

# Maryland's Land Preservation Programs - More than just another pretty place

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## Successful because:

- ✘ Dedicated revenue source - 1/2% transfer tax
- ✘ Cooperation with partners and across departments
- ✘ Economic benefits
- ✘ Environmental benefits
- ✘ Health benefits



# State Side Program Open Space



○ Purchased more than 340,000 acres since 1969

○ Parks, campgrounds, high quality ecological areas, biking & hiking trails, with a recent emphasis on targeted ecological areas

**Current need - Over \$178 million in projects in the pipeline**

Nearly 11 million residents visit Maryland Parks EVERY year with an economic impact of more than \$650 million annually





# Local Side Program Open Space



Purchased more than 48,000 acres of parkland

- 6,100 county and municipal parks have been improved with POS funds
- Parks, playgrounds, ball fields, pools, nature centers, skate parks, picnic areas

Current need – **\$1.7 billion** for development and rehabilitation of parks

Maryland Doctors are now writing prescriptions to take children outside and get moving





# MD Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation



○ Purchased easements on 300,000 acres of prime and productive agricultural land

○ 2,200 farms protected

Current need – 161 farms = 21,359 acres have applied for preservation.

Full funding in 2018 = the ability to return to an annual award cycle

Agriculture contributes **\$8.25 billion annually** to Maryland's economy





# Rural Legacy Program



○ 33 Rural Legacy Areas have been selected throughout the state

○ Preserved more than 100,000 acres

○ Forests, farmlands, streams and natural resources, protection of large blocks of land rich in multiple resources

○ Creates landscape-scale conservation

Current need – Over \$100 million a year





# Maryland Heritage Areas



○13 Maryland Heritage Areas throughout the state

○Tell the stories of the people, the land and the waters

○Promote place-based experiences that combine natural, historic and cultural areas

○Encourages partnerships with local businesses, the tourism industry and natural areas.

Current need –cap on funding raised to \$6 million a year – increased support for the 13 heritage areas.



# What Does Full cash Funding Look Like?

(in millions – transfer tax revenue only)

	<b>FY 2018</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>
State Side	\$27.9	\$50.4	\$44.1	\$53.4	\$55
Local Side	\$37.2	\$52.3	\$56.5	\$55.4	\$57.1
Rural Legacy	\$18.9	\$25	\$25.7	\$21.2	\$21.8
MALPF	\$27.9	\$51	\$50.4	\$51.8	\$52.4
Heritage Areas	\$3	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6
Baltimore City	\$1.5	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6
<b>total</b>	<b>\$116.4</b>	<b>\$190.7</b>	<b>\$188.7</b>	<b>\$197.7</b>	<b>\$200.6</b>

*Estimates based on projected transfer tax revenue increase of 3% per year and continued full cash funding – including payback provisions*





## Perpetuity? Howard County Population:

1880 - 16,000

1930 - 16,169

1954 - 25,000

1986 - 120,000

2019 - 321,000

## Steering Committee Members

**Chesapeake Conservancy**, Joel Dunn

**The Conservation Fund**, Bill Crouch

**Grow and Fortify**, Kelly Dudeck

**Lower Shore Land Trust**, Josh Hastings

**MACO Parks and Recreation**

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