



Partners for Open Space

Help Keep Program Open Space Strong

Maryland's beautiful natural areas, farms and parks are valuable assets treasured and admired. But these assets are now under threat. Since 1969, the state has used money from a dedicated fund called Program Open Space to protect and maintain these areas. This fund, supported by the real estate transfer tax, has helped Maryland keep almost 800,000 acres of important lands from development, and has created over 4350 parks and recreational areas. However, since 2002, over \$480 million from land conservation and park development and used it for unintended purposes in the state budget. As a result, the ability to build more areas for our children to play, keep and protect Maryland's valuable farmland from poorly planned development has been seriously undermined. Partners for Open Space is calling on the Governor and our legislators to use the real estate transfer tax for its intended purpose of land conservation. Maryland must use these funds as intended, to preserve our natural areas and working farms, protect our drinking water supplies, and improve our quality of life.

Current members of the coalition include:

1000 Friends of Maryland
All Earth Eco Tours, LLC
Allegany Expeditions, Inc.
Alliance for Sustainable Communities
American Chestnut Land Trust
American Farmland Trust
Anacostia Watershed Society
Annapolis Conservancy Board
Anne Arundel Green Party
Appalachian Mountain Club, DC Chapter
Appalachian Trail Conservancy
Assateague Coastal Trust
Audubon Maryland - DC
Audubon Naturalist Society
Baltimore Alliance for Great Urban Parks – BAGUP
Baltimore City Heritage Area
Baltimore City League of Environmental Voters
Baltimore Harbor Watershed Association
Baltimore Regional Partnership
Bay Ridge Trust
Bowleys Quarters Improvement Association, Inc.
Cecil Land Trust
Chapman Forest Foundation
Chesapeake Bay Foundation
Chesapeake Climate Action Network
Chesapeake Wildlife Heritage
Citizens Against the Racecourse – Alleghany County
Citizens Planning and Housing Association – CPHA
Clean Energy Communications
Clean Water Action
Cleanup Coalition
Coalition for Smarter Growth
Coalition of Anne Arundel Land Trusts (CAALT)
Conservancy for Charles County
Cove Point Natural Heritage Trust
Cromwell Valley Park Council
Delmar Recreation Council
Dorchester County Department of Tourism
Earth Day Network
Earth Treks, Inc.
Eastern Shore Land Conservancy
Eastern Shore Adventure Company
Eastside Youth Sports Committee
Edible Chesapeake
Elk Ridge Nature Works, LLC
Environmental Defense
Environment Maryland
Essex Sky Park Association
Equestrian Partners in Conservation
F.A.R.M. – For a Rural Montgomery
Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland
Frederick Regional Action Network
Friends of Cromwell Valley
Friends of Frederick County
Friends of Gwynns Falls/Leakin Park
Friends of Harford, Inc.
Friends of Recreation and Parks, Wicomico County
Friends of the Earth
Friends of Maryland State Forests and Parks, Inc.
Friends of Myrtle Point Park
Friends of the Patapsco Valley & Heritage Greenway
Friends of Quiet Waters Park
Fruitland Recreation Commission
Germantown Athletic Club
Greater Sandy Spring Green Space, Inc.
Gunpowder Valley Conservancy
Harford Bird Club
Herring Run Watershed Association
Howard County Bird Club
Jones Falls Watershed Association
Joppa/Joppatowne Community Council
Land Preservation Trust
League of Maryland Horsemen
Magothy River Land Trust
Mardela Recreation Council
Marshy Point Nature Center Council
MD Alliance for Greenway Improvement & Conservation
Maryland Coalition of Heritage Areas
Maryland Conservation Council
Maryland Land Trust Alliance
Maryland League of Conservation Voters Education Fund
Maryland Ornithological Society
Maryland Recreation and Parks Association
Maryland Saltwater Sport Fisherman's Assn.– Perry Hall Chapter
Maryland Trout Unlimited
Men on the Move
Mid-Maryland Land Trust Association
Montgomery County Countywide Recreation Advisory Board
Montgomery Green Democrats
Mt. Washington Preservation Trust

National Parks Conservation Association
 National Recreation and Park Association
 Neighborhood Design Center
 North County Land Trust
 North County Preservation, Inc.
 Not Just Skin
 Oliver Beach Improvement Association, Inc.
 Outdoor Education Association
 Park and Resources Conservation Foundation
 Parks and People Foundation
 Patapsco Riverkeeper
 Patuxent Conservation Corps
 Patuxent Riverkeeper
 Port Tobacco River Conservancy, Inc.
 Potomac Conservancy
 Preservation Maryland
 Queen Anne's Conservation Association
 Reservoir Hill Improvement Council
 River and Trail Outfitters
 River Road Unitarian Church, Environmental Task Force
 Rockburn Land Trust
 Salisbury Advisory Council on Youth Activities
 Salisbury Lacrosse Club
 Sassafras River Association
 SaveFairHill
 Save Our County, CA
 Scenic Maryland, Inc.
 Scenic River Land Trust
 Severn Riverkeeper
 Sharptown Recreation Council

Sierra Club – Maryland Chapter
 Solutions Not Sprawl
 Southern Calvert Land Trust
 Suitland Community Development Corporation
 Talbot County Department of Parks and Recreation
 Talbot Lacrosse Association, Inc.
 The Conservation Fund
 The Friends of Patterson Park
 The Harford Land Trust
 The Nature Conservancy
 The New Harford Democratic Club
 The Valleys Planning Council, Inc.
 The Wilderness Society
 Towsontowne Recreation Council
 The Trust for Public Land
 UMAC Baseball
 United States Tennis Association - Maryland
 Waterkeeper Alliance – Chesapeake Program
 Western Shore Conservancy for the Protection of Natural Areas
 West/Rhode Riverkeeper
 Westside Community Center Advisory Council
 Wicomico Co. Slow Pitch Women's Slow Pitch Softball
 Wicomico Co. Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism
 Wicomico Co. Junior Girls Softball Federation
 Wicomico Co. Soccer Federation
 Wicomico Equestrian Board
 Wicomico Men's Slow Pitch League
 Woodberry Land Trust, Inc.

Yes! Please add the following organization to the **Partners for Open Space. I understand that I will be kept updated regularly by the coalition about the progress of this effort.**

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Partners for Open Space is a statewide coalition of groups seeking to secure, save and protect Maryland's land conservation programs. The 150 member coalition includes a wide range of groups and is led by The Nature Conservancy, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Maryland Parks and Recreation Association, Maryland League of Conservation Voters Education Fund, Maryland Public Interest Research Group Foundation, 1000 Friends of Maryland, Trust for Public Land, and American Farmland Trust. Membership to Partners for Open Space is open to all groups who support the coalition's mission. 1000 Friends of Maryland is the fiscal manager for Partners for Open Space and does not endorse, support or oppose any candidates for office.