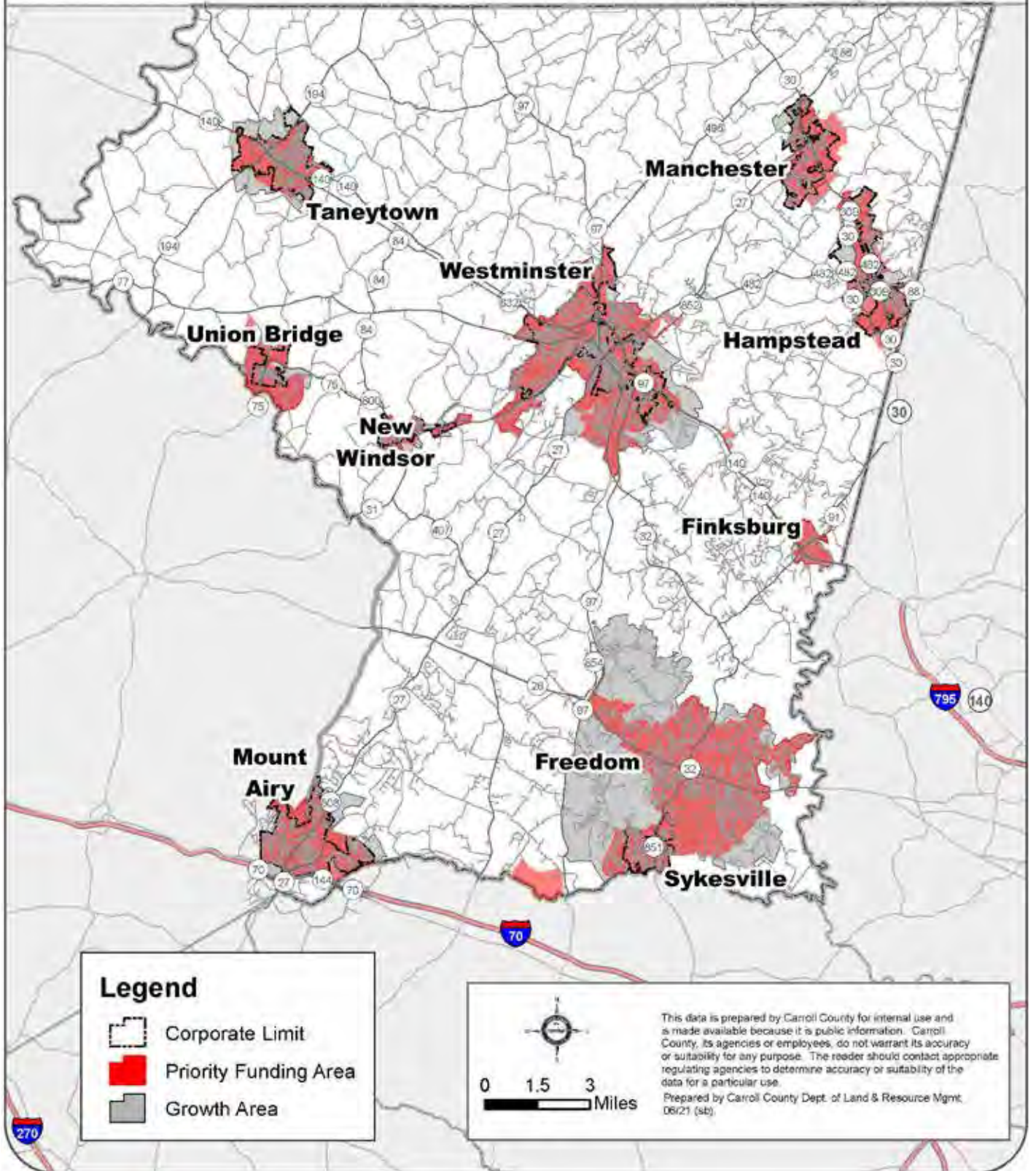
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## Carroll County, Maryland



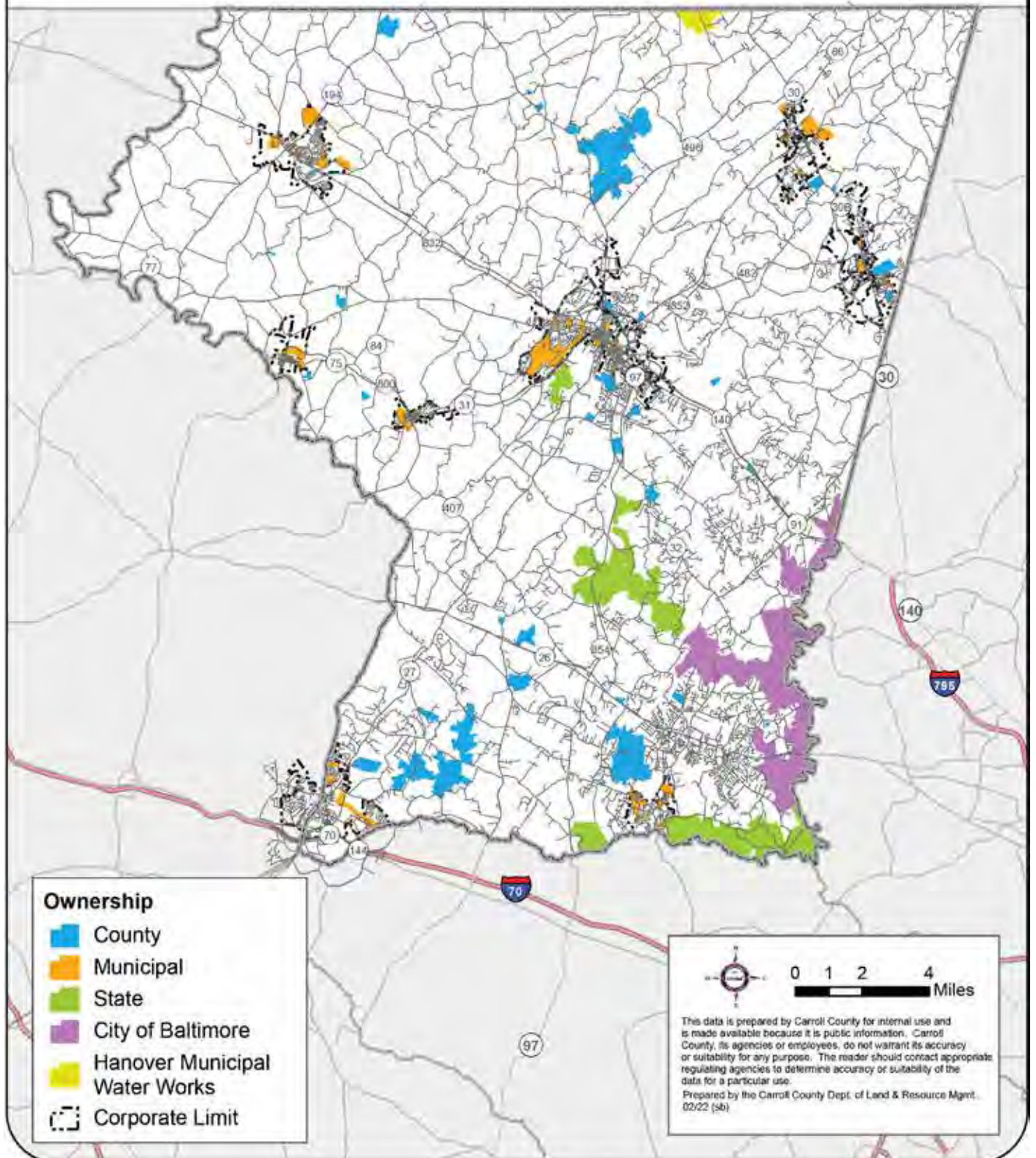
# Planning Context

## Carroll County, Maryland



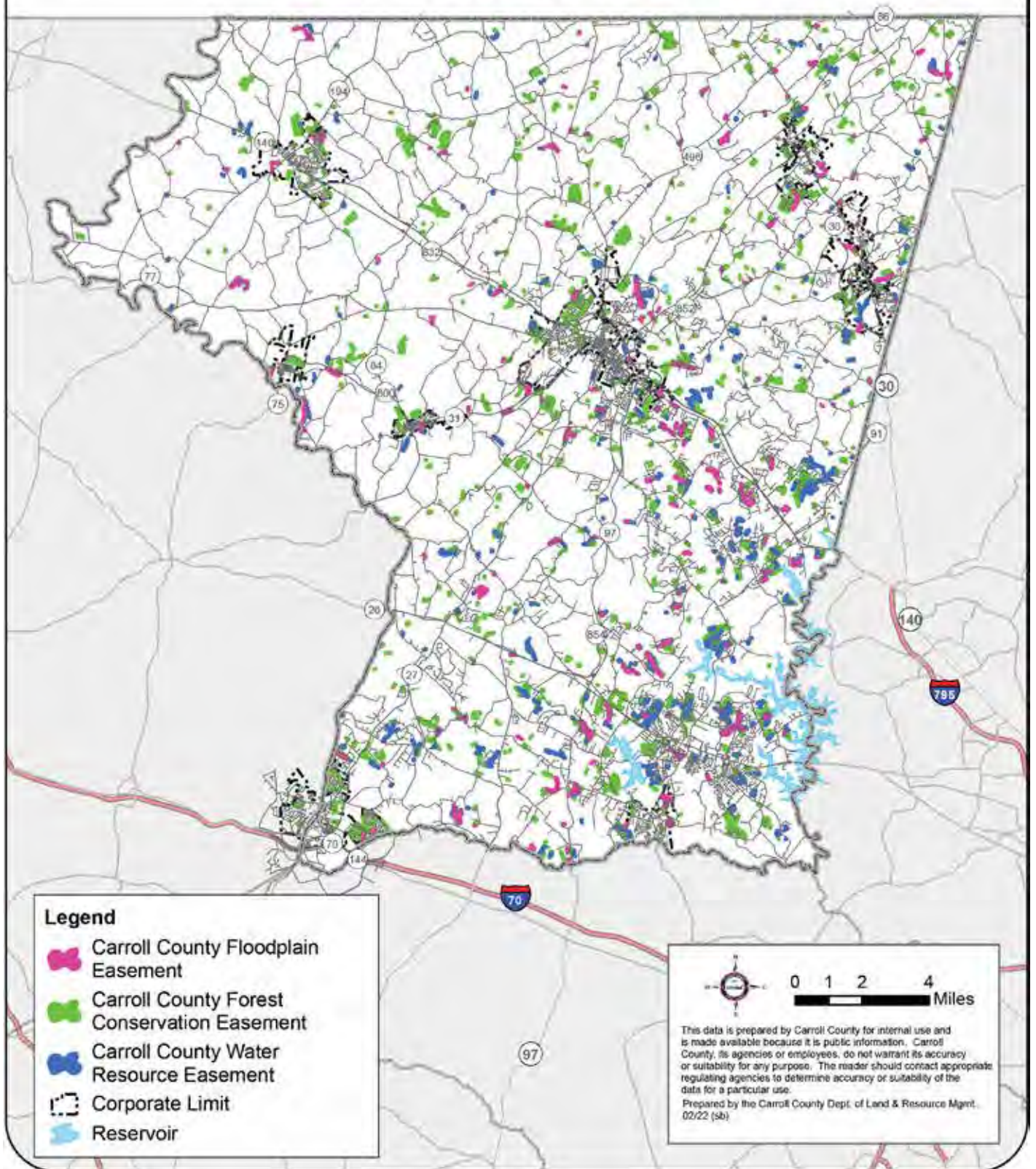
# Publicly-Owned Natural Resource Land Delineated by Ownership

*Carroll County, Maryland*



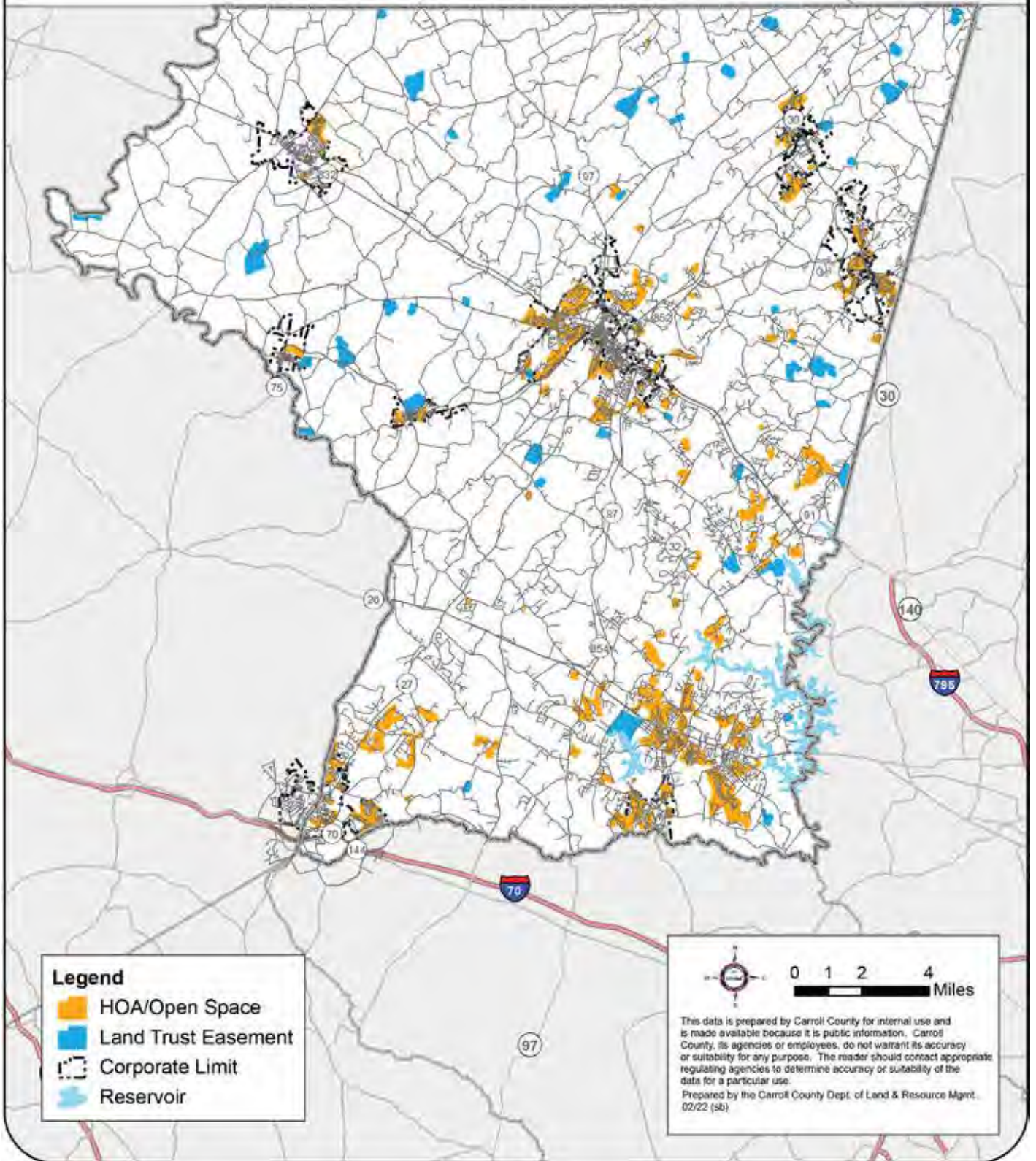
# Parcels Protected Through Conservation Easements Held by Public Entities

*Carroll County, Maryland*



# Natural Resource Lands Preserved by Deed Covenants

*Carroll County, Maryland*





*Tree Planting at Westminster Community Pond  
Westminster, MD*

## ***Implementation Program for Conservation of Natural Resource Lands***

There are several tools used by Carroll County to protect natural resources within the county. One of the most powerful tools a county has at its disposal is its land use management authority. Carroll County’s zoning ordinance and subdivision regulations are used to conserve natural resource lands and protect environmentally sensitive land from the impacts of subdivision, development, and other human activities or land uses.

The County Zoning Ordinance contains several zoning districts, including conservation zoning districts that are specifically designed to protect natural resources. The Conservation zone’s stated purpose is “to prescribe a zoning category for those areas where, because of natural geographic factors and existing land uses, it is considered feasible and desirable to conserve open spaces, water supply sources, woodland areas, wildlife, and other natural resources.” The Conservation district may include areas containing steep slopes, stream valleys, and water supply sources. The Conservation district helps to protect natural resources by limiting the types of uses permitted on the property to low impact land uses.

Several of the county’s municipalities have included districts in their zoning ordinances that serve to protect natural resources within the county, as well. These towns and their respective zoning districts are:

### **Hampstead**

- **Resource Protection Overlay Zone:** The purpose of this overlay zone is to provide for the protection and conservation of endangered and threatened animal species and wildlife and fisheries habitat by preventing development that would disrupt significant species and/or habitat and ensuring that the design of nearby development is done in such a manner as not to degrade significant species and/or habitat.
- **Groundwater Conservation (G-C) District:** The purpose of this district is to provide the opportunity for environmentally sensitive commercial and/or industrial development while preserving significant environmental features, encouraging environmentally sensitive and sustainable “green” design and construction methods, minimizing impervious surface, maximizing groundwater recharge, and protecting the aquifer.

### **New Windsor**

- **Conservation/Public Use (CPU) District:** The purpose of this district is to provide protection from preemptive uses of land meant for public and civic use or preservation of environmental resources and designated open space.

### **Taneytown**

- **Open Space Zone:** The purpose of this zone is to provide for areas where open space is preserved. All development or improvements within the district is directed toward the goal of providing parks, recreation areas, forests, and other natural areas.
- The Carroll County Code includes numerous chapters that address environmental resource protection during land development. These regulations help the County implement some of its goals and objectives related to natural resource protection. The combination of regulatory and policy initiatives put forth strong measures that contribute to the formation of a green infrastructure.

## State Implementation Program for Conservation of Natural Resource Lands

- In addition to the County efforts, there are many land conservation programs operating throughout the State that work to protect natural resources, farmland, and recreational open space. Each program has a unique conservation objective. Four of Maryland's most active State operated land conservation programs are described below.

### Program Open Space – Stateside:

- Established in 1969 under the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Program Open Space (POS) symbolizes Maryland's long-term commitment to conserving natural resources while providing exceptional outdoor recreation opportunities. POS Stateside funds are used for the acquisition of parklands; forests; wildlife habitats; and natural, scenic, and cultural resources for public use.

### Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation:

- Since its inception in 1977, the primary purpose of the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) is to preserve sufficient agricultural land to maintain a viable local base of food and fiber production for present and future citizens of Maryland.

### Maryland Environmental Trust:

- The Maryland Environmental Trust (MET) is a statewide land trust operated by the Maryland DNR and governed by a Board of Trustees. Created in 1967, the program's goal is to preserve open land such as farmland, forest land, and significant natural resources. The program's primary tool is conservation easements donated by private landowners who want to preserve their land.



## Other Programs

### Rural Legacy Program:

- Lands that produce food and provide scenic open space, wildlife habitat, and clean water increasingly are at risk from development. The intent of the Rural Legacy Program (RLP) is to protect large, contiguous tracts of Maryland's most precious cultural and natural resources lands, with a special emphasis on productive forestry and agricultural landscapes.

Varieties of other programs that protect land from development operate at smaller or more localized scales and are funded by many different sources. A quick overview of these additional conservation tools follows.

- Local Parks and County Lands – Program Open Space (POS) also has funds that it distributes to local governments (Program Open Space Local-side) for conserving recreational open space. These funds, in addition to other county and municipal conservation efforts, provide financial and technical assistance to local subdivisions for the planning, acquisition, and/or development of recreation land or open space areas.
- Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) - MHT preserves historically significant properties and is operated through the Maryland Department of Planning's Division of Historical and Cultural Programs. Several properties in Carroll County have MHT preservation easements on them.
- Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) - CREP, which receives funding from the US Department of Agriculture, protects water quality by removing marginal agricultural land from production and replacing it with best management practices including riparian buffers, stabilization of highly erodible soils and restoration of wetlands. Numerous farms in Carroll County have made use of this program.

Land Conservancy Programs - Numerous national and local land trusts operate within Maryland and conserve ecologically and agriculturally significant lands. The Carroll County Land Trust is the most active local land trust in the County.

## State Goals for Natural Resource Land Conservation

- 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.
- Provide land 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 lands 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
- 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 resource lands and environmentally sensitive areas
- Establish measurable objectives for natural resource conservation and an integrated state/local strategy to achieve them through state and local implementation programs
- Assess the combined ability of state and local programs 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



*Piney Run Park, Sykesville MD*

- 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 fisheries production
- Support a productive forestland base and forest resource industry, emphasizing the economic viability of privately owned forestland



# Double Pipe Creek

## Wakefield Valley Golf Course

The Double Pipe Creek watershed is located in north-western Carroll County, bordered by Frederick County, Maryland. Double Pipe Creek watershed drains into the Monocacy River which is part of the Potomac River watershed.

The Wakefield Valley Golf Course plantings, completed in 2013 resulted in the reforestation of approximately **10.85 acres**. Students from West Middle School assisted in the plantings. A grant from the Department of Natural Resources funded the majority of the cost of these plantings.



# Liberty Reservoir Residential Planting

## Bloom Road, Westminster

This residential tree planting was completed in the Liberty Reservoir watershed in spring 2014. The plantings were established to address inadequate stream buffer as determined by the 2012 Stream Corridor Assessment, which is an assessment that determines the health of a stream corridor. The benefits of creating these buffers are numerous; trees along the stream provide habitat, filter runoff, and regulate stream temperature by providing shade.

Initially, Resource Management staff met with interested landowners and determined the potential planting areas, native plant species, and the landowner's ultimate vision for his/her property. This particular planting resulted in the reforestation of **1.19 acres** of private residential property and **400 linear feet** of vegetated streamside. The total cost of the planting was covered by the Governor's Challenge grant.



# Lower Monocacy River Residential Planting

## Leslie Lane, Mount Airy

The Neighborhood Green Program, sponsored by Frederick County, Carroll County, and the Monocacy & Catoctin Watershed Alliance, used grant monies awarded by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to provide cost-share and technical assistance to landowners for the reforestation of private properties to create stream buffers. The benefits of creating these buffers are numerous; trees along the stream provide habitat, filter runoff, and regulate stream temperature by providing shade.

Resource Management staff met with interested landowners and determined the potential planting areas, native plant species, and the landowner's ultimate vision for his/her property. This particular planting, completed in spring 2013, resulted in the reforestation of **0.43 acres**.



# Prettyboy Reservoir Municipal Planting

## North Carroll Lane & Eagle Ridge Ct, Town of Hampstead

The Prettyboy Reservoir watershed plantings were established to address inadequate stream buffer as determined by the 2011 Stream Corridor Assessment, which is an assessment that determines the health of a stream corridor. The benefits of creating these buffers are numerous; trees along the stream provide habitat, filter runoff, and regulate stream temperature by providing shade.

A stream known as Murphy Run transects this Town of Hampstead property which is located between North Carroll Lane and Eagle Ridge Court. The planting area was a fallow field with an abundance of invasive vegetation. This particular planting resulted in the reforestation of **1.9 acres** with overstory trees. A total of 574 trees were planted. Funding for this planting was covered by the Governor's Challenge grant.



# South Branch Patapsco Residential Planting

## West Old Liberty Road

Following the 2013 South Branch Patapsco watershed stream corridor assessment (SCA), which is an assessment that determines the health of a stream corridor, trees were planted throughout the South Branch Patapsco watershed to establish stream buffer. The benefits of creating these buffers are numerous; trees along the stream provide habitat, filter runoff, and regulate stream temperature by providing shade.

Initially, Resource Management staff met with interested landowners and determined the potential planting areas, native plant species, and the landowner's ultimate vision for his/her property. The plantings, completed in 2014, resulted in the reforestation of **5.6 acres** of private residential property and **29,568 linear feet** of vegetated streamside. Due to the Governor's Challenge grant, 100% of the total cost of all four plantings—\$56,484—was funded at no expense to the landowners.



# Upper Monocacy River Municipal Planting

## Bollinger Park, City of Taneytown

The Upper Monocacy watershed is located in the north-western corner of Carroll County. The watershed drains to the Potomac River basin, which is a tributary to the Chesapeake Bay. The benefits of creating these stream buffers are numerous; trees along the stream provide habitat, filter runoff, and regulate stream temperature by providing shade.

An unnamed tributary to Piney Creek transects a portion of the Bollinger Park Property in the City of Taneytown. The planting area was a cultivated field. This particular planting resulted in the reforestation of **13.2 acres**. A total of 3,986 trees were planted. Funding for this planting was covered by the Governor's Challenge grant.



## Consistency of County Natural Resource Land Conservation Goals with State Goals

Carroll County's goals for natural resource land conservation are consistent with, support, and complement the State's goals through the implementation of the many programs, policies, and regulations described in this section of the plan. Consistency with and support for the State's goals for local land use management are demonstrated, among other things, through the County's Master Plan, environmental codes, and the County's and its municipal co-permittees' compliance with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase I Municipal Separate Storm Sewer (MS4) permit.

The Carroll County Master Plan sets forth goals for natural resource and sensitive areas protection, and development of planned future land use designations considers these goals. The Water Resources Element includes extensive evaluation of the county's water resources, balancing demand with availability, and identifying measures to protect, conserve, and improve those water resources. The County is embarking on an update to the Water Resources Element between 2022 and 2024. The Environmental Resources Element (sensitive areas) identifies the sensitive environmental resources in the county and outlines measures to further protect and conserve those resources as well. These plans are particularly consistent with the State's goals for local land use management and procedures, comprehensive inventories, and coordinated land and watershed management strategies recognizing critical links.

Carroll County's goals and implementation particularly support the State's goals for avoidance of impacts on natural resources, local land use management procedures, and conserving species of concern and their habitats through implementation of the Carroll County environmental codes require avoidance, minimization of impact, and/or protection through easements through the development process, ensuring that new development minimizes its impact on natural resources. These codes further complement State codes in several areas where the County's code provides additional resource protection measures, such as prohibiting new construction in the floodplain as well as the adoption of a Water Resources code that addresses stream buffers, surface water and groundwater protection, wellhead buffers, recharge areas, and more. The Forest Conservation and zoning code requirements are consistent with the State's goal for productive forestland and forest resource industry.

The State's goals for land acquisition, conservation easements, stewardship, measurable objectives, expanding green infrastructure, and resource-based economies are consistent with Carroll County's goals, as evidenced through the County's very successful Agricultural Land Preservation Program and the County's acquisition and maintenance of a vast amount of acreage for conservation and water quality management. As of October 2020, the County is more than 75 percent of the way toward its goal of 100,000 acres of agricultural land permanently preserved through easements. The County continues to invest in and fund the Agricultural Land Preservation Program. Additional acreage is placed under easement through the County's requirement for easements for forest conservation, water resources, and floodplain.

Carroll County and its municipalities have consistently planned for investment in measures to protect and improve water quality through projects to support the NPDES MS4 permit and has achieved compliance with the restoration requirements set forth in the last two permits (these requirements were not included in the previous permits). Many projects have gone beyond State requirements in terms of quantity of water collected and treated, further restoring and protecting water quality. In addition to traditional stormwater management facilities, stream restoration and regeneration projects have helped to restore, not just water quality, but habitat and floodplain function as well. These permit-related activities help to support the State's goals of establishing measurable objectives, mitigation response, avoidance of impacts, protecting and restoring riparian buffers, stream corridors, wetland, floodplains, and aquifer recharge areas.

## Section 9

### Agricultural Lands

#### Executive Summary/Overview of Agricultural Land Preservation in the County

Carroll County, Maryland boasts a rich agricultural heritage. Farming and agribusiness are woven into every aspect of the county – from the rural working landscape, cherished by the public, to their significant contribution to the county’s economy, jobs and revenues. The preservation of agricultural land and the continuation of agribusiness uses continues to be a major priority in Carroll County and working farms help define the rural character of Carroll County. Approximately 146,778 acres are currently being used for agricultural (50% of the County’s land mass) and 76,849 acres are permanently preserved for agricultural (ranked first in Maryland). Furthermore, agriculture is the county’s number one industry and is ranked second in the United States for number of acres protected through easement purchases. Most of the active farms in the County are on lands currently zoned Agricultural or Conservation. Most of the active farms in the County are on lands currently zoned Agricultural or Conservation.

Carroll County’s Agricultural Land Preservation effort is the most successful in the State of Maryland, preserving more farms and more acres through the purchase of land preservation easements than any other county in Maryland. Carroll County’s program also ranks among the nation’s top five (5) similar programs administered by local governments in the United States.

#### Goals for Agricultural Land Preservation

##### County Goals for Agricultural Land Preservation

The 2014 county master plan (amended in 2019), Carroll County: Challenges and Choices – A Master Plan for the Future, contains the following goal related to agricultural preservation:

- Preserve at least 100,000 acres of agricultural land to support the production of agricultural products and promotion of related agribusiness

In fact, Carroll County has had a goal of preserving at least 100,000 acres of productive farmland since 1998. This number represents over 70 percent of the total land in the county that is in agricultural production and has long been considered the “critical mass” of land needed to keep farming



*Recently Preserved Farm  
Groves Mill, Manchester MD*

and agribusinesses viable ventures. Prior to 2000, this goal was an unofficial target which spurred significant interest and investment in land preservation. With the adoption of the current County Master Plan in 2000, the goal of preserving “100,000 acres of tillable agricultural land for the production of agricultural products and promotion of related agribusiness” was reaffirmed as part of the county’s policy agenda.

The County’s agricultural preservation goal was based on a reasoned evaluation that this was the minimum amount of land needed to support both a viable agricultural base and the associated agribusiness economy. It also represents approximately one third of Carroll’s total land area. Affirming this goal also indicates a significant level of commitment to agriculture both as a preferred land use and as an economic engine.

The State’s goal of protecting 1,030,000 acres of agricultural lands represents approximately 16.5 percent of the state’s total land area of 6,251,090 acres as reported in the 2007 Census of Agriculture. By comparison, Carroll County’s goal of 100,000 preserved acres represents approximately 35 percent of its 287,900 total acres.

Carroll County’s aggressive agricultural preservation goal of 100,000 acres is directed at protecting the land used for agriculture and maintaining an agricultural land base to ensure that farming will continue. As of December 2021, 76,849 acres of farmland throughout the County were permanently preserved.

County has been actively preserving agricultural land since the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) was developed in 1977. Carroll County’s goals follow State goals closely through the County’s Environmental Resource Element (ERE) guideline that was established January 16, 1997, and incorporated into County Master Plan’s since. Adoption of the ERE by Carroll County and its eight municipalities ensures alignment with State’s conservation land preservation (Land Use Article, §3–102). As of December 2021, 76,849 acres of farmland throughout the County were permanently preserved.

- o 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 public-at-large.

## State Goals

- Permanently preserve agricultural land 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 the investment is reasonably well supported by both local investment and land use management programs.
- Work with local governments to achieve the following:
  - o Establish preservation areas, goals, and strategies through local comprehensive planning processes that address and complement state goals.
  - o 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.
  - o 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.
  - o Use local land use management authority effectively to protect public investment in preservation by managing development in rural preservation areas.

## Easement Acquisition Mechanisms

The Carroll County Agricultural Land Preservation Program currently administers four (4) land preservation programs:

- Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) Program
- Carroll County Easement Purchase Program
- Rural Legacy Program
- Critical Farms Program (MALPF)

The Program also accepts easements donated or otherwise granted to prevent future non-agricultural development.

Examples may include:

- Easements donated to conservation organizations such as Maryland Environmental Trust or Carroll County Land Trust, often co-held by the County
- Easements donated directly to the County

Applications for these programs are accepted year-round. Eligibility is first verified, and the applications are then prepared for review by the Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board and the County Commissioners.

An agricultural conservation easement is a deed restriction that landowners voluntarily place on their property to protect resources such as productive agricultural and. The agreement is between a landowner and a governmental agency or nonprofit conservation organization and is legally binding upon the land and future owners in perpetuity. The conservation easement protects the land from future development and requires conservation practices that assure proper care of the land, so it remains usable and productive for future generations.

Since 2017, efforts have been focused on yearly application cycles for new landowner applications for the county operated program, with significant success in securing easements on large and productive tracts throughout the county but primarily in the northwest, northeast, and central regions of the county. It should be mentioned, however, that the Carroll County Land Trust, a 501c (3) nonprofit organization, has been addressing the remainders issue, trying to contact owners of remainders to inform them of a 15-year county



property tax credit for land preserved through a donated conservation easement. A small number of donated easements have since been secured by the CCLT. Since 2017 the county has continued its use of leveraged installment purchase agreements as well as lump sum payment options for purchase of conservation easements. It has further developed cost containment in easement purchase while assuring fair easement values based on actual fair market values on a regional basis. The Agricultural Land Preservation Program, through the County Commissioners, accomplished this by adopting a points-based appraisal system, or formula, for determining the cost of easement purchases. This was done by developing a regional value system that provides the formula for any property in the county.

The Agricultural Stewardship Act of 2006 requires counties that are certified under the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) to receive funding for farmland preservation to establish and manage Priority Preservation Areas (PPA's). Efforts are made to concentrate preservation efforts and program funding into PPA's to preserve large contiguous blocks of agricultural and forested land. Carroll County's program is recertified every five (5) years. By participating in the Certification of Local Agricultural Preservation Programs (CLAPP) process, Carroll County enjoys the benefit of retaining 75% of their locally generated agricultural transfer tax revenue, while non-certified counties retain 33%. All retained revenue must be spent or encumbered for qualifying land preservation expenditures within three (3) years of collection.

## Implementation of Strategies

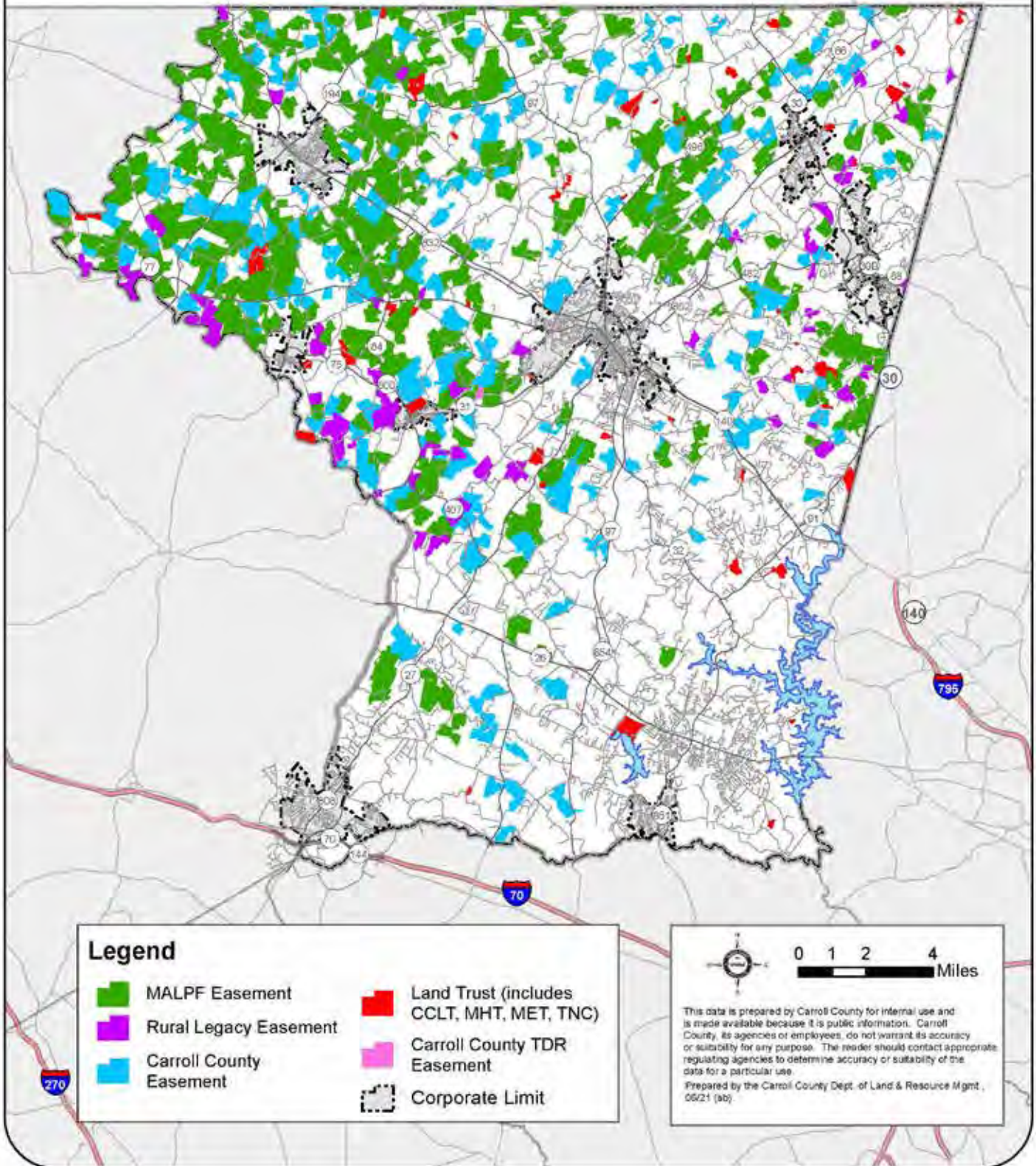
From FY 2017 through FY 2021, the Carroll County Agricultural Land Preservation Program has continued to utilize the strategies included in the 2017 LPPRP and preserved through the purchase of conservation easements an additional 7,580 acres of qualifying agricultural land. Of these acres, 4,897 were placed under easement with the Carroll County Easement Purchase Program, 1,731 acres with the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF), and 952 acres with the Rural Legacy Program. The remaining 90 acres were preserved through conservation organizations, such as Carroll County Land Trust.

In addition, portions of land that remain after a tract is developed are referred to as agricultural remainders. Remainders lack residential development potential but have several other development opportunities. Instead of pursuing these two mechanisms, efforts have been focused instead on yearly application cycles for new landowner applications for the county operated program, with significant success in securing easements on large and productive tracts throughout the county. The Carroll County Land Trust, a 501c(3) nonprofit organization, has been continuing to address the remainders issue, by contacting owners of remainders to inform them of a 15-year county property tax credit for land preserved through a donated conservation easement

As a result of all these efforts, Carroll County continues to make progress towards its goal of 100,000 acres of preserved farmland and celebrated passing the 75,000-acre level in 2021.

# Agricultural Land Preservation & Land Trust Easements

*Carroll County, Maryland*





**50%** of Carroll County's land mass is in agricultural use



Agriculture is Carroll County's **#1** industry



Carroll County's ranks **1st** in Maryland for number of acres preserved



Carroll County ranks **2nd** in the United States for number of acres preserved through easement purchase

**More than 740 farms are preserved in the County**



# Detailed Inventory of Recreation Lands in Carroll County

Site Name	East 83	North 83	Acres	Natural Areas	Water Access	Picnic Areas	Trails	Hunting/Fishing	Parking	Other	Baseball/Softball Fields	Multi-purpose Field	Playground Structures	Basketball	Tennis Courts	Activity Building(s)	Notes
County Parks and Recreation																	
Aeromodeler's Park	1318339.89	73005.45	4.83	x		x			x								family (single table) pavilions
Bark Hill Park	1271021.78	701564.41	32.46	x		x	x .78 mi.		x			2	1				Nature Center, Planetarium, Observatory, interpretive trail and outdoor classroom
Bear Branch Nature Center	1316103.13	721118.92	56.73	x	x	x	x 5 mi.	Fishing	x				1				1 Baseball lighted
Bennett Cerr Park	1318746.33	699427.20	7.40	x	Pond, Stream	x	x 3 mi.	Fishing	x	Dog park	1		2				Water trail launch
Big Pipe Creek Launch Site (Hapes Mill Road)			2.09	x	Stream		water	Fishing	x								Restroom
Cape Horn Park	1346296.47	720369.58	57.51	x	Pond	x	x 1.24 mi.		x	Horseback riding	2	3	1				Two show rings
Carroll County Equestrian Center	1287884.02	624746.05	26.49	x	Streams	x	x 4.1 mi.		x								future community center
Charles Carroll Park						x			x		2	1	1	1	2		
Cherrytown Road Ball Field	1300874.95	734703.20	3.60	x		x			x		1						Concession
Deer Park	1320123.00	671991.36	59.13	x	Pond	x	x 1.2 mi.	Fishing	x		2	5	1	1	2		Restrooms, lighted main field, two pavilions
Double Pipe Creek	1236420.89	705102.33	3.66	x	x	x	water	Fishing	x	water access	7	3	1	1			Water trail launch
Freedom Park	1325143.77	618429.86	373.12	x		x	x 2.0 mi.		x				2				Concession
Gillis Falls Recreation Area	1287885.75	629887.60	925.50	x	Wetlands Streams		x 4.2 mi.	Hunting Fishing	x								horse back riding, hiking trails, mountain biking
Harp Baker Firearms Facility	1330199.91	689069.35	22.15	x					x								Rifle and Handgun ranges
Hashawha Environmental Center	1313700.65	723156.60	384.69	x 4.0 mi	Ponds, Streams	x	x 4.5 mi.	Hunting/Fishing	x				1	1			Cabin, Pool, Reptor Center, 13.5 miles of trails, outdoor classrooms
Hodges Park	1324478.06	639025.72	29.81	x					x		2	1					Pavilion
Kate Wagner Road	1310897.96	683850.54	18.00	x					x		2	1					Pavilion
Kringold Park	1299229.10	641467.99	137.50	x	4 Ponds	x	x 2.3 mi.	Fishing	x		4	5	2				Restroom, Pavilions
Landon C Burns Park	1314170.32	688085.26	11.98	x	Pond, stream	x	x 6 mi.	Fishing	x		2		1				Pavilion
Leister Park	1356663.51	706889.89	100.70	x		x	x 1.6 mi.		x			2	1				disc golf
Little Pipe Creek Soft Launch			1.00		stream		water										water trail launch
Mayeski Park	1300423.14	648518.73	118.84	x		x			x		4	2	1				Pavilion
North Carroll Community Pond	1349092.23	719494.56	4.85	x	Pond	x		Fishing	x								3 Baseball lighted
Obrecht Road Park	1312483.73	625400.56	3.20	x?					x		1						Restroom
Old Liberty Road Park	1315238.76	638579.34	8.84	x					x		1	1					
Piney Run Park	1316588.96	629579.90	831.23	x	300 a.c. reservoir	x	x 10 mi.	Fishing	x				2				Nature Center, Aviary, Fishing/Boating Piers, Boat Rentals
Sail Box Park	1288920.20	627911.21	114.71	x	Stream	x		Fishing	x		2		1				Pavilion
Sandmount Park	1335967.09	675095.42	22.13	x?		x	x 1.35 mi.		x		3	2	1	1	2		1 Lighted Baseball and 1 lighted multi-purpose field
Carroll County Sports Complex	1311804.10	718679.91	84.84	x		x	x 6 mi.		x		5	2	1				3 Lighted Baseball Fields, 1 lighted multi-purpose field
South Carroll Dog Park			2.00														dog park
Northwest Area Regional Park			145.06	x	Streams												undeveloped
Union Mills Recreation Area	1314662.67	726088.30	1,131.21	x 12.5 mi.	Wetlands Streams		x 12 mi.	Hunting Fishing	x								horse back riding, hiking trails, mountain biking
Westminster Community Pond	1313719.78	701262.51	31.41	x	Pond	x	x 2 mi.	Fishing	x		0	0	2	1			Pavilion
Westminster Veterans Memorial Park	1317335.44	684142.64	32.70			x	x 9 mi.		x		0	0	1				Pavilion
Winfield Park	1236450.54	651146.24	9.16						x		1	0					
County Park Totals	4,798.52			48.37 mi.													

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<b>Public Schools</b>																	
Carroll Springs School	1314639.61	686689.13	5.83	x					x		1	1				Gym	special needs school, indoor pool
Carrolltowne Elementary School	1331002.32	62902.18	18.72								1		1	1			
Charles Carroll Elementary School	1302482.83	732312.21	11.67	x					x		1	2	1			Gym	
Cranberry Station Elementary School	1318430.68	694441.70	15.69	x					x		1	1	1			Gym	
Ebb Valley Elementary School	1343598.83	731915.14	18.90	x					x		1	1	1			Gym	
Eldersburg Elementary School	1324291.14	634891.27	29.79	x					x		3	3	1	2		Gym	
Elmer Wolfe Elementary School	1262358.58	695661.03	17.07	x					x		1	1	1	2		Gym	
Freedom District Elementary School	1328207.17	638309.42	9.49	x	x				x		1	1	1			Gym	
Friendship Valley Elementary School	1310897.96	688850.54	33.44	x	x				x		3		2	2	2	Gym	
Hampstead Elementary School	1351367.73	704920.88	18.73	x			x		x		1	3	2			Gym	
Linton Springs Elementary School	1315755.57	639423.21	26.63	x					x		1	3	1	2		Gym	
Manchester Elementary School	1345047.40	727587.01	19.52	x			x		x		2	2	1	1		Gym	
Mechanicsville Elementary School	1328570.25	656124.16	11.59	x					x		2	2	1	2		Gym	
Mt. Airy Elementary School	1270320.65	624288.78	7.22	x			x		x		1	1	1	1		Gym	
Parr's Ridge Elementary School	1270699.56	623367.40	23.38	x			x		x		1	2	1	1		Gym	
Pinney Ridge Elementary School	1323404.10	631679.98	13.12	x					x		1	2	1	2		Gym	
Robert Moton Elementary School	1314223.63	680343.56	19.26						x		1	1	1	1		Gym	
Runnymede Elementary School	1283695.46	714421.24	31.99	x					x		1	2	2	1		Gym	
Sandyount Elementary School	1332599.14	675678.58	8.03	x		x			x		1	1	1	1		Gym	
Spring Garden Elementary School	1357170.75	701621.84	19.97	x					x		2	3	2			Gym	
Taneytown Elementary School	1264221.58	732328.35	10.37	x					x		1	1	1	2		Gym	
Westminster Elementary School	1305086.45	696510.50	19.42	x					x		1	1	1	2		Gym	
William Winchester Elementary School	1313911.27	697141.23	4.70						x		1	1	1			Gym	
Winfield Elementary School	1297046.71	650606.07	15.55	x		x			x		1	1	1	2		Gym	
Mt. Airy Middle School	1270808.98	624109.42	14.65	x			x		x		1	2		1		Gym	
New Windsor Middle School	1280620.16	685396.21	33.41	x					x		2	1		2		Gym	
North Carroll Middle School	1349985.45	719563.63	27.74	x					x		1	1		1		Gym	1 lighted Baseball field
Oklahoma Road Middle School	1331771.21	62100.28	31.61	x					x		1	1		2		Gym	
Shih Middle School	1351500.18	704107.30	10.77	x					x		2	1		2		Gym	
Sykesville Middle School	1322148.46	621622.02	19.40	x			x		x		1	2		4		Gym	Skateboard Court
Westminster East Middle School	1315502.19	695313.01	21.06						x		1	3		3		Gym	Running Track
Westminster West Middle School	1313806.89	697793.19	22.97			x			x		2	2	1			Gym	
Century High School	1314675.88	69989.17	59.84	x			x		x		3	3	1	4	6	Gym	Stadium
Francis Scott Key High School	1274519.85	700965.53	49.39	x			x		x		1	4	1	5	5	Gym	Stadium
Gateway School	1314944.50	680280.58	10.30	x		x			x		1					Gym	
Liberty High School	1326136.95	636194.24	47.18	x			x		x		2	4	1	2	6	Gym	Stadium
Manchester Valley High School	1346994.74	724086.04	95.58	x			x		x		2	3	1	2	6	Gym	Stadium
North Carroll High School	1351139.25	707334.25	56.23	x			x		x		2	3		2	6	Gym	Stadium
South Carroll High School	1300894.12	647151.63	30.14	x			x		x		1	4		4	6	Gym	Stadium
Westminster High School	1314738.40	682451.27	70.19	x			x		x		2	2		4	5	Gym	Stadium
Winters Mill High School	1318812.22	693881.45	39.73	x			x		x		3	3	1	6	6	Gym	Stadium
School Totals			1,050.27														

<b>Total County Owned Parks and Recreation Lands</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>5,848.79</b>
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Other Public Access Lands																	
Boxwood Drive Ballfield	1357731.46	702425.82	16.06	x					x								
Carroll County Bird Sanctuary	1274915.36	686708.18	13.81	x			x										
Carroll County Farm Museum	1313458.84	688765.65	77.84	x	Pond	x	x	Fishing	x							Historic Farm	Cultural Education
Carroll Community College	1314802.66	678844.44	69.32	x		x			x	Vball	1	5				Art Center	
Crowtowne Open Space	1316414.56	694464.56	3.84														
Former New Windsor Middle School	1281505.99	684175.09	1.12	x					x								Future Park
Hanover Municipal Watershed	1327635.76	746567.01	356.27	x			x		x								
Liberty Reservoir	1339763.74	642687.46	587.81	x	Reservoir			Fishing	x								
Leishear Property (DA)	1275020.70	628269.04	100.00														Land Acquired
Quaker Hill Property	1266036.17	689983.30	10.42														
Union Mills Homestead	1307793.99	728661.30	38.27	x		x			x								Historic Homestead
Watersville Road Park	1280791.56	626190.65	123.31	x					x								Land Acquired
<b>Total Other Access Public Lands</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>1,382.01</b>														

Publicly Accessible Quasi Public Lands	East 83	North 83	Acres	Natural Areas	Water Access	Picnic Areas	Trails	Hunting/Fishing	Parking	Other	Baseball/Softball Fields	Multi-purpose Field	Playground Structures	Basketball	Tennis Courts	Activity buildings(s)	Notes
Westminster National Golf Course	1309801.44	714962.43	119.84	x					x	Golf						Clubhouse	Driving Range
Beaver Run Fish and Game Club	1340582.73	665485.36	25.13	x				Hunting/Fishing	x								
Carroll County Gun Club	1312452.54	642681.21	25.03	x	Stream	x	x	Hunting/Fishing	x								Indoor soccer fields
Carroll Indoor Sports Center	1318277.38	689534.66	5.99			x			x								
Cascade Lake	1343658.97	710693.19	28.83	x	Lake	x	x	Fishing	x								
Crowtowne Open Space	1316414.56	694464.56	3.84														
Deep Run Boy Scout Camp	1317228.61	734312.87	57.96	x	Stream	x	x	Fishing	x		1						Indoor soccer fields, Outdoor Pool
Four Seasons Sports Complex	1340555.04	707996.81	18.35	x		x	x		x	Mini Golf				1	1	Gym	
Freedom Swim Club	1327405.74	637616.02	6.38	x		x	x		x							Concession	Pool
Links at Challeidon	1279991.21	635001.08	98.06	x		x	x		x	Golf						Clubhouse	18 holes/Driving Range
Mcdaniel College	1311640.13	699316.45	67.80	x			x		x		2	4		6	4	Clubhouse	
Mcdaniel College Golf Course	1310778.88	699476.17	35.86	x		x	x		x	Golf						Clubhouse	9 holes
Mountain View Bible Camp	1334686.18	740853.42	32.18	x		x	x		x		1						
Oklahoma Green Golf Course	1352422.06	717432.57	148.71	x	Pond	x	x		x	Golf						Clubhouse	18 holes and Driving Range
Piney Branch Golf & Country Club	1357631.07	696855.40	3.87	x		x	x		x	Golf							Mostly in Balto County
Players Family Amusement Center	1318303.46	688941.67	6.54						x								
Ranbling Pines Campground	1304895.16	617887.90	140.97	x		x	x		x	VB			1			Activity	Camp sites
River Downs Golf Club	1346044.17	675141.38	178.00	x		x	x		x	Golf						Clubhouse	18 holes and Driving Range
River Valley Ranch	1365595.55	739550.13	169.26	x		x	x		x				1			Art Center	Camping
Roaring Run Park	1346032.99	663191.68	11.30	x		x	x		x		3		1			Clubhouse	Pool
South Carroll Swim Club	1294664.29	650121.00	30.46	x		x	x		x								
Taylorville Winfield Lions Club Park	1296080.36	649376.54	3.40						x		2						
Union Mills Lions Club Park	1306924.83	729063.57	5.46		Pond	x	x	Fishing	x								
Westminster Island Green Driving Range	1296110.24	706550.29	30.93	x		x	x		x	Golf						Clubhouse	
<b>Total Publicly Accessible Quasi Public Lands</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>1,254.15</b>														

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<b>Town Parks and Recreation Lands</b>																	
<b>Hampstead</b>																	
Chief Sites Memorial Park	1357058.12	705223.81	1.57	x		x	x		x	Skate Park			1				
Kimberly Village	1356266.03	705128.88	2.15	x					x				0				
Lions Club Park	1355899.77	707519.09	36.54	x		x			x		6		1			Concession	
Main Street Memorial Park	1313776.84	694789.98	0.05						x	Band Stand							War Memorial
Melvin Miller Memorial Park	1313776.84	694789.99	1.58			x			x					1	2		Pickleball
Panther Park (formerlyHampsteadMunicipal Park)	1353269.72	707446.28	14.85	x		x	x		x	Volleyball	2	1	2	1			Pavilion
Oden Kemp Park	1354983.66	713541.18	1.18			x			x				1	1			
Sugar Maple Park	1317450.22	622233.46	2.46	x		x			x				1	1			
<b>Manchester</b>																	
Charlotte's Quest	1345324.34	728882.41	13.32	x	Stream	x	x		x								Visitors Center
Christmas Tree Park	1347502.60	728034.89	45.53	x	Pond	x	x	Fishing	x		1	1		1			Pavilions
Crossroads Overlook Playground	1341595.18	727418.76	1.00	x			x		x				3				
Manchester Carnival Grounds	1346343.98	727741.23	5.05						x								Activity Concession
Hallie Hills Walking Trail	1341136.32	732412.20	2.00	x			x										
Lions Club Pool	1346699.99	727621.66	4.07			x			x								Two Pools
Pine Valley Park	1345139.65	729404.36	66.68	x	Pond	x	x	Fishing	x								
Skateboard Park	1343018.41	726753.85	3.87	x					x								Skateboard Park
Southwestern Avenue Athletic Field	1343695.58	722080.53	2.00									1					
Westside Memorial Park	1342686.50	726568.54	10.21	x					x								
<b>Mount Airy</b>																	
Mt. Airy Rails to Trails Trail	1273530.68	621133.39	2.02	x			x		x								
Summit Ridge Park	1269345.78	626146.41	27.00	x					x		1	1	1				Pavilion
Twin Arch Crossing Park			6.26									1		1			
West Pocket Park	1269851.86	623833.69	0.5						x								Gazebo, gardens
Watkins Park	1271234.93	622988.14	20.97	x		x	x		x	Vball	2	1	2	1	2		Dog Park, rest rooms, fitness equipment
Wildwood Park	1268841.66	620812.86	2.3	x			x		x				1				Gazebo, gardens, game tables
<b>New Windsor</b>																	
Aflee Ridge Open Space	1280917.50	682445.92	15.46	x			x		x				1				disc golf
New Windsor Lagoon Property	1280647.44	683970.07	6.42								2	1					Construction 2018
New Windsor Fire Company Grounds	12813224.81	684073.84	0.68						x								
New Windsor Town Park	1283089.76	683263.97	1.77						x				1				pavilion
Siebel's Field Ball Park (Lehigh)	1281680.80	681899.49	10.77	x					x		1						
Sulphur Springs Park	1281173.19	683643.34	0.86				x		x		1			1	2		

Site Name	Eas 83	North 83	Acres	Natural Areas	Water Access	Picnic Areas	Trails	Hunting Fishing	Parking	Other	Baseball/ Softball Fields	Multi-purpose Field	Playground Play Structures	Basketball	Tennis Courts	Activity Buildings	Notes
<b>Spikesville</b>																	
Beach Park	1319722.23	620446.05	0.15			X			X				1				
Bloomfield Park	1317947.06	623338.85	3.4	X			X		X				1				
Carrie Doney Park			27.5		Pond Stream	X	X										
Harold Burkett Park	1318768.44	622320.92	6.08			X	X		X				1			pavilion	
Jones Park	1317948.02	621295.10	0.43						X				1				
Lexington Run Park	1318895.76	620299.18	0.4						X				1				
Little Spikes Railway Park	1320997.26	618320.53	0.51	X					X								1949 J.2 Gauge Railway concessions, rest room
Millard Cooper Park	1321621.52	622247.02	8.32				X		X				1			pavilion	
Old Man Line Park	1320879.31	618464.57	0.08						X								
Shannon Run park	1317836.34	619782.93	1.32			X	X		X							pavilion	
Spikesville Linear Park Trail	1317450.22	622323.46	13.88	X		X	X		X				X				
<b>Taneytown</b>																	
Bollinger Property	1266710.88	730901.89	102.29	X	X		X		X								
Festival Park			26.54														Acquired in 2019, presently in design
Flickinger Park	1268256.00	724831.00	3.02	X					X				1				
Roberts Mill Park	1266295.52	723960.28	27.78	X	X	3	X	X	X			4	1	1			
Roth Avenue Park	1266295.52	723960.28	2.71			1			X				1				
Taneytown High School Park and Skate Park	1264458.98	725571.65	6.86			1			X		3	3	1				Skate park
Taneytown Memorial Park	1260564.33	726756.94	57.33		X	8			X		5	2	3	1	3		9/11 Memorial war memorial
<b>Union Bridge</b>																	
Little Pipe Creek Park	1264442.68	693585.55	34.79	X	X		X	Fishing	X								
Union Bridge Community Center Park	1264703.73	691870.96	8.73			2	X		X								
Union Bridge Train Station	1262306.89	693472.74	0.47						X								

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Westminster																	
Avondale Run Ballfield Park	1303870.63	692627.47	2.85						x		1						
Belle Grove Square Park	1312707.02	695118.87	0.68						x								Fountain, Benches
Bishop's Garth Park	1314355.80	690897.75	2.13						x				1				
Charles Street Playground	1314535.77	691106.88	0.87						x				1				
Dutterer Family Park	1313093.14	697679.56	10.21			1	x		x		1		1				
Green's lot	1305289.51	698306.06	0.24						x				1				
Jaycee Park	1307056.80	698075.81	10.23						x		3	2	1				
King Park	1311710.41	695210.50	5.74			1			x				1				
Lime Kiln Interpretive Park	1306168.73	693247.92	4.76						x								
Locust Lane Park	1313770.06	694792.90	0.05						x								
Longwell Municipal Center	1314276.16	694585.52	0.48						x					1			Rec/fitness
Tahoma Farm Boulder Park	1305696.44	692724.50	1.63				x		x				1				
Uniontown Road Athletic Field Park	1309351.68	698061.57	3.94						x			1					
Wakefield Valley Community Trail	1302847.91	689896.92	0.8				x		x								
Wakefield Valley Park	1302998.68	693101.09	241.02	x			x		x								18 hole, clubhouse, concession
Westminster City Playground	1314663.78	694256.64	5.54			3			x		2	1	3				
Westminster Municipal Park	1314654.62	694286.62	4.51						x								
Westminster Municipal Pool and Community Center	1304935.87	698232.28	1.92										3				
Westminster Skate Park	1314760.87	695447.84	0.87						x								
Whispering Meadows Community Park	1307169.40	698526.91	0.82						x				1				
Total Town Parks and Recreation Lands	NA	NA	838.71														
Total Carroll County Parks & Recreation Lands	NA	NA	9,323.66														

<b>Carroll County Acreage Summary</b>	NA	NA	<b>NA</b>	<b>Acres/1,000</b>
Carroll County Parks and Recreation Lands	NA	NA	<b>8,069.51</b>	47.47
Carroll County Publicly Accessable Quasi Public Lands	NA	NA	<b>1,254.15</b>	7.38
Total Carroll County Parks and Recreation Lands			<b>9,323.66</b>	54.85
Preserved Agricultural Lands	NA	NA	<b>70,091.00</b>	412.30
Natural Resource Lands	NA	NA	<b>6,195.00</b>	36.44
Historic/Cultural Lands	NA	NA	<b>116</b>	0.68
Total Carroll County Public Access Lands	NA	NA	<b>95,049.42</b>	559.11

<b>State Parks and Lands in Carroll County</b>	<b>East 83</b>	<b>North 83</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>Acres/1,000</b>
Avondale WMA	1306456.28	689004.30	<b>177.00</b>	1.04
Hugg-Thomas WMA in Carroll County	1317067.63	617633.32	<b>6.00</b>	0.04
Morgan Run NEA	1316075.09	657658.98	<b>1,930.00</b>	11.35
Patapsco Valley State Park in Carroll County	1336176.38	616253.75	<b>2,754.00</b>	16.20
Total State Lands in Carroll County	NA	NA	<b>4,867.00</b>	28.63

\* State and Federal lands may be counted towards the LPPRP acreage goal, but only the portion that exceeds 60 acres per 1,000 residents.



## Resources

**2014 Carroll County Master Plan, adopted by the Board of County Commissioners, February 26, 2015, 2019 Amendment**

<https://www.carrollcountymd.gov/government/directory/planning/comprehensive-county-plans/county-master-plans/2014-carroll-county-master-plan-2019-amendment/>

**2019 Carroll County Recreation and Parks Needs Assessment Survey**

**2021 Carroll County Recreation and Parks LPPRP Needs Assessment Survey**

**2016 Carroll County Bicycle and Pedestrian survey**

**2022 Maryland Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan Guidelines:**

[https://dnr.maryland.gov/land/Pages/Stewardship/Local\\_LPPRPs.aspx](https://dnr.maryland.gov/land/Pages/Stewardship/Local_LPPRPs.aspx)

**Maryland Land Preservation and Recreation Plan 2019-2023:**

[https://dnr.maryland.gov/land/Documents/LPRP\\_2019-2023/2019-2023\\_Maryland-LPRP.pdf](https://dnr.maryland.gov/land/Documents/LPRP_2019-2023/2019-2023_Maryland-LPRP.pdf)

**Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources 2020 Annual Report**

<https://dnr.maryland.gov/Documents/2020-Annual-Report.pdf>

**Maryland Department of Natural Resources Yearly Acreage Report:**

<http://dnr.maryland.gov/land/Documents/Stewardship/CurrentAcreageReport.pdf>

**Maryland GreenPrint:**

<http://greenprint.maryland.gov/>

**Outdoor Industry Association –2017 Research Reports on Outdoor Recreation Participation and Economic Impacts:**

[https://outdoorindustry.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/OIA\\_RecEconomy\\_FINAL\\_Single.pdf](https://outdoorindustry.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/OIA_RecEconomy_FINAL_Single.pdf)

**Maryland Trail Atlas:**

<https://data.imap.maryland.gov/datasets/95281fc3ebde48648e249021459a4a00>

**Maryland DNR GeoSpatial Data Center:**

Downloadable GIS data maintained by the Department of Natural Resources.

<http://dnrweb.dnr.state.md.us/gis/data/>

**Maryland Association of Counties (MACO):**

Non-profit organization serving Maryland counties by articulating and advocating local needs to the State’s General Assembly.

<http://www.mdcounties.org/>

**National Recreation and Parks Association – Recreation focused Reports, Studies and Tools:**

Non-profit organization focused on advancement of public parks, recreation and conservation with research papers and reports on park and recreation ties to economics, public health, transportation, etc.

<http://www.nrpa.org/research-papers/>

**The Natural Learning Initiative – Benefits of Connecting Children with Nature (2012)**

[https://naturalstart.org/sites/default/files/benefits\\_of\\_connecting\\_children\\_with\\_nature\\_infosheet.pdf](https://naturalstart.org/sites/default/files/benefits_of_connecting_children_with_nature_infosheet.pdf)

**The Physical Activity Council - 2016 Participation Report**

This Overview Report summarizes “topline” data about levels of activity in the US, establishes levels of activity and identifies key trends in sports, fitness, and recreation participation in the US.

<http://www.physicalactivitycouncil.com/pdfs/current.pdf>

**State of Maryland Children in Nature Survey in 2008**

[http://dnr2.maryland.gov/cin/PartnerMeetingDocs/CN\\_Dec19\\_2008\\_Survey\\_Summary.pdf](http://dnr2.maryland.gov/cin/PartnerMeetingDocs/CN_Dec19_2008_Survey_Summary.pdf)

**The Outdoor Foundation 2017 Report**

[https://outdoorindustry.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/2017-Topline-Report\\_FINAL.pdf](https://outdoorindustry.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/2017-Topline-Report_FINAL.pdf)

**NRPA – 2021 Engagement with Parks Report**

<https://res.cloudinary.com/nrpadev/image/upload/v1631635911/docs/2021EngagementReport.pdf>

**Society of Outdoor Recreation Professionals – Technical Resources:**

Non-profit group focused on outdoor recreation, natural and cultural resource preservation, and sustainable access to recreational opportunities. Links to resources, guides, and reports on various natural resource-based recreation topics.

<http://www.recpro.org/technical-resources>

## 2021 LPPRP Municipal Survey



**CARROLL COUNTY**  
**2022 LAND PRESERVATION PARK & RECREATION PLAN**

### Carroll County 2022 Land Preservation Park & Recreation Plan Municipality Survey

Carroll County is currently updating its Land Preservation, Park & Recreation Plan, to be completed in 2022. Once completed, this plan is submitted for approval to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, a requirement to receive Program Open Space funding. As a part of our update, Carroll County has collected information through needs assessment surveys and will be hosting informal listening sessions in our parks this summer. While this public feedback includes both county and town residents, we would also like to directly solicit the municipalities for input through the following brief survey.

We are requesting that each town complete and submit this information no later than July 31, 2021.

In addition, I would be happy to meet with any of your staff or elected officials if they would like to discuss this subject in greater detail.

Municipality name

Your answer

The amount of park acreage in our municipality is:

- a. Insufficient
- b. Currently sufficient and fully developed
- c. Sufficient plus room for future development.

What are the top 3 requested park amenities from your residents?

Please list 3.

Your answer \_\_\_\_\_

What top 3 types of programs do your residents want provided by the municipality?

Please list 3.

Your answer \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any currently unmet recreational needs in your municipality.

Your answer \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe your municipality's goals with regards to their parks and recreation facilities and activities.

Your answer

Most of our residents can access town or county parks by

- a. 5-minute walk
- b. 10-minute walk
- c. 10-minute drive

Do your park and recreation programs/events significantly support your local businesses

- Yes
- No

How would you best describe your municipality's special events, festivals, and recreational programs?

- a. Municipal staff have adequate resources to offer very successful events without additional assistance
- b. Municipal staff have some resources to offer moderately successful events but could benefit from additional assistance or partnerships
- c. Municipal staff have insufficient resources to offer these types of events

If you answered B or C to question 9, would you be interested in partnering with Carroll County Recreation & Parks to offer events in your municipality?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please provide a point of contact.

Your answer

Submit

Clear form

## Results Summary: 2021 LPPRP Municipal Survey

Municipality name	The amount of park acreage in our municipality is:	What are the top 3 requested park amenities from your residents?	What top 3 types of programs do your residents want provided by the municipality?	Please list any currently unmet recreational needs in your municipality.	Briefly describe your municipality's goals with regards to their parks and recreation facilities and activities.	Most of our residents can access town or county parks by	Do your park and recreation programs/ events significantly support your local businesses	How would you best describe your municipality's special events, festivals, and recreational programs?
Town of New Windsor	c. Sufficient plus room for future development	Fields, open space & courts	Baseball, basketball & hiking/walking	Running, walking & Biking trails. Parking	To provide open space with amenities that are minimal maintenance & cost.	b. 10-minute walk	No	b. Municipal staff have some resources to offer moderately successful events but could benefit from additional assistance or partnerships
Taneytown	c. Sufficient plus room for future development	Additional walking trails, a dog park, a pool or splashpad.	Non-sporting recreational (e.g. yoga, martial arts, skateboarding, dancing, painting); parks "educational" activities (nature learning walks, wildlife observation/ education); parades and interactive events.	Walking trails, pet facilities (dog park, trails), adequate athletic field space.	It is our goal to provide satisfactory facilities and activities that are available to, and equitable for, all.	c. 10-minute drive	Yes	b. Municipal staff have some resources to offer moderately successful events but could benefit from additional assistance or partnerships
Town of Union Bridge	c. Sufficient plus room for future development	Basketball courts, pickle ball courts, ball fields	Baseball events, summer events for children & evening activities.	We would like to refurbish our run-down tennis courts and add pickle ball capabilities to the courts.	Maintain a safe and appealing place for families to gather.	b. 10-minute walk	No	c. Municipal staff have insufficient resources to offer these types of events
City of Westminster	c. Sufficient plus room for future development	trails bicycle & pedestrian, natural areas, ADA accessible playgrounds	special events, nature-based programming, family fitness activities	ADA playgrounds	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Optimize the use of green spaces and community parks.</li> <li>2. Increase community awareness, engagement, and participation.</li> <li>3. Enrich the diversity and enjoyment of recreational events and experiences.</li> <li>4. Enhance health and wellness programs.</li> </ol>	a. 5-minute walk	Yes	a. Municipal staff have adequate resources to offer very successful events without additional assistance
Sykesville	c. Sufficient plus room for future development	Trails, bike lanes, general park equipment improvements	Programs related to physical and mental well being (ex. Yoga)	Dog parks, bike lanes, and trail improvements	Expanding accessibility and connectivity to our parks and Downtown area.	a. 5-minute walk	No	b. Municipal staff have some resources to offer moderately successful events but could benefit from additional assistance or partnerships
Town of Manchester	c. Sufficient plus room for future development	Additional Playground equipment, Additional Parking, Additional Ball Fields	More Community Activities, Additional Nature Center Activities, League Activities such as Tennis, Pickle ball, etc.	Bathroom Facilities and Larger Classroom space at Nature Center, Playgrounds within the Towns larger developments.	To supply a healthy and educational environment not only for the Town residents but for everyone of any age.	c. 10-minute drive	Yes	c. Municipal staff have insufficient resources to offer these types of events
Town of Hampstead	c. Sufficient plus room for future development	Walking trails, play units for kids and courts (basketball, tennis, pickleball).	Programs supporting Police, non-profits and businesses.	More walking trails - connections to Main Street.	Our goal is to utilize all our open space to allow optimal use for residents and visitors. We want to build in areas that are available and continue to replace areas that are in need of repair. We would love to add more events to our new Main Street and surrounding areas.	b. 10-minute walk	No	b. Municipal staff have some resources to offer moderately successful events but could benefit from additional assistance or partnerships

## 2021 Needs Assessment Survey

1. What Carroll County parks have you visited during the past 24 months?

- Bark Hill Park
- Bennett Cerf Park
- Bennett Cerf Dog Park
- Cape Horn Park
- Carroll County Equestrian Center
- Carroll County Sports Complex
- Charles Carroll Park (formerly Charles Carroll Elementary School)
- Cherrytown Park
- Deer Park
- Double Pipe Creek Park
- Freedom Park
- Gillis Falls Recreation Area
- Hap Baker Firearms Facility
- Hashawha/Bear Branch Nature Center
- Hodges Park
- Kate Wagner Park
- Krimgold Park
- Landon C. Burns Park
- Leister Park
- Mayeski Park
- North Carroll Community Pond
- Obrecht Road Park
- Old Liberty Road Park
- Piney Run Park
- Salt Box Park
- Sandymount Park
- South Carroll Dog Park
- Union Mills Recreation Area
- Westminster Community Pond
- Westminster Veterans Memorial Park
- Winfield Park
- None of the above

2. How would you rate the condition of those parks?

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

3. Please check any areas of parks used or activities during your visits.

- Athletic field
- Basketball
- Boat rental
- Fishing
- Horseback riding
- Nature Center
- Pickleball
- Picnic pavilion use
- Playground
- Registered program/activity
- Special event
- Tennis
- Unstructured play
- Walking trail
- Wildlife viewing/Photography

4. Which park did you visit most frequently?

5. How well are your needs met by current parks?

- Totally met
- Mostly met
- Somewhat met
- Not met at all



6. What are the most important criteria for you when using parks? (1 being most important)

- Convenient location
- Feel safe
- Quality
- Specific function or amenities at park

7. What barriers or challenges discourage you from visiting Carroll County parks?

- None
- Do not know locations of parks
- Not well maintained
- Lack of transportation
- Too far from our residence
- Language barriers
- I feel unwelcome or uncomfortable
- I (or a member of my household) have personal health reasons
- Not enough time
- Use facilities/programs from other agencies instead

8. For every \$100 in capital budget for parks, how much should be spent on the following (must add up to \$100):

Acquire additional parkland and open space

Build new community parks with active and passive elements

Develop new indoor recreational facilities

Develop new walking, hiking and biking trails

Fix/repair/upgrade older parks

Add lights to extend hours of usage

**9. Which additional or new facilities do you believe there is a need for in Carroll County? (check all that apply)**

- Archery range
- Baseball/Softball fields
- Community gardens
- Family campground with cabins & yurts
- Gaga pits
- Indoor aquatic facility
- Indoor gym space
- Indoor walking/track facility
- Inflatable jumping pit
- Intergenerational play structure
- Motocross facility
- Multi use trails (natural surface)
- Multi-purpose athletic fields (natural surface)
- Multi-purpose athletic fields (synthetic surface)
- Natural areas/wildlife habitat
- New community parks with variety of active and passive features
- Outdoor basketball courts
- Outdoor fitness station/equipment
- Performing arts spaces
- Picnic shelters
- Playgrounds
- Restroom facilities in parks
- Rock climbing walls
- Sensory trails
- Shade structures
- Skeet & trap shooting facility
- Swimming pool
- Walking trails (hard surface)
- Water spray ground/splash pad
- Water trails (canoe/kayak)

**10. Choose the top five items you would support most funding through Carroll County's community investment plan (select no more than 5)**

- Archery range
- Baseball/Softball fields
- Community gardens
- Family campground with cabins & yurts
- Gaga pits
- Skeet & trap shooting facility
- Swimming pool
- Walking trails (hard surface)
- Water spray ground/splash pad
- Water trails (canoe/kayak)

**11. Select one goal for acquisition of open space and park land that you would most support**

- Acquire properties adjacent to existing parks
- Acquire properties in areas that are underserved
- Acquire properties that preserve local open spaces
- Acquire property to develop a community park with active and passive elements
- Acquire property for additional water access for fishing, canoe/kayak launches

**12. Currently Carroll County has 2 dog parks: one in South Carroll with over 250 members and one in Westminster with over 150 members. Do you feel there is a need for a third county owned dog park located in the northern part of the county?**

- Yes
- No

**13. What types of trails should be the highest priority for Carroll County to build?**

- Paved trails
- Trails linking neighborhoods with community destinations
- Trails linking with other trails
- Trails that extend long distances
- Multiuse trails for bikes, hiking and equestrian use

14. If you do not currently use trails in Carroll County, what are your primary reasons?

- Lack of trails and connections
- Don't know where they are located
- Too far away/not convenient
- Poorly maintained
- Feel unsafe
- Conflicts with other types of trail users

15. Do you feel there is a need for a regional family-oriented campground in the county that features cabins, yurts, RV/trailer area and other onsite amenities?

- Yes
- No

16. What Carroll County Recreation & Parks programs & services have you used during the past 24 months?

- Adult programs
- Youth programs
- Pre-school programs
- Teen programs
- EPIC (50 & older) programs
- Family programs
- Adaptive recreation programs
- Bus trips
- Dog parks
- Drop in/free events
- "In a Bag" programs
- Health & wellness
- Rental boats
- Summer camps
- Virtual programs

17. How would you rate the quality of those programs/services?

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

18. How would you rate the customer service for program registration or pavilion rental?

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

19. Which groups are most underserved by current recreation and parks services?

- Adults
- Families
- Middle School youth
- Preschool children
- Elementary school youth
- Seniors
- People from diverse cultures
- People with disabilities
- Veterans

**20. What barriers or challenges make it difficult for you to participate in Department of Recreation and Parks programs?**

- None
- Timing of programs does not allow me to attend
- Cost of participation
- Lack of transportation
- Lack of childcare
- Language barriers
- I am not familiar with program locations
- I wasn't aware of programs
- I feel unwelcome or uncomfortable
- I don't have anyone to go with
- I don't have the skills or abilities to participate
- I (or a member of my household) have personal health reasons
- I am not interested in programs offered

**21. What is the most important area, if addressed, that would increase your participation?**

- Better diversity of programs
- Easier access to program locations
- Lower prices for programs
- Programs offered at a different time
- Transportation
- Other (please specify)

**22. Do you have a need for any of the following recreation programs?**

- Activities for single adults
- Adult cooking/nutrition
- Adult day/weekend travel programs
- Adult fitness/wellness
- Adult organized sports programs
- Adult technology
- Bird watching programs
- Canoeing/kayaking
- Community festivals
- Concerts
- Family activities
- Farmers Markets
- Fishing programs & tournaments
- Gardening
- Golf lessons
- Healthy living classes
- Homeschool programs
- Intergenerational activities (combined youth & adult)
- Internship opportunities for HS and college students
- Learn to swim
- Photography
- Pickleball
- Pre-school programs
- Shooting sports
- Tennis
- Walking groups
- Water fitness programs
- Yoga
- Youth cooking
- Youth creative/performing arts
- Youth fitness & wellness
- Youth martial arts
- Youth nature/environmental education
- Youth technology

23. From this list of programs, which 5 are most important to you?

- Activities for single adults
- Adult cooking
- Adult day/weekend travel programs
- Adult fitness/wellness
- Adult organized sports programs
- Adult technology
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- Youth martial arts
- Youth nature/environmental education
- Youth technology

24. Recreation and Parks has developed a new line of programming called EPIC for Experienced People in Carroll, age 50 and older. What types of programs are needed for this population?

- Activities for single adults
- Cooking
- Day/weekend travel programs
- Fitness/wellness
- Organized sports programs
- Technology
- Bird watching programs
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- Farmers Markets
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- Photography
- Pickleball
- Shooting sports
- Tennis
- Walking groups
- Water fitness programs
- Yoga/Pilates

25. How do you learn about recreation and parks activities?

- School newsletters/email distribution
- Newspaper articles
- Program guide (hard copy)
- Direct email with link to Program guide
- Social media (Facebook, Twitter)
- Web site
- Word of mouth

26. Do you have access to the internet at your home?

- Yes
- No

27. How do you travel to parks?

- Bicycle
- Car
- Walk

28. Are there enough parks within a 10-minute walk of your home?

- Yes
- No

29. Are there enough parks within a 15-minute drive of your home?

- Yes
- No

30. How long does it take you to travel to the Carroll County park that you use most often?

- Less than 10 minutes
- Less than 20 minutes
- Less than 30 minutes
- More than 30 minutes

31. How important is overall quality of life in Carroll County to you?

- Very important
- Somewhat important
- Not important

32. Recreation & Parks services address a variety of purposes in the community. Please indicate how important each of the following purposes are to you and your household (1 being most important):

- Promote healthy active lifestyle
- Provide recreation and leisure opportunities for the community
- Connecting neighbors to neighbors
- Create a sense of community
- Connecting people with nature

33. How important of a role does Recreation & Parks play in quality of life?

- Significant role
- Some impact
- Very little impact
- No impact at all

34. What is the overall value of Recreation & Parks in Carroll County?

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

35. Over the next 5 years, what should be Carroll County Recreation & Parks' highest priority?

- Acquire additional parkland and open space
- Develop additional trails to support a more walkable community
- Enhance and expand recreational amenities at existing parks
- Expand number and variety of programs
- Offering greater variety of special events

36. Please share any other comments you have below:

## Community Listening Sessions: Needs Assessment Summary

# CARROLL COUNTY 2022 LAND PRESERVATION, PARK & RECREATION PLAN

### COMMUNITY LISTENING SESSIONS

**Monday, September 13, 2021 at 6:30pm**

*Freedom Park, Sykesville, MD*

**Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 6:30pm**

*Leister Park, Hampstead, MD*

The primary purpose of the LPPRP is to identify future needs and priorities for parks, recreation and open space acquisition and development. These needs and priorities serve as a guide for land acquisition and capital investment in the County's Community Investment Program.



## WHAT IS THE LAND PRESERVATION, PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN?

The Land Preservation, Parks & Recreation Plan (LPPRP) guides planning, development and operation of parks and recreational programs. This helps Carroll County build a recreation and park system that serves and enhances our community's health and quality of life, now and into the future. The LPPRP is updated every 5 years and can influence decisions well beyond that period.

**The update involves the collection and evaluation of data and information to better serve the public by identifying:**

- Locations and recreational opportunities available at park and recreation facilities
- Rates of parks use and public participation in recreation
- Need for more parks and recreation facilities
- Proximity of parks and recreation facilities to where people live and to under-served areas
- Accomplishments of local jurisdictions to preserve agricultural and resource land

**Previous plans and efforts that the LPPRP update will build on:**

- Carroll County 2017 Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan  
*View the 2017 Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan at [ccrecpark.org](http://ccrecpark.org)*
- Maryland Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan 2019-2023
- Carroll County Master Plan and comprehensive plans for 9 designated growth areas and eight municipalities

INFORMATION REGARDING EXISTING CARROLL COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES MAY BE FOUND AT [CCRECPARK.ORG](http://CCRECPARK.ORG)



## WHAT WE HAVE HEARD SO FAR

In the spring of 2021, the department conducted a needs assessment survey to learn more about the community’s recreation and parks preferences, interests, and priorities. The survey was shared with each the county’s recreation councils and the department’s program registration database as well as publicized to residents through social media and on the department web site. In addition, surveys were mailed to 650 households that were randomly selected from the county’s property tax database. Over 1,110 people responded to this survey including both the random and public components.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2021 NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY

### RATE THE CONDITIONS OF COUNTY PARKS



### PARK AMENITIES USED MOST OFTEN



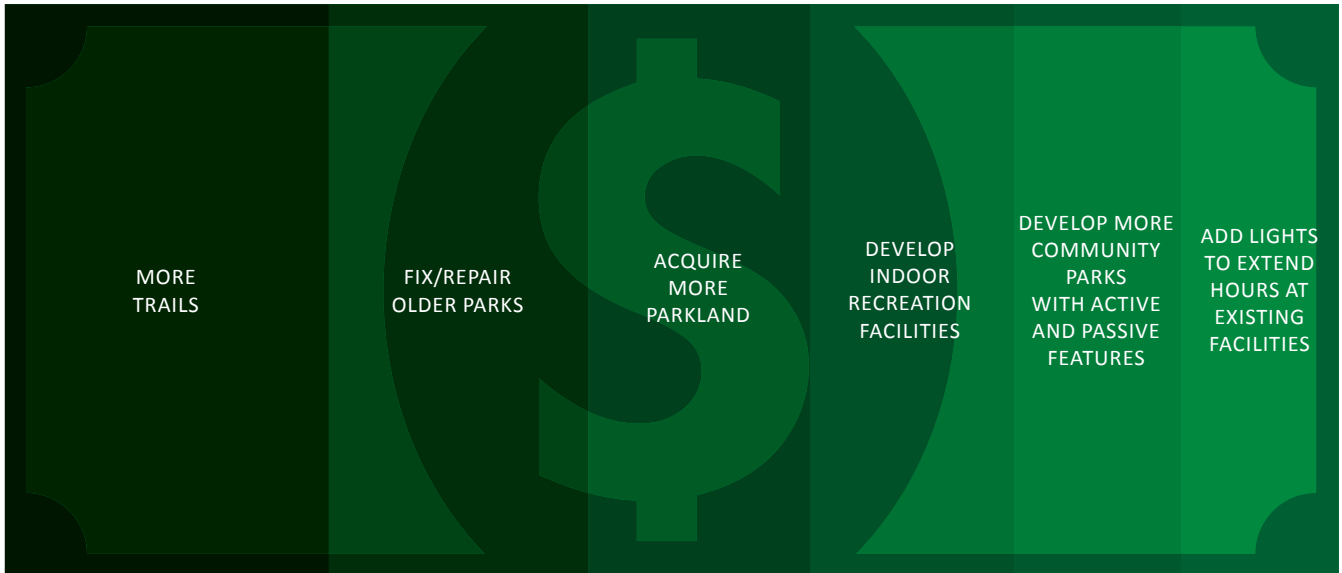
### HOW WELL ARE NEEDS CURRENTLY MET BY EXISTING FACILITIES?



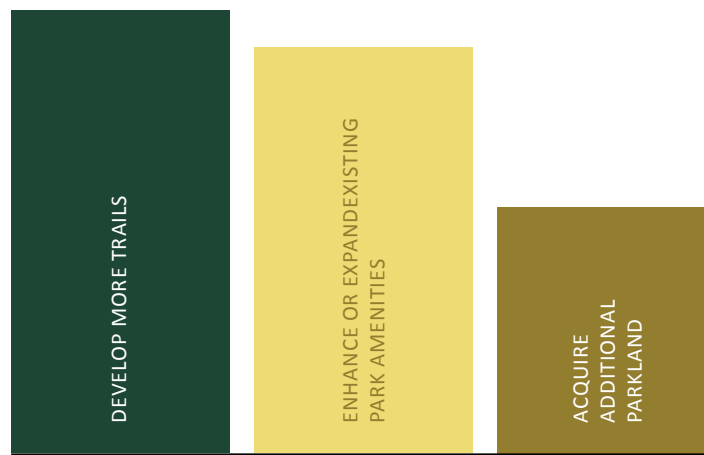
### BARRIERS THAT DISCOURAGE USAGE OF PARKS

- None
- Don't know locations
- Not enough time
- Too far from home

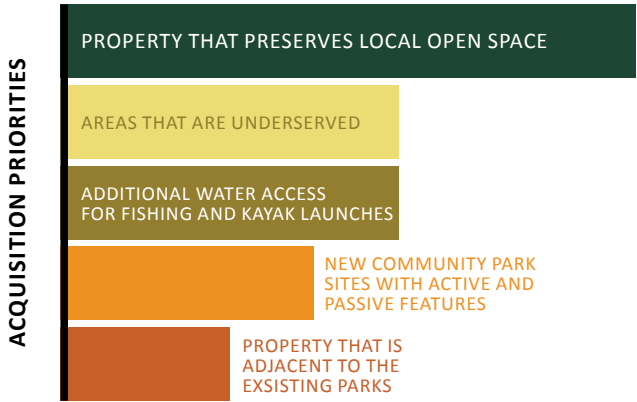
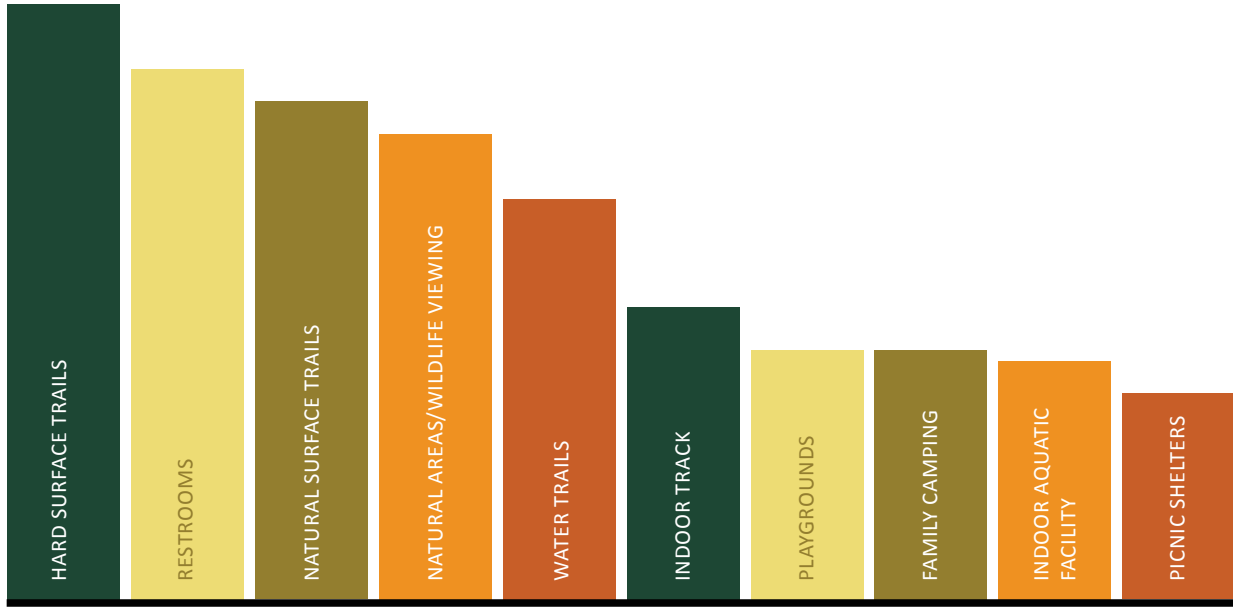
**FOR EVERY \$100 IN THE RECREATION & PARKS CAPITAL BUDGET**



**WHAT SHOULD THE HIGHEST PRIORITY BE FOR RECREATION AND PARKS CAPITAL BUDGET IN THE NEXT 5 YEARS?**



**ADDITIONAL OR NEW FACILITIES NEEDED**



**MOST POPULAR PROGRAMS USED**



Youth Programs

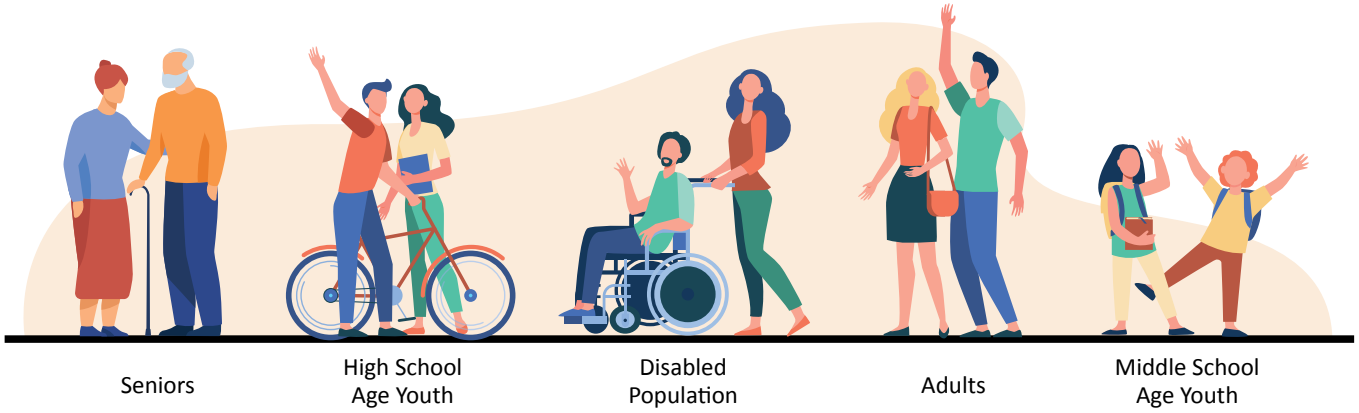
Adult Programs

Health & Fitness Programs

Summer Camps

Family Programs

**GROUPS UNDER-SERVED BY PROGRAMS**



**NEW OR ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS NEEDED**



Adult Fitness/Wellness



Farmers Markets



Canoe/Kayaking



Festivals

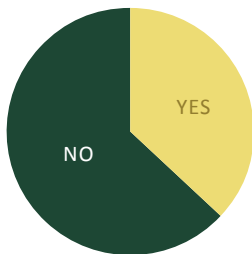


Family Activities

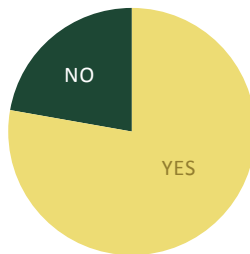
**HOW DO YOU TRAVEL TO THE PARKS?**



**ARE THERE ENOUGH PARKS WITHIN A 10-MINUTE WALK?**

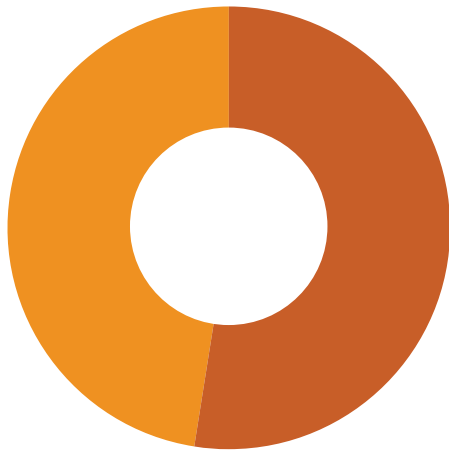


**ARE THERE ENOUGH PARKS WITHIN A 15-MINUTE DRIVE?**



**HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO GET TO THE PARK YOU USE MOST OFTEN?**





**WHAT ROLE DOES RECREATION AND PARKS PLAY IN YOUR QUALITY OF LIFE?**

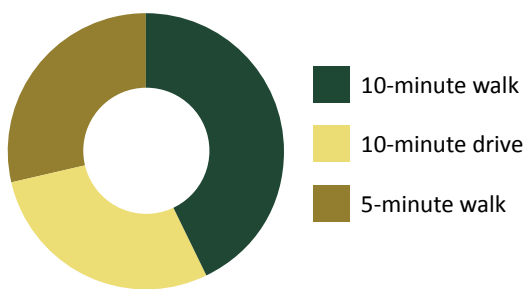
- Significant Role
- Some Role

### WHAT WE HAVE HEARD SO FAR (CONTINUED)

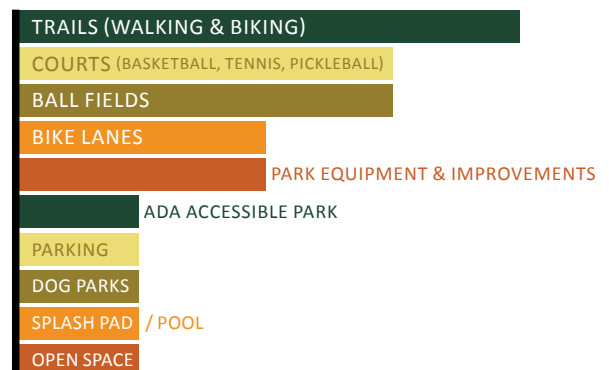
In the summer of 2021, the department conducted a survey of Carroll County’s eight (8) municipalities to gather additional input regarding a variety of recreation and parks related issues. Highlighted results from the municipalities survey below.

**THE AMOUNT OF PARK ACREAGE IN OUR MUNICIPALITY IS...  
SUFFICIENT PLUS ROOM FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT.**

**MOST OF OUR RESIDENTS CAN ACCESS TOWN OR COUNTY PARKS BY**



**TOP AMENITIES REQUESTED BY RESIDENTS**



## WHAT'S NEXT

We encourage you to take advantage of this additional opportunity to provide input on recreation and parks related issues in Carroll County. To share any additional feedback on what park and recreation programs, facilities and opportunities are important to you, please email [ccrec@carrollcountymd.gov](mailto:ccrec@carrollcountymd.gov).

Thank you for participating in our Community Listening Session for the LPPRP update. Public feedback will be used to help to shape the draft of the LPPRP and this site will be updated as the process moves forward.

## QUICK LINKS



SCAN TO  
VIEW/DOWNLOAD  
2017 LPPRP



SCAN TO VISIT LPPRP  
INFORMATION PAGE  
ON [CCRECPARK.ORG](http://CCRECPARK.ORG)



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## Carroll County Land Preserved by A Recorded Deed of Easement as of June 30, 2021

CARROLL COUNTY LAND PRESERVED BY A RECORDED DEED OF EASEMENT AS OF JUNE 30, 2021														
Fiscal Year	Maryland Ag. Land Preservation Foundation						Rural Legacy Program		Carroll County Easement Program		Land Trust Easements		Total All Programs	
	MALPF Conventional Funding		MALPF 100% County Funding		Total MALPF Program		Farms	Acres	Farms	Acres	Farms	Acres	Farms	Acres
Through 1996	180	23,670	4	472	184	24,142			1	52	8	604	193	24,798
1997	13	1,043	4	480	17	1,523			1	100	3	153	21	1,776
1998	12	1,718	6	738	18	2,456			0	0	1	24	19	2,480
1999	9	1,066	7	862	16	1,928			0	0	1	10	17	1,938
2000	11	1,172	5	459	16	1,631	7	524	4	355	1	18	28	2,528
2001	8	881	15	1,949	23	2,830	8	872	0	0	1	149	32	3,851
2002	8	743	11	994	19	1,737	5	593	2	138	3	147	29	2,615
2003	6	492	5	492	11	984	1	150	8	772	2	251	22	2,157
2004	0	0	9	923	9	923	0	0	13	1,462	2	342	24	2,727
2005	4	301	3	273	7	574	0	0	15	1,639	3	120	25	2,333
2006	7	553	4	348	11	901	2	156	17	1,641	1	121	31	2,819
2007	5	690	2	204	7	894	1	44	6	701	1	16	15	1,655
2008	10	710	3	366	13	1,076	6	491	6	922	3	110	28	2,599
2009	5	472	0	0	5	472	1	107	5	727	1	10	12	1,316
2010	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	196	13	1,498	3	77	19	1,771
2011	4	533	0	0	4	533	4	487	33	3,554	2	24	43	4,598
2012	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	94	0	0	3	177	4	271
2013	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	31	1	97	1	6	3	134
2014	4	656	0	0	4	656	4	204	24	2,487	2	48	34	3,395
2015	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	108	6	719	3	54	11	881
2016	2	155	0	0	2	155	4	172	18	1,945	1	11	25	2,283
2017	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	1,382	1	44,856	11	1,427
2018	4	519	0	0	4	519	3	229	5	523	1	45	13	1,316
2019	1	123	0	0	1	123	3	262	12	1,176	0	0	16	1,561
2020	6	406	0	0	6	406	2	205	3	371	0	0	11	982
2021	7	683	0	0	7	683	4	256	11	1,445	0	0	22	2,384
<b>Totals</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>36,586</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>8,560</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>45,146</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>5181</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>23,706</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>2562*</b>	<b>708</b>	<b>76,595</b>

\*Total includes acres preserved by MET, MHT, TNC, and TDR

Prior to 2008, easements in the Rural Legacy Areas that were acquired with 100% County Matching funds were listed as Rural Legacy easements. Those easements have been re-designated to the Carroll County Easement Program. The Rural Legacy designation now includes only those easements acquired with State Grant Funds, and the three that were acquired with a combination of State and County funding.

Easement acquisition in 2009 was below average because funds that could have been used for 2009 MALPF applicants were held for 2010 offers in the Carroll County Installment Purchase Program to be made to those same applicants. The statistics for the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Program (MALPF) are based on signed contracts for the fiscal year programs regardless of whether or not settlements occurred during that fiscal year. Beginning with 2009, statistics for the other programs are based on settlements during the fiscal year.

## Appendix 7

### Carroll County Ag Conservation Easements

Name-Property Owner	Property Address	Acres Preserved	Type of Easement
Erb, Robert	Route 194	23.6	Carroll Land Trust
Valentine, Gary	2621 Murkle Road, Westminster	15.2	Carroll Land Trust
Lapp, Aaron	East of Stone Road	148.0	Carroll Land Trust
Lippy, Rosemary	Houcksville Road	134.6	Carroll Land Trust
Rich Meadow Farm LLC,	Old Westminster Road	99.3	Carroll Land Trust
Baugher Grain Farms, Inc.,	Hapes Mill Rd.	242.3	Carroll Land Trust
Muse, Elizabeth	2021 Deer Park Road, Finksburg	68.3	Carroll Land Trust
Broadview Farm LLC,	Stem Road & W/S Mckinstrys Mill Road	90.8	Carroll Land Trust
Schuster, Jr., John	Stem Road	30.3	Carroll Land Trust
Robertson, Michael	2543 Murkle Road	15.9	Carroll Land Trust
Stoner, Virginia	2929 Coon Club Road	6.9	Carroll Land Trust
Bollinger, M.	254 Bachmans Valley Road	10.1	Carroll Land Trust
Clise, James	1414 Washington Road	26.6	Carroll Land Trust
Worthley, Jr. Trustee, Elmer	939 Wesley Road	18.0	Carroll Land Trust
Panora Acres, Inc.,	5 miles of Bachmans Valley	3.2	Carroll Land Trust
Gray III, William	1203 Poole Road	11.1	Carroll Land Trust
Saville, Gary	3904 Bixler Church Rd.	9.2	Carroll Land Trust
Shaffer, Wayne	2662 Hoffman Mill Road, Hampstead	6.5	Carroll Land Trust
Myers, Donald	1220 E. Deep Run Rd.	16.7	Carroll Land Trust
Sebastian III, Robert	612 Jasontown Rd.	20.6	Carroll Land Trust
Cook, Gary	2233 Nicodemus Rd.	19.4	Carroll Land Trust
Ritter, Jr., John	2200 Uniontown Rd.	14.0	Carroll Land Trust
Erb, Robert	Maple Grove Road, Westminster	11.0	Carroll Land Trust
Broadview Farm LLC,	101 Smith Road	99.2	County Program
Stonesifer, D.	2132 N Old Bachman Valley Road, Westminster, MD 21157-3136	85.5	County Program
Grove, Charles	2330 Mayberry Road, Westminster	81.5	County Program
Hoff (Estate of), Marlin	E & W/S Sams Creek Road	118.0	County Program
Green, Charles	1107 Slingsluff Road	123.0	County Program
Cunningham, Bryan	Brown Road	120.3	County Program
Hilbourn, Martha	112 Dutrow Road	120.1	County Program
Reddick, Leonard	Baust Church Road	170.6	County Program
Ebersol, David	3978 Middleburg Road	288.3	County Program
Bell, Ryan	845 North Gorsuch Road/2601 Shiloh Road	321.4	County Program
Bell, Robert	2735 Shiloh Road	50.0	County Program
Van Brunt, John	2588 Marston Road, New Windsor	27.9	County Program
Meeks, Lawrence	4800 Arters Mill Road etal	161.0	County Program
Snyder, Charlotte	5249 Bowers Road, Taneytown	24.9	County Program
Mirfin, Henry	4351 Middleburg Road	57.7	County Program
Mirfin, Kenneth	N. of Mt. Union Road	39.7	County Program
Mirfin, Kenneth	N. of Mt. Union Road	75.5	County Program



Mirfin, Kenneth	Mt. Union Road	124.5	County Program
Barnes, Jr., George	1812 Old Washington Road	132.4	County Program
Heger, Daniel	1310 Marble Quarry Road	100.6	County Program
Bollinger, Robert	4485 E. Piney Creek Road	146.2	County Program
Rodkey, Etal, Fern	Bert Koontz Road	89.2	County Program
Vaughn, Marlin	3920 Baptist Road	42.1	County Program
linton, Charlotte	5532 Bethel Road	231.0	County Program
Zimmerman, Doris	4508 Teeter Road	140.4	County Program
Makoutz, George	3722 Old Taneytown Road	108.6	County Program
Harper, Earle	900 Otterdale Mill Road	61.4	County Program
Harper, Earle	4960 Middleburg Road, Taneytown, MD 21787	64.7	County Program
Nelson, Charles	Falls Road	90.1	County Program
Dahlberg, John	1801 Bachmans Valley Road	47.1	County Program
Hoke, Sr., John	1705 Bachmans Valley Rd.	50.4	County Program
Leister Jr, Paul	821 Hook Road	27.1	County Program
Aloha Farm LLC,	7535 Woodbine Road	105.5	County Program
Nevius, Charles	Fridinger Mill Road	68.3	County Program
Nevius, Charles	Fridinger Mill Road	163.4	County Program
Green, Daniel	1748 Stone Road	82.9	County Program
Hessler Johnson Farm LLC,	1400 Emory Church Road	106.1	County Program
Baugher Grain Farms, Inc.,	1380 Hapes Mill Rd.	84.3	County Program
White Rose, LLC,	E Teeter Road	120.5	County Program
CAB LLC,	3300 Carrollton Road, Hampstead	74.2	County Program
Mahanna, Charles	902 Gorsuch Road	88.6	County Program
McQuay, Kenneth	2833 Kump Station Road, Taneytown	83.4	County Program
Hale, Diane	4326 Maple Grove Road	86.4	County Program
Sheffer, Dorothy	5911 Taneytown Pike	27.9	County Program
Howard, L/E, Earl	5241 Stone Lane, Taneytown, MD 21787	139.4	County Program
Miller, Donna	Patapsco Road	56.4	County Program
Miller, Donna	1023 Wesley Road	84.2	County Program
Fleagle, Charles, Philip	2500 Mayberry Road	87.4	County Program
Bauerlein, Vicki	West side of Keysville Road	181.1	County Program
Sherwood, Trustee, Doris	1819 Mayberry Rd	311.6	County Program
Maring Family, LLC,	1801 Gillis Road	95.8	County Program
Mullinix, Maria	1330 Baust Church Road	60.3	County Program
Clarke, Kenneth	3338 Marston Road	96.0	County Program
Miller (Raver), Fay	Hanover Pike	32.6	County Program
Raver, Glenn	Bachmans Valley Road	53.2	County Program
Foglesong, Luther	2704 Robert Arthur Road	40.2	County Program
Reeves, Charlotte	Gillis Road	73.4	County Program
Sahlin, Patricia	916 Oak Tree Road	70.8	County Program
Shruell, Randal	956 Oak Tree Rd.	10.8	County Program
Oak Ridge Farm Enterprises LLC,	726 Oak Tree Road	47.9	County Program
Norwitz, James	600 Oak Tree Rd.	31.6	County Program
Dubs, Ralph, Clarence, and Melvin	4401 Maple Grove Road	58.5	County Program
Wilhide, Neal	6500 Keysville Road	107.7	County Program

Staley, Kenneth	Littlestown Pike	74.0	County Program
Burgan, Erik	2528 Cross Section Road	52.0	County Program
Barnes, Alfred	1205 Old Westminster 1300 Road	85.5	County Program
Hutchison Family Limited Partnership,	6916 Keysville Road	70.1	County Program
Stapleton, William	6910 Keysville Road	189.5	County Program
Soper, Jr., Richard	527 Warfieldsburg Road	214.9	County Program
Jewell, Helen	3541 Halter Road	90.6	County Program
Leppo, Brian	5245 Freter Road, Sykesville, MD 21784	250.1	County Program
100 John Street LLC,	3715 Arters Mill Road et al	81.5	County Program
Keith L/E, Stafford	4726 Ruggles Road, Taneytown	107.1	County Program
Few, Constance	3926 Diehl Road, Taneytown, MD 21787	124.7	County Program
Cody, Neal	5800 Bethel Road, Woodbine, MD 21797	48.1	County Program
Glinka, Sandra	220 Bucher John Rd.	20.4	County Program
Kelly, Jr., Edward	3200 Blacks Schoolhouse Road	190.5	County Program
Albaugh, Clarence	1711 Crouse Mill Rd.	103.3	County Program
Garver, Jason	8166 Forest and Stream Club Road, Detour	56.6	County Program
Mudgett III, James	Bowersox Road	82.6	County Program
Garstlyn Farms LLC,	2063 Dennings Road	61.1	County Program
Liberty Road Farms LLC,	2074 Dennings Road	89.8	County Program
Hoff, Wilfred	Bethel Road and Patapsco Road	222.1	County Program
The Strawbridge Shrine Assoc.,	2650 Strawbridge Lane	29.3	County Program
Owings, Carl	739 S Springdale Road	39.2	County Program
Mill Dale Farms, Inc.,	East side of Route 75 on Mill Dale Lane	181.8	County Program
Hoff, Kathleen	Winters Church Road	169.7	County Program
Mill Dale Farms, Inc.,	East side New Windsor-Union Bridge Road	82.9	County Program
Acker, Bradley	Sams Creek Road	46.4	County Program
Hoff, Kathleen	3712 Hawks Hill Road, New Windsor	37.1	County Program
Johnson, Steven	3712 Hawks Hill Road	11.9	County Program
Otterdale View Farm LLC,	Middleburg Road	97.1	County Program
Keymar Farms LLC,	7100 Sixes Bridge Rd., Keymar, MD 21757	160.2	County Program
Moats, Christina	3320 Milldale Lane, near New Windsor-UB Rd.	141.3	County Program
Leannarda, John	Sams Creek Road	105.8	County Program
Pickett, David	1625 Wakefield Valley Road	18.4	County Program
Smith, Nancy	601 S. Springdale Road, New Windsor	106.4	County Program
Hoff, Matthew	3901B Hawks Hill Road, New Windsor	96.0	County Program
Hoff, Matthew	1801 Hoke Road, New Windsor	116.5	County Program
Lippy, H.	bordering east side of John Hyde Rd., Westminster	143.8	County Program
Hoff, Matthew	2020 Old New Windsor Rd., New Windsor, MD 21776	126.0	County Program
, Wakefield Valley Manor LLC	1300 Wakefield Road, New Windsor	41.0	County Program
Rodkey, Jamie	1401 New Windsor Road	44.2	County Program
Owings, Carl	201 South Springdale Road	240.7	County Program
Horichs, Daniel	1006 & 1024 Taneytown Pike, Westminster, MD 21158	204.3	County Program
Hull, Elinor	955 Pinch Valley Road, Westminster, MD 21158	172.5	County Program

Rangarajan, Anitha	2001 Bethel Road, Finksburg, MD 21048	34.9	County Program
Lease, Jr., Sidney	2201 Old New Windsor Rd.	86.4	County Program
Ryan, Jr., James	Mumma Ford Rd. along Monocacy River	246.9	County Program
Blubaugh, Galen	750 E. Deep Run Road	117.6	County Program
Sunset View Farm LLC,	5455 Middleburg Road, Union Bridge	108.4	County Program
Stambaugh Farms LLC,	524 S. Frizzellburg Road	163.7	County Program
Miller Stambaugh Farm LLC,	309 Jasontown Road, Westminster, MD 21158	79.4	County Program
Full, Douglas	Woodbine Road	110.6	County Program
Krumrine, Roger	611 Bankard Road	41.7	County Program
Krumrine, Roger	648 Bankard Road	51.1	County Program
Francis, Roselle	526 Warfieldsburg Road	47.5	County Program
Bollinger, David	50 Bachmans Valley Rd. et al	150.3	County Program
Potter, Jr., L/E et al, Milton	3580 Flickinger Road	55.0	County Program
Mullinix, Jr., Wayne	6803 Woodbine Road	176.7	County Program
Hill, Martin	4100 E. Main St., Lineboro	100.5	County Program
Manchester Black Farm, LLC,	3060 Lineboro Road, Manchester, MD 21102	65.7	County Program
Rhoten, John	1833 Manchester Road, Westminster	68.2	County Program
Harman, Larry	800 Hunters Choice Dr.	119.0	County Program
Rill, Paul	1935 Reese Road et al	126.7	County Program
Trout, Dean	6410 Middleburg Rd.	80.7	County Program
Trout, Travis	6620 Y Road	147.5	County Program
Kable, John	159 Ruth Shriver Road et al	143.8	County Program
Powell, Samuel	65 Ruth Shriver Road	140.2	County Program
Wagner, Nancy	1347 Brodbeck Road et al	68.1	County Program
Babylon, Donna	1014 Wakefield Valley Road	77.2	County Program
Harrison, William	6901 Eden Mill Road	97.2	County Program
Nelson, Donald	1835 Nelson Road	82.2	County Program
McCormick, Robert	3700 Kump Station Road	116.6	County Program
Estate of Louise K. Knight,	1055 McKinstry's Mill Road	123.3	County Program
Baugher Grain Farms Inc.,	Richardson Road	121.4	County Program
Sentz, Jr., Robert	W/S Key Hwy and S/S Ruggles Road	30.2	County Program
Gordon III, Thomas	2508 Fridinger Mill Road	171.6	County Program
Smith, Kremelda	4035 and 4037 Baptist Road	90.7	County Program
Strevig, Catherine	4235 Maple Grove Road	54.5	County Program
Caswell Liberty Road Farm LLC,	2407 W. Liberty Road	51.9	County Program
Suehle, John	10 W Deep Run Road	207.3	County Program
Dorsey, Ryan	3296 Bullfrog Road	96.8	County Program
Pickett, Eileen	1901 Gillis Falls Road	95.9	County Program
Boerner L/E, Joseph	1686 Garrett Rd.	70.8	County Program
Panora Acres, Inc.,	3000 and 3009 Tracey's Mill Road	182.7	County Program
Hoff, Ian	1835 Wilt Rd.	213.3	County Program
Fleming, Trustee, Dorothy	East Side Woodbine Road	79.5	County Program
Yohn, Lorene	3026 Marston Road	130.0	County Program
Maple Lawn LLC,	3226 Marston Road	118.4	County Program
Wennell III, John	3817 Millers Station Road	35.0	County Program

Sterner, Robert	4850 Stoney Lane	136.0	County Program
Keymar Farms LLC,	1271 S Keysville Rd., Detour	164.9	County Program
Russell, Jerry	418 Ridge Rd./Spring Mills Rd.	180.8	County Program
Cain, Virgil	5665 Middleburg Rd.	40.4	County Program
Nelson, Michael	5219 Frock Road	120.5	County Program
Dells Generation Farms LLC,	3324 Bixler Church Road	213.1	County Program
Frock, Myron	Hook Road	44.0	County Program
Muller, Jr., Thomas	2420 Salem Bottom Road	85.3	County Program
Weant, Carl and Grace	4855 Piney Creek Rd.	117.3	County Program
Speak, Kevin	1650 Stover Road	65.1	County Program
Harman, Blaine	Francis Scott Key Hwy.	98.0	County Program
Zook, Jonas	2221 Crouse Mill Road, Taneytown	35.2	County Program
Dell Brothers Inc.,	Benedict Road, Westminster, MD 21157	55.6	County Program
Baugher Enterprises, Inc.,	2019 Stone Rd.	113.9	County Program
Dim Vovkiv LLC,	3617 Old Taneytown Rd.	187.1	County Program
Orendorff Holdings LLC,	Trump Road, Westminster	122.3	County Program
Young, Substitute Trustee, Vicki	2772 Marston Road	107.6	County Program
Bubczyk, Jeffrey	3139 Lineboro Rd., Manchester	75.9	County Program
Nickoles, Jr., Charles	3200 Mail Road, Westminster	42.3	County Program
Stafford, George	4150 Middleburg Road, Union Bridge	70.7	County Program
Harman, Blaine	1785 Stover Road, Taneytown	96.8	County Program
Cramer, Nancy	E W/S Water Tank Road, Manchester	130.6	County Program
Feeser, Julie	Crouse Mill Road	213.6	County Program
Dell, Matthew	501 E. Saw Mill Road, Westminster	96.6	County Program
Brewer, Jr., Guy	3947 Littlestown Pike, Westminster	93.4	County Program
Terra Rubra Three LLC,	7010 Keysville Road, Keymar	127.3	County Program
Pierce L/E Etal, Esther	4200 Water Tank Road	111.8	County Program
Empty Cupboard Farm LC,	2650 Baumgardner Road	139.8	County Program
Hook, Virginia	3046 Old Washington Road	118.0	County Program
Sussman, John	3072 Nicodemus Road	61.7	County Program
Leahy, Trustee, J	Snydersburg Road	110.3	County Program
Roberts, Joseph	Stonesifer Road	75.9	County Program
Stocksdale, Terry	3131 Carrollton Road	117.6	County Program
Morgan, Marion	72 N. Gorsuch Road	120.8	County Program
G E Wine, Inc.,	Fridinger Mill Road	326.6	County Program
Reifsnider, Douglas	2080 Francis Scott Key Hwy	199.1	County Program
Lethbridge, Charles	4770 Middleburg Road, Taneytown	115.6	County Program
Kowalski, Dominic	1640 Indian Valley Trail, Westminster	81.0	County Program
Hester, George	240 Blackhaw Trail, Westminster	113.4	County Program
Johnson, Michael	5108 Bank Hall Hill Road	49.3	County Program
Lambert, Virginia	2600 Uniontown Road	164.1	County Program
Stiles, Wayne	Humbert Schoolhouse Road, Westminster	40.5	County Program
Layton, Linda	2555 Nicodemus Road, Westminster	151.2	County Program
Ford, Kenneth	2867 Bird View Road, Westminster	77.9	County Program
Shirley, Henry	Barnhart Road, Westminster	190.1	County Program
Dickinson, William	1808 Otterdale Mill Road, Taneytown	119.5	County Program

Raab, Lynn	3825 Old Taneytown Road, Taneytown	56.2	County Program
McGrew, Patrick	2121 Reifsnider Road, Keymar	181.5	County Program
Reick, Michael	1415 Green Meadow Lane, Westminster	47.0	County Program
Stambaugh, Steven	West side of Crouse Mill Road, Keymar	102.1	County Program
Stultz, Jr., John	N. Feeser Road, Taneytown	60.1	County Program
Windisch, Jerod	2501 Cross Section Road, Westminster	89.9	County Program
Lemuix, Mitchell	1221 Bolinger Road, Westminster	64.3	County Program
Davidson, Allan	1800 Old Westminster Pike, Finksburg	179.3	County Program
Pickett Trustee ETAL, Eileen	Old Washington Road, Woodbine	110.5	County Program
Baran, Thomas	4150 Fringer Road, Taneytown	81.8	County Program
Knill, William	4930 Roop Road & 4400 Roop Road	354.5	County Program
Walsh, Thomas	47 Leister's Church Rd. and 6 Dutrow Rd.	136.7	County Program
Maring, Donald	1810 Gillis Road, Woodbine	97.3	County Program
Billings, Janet	2955 Ridge Road	126.9	County Program
Rawlings, Sr., John	703 Cherrytown Road	79.8	County Program
Snyder, Linda	1415 Francis Scott Key Highway, Keymar	109.4	County Program
Kreit, Helen	1922 Crouse Mill Road	250.6	County Program
Morris, Edward	4807 Grand Valley Road, Westminster	67.8	County Program
Billings, Ralph	1150 and 1154 Bloom Road, Westminster	119.3	County Program
Gist, Edgar	2338 & 2342 Emory Road	100.7	County Program
Bavetta, Laura	2001 Tyrone Road, Westminster	46.3	County Program
Warehime Jr, James	Old Hanover Rd, Westminster	48.9	County Program
Warehime Jr, James	707 Cherytree Lane, Westminster	70.6	County Program
Wright, Roger	Wakefield Valley Road	52.1	County TDR
Raver, Trustee, Kathleen	Emory Road	83.0	Land Trust (Joint)
Chodnicki, Kenneth	Carrollton Road	58.3	Land Trust (Joint)
Heath, Jeremy	6951 John Pickett Road, Woodbine	19.1	Land Trust (Joint)
Whitman, Scott	Sixes Bridge Road, Detour	79.0	Land Trust (Joint)
Wildesen, John	Uniontown Road	53.7	Land Trust (Joint)
Hackney, Carol	5843 Oakland Road, Sykesville	10.3	Land Trust (Joint)
Aybar, Michael Victor	4101 Alesia Lineboro Road	17.5	Land Trust (Joint)
Min-Mar Farm LLC,	Millers Station Road	33.8	Land Trust (Joint)
Hackney, ETAL, Carol	Southeast Gamber Road	75.0	Land Trust (Joint)
Riley, Jr., George	1221 Old New Windsor Pike	8.7	Land Trust (Joint)
Dell, Matthew	Bachman Valley Road	43.7	Land Trust (Joint)
Cooper, Mark	6314 WHITE ROCK ROAD	36.4	Land Trust (Joint)
Lieder, Constance	2425 Mount Ventus Road	50.4	Land Trust (Joint)
Miller, Mark	2424 Henson Drive	23.6	Land Trust (Joint)
Knobloch, Jr., C.	4685 Crossroad Schoolhouse Rd.	33.1	Land Trust (Joint)
Brown, Janet	3535 Back Woods Road	21.4	Land Trust (Joint)
Black Ankle Vineyards LLC,	W/S Rinehart Road	157.1	Land Trust (Joint)
Caple, David	2108 Green Mill Rd.	31.9	Land Trust (Joint)
Haines, Michael	3003 Black's Schoolhouse Road	117.3	MALPF
Neal, Linda	2716 Bear Run Road, Taneytown, MD 21787	438.0	MALPF
Mollett, Richard	3515 Runnymede Road, Taneytown, MD 21787	21.2	MALPF
N W Farms, LLC,	138 Pipe Creek Road, Union Bridge, MD	209.0	MALPF

Myers L/E ETAL, Charles	1234 Emory Church Road	99.5	MALPF
Martin, Travis	1201 Emory Church Road	63.8	MALPF
Bay, Michael	2839 Uniontown Road	62.3	MALPF
ReeseFarm LLC,	3331 Uniontown Road	205.0	MALPF
Staudinger, Justin	3004 Uniontown Road	138.2	MALPF
Sebastian, Lucinda	3201 Uniontown Road	23.1	MALPF
Cranberry Meadow Farms,	1338 Sullivan Road	131.0	MALPF
Cranberry Meadows Farms, Inc.,	Sullivan Road	63.2	MALPF
Powel, III, William	1200 Trevanion Road	202.9	MALPF
Braglio, Joseph	1330 Baust Church Road	30.4	MALPF
Hunter, Mark	1374 Clear View Road	46.5	MALPF
Schaeffer Etal, Lillian	N.E. of 900 Sullivan Road	154.8	MALPF
Hull, Jr., John	1078 Sullivan Road	103.0	MALPF
Miller, Evelyn	2565 N. Feeser Road, Taneytown, MD 21787	117.0	MALPF
Davidson, Bruce	1101 Emory Church Road	113.0	MALPF
Hood, Glenn	Roberts Mill Road, Taneytown	135.7	MALPF
Stiles, Wayne	1600 Humbert Schoolhouse Road, Westminster	92.9	MALPF
Drechsler, Jr., Waer	895 Hapes Mill Road	110.0	MALPF
McCuller L/E Etal, Robert	940 Hapes Mill Road	48.8	MALPF
Kirby, John	3211 Bert Koontz Road, Taneytown	184.7	MALPF
Kirby, Joseph	Stone Road	16.2	MALPF
Rasche, Brian	5030 Middleburg Road, Taneytown	20.3	MALPF
Weyforth, Robert	4998 Middleburg Road, Taneytown	18.2	MALPF
Gorsuch, Keith	4988 Middleburg Road, Taneytown, MD 21787	155.0	MALPF
Fox, Carol	5000 Hoffmanville Road, Millers, MD	108.5	MALPF
Bond, Larry	6424 Middleburg Road, Keymar, MD	138.0	MALPF
Pool, Richard	Arnold Rd. and Bollinger Rd	90.4	MALPF
Pool, Richard	Arnold Road	55.4	MALPF
Gate of Life LLC,	3922 Arters Mill Road	181.0	MALPF
Weicht, Roy	Harney Road, Taneytown, MD	87.9	MALPF
Weicht, Roy	4336 Harney Road, Taneytown, MD	41.6	MALPF
Wilson, Michael	3510 Bullfrog Road, Taneytown, MD 21787	143.9	MALPF
Schaeffer, ETAL, Lillian	900 Sullivan Road, Westminster, MD	140.0	MALPF
Deer Valley Farm LLC,	Baumgardner Road	99.0	MALPF
Cook, Michael	1540 West Old Liberty Road, Sykesville	125.4	MALPF
Lapp, Jacob	5561 Rickell Road, Taneytown	203.0	MALPF
Lemmon, Kendall	2510 Ebbvale Rd., Manchester, MD 21102	76.3	MALPF
Tankersley, Jr., Garvin	West Side of Keysville Road, Keymar, MD	309.0	MALPF
Orendorff Holdings LLC,	412 Old Bachman Valley Road	6.3	MALPF
Parrish, Michelle	Old Bachman's Valley Road, Westminster, MD 21157	117.1	MALPF
Haines, Fern	Baptist Road, Taneytown, MD	119.3	MALPF
Haines, Fern	6040 Taneytown Pike, Taneytown, MD 21787	178.4	MALPF
Haines, Fern	3075 Roop Road, Taneytown, MD 21797	125.1	MALPF

Lynch, G.	413 Clear Ridge Road, Linwood, MD 21764	93.0	MALPF
Blacksten, Richard	3200 Lowman Lane, Linwood, MD 21791-9041	51.8	MALPF
Barnes, R.	2301 Frizzellburg Road, Westminster, MD 21158	162.9	MALPF
Staley, Kenneth	4334 Littlestown Pike, Westminster, MD 21157	97.0	MALPF
Staley, Kenneth	4332 Littlestown Pike, Westminster, MD 21158	210.0	MALPF
Osborne, Steven	1841 Indian Valley Trail, Westminster, MD 21158-2932	79.1	MALPF
Mann, Jr., Roland	879 Pleasant Valley Road	65.3	MALPF
Stiles, Wayne, Allen	N/S Humbert Road, N. of Silver Run	69.9	MALPF
Hevner, Jeffrey	1985 Hagerstown Lane, Keymar MD 21757-9614	189.0	MALPF
Hobbs, Melinda	4148 Bullfrog Road, Taneytown, MD 21787	162.5	MALPF
Montbray Vineyards,	818 Silver Run Valley Road, Westminster	98.7	MALPF
Young, Stewart	N/S Springdale Road, NW of Jasontown	298.8	MALPF
Kovach, Mark	39 N. Springdale Road, Westminster, MD 21158	53.0	MALPF
Young, Stewart	Springdale Road, Westminster, MD 21158	11.5	MALPF
Broadview Farm LLC,	NE/S Route 97 S of Tyrone	205.0	MALPF
Schaefer II, Charles	840 Humbert Schoolhouse Road, Westminster	135.8	MALPF
Lowman & Sorenson Enterprises LLC,	3401 Lowman Lane, Union Bridge, MD 21791	153.9	MALPF
Haines, Fern	6040 Taneytown Pike, Taneytown, MD 21787	115.8	MALPF
Kurtz, Kenneth	2101 Hagerstown Lane, Keymar, MD 21757-9610	34.3	MALPF
Wakefield Valley Acres LLC,	104 S. Clear Ridge Rd	150.9	MALPF
Smith, Charles	4371 Brown Road, Taneytown, MD	102.9	MALPF
Baker, Jr., Raymond	6218 Taneytown Pike, Taneytown, MD 21787-1941	107.9	MALPF
Keysville Ventures LLC,	2320 Keysville-Frederick County Road, Keymar	165.5	MALPF
Pyle, David	435 Ebert Road, Union Bridge, MD	107.9	MALPF
Schisler, August	4600 Teeter Road, Taneytown, MD 21787	137.4	MALPF
Krome, Keith	384 Bucher John Road, Union Bridge, MD	42.3	MALPF
Doody, Jr., Paul	5575 Doody Dr., Union Bridge	125.0	MALPF
Hook, Ronald	330 Bucher John Road, Union Bridge, MD	27.0	MALPF
Everett E. Stanley Trust,	1529 Stone Road, Westminster, MD 21158	118.8	MALPF
Keymar Farms, LLC,	West Roop Road, Taneytown, MD	140.0	MALPF
Buchman L/E, Francis	2810 Hoffman Mill Road, Hampstead, MD 21074	106.9	MALPF
College, Christopher	2810 Hoffman Mill Road, Hampstead, MD 21074	23.4	MALPF
Grill, Philip	North Side of Clear View Road, N of Uniontown	181.0	MALPF
Jones, Jack	1701 Clear View Road, Union Bridge, MD 21791	70.5	MALPF

Brooks, George	N/S St. Paul Rd and Lees Mill Road	325.2	MALPF
Lippy Brothers, Inc.,	Church Brown Road	1.1	MALPF
Quinn, William	3430 Uniontown Road, Westminster, MD	116.0	MALPF
Dell, Gregory	E/S Sullivan Road, NE of Cranberry Station	153.0	MALPF
Sotiros, Roy	2200 Zeiglers Outlet Rd., Westminster, MD 21158	181.8	MALPF
Shirley, Henry, Patricia	Barnhart Road	191.9	MALPF
N W Farms LLC,	W/S Pipe Creek Road, N. of Linwood	133.6	MALPF
Stambaugh, Jerry	2145 Jasontown Road, Westminster, MD 21158-4052	17.8	MALPF
Stambaugh, Jr., Ralph	N/S Springdale Road, west of Jasontown Road	61.1	MALPF
Blum, Roland	N/S Kump Station Road	117.6	MALPF
Shiplee Trustee, Daniel	609 Old Bachmans Valley Road	102.1	MALPF
Snader, Richard	NE/S Marston Road	66.0	MALPF
Snader, Philip	2323 Marston Road, New Windsor, MD 21776	21.0	MALPF
Snader, R.	Marston Road	21.0	MALPF
Bassler, Ralph	SE New Windsor Road	142.7	MALPF
Shiplee, Daniel	2444 Old Bachmans Valley Rd., Westminster	135.0	MALPF
Hemler, Jr., Robert	1710 Crouse Mill Road, Taneytown, MD 21787	131.5	MALPF
Cover, Robert	2608 Dr. Stitely Road, New Windsor, MD 21776	205.7	MALPF
Neubauer, Pamela	2401 Old Taneytown Road, Westminster, MD 21158	21.9	MALPF
Lippy Brothers Farms,	SE/S Bachman Valley Road	214.1	MALPF
Lippy Brothers, Inc.,	SE/S Bachman Valley Road, N of Bixler	215.8	MALPF
Lippy Enterprises, Inc.,	Fridinger Mill and Bachman Valley Roads	201.5	MALPF
Lippy Brothers, Inc.,	Fridinger Mill and Bachman Valley Roads	119.1	MALPF
Lippy Enterprises Inc.,	Frindinger Rd., and Backman Valley Road	207.6	MALPF
Watt, Jerry	5070 Main Road, Union Bridge, MD 21791	213.3	MALPF
Meyer, Paul	3036 Halter Road, Westminster, MD 21158	172.9	MALPF
Scholze, Timothy	2815 Halter Road	0.9	MALPF
Mathias, Elizabeth	317 S. Clear Ridge Road	134.5	MALPF
Seiler, Carl	1111 N. Gorsuch Road, Westminster, MD 21157	90.3	MALPF
Gross, Darius	2424 Shiloh Road, Hampstead, MD 21074	93.2	MALPF
Mewshaw III, Charles	2427 Ebbvale Road, Manchester, MD 21102	61.3	MALPF
Abel, Melissa	2561 Bear Run Road, Taneytown, MD 21787	68.0	MALPF
Bailey, James	2480 Basehore Mill Road, Westminster, MD 21157	51.6	MALPF
Reiblich, Christopher	4957 Middleburg Road, Taneytown	28.4	MALPF
Miller, Jeffery	2624 Francis Scott Key Highway, Taneytown	158.2	MALPF
Engel, Jeffrey	6315 Keysville Road, Keymar	146.5	MALPF
Blum, Roland	4836 Teeter Road, Taneytown, MD	95.2	MALPF
Moser, Richard	Southeast side of Hoover Mill Road	49.5	MALPF
Condon, Michael	1600 Wakefield Valley Road, New Windsor	127.8	MALPF
Tracey, Robert	3600 Falls Road, Hampstead	339.9	MALPF



Hoover, Marvin	1591 Crouse Mill Road, Taneytown	91.4	MALPF
Bassler, Joan	E Diehl Road	77.4	MALPF
Bassler, Philip	3400 Hyser Road	77.5	MALPF
Barnes, James	2704 Gillis Road	150.7	MALPF
Dutterer, Edmund	2340 Frizzellburg Road, Westminster	158.5	MALPF
Rinehart, Sharon	4252 N. Stone Road, Taneytown	143.3	MALPF
Crouse, Michael	1775 Trevanion Road	238.2	MALPF
Kegel, Randolph	980 Trevanion Road, Union Bridge	155.0	MALPF
Ashbaugh, James	3100 Menges Mill Road, Taneytown	104.4	MALPF
Schisler, Bernard	1724 Study Road, Westminster, MD 21158	182.5	MALPF
Hapes Mill LLC,	1207 Hapes Mill Road, Taneytown	80.8	MALPF
Haines, Michael	N/A Blacks Schoolhouse Road	86.9	MALPF
Baugher, James	3114 Roop Road, Taneytown	282.6	MALPF
High, Barry	Old Bachman Valley Road	73.9	MALPF
Harbaugh Farm LLC,	750 Pleasant Valley Road	142.6	MALPF
Haines, Michael	Blacks Schoolhouse Road	95.1	MALPF
Haines, Michael	Blacks Schoolhouse Rd., 2530 Haines Lane	87.3	MALPF
Haines, Michael	Blacks Schoolhouse Rd.	50.0	MALPF
Ensor Trustee, Robert	3949 Leese Farm Road, Manchester, MD 21102	147.9	MALPF
Ensor, Robert	4077 Leese Farm Drive	37.1	MALPF
Siegman, Trustee, H.	1706 Manchester Rd., Westminster	97.8	MALPF
Martin, Ernest	South side of Maple Grove Road	106.4	MALPF
Peterson, Sr. L/E, Stuart	4607 Teeter Road	51.9	MALPF
Miller, Charles	4400 Harney Road, Taneytown	123.1	MALPF
Fischer, Louis	4700 Cherry Tree Lane, Sykesville	109.5	MALPF
Derrenberger, III, Edwin	Cherry Tree Lane, Sykesville	21.3	MALPF
Elliott, Stephanie	4271 Salem Bottom Road	132.9	MALPF
Peterson, Steven	E. Walnut Grove Road, Taneytown	90.6	MALPF
Mullinix, George	Murkle Road/Saw Mill Road	141.6	MALPF
Devilbiss, Olivia	1600 Linzee Drive, Westminster	267.9	MALPF
Snader, Richard	East side New Windsor Road	28.0	MALPF
Lease, Jerry	South side New Windsor Road	76.1	MALPF
Schott, Bruce	1931 Hoover Mill Road, Manchester	46.1	MALPF
Morris Martin LLC,	- Mill Road	126.9	MALPF
Newcomer, David	3211 Mayberry Road, Westminster 21158	77.0	MALPF
Brower, L/E Etal, Sarah	4261 Angell Road	45.3	MALPF
Brower L/E ET AL, Sarah	4307 Angell Road, Taneytown, MD 21787	67.7	MALPF
Kenny, Robin	North Side Shiloh Road, Hampstead	73.9	MALPF
Knight, Roger	855 McKinstry's Mill Road, Linwood	107.0	MALPF
Grimes, Marlin	6101 Davis Road	149.8	MALPF
Commissioners of Carroll County,	Davis Road	12.1	MALPF
Langkam, Christopher	3366 Eckard Road, Westminster	98.4	MALPF
Kiser, David	1222 Naylor's Mill Rd.	127.0	MALPF
Brothers, Curtis	1618 Bachmans Valley Road	105.5	MALPF
Savage, L/E Etal, Donald	2504 Gillis Road	398.1	MALPF
Sackman, L/E, Charles	3633 Senft Road, Taneytown	123.5	MALPF

Ferguson, Douglas	4369 N. Fringer Road, Taneytown	97.6	MALPF
Million, John	2600 E. Mayberry Road, Westminster, MD 21158	168.5	MALPF
Baile, Jr., Melvin	1827 Old New Windsor Pike, New Windsor	101.2	MALPF
Kraus Farms LLC, D	3509 Kump Station Road	25.6	MALPF
Fosbaugh, etal, Gary	1880 Myerly Lane, Keymar, MD	116.7	MALPF
Baile, Jr., Melvin	N/S Old New Windsor Road, N. of Medford	114.0	MALPF
Brooks, George	St. Paul Road	31.9	MALPF
Hahn, Richard	3730 Harney Road, Taneytown	152.3	MALPF
Parkins, William	2647 Snydersburg Road	106.6	MALPF
Strickler Trustee, Daniel	542 Roops Mill Road, Westminster	118.7	MALPF
Adkins, Jr., Mehrl	1404 Trevanion Road	137.5	MALPF
Devilbiss L/E etal, Jerry	2104 Hagerstown Lane, Keymar	80.4	MALPF
Fogle L/E, Larry	3601 Sells Mill Road, Taneytown	67.0	MALPF
Clear Ridge Farms, LLC,	Lowman Lane	49.5	MALPF
Johnston, Thomas	4710 Baptist Road, Taneytown, MD 21787	217.4	MALPF
Fletcher, Charles	4449 Baptist Road	6.5	MALPF
Johnston, Thomas	S/S Conover Road, Harney	40.5	MALPF
Johnston, Thomas	4550 Baptist Road, Taneytown	116.2	MALPF
Lippy, J.	Hyser Road	162.8	MALPF
Neal, Linda	2716 Bear Run Road	53.5	MALPF
Frock, Daniel	1362 Baugher Road, Westminster	173.6	MALPF
Toleman, Chirstopher	3217 Old Taneytown Road, Westminster	107.8	MALPF
Hobson, Louis	4780 Piney Creek Road	110.7	MALPF
5D Farms LLC,	Motter Road, Westminster	114.9	MALPF
Myers, Jason	2500 Old New Windsor Pike, New Windsor	127.0	MALPF
Neal, Linda	E and W/side Bear Run Road	55.7	MALPF
Schwartzbeck, Jr., Joseph	Mt. Union Road	147.4	MALPF
Hartman, William	2400 Bear Run Road	30.0	MALPF
Reifsnider, Jon	1447 Keysville-Bruceville Road	192.3	MALPF
Robertson, Jr. ETAL, Ralph	1420 Old New Windsor Road	135.3	MALPF
Reddick, Leonard	1313 Baust Church Road	244.1	MALPF
Hoff, Kathleen	1200 Winters Church Road	189.5	MALPF
Stambaugh, Jerry	353 Smith Road	70.0	MALPF
Talbert, Harold	420 Smith Road	21.8	MALPF
Watts, Jr., Philip	10 Hoff Road	110.9	MALPF
Hodgson, Mark	E/S Turkey Foot Road	48.2	MALPF
FQF Properties LLC & Fox Quarter Farm,	3875 Bark Hill Road	50.0	MALPF
Seibert, Jeffrey	242 Kowomu Trail	88.5	MALPF
Ferrera, Joseph	4628 Babylon Road	105.3	MALPF
Fowles TRUSTEE, Gloria	2601 S. Marston Road	149.7	MALPF
Hoff, Joan	2441 Marston Road	74.3	MALPF
Wilt Farm LLC,	Wilt Road	81.1	MALPF
Hoff, John	2000 Wilt Road	122.5	MALPF
Lapp, Aaron	East side Key Highway	102.6	MALPF
Fisher, Elam	1800 Brodbeck Road, Hampstead, MD 21074-1540	107.9	MALPF

Shipley, III, Daniel	2714 Old Bachmans Valley Road	93.3	MALPF
Smith, John	524 Smith Road	144.4	MALPF
Tracey, Michael	1765 Manchester Road	92.7	MALPF
Schaeffer, Jr., Allen	North side Stone Road	108.1	MALPF
Bertier, Cynda	76 Bucher John Road	132.7	MALPF
Schnell, Trustee, Barbara	130 Houcksville Road	116.4	MALPF
Mullinix, Thomas	1120 Clear View Road	130.3	MALPF
Peterson, etal, Evelyn	3659 E. Walnut Grove Rd.	135.2	MALPF
Schaeffer, Steve	4729 Francis Scott Key Highway	195.3	MALPF
Worden, Herbert	4550 Francis Scott Key Highway	46.6	MALPF
Keymar Farms LLC,	1909 Francis Scott Key Highway, Keymar	167.8	MALPF
R & M Land LLC,	E. John Shirk Road	202.7	MALPF
Siegman, Keith	1616 Manchester Road	20.5	MALPF
Ledzinski, Edlen	341 Dutrow Road	194.9	MALPF
Clark, Matthew	5268 Bowers Road	115.5	MALPF
Caple, Donna	1801 Ridge Road	167.0	MALPF
Batten, John	3907 Old Taneytown Road	98.8	MALPF
Wantz III, Leander	2434 Halter Road	43.1	MALPF
Beiler, Stephen	Teeter Road	146.5	MALPF
Bob & Denise LLC,	7810 Sixes Bridge Road	229.3	MALPF
Jones, Kevin	Kump Station Road	39.5	MALPF
Stambaugh Farms, LLC,	905 Crouse Mill Road (Middleburg)	81.8	MALPF
Stambaugh Farms, LLC,	Crouse Mill Road	116.0	MALPF
Rinehart, John	4444 N. Stone Road	86.6	MALPF
Stitley, Linda	1901 Ridge Road, Westminster	94.2	MALPF
Baughner Grain Farms, Inc.,	5208 Middleburg Road, Union Bridge	144.0	MALPF
Trout, Jeffery	1700 Keysville Road	129.2	MALPF
McCuller, Robert	Hapes Mill Road	24.1	MALPF
Baughner, Daniel	1426 Crouse Mill Road	35.2	MALPF
Atzwanger, Roselin	5328 Bowers Road	10.5	MALPF
Strickhouser, Dorothy	4866 Harney Road	171.8	MALPF
Frock, Myron	1440 Bollinger Road	67.0	MALPF
Marrero, Grace	4900 Geeting Road	99.7	MALPF
Frydl, Josef	3800 Wine Road	21.5	MALPF
Bowen, Jarrett	4126 McMullen Road	97.5	MALPF
Christiansen, ETAL, Peggy	3500 Old West Falls Road	273.4	MALPF
Christiansen, ETAL, Peggy	3500 Old West Falls Road, Mt. Airy	127.1	MALPF
Wakefield Valley Acres, LLC,	2117 Old New Windsor Pike	75.2	MALPF
Wakefield Valley Acres LLC,	Old New Windsor Pike	58.3	MALPF
Cole, Phillip	4035 Bullfrog Road	41.9	MALPF
Cook, Walter	3128 Littlestown Pike	115.6	MALPF
Forney, Thomas	1812 Trevanion Road, Taneytown, MD 21787-2924	144.0	MALPF
Hoover, Marvin	Crouse Mill Road	18.6	MALPF
Barnes, Jr., John	4219 Millers Station Road	155.9	MALPF
Gardiner, Scott	3803 Diehl Road	50.0	MALPF
Million, etal, Kermit	2900 Kump Station Road	99.8	MALPF

Nichols IV, Thomas	4206 Brown Road	83.0	MALPF
Brothers, Dennis	409 S. Clear Ridge Road	93.3	MALPF
Childs, Thomas	4069 Diehl Road, Taneytown	68.4	MALPF
Burall, Eric	1721 Greenwood Church Road	153.1	MALPF
Osborn, James	Bucher John Road	180.0	MALPF
Bohn, Claude	1250 Hapes Mill Road, Taneytown	93.3	MALPF
Bowers, Brian	1535 Crouse Mill Road	33.4	MALPF
Hood, Glenn	2245 N. Feeser Road	105.6	MALPF
Lease, Jr., Sidney	2300 Marston Road	178.6	MALPF
Stambaugh, Rodney	3691 Middleburg Road	85.1	MALPF
Eyler, Roger	2485 Keysville-Frederick Co. Road	129.7	MALPF
Peterson, Sr., Stuart	5045 Bowers Road, Taneytown	113.5	MALPF
Gieron, Mark	4200 W. Ruggles Road	103.5	MALPF
A Bee LLC,	2405 Crouse Mill Road	117.4	MALPF
Arentz Family LP,	Backwoods Road	163.9	MALPF
Arentz Family LP,	Backwoods Road	153.3	MALPF
Boerner, Michael	742 N. Gorsuch Road	85.4	MALPF
Keymar Farms LLC,	Keysville Road	125.3	MALPF
Devilbiss, Julianne	7860 Forest and Stream Club Rd., Keymar	86.0	MALPF
Culp, Stanley	2401 N. Feeser Road	119.5	MALPF
Sprinkle, Heidi	415 S. Houcksville Road	99.7	MALPF
Sprinkle Per Rep, Heidi	Houcksville Road	27.0	MALPF
Lippy W. Wilson Jr. Estate,	Saint Paul's Road	60.4	MALPF
Watt, Jerry	6027 Middleburg Road	171.1	MALPF
Long, Thomas	4830 Bark Hill Road	142.6	MALPF
Morales, Roxann	2775 Keysville Frederick County Road	159.6	MALPF
Bob and Denise LLC,	8051 Sixes Bridge Road	75.8	MALPF
Maticic, Sr., James	4480 Priestland Road	97.9	MALPF
Watt, Jerry	5750 Middleburg Road	119.5	MALPF
Burrier, Paul	8543 Forest and Stream Club Road	80.4	MALPF
Carmack, James	7456 Sixes Bridge Road	146.5	MALPF
Lippy L/E, Donald	Lees Mill Road	138.3	MALPF
Weant, Clyde	5100 Piney Creek Road, Taneytown	111.9	MALPF
Wilhide, Glenn	6180 Keysville Road	117.9	MALPF
Tracey, Jean	4755 E. Walnut Grove Road	40.3	MALPF
Zimmerman, Linda	4951 Walnut Grove Road, Taneytown	80.4	MALPF
Richmeadow Farm North LLC,	2322 Nicodemus Road, Westminster	90.0	MALPF
Clabaugh, Trustee, Kathy	1470 Naylor's Mill Road	170.3	MALPF
Alexander, David	1075 Hapes Mill Road	25.0	MALPF
Chambers, John	632 East Saw Mill Road	39.5	MALPF
Smith Jr., John	2015 Uniontown Road	132.8	MALPF
Perzynski, Charles	1362 Bloom Road	172.4	MALPF
Galletti, Mary	Lees Mill Road	197.2	MALPF
Lippy Brothers, Inc.,	S/S Fringer Road	132.5	MALPF
Downey, Stuart	6825 Middleburg Road, Keymar, MD	169.9	MALPF
Zepp, Truman	648 Warfieldsburg Road	160.4	MALPF

Fisher, Emanuel	3005 Mayberry Road, Westminster	86.6	MALPF
Lippy Enterprises, Inc.,	Bachmans Valley Road	200.6	MALPF
Leister, Donald	601 Mathias Road, Littlestown	145.9	MALPF
Schisler, August	Old Taneytown Pike	78.9	MALPF
Chambers, John	446 East Saw Mill Road, Westminster	202.3	MALPF
Walsh, Thomas	828 Wesley Road, Finksburg	115.7	MALPF
Walsh, Colleen	E/S Wesley Road S/S Carrollton Road	51.6	MALPF
Staub, Steven	315 N. Springdale Road	43.3	MALPF
Lapp, Aaron	4041 North Stone Road	140.4	MALPF
Harman, ETAL, Wilma	5201 Black Rock Road, Manchester	103.7	MALPF
Leister, Carolyn	Hampstead Mexico Road	77.0	MALPF
Lippy, Jr., W.	St. Paul's Road	43.5	MALPF
Yeakel, Jean	Leisters Church Road	58.5	MALPF
Byers, III, David	New Bachmans Valley Rd.	106.5	MALPF
Howes, Raymond	1507 John Shirk Road, Taneytown	208.5	MALPF
Chambers, John	510 E. Saw Mill Road	111.1	MALPF
Hoff Trustee, Kathleen	4451 N. Nusbaum Road	269.3	MALPF
Johnston, John	1116 East Deep Run Road	104.5	MALPF
Hahn, Jr., Charles	4049 North Stone Road	40.4	MALPF
Hamilton, Jr., William	6388 Keysville Road	78.2	MALPF
Brathuhn Sr., Donald	3913 Millers Station Road	113.4	MALPF
Petrasek, Robert	4727 Buffalo Road, Mt Airy	146.0	MALPF
Larrick, P.	4717 Buffalo Road	30.0	MALPF
McKenzie, Daniel	1120 Baust Church Road	135.1	MALPF
Bassler, Philip	3165 Hyser Road, Taneytown	106.1	MALPF
Dell, etal, Gary	1029 Lucabaugh Mill Road	70.2	MALPF
Legacy Oaks LLC,	2236 Gillis Road	83.4	MALPF
Pipe Creek Farm LLC,	3261 Hyser Road	100.1	MALPF
Davis, Kenneth	3279 Bert Koontz Road	24.1	MALPF
Harner, Dennis	Taneytown Pike	122.5	MALPF
Harner, Dennis	Taneytown Pike	86.7	MALPF
Warner, Thomas	Baughman Mill Road	50.6	MALPF
Warner, Claude	Baughmans Mill Road	37.6	MALPF
Devilbiss L/E, Robert	6129 Taneytown Pike	113.8	MALPF
Culp, Stanley	Trevanion Road	47.4	MALPF
Edwards, Thomas	1305 Humbert Schoolhouse Road	61.5	MALPF
Caple, Don	4475 Chilcoat Dr.	103.1	MALPF
Rawlings, Jr., John	4320 Old Hanover Road	72.8	MALPF
Lewis, ETAL, Shirley	2906 Merkle Road	98.0	MALPF
Lapp, Joseph	618 Humbert Schoolhouse Road	65.2	MALPF
Pascal, Sue	1910 N. Old Bachman's Valley Road	60.5	MALPF
Stair, Aaron	1730 Jennaaron Drive	99.0	MALPF
Chamelin, Martin	3230 Eckard Rd.	28.9	MALPF
Frock, Myron	909 Hook Road, Westminster	66.1	MALPF
McKenzie, Thomas	1832 Study Road	166.3	MALPF
Brathuhn, Jacqueline	3845 Millers Station Road	62.6	MALPF

Dell, Matthew	2128 Bachman Valley Road	99.5	MALPF
Diem, Albert	5200 Black Rock Road	32.7	MALPF
Schott, Brad	2932 Basehores Mill Road	103.1	MALPF
Starliper, Dennis	Basehores Mill Rd.	54.4	MALPF
Green, Delbert	1908 Stone Road	61.9	MALPF
Green, Delbert	2312 Stone Road	115.2	MALPF
Bassler, Charles	3840 Bert Koontz Road, Taneytown	21.1	MALPF
Drabic, Wayne	2947 Old Taneytown Road, Taneytown	59.9	MALPF
Nelson, Michael	4331 Ruggles Road	121.6	MALPF
Starner, Trustee, C.	1330 Crouse Mill Road, Taneytown	49.8	MALPF
Dell, Francis	2401 Bachman Valley Road	112.2	MALPF
Leister, Donald	Humbert Road	70.5	MALPF
Albright, Patrick	2701 Mount Ventus #1 Road, Manchester	74.4	MALPF
Barnes-Jones, Lorraine	5329 Bowers Road, Taneytown	18.7	MALPF
Jeffers, Steven	2901 Basehores Mill Road, Taneytown	75.1	MALPF
Alban, Joyce	3641 Maple Grove Road, Manchester	99.1	MALPF
Davis L/E Etal, Margaret	1801 E Otterdale Mill Rd.	116.8	MALPF
Tasto, Larry	1422 E. Deep Run Road	101.5	MALPF
Krome, Morris	1030 Bloom Road	130.6	MALPF
Stambaugh, Byron	1540 Baust Church Road	57.8	MALPF
Panora Acres, Inc.,	3010 Traceys Mill Road	122.5	MALPF
King, Henry	2835 Roop Road	154.0	MALPF
Rhoderick, Bradley	1144 Humbert Schoolhouse Road	50.0	MALPF
Roop, Jr., Daniel	718 Chapel Rd.	132.2	MALPF
Stoltzfoos, Amoz	NR N/S Blacks School Rd., E of Blacks Corner	56.4	MALPF
Stoltzfus, Stephen	2311 Bear Run Road	54.2	MALPF
Brauning, E.	3315 Unger Road	71.1	MALPF
Totura, Helen	1323 Bachmans Valley Road	174.6	MALPF
Tate, Jason	5175 Feezer West Road	149.3	MALPF
Keymar Farms LLC,	1800 Crouse Mill Road	72.0	MALPF
Harman, Steven	3341 Blacks Schoolhouse Road	75.0	MALPF
Holcomb, Roger	3061 Kump Station Rd.	28.9	MALPF
Stratton, Randy	4575 Harney Road	52.3	MALPF
Sheeley, Kurt	1439 Wesley Road, Finksburg	78.6	MALPF
Willow View Farm LLC,	Rohrbaugh Rd.	127.7	MALPF
Pipe Creek Run Farm LLC etal,	6210 Sharrett Road, Keymar, MD 21757	176.0	MALPF
Hans, Roger	343 Stone Road	143.0	MALPF
Throw Rocks Farm LLC,	1302 Otterdale Mill Road	80.1	MALPF
Miller, Abmer	6485 Cramer Lane	236.4	MALPF
Albee, Cyril	4015 Arters Mill Rd.	194.5	MALPF
Clark, Matthew	2531 Francis Scott Key Hwy	122.5	MALPF
Irwin, Thomas	3307 Unger Road	98.9	MALPF
Lippy Brothers Farms,	3401 Saint Paul Road	67.3	MALPF
Fincher, Edward	1026 Silver Run Valley W Rd.	88.2	MALPF
Groves Mill LLC,	2940 Groves Mill Road, Westminster	153.7	MALPF
Stambaugh Jr., Steven	880 Crouse Mill Road	103.6	MALPF

Lippy Brothers Farms,	300 Houcksville Road, Hampstead	99.8	MALPF
Dell, Gary	442 Warfieldsburg Road	161.4	MALPF
Bowers, Lee	5775 Bowers Road	123.1	MALPF
Koch, Marcy	4501 Turkeyfoot Road, Westminster	37.9	MALPF
Drummond Jr., William	229 N. Houcksville Road	71.0	MALPF
Dell ETAL, Douglas	501 Old Bachman Valley Road	147.0	MALPF
Groves Mill LLC,	Groves Mill Road, Westminster	69.9	MALPF
Baylor, Colleen	5040 Walnut Grove Road, Taneytown	43.3	MALPF
Wilt, Christopher	2651 Ridge Road	37.1	MALPF
Rinehart, Bryan	3825 Ruggles Road, Taneytown	168.4	MALPF
Bangerd, Jeffrey	2110 Uniontown Road, Westminster	31.4	MALPF
Groves Mill LLC,	1920 Bachman Valley Road	165.3	MALPF
Guliere, Louis	3791 Diehl Road, Taneytown	34.5	MALPF
Reifsnider, Carolyn	6325 Sharrett Road, Keymar	134.2	MALPF
Henley, Kevin	1000 W Liberty Street, Sykesville	80.9	MALPF
Stambaugh, Jr. ETAL, Byron	2450 Frizzellburg Road, Westminster	82.5	MALPF
Bachtel, Randy	Old Taneytown Road	74.9	MALPF
Pine Ridge Farms Corp,	5252 Band Hall Hill Road	26.0	MALPF
Thompson Jr, H Ridgley	1942 Uniontown Road, Westminster, MD 21158-3747	36.4	MALPF
Walsh, Richard	1919 Brodbeck Road, Hampstea, ND 21074	48.9	MALPF
Harrison, Wendy	5201 Teeter Road, Taneytown	19.6	MALPF
Wenderoth TRUSTEE, Elizabeth	745 Cherrytown Road, Westminster	58.4	MALPF
Schueler, Ronald	3140 Halter Road, Westminster	0.0	MET
Pearre, Peter	1422 Pearre Road	17.0	MET
Dedication Farm LLC,	Emerald Lane	186.0	MET
Pearre, Peter	Quarry Road	70.0	MET
Dedication Farm, LLC,	White Rock Road	8.9	MET
Seibel, Jr., Arthur	1001 Green Valley Road	111.5	MET
Hale, Lewis	5544 Lineboro Road	44.9	MHT
Jones Jr, Willian	3333 Flickinger Road	17.7	MHT
Buffington, David	4623 Ladiesburg Road	38.9	RL
Brothers, Dennis	400 S. Clear Ridge Rd.	111.7	Rural Legacy
Robertson, Jr., Ralph	1603 Wakefield Valley Road	104.9	Rural Legacy
FAYA LLC,	722 Green Valley Road	104.9	Rural Legacy
Schuster, Sharon	3500A Hawks Hill Road	137.3	Rural Legacy
Green L/E Etal, Martha	919 Winters Church Road	36.5	Rural Legacy
Snader, Trudy	New Windsor Road	66.0	Rural Legacy
Hawkins, Jr., Willard	Northwest side of Bowersox Road	51.1	Rural Legacy
Bassler, Jr., Robert	New Windsor Road, New Windsor	115.0	Rural Legacy
Hege, Marlin	3690 Middleburg Road	36.5	Rural Legacy
Memmel III, Jerome	3750 Middleburg Road	11.1	Rural Legacy
Hawks Hill Farm, LLC,	3400 Hawks Hill Road, New Windsor	87.5	Rural Legacy
Staley, Evan	4110 Hawks Hill Road, New Windsor	152.0	Rural Legacy
Green, Brian	2300 Old New Windsor Road	32.6	Rural Legacy
LaFon Trust, Daniel	3931 Hawks Hill Road, New Windsor	27.0	Rural Legacy
Watt, Jerry	6301 Middleburg Road	136.0	Rural Legacy

Butler, Sr., Bryan	467 Johnsville Road	93.0	Rural Legacy
Dennis, Sr., Paul	910 Quaker Hill Road	82.3	Rural Legacy
Gorsuch, Kevin	1291 McKinstry's Mill Road, Union Bridge	100.6	Rural Legacy
Wooden Hill Farms LLC,	4209 Sams Creek Road, New Windsor	168.2	Rural Legacy
Duvall, Jeffrey	2709 Marston Road, New Windsor	167.4	Rural Legacy
Dell, L/E, Walter	605 Johnsville Road	158.7	Rural Legacy
Coles, Jr., Charles	4400 Green Valley Road, Union Bridge	123.4	Rural Legacy
McGrew, Jr., William	1755 Keysville Bruceville Road	149.8	Rural Legacy
Masimore, Robert	1616 Dennings Road, New Windsor	38.9	Rural Legacy
Maring, Ronald	Bark Hill Road	58.2	Rural Legacy
Hawkins, Jr., Willard	1974 Bowersox Road	96.7	Rural Legacy
Jones, Brian	1935 Bowersox Road	11.2	Rural Legacy
Suders, Garrett	410 Johnsville Road, Keymar	56.1	Rural Legacy
Chapline, Brian	Sams Creek Road	93.7	Rural Legacy
Smith, Paul	2426 Old New Windsor Pike	107.2	Rural Legacy
Father's Care, LLC,	260 Bell Road	87.0	Rural Legacy
Steffen, Herman	7225 Middleburg/7331 Rd., Detour, MD 21757	258.2	Rural Legacy
Hoff, Norman	2701 Doctor Stitely Road	136.8	Rural Legacy
Albaugh, Mike	8275 Forest and Stream Club Rd	94.1	Rural Legacy
Stambaugh, Byron	3000 Uniontown Road	31.9	Rural Legacy
Sussman, John	1956 Nicodemus Rd.	100.0	Rural Legacy
Gregg, Jr., Edwin	201 Rockland Road	13.2	Rural Legacy
Sussman, John	Nicodemus Road	42.3	Rural Legacy
Leister, Jr., Paul	5150 Harney Road, Taneytown	61.1	Rural Legacy
Gwynne, Deborah	4213 N Stone Road, Taneytown	60.4	Rural Legacy
Esh, Jr., Christ	East Harney Road, Taneytown	97.4	Rural Legacy
Mott, Craig	1345 Brehm Road	63.8	Rural Legacy
Rill, Earl	3137 Hampstead Mexico Road	43.4	Rural Legacy
Bateman, Cleveland	2600 Patapsco Road	60.3	Rural Legacy
Durham, Elmer	3700 Carrollton Road	113.0	Rural Legacy
Weaver, C.	Wesley Road	27.3	Rural Legacy
Nevius, Charles	3100 Snydersburg Road	81.7	Rural Legacy
Weidner, Dennis	3100 Hoffman Mill Road, Hampstead	43.6	Rural Legacy
Alban, Joyce	3750 Maple Grove Road, Manchester, MD 21102	48.7	Rural Legacy
Robertson, Joseph	2800 Carrollton Road	31.8	Rural Legacy
Cole Trustee, Thomas	4505 Black Rock Rd.	58.3	Rural Legacy
Horner, Gregory	2359 Carrollton Rd.	59.8	Rural Legacy
Herbert, William	4250 Grave Run Road	48.8	Rural Legacy
Basler, Louise	Boog Rd E of Cape Horn Road	28.9	Rural Legacy
Ruby, Jr., Royce	3195 Shamer Lane, Hampstead	39.9	Rural Legacy
Dell, Jr., Ralph	3301 Ralph Dell Road	117.7	Rural Legacy
Neudecker, Frances	1959 Snydersburg Road	50.9	Rural Legacy
Stocksdale, Terry	403 Lees Mill Road	60.3	Rural Legacy
Graf, Kathryn	4448 Millers Station Road	104.9	Rural Legacy
Warner, David	4201 Water Tank Road, Manchester	85.1	Rural Legacy



Sheeley, William	1501 Tank Road, Finksburg	120.2	Rural Legacy
Myers, Jason	4120 York Road #1, Manchester	45.2	Rural Legacy
Alban, S.	3669 Basler Road	107.0	Rural Legacy
Brodbeck Jr, John	3399 RALPH DELL ROAD, HAMPSTEAD	40.6	Rural Legacy
Zook, John	5111 Roller Road, Millers	82.7	Rural Legacy
Alger Estates LLC,	4600 Alesia Road	45.6	The Nature Conservancy
Myers, Kenneth	4592 Alesia Road	70.4	The Nature Conservancy
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