



LAND PRESERVATION & RECREATION PLAN (LPRP) 2019 UPDATE

SUSTAINABLE GROWTH COMMISSION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 24 2018

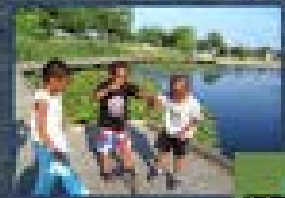
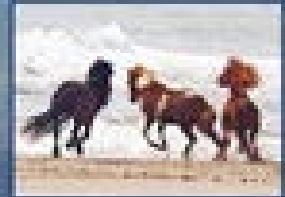
PURPOSE OF THE PLAN

Update the 2014 LPRP.

Identify current outdoor recreation and open space inventory, trends, needs, and issues in Maryland.

Provide a strategic plan for sustaining and enhancing outdoor recreation opportunities statewide.

Comply with Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) programmatic requirements and recertify State participation for the next five years.



Maryland
Land Preservation and
Recreation Plan
2014-2018



PROJECT TIMELINE

Information Gathering and Analysis:

December 2017 – June 2018



Findings & Visioning:

June –September2018



Goal Development & Draft Plan Preparation:

July –October 2018



State & National Park Service Review of Draft Plan:

November 2018 – January 2019



Final Draft Preparation & National Park Service approval:

January – March 2019

SUMMARY OF ALL KEY FINDINGS

CONSIDERS:

2014 LPRP STRATEGIES/ACTIONS

STATEWIDE DEMOGRAPHICS DATA

PUBLIC AND STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK – SURVEYS AND FOCUS GROUPS

TAC AND PROJECT TEAM INPUT

ANALYSIS OF CURRENT STATE AND COUNTY OUTDOOR RECREATION DATA

OUTDOOR RECREATION TRENDS

REOCCURRING THEMES

- **Connectivity** – value a trail network that connects:
 - People to the outdoors
 - Outdoors and history
 - Communities to the outdoors
 - Land and water access
 - Habitats and wildlife corridors
 - People to the places where they live, work, shop , play and learn
- **Communication and Awareness** – between:
 - Agencies and citizens
 - Agencies and visitors
 - Governments (Federal, State and Local)
 - Governments and local organizations

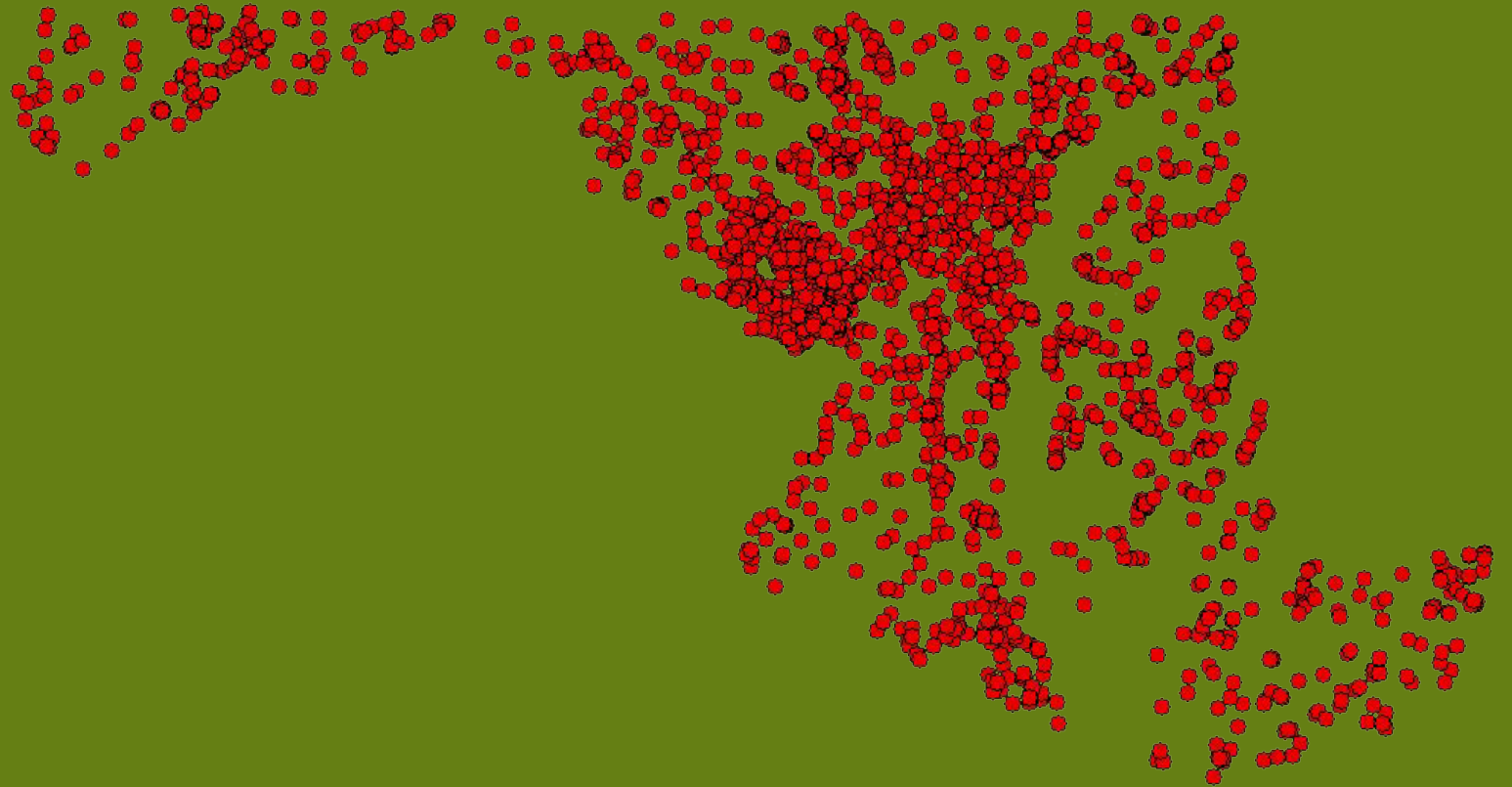
REGIONAL STAKEHOLDER FOCUS GROUP FINDINGS

- **Access** – to recreation opportunities:
 - To land and water activities
 - For different ages and ethnic groups
 - For people with physical / mental limitations
 - For urban and underserved populations
- **Operations and Maintenance**:
 - Limited resources
 - Volunteers help, but are not replacements for staff
 - Heavy public demand
 - Management staff stretched thin
- **Open Space and Recreation** – necessary infrastructure that:
 - Improves quality of life
 - Protects the environment
 - Improves physical and mental health
 - Enhances the economic well-being of communities

INVENTORY AND LEVEL OF SERVICE ANALYSIS

PROXIMITY ANALYSIS

- **162 MARYLAND DNR SITES**
- **17 NPS SITES**
- **2,084 COUNTY SITES**
 - Self reported by county agencies including parks and recreation, planning, and GIS staff
 - All 23 counties and City of Baltimore included
- **EXPANDED DATASET FROM 2014 LPRP PLAN**



WHO IS INVOLVED

BALTIMORE CITY RECREATION AND PARKS

CAROLINE COUNTY RECREATION AND PARKS

FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY

MARYLAND RECREATION AND PARKS ASSOCIATION

MD ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

MD BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MD DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

MD DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT

MD DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

MD DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

MD DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM

MD DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

MD HISTORICAL TRUST

MD MUNICIPAL LEAGUE, RECREATION AND PARKS

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

PARK RX

PARKS AND PEOPLE

NEXT STEPS:

1. FINALIZE GOALS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
2. PREPARE DRAFT PLAN
3. FEDERAL AND STATE REVIEW OF DRAFT PLAN
4. INCORPORATE FEEDBACK AND FINALIZE PLAN
5. APPROVAL OF THE FINAL PLAN
6. IMPLEMENTATION AND TRACKING OF PROGRESS



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