

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

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Successful because:

- Dedicated revenue source 1/2% transfer tax
- **X**Cooperation with partners and across departments
- **X**Economic benefits
- **X**Environmental benefits
- XHealth benefits





Local Side Program_{OPurchased} more than 48,000 acres of parkland

Open Space

O6,100 county and municipal parks have been improved with POS funds

OParks, playgrounds, ball fields, pools, nature centers, skate parks, picnic areas

<u>Current need</u> – \$1.7 billion for development and rehabilitation of parks

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





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

Q,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

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







O33 Rural Legacy Areas have been selected throughout the state

OPreserved more than 100,000 acres

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

OCreates landscape-scale conservation

Current need – Over \$100 million a year





O13 Maryland Heritage Areas throughout the state

OTell the stories of the people, the land and the waters

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

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

<u>Current need</u>—cap on funding raised to \$6 million a year — increased support for the 13 heritage areas.



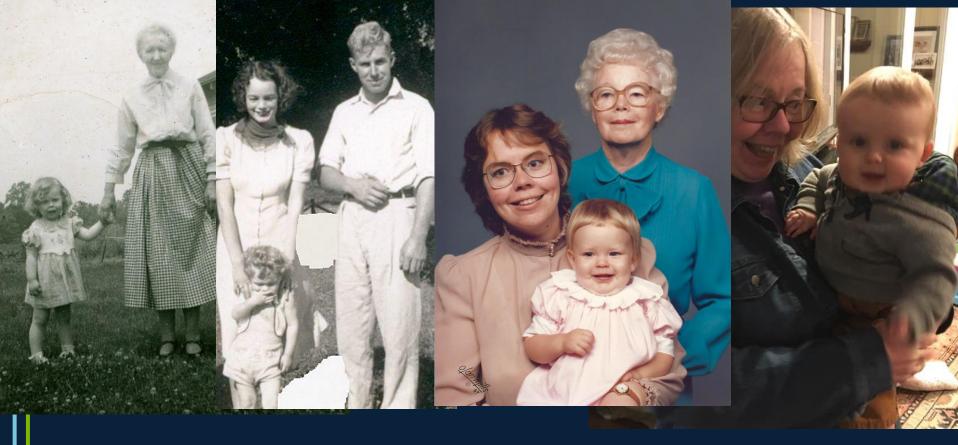
What Does Full cash Funding Look Like?

(in millions – transfer tax revenue only)

	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
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
total	\$116.4	\$190.7	\$188.7	\$197.7	\$200.6

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



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